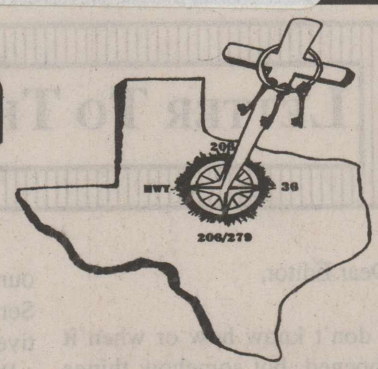


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## DOWN HOME

"Miss Tippy Toes"

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

I haven't shared any "grandchildren stories" lately, and believe it or not, I have had some requests. It is difficult to resist the urge to write on the little cuties more often.

If you are wondering who "Miss Tippy Toes" is, she is Chris and Leah's little girl, Kreede. She walks on her tippy toes most of the time so I call her that. Actually she may have inherited this trait, as her mother walked on the first joint of her toes when she was a little girl. Leah always said she wanted to be a toe dancer.

Kreede is several inches taller than her peers, so we assume she will be very tall like her dad. A thick head of dark brown hair, cut in a Dorothy Hamil style bob, takes everyone's eye. She has even learned to toss her head and make it swish like the big girls.

Huge brown/blue/grey eyes tell it all. Her expressions are easy to comprehend. She is a little ham and demands everyone's attention—like she doesn't get it anyway???

Chris told her good-bye one morning before leaving for work and playfully put up his fists and growled. He never thought about her imitating him. Leah said she went around all day doing this. When she tried to ignore her Kreede just got right in her face and repeated the stunt her dad had taught her. Leah remarked that Kreede and her Daddy nearly got in trouble for that one.

Recently Kreede has been promoted to a youth bed and Leah said, "Mother, come see where she is sleeping." She had taken all her blankets, put them in a pile on the floor, and fell asleep on top of them. I can't believe she doesn't have to be rocked or something. She will not go to sleep in the bed, but she will remain there when transferred.

When she awakes from a nap or in the morning she plays in her room with her toys for as long as an hour before needing her parents. This just amazes me.

Miss Kreede has several vices including the need to suck her thumb and carry around her "silky", a mini blanket that she needed to hold on her shoulder and feel of while she sucked her thumb. Over a month ago, she got her hand shut in a door and it turned the nail on her special thumb dark. When the nail started to grow off she couldn't stand to suck it and has officially stopped. Talk about lucky! That is a tough way to break a bad habit, but it has worked out beautifully.

Kreede is also a lefty. She takes everything with her left hand. She is very coordinated, too. At 1 1/2 years she can turn a perfect somersault. She bends from the waist and turns right over. She can even do this without using her hands. Personally I think we have our own gymnast on the way. When she completes the somersault, Kreede throws her little arms in the air just like the gymnasts end their perfor-

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## COMMUNITY SHOWER FOR Michael and Ruby Roberts

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"A Caring Community"

## Commissioners appoint public members to Salary Grievance Committee

Callahan County Commissioners approved the appointment of public members of the Salary Grievance Committee during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, January 12 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The Salary Grievance Committee is composed of three public members and six elected officials. The public members, who will serve a term of one year, were named from the previous year's grand jury list. County Judge Roger Corn said the three public members, who have not yet been notified if they can serve on the committee, include Royce Wheeler of Baird, Shirley Chapman of Clyde and Rosemarie Teachout of Clyde.

Judge Corn said if any of the three appointees can not serve a list of 21 alternates has been named to fill the appointments. They include: Steve Goldsmith of Baird, Karen Coffman of Abilene, Danny Taylor of Clyde, Garland Hawkins of Cisco, Janice Kelly of Cross Plains, Myrl Hill of Clyde, Melissa Wadlington of Clyde, Emma Holden of Clyde, Billy Shipley of Clyde, Brenda Booth of Clyde, Linda Brown of Clyde, Bebi Johnson of Abilene, Kathleen Kerbow of Baird, Brenda Moore of Baird, Billy Hale of Baird, Bertha Brown of Clyde, Jaclyn Townzen of Baird, James Cannon of Clyde, Pat Adkins of Clyde, Kelly McLaughlin of Baird and Rubye Petty of Putnam.

The six elected officials who will serve on the committee include: County Sheriff, County Tax Assessor/Collector, County Treasurer, County Clerk, District Clerk, and County Attorney. The County Judge, who has no vote on the committee, will oversee the committee meet-

ing. Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—County Judge Corn called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. with Commissioners Tommy Holland, Harold Hicks, Bryan Farmer and Charlie Grider present.

—During time set aside of public comments, no one spoke to the commissioners' court.

—Commissioners voted to table setting regulations and policies for County Roads inside Callahan County until after the commissioners attend a commissioners conference in March to obtain regulations and policies from other counties in Texas.

—Commissioners voted to name Eula Commissioner Bryan Farmer to serve as judge pro tem for 2004.

—Commissioners took no action concerning the Senior League Baseball Field. Butch Smith was not present at the meeting to discuss the field.

—Commissioners voted to approve the County and Volunteer Fire Department Mutual Aide Agreement between Callahan County and the three fire departments not in an incorporated area. The agreements involves the Eula, Oplin and Cottonwood fire departments.

—Commissioners voted to approve a bid on property in trust located in the Cross Plains ISD. The property went through the tax sale without a bid and a bid was recently placed on the property. Geveva Lucas made a \$1,000 offer for all three undivided properties in trust.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills and voted to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting.

## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show to begin Thursday, January 15

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 15th-Saturday, January 17th at the Jr. Livestock Barn in Cross Plains. Starting time will be Thursday, January 15, at 5:30 p.m., with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie 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 Swine Jackie Tension

Poultry & Rabbits Doug Johnston and Larry McIntire

Sheep & Goats Steven Mitchell and Lesa Harris

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 15th with Scott Anderson of Brownwood doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the 15th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 16th, with the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show. Leslie Harris of Vernon will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m., on Friday, January 16th, Kyle Eckert of San Angelo will start judging the Market Lambs followed by the Meat Goats and Boer Goat Shows.

On the afternoon of the 16th from 3:00-6:00 p.m., all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed. Mr. Greg Gruben of Snyder will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 17th with the heifer show. Mr. Gruben 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.

Announcer for the three day show will be Dick Vestal, Greg Gengross, 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.

## Local Library to be Open on Wednesday Evenings

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library are pleased to announce that, beginning Wednesday, January 21, the Cross Plains Public Library will be open on Wednesdays until 6:00 in the evening. Closing time will still be 5:00 p.m. the other days of the week.

Because many granting and support organizations need to know the number of patrons we serve and what services are used, beginning Monday, January 19, the librarians will be asking all patrons to sign in when they come into the library. A form will be provided for your first name, with boxes to check for a morning or afternoon visit and purpose of the visit. We'll have it set up so it won't take you more than a few seconds, and your help with this will be very much appreciated.

Submitted by  
Ginny Hoskins



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT TEXAS HERITAGE BANK— Co-workers surprised Dannes Turner with a reception to honor her 25 years with Texas Heritage Bank. Dannes serves as Vice-President and Cashier. Pictured above are Andra Jackson (from left), Recie Tatom, Dannes Turner, Myrna Mitchell, and Sandra Jones.

## BAND MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Band Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Will be planning the  
spring trip to San Antonio

## Pioneer Cemetery Association Meeting Announced

The Pioneer Cemetery Association called a meeting for Monday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Pioneer Quilting Club House.

The group will mainly be voting on information concerning the Historical Marker. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

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Deadlines  
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Articles Noon on Monday



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## Cottonwood Quilt to be Auctioned at the 2004 Rehab this Weekend

The other main attraction for this week will be KTAB TV's annual Auction for the West Texas Rehab Center. The Cottonwood Quilting Club has once again donated a quilt for the auction, its 51st annual gift.

I have been informed that the quilt is called an "Angel Scrap Quilt" and is unique in design and presentation. In making the top for the quilt, each member of the Club pieced together a square and each square contains the image of an angel. (See accompanying photo.)

I happened to see the quilt on display last week in the Abilene Mall. I was walking through the mall along display racks and was attracted by the unique design of a quilt and while standing there admiring it, I discovered it was donated by our own Group. Congratulations to all members of the



COTTONWOOD QUILT TO BE AUCTIONED THIS WEEKEND—Cottonwood Quilting Club's 2004 donation to the West Texas Rehab Center's Annual Auction is shown above. The auction will be broadcast this coming Saturday, January 17 over KTAB-TV in Abilene. (Photo by Sue Bennett)

Cottonwood Quilting Club. We hope their contribution brings a healthy price at auction, because the West Texas Rehab Center

helps make people well and happy.

Submitted by Wallace Bennett

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I don't know how or when it happened, but somehow things have gotten way out of kilter, and we are now supposed to address our employees as, "The Right Honorable", even though we know they are not always right or honorable.

Things are so bad that our employees decide how many of our tax dollars to pay themselves, and on top of that the Texas Legislators make their decisions in secret, like a group of MA-FIOSO mob bosses, and won't allow us to know who voted for what.

To put matters back in proper perspective, I suggest we address

our legislators as, Dear "Public Servant (Senator or Representative)" so and so.

When closing any written communication, we should write, "Your Employer" rather than "Sincerely".

To get proper orientation, I suggest voting AGAINST all incumbents until such time that each and every vote by each and every legislator on each and every issue is properly recorded.

We may vote a few good folks out, but until they do what we tell them, none of them are our friends.

Curt Hoskins  
Cross Plains, Texas

## OBITUARIES

### Anna Jo McClain

Anna Jo McClain, 64, of League City, passed away on December 14, 2003, in Houston.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 18, 2003, at 2 p.m. and interment followed at Forest Park Cemetery, under the direction of Crowder Funeral Home in Dickinson.

Anna was born on March 23, 1939, in Cross Plains to Edward and Ruby Schaffner. She was a 1957 graduate of Cross Plains High School.

She had a love of art. She truly enjoyed teaching art lessons to her students. Landscape paintings were her passion and she brought great joy to her students in her method of teaching.

Survivors include her loving husband, Carroll McClain; two daughters, Melissa Guss and husband Rusty, and Michelle McClain-Tullis; a sister, Janie Brown; a brother, Bill Schaffner; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

### Barbara Ann Aiken

Barbara Ann Aiken, age 65, of Grand Prairie, passed away Tuesday, January 6, 2003, at Arlington Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, January 9, 2004, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Faye Simons officiating. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Aiken; three step-children, Michelle Irwin of Coleman, Denis Aiken of Kennedy, and Monica Flippin of Coleman; two step-brothers, Bob Harvey and Stanley Harvey, both of Athens; a sister, Wanda Bailey of Grand Prairie; four grandchildren, Jo Anna, Tonjia, Alishia and Caleb. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Billie Busy.

Palbearers were Johnny Clay, Jackie Aiken, Dennis Mayo, Robert Simons, Jerry Rimons and Chad Dail.

## Cross Timbers Seminary Extension Offering Classes in Old Testament

Cross Timbers Seminary Extension is offering this spring February-April 2004 **OT 3104 Old Testament Survey, Part 2.**

This will be a survey of all the prophetic books of the Old Testament (Isaiah-Malachi) as well as miscellaneous books known as the Writings (Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah and 1 and 2 Chronicles).

Please let us know if you intend to take the course no later than

Monday, January 19th.

These classes are great training for Sunday school teachers, bi-vocational pastors, and interested lay people. Enough enrollees in your surrounding area will determine class locations.

Should anyone have questions concerning our course offerings or if someone wants to make a scholarship donation our mailing address is P.O. Box 644, Rising Star, Texas 76471. I can also be reached by phone at (254) 442-4663.

Submitted by Baylis Pope

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Daniel Barandiaran, possession of marijuana.  
Nathaniel J. Hawkins, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Bill Girtz, theft by check.  
Juan R. Gallegos, driving while license invalid (DWLI).  
Kenneth L. Chapman, DWI.  
Gerald L. Loyd, DWI.  
Jason Wallace Mlenak, DWLI.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Joseph Valverde, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Leslie Tyree, motion to revoke probation granted.  
William Wyatt, transfer request from Eastland Co. to Ector Co. granted.  
Marlin W. Reese, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Ellis Co. granted.  
Etta Bryant, theft by check, 15 days in jail, \$268 court costs.  
Rock Tanner, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, lack of evidence.  
Charles O. Harvey, plea of guilty to DWLI, 10 days in jail, \$243 court costs.  
Jerrod Shea Bonds, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

The State of Texas vs.

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### Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 4, 2004 through January 10, 2004 include:

#### Cases Investigated

Warnings—166  
Complaints—114  
DWI—1  
Possession of Marijuana—2  
Fugitive Arrest-Theft by Check—1  
Open Container—1

\$5,370.00 in US currency; 1984 Oldsmobile Cutlass, VIN # 1G3AM47AXEM348127; Smith and Wesson handgun, Model #49 Serial #44608; Ruger handgun, Model #P-90 Serial #44608; Compaq Presario laptop computer, Series CM2000 Serial #1V86BY445M44; Dell laptop computer, Model #PPL Serial #DP/N00060888-12800-82H-3963, original notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.  
Reba Kay Bradshaw and Larry Lynn Bradshaw, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Sheila K. Rhyne and James Vernon Rhyne, divorce granted.

#### Criminal Minutes

Wanda J. Hillgren, order extending probation granted.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599  
Church (254)725- 6266

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

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## LIBRARY NOTES



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January 5-9

#### Statistics

Circulation:  
Books 54  
Interlibrary Loan 4  
Magazines 5  
Public Internet Computer Users: 29

#### Donations - Books:

Donna Ames  
Chad Switzer  
Joan McCowen  
Honorarium:  
Charles and Lou Rodenberger  
(In Honor of Lois Garrett and Zora Mae Bryant)

### CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2003

Donations & Earnings	
Wilda Edington	\$ 50.00
Glen & Lucille Payne	100.00
I/M Jack Howser & E.M Long by Leota Howser	25.00
I/M Sterling Odom by Joyce Odom	25.00
Anonymous Donation	100.00
CD Interest Earning #7719	418.98
Interest Added To Acct.	.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 719.29</b>

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"In Jesus Name"

## PIONEER NEWS

Happy New Year!! The quilting ladies are back at work again! After a month we were all so glad to see each other. During our month off, Frankie Smith hosted our Holiday party. She did a fabulous job! Almost all our members were there. We missed Billie Freeman, but were so glad to have Trish Hutton and Betty Beggs with us. We had so much good food! We exchanged gifts. We all had a great time. Thanks to Frankie!

The quilting ladies are working on Charlene's "Flower Garden" and Earlene's "Lone Star" tops. The rehab auction will be this weekend. Don't forget to look for our beautiful "Applied Tulip" quilt. There are several quilts from clubs around the area that have been donated to the auction.

Earlene Burge enjoyed the holiday, having Christmas at Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm's and we all had dinner at Andrew's brother, Kenneth Chisholm's home. There were seventeen for dinner. Last Saturday, Jessica and Jack Stultz and Earlene went to Denton to see Rudolph and Sarah Brown. We met Sarah's two sisters and brother plus so many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We couldn't count them as they were coming in and out. We enjoyed the meal everyone put together and the fellowship. It was a very nice day.

Glenda Phillips had her Children home for Thanksgiving. They all had their Christmas then. Everyone had a good time. The kids always enjoy opening their gifts. Glen Dale and Sonya do not get to come in at both times. Glenda went to Allen and Janice's Christmas morning to see the kids get gifts. She went to her sisters on Christmas evening and spent the night. Glenda attended the New Year's Eve party at the Rising Star Church of Christ. Everyone had a great time and lots of good food. Wanda and Don Nelson came by to see Glenda Saturday afternoon. They said they were missing the Pioneer News and would be glad when we get back to quilting. (Well, here we are Wanda and Don! Come down to see us!)

Jean Fore and sister Vi Harlow of Cross Plains enjoyed Christmas and New Year's with their nephew and niece, Grasson and Myrtle Harlow at Atlanta, TX. They also visited their niece and nephew Johnny and Calleen Clayborn and children in Hope, Arkansas. The Harlow's returned their home and visited a while.

Charlene Chesshir had two Christmases. One with the Texas children on the Sunday before Christmas at the Dallas home at Lake Leon. Charles and Kathy and their children were there. Melanie was home from college and John and Summer and baby, Samuel, were there from Conway, Ark. Jim had to work, so he didn't get to come. He has been sick ever since he was here on Thanksgiving. (Jim that is called to much Turkey!) However, he has been down the past weekend—still coughing. (Whoops—that's not turkey.) The second Christmas, Nancy took Charlene to Love Field in Dallas to board a Southwest flight to Oklahoma City. Son, John, met the plane and took her to his house in Edmond. They had a great time watching little Mia, Charlene's great grandbaby, open her gifts (ask Charlene and she'll show you pictures). All the family and some family friends were there for Christmas dinner. Margaret out did herself cooking. (Wow, that was something if she could beat Charlene's cooking.) John and the girls helped some. Margaret took Charlene shopping the day after Christmas. She got her some new shoes and a purse. She came home on Saturday the 27th and Christy and Jodi picked her up. It was a wonderful holiday!

One day during the first week of December, Laverne visited her brother, Bob Dean, and sister, Betty Haslan of Clyde. They met at Betty's house and enjoyed a great visit together. Christmas

day, Cowan and Laverne's daughter, Wanetta, of Brownwood had dinner with them. Their son, Danny, visited in the afternoon. On Saturday the 27th forty-one members of the Hutton family gathered at Cowan and Laverne's for a meal together, a Chinese gift exchange, games, and a lot of visiting. Their friends, Leon and Jerry Shedd visited them New Year's Day. After Bible Study on New Year's Eve, Cowan and Laverne attended the New Year's Eve gathering in the fellowship hall and helped bring in the New Year.

Frankie Smith enjoyed her children Bobby and Roxie Nance, Joey and Stephanie Nance, Scott and Wendy Nance, and Steve and Shirley Harrellson for the Christmas holiday. She missed her granddaughter, Laura Rankin, of Austin being with her on Christmas.

Jean Fore and Frankie traveled, Friday night to the Putnam musical. Saturday, they attended the Scranton musical. Monday, Frankie went to the Cross Timbers Association meeting in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, also Lequita Rankin. They all enjoyed the supper, singing, and preaching. (Wow! Do you wonder how Frankie has time to shell all the pecans that she does!)

James and Jean Alexander and May Jones attended the graduation of James's and Jean's grandson, Jack Alexander. He graduated from ACU with a major in Business. We are very proud of Jack. He is back in Richardson now. Jim, Marla, and Ashley Alexander came by to pick up James, Jean, and May to go to the graduation, then, they spent the weekend here. Will Alexander and friend Jack Weir of Richardson visited with his grandparents, James and Jean over the holidays. They did some hunting and fishing and just relaxing. Later in the month, James and Jean spent Christmas with their children Jim, Marla, Doss, Jack, Will, and Ashley in Richardson.

D.P. and May Jones spent a couple days with their grandson, Pate Jones, in Springfield, MO. Skip Jones and Cassie and her children, Dee, Jessie, an Jacob of Corpus Christi spent the week end with D.P. and May. They all had a great time.

Wow! Did we ever have a lot of catching up to do! Hope you all didn't get tired of reading.

Basketball time! Go out and support your local teams. We have some good ones around here!

**Words of wisdom: Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world. G.B Shaw**

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
433 N. Main  
(254) 725-6117



Once when Simon Peter and his fishing companions had "toiled all night and caught nothing," the Lord instructed them to try again. After explaining their lack of success so far—and I can certainly relate to that!—Simon said, "But because You say so, I will let down the nets" (Luke 5:4-5).

There may be some things that God tells us to do, or to not do, that we don't understand the reason for or agree with, but we should simply obey, if for no other reason, "just because He says so." Later, with more physical and spiritual maturity, we may better understand His reasoning, but in the meantime, let's obey "just because He says so." (And this is probably good "advice" for young people in regard to parents' instructions as well.)

We encourage you to share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### Cottonwood Community Stays Busy

The year 2004 has started with a bang, maybe not a loud bang, but one loud enough to keep this and a couple other bees bussing. Looks like the Baptists had a good work-day last Saturday and they are moving right along toward the end of the wall construction.

Two other events of community interest are scheduled for this week. As most of you read this paper on Thursday, you will be planning to attend the Volunteer Fire Control meeting tonight, January 15th, at the Cottonwood Community Center at 7:00 p.m. and that's good. Since this is billed as the Annual General Meeting, the organization will be electing two members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year. The Board of Directors will meet after the general meeting closes to elect a chairman for the coming year.

There is a definite need for new members, young and old, according to Bob Childress, current Chairman of the Board. Young persons are valuable for their energy as well as for their skills in fighting fires and responding to other emergencies. Us older ducks are valuable for

other tasks, such as, go-fetch-it, messenger, and water jack, if you have never thrashed grain you probably won't know what a water jack does, so ask me someday.

All residents are welcome at tonight's meeting, stated Childress. The agenda will include a discussion of the activities of the organization, ways to become a member (active) of the volunteers and other items.

Every resident who lies in the Cottonwood fire zone is eligible to become a member of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Unit and only members are eligible to vote at the General Meeting, according to Eddie Albrecht. He called this week to give the details, which are, basically; 18 years of age, resident of the Cottonwood fire zone, attend three consecutive meetings, petition for membership, agree to respond to all fire calls to the best of your ability, and regular attendance at the monthly training meetings.

So your attendance and support is needed, wanted and urged. We are expecting a great attendance tonight. See you there.

(Please contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 about news or personal items for this column.)

## CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

By Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club met January 9, at 2 p.m. at the home of Mary Ella Weaver in Cottonwood, for the first meeting of the new year, 2004. Eva Fleming, president, called the meeting to order and led everyone in repeating the Conservation Pledge.

Roll call was answered by "Show and Tell" or some horticulture tip.

Julene Franke, treasurer, gave a written report.

During the business meeting, after discussion, a motion by Mary Ella and second by Joyce, it was voted to pay for four round trips to Brownwood, using the Senior Citizens' van, to take Marvin Mosley to the nursing home where his wife, Kay, is receiving therapy.

The date for our Flower Show will be April 18 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center. It will not be a Standard Flower Show due to our small membership. Instead, it will be "People's Choice" and will be judged in that manner. Further

discussion will be forthcoming.

Also the Trades Day was further planned and the committees assigned.

Esther Kerr announced she had given the book she had drawn as a door prize at the recent District VIII Fall Convention to the Cross Plains Library.

Mary Ella served delicious refreshments to these member: Betty Beggs, Esther Kerr, James Nichols, Julene Franke, Eva Fleming, Wanda Hammel and Joyce Odom.

The members enjoyed a video program on "English Cottage and Cottage Gardens" which was most beautiful and interesting. The group enjoyed being in the home and seeing the flock of birds feeding in the back yard and her gracious hospitality.

Wanda Hammel won the door prize furnished by Wanda Martin. It was a beautiful crystal hurricane candle.

The next meeting will be on February 9th at 2 p.m. at Wanda Martin's home.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 19 - 23

MONDAY - Smothered Steak, Augratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread, Milk

TUESDAY - Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Peanut Butter Chews, Bread, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Pork Chops w/

Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Cake, Bread, Milk

THURSDAY - Chili w/Beans, Pears and Cottage Cheese, Coleslaw, Cookie, Cornbread, Milk

FRIDAY - Chef Salad, Ham, Egg, Cheese, Baked Potato, Pudding, Crackers, Milk

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

### "Gotta Cotta—Turkey?"

Let's suppose—in the interest of time—that your answer is: Yes, I do have quite a lot of leftover turkey from the holidays. Then, I say, well, I have the best recipe, hands down; that you will ever cook or eat.

Once upon a time in the late 1960's and early 1970's we lived for 7 1/2 years just 35 miles from the Mexican border. That's the border of Old Mexico. Anyway, I came by this recipe when we lived there.

### Mexican Casserole

Remove bones from turkey meat, chop turkey into about 2-inch squares. Mix one can of Old El Paso enchilada sauce (be sure to notice on the can and buy either mild or medium or hot, unless you really like your food hot.

Unless you really like your food hot, I suggest the mild and one can creamed soup (chicken) is good, but you can also use cream of celery, mushroom, etc. (most any canned cream soup). Heat just slightly in a saucepan slowly. Do not dilute with water as you

would do for a dish of soup. You, for the next step can use corn tortillas or Fritos. Though the Fritos are crispy, they really contain a lot of salt. We prefer the corn tortillas. Stack and at room temperature cut into 2 or 3 inch squares. Either buy it already grated or grate it yourself, cheddar cheese (at least one and one-half cups).

Now in a casserole dish, take just 1 1/2 tablespoons of the soup and sauce mixture, smear around on the bottom to prevent sticking. Then cover the bottom with chopped turkey, next a layer of chopped tortillas or Fritos. Over all, pour about 1/3 of the soup and sauce, next sprinkle about 1/3 of the grated cheddar cheese, then again a layer of turkey, tortillas or chips, sauce and cheese. Then one more layer of all the ingredients. Place the casserole in the oven at 350 degrees for about 30 to 40 minutes, until hot through and cheese is melted.

Delicious—all that's needed for that perfect meal is a vegetable, salad and for a real afficecandada, maybe some queso and avocado???

## BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, Secretary-Treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemeteries, reports the following donations received: G.E. Watson \$20; Bill and Joy Slack \$25; Becky Hilyer (In Memory of Roger Watson) \$150; Eureka Whitley (In Memory of Tommy Connelly) \$20; Virginia Windham (In Memory of Mollie Maples Watson) \$20; Bruce and Ginger Adams (In Memory of Mary Rice) \$25; Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Cross (In Memory of Lonnie Wooten) \$20; Hattie Woodard \$25; Bettie Copeland Bennett (In Memory of Edith Copeland) \$25; Gertie Teaff \$50; Lovera Strickland, Jackie and Family and Marsha and Family (In Memory of Lonnie Wooten) \$50; Charley Coburn (In Memory of Ruth Thate) \$25.

The Cemetery Directors wish to thank everyone for their donations.

Lovera Strickland spent Christmas Day with Mark and Marsha Turney and boys. Visiting with Lovera during the holidays were Deonna Strickland, Dwight

Moses, Jacob Strickland and friend, Jenna, Jackie Strickland and Jared Strickland and Marsha Turney and Matt.

Lanett Burns hosted a family get-together the weekend after Christmas. A good time was had by all.

Visiting Mike and Linda Brady Christmas Day were Jackie, Jamie, Alex and Nicky Dodgen; William and Theresa Trammell and her friend and daughter; Melinda, Tim, Colton and Stephannie Bledsoe of Valera; Virginia Shewmaker and Lucille Creek of Coleman; Pat and Stan Thompson of Erie, Colorado; Mike, Jodi, Rachel and Patrick Shewmaker of Texarkana; and Russell Gould of Abilene.

Mike and Linda spent New Year's at Conroe visiting Kim, Dawson, Brady and Brandon Schnauti, Kelly Faith, Savannah and Sarah Brady; and Kory Brady and his friend, Katie.

Liz Golson spent Christmas with Michelle Wilkovich, Logan and Kelsey.

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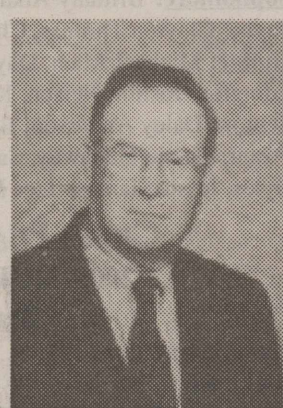
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## C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

### Varsity Boys Basketball Report

By Coach Wilcoxon

The Buffaloes dropped two games last week. They lost to Rising Star 40-66 on Tuesday. They shot the ball a little better, but were still plagued by turnovers. The Buffaloes had 31 in the game. The Buffaloes played hard and continue to show improvement. Scoring was M. Allen 9, Bennett 8, Gardner 8, Dickson 7, Goains 3, Williams 3, R. Allen 1, Watkins 1. Rebounds were led by Goains and Dickson with 7 each and Garder 6.

RS 15 17 17 15 = 66  
CP 13 9 10 8 = 40

The Buffaloes lost to Hamilton on Friday 56-71. The Buffs got off to a slow start and never recovered. They did put together a good run in the middle and out scored Hamilton in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Scoring was Goains 14, R. Allen 11, M. Allen 10, Dickson 6, Bennett 4, Gardner 4, Watkins 4, Williams 3. Assists were led by Williams with 3. Goains led rebounds with 12 and steals with 3.

H 20 11 17 23 = 71  
CP 8 15 18 15 = 56

The Buffaloes open district play in Albany on Friday, January 16th.

### CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

#### JANUARY 19 - 23 BREAKFAST

**MONDAY** - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY** - Pancakes, Bacon, Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY** - Breakfast Taco, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY** - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY** - Cinnamon Rolls, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

#### LUNCH

**MONDAY** - Corn Dogs, Oven Fries, Baked Beans, Brownies  
**TUESDAY** - Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Peaches  
**WEDNESDAY** - Chalupas, Salad, Corn, Cobbler  
**THURSDAY** - Beef-Veggy Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Mixed Fruit  
**FRIDAY** - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie



**LADY BUFFS EARN A RESPECTABLE THIRD PLACE**—Lady Buffs finished in third place at the Priddy tournament after defeating Richland Springs. Team members are: Brittany Adams (front, from left), Stephanie Edington, Jesse Norris, Kelsee Richards, Nicole Clark; Coach Gill (middle, from left), Kali Phillips, Jesse James, Amanda Rivard; and Bree Dillard (top).

### Lady Buffs Place Third in Tournament

By Coach Gill

The Lady Buffs finished in third place at the Priddy tournament after defeating Richland Springs 45-28. The girls got off to a big first quarter lead and cruised to the easy victory. Earlier in the tournament, they defeated Brownwood JV by a score of 46-39 and lost a close one to defending state champion, Priddy, 56-61. We played a poor first half and a solid second half against Brownwood with some solid inside play from Bree Dillard. Against Priddy, it was close all the way as we got an early lead but couldn't hold on after getting in foul trouble. We need to be much better at moving our feet and not using our hands so much on defense. That and some improved body control will help us to stay out of foul trouble. In fact, foul trouble has been an Achilles heel of ours all year.

After the Priddy tournament, the Lady Buffs played a tough Hico team and stayed with them until the early fourth quarter when they turned a three point lead into a twenty point win. The final was 53-33 but despite the loss, the girls have been playing better. Prior to the holidays, the girls had really hit a lull and were playing poorly but since the break, they have come back hungrier and playing much better basketball. This culminated with a huge breakout performance against

Rising Star. The girls soundly defeated the taller Rising Star team 58-31 and were even ahead by 30 points at halftime. It was an inspired team effort as the girls were passing the ball beautifully against Rising Star's changing defenses. The defensive effort led by Stephanie Edington was also instrumental in containing Rising Star.

District is now upon us and it is

imperative that the girls play very good basketball for the next month.

Congratulations again to the Lady Buffs for their third place finish in the Priddy tournament. Team members are Bree Dillard, Nicole Clark, Brittany Adams, Stephanie Edington, Jesse Norris, Amanda Rivard, Kali Phillips, Dayna Bennett, Kelsee Richards, and Jesse James.

#### CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2003-2004 PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL 3RD SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Cheyenne Bomar, Colten Crawford, Bronc Dillard, Kaitlyn Koettel, Kaylee Potter, Brody Thomas, Jurnee Thomas, Carter Turner, Mikera Walker

**Second Grade:** Christa Potter, Cameron Rockett, Tristan Stephenson, Shelby Thomas

**Third Grade:** Cheyenne Cowan, Griff McConal, Samantha Regula

**Fourth Grade:** Zoie Walker

**Fifth Grade:** Shawna Lewis, Colton Rockett, Logan Turner

**Sixth Grade:** Brittany Johnson, Zachary Snell

#### CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2003-2004 "A" HONOR ROLL 3RD SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Kelbi S Hyles, Misty D Ivie, Brenna M Kleiber, Morgan Manley, Korbin McLean, Allanta S Wheeler

**Second Grade:** Lindsey Ames, Dakota Gibbs, Haleigh King

**Third Grade:** Katharine B Goode, Joe V Holland, Riley P Lawrence

**Fourth Grade:** Lauren Goode, Kenzie Taff, Austin Thomas

**Fifth Grade:** Cody Ford, Dillon Whiteley

**Sixth Grade:** Melissa Black, Amanda K Dunaway, Mitchell Duttry, Tiffany Holland, Robert Lewallen, Cole Luter, Cody Sliger

#### CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY 2003-2004 "AB" HONOR ROLL 3RD SIX WEEKS

**First Grade:** Lara Bills, Kristen Bland, Angel Floyd, Rueben Gomez, Austin Walker

**Second Grade:** Joshua Branch, Brooklin Cantu, Colton McWilliams

**Third Grade:** Preston Armer, Tony Skidmore, Layton Turner

**Fourth Grade:** Shelby Ames, Ryder Foster, Rosa Salazar, Kristin Willis

**Fifth Grade:** Delany Ames, Joel Hinten, Savana Wyatt

**Sixth Grade:** Emma Bennett, Nathan Creamer, Kayla D Lawrence, Benjamin E Schaefer

#### CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2003-2004 PRINCIPAL HONOR ROLL 3RD SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Krista Phillips

**8th Grade:** J.J. Callaway, Macayla Cook, Markus Maxwell

**9th Grade:** Russell Thomas

**Sophomore:** Travis Golson, Jeremiah Snell

**Junior:** Lori Hail, Brandon Horton, Kelsee Richards

**Senior:** Phillip Bennett, Bree Dillard, Angela Rodriguez, Katherine Wooten

#### CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2003-2004 "A" HONOR ROLL 3RD SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Terrah Augustine, Lela Bills, Emily Harris, Mandy Rose, Renee Salazar

**8th Grade:** Hailey Biggs, Jennie Lewis, Jacob Melton, Starla Schaefer, Fili Vasquez, Mary Beth Vasquez, Tiffany Walker, Joseph Westerman

**9th Grade:** Cody Gibbs, Michaela Wallace

**Sophomore:** Brittany Adams, Rainey Bacon, Naomi Isbell, Ryan Payne, Clayton Thomas, Chance Watkins

**Junior:** Michael Allen, Dayna Bennett, Thomas Dimitri, Stephanie Edington, Joshlin Nelson, Karen Ross

**Senior:** Daley Anderson, Brittany Apple, Dusty Dickson, Hayli-Jo Foster, Cassie Galloway, Sammy Gardner, Christina Hyles, Shana Hyles, Jessica James, Jose Mauricio, Kim Mosier, Brandon Phillips

#### CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2003-2004 "AB" HONOR ROLL 3RD SIX WEEKS

**7th Grade:** Sheena Apple

**8th Grade:**

**9th Grade:** Joseph Baker, Dalton Carpenter, William Poole

**Sophomore:**

**Junior:** Jose Meza

**Senior:** Tristan Jones, Amanda Rivard

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in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 23rd day of September, 2003

(s) Rick Perry  
Governor of Texas

## J.J. Tennison Named to TSTC Honor Roll

(Waco)—Cross Plains resident Jackie "J.J." Tennison has earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the Summer semester 2003 at Texas State Technical College Waco. Tennison, a student in Welding Technology is among those recognized with a scholastic achievement of a 3.5 to 3.0 grade point average.

He is the son of Jackie and Marilyn Tennison of Cross Plains. Texas State Technical College, the only state-supported technical college system in Texas, offers specialized, hands-on instructional courses at campuses in Harlingen, Marshall, Waco and

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## Down Home

mance. She is going to enroll for classes when she is 2.

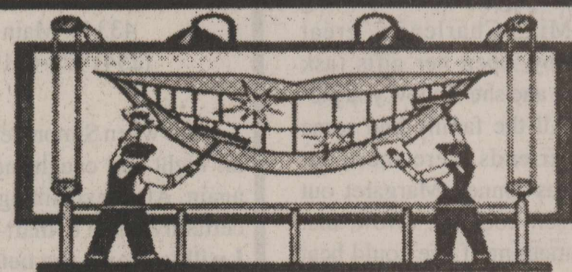
Kreede attends Mother's Day Out once a week and has already learned a hard lesson—some kids bite. A 4-year-old took a chunk out of her little cheek and it has been bruised for over a month. Well, it makes her look tough. Maybe the others will be scared of her??? Breck, my youngest grandson (1 year-old), stays out of her way. At Thanksgiving Kreede gave him a little shove and at that time he was just tod-

dling, so he toppled over. At Christmas he let her have plenty room.

When I go for a visit, she gets really warmed up to me about the time I need to leave. The other day she came to me and turned to her mother, waved and said, "Bye, bye!" I think she would have gone home with me. Maybe one day soon we will give that a try.

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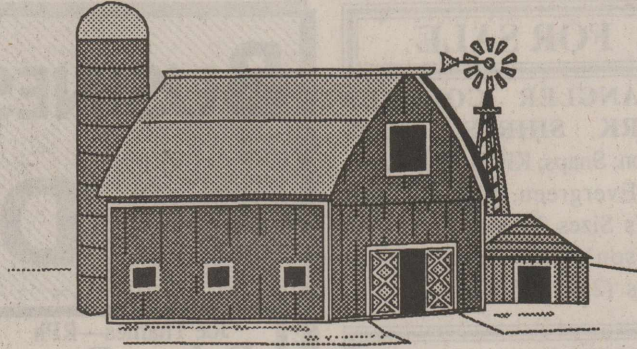
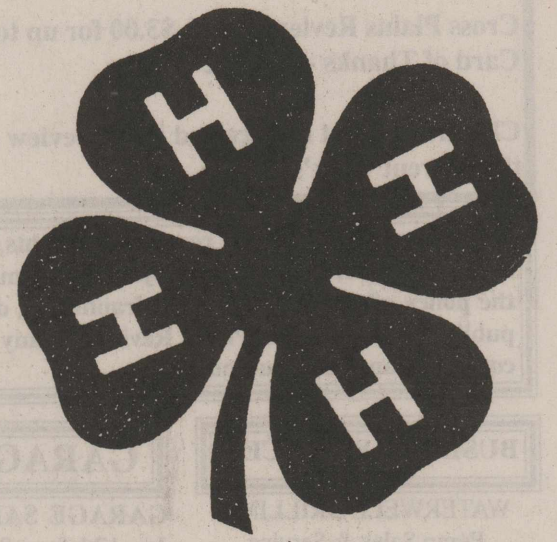
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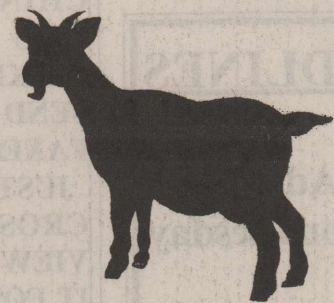
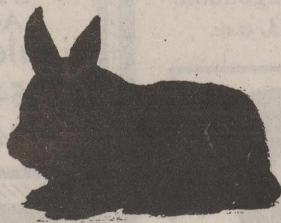
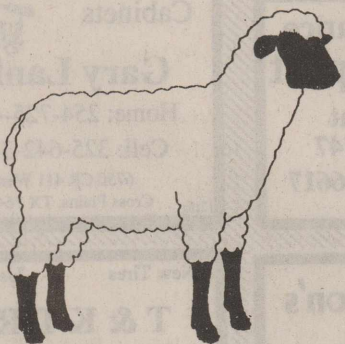
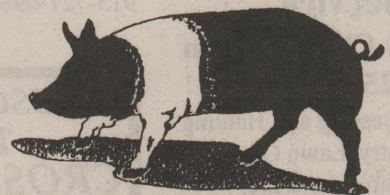
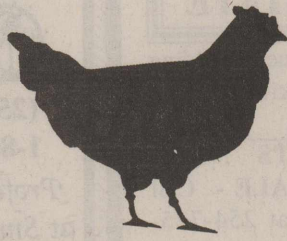
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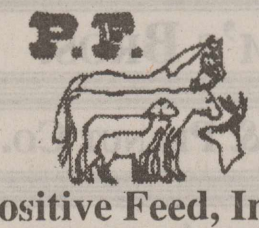


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# Three Awards Presented News For Veterans at December Graduation

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ABILENE—January 12, 2004—Three awards were presented during Hardin-Simmons University's December graduation ceremonies in Behrens Auditorium.

A husband and wife, Laura Ann Ricci Lange and Bryan Lange, both of Abilene each received a top award among the trio recognized.

Receiving the Academic Foundation Medal for achieving a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 was Jacy Sol Gates of Merkel. His parents are Edward and Debbie Gates of Tuscola.

The Academic Foundation Medal was established in 1999 and is awarded at the winter graduation ceremonies to the graduate who has achieved the highest grade point average, exemplifies the highest scholarly achievement, and has completed at least 90 semester hours at HSU.

Gates has completed nine full-time semesters of work at HSU and has been named to the President's List every semester. He was the recipient of the Holland scholarship as well as the Haggerton and R.R. and M.E. Evans scholarships.

He was a candidate for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in biology and a minor in biochemistry.

Laura Ann Ricci Lange of Abilene, daughter of Ron and Connie Ricci of Cross Plains, was chosen as the recipient of the Winnie and D.M. Wiggins Medal, given during the winter graduation to the senior who has academic achievement throughout his or her college career.

This medal is awarded to a graduating senior who has been three or more years at HSU in residence and who has excelled in character, personal development and academic achievement.

"Our 2003 honoree has distin-

guished herself in service to the University, her church and the community and, as a result, has been an HSU honors graduate," the citation in her honor read.

Lange was a candidate for the master of physical therapy degree. She is married to Bryan Scott Lange and graduated *magna cum laude* in August with a bachelor of behavioral science degree with a major in athletic training.

She was named to the President's List four semesters and the national Dean's List. She is a four-year letterman in women's basketball and advanced to the Sweet 16 all four years after winning four conference championships.

She is a two-time Honorable Mention All-Southwest Conference and three-time Academic All-ASC.

Bryan Lange of Abilene was this year's recipient of the Graduate Dean's Award of Excellence.

The outstanding graduate student receives this award annually at the December ceremonies.

The recipient is selected from nominations of all graduate programs and is the individual who has excelled as a graduate student, typifies the character and behavior consistent with HSU's mission and purpose, and has shown potential to excel in their field of study.

Bryan Lange did his undergraduate work at HSU in athletic training and was a candidate for the master of physical therapy degree with an accumulated grade point average of 3.9.

While pursuing his graduate degree, he found time to serve the PT class of 2003 as class president, planner for the Piedras Negras, Mexico mission trip, and volunteer for many functions, including the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the West Texas Rehab camp.

GI Insurance Dividends--- During, 2004 Veterans will receive more than \$517 million in dividends which will be paid to 1.5 million active policy holders of Veterans life insurance. NOTE!! Dividends cover only Veterans with government life insurance policies WHO SERVED BETWEEN 1917 and 1956. Veterans who were discharged after 1956 are covered by VA term insurance programs that do not pay dividends.

The largest group receiving 2004 payments will be 1.2 million Veterans of World War II with National Service Life Insurance policies. Total payments to this group are expected to reach \$416.8 million. Approximately \$1.8 million will be paid out to some 11,000 Veterans holding U.S. Government Life Insurance "K" policies. Nearly 200,000 Korean War era Veterans who have maintained Veterans Special Life Insurance "RS" and "W" policies can expect to receive dividends totalling \$8.3 million. World War II era Veterans who hold Veterans Reopened Insurance "J", "JR", and "JS" will share a \$14 million dividend.

During 2004, Veterans will receive payments on the anniversary date of their policies. Annually some scuttlebutt goes around suggesting that those who have not maintained insurance are eligible for a special that those who have not maintained insurance are eligible for a special dividend if they contact V A. THIS IS FALSE INFO. Dividends are automatically sent to ELIGIBLE POLICY HOLDERS and to them only. For all insurance questions other than the above rumor, Veterans may call 1-800-669-8477, send an E-mail to VAinsurance@vba.va.gov, or may visit the web site at www.insurance.va.gov.

A NEW BOOK---THEY MARCHED INTO SUNLIGHT, War and Peace, Vietnam and America, October 1967 by David Maraniss (Simon & Schuster, \$29.99) Mr. Maraniss, the author of, among

other books, FIRST IN HIS CLASS, an excellent biography of Bill Clinton, zeroes in on two noteworthy but heretofore little-examined events that took place at the same time in October, 1967---the virtual destruction of a battalion of US Army 1st Infantry Division troops in the jungles of South Vietnam, and the violence that broke out on the University of Wisconsin campus during a student protest against the Dow Chemical Company. The writer backs up first-rate writing with exhaustive research including a personal interview with Vo Minh Triet, who commanded Viet Cong forces in the Long Nguyen Secret Zone, the unit that ambushed undermanned elements of the 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division in Lai Khe north of Saigon. His analysis of the events in Vietnam and Madison, Wisconsin are evenhanded, letting the reader judge who was right and who was wrong in both places.

COLA ADJUSTMENTS---- The January 1, 2004 checks received by Veterans, their dependents and survivors reflected a 2.1% increase as a Cost of Living Adjustment. This is the same percentage of increase awarded to recipients of Social Security benefits.

THE ENOLA GAY---A thoroughly restored B-29 bomber, the ENOLA GAY, is now the centerpiece of the new annex to the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Dulles, Virginia. The ENOLA GAY helped bring World War II to an end when it dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. The new center will house 200 aircraft and 135 large space artifacts that cannot be displayed at the Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C. because of their size. The B-29 will be propped 8 feet off the floor to leave room to display other aircraft under its 141 foot wingspan. A salute to all of those gallant men who flew the 29's and especially to the ground crews that kept the planes in flying condition.

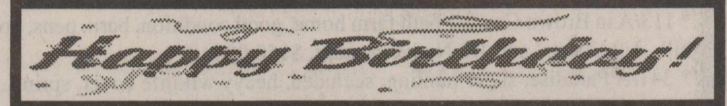
TAPS---The ENOLA GAY now has a final resting place as do so many of our World War II military personnel. Callahan County is not excluded when the last call is sounded. Our losses of the last three months include Darrell Young, USA, Harold Ray Morgan USN, George K. Turner, Sr. USMC, Franzel Odom USA, Don Max Loper USMC, O.B. Spence USA, James H. Lively USN, Robert Norman USAAF, Donald G. Zant USN, James T. Dugan Seabees, F.P. "Jiggs" Shackelford USAAF, Raymond E. Patton USA, Charles O. Whitmire USN, John D. Edwards USA, William L. Garrett USA, Willie A. Feely USA, Denver C. Collins USA, Sam McBride USAAF, James R. Steele USA, and James "Jay" Ashlock USAAF B-17 pilot. Please extend your condolences to the families of these brave warriors who served their country so well.

## Key Club Appreciates Community Response to Christmas Project

The Key Club of Cross Plains High School would like to express their gratitude by saying "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the Community Christmas Tree.

Whether you gave money, bought presents, wrapped them, or delivered them to the children,

your generosity is greatly appreciated. By doing your part, you helped to make a child's Christmas special this year. The Key Club always appreciates your willingness to help and the thoughtfulness that you show towards your community.



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H.R. Jefferies  
Brandi Richey  
Tressa Driskill  
Staci Strickland  
Ladora Allen  
Dana Teeters  
Christian Noah Wells  
Uva Mae Jones  
Chelsea Brown

Bobbie Johnson  
Billy Wright  
Ricky Lee Smith  
Romona Strahan  
Sharon Havens  
Susan Meiron Hutchins  
Charley Havens  
Kathryn Ivie  
Mykea Shyenne Douglass  
Jaden Marie Kennedy

JANUARY 18  
David Wells  
Ricky Sanders  
Jacky Hinkle  
Martha Malone  
Donna Barnes  
Ann Harper  
Mrs. Buck Edgar  
Shana Sharee Segura  
Mary Diana Rankins  
Frances Irwin  
Conda Odom  
Dennis Payne  
Tina (McCowen) Alkins  
Roger Rudloff  
Dawson Dobbs McWilliams

JANUARY 21  
Theresa Dore  
Kery Campbell  
Carl Stout  
Media Stansbury  
Mrs. Don Brown  
Wanda Roe  
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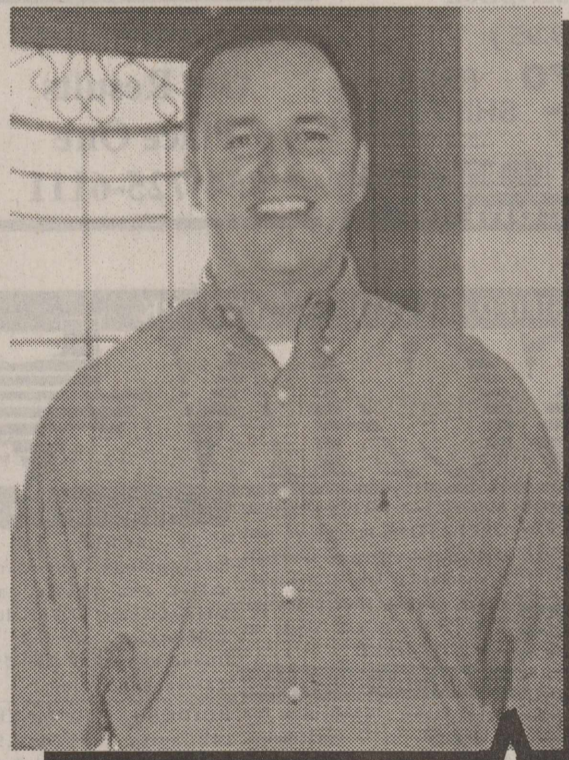
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Delma Coppinger  
Sandra Calhoun  
Rickey Taylor  
Ann Neeb  
Jackie Loveless  
Peggy (Erwin) Terrell  
Lorne Strackbein  
Bobbie Collett  
Ms. Morris S. Thomas  
Mary Knott  
Billie Knott  
Billie Mathews  
Neil Belote

JANUARY 22  
Martha (Foster) Leveritt  
Carolyn Forbes  
Anita Mays  
Larry McAnally  
Robert Brawley  
Rea Hobson  
Robert Burks  
Donna Illingworth  
Kristi McAnally  
Suzanne (Cowan) Havelka

JANUARY 20  
Landon Hart  
Frances Swindle

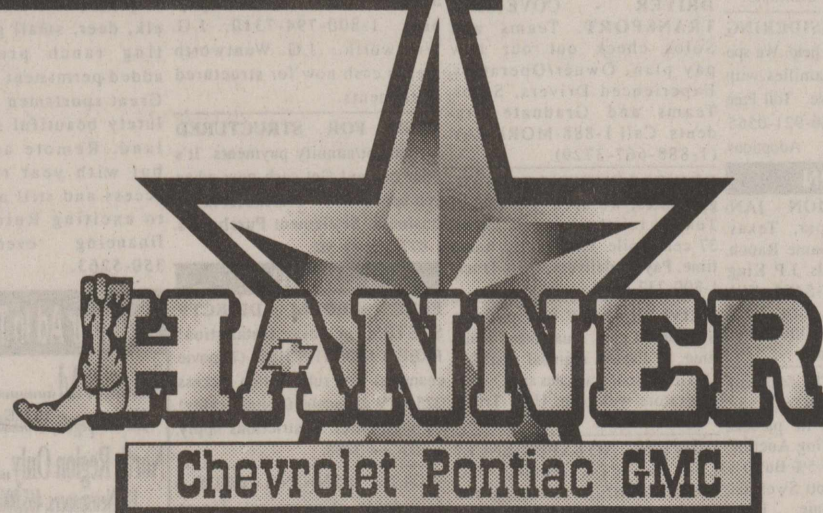
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Mike McClure  
Alvin Hutchins  
Elvin Hutchins  
J.W. Fore  
Scarlet Brazell  
Lawrence C. Bryan  
Wanda Louise McMullen  
Michele Browning  
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## Welcome Kelly Corn!



Hanner Chevrolet, Pontiac, GMC in Baird, Texas is pleased to announce further expansion of our Sales Department with the addition of Kelly Corn to our sales team. Kelly will serve as one of our sales managers.

Kelly is a native of Callahan County and is the son of Roger and Barbara Corn. Kelly, his wife and two children live in Baird. We're very excited to have Kelly on our winning sales team, so please stop by our Baird location, help us welcome him and discuss your transportation needs.



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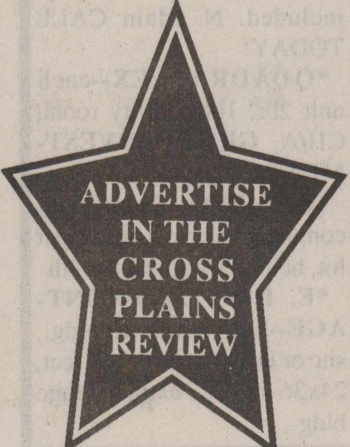
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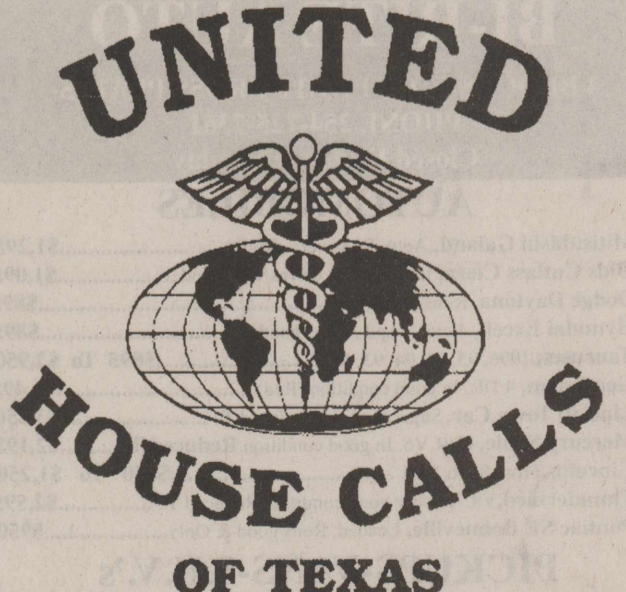
## Roping Club Elects Their New Officers

The Roping Club met last Monday night and elected officers. The officers are:

D.T. Crockett - President  
Rod Middleton - Vice-President  
Dru Eppard - Secretary  
Tani Pointer - Treasurer  
Sheila Payne - Publicity Chairman  
We encourage anyone wanting to join, to contact one of the above people. Dues are \$15 a year per family. Meetings will be held the second Monday of each month.



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