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Happy Thanksgiving



T.W. AND COLLEEN ANDERSON RESIDENCE
ON CHRISTMAS PARADE OF HOMES

T.W. Anderson House Among Tour of Homes

You enter the white pipe gate and travel down the winding gravel drive before coming to T.W. and Colleen Anderson's large white house. On top of the hill and beyond the trees, what first catches your eye is the large wrap around screened porch. Inside, sharing the space with green swings and rockers, is a porch bed.

Entering the house, is a dramatic experience. Rustic, refined and spacious best describe the feeling. Just inside the door is a soapstone, wood burning stove which has a two story stovepipe leading your eyes up to the second floor balcony. The stove divides the living room and dining area where some of the material in the wood paneling and beams are from a one hundred year old house in Rising Star. The kitchen is open to the dining area, which is topped off with a vaulted tin ceiling.

The kitchen contains an old butcher block table that had been used in the Odom Restaurant at the time the Anderson's owned it. There are a few built in cabinets but Colleen makes use of antique furniture for storage. There is a Hoosier cabinet and and potbelly tables.

The living room, as well as the rest of the house, is decorated in hunter green and burgundy. Included in the furniture, is a hall tree and rocking chair that was once owned by Colleen's grandmother. Colleen feels blessed to have this chair in which Granny Moore lovingly rocked her grandchildren and possi-

bly her children.

Open to the living room, is the music room, where sharing the space with the piano, is antique wicker furniture.

Through one of the one hundred year old doors, is the master bedroom. There is a wrought iron bed with quilts, and antique furniture. The master bath has an antique wash stand between two pedestal sinks. There is also an antique desk for storage. Notice the old print of the Lord's Prayer.

Upstairs, there are two bedrooms and one bath. There is the southwest, dormitory room which has a king and day bed. The other bedroom is Colleen's angel room. Over the railing of the balcony are several quilts which add to the comfortable, down home atmosphere.

Colleen, who designed and built homes for 25 years, built this beautiful home. She explains that it was a family and friends project.

Look for the 7,000 Christmas lights that will be lighting the way for your visit to the Anderson's home during the 1997 Beta Sigma Phi's Tour of Homes. To get to the Anderson's home, go north about 1 1/2 miles on 880 from 206. Turn right on County Road 434 and go 6/10 mile. It is the first house on the left, at the top of the hill.

You may get your tickets for the tour from any Beta Sigma Phi member or at the homes on December 6th from 5-8 p.m.

Norma Evans accepts postmaster position at De Leon post office

Norma Evans, former postmaster for the Cross Plains Post Office, has accepted the position of postmaster in De Leon. This has been a hard decision to make due to the fact that Cross Plains is her hometown. However, the promotion will make her retirement years a more pleasurable experience.

Norma joined the United States Postal Service January 23, 1977. She worked as a clerk for 13 1/2 years and served as postmaster for the past 7 1/2 years.

Norma and her husband, Max, will continue to live in Cross Plains. Max works at 3M in Brownwood and ministers at Living Water Ministries in Cross Plains.

Her children, Tina Evans and Glenda and James Tidwell, live in

Weatherford. The girls work for Quality Trailer Products in Azle and James has his own business building, remodeling and repairing homes.

Her parents are Glen and Ella Faye Merrill of Cross Plains.

Chris Pruett, a clerk from Comanche, will serve as interim officer-in-charge until the USPS has time to interview and select a new postmaster for Cross Plains.

Chris lives in Bangs and will be commuting during her assignment. She has been with the USPS for 7 years. Her husband, Scott, is purchasing manager for Superior Cable in Brownwood. They have two sons, Josh and Sammy, who attend school at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Christmas Around The World Dec. 4, 5 & 6

Project Pride's Christmas Village '97 will open at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, and again on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Interest has grown each year, and this year is no exception, as the business area involved has extended from West Texas Utilities on N. Main Street south to the intersection of Highway 206, east to Coyote Flat and west as far as Country Kin. Streets and buildings will be adorned with thousands of Christmas lights.

"Christmas Around The World" is the overall theme and you will see customs from a number of different countries depicted in decorations and live presentations as you visit each business. Refreshments will be offered at various locations and admission is free to all.

The following is a partial list of places and their "countries" you will want to visit: West Texas Utilities, England; Senior Center, cake walk; Higginbotham's, Switzerland, musical entertainment, bakery, living windows; Chamber of Commerce

office, China; Bayer Motors, Virgin Islands; Library, "Around The World In 80 Days"; Bryan Variety, Russia; Koenig's Family Store, Germany; Citizens State Bank, Art Exhibit, Spain; Greenwood Insurance, Scotland; Post Office, Christmas cancellation; Justice of the Peace and Garden Club, Santa Claus; Subway, North Pole; Sweet Stuff, France; Dairy Queen, The Holy Land; Coyote Flat, Czech Republic; Collum's Restaurant, Mexico and Country Kin, Denmark.

The Kiwanis Club will be bringing Santa Claus on Friday evening to the area south of Higginbotham's with goodies for the children and the usual drawing for prizes. Visit participating merchants to register.

No need to prepare an evening meal for your family, as local restaurants will be offering good food at great prices in a festive atmosphere. Plan now to spend time on December 4, 5, and 6 at Cross Plains Christmas Village. Admission is free to all activities.

Kiwanis Club's arrival of Santa & Lighting of Christmas Tree Dec. 5

The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring Santa's arrival in Cross Plains and the lighting of the Christmas tree on Friday, December 5, in conjunction with Project Pride's Christmas Village. Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. downtown between Citizens State Bank and West Side Restaurant. Santa will have treats for the children as he visits with them on his lap. Pictures of your child with Santa will be available at a cost of \$1.00 each.

Following the lighting of the tree, the Cross Plains High School Band will play Christmas music, then there will be drawings for prizes provided by local businesses, individuals and the Kiwanis Club. Boxes to receive the tickets for the drawings are prepared by and dis-

played in the participating businesses' locations. Please visit and shop with our local merchants, and register once each trip to their stores. Winners must be present at the drawing, with 20 seconds to respond after name is called. Children and adults who are working in window displays and other Christmas Village activities are eligible to win without being present provided that their name is on a list submitted by those in charge of Christmas Village. Each person can win only one regular prize, with all names being put back into the container for the final grand prize (\$50).

The Christmas Village is scheduled for downtown Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, December 4, 5 and 6.

Candidate filing begins Dec. 3

Applications for a place on the Democratic and Republican parties primary election ballots will begin Wednesday, December 3, 1997.

Callahan County public offices up for election in the Democratic and Republican parties primary elections slated in March include: county judge, county treasurer, county clerk, 42nd District Court clerk, commissioner precinct #2 (Eula and Oplin area) and commissioner precinct #4 (Cross Plains area). The justice of the peace offices in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains are also up for election this year. The county and precinct chair offices are also up for election to both parties.

Candidate filing for both parties primary elections will conclude at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 1998.

Candidate application filing for the Democratic Party's Primary Elec-

tion will be held with Jon Hardwick of Baird, County Democratic Chairman. Filing for the Republican Party's Primary Election will be offered through David Holmes of Cross Plains, County Republican Chairman.

Filing fee for the justice of the peace office is \$300 and \$600 for all other county offices. There is no filing fee for county or precinct chair posts with either party.

A candidate's application for a place on the primary election ballots may be accompanied by a petition in lieu of the filing fee. For the county or precinct offices, a set number of signatures are required.

All candidates, except county or precinct chairs, are reminded that they must appoint a campaign treasurer. The necessary forms for this filing may be obtained from the county clerk's office in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Details Announced

It's time again to decorate for the Holiday Season. Project Pride will be sponsoring the Annual Home Decor and Lights Contest. The 1st place winning family will receive \$25 Buffalo Bucks; 2nd place winner - \$15 Buffalo Bucks; and 3rd place - \$10 Buffalo Bucks; two honorable mentions will also be named. All winners will receive an award stake.

Judging will be based on originality, lighting, visibility and overall effect in keeping with the Holiday

Season. Lights MUST be on at the time of judging.

Judging will be Saturday, December 13, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. by non-local judges. Last year's 1st place winner is ineligible.

Rural families in outlying areas outside of the city limits must call Country Kin at 725-6678 or the Cross Plains Public Library at 725-7722 to participate. Please give detailed directions to your home.

You may still donate to scouts can drive

Due to a shortage of boys, the cub scouts did not get to make it around to all the houses in Cross Plains for the food drive on Saturday, November 22.

If you wish to donate you may bring your nonperishables to the Cross Plains Review and we will make sure

they get to the proper people. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Christmas Pictorial Cancellation Fri., Dec. 5



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD STATION
DECEMBER 6, 1997
CROSS PLAINS TX 76443

The employees of the Cross Plains Post Office would like to invite everyone in the community to stop by on Friday, December 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. to have your cards and letters cancelled by our special Christmas cancellation.

The pictorial cancellation features Christmas Around The World Station. The Christmas Around The World design was created by Katie Mack, who won first place in the special cancellation contest. Second place went to Andy Bennett and third place to Daley Anderson.

Please get your cards and letters to the Post Office between now and December 5, to receive the special cancellation. All mail with the special cancellation after December 6, will have to be sent under cover. The cancellation will be available thru January 5, 1998.

The Post Office employees look forward to seeing you on Friday evening. Refreshments will be served and Christmas T-shirts, Warner Bros. earrings, ties, caps, collector item pens and a special Frosty and Friends Sing Along video will be available.

Burn Ban still in effect in county

BAIRD—County Commissioners re-confirm the continued implementation of the county wide burn ban and met with representatives of Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains during their regular meeting Monday, November 24.

Judge Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with these officers present; Commissioners Harold Hicks, Precinct 1, Bryan Farmer, Precinct 2, Tommy Holland, Precinct 3, Charlie Grider, Precinct 4, County Clerk Darlene Walker, and assistant County Treasurer Diane Alexander.

Commissioners decided dangerous conditions still exist and the county's burn ban will stay in effect until conditions improve.

There was some discussion concerning burning household refuse in enclosed containers with some type

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Charged with TPC (theft of property by check): Dawn Jo Rice, Martha Roberts, Tammy Jasso, Chester Davis, David Haggard, Janice Underwood.

Charged with possession of marijuana: Shannon Lee Burfield, Shawn L. Walls.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael J. Curry, possession of marijuana, \$350 fine \$174.25 court costs, 20 days in jail probated for 6 months.

James Joseph Elrod, possession of marijuana, \$350 fine \$142 court costs, 60 days in jail probated for 6 months.

James B. Turner, probation extended to 5-21-98.

Motions filed to revoke probations: William Wayne Harper, Jr., Crystal a. Cory.

Nancy Carolyn Kilough, possession of marijuana, \$350 fine \$142 court costs, 20 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Kimberly Ann Mason, TPC, \$100 fine \$167 court costs, 1 year probation.

Robert Andrew Marquez, DWI, \$300 fine \$197 court costs, 90 days in jail probated for 2 years.

Tammy Bain, TPC, \$50 fine \$167 court costs, 6 months probation.

Fred B. Mendez, resisting arrest, \$350 fine \$142 court costs, 30 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Joseph Jernigan, criminal trespass, \$200 fine \$214.25 court costs, 6 months probation.

Kamica New, TPC, \$100 fine \$167 court costs, 1 year probation.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dana Marie Flett, Niagara Falls, New York, Victor Taylor, Dallas.

Theresa Lynn Fluornoy, Breckenridge, Michael Blake Foster, Cisco.

Vanda Clair King, Cross Plains, Richard Dell Creech, Cisco.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks presiding

Civil Filings

Josephine Seidel vs First State Bank, Shallowater, application for writ of garnishment.

Divorces filed: Smith, Lisa Louise & Kenny Wayne.

Hill, Herbert & Melinda.

Felony Minutes

Nason James Hatley, aggravated assault, \$1500 fine \$194.25 court costs, 10 years probation.

Ignacio Bonilla, DWI, \$214.25 court costs, 5 years at TDC.

OBITUARIES

Marie Pancake

Jessie Marie Pancake, 84, passed away Wednesday, November 20, 1997, at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Pioneer Cemetery with Sister Ruby McCowen officiating.

Marie was born July 12, 1913 in Eastland County. She married Garland Pancake in 1933. She was a housewife and a Pentecostal.

She was preceded in death by her husband Garland in 1963 and a son Bonnie Jay Pancake.

Survivors include one son, Barney Ray Pancake of Pioneer; one daughter, Marby Fox of Rising Star; four sisters Ruby McCowen, Kate McCarty, Gertie Powell and Blanche Brooks all from Cross Plains; one brother, Ray Curry of Abilene; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

J.L. "Jake" Byrd

J.L. "Jake" Byrd, 76, of the Cross Cut Community passed away at his home Sunday, November 23, 1997.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Hounshell officiating. Burial was in Cross Cut Cemetery.

Mr. Byrd was born November 6, 1921 in Cross Cut. He married Julia Hounshell September 2, 1976, in Brownwood. He served in the US Army.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Byrd of Cross Cut; one son Gary Byrd of Abilene; one step-daughter, Hannah Payne of Bangs; two brothers, Lawrence Byrd and J.T. Byrd both of Cross Cut; and one grandson.

Elvis Lee

CLYDE—Elvis T. Lee, 82, passed away Saturday, November 22, 1997, in an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Monday in Cross Plains Cemetery with Bob Pipes officiating, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

Mr. Lee was born in Cross Plains, where he grew up, and lived in Oplin and Putnam before moving to Clyde. He worked for Dr. Pepper and RC Bottling companies and later was a ranch and farm hand. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include four sisters, Katherine Bodine of Clyde, Lucy Poindexter of New Mexico, Ruth Thornton of Baird and Freeda Van Zandt of Lebanon, Missouri; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

CPS to complete drawings

Shirley Photides, who recently was appointed to the CPS Board, plans to complete two chalk drawings during the day, Saturday, December 6, at the Cowboy Christmas Festival at the Baird Elementary School.

The Callahan County Child Protective Services Board will be accepting donations and drawings will be held to determine the winners of the pictures. Free literature will be distributed on parenting tips, child abuse/neglect, and other subjects.

The mission of the Board is to inform the public concerning these vital issues, provide for interim needs of children in foster care, and help to affirm and encourage the work of the caseworker assigned to our county.

If your club or organization is interested in a presentation, please contact Gary Williams in Baird, or Garlon Sampson in Clyde and make an appointment.

Any suspected child abuse or neglect must be reported to the authorities or call the Hotline Number 1-800-252-5400. IT'S THE LAW!!!

COLONIAL OAKS SERVICES

First United Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, November 30, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

CP Roping Club Meets Monday

The Cross Plains Roping Club will meet Monday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the local arena.

All members and prospective members are urged to attend.

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Million Light Display Park Opens For Holidays

Celebration Park, a drive-thru Christmas lighted display park west of Clyde is now open to the public through the holiday season.

Royce and Rebecca Rampy, Abilene residents, gave a sneak preview of the lighted display park November 13. The park is now open daily through January 4, 1998. The park hours are from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. nightly.

The display park is located on the south access road of Interstate 20 near the rest stop. Driving west bound on Interstate 20, take the 297 mile marker exit and cross over the overpass and turn right on the south access road.

Cost to enter the park is \$10 per vehicle or \$25 per commercial vehicle. Christmas music cassettes are available free of charge when driving through the lighted display park. It takes approximately 25 minutes to drive through the display park. Rules for going through the park include using the vehicle's parking lights only and going under the five miles an hour speed limit.

Refreshments will be available at an additional charge. Buddy Shipp, who owned Shipp's Bar-B-Que in Baird, will operate the concession for the park.

Rebecca Rampy said she got the idea of a Christmas lighted display park after reading an article in the Dallas Morning-News of a similar park located on I-20 in Tyler.

She said her husband became interested after he walked through a

lighted park while vacationing in Disney World.

The Rampy's purchased the 80 acre site back in January in hopes of turning the site into a lighted display park. The one-mile, one million light park is located on the front 45 acres of the tract. There are over seven miles of underground wiring in the park.

Several motion lighted scenes include a hot air balloon, reindeer, football and snowball crossing over the driving lanes.

The Rampy's, who own ATSC Inc. a telecommunications business in Abilene the past nine years, said they have great plans for adding to the park over the next year.

"Without the help of some wonderful friends, it would never have come to pass," Rebecca said of the park's opening. She noted students from ACU and Hardin-Simmons helped install the lighting in the park. "We've put a lot of money in the economy," Rebecca said in opening this display park.

"We have wonderful plans—this is just the beginning. We intend to be here for the long haul," Rebecca said.

Royce said the Christmas lighted park uses what West Texas has a lot of—mesquite trees. He said the park highlights the particular shape of the mesquite tree.

Anyone wishing to contact the Rampy's by phone can call (915) 695-7395.

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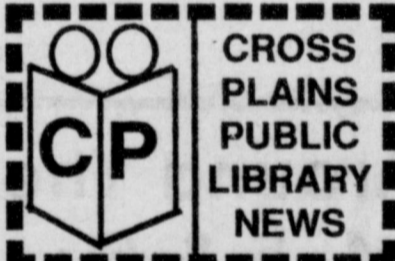
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The library saw 174 books checked out last week. Thirteen books went out through the Abilene Extension Program, 84 through the Learning About Program, and 1 on inter-library loan.

The library will be closed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Little treasures to be found in books: "No matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together." ...R. Fulghum.

Selected Scriptures

Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes! Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your commandments.

Psalms 119: 5, 6

Paid Advertising — Irma Miller

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 10.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 18th issue.

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NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

The employees and residents here at Colonial Oaks would like to wish each and everyone a safe and bountiful Thanksgiving. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

Irma Deen Haddox and Falba Shofner sure look pretty with their new perms. Julia Hedrick and Nora Golson look nice with their hair cuts. Thoughts and prayers for Ruth Suddreth and Jake Green who are in the hospital.

Gertie Powell was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Appreciation to First Baptist Church for sharing their Thanksgiving meal with us and to the kids in the second grade at FBC for bringing the residents fruit, candy and cards, to Lilly Dillard and Connie Kirkham for keeping our ladies looking nice and to Ray Purvis for cutting the men's hair.

John and Sue McCord from Kerens visited with Bransford Eubank. His wife Eloise visits daily.

Mona Wilson from Abilene, Joan Bullard from Clyde and Kenneth and Louise Brooks from Arlington visited Blanche Brooks and Gertie

Powell.

Reuben McCowen from Lubbock visited Myrtle Owen and Gertie Powell.

Lois Chalk from Cottonwood visited Vera Belyeu and Claude Beeler. Brenton and Lurene McNutt was here visiting everyone.

Activities during the week were:
Monday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (3), Falba Shofner (2), Gertie Powell, Ruby Harrell, Louise Richardson, Minnie Swann and Verner Rose. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Louise Richardson (2), Verner Rose, Gertie Powell and Minnie Swann. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: First United Methodist

God's grace is all sufficient, His strength is all we need and in the circle of God's love, our lives are blessed in deed.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"A Thanksgiving Prayer"

Thank you Lord
is all I heard.
It came from the yard
I heard every word!

It came not from a bard,
nor from the third Nerd!
Perhaps it came from Beavers'
Dad, Ward.
My guess? I suggest a bird!

Thank you Lord,
is all I heard.
It came from the yard.
I heard every word!

I rushed on southward.
I would check with the guard.
The guard pulled out his sword;
Who is there? he roared!

It is "I"!
Came the swift reply.
Are you out of your gourd?
said the guard, brandishing his
sword.

Thank you Lord
Is all I heard.
It came from the yard.
I heard every word!

Now I'm placing my cards,
said the Nerd to the guard,
on something I heard,
that will turn milk to curds.

To give just a hint,
consider the season;
for which this poem is meant--
and you should know the reason.

Thank you Lord
is all I heard.
It came from the yard.
I heard every word.

It was that old TURKEY bird
and he had just heard
that he was to go on living
as they were having HAM this
THANKSGIVING.

So on this great holiday
remember you heard
the words of that bird
who was quick to say....

Thank you Lord!
That's all I heard
it came from the yard,
I heard every word!

Now let us all say
as the turkey did pray,
Thank you Lord
For this glorious Thanksgiving
Day!

Author--That other old turkey
bird--Me.
Have a happy one!! "C" "U"

Senior Citizens News

Happy Thanksgiving! We really had a special time last Thursday, November 20. There was wonderful fellowship and great food. A special thanks to all the ladies who entered the dessert bake-off contest. Thanks

again to our judges. What a hard job! The center will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. See you in December.



BAKE-OFF CONTESTANTS—Elva Woody (front, from left) Judges, Choice Award, Mary Bates 1st runner-up, Delores Garrett 2nd runner-up; Fay Jackson (back, from left) Helen Freeman and Pauline Switzer.



IT WAS A DIFFICULT JOB BUT SOMEONE HAD TO DO IT—Esther Kerr (from left), Deborah Griswold and Debbie Rice were judges for the Senior Citizen Bake-off contest.

TOPS starts chapter in Cross Plains

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensible) Center at 7:00 p.m. For further information you may call Debbie Gosnell at (254) 725-6114 from 9 Tuesday night at the Multi-Purpose a.m. to 5 p.m.

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PERSONALS

Visiting in the home of Marvin and Kay Mosley this week is their son, Rex of Lubbock. On vacation this week, Rex arrived Monday and will be here for Thanksgiving and is to depart on Saturday. Son Mark of Austin is to arrive for Thanksgiving day. They will both be also visiting with sister and niece, also of Cross Plains, Allison and Summer Wilson.

On Tuesday, Kay and Marvin welcomed Kay's sister and brother-in-law, Ann and E.A. (Sonny) Bounds of Lubbock. They all enjoyed visiting and reminiscing together. The Bounds will spend Thanksgiving in Irving with their son and wife, Brian and Tobi.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Cowan and Laverne Hutton recently spent 3 weeks in Marshall (Oct. 24 to November 13) at the Camp Bee Christian workshop, for fellowship, teaching, Bible studies, singing and decide where they will travel and do mission work this following year. There were Christians there from every state except one. They enjoyed greeting old friends and making new ones. Cowan and Laverne participated in the annual fun night and attended the banquet at the close of the workshop. On the first and second Saturday's there, they went to the Marshall Pottery factories and outlets, visited the interesting old town of Jefferson and traveled to Henderson to attend the "Syrup Festival" there.

Tuesday and Friday the Hutton's were in Abilene on business.

Thursday afternoon Laverne and daughter Wanetta went to Clyde. They stopped at a cafe between Clyde and Baird on the way home for a cup of coffee. To their surprise they found Jewel Foster and a group of her friends there. Jewell hopes to be able to attend our quilting club Christmas party in December. Cowan and Laverne visited Johnny and Shirley Smith Saturday afternoon.

Our community is saddened by the passing of Marie Pancake. Her family is in all our prayers.

The ladies are had at work on the

"Log Cabin" and "Fan" quilts. Hopefully the Log Cabin will be finished this wee, then we can get started on Lou's beautiful purple old time pattern, "Before and Aft" quilt.

Oliver and Frankie was taken to Lubbock by daughter Roxie Nance, for his checkup. The doctor gave him a good report.

Monday, Frankie's sisters Mrs. Dorthy Rogers and Yvonne Pigeon and Jay came to visit. Enjoyed their visit. Also enjoyed Jean Fore visit that day. We all had a good time.

Today we had the pleasure of Mrs. Jewel Fosters visit. We have really missed her at our club. Her friend Mrs. Curtis brought her over to see us.

Viola Hudson of Brownwood Lake stopped by the quilting club Tuesday. We all had a nice visit. We did a lot of reminiscing about old Pioneer days.

Shana Hutton also stopped by the club to visit a while. It's always nice to have her with us.

Congratulations "Buffalo team." You boys have had a great season. All the Pioneer Community are proud of your work this season.

Words of Wisdom
Our incomes are like shoes:
If too small, they pinch;
If too large, we stumble.
by Colton

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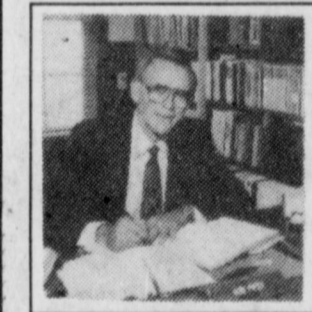
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Thanksgiving is more than just a day -- or even holiday! At least it should be. I'm glad for the holiday to more formally stop and give special thanks for all our blessings. Thanksgiving was first observed by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth in 1621. It was repeated often during that and the ensuing century, then observed during some special years as thanksgiving for the return of peace. Finally it was established as a yearly observance, to be enjoyed on the fourth Thursday of November.

I trust you join me, however, in giving thanks beyond just the holiday. Despite the ills of the world -- even in our nation -- there is much for which to be thankful these days and all days. For instance, even the campus and city riots of a decade or two ago have subsided. Despite the pockets of poverty -- and then, primarily in distant lands -- we have plenty to eat -- more than enough! And in America, we enjoy a level of prosperity unparalleled elsewhere in the world -- even unparalleled to past time here in America!

And despite continued perplexity in some fields of medicine and sickness -- like what really causes cancer, and how can we cure it -- we have greater facilities, doctors, medication, the whole works -- to keep us healthy and make us well if at all possible when we get sick.

As we're thinking and thanking -- let's remember that "every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of light..." (James 1:17)

Will you join us now -- and in a very special way on Sunday -- in giving God thanks? He cares about you!

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

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

AARP Gala Dec. 1

A Christmas Buffet will be held Monday, December 1, as the Cross Plains AARP Chapter celebrates the season.

Festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center. It promises to be "An Affair to Remember." Everyone wear your party mood and join the seasonal celebration.

Officers are to be installed by Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson; for the coming year. Officers for the new year are: president, Esther Kerr; vice president, Joe Howser; Secretary, Kay Mosley; and Treasurer, Dorothy Mosley.

Members bring a guest and join the party. Featured at the buffet will be smoked ham.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



BUFFALO DEFENSE CHARGE ALVORD BULLDOGS

Buffaloes End Exciting Season

By GREG TURNER

The Cross Plains Buffaloes season ended Friday night in the Regional Playoff against the Alford Bulldogs with a 10-2 record. I would first like to thank the town, family friends and fans for all the support you have shown the football team, not only this year but in recent years as well. A huge crowd traveled to Mineral Wells to see a great game.

The game started out just with a couple of teams evenly matched and battled the entire night. The Buffs kicked off to Alford and held them on a 4th down play. Carlton Thomas made a big play stopping a Bulldog runner short of the first down. The Buffaloes then powered their way to the endzone using 9 plays and covered some 60 yards. I recall a couple of big plays during this drive including an 11 yard pass from Jarad Richards to Joseph Turner on a 3rd and 10; and a 3rd and 1 where Justin Hopkins pounded his way up the middle for 5 yards. With the football on Alford's 20 yard line, Jody Fortune went around the right end for the touchdown with 3:49 left in the 1st quarter and Benji Switzer's extra point was good, giving the Buffaloes a 7 point lead.

The Bulldog's offense began to come alive as they marched down the field to score on a 11 yard pass and their extra point was no good, leaving Cross Plains with a 1 point lead.

For the remainder of the 1st half neither team got into the endzone. Some big defensive plays kept the power house offense of Alford from pay-dirt. I have been impressed many times throughout the season, but the best was when Alford kicked off to the Buffaloes to open the 2nd half and the Buffs took the ball, play after play, consuming 10:40 of a 12 minute quarter. They ran 19 plays (77 yards) before Fortune scored on a 1 yard run. NOW THAT WAS IMPRESSIVE!

Cross Plains then had a 13 to 6 lead and again the Switzer kick was good, increasing the lead to 14-6. Alford took the kickoff and scored after a short kick and good run back, leaving them with a short field. The Bulldogs started the drive at the Cross Plains 42 yard line. The TD by Alford came from half that much, a 21 pass play, but their 2 point attempt was a bit unusual but failed anyway. The Buffs still lead 14 to 12 going into the 4th quarter.

On the kickoff Cross Plains managed to get only one 1st down before having to punt the pigskin to Alford with 7:20 remaining in the game. Knowing the best defense for Cross Plains was to get the ball back on offense and consume some time off the clock, but Alford had different plans -- starting from their own 20 yard line. Several plays come to mind -- a questionable pass interference with 3rd and over 20 yards for 1st down. An automatic 1st down was given to the Bulldogs and how about the fumble on 3rd down where we had them stopped, but recovered by Alford for the 1st down; how about the 4th down and 6th play by Alford.

Alford made some big plays their final drive and scored on a 24 pass play, again we had guys in position to make a big play but was well executed by Alford.

The Buffaloes had only 1:20 seconds left in the game, trailing for the first time to score. Cross Plains moved the ball down the field but came up short on a 4th down play.

This was an outstanding game and was played by a group of outstanding young men whom will be talked about for years to come. This group of seniors have won a District Championship and two Bi-District Championships over the past 4 years. These accomplishments will be admired not

only by Cross Plains people, but all the surrounding area. I think it can best be said:

You guys are our football team and our kids. We love you man!

Cross Plains	7	0	7	0-14
Alford	6	0	0	14-20

SCORING SUMMARY
 CP—Jody Fortune 20 run (Benji Switzer kick)
 A—Clay Stephens, 11 pass from Preston Hartfield (kick failed)
 CP—Fortune, 1 run (Switzer kick)
 A—Bill Dean, 21 pass from Hartfield (run failed)
 A—Adam Simmons, 24 pass from Hartfield (Brad London pass from Hartfield)

Cross Plains	Alford
First downs	14
Rushes-yards	46-145
Passing yards	67
Punts	2-33
Fumbles-lost	1-0
Penalties-yards	5-35

INDIVIDUAL STATS
 RUSHING—Alford: Adam Simmons 18-76, Preston Hartfield 13-48, Bradley Hartfield 3-17; Cross Plains: Jody Fortune 25-83, Justin Hopkins 5-25, Jarad Richards 9-22, Daniel Purvis 7-15.
 PASSING—Alford: P. Hartfield 11-18-0, 145, 3 int; Cross Plains: Richards 5-10-1, 67; Joseph Turner 0-1-0.
 RECEIVING—Alford: Brad London 4-36, Clay Stephens 3-27, 1 int; Andy Thompson 2-97, Adam Simmons 1-24, 1 int; Bill Dean 1-21, 1 int; Cross Plains: Turner 3-39, Dany Hargrove 2-28.

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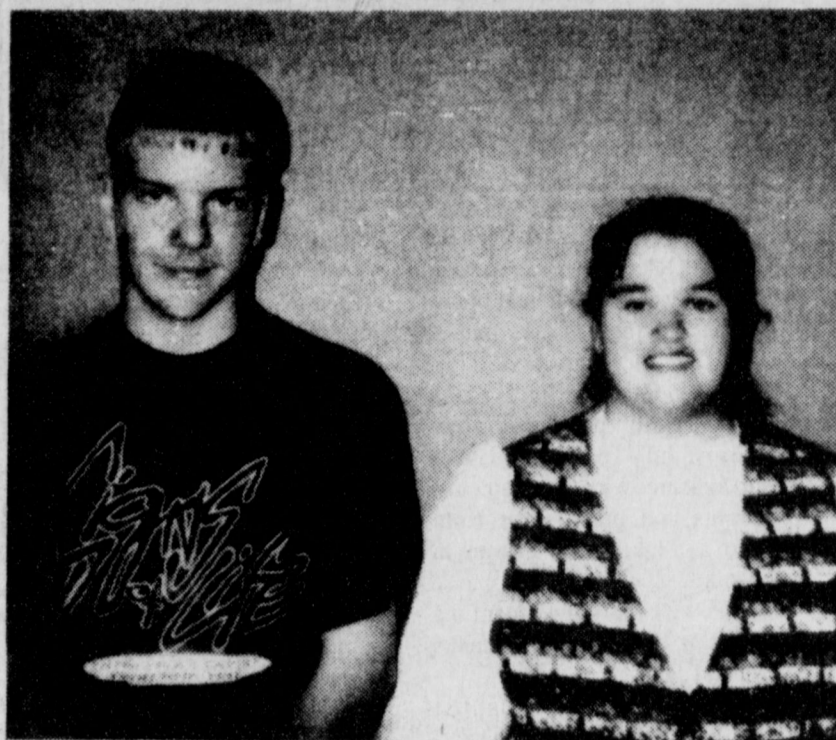
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Lady Buffs open season with win

By HOLLY BUTLER

The new gym saw this years first action on Tuesday, November 18. The Lady Buffs started the '97 basketball season with a 63-28 win over the Lady Panthers of Gorman. Representing the Lady Buffs were senior Holly Butler, Juniors Ashley Beggs, Amanda Dillard, Jolena Fleming, Whitney Giles, Elizabeth McCarty and Laura Ricci, and sophomores Candice Francy, Tiffany Guise and Brandi Richey. The Lady Buffs were led with a game high of 13 points from Mindy Mitchell, 10 points from post player Whitney Giles. Other scores include Ricci with 7 points; Beggs, Richey, and Francy with 6 points each; Butler and Fleming with 5 points; McCarty with 3 points and Guise with 2 points. The Lady Buffs are opening up with a faster paced offense and more aggressive defense. Adjusting to this new style will take some time getting use to. The Lady Buffs are looking forward to an outstanding year, but to go a step farther than last year, they must learn to play under control and shoot better from the line.



CROSS PLAINS BAND STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR REGION BAND—Congratulations are in order for the following Cross Plains Band members for their achievements at the ATSSB Region Band tryouts at Wylie Junior High School in Abilene on Saturday, November 15:

Megan Kimmel - Trumpet and Roger Carey - Tuba placed in the High School Region Band. Other students trying out were Nate Swift, Scott Ricci, and Mikey Bennett. Congratulations to all of these fine students for their efforts and extra time required of them for a strong performance.

JV Lady Buffs defeat Gorman

By TESSA WYATT

Cross Plains JV Lady Buffs started off a good year by defeating Gorman. Members of the JV Lady Buffs team include J. Turner, J. Payne, V. Webb, T. Wyatt, T. Clark, B. Hutton, L.J. Wyatt, N. Bushnell, J. Childers, M.J. Nickerson, C. Beaty, and S. Castleberry. The Junior Varsity Lady Buffs started out well in the opening quarter with 14 points. The second quarter added 7 points to the Lady Buffs score ending the half with a 21 to 17 lead over the Lady Panthers.

Beginning the second half, the Lady Buffs psyched and ready to go, took off with 18 points in the third quarter. At the end of the fourth quarter the Lady Buffs had scored 7 more points leading them to a great victory of 46 to 32.

Team scorers were J. Turner and T. Wyatt with 11 points each, B. Hutton 7, C. Beaty 6, T. Clark 5, J. Payne, V. Webb and Lea Jean Wyatt all scoring 2 points each. Our goals were reached with our outstanding half-court defense that led to a lot of easy fast breaks.

Freshman Lady Buffs go 1-1 for season

By MIKE CAVENDER

On Monday, November 17, the Lady Buffs were defeated by Eula 49 to 19. Freshmen team members for 97-98 are Kathryn McCarty, Meghan Lewis, Amanda Goble, Jennifer Hartman, Lindsey Barnett, Ashlee Hutchins, Lindsey Meiron, Toni Mae Wyatt, Amber Wilson, Ashley Harris, Tessa Wyatt and Jennifer Turner. Leading scorers in the Eula game were Wilson with 9, Meiron 6, Barnett and Hutchins with 2 each. Our defense was good, where we hurt ourselves was we didn't get back quick enough and gave up to many fast break baskets. Free throws hurt us as well, we were 1 out of 16 from the line.

On Saturday, November 22, the Lady Buffs won their first game of the season defeating Breckenridge 39 to 36. Leading scorers were Turner with 19 points, Tessa Wyatt 7, Hutchins and Wilson 4, Meiron and Harris 2 and Goble with one. Our defense was very aggressive and we did a much better job of getting back to our defensive basket in transition. We were 13 of 19 from the line. I was very proud of how the girls finished the game by protecting the ball and hitting the free throws to protect our lead.

Jr. High girls lose season opener

By MIKE CAVENDER

The 7th grade girls lose a tough one to Strawn 37 to 15. Team members are Shanda McClure, Daniella Eppard, Dani Rivard, Judith Hartman, Falon Bass, Kaci Shields, Marian Reed, Wendy Phillips, Brooke Bowden, Tabitha Kunkel and Jamie Davis. Scoring the points in the game were Judith with 5, Shanda 4, Dani, Kaci, Brooke added 2 each. The kids played real hard, but we've got some improvements to make with our basketball skills.

The 8th grade girls lost a close one to Strawn 34 to 28. At halftime the score was Strawn 20, Cross Plains 11. Through the course of the second half we made a hard fought comeback and with only 2 minutes to go in the game we trailed 28 to 29. This years team members are Angela Swift, Erin Stephens, Emily Winfrey, Candice Bailey, Sarah Nixon, Judith Mauricio, Melanie Chessier, Amanda Kitchens, Shena Thomas, Nikki Callaway, Violeta Vasquez, and Tanner Scott. Candice led all scorers with 12 points, Shena 7 points, Emily 3 points, Sarah, Amanda and Judith added 2 each. We've got a lot of work to do, but if we'll continue to play hard and improve on our rebounding and free throw shooting we'll have a good season.

SCHOOL MENU

DEC. 1 - DEC. 5
(Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY — Breakfast bread, assorted juice and milk.
- TUESDAY — Eggs, bacon, biscuit, assorted juice and milk.
- WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon toast, assorted juice and milk.
- THURSDAY — Pancakes, sausage, assorted juice and milk.
- FRIDAY — Cheese toast, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH

- MONDAY — Steak fingers w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pears and milk.
- TUESDAY — Fish strips, tater tots, Ranch beans, cornbread, mixed fruit and milk.
- WEDNESDAY — Enchiladas, corn, rice, crackers, apricots and milk.
- THURSDAY — Ham slices, scalloped potatoes, spinach, rolls, honey and milk.
- FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, cookies and milk.

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CROSS PLAINS ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Board of Trustees Met November 20

By **BILLY HARRIS**
Special Writer

Cross Plains ISD Trustees met in regular session Thursday, November 20, with these members present; Randy Foster, Rex Beggs, Rickey Carey, Donnie Dillard, Tony Wyatt, Monty Richards, and Barbara Sowell. Superintendent Jackie Tennison, High School Principal Rondall Sanders, and Elementary Principal Margie Sowell were also in attendance.

Minutes were approved as read. Bills were paid with a motion by Foster and seconded by Sowell.

The resignation of Tamara Brown was accepted by the board. Brown had worked for the school system about 8 years as a maintenance employee.

After a ten minute closed session, Sowell made a motion to table action on maintenance personnel until the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Wyatt and unanimously passed. Applications will be left open, for maintenance personnel, until that time.

Approval for use of school facilities, with appropriate fees being paid and activities not interfering with school functions were granted to the following groups: George Taff Gospel Singing Group on December 6, Kiwanis Chili Supper on January 16, Miss Valentine Contest February 7, and the Kiwanis Christmas Program December 5th or 6th. Motion made by Foster and seconded by Beggs.

No action was taken on the subject of Saturday School.

AA Pump was hired to remove an underground gasoline tank located on school property. The tank has been unused for several years and has not caused any problems but is being removed according to TNRCC (Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) requirements. Price tag on the removal was set at \$3,640. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by Beggs.

Don Harris was unanimously re-appointed as the school's representative on the Callahan County Tax Appraisal board.

COMMISSIONERS

of screen cover. This is allowed, said commissioners, but the burners need to be aware that they are liable for any damages incurred if the fire spreads from the container.

Commissioners met with the mayors of Baird and Clyde along with representatives of the City of Cross Plains concerning interlocal agreements adopted by Clyde and Cross Plains and supported by Baird.

Clyde Mayor Merv Warrick told commissioners, "We're not trying to do anything under the cuff, we were just getting approval of the councils before approaching the county." "A news article about the Clyde Council meeting, where the agreement was approved, was worded a little off," said Warrick.

Warrick presented commissioners with a draft of a proposed interlocal agreement between Clyde and the county. The agreement was worded that the commissioners of all 4 precincts and the City of Clyde would agree to work together to seal coat, pave and maintain city streets.

Judge Johnson said he couldn't see where the county was getting anything out of the agreement and the commissioners voiced similar opinions.

Warrick said the county would benefit from increased tax valuations of property as city residents also pay county taxes.

Farmer said he didn't have any problem with working on adjoining roads with the city but couldn't see working on city streets without some trade-out.

Hicks said he had received mixed emotions about an interlocal agreement, from citizens. He said he was having the same problem as the City of Clyde with increased traffic

"eating him up" as far as keeping the roads in good shape.

Johnson said the county gets a lot of criticism for doing work inside city's and the public was making more demands on all entities, including the county, with the influx of new citizens.

Farmer suggested that if the county helped one of the city's seal coat 1 mile of road inside the city limits then the city would help the county seal coat 1 mile of road in the county.

Holland said he would have no problem with that sort of arrangement.

It was agreed by all that jointly buying road materials and sharing equipment would be beneficial to all of the county's residents as long as an equal agreement could be found.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that representatives of Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains, and Putnam would meet with commissioners and work out a plan agreeable to all 5 entities.

Present for the above discussion was Clyde representatives Mayor Merv Warrick and Administrator Jack Eppard, Cross Plains City Secretary Debbie Gosnell, and Maintenance Supervisor Mark Norris and Baird's Mayor Jon Hardwick.

The only matter acted on during the meeting was a motion by Farmer and seconded by Grider to pay the bills.

Before the meeting started, Johnson asked Diane Alexander about County Treasurer Dora Hounshell who has been hospitalized since November 4. Diane said Dora is much improved and has been moved to Rehab to aid her in recovery from the stroke she suffered after undergoing open heart surgery.

Cubelle L. Harris announces retirement after term

By **BILLY HARRIS**
Special Writer

Long time Callahan County District Clerk Cubelle L. Harris announces that she will retire after this term.

A life-time resident of Callahan County, Cubelle said, "It's time to quit." She has held the District Clerk's position since January 1 of 1983. Cubelle had put in 34 years at Russell-Surles Abstract Office in Baird prior to being elected district clerk.

"I think a person should retire

when they still feel good and still like their job," said Cubelle.

Cubelle has worked for two 42nd district court judges during the past 15 years. Judge Don Lane held the position until 1991 and Judge John Weeks has conducted court since that time.

December 31, 1998, will mark the end of Cubelle's tenure in the clerk's office on the third floor of the Callahan County Courthouse.

She and husband Joe will celebrate their 43rd wedding anniversary just before her retirement. They will continue to reside in Baird.

Major Addition to CJC Library Texas Collection

The Cisco Junior College Library has recently acquired a major addition to its Texas Collection, a microfilm collection of *Texas As Province and Republic: 1795-1845*. The thirty-nine rolls of microfilm include most of the documents cited in Thomas Streeter's famous *Bibliography of Texas, 1795-1845*. This compilation of such rare documents is especially helpful to scholars and researchers interested in one of the most interesting and eventful periods in Texas history. Area researchers will now have ready access to documents which are "in libraries scattered the length and breadth of this

country." The acquisition of the microfilm collection was made possible by library endowment by Leon Maner, 1893-1968. Mr. Maner, a Cisco pharmacist, was a major benefactor to Cisco Junior College. He served on the Board of Regents from 1963 to 1968 and established the Library Trust Fund, Scholarship Fund, Student Loan Fund, as well as the Texas History Collection. The Maner Memorial Library is honored to be named for someone whose gifts continue to benefit not only the College, but the community as well.

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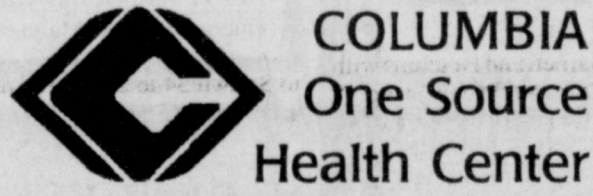
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TDH's toy sweep putting safety high on wish list

They're making a list and they're checking it twice. And what they are going to find out is -- not necessarily who's naughty or nice -- but rather what dangerous toys might be on store shelves for children.

Texas Department of Health (TDH) Product Safety inspectors take to retail stores large and small during the week of Nov. 10 to 14 for the 1997 Toy Sweep, armed with a list of 17 toys and other children's products.

The list reads like a child's dream - water rockets, flying dolls, children's bracelets and necklaces, wooden spinning tops, plastic beeper phones, rattles, wooden cars and trucks and little wooden wagons. Also on the list are items parents, grandparents or others might want to purchase such as bunk beds, high chairs, play yards, safety gates and strollers.

These 17 items, each with a spe-

cific model number, have been selected for the Toy Sweep from among about 300 defective or dangerous products recalled during the year by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Reasons for the recalls include high lead levels in paint, dangers from inhaling small parts, choking and sharp edge hazards, parts that fly apart under pressure and safety equipment that may have broken hinges or faulty latches.

"During the Toy Sweep, our inspectors will be looking for toys and children's items with specific model numbers that may not have been taken off the shelves following a recall," said Charles Branton, director of the TDH Product Safety Program. Some toy dangers, he said, have been corrected by the manufacturer and put back on sale.

"We want to be sure that what is available in stores is safe for children so that consumers have one less thing to worry about when shopping."

TDH inspectors in areas around Austin and Central Texas, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio who find recalled items will ask store managers to remove them and to check with the manufacturer about the problem. "Most retailers are happy to have our help getting unsafe toys and products off the shelves before they are sold," he said.

Branton advises consumers to become consistent label readers on all products they consider buying, especially for children. "People should look for clear instructions, age recommendations and a list of potential hazards," he said. "A label will tell a consumer two critical things: that a toy is not safe for younger children and why it is not safe."

Other tips on selecting toys and children's items for safety include:

- Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interests of the child. Toys safely designed for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a young child. And children may get discouraged or lose interest if a toy is too difficult to play with.

- Be sure the instructions are understandable to both the buyer and, when appropriate, the child.

- Look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, nose, buttons and other small parts.

- Always give a helmet and other protective gear along with a bicycle, tricycle, skates, skateboard or sporting equipment.

- For an infant, buy large rattles, teething and squeeze toys that cannot get lodged in the child's throat.

- Do not buy toys with small parts or items such as marbles, small balls or balloons for children under age 3.

- For children under age 8, avoid electric toys with heating elements and toys with sharp edges and points.

- If you buy arrows or darts, be sure they have rubber suction cups or flexible, protective tips that stay secured when used. Arrows and darts are not recommended for children under age 5.

- Discard plastic wrappings on toys immediately before they become deadly playthings.

TDH's Product Safety Program licenses and regulates product manufacturers and retailers, providing both routine product inspections and investigations of consumer complaints and injuries, illnesses or deaths related to consumer products. "We count on consumers to use common sense and select children's toys for safety as well as for the fun they offer," Branton said.

The TDH Product Safety Program provides information on toy and child product safety at 512-834-6773. People who find what they believe are dangerous, defective or mislabeled toys may call the same number. Information also is available about toy and product hazards on the TDH Web site at <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/bchps.htm>. An extensive checklist, the TDH/CPSC Safety Suggestions for Gift Giving, is available on the Internet at the same Web address.

The Case of the Dancing Cowboy

By JOHN R. ERICKSON

Chapter 3
No Dance for the Cowboy

(In the previous chapter, there has been a big explosion while Slim, the ranch hand, was burning trash. After Slim extinguished his flaming beard and some small fires on the ground, Hank the Cowdog began chasing ashes. The ashes not only left a bad taste in his mouth so did laughter from Slim and Loper as they watched him chasing the ashes. Hank was irritated with his dog sidekick Drover, who started the whole ash-chasing thing in the first place.)

Hey, let's get something straight right now. Just because a dog snaps at ashes, that doesn't mean ...

One of the very most important functions of a Head of Ranch Security is research and development. Your R&D work - (that's what we call it, R&D) - your R&D work is territorial to the overall security program of the ranch, don't you see.

We must constantly test new procedures and techniques, otherwise we would never know that some are better than others. All of the great minds of science have taken the risk of testing new ideas.

Today, we remember only their successes. We forget that they had the courage to test bold concepts that others thought ridiculous - and that they were laughed at and ridiculed.

Loper had a blue coffee mug hooked in the finger of his right hand. Written on the side of it - the mug, not the finger or the hand - written on the side of the mug were the words, "Team Roping: America's Favorite Way of Going Broke."

And he was pointing at me. "What do you reckon goes through a dog's mind that makes him want to chase ashes?"

"Mind? I wouldn't bet that Hank even has one. I think he was brain-dead at birth."

Very funny. Certain people will laugh at daring ventures, and the bigger the laugh the smaller the mind.

Yes, Slim and Loper laughed at my latest experiment into Cinder Flotation and Airborne Ash Interception procedures, but that was a tiny price to pay for the ...

Boy, those ashes really left a lousy taste in my mouth. I couldn't get rid of it. I licked and spat ... spat ... spot ... sput ... and pawed my tongue, and by George, the terrible taste remained. And, of course, the Small Minds loved it.

That was OK. I didn't need their approval. Their hooting and laughing didn't bother me at all, and Drover would pay for luring me into this.

And don't forget that one of the Happy Cowboys had just blown up the garbage barrel, caught his hair on fire, and had come close to torching the entire ranch.

With that, I will rest my case. Loper turned to Slim and studied his burned hair and whiskers. "Your hair got burned."

"I noticed."

"You look pretty silly." Slim dug into his jeans pocket and pulled out a quarter. "Here. Go call someone who cares that I look silly, 'cause I sure don't."

Loper took a sip of coffee. "You should. You're going to a dance tonight."

"I can't come."

"Give me one good reason why you can't come." Slim hitched up his jeans and glared at Loper. "No, I'll give you five reasons. First off, I can't dance. Second, I don't want to learn. Third, I don't have a date. Fourth, I couldn't get a date even if I wanted one, which I don't. And fifth, I just had a grass fire in my hair and I look goofy."

Loper took another sip of coffee.

"I heard a rumor that Viola wants to come but doesn't have a date."

"I'm sorry to hear that. She's a fine lady."

"She could teach you the two step."

"No thanks."

"Sally May could trim up your hair."

"No woman has ever cut my hair and no woman is fixing to start. They don't know how to cut men's hair."

Loper rolled his eyes. "Who do you think cuts mine?"

"I thought you just stuck your head into the lawnmower. That's what it looks like half the time."

"Well, I don't know why I'm arguing. I don't care if you come to the dance or not."

"Good."

"We'll have twice as much fun without you."

"Good."

"You can just stay home with the dogs."

"Fine. Old Hank don't care what my hair looks like, do you, Hankie?" He shifted his gaze to me. I, uh, lowered my head and turned away. "Dumb dog."

Loper burst out laughing and started back to the house. "See? Nobody wants to be around a crabby, gripey, ill-tempered old bachelor cowboy, and that goes double for me."

"Fine."

"I hope you're miserable all night."

"I'll be asleep, and I'll enjoy every minute of it."

Loper went into the house, muttering under his breath.

That left me and Slim. I turned my back on him and refused to look him in the eye. He noticed.

"Well, what's wrong with you?"

Nothing, nothing at all. I would get over it.

"Is it my hair?"

No. His hair meant nothing to me. It was just that ... OK, maybe I was disappointed that he was passing up a chance to bring Miss Viola up to our ranch for the dance.

See, I'd been sweet on Miss Viola for a long time. Remember the Halloween night when Slim asked her over to his place for supper? We got along great that evening.

She liked dogs, and she especially liked me. I won't say that we were exactly sweethearts - me being a dog and all - but by George, any cowboy who'd pass up a chance to take that fine lady to a dance was nuts.

And he didn't deserve to have a loyal dog as a friend.

I tried to communicate all these thoughts and feelings through slow wags of the tail and wounded looks. I don't think Slim got the drift.

He was such a brick-head.

"Well," he said at last, "I've done my duty as trashman. I'm going down to my place to fix what's left of my hair. You want to go?"

No.

"You can stay the night."

Not interested.

"You can sleep inside."

A ranch dog had no business ... actually, that sounded pretty good, but I was still angry and ...

"Seems to me I've got an extra can of sardines that I've been saving for a doggie friend. What do you think?"

Sardines? Ha! No way. They give me indigestion ... although they sure tasted good, and it had been months since I'd had a whole can of ...

OK, what the heck. He needed a friend.

Next Week: Goats Don't Eat Ketchup Bottles

This is Chapter 3 from "The Case of the Dancing Cowboy," a previously unpublished book by John R. Erickson, a Texas rancher. Erickson, who has written 27 Hank the Cowdog books for Gulf Publishing, is giving this book to newspapers across the nation to encourage children and ...

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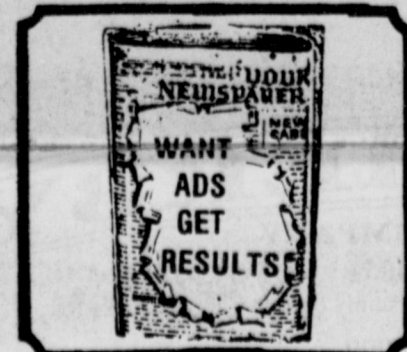
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A 5-year-old, Jacob, knew how to call 911 when his mother, Becky, passed out from viral symptoms and lost consciousness. The paramedic arrived quickly, Becky regained consciousness, was transported to the hospital and was treated and released.

Several days after the incident, the paramedics were in the neighborhood and stopped by to see how the family was doing. Jacob, his 4-year-old sister Charlie and the two paramedics were photographed in the emergency vehicle for the front page of the *Weatherford Democrat*.

Incidentally, Becky is the daughter of Marciel Rich Carthen, a former Cross Plains resident, and Jacob and Charlie are Marciel's grandchildren. Congratulations Jacob, on a job well done!

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Local couple's granddaughter excels in b-ball!

Colie Edmondson, a freshman at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, helped carry the Junior Varsity basketball team to their second win -- defeating Dallas Christian University by scoring 29 points.

Colie was high point for the game. She was a member of the State Basketball Team her senior year at Dripping Springs. Colie is the daughter of Eddie Don Edmondson of Austin and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Edmondson of Cross Plains.

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MOZELLE RICHARDSON'S SECOND HOME

Mozelle's home away from home

The house at 204 N. 14th, where Mozelle stays on days when bad weather prevents her from traveling out to the country home she shares with her husband, Rich, and where she has room to house her family when they come to visit has an interesting history. In 1954 portable houses were something new. It seemed like just the thing for Mozelle Richardson's mother, Lily McElroy, after her husband, John, passed away. Mozelle and her then husband, Lloyd Bryan, were living on Main Street at the time. They purchased the portable home, for \$2,800, from Higginbotham's in Comanche (the Cross Plains store did not yet carry them) and had it assembled next door to them.

Entering the house, blue tiles soon give way to blue carpet. The walls are white painted paneling. In the original living room, there is a daybed and the rocker that Mozelle's husband bought for her when her first grandchild was born. On the table, is a sewing basket that was made by Donna Waggoner and a poinsettia candle holder given by Margaret and Pat McNeel. The room is small but opens to the recently remodeled kitchen and a small space containing the original dining table and chairs.

You will find many treasures here and throughout the house that were given by friends and family members. Mozelle's grandchildren have

given her many of the decorative pieces throughout the house. The mushroom cutting board in the kitchen was a gift from Rich's daughter.

The front bedroom has the early 40's bedroom furniture that belonged to Mozelle's mother. The small table is from the 30's and displays the doily that in 1938, Susie Peavy gave Mozelle shortly after her marriage to Lloyd. The flower prints on the wall were brought from England to Mozelle by Clara Nell Spencer.

In 1995, Mozelle had Dale Mitchell remodel the kitchen, expand the bathroom and add a large room with large walk-in closets. The "everything" room has a dining table and the now, white bedroom furniture and table, which Mozelle scraped the old black paint off to give it a brighter, fresher look. The table coverings in this room were crocheted by Mozelle. There are white lace curtains with blue trim. On the walls are shelves and a rocking horse that were made by her son-in-law, an old music diploma that was awarded to Mozelle, by mail, in 1931, and the certificate from President Lyndon B. Johnson, awarding the postmaster position to Lloyd in 1964.

It is readily apparent, in the warmth of this house, that Mozelle has been richly blessed with caring friends and family.

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NOVEMBER 28

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Mrs. Ray Fletcher
Jody Brown
Mrs. Kenneth McPherson
Cady Miranda Taylor
Drue Evans
Mary Penninger
Sean Alan Branham
Perry Neal Clyatt
Robert Lawrence
Poneta Thate

DECEMBER 2

Pat (Vaughn) Best
Faye Marie Chambers
Harold Garrett
Marilyn Maria Perry
William Johnson
Mrs. Marla Gunn
Rex Lee Beggs
John Long
Benny Callaway
Darrell Collier
Jessica Hernandez
Tracy Erwin

NOVEMBER 29

Janet Whitely
Charles Payne
Alan Neil Byrd
Robert Conlee
Mrs. Dora Lilly
Randal Franke
Michael Mobley
Sam A. Arrowood
Mike Walker
Cody Zane Knowles

DECEMBER 3

Bill Sipes
Mary Frances Walker
Dana Jean Dimitri
Mrs. J. D. Moore
Bobby Porter
Darin Apple

NOVEMBER 30

Donald Hargrove
Julie Watson
Paula Ann (Wright) Winfrey
Bill Kirkham
Mrs. Bill (Nita) Hines
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Vernette Rhodes
Justin D. Hopkins
Saul Reyes

DECEMBER 4

Michael Duane Franke
Paul Perkins
Rhonda (Wilcoxen) Fritz
Wayne Bishop
Scott Odum
Larry Blankenship
Judy Casey
Lynn Hutton
Clifton Bay Kirkham

DECEMBER 1

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John D. Montgomery
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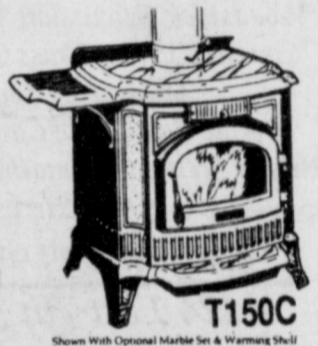
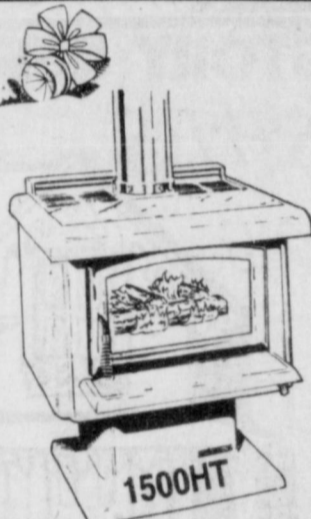
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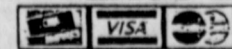
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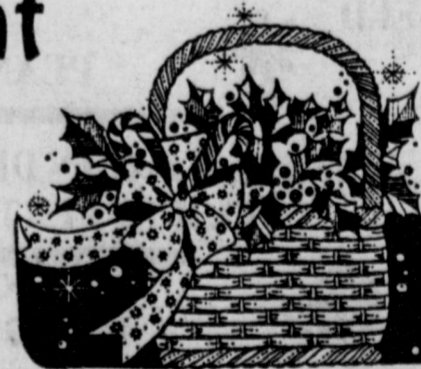
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