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## Down Home

"Having an Identity Crisis?"

By VANDA ANDERSON  
CREECH  
Editor

Isn't it funny how different people perceive you, compared to how you view yourself?

A couple of weeks ago Eddie Albrecht came by the Review to put in an ad and he asked, "Vanda, do you feel alright?" I replied that I was fine. He then said, "You are not your bright and bouncy self today."

I questioned, "That is how you see me?" He remarked, "That's how you have been since I have known you back in high school."

Well, I didn't feel bright and bouncy and I thought, "Who are you anyway?" No earth-shattering answers arrived.

I went to the Post Office where I ran into Frankie Neeb. I was teasing about having an identity crisis. As usual, she was very sympathetic and understanding. Helen Freeman had heard me announce this personal dilemma and she came by and said, "I hate to tell you but it don't get any better."

Oh no, I thought. At this point Frankie deemed a prayer was needed and that is exactly what she did. It was a sweet prayer for self discovery and the comfort of peace. Thank you Frankie for those great words.

When I went to pick up my lunch at Jack's Place. Wanda Martin said, "Vanda, do you feel well today?" By now I thought there must be some apparent and even visible change in me today.

At that point I realized that everyone tries to be their very best personality, especially when you work with the public, however, there are days when you just can't pull it off.

This is similar to how everyone dislikes the sound of their voice on a cassette. Everyone else sounds completely natural and then there is your horrible voice. Of course, I sound like a hick -- which is exactly what I am.

When I worked for Ford Motor Credit I had a customer who called me "the southern belle". Now that helped my feelings a lot.

I'll never forget when my publisher, Don Tabor, told me, "It's a good thing you don't write like you talk." The thought of that is really scary.

He even remarked that I would need to type, because my writing was not legible. If you have ever seen his signature you would know he has no room to talk. You would never get Don Tabor out of that scribble. Sorry Don, I just had to tell it like it is.

You can at least read my signature, when I can remember my last name.

Then there is the video tape. They say the camera adds 10 pounds. Well, you are in BIG TROUBLE when you are already overweight. I never want to see myself again. It took me two weeks to recuperate. All the other people in the video looked great and then there was the blob!

I think it must be better to think of yourself as others see you, because you are too harsh on yourself. Who knows the truth anyway!

Gosh, isn't life complicated!



BASKETBALL ALL-DISTRICT PICKS — Jennifer Turner (front, from left), Ashley Beggs, and Brandi Richey; Elizabeth McCarty (back, from left), Laura Ricci, Whitney Giles, Mindy Mitchell and Jolena Fleming.

## District 28-A Girls All-District Basketball Picks Announced

By COACH MIKE  
CAVENDER

Laura Ricci was named District MVP for the second year in a row. Mindy Mitchell and Whitney Giles were selected to the first team for the second year in a row. These three young ladies were our leading scorers, rebounders, steals, and assists. They have been the nucleus of our team over the last 3 years compiling an over all record of 79 wins and 17 losses. Over the course of 79 wins there have been 8 Tournament Championships, 3 undefeated District Championships, 3 Bi-District

Championships, and 1 Area Championship.

Honorable Mention All-District selections were Jennifer Turner, Ashley Beggs, Jolena Fleming, Liz McCarty and Brandi Richey.

I really feel like we got the short end of the stick on selections, we were far and away the best team in the district. We should have had more selections.

The accomplishments that our team received over the season would not have been possible without the contribution of all members of our team.

## Final Update on Local Elections Early Voting Begins April 14

Three candidates including incumbents, Rex Beggs, Monty Richards, and Dr. Scott Childress are seeking election to two board of trustee vacancies for the Cross Plains I.S.D. The three year terms of Beggs and Richards are expiring.

There is no opposition in the City Council election. Incumbents James Nichols, Edwin Weiss and Joe

Ingram are the only candidates for the two year term positions.

Early voting will begin April 14 and continue through April 27 at the City Hall in Cross Plains during their regular hours. Early voting is designed for the convenience of registered voters who may not be able to vote on election day, May 1.

## WTU president visits Cross Plains & Clyde

West Texas Utilities Company President Paul J. Brower reports the local electric company is ready for the year 2000.

Brower, visiting local communities including Clyde and Cross Plains Wednesday, March 17, said he's relatively confident the local electric company is ready for January 1, 2000.

While in Clyde, Brower dropped by the Clyde Journal newspaper office to give WTU customers updates on three major issues confronting WTU. The issues include the Year 2000 computer software problem, WTU's parent Central and South West Company's merger with American Electric Power and the electric utility deregulation in Texas.

The WTU president and general manager reports WTU has performed a number of tests with the Year 2000 problem and said no major catastrophes have occurred. He said WTU is currently testing three such dates—September 9, 1999, December 31, 1999 and leap year on February 29, 2000.

Brower said he expects no major problems with customer meters because the majority of electric

See WTU page 8

## Kiwanis Club's Annual All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper March 25

The annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Super is TONIGHT, Thursday evening, March 25, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Cafeteria. The pancake supper is a wonderful time for the people of Cross Plains and all the surrounding communities and towns to visit and eat together.

Tickets for the Pancake Supper are \$3.00 each for all the pancakes you can eat, with sausage and coffee or tea. (Sugar-free syrup will be available for those who request it.) Tickets are available from Kiwanis members and at their places of work/business. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Be sure and remember -- tonight, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for food and fellowship, and to help the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains in this fundraiser to help our community.

## Burn Ban Lifted

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn announced Friday, March 12, that the burn ban for Callahan County has been lifted due to the recent rain the county has received. The ban was implemented on February 24.

Judge Corn said the ban will be reinstated as conditions warrant.

## Love Fund Established For Ginger Bowerman of the Cottonwood Community

By VANDA ANDERSON  
CREECH  
Editor

Ginger Bowerman remains in serious condition at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Last Friday she made some great improvements and the life supports are gradually being removed. She is now conscious and her recovery is looking optimistic. Joe Coppinger, pastor of Cottonwood Baptist Church remarked, "The changes in her physical condition has been a true miracle."

Mrs. Bowerman will be remembered as the lady who lives in the "doll house" at Cottonwood. Each year at Christmas she take great delight in decorating her antique two-story home with a multitude of lights. Her home is indeed a "bright spot" in the small community.

She has long been a private contributor to her beloved community, never seeking personal attention.

She has three children, Jenny Newsom of Cottonwood, Sheena of Grayford, and Jim Lanham of Tennessee.

If you would like to contribute to the love fund established at Citizens State Bank, it would be greatly appreciated.

Her family acknowledges the kindness of the Cottonwood Baptist Church and neighbors in terms of funds, food, etc. during her recent illness.

## Spring Fling Pageant & Photogenic Results Set For Saturday, March 27

The Spring Fling will be held Saturday, March 27, at the Cross Plains High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. The double back doors of the auditorium will not be accessible for the event. Please enter at the south door near the cafeteria entrance.

Pageant contestants from age Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade will compete in the pageant. The girls will be escorted by young men of their choice.

Last years winners will also be introduced.

Winners of the Photogenic Contest will be presented throughout the pageant.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students twelve years and under.

The Spring Fling is sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi and proceeds will be used to benefit the community. Everyone is welcome!

## Harlem Thriller Action on Monday, March 29

Just a reminder, on Monday, March 29, in the Cross Plains High School Gymnasium, the fantastic Harlem Thrillers Basketball Team led by Team Captain "Bingo" Knight and Clown King of Comedy Basketball Art "Bonés" Smith will bring their star-studded operation to Cross Plains.

The Thrillers play a 100 ball game schedule covering 12 states and Canada. They will take on the "Local Yokels" coached by Jackie

"Tenderheart" Tension at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a Pec Wee Basketball game and a 6th grade girls game.

Advanced tickets are available from any Sophomore Class member for \$5, while tickets at the door will be \$6 for students and \$7 for adults, with children under 6 admitted free.

A concession stand will be open and door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.



NEW ADDITION TO CITY HALL'S LANDSCAPE — Benny Calloway (from left), President of the Kiwanis Club, Mayor Ray Purvis and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edwards, donors of the Afghanistan Pine, are pictured with the newly planted tree.

## Permanent Christmas Tree For CP

When you drive by City Hall, the new Afghanistan Pine tree, located near the handicapped parking, was planted in order for the community to have a real live tree to decorate at Christmas time. This project was a joint effort of the local Kiwanis Club and City of Cross Plains.

After several months of searching for the right tree, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edwards of Cottonwood volunteered the tree as a gift to the community! H.D. (Herman) Weaver of Cottonwood helped to locate the tree and planted same with his commercial tree equipment. We are grateful to and appreciative of

these two families for their efforts in providing our first live Christmas tree to be used in our annual celebration.

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## Early Out Thurs., April 1 At CPISD For Holiday

The Cross Plains ISD will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. Buses will run at this time.

There will be no school on Friday, April 2 and Monday, April 5 due to the Good Friday and Easter holiday.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 6 at regular time.



# NEWS

By  
**LINDA MERRITT**  
Activity Director

We all enjoyed having Frances Wolf's granddaughter, Lindie Wolf from Abilene, here visiting with us. She is one good domino player. The residents really enjoyed playing games with her.

A warm welcome for our new resident Christine Kelly.

Our appreciation to Beverly Brown and Teri Brown for the St. Patrick door decoration, to the Thornton family for the pretty ivy, to Ray Dodd and Frances Wolf for the cookies.

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

Betty Montgomery from Midland visited with Leila Montgomery.

Joe and Kathy Nelson from Rising Star visited with Pauline Region and Ralph Lee.

Linda Wilson and Ryan Gordon from Abilene, Bob McCowen and Jo Rhodes visited Blanche Brooks and

Howet Wilson.

Activities during the week were:

**Monday:** Bingo winners were Victor Long, Minnie Swann, Howet Wilson (2), Ruby Harrell, Falba Shofner and Maxine Crisp. Exercise class.

**Tuesday:** Sing-a-long with Bobby Jack McCowen. Popcorn and Skip-Bo games.

**Wednesday:** Art class, exercise class, dominoes and Skip-Bo games.

**Thursday:** Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu, Victory Long (3), Alpha Wilson (2), Inola Wilcoxon and Maxine Crisp. Bean bag toss and Skip-Bo games.

**Friday:** Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball and dominoes.

**Sunday:** Cottonwood Baptist  
**How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!**

## Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"Flower Beds, Birdbaths, and Re-Cycle-Ing"

We probably all have tons of junk or at least little tidbits of junk around the house or yard or can acquire if we so desire.

Whichever route you take to acquire the making for these objects d'arte, here are some suggestions for recycling the junk and also however randomly; beautifying the landscape.

Set up one of those old metal beds, springs included if available. Cover the center with plenty of good soil overlapping the side rails. Plant with seed or plants for an unusual "flower bed."

While residing in Lubbock, I observed another unusual flower garden container. It sat in the front yard of a well kept lawn and neat cottage style home, blooming profusely. It was one of those old style footed bath tubs. A conversation piece to say the least.

A bathroom lavatory or sink can be recycled into a great looking bird-bath. A little ingenuity, some vines climbing the pedestal, some vines on earth for our fine feathered friends.

Another unusual container usually gracing the backyard or the south 40 is a bathroom commode (retired). Great for planting mint, marjoram etc. to keep the plants from spread-

ing and taking over the whole area.

Another recyclable, though it takes a scad of work, is a truck topiary. Got an old shell of a truck just taking up space?? Beautify it. Plant quick spreading vine, crisscross truck with twine or wire. Train vines to climb between with moss and soil mixture. Soon the vines will climb higher. Fill the bed of the pickup truck or the trailer of the truck with a layer of gravel and then good topsoil. Plant with biennials and perennials. They will grow and bloom on their own. When the vines planted in the ground surrounding the truck finally reach the trucks cab, train them to grow up all 4 sides of the cab. Then cover the trucks top with string or wire trellising and allow the vines to completely cover the trucks top.

The last re-cycle-able on my list for this column needs no introduction. It is a veritable re-cycled cycle. Or bicycle to be exact. Obtain or drag out that old bicycle, one with a bike stand, but preferably the type which is very old which you backed your back wheel through. It will stand more upright. Then plant or allow vines to grow up through and all around the bicycle, down around and through the spokes, seat, handle bars and the whole nine yards. The basket even. Happy Gardening! 'Til later!

## PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Jean Fore and her nephew and niece from Arlington left Tuesday morning for New Mexico to visit relatives. They visited Paul and Vi Harlow of Lovington, a nephew, John Bedingfield in Artisia, a sister Bessie McDaniel and niece Doris Hunter in Alamogordo. Our sister Bess had broken her shoulder and was in the rest home. Paul and Juanita Harlow spent some time in Clovis after Juanita's surgery in Lubbock on Monday. She has received a good report so far. Jean, Grasson and Myrtle returned to their homes in Pioneer and Arlington.

Oliver and Frankie made a trip to the state park at Cleburne to be with their daughter and son-in-law Roxie and Bobby Nance. They were then joined by Joey Nance and friend Stephanie and also Mrs. Shirley Harelleson of Fort Worth.

There was a good attendance at the "domino party" last time. Remember the next "party night" is March

25. Come on out and join the fun.

The club is still working on Lou's "Flower Applique" and Frankie's "Nine Patch." If you would like to find a "quilting home" dome join us each Tuesday at the Pioneer Quilting Club.

Visiting in the home of James and Jean Alexander were Wallace Culler's of Breckenridge, his daughter Glenna Fambro of Colorado City, and his daughter, Susie Sands of Perry, Oklahoma. Susie's two girls Josy and Annie. Everyone had a good time.

D.P. and May Jones made a quick trip to Marshall, to visit with D.P.'s mother, Pate Huffman. East Texas has had a good bit of rain which has made the dogwood trees and the Azaleas beautiful.

**Words of Wisdom #69:** Better do a good deed near at home than go far away to burn incense. Chinese Proverb

## CPRC Discuss & Set Dates For Upcoming Events

On March 2, the Cross Plains Roping Club met to discuss and set dates for upcoming events.

To begin the meeting, an assessment was taken of property that has come up missing from the arena area. Items missing include: an air conditioner, a water cooler, a fan, 3 bar stools and microwave. We sure need these items back due to rodeo season is upon us again.

Dates were set for the following upcoming events:

April 17 - bricket cook-off/barrel race/bull buck-out

June 26 - Ranch Rodeo - open

July 29-31 - Junior Rodeo

Remember volunteers are always needed to help with our activities.

Cross Plains Roping Clubs holds meetings the first Monday of each month.

Memberships are available at the meetings or by calling (254) 725-6852.



Human beings normally have 26 chromosomes; a goldfish, on the other hand, has 94.

## Heat Exhaustion

On very hot days a day of sightseeing can leave you weak, dizzy, nauseous, and perspiring. To prevent heat exhaustion pace yourself, plan regular breaks in the shade, or visit air-conditioned places. Drink plenty of liquids, avoid alcoholic or caffeinated drinks. Avoid hot, heavy meals. Dress properly in lightweight, loose-fitting clothes. Older adults, infants, and people with chronic illnesses are especially prone to heat stroke.

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## The Way It Was

By CLARA NELL SPENCER

Just Us

CHERYL

Cheryl was the one Yankee in our southern school. Her family had come to Cross Plains, a small country town of 2,500 that was "booming" because oil had been discovered there. It was during the late 20's and early 30's. The entire family of Crabbs gradually settled in the large house Grandma and Grandpa Crabb had bought. There were Mel Crabb with a son and wife; The Marchant Family with three boys and Mrs. Marchant, a daughter; Vernie, an unmarried daughter; and Lucy Lutgens, a daughter, and her children, Cheryl and Donnie. As the economy improved, various members would move. Cheryl Avis Lutgens was born in Illinois on February 14, 1918, to Lucy Crabb and Al Lutgens. They were later divorced. Cheryl was a very attractive girl, about 5'6", with beautiful, naturally curly, light brown hair and green eyes. She was haunted by "her shadow," Donnie. He was a pill and we were always trying "to ditch him," with little success. This family was of German descent and were Presbyterians.

Cheryl was a happy-go-lucky girl who was interested in basketball, pep squad and Just Us Club, not necessarily in that order. Fate was not to be good to Cheryl. In the summer of 1932, Cross Plains had an annual two day picnic complete with merry-go-round, ferris wheel, and all the trimmings. There were two boys in our crowd who were fortunate enough to get a car with a rumble seat that one of the boy's (T.H.'s) dad (who was a successful oil man) let his only son use quite often. That first night of the picnic, seven teenagers decided to take a ride to Cisco. Four were in the front seat and three were in the rumble seat, two girls (one of them was

Cheryl) and one boy. A tire blew, and the three in the rumble seat were thrown out. Cheryl's left arm was caught between the back of the seat and the pavement, tearing the flesh from the bone. The other two were injured on their shoulders. The injured were taken to the Graham Hospital in Cisco, operated by Dr. Graham, a veteran doctor and surgeon of World War I. At first, it looked like amputation of Cheryl's left arm would be necessary. The other teenagers begged Dr. Graham not to amputate.

Cheryl remained in the hospital nine months, having her arm grafted to her stomach and flesh from her legs was grafted to her arm. Cheryl was a brave and courageous girl. She entered the fall term of 1933 and adjusted to her new life, a fine Christian girl. After graduation from Cross Plains High School in 1935, Cheryl entered Trinity University. After finishing college, Cheryl taught school. She taught at Cisco for several years. World War II had started and an army camp, Camp Bowie, was located there. Cheryl met Bob Rahnlow, a native of Hornell, New York, whom she later married. Bob was from a large family, so the young couple were to move to New York for sixteen years. After most of Bob's family were gone, Cheryl and Bob returned to Texas. They settled in the East Texas town of Terrell. Cheryl began a very successful career as a teacher. She was recognized as an outstanding educator. Bob was happy to be back in the shoe business which he really enjoyed.

Bob is in bad health now, and Cheryl remains the strong help-mate and wife, not unlike the sweet thirteen-year-old girl who faced long months of pain and suffering with that buffalo spirit she loved.

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**Thursday, March 25**  
**5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Cross Plains Kiwanis**  
**Annual Pancake Supper**  
**Cross Plains School Cafeteria**  
**\$3.00**

All the pancakes you can eat with sausage, coffee or tea  
Come eat and enjoy the fellowship  
with one another of our community

## Cross Plains Featured In Houston Chronicle

"What was it about the tiny town of Cross Plains that helped inspire Robert E. Howard to create Conan and other Fantasy figures?"

With these words, on March 7, **TEXAS**, the *Houston Chronicle* Magazine, introduced Cross Plains and Howard to over 1,000,000 people.

Following, there are 8 1/2 pages written by Dallas reporter Carlton Stowers, after a visit to Cross Plains to see the Howard House and the Howard holdings at the Cross Plains Public Library. Shortly following, Christa Jeremiason, a staff photographer for the *Abilene Reporter-News*, came for the *Chronicle*, to photograph the Howard House and the Howard books and manuscripts at the library. Catherine McIntosh, also of the *Houston Chronicle*, called several times to discuss this edition of the paper and later sent copies.

Members of Project Pride feel that this is a special happening for all the people who have supported the promotion of the Howard House and that they should know about the article and the widespread mention of Cross Plains. Even Project Pride supporters in other towns should feel pride in this coverage. Certainly, it is appropriate to recognize and support this effort to bring more people to Cross Plains. The magazine section, with outside and inside pictures of the Howard House, has been placed in the Cross Plains Public Library and numerous businesses throughout the city.

Ask to see a copy. You'll be glad you did.



## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
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The president of a soap company -- who was quite a skeptic when it came to the Bible and Christianity -- was talking with a minister, and said, "The gospel you preach hasn't done much good, for there's still a lot of wickedness and wicked people in this world."

The preacher refrained from an immediate response but they soon passed a child who was making mud pies. Needless to say, the child had a good portion of the "pie filling" on himself, from head to toes. Now it was the preacher's time to replay -- to answer the sneer of the skeptic. "Soap hasn't done much good in the world, has it, for there's still a lot of dirt and filth around," stated the minister. And the soap manufacturer got the point...

Each day I see places and situations where the advantage of soap and the gospel has not been taken. In some places it is because of limited availability -- perhaps non-availability. But in many situations, it's simply a matter of not taking advantage of their availability. You see, they are both useful only when and to the degree applied.

Jesus spoke of some who failed to take advantage of the gospel in saying, "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear nor understand," Matthew 13:13. It explained that the reason was that their hearts had become calloused.

The good news that, in the words of a song, "Salvation has been brought down!" In the words of a great "invitation song," "There's a fountain free, 'tis for you and me: let us haste, O, haste to its brink; 'tis the fount of love, from the Source above, and He bids us all freely drink!"

Have you applied God's "soap," the gospel? Come join us in a study of His good news this Sunday.

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

# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

## Cross Plains Tennis Tournament Results

By COACH MACK MCCONAL

The Cross Plains Tennis Tournament was held Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20. The results are as follows:

**Girls Singles**  
Mindy Mitchell beat Ballinger (8-1) beat Gordon (8-2) Championship beat Brandy Hutton (8-3) First place Brandy Hutton beat Goldthwaite (8-3) beat Panther Creek (8-6) Finals lost to Mindy Mitchell (3-8) Won 2nd place  
**Boys Singles**  
Josh Hopkins lost to Ballinger (2-8)  
Colby Richards beat Eastland (8-5) beat Panther Creek (8-4) Finals beat Joe Hopkins (9-8) Tiebreaker (9-7) Won 1st place

Joe Hopkins beat Goldthwaite (8-1) beat Panther Creek (8-2) Finals lost to Colby Richards won 2nd place.

**Girls Doubles**  
Fleming/Nixon beat Panther Creek (8-2) lost to Santa Anna (8-9) Tiebreaker (6-8)

**Boys Doubles**  
Joe Hopkins/Nixon beat Eula (8-2) beat Eastland (8-2) Finals beat Panther Creek (6-0) (6-2) Won 1st place

At present time, team members are working on fundamentals and are progressing very well. Team members made an excellent showing at the first tournament.

The tennis team will be in Brownwood this Friday for a one day tournament.

## Varsity Girls Track Compete At Coleman Finished 6th

By COACH MIKE CAVENDER

The varsity and junior varsity track teams competed at Coleman on Saturday, March 20. The competition was very tough and we had a good day in the field events and on the track. We finished 6th as a team scoring 58 points out of 12 teams.

We were the only class A team competing in the varsity division. It was a 2A and 3A track meet.

The results are as follows:

**Team Score - 58 points - 6th place**  
**Discus - C. Francy 98' 4" - 5th place**  
**Shot put - A. Wilson 32' 11 1/2" - 4th place**  
**Triple jump - B. Richey 34' 7" - 2nd place**  
**High jump - L. Ricci 5' 2" - 1st place; W. Giles 5' 0" - 3rd place**  
**100 hurdles - B. Richey 15.72 - 1st place**  
**800 run - B. Bennett 2:48.40 - 6th place**  
**400 dash - L. Ricci - 66.4 - 4th place**  
**300 hurdles - B. Richey 48.10 - 2nd place**  
**1600 run - B. Bennett - 6:32.23 - 6th place**  
**Mile relay - J. Turner, L. Ricci, W. Giles, B. Richey - 4:36.06 - 5th place**

## Cross Plains Baseball Update & Schedule

By COACH CORD WOERNER

Spring is a real hectic time of year around here. We have numerous kids playing two, three and even four sporting events. Although it stretches everyone thin, we think it's important to have an opportunity to at least try and experience different things.

With our boys once again making the playoffs in basketball, we were late starting and immediately began playing baseball with little or no

practice. There are 26 boys participating this year which gives us an opportunity to play a JV schedule.

The varsity, after nine games, has a record of 4-5. The JV has played five games and is now setting at 2-3. Our pitchers have done a tremendous job, but we have had a tendency to make fielding mistakes that have hurt us. I know that if these kids keep working hard that we will eliminate some errors and get better and better.

The remainder of our schedule follows:

Fri	3-26	V	Tolar	Home	5:30
Fri	3-26	JV	Hamilton	There	5:00
Mon	3-29	JV	Coleman	There	4:00
*Tue	3-30	V	Miles	There	5:30
Thur	4-1	JV	Wylie	Home	4:00
Fri	4-2	V	Eula	Home	2:00
Mon	4-5	JV	Ranger	Home	4:30
*Tue	4-6	V	Baird	There	5:30
Fri	4-9	JV	Coleman	Home	4:00
Mon	4-12	JV	Baird	Home	4:30
Tue	4-13	V	Bangs	Home	4:30
*Tue	4-20	V	May	There	5:30
*Fri	4-23	V	Miles	Home	5:30
Mon	5-3	JV	Baird	There	4:30
*Tue	5-4	V	Baird	Home	5:30
Fri	5-7	V	Meridian	TBA	TBA
Mon	5-10	JV	Ranger	Home	4:30
*Tue	5-11	V	May	Home	5:30

\* Denotes District Games

## Farm Bureau adds two new awards for scholarship program

The Texas Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Ranchers Committee has added to TFB's extensive scholarship program with two new awards for Texas high school students who plan to study agriculture.

The two new scholarships, worth \$2,000 each, will be funded through activities of the TFB Young Farmer and Rancher Committee.

David Williams, president of the Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau says of the new program, "We need our state's brightest and most energetic young people in the field of agriculture. These scholarships emphasize Farm Bureau's commitment to higher education."

To be eligible, a high school senior must be a family member of Farm Bureau, and be willing to pursue a

degree in some agricultural field.

Application must be submitted with postmarks no later than June 1, 1999. Scholarship recipients will be announced later than July 1, 1999.

Applications may be obtained from the local County Farm Bureau offices, from the TFB Web Site at [www.tfb.com](http://www.tfb.com) or by calling 254-751-2286.

For Texas agriculture to compete in the twenty first century, we need to train young men and women for jobs on the farm, in the laboratory and in agribusiness," Williams said. "These scholarships will be added to those already tied in with our youth programs."

Texas Farm Bureau now awards more than \$60,000 annually in youth scholarships.

## Local Student Recipient of RadioShack/Tandy Certificate

"Ten years ago, the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars was created to inspire innovation, quality and competitiveness in math and science," said Leonard Roberts, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tandy Corporation/RadioShack.

"Today, 83 percent of the secondary schools across the country are enrolled in the program, making RadioShack/Tandy Scholars an extraordinary force in recognizing academic excellence. I have absolute faith that great things will come from the brilliant minds of this year's student and teacher recipients."

Tandy Corporation/RadioShack is proud to announce the 1999 Prize Recipients. A total of \$350,000 in awards and scholarships is presented to teachers and students who have achieved excellence in the areas of mathematics, science and computer science. This year, 42,000

certificates of recognition will be sent to bright academicians across the nation.

The program is funded by Tandy Corporation/RadioShack, administered by Texas Christian University and endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary, \$3.5 million and 350,000 certificates of academic excellence have been awarded. The program is open to all accredited high schools. Prize recipients were selected by a panel of distinguished educators and approved by the National Advisory Council.

Jolena Nell Fleming was nominated as an outstanding math/science/computer science student from Cross Plains High School. She was in the top 2 percent and received a certificate.

Jolena, a senior, is the daughter of Jim and Charlene Fleming.

## 1998-99 UIL Academic Contest Draw To Close

By TRACI EVANS, UIL Coordinator

Though it seems like it only began, Academic UIL will draw to close on March 27 with UIL District Contest in Eden. However, all is not lost if students advance to Regional Contest at Hardin-Simmons University on April 24. In all, students competed at three UIL invitational tournaments: Bangs, Wylie and Stamford.

Competition at Wylie High School was tough, CPHS students were competing against 45 schools ranging from 1A to 3A. Many of the schools competing were not in our district, but we still need the practice. BeaKay Bell place 6th in Feature Writing at the tournament.

The Stamford UIL tournament on March 6, proved to be successful for our students. The contest was small only a few events were offered. CPHS students were entered in two events and were very successful in each. In Computer Applications, Greg Black placed 5th and in Current Events, Shena Thomas placed 1st and Candice Francy place 3rd.

This Saturday, nine students will be traveling to District Contest at Eden High School. Those attending will be Nick Dimitri, Science; L.D. Whitehead, Science; Shena Thomas, Current Events; Candice Francy, Current Events News and Feature Writing; Ashley Harris, Current Events; BeaKay Bell, News and Feature Writing; Greg Black, Computer Applications, Shane Sharpe, Computer Applications; Jerry Bland, Computer Applications.

## High School Boys Track Results

By COACH LARRY BARTEE

The high school boys went to Coleman Saturday, March 20 for a track meet. The results of the meet are as follows:

**Triple jump - 5th - Chris Kitchens - 41' 7 1/2"**  
**High jump - 5th - Chris Kitchens - 5' 8"**  
**High hurdles - 5th - Chris Kitchens - 16.8**  
**Intermediate hurdles - 3rd - Chris Kitchens - 41.9**  
**800 dash - 4th - Nicholas Dimitri - 2:18**  
**Team Total - 16 points**

## Athletic Boosters To Meet March 31

The Athletic Booster Club will meet Wednesday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m. in the gym foyer.

The track meet and athletic banquet will be special topics of discussion. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

## Cross Plains Little League Having Raffle Fund-Raiser

The Cross Plains Little League is having a raffle to raise money for the 1999 ball season. The money raised will help the league to buy equipment and work on our playing fields.

If you missed the sign-up you may still sign up for baseball from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, before tryouts. After this time there will be no more applications taken.

The players are now selling the raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. We will draw for the prizes on opening day of our season April 24, following the opening ceremonies and between each of the ballgames. One ticket will give you a chance to win one of the following prizes:

1. One night stay at the Abilene Fairfield Inn. Room type to include one queen bed or two queen beds. Complimentary breakfast included.
2. A gift certificate from Target for \$50.
3. \$50 worth of gift certificates from Joe Allen's. These are for any of the following: Joe Allen's Bar-B-Que, Cahoots, Borderlands, and The RailHead Grill.

4. \$50 savings bond from Citizens State Bank.
5. A gift certificate from Wal-Mart.
6. One appetizer and one dessert from Chili's.
7. One appetizer and one dessert from Chili's.
8. A shirt, cap and baseball from the Abilene Prairie Dogs.
9. A one year subscription from the Cross Plains Review.
10. A one year subscription from the Cross Plains Review.
11. 5 quart oil change from T & K Tire and Alignment.
12. 2 fish dinners from Jean's Feed Barn.
13. A Dream Candle from Tim's Floral and Gifts.
14. One oil change from Charlie's Truck Repair.
15. An autographed cap from the Texas Rangers.
16. 2 adult and 3 student buffets from CiCi's Pizza.
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With more prizes to be added.

### Cross Plains Little League

1999 Baseball Season

Opening Day	Time	
April 24, Saturday		May 27, Thursday
Braves vs. Angels	5:30	Braves vs. Angels
Giants vs. Cubs	6:30	Giants vs. Cubs
May 7, Friday		June 1, Tuesday
Giants vs. Braves	5:30	Giants vs. Braves
Cubs vs. Angels	6:30	Cubs vs. Angels
May 8, Saturday		June 3, Thursday
Angels vs. Giants	5:30	Angels vs. Giants
Braves vs. Cubs	6:30	Braves vs. Cubs
May 14, Friday		June 8, Tuesday
Cubs vs. Giants	5:30	Cubs vs. Giants
Angels vs. Braves	6:30	Angels vs. Braves
May 15, Saturday		June 10, Thursday
Angels vs. Cubs	5:30	Angels vs. Cubs
Braves vs. Giants	6:30	Braves vs. Giants
May 25, Tuesday		June 17, Thursday
Cubs vs. Braves	5:30	Cubs vs. Braves
Giants vs. Angels	6:30	Giants vs. Angels

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April 24, Saturday		May 27, Thursday
Buffs vs. Blue Jays	6:00	Buffs vs. Blue Jays
Cats vs. Kilowatts	8:00	Cats vs. Kilowatts
May 7, Friday		June 1, Tuesday
Cats vs. Buffs	6:00	Cats vs. Buffs
Kilowatts vs. Blue Jays	8:00	Kilowatts vs. Blue Jays
May 8, Saturday		June 3, Thursday
Blue Jays vs. Cats	6:00	Blue Jays vs. Cats
Buffs vs. Kilowatts	8:00	Buffs vs. Kilowatts
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## SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 29 - APRIL 2 (Subject To Change)

**BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY**—Cream of Wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY**—French toast, sausage, assorted juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**—Breakfast Burrito, assorted juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY**—Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY**—HOLIDAY.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**—Burrito w/chili & cheese, salad, crackers, pineapples and milk.  
**TUESDAY**—Steak fingers w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peaches and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**—Frito pie, salad, corn fruit crisp and milk.  
**THURSDAY**—Chicken & rice, peas & carrots, rolls, mixed fruit and milk.  
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**UPDATE GIVEN**—Kiwanis Club member Tommie Harris (left) had Brenda Willars, LVN (center) and Randy York, FNP (right) as guests for the Kiwanis Club's meeting on Tuesday, March 16. Randy York presented the program for the meeting, giving updated information about Columbia One Source Health Center - Cross Plains. Everyone is always welcome to the Kiwanis Club's weekly meeting at noon on Tuesdays at Jean's Feed Barn. Inquiries for membership are encouraged and may be made at the meetings or to any Kiwanis Club member during the week. P.S. -- Remember the Pancake Supper tonight, March 25, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## WTU

eters are non-digital.

On Central and South West Company's merger with American Electric Power, Brower said the merger is still proceeding and expects the merger to close by December 1999. In December 1997, the two companies announced a stock transaction which would create the largest electric company in the U.S.

The merger between the two companies has taken longer than expected. Brower said the merger is moving slowly because the two companies must receive approval from 11 states as well as several federal regulatory agencies.

The WTU president said he expects no job reductions on the local level. He said to expect some job reductions at the corporate headquarters in Dallas and Tulsa, Oklahoma. Brower said the merger between CSW and AEP will create a stronger company.

Locally, Brower said there are no plans to close the small town WTU offices, including the one in Clyde. Brower said adding merchandise sales in the local WTU offices has helped to keep those offices open. "We will make sure the rural customers are taken care of," Brower said, adding the small commercial and residential customers are the backbone of WTU and its parent company CSW.

On the deregulation front, Brower said there are currently

three bills before the state legislature dealing with electric utility deregulation. He expects the governor to sign some type of deregulation legislation in May.

"All customers will benefit from deregulation," Brower said. He said WTU wants legislation in which all electric companies will be allowed to compete. He said WTU also seeks restructuring for electric companies and to maintain reliability. Another issue WTU favors is allowing electric companies to somehow be paid for its stranded investments. Brower said Central and South West Company has little stranded investments. Stranded investments are electric generation investments electric companies made for the future, which are no longer needed.

Brower said deregulation could alter what electric companies in Texas provide. He said some companies might only generate electricity, while others maintain the wires and still others provide transmission distribution.

The big change caused by electric deregulation is that consumers will be allowed to choose their electric provider, Brower said.

Brower, who has been with Central & South West 23 years, has been president and general manager of WTU for one and one-half years. He has spent the last eight years with WTU at the Abilene headquarters.

## Mabel Falls Halsell Is Just Getting Her Second Wind At Age 95

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH  
Editor

Mabel Halsell was honored with a birthday reception last Saturday, March 13, in her daughter and son-in-law's home, Sue and Ike Neal. Her daughters, Dr. Lou Rodenberger and Sue Neal, hosted the celebration. Many, many friends came by to visit with her and wish her well. She received over fifty birthday cards which brightened her day.

Mabel noted that Yvonne Peavy made her cake, which looked too beautiful to cut. Yvonne remarked that it was the only one she prepared that day and it had to be special because she loved Mrs. Halsell.

Born in Rising Star the daughter of Henry Fletcher Falls and Louisa Weatherman, she graduated from Rising Star High School in May 1922 with the honor of being Valedictorian.

That summer she attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood and attended a Summer Normal Class, in which she took courses preparatory to a Teaching Certificate. She received her certificate in the fall.

Her first teaching position was at Romney School where she met her husband, Carl Halsell. He was the new principal and revealed years later his instant thinking, "There is the girl for me." On December 1, 1923, the couple was married at the Baptist Parsonage in Rising Star by Reverend Joe Nation. Mabel told me they were very loyal to each other. "Losing my husband was the hardest thing I ever had to face," she explained.

Their love for each other blessed them with two daughters, two sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren. She loves her family and is extremely proud of each one.

This union was the beginning of a



MABEL FALLS HALSELL

life of teaching and preaching. Mr. Halsell was a Methodist preacher and taught school, too.

In later years she took correspondence courses, attended Cisco Junior College, McMurry and Abilene Christian. In 1947 she and her late husband received their degrees from Daniel Baker College.

Mrs. Halsell has taught at Kokomo, Okra, Cedar Bluff, Pullitac, Woodson, Dickens and Cross Plains just to mention a few.

She was dedicated to her students and remembers events in such details. She remarked with remorse, "I have had more students to die tragically and early." She was one of those exceptional educators who became involved in her student's lives and made an impact upon them.

She has written "My Saga" in memory of her husband for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Mrs. Halsell has always kept a daily journal and memorable events of each day are recorded. This allowed her to tell the story of her life in depth and accuracy.

Poetry is another love of hers. She has won various contests including Famous Poet of 1996 in the United States. One of her prize-winning poems was limited to one subject "love". The following is her creation:

### WHAT AM I?

ONE WORD WILL ANSWER,  
ONCE WE SEE  
"I AM THAT I AM"  
ALL POWERFUL, ETERNAL  
AND INFINITE  
TO AN ENDLESS DEGREE  
STARS, GALAXIES,  
SATELLITES, SO FREE  
HELPERS, ANGELS A  
LITTLE LOWER THAN  
HE  
THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH  
HE MADE FOR HIMSELF, -  
HIS IMAGE,  
THEN HE COULD SAY,  
"I AM LOVE."  
I JOHN 4:16  
ALSO PSALMS 8

She is unable to attend services at United Presbyterian Church where she once taught a class and played the piano. Mabel still plays the piano. Every Saturday evening she checks in with Eunice Starr and Collis Eager concerning Sunday's class. She is an amazing individual.

My visit with Mrs. Halsell was most interesting and inspiring. Her daily prayer is that God will allow her to keep her eyesight, hearing and walking to an extent with various aids. She noted that He had answered her prayers, too. She said, "God is good. I haven't seen a doctor in a year or two. I just doctor myself." She doesn't even take a prescription drug.

She contributes her long life to God having a hand in everything. She fills her days with reading, researching various subjects and writing. Just this week she began writing once again on her extended

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saga. She writes in long hand and her son-in-law, Dr. Charles Rodenberger compiles it on his computer.

Her enthusiasm to study the Bible and continue to learn daily is impressive. At this time she is studying the first five chapters of the Bible, which she finds fascinating. Her interest lies in the beginning of creation. She wishes she was young enough to be out teaching the Word.

She feels that we are living in the end times. "This generation has more to contend with and decisions to make. There are too many choices," she noted. Mrs. Halsell feels that the 7th Commandment "Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery" has been left out in our teaching of young people. She would like to see this change.

She finds television shocking and "not fit to check in on". The recent scandal concerning President Clinton was a subject she never expected to be covered on television.

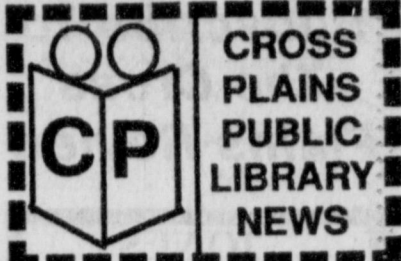
Mrs. Halsell is such a breath of fresh air. Every day is another challenge filled with reading, learning and composing. "I'm up to my neck in what I want to do," Mabel said. What an inspiration to others!

She made this comment about her life, "Everything that has happened came from somewhere else and resulted in something you didn't expect."

Mabel remarked, "I am not quite sure what my purpose in life may be, but I know the Lord had his hand in it."

Her message to everyone is, "No matter what anyone does to you -- love them, and get familiar with the Bible."

It was crystal clear to me why Mrs. Halsell has lived a long and fruitful life -- she has a desire to contribute to the betterment of this world and a strong love for the Lord. She has the ability to inspire you to excel and get excited about living!



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Nancy Lee Ranch	Brownwood	2 Char Hfrs 645 @ 68.50

Weight	Steers Price	Heifers Price	Slaughter Bulls
150-300	80-1.15	80-89	45-52.50
300-400	88-1.03	78-85	Slaughter Cows
400-500	82-1.03	72-85	30-38.50
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