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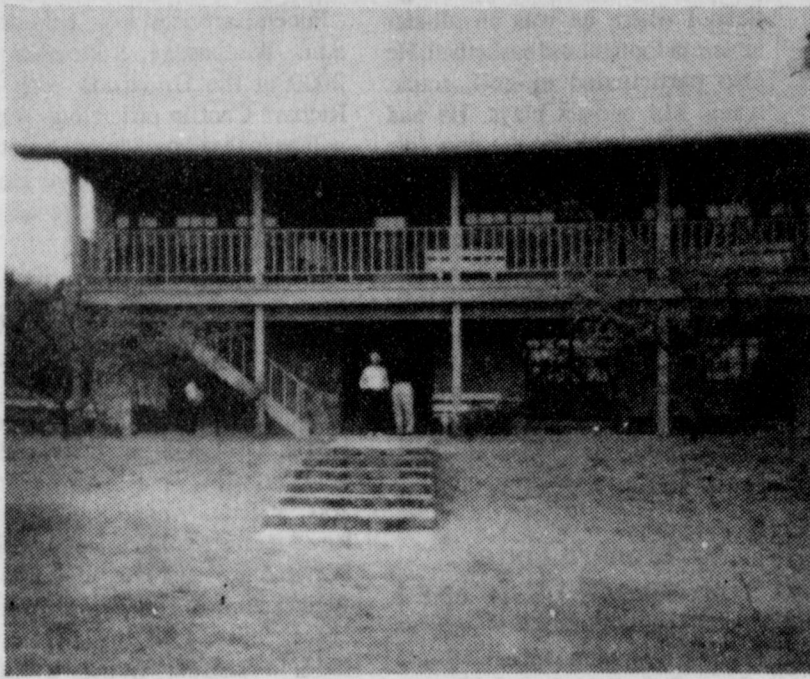


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COME AND VIEW THE TWO STORY HOME OF DRS. CHARLES AND LOU RODENBERGER

A Chance to See the Rodenberger Home

"Halsell Hill" has such a ring to it! The beautiful drive out Farm Road 2228 past the Cottonwood community is a delightful experience in itself. But begin slowing down past Cottonwood because you will want to turn in under the arched entryway that says "Halsell Hill." Drive the winding lane up the hill through the beautiful cedar breads, go past the first house which belonged to the late Mrs. Mabel Halsell, until you reach the home of Drs. Lou and Charles Rodenberger.

Designed by their son-in-law, Keith Wilcox, this large two story home constructed of Comanche County rock and cedar has two front porches across the entire width of the structure. Going into the entry hall, one immediately sees a table which served as the "eating table" for Lou all her life. It was built in the 1920's and her parents bought it second-hand. Other antique pieces grace the home including an elegant buffet!

The large living area is flanked by a stone fireplace at one end and you immediately sense a Southwest theme to the decor with many antiques and art works. Lou says, "Everything we have has a story to it. I may not remember all the stories, but there's definitely a story behind everything!" A favorite you will not want to miss is a bronze sculpture of a frontier woman done by Juan Dell of Santa Fe. Another is the bronze "Cheyenne" by Remington. Over the rock fireplace hangs the painting of an old farm house which Charles commissioned by the artist for one of Lou's Valentine presents. It is the only painting ever done by the artist!

You won't want to miss the framed picture of the famous basketball team of Cottonwood from 1932-33. Mr. Halsell taught school and coached that team! Some items you will want to notice are the beautiful paintings by local artist, Mary Barton, Lou's collection of elephants from all over the world-and it won't take you long to guess that she adores roadrunners!

The downstairs master suite is enhanced by an unusual maple bed frame and over it hangs a painting won at the Cowboy Symposium. From here you will be directed up the stairway where Indian hangings adorn the walls.

Upstairs one will find four more rooms surrounding a comfy living area which is totally lined with books and shagging! Among the features of this room is a wood-burning stove set on a tiled built up area. If one couldn't snuggle up with a good book in this room, it can't be done anywhere! Across the back of the home upstairs are bedrooms. In the first bedroom (described as the kid's room) is

displayed a treasure-a quilt hanging made by Mabel Halsell-an appliqued, quilted scene of "the place, complete with an airplane flying overhead"-a must see! Across the back another bedroom is described as granddaughter, Ashley's room where she often reported to her grandparents that she "saw a monster at night." Surely then she could move into their room to sleep the remainder of the night!

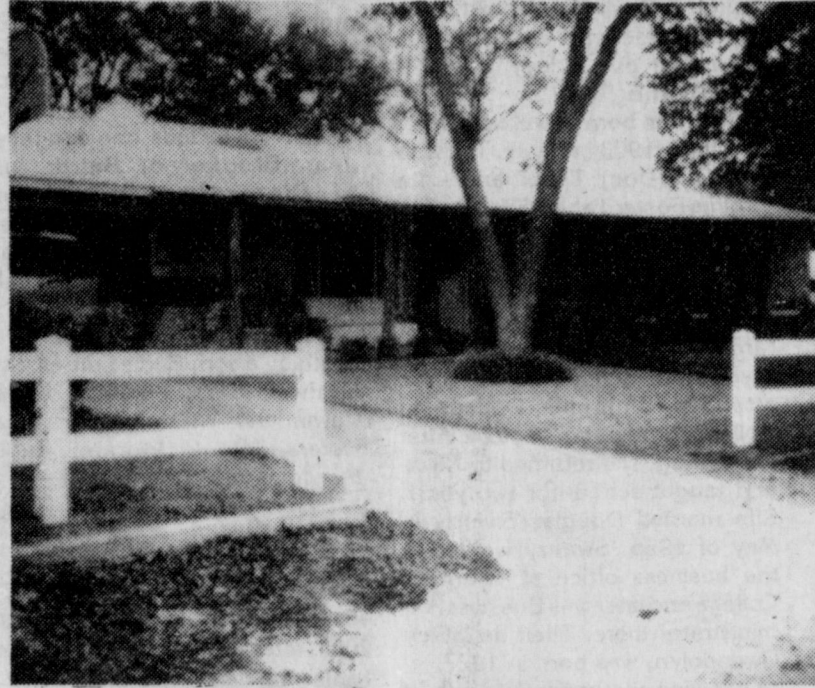
Across the front of the second story is a deck reaching the entire width of the home. Just inside are the office quarters for this couple. One for Charles-which we suggest you may just want to peek into-it looks like the place you'd find someone who is so busy with all his volunteer activities and consulting business! (Wife, Lou, describes it as not being cleaned up in 17 years!) But there are some interesting art works on the walls! On the north side is the office of Lou-the place where she spends many hours writing manuscripts, where she spent at-home time as a English professor at McMurry University and where she wrote her latest book, Texas Women Writers, published this past year by A & M Press. It's no surprise then-that one of her most prized possessions is her antique book cabinet which contains her old and valuable book collection.

Whether you're soaking up the fabulous view of the surrounding counties from the upstairs deck, admiring the art work inside or feeling the comfort of the home of a happy family-this is a home no one wants to leave. It's easy to see why Lou and Charles say, "It's just a big old country home. Our grandchildren have grown up in their visits here. Yes, we've had some very happy memories in this place." And as you leave going up the rock walkway, beyond the rock retaining wall, you will notice a beautiful full-size playhouse. You can almost hear children's laughter coming from it!

Submitted by Mary Ann Chaffin

Attention Parents School Out Early Dec. 5th and 8th

Tuesday, December 5 and Friday, December 8 school will dismiss at 12:30 p.m and buses will run at 12:45 p.m due to Elementary and Junior High UIL literary contests being held at the school on these days.



WELCOME TO THE HOME OF DEAN AND VICKI DILLARD

A Wonderful Blend of Texas and Old West is Shown in the Dillard Home

When as a young boy, Dean Dillard was selling "horned toads" for 5 cents each to a Mr. and Mrs. Rose, he may not have known that he would someday be making his home in the very house they built in the early 1960's. One enters the large great room of the home (living, dining and kitchen) which is furnished with comfortable leather furniture and framed with rough cedar walls. You won't want to miss the authentic, antique horse that was given when Bronc was born or the hand-made, original chandeliers in the rooms. Over the yellow pine cabinets appear the many artistic brands burned into the molding at the ceilings. These

were designed and done by Dean one evening - with Vicki following with a water bottle to try to keep down the smoke!

Past this area is the trophy room with awards won by the Dillard Show Cattle. Don't miss the flagstone flooring of this room with a center stone in the shape of a steer. Going out onto the large patio and across the back yard, you may visit the "bunk house" - former home of son, Rowdy. This unique setting is worth the short walk out.

Back inside the house, Vicki describes the room of young son, Bronc, as being "mostly toys." Then

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CATCH THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT THE HOME OF RICK AND TINA THOMAS

Rick and Tina Thomas Home Will Put You in the Holiday Spirit

"Elegant comfort" describes this recently completed country home. Rick and Tina Thomas have moved the family into their new home - just in time for the holidays.

As you enter through the iron gates and meander up the winding drive, your imagination wanders to what the future will bring in landscaping. Will there be trees lining the drive, or scattered randomly so as not to block the incredible view?

It's obvious when you enter this lovely home that Christmas occupies a very special place in this family's heart. Directly connected to the entry is the Christmas room. This cozy space has been designed to display a beautiful holiday tree. With a 14 foot ceiling, this tree is the "center" of attention! During the rest of the year, this room will be utilized as the parlor. Custom bookcases, warm oak floors and expansive glass overlooking the back yard make it a wonderful space to relax and take it easy.

One of the great features of this new home is the extensive use of a variety of flooring chosen for ease of living.

Upon entering, you immediately step on elegant granite. Looking up in this grand foyer, you will be taken with the black and 24K gold tiles that frame the lovely chandelier. As you move in to the living areas of the home, you encounter slate floors that enhance the warm colors chosen in the decor. Formal rooms have rich oak floors, but a special treat is the mesquite wood floor in Tina's office.

The heart of this home surely is the spacious kitchen and family area. With the V-shaped island, there is plenty of room for both Tina and Rick to cook, something they both enjoy.

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PeeWee Basketball

It's time to get ready!

All parents interested in PeeWee Basketball for 3rd grade - 6th grade boys and girls. There will be a meeting December 7, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Anyone interested needs to attend.

Santa Claus



Santa is coming! When? Friday, December 1. Time? 6 p.m. Where? Well, that depends. If it isn't raining. Santa will be on West 1st Street, south of Citizens State Bank. If it rains, the program will be moved to the gym (look for the crowd). Last week the type of music for the program was not specified. Now we know that the high school band will be there to help with the festive occasion.

Just as was promised, all the program has shaped up. If you are interested in prizes, visit the stores to see which ones are participating. They will have everything ready for you to sign and drop your names in a box. The names drawn will be re-

enter in the drawing for the grand prize. You must be present to win a prize and each person may win only one regular prize. Prizes are donated by individuals, merchants and the Kiwanis Club. Anyone who has participated in the Christmas program knows that the prizes are worth coming for.

Santa has goodies for all children. For a \$1.00 the children may sit on Santa's lap to have a picture made. Grandmothers will like the pictures for Christmas. Both the kids and Santa enjoy this part of the evening.

Bring chairs if you want to sit. Join in and make Santa's visit fun for everyone!

Citizens State Bank and Chamber of Commerce to Sponsor the Children's Christmas Tree

The Citizens State Bank and the Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the children's Christmas Tree. A Christmas tree at the bank will be decorated with snowmen. On the back of each snowman will be written the age, gender and size of a child. Anyone, wishing to purchase a gift for any of these children, please come to the bank and choose a snowman off of the tree. This tree will be placed in the bank December 1st. If you wish to donate money,

please do so at the bank. There is a limit of \$25 dollars for each gift. The bank and the chamber will see that all the gifts are delivered by December 22nd. The Cross Plains Schools will be furnishing the names. If there are other children's names needing to be placed on this list, please call the school at 725-6121 as soon as possible. Please call Sandra Jones at 725-6141, for more information.

Cross Plains Garden Club to Celebrate Forty Years

The Cross Plains Garden Club was organized in 1960 and now in the year 2000 we are observing forty years with a celebration at the Senior Citizen Center on Main Street, on December 2 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Some highlights: Mrs. L. C. Claborn was the first president. Since that first group of "garden clubbers" organized, a number of its members went on to serve as officers in District VIII and in District VIII Council of Judges. Also Mrs. J. P. McCord and Mrs. Leo Franke served as officers on the State Level.

When it was first organized the members met in members homes, then moved on to meet in City Hall Building. Then they purchased the Southside Mission Building and remodeled it and used it for a number of years until they sold it. Since that time their meetings have been held in the Multi Purpose Building.

The membership has maintained a steady interest in growing horticulture, and staging flower shows.

The club contributes to a District VIII Scholarship Fund.

On the local level the nursing home is provided a Christmas Tree and a reception for Open House.

The E.M.S., Fire Department and Library all non-profit organization,

have benefitted from contributions from the organization.

Working with young children in making designs to be exhibited in conjunction with the the clubs flower show was another aspect of promoting gardening.

Designs were placed in different stores throughout the town was another undertaking of the club to promote interest.

More recently at the end of the club year a guided tour of lawns and gardens in the town and surrounding areas - promoting interest in vegetable gardening as well as beautifying your landscape was especially enjoyed by the members.

So things stay the same, "Beautify the Spot Where You Are" is the garden clubbers motto.

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COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

BY LINDA MERRITT

The residents had a great time at their birthday party. We had some fine singing and guitar playing from Dorothy and James Reynolds. Everyone enjoyed cake and punch.

Well with Thanksgiving out of the way, Christmas is just around the corner, the year 2000 will soon be over and I think we now have a new president - or do we?

Thoughts and prayers for Ralph Lee who is in the hospital.

Blackie Reynolds reports that he went to Bridgeport to see a brother that he had not seen or heard of for 40 years, thinking all this time he was dead. He was so proud and happy that they found him.

Appreciation to Peggy Stallings for the pies and to Kitty Propest for the Turkeys.

Calvin Champion from San Angelo, Ethel Champion visited with Jessie Casey.

Nena Alvarado, Luke and Sam McKenzie visited with Carl McKenzie.

Cecil and Norma Wilson, Doris Goble visited with Delilah Goble.

Allison McGowen from Austin and Daniel McGowen visited with Raymond McGowen.

George and Mary Dawson from Tuscola, Bethany Parker and Beth Meador visited with Nan Stiles.

Roger and Michelle Rudloft from Mansfield visited with Louise Richardson.

Richard Schwengel and family from Denver, CO, Joan Schwengel, Dossie Kelly from Washington, IA., visited with Doris Adams.

Michael Curry and Deborah Griswold from Hawley visited with Deen Haddox.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were: Falba Shofner, Maxine Crisp, Minnie Swann and Vera Belyeu (2). Singing with Dorothy Reynolds.

Tuesday: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games. Birthday party.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Exercise class.

Thursday: Manicures. Ball toss.

Friday: Bingo winners were: Delilah Goble, Maxine Crisp, Vera Belyeu, Falba Shofner and Jessie Casey. Popcorn. Skip-Bo games.

Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist
God is good, yes he is - he's not good part of the time, he's good all the time.

PIONEER NEWS

Several of the quilting ladies met together Tuesday. We finished Trish's "Barn Door." We will be working on Charlene's "Star." Several of the ladies were ill and some had Thanksgiving to work on. We missed them and hopefully they will be back soon. Laverne Hutton is hosting our Christmas Party, December 5th. Several of the ladies will be attending the Rehab Brunch on Saturday.

The Hutton bunch all gathered at Cowan and Laverne's house after church Sunday night for a stew and cornbread supper and the singing of Gospel songs afterwards. Those attending were Lynn and Pam and children; Scott and Samantha; Danny and Trish and son Anthony; J.D. and Sandy; Jamie and Mary and children, Janecia, Jesse and Shemiah; Tabitha and Micheal and daughter, Laren; Tamara and Payton and daughter, Racheal; Shanna and son, Dodge.

Earlene Burge and Bobby Brown

drove to Brownwood Sunday afternoon for the "Lightcrust Doughboys" performance at Mims Auditorium, presented by the Arts Council. They had a wonderful program which we, and an auditorium full, fully enjoyed. One afternoon a couple who were bicycling across America stopped at Earlene's house to spend the night. They put up their tent and got ready for the night. They came inside to have hot chocolate and cake. They were interesting and interested in our country. They were Yolanda and Rene' Mussin from the Netherlands.

Everyone needs to drive out to see the beautiful trees. They will not stay that way long. The countryside is aflame with color. Gods handy work.

We are very proud of the Buffaloes and the Wildcats efforts in the football season this year. Now, it's time for some "basketball." Let us go out to support our community teams. See you next time.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

BY KAY MOSLEY

"Have You Lost Your Marbles?"

Well, have you? To tell you the absolute truth some days I'm not too sure but what I may have lost "ALL MY MARBLES!"

Other days though, my answer might be "No, I've not lost my marble but I've lost everything else!"

To name just a few, I've many times lost my temper, from time to time I've lost time, I've lost relatives and friends through death, I've lost my train of thought, I've lost some arguments (just a few, mind you), I've lost pets and some folks probably think I've lost my mind, from time to time. However, I will say one thing, if you should find some lost marbles rolling around, you might bring them by so I can check because you never do know---it just might be some of my marbles.

Just be careful as you go through life and try, really try not to lose your perspective, your sense of humor, your wallet, nor your sense of self-worth.

Sometimes though I guess it doesn't hurt to lose some of your nicknames. When I was a baby, I had all kinds of nicknames from "tater peelin's", "sack of rotten taters", to "droopy drawers"; and these were just the ones from my two grandfathers, another nickname applied to me when I was young was "Katydid."

My sister had her share of nicknames also. Her name was Ann

and she had brown eyes. They called her "Anniegal" and "two burned holes in a bed-blanket", (for her brown eyes).

I've often wondered why some folks name their children and then never call them by their name. They call 'em every thing else, but!

I've always been glad I wasn't a boy; especially after Mama told me what she had planned to name me had I been a boy---Jarvis Eugene---I laughed when she told me that and I think it hurt her feelin's. I said Mama, that sounds like a butlers' name.

I knew one girl named Norma Kay, but she was always called Toby. The story was they called her Toby because they wanted a boy.

After I married I told my husband if we had a boy I wanted to name him Jasper and my husband said "Yeah, and everybody'll call him ROCKHEAD. Well, that sure took one name off my list in a hurry.

It's after midnight so I guess I better "hang it up, Charlie", cause I'm getting a bad case of "Winkin', Blinkin', and Nodin", so I better get some shut-eye; like Rip Van Winkle!

Speaking of Rip Van Winkle, I've often wondered if they made a mistake on his name. I'll wager that they took his name off his gravemarker and that his name was just Van Winkle, and the RIP was before his name indicative of Rest in Peace! See RIP=R. I. P.= Rest in Peace.

On that cheerful note, 'Til next time-- "C" "U" !!!!!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing this letter on behalf of a project that should interest most residents of Callahan County and especially the long time residents.

This project will be the Callahan County Heritage Museum of Ranching and Rodeo. As a spokesman for the Steering Committee getting the project underway people should know how they can help. The project will start in the very historic Old Jail building behind the County Courthouse.

Contacts about the project can be made at the Baird Chamber of Commerce office at 854-2003 located in the Railroad Depot, Lyman Brigham at 854-5952 or 893-2595. Also, Horace Hatfield 854-1474.

Restoration with security protection will start soon.

Tax deductible donations of money or materials can be made at and through the Chamber of Commerce office as this is already set in place to function.

The County Commissioners have already unanimously approved this project at a regular meeting.

So, lets get behind this project and have another great added volunteer attraction for Callahan County and preserve more of the very interesting and sometime little known colorful history of this area.

Lyman H. Brigham
Baird, Texas

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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Here's an excellent poem, entitled "Two Cripples." by that very famous author, "Unknown."

Two cripples entered a church one day;
Crippled-but each in a different way;
One had a body strong and whole-
But it sheltered a warped and twisted soul.
The other walked with a halting gait,
But his soul was "tall and fair and straight."

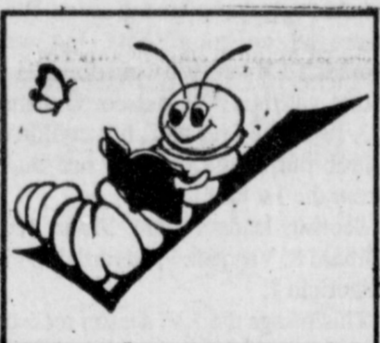
They shared a pew and they shared a book-
But on each face was a different look;
One was alight with hope and joy,
And faith that nothing could destroy.
The other joined not in prayer or hymn,
No smile relaxed his features grim.

His neighbor had wronged him, his heart was sore,
He thought of himself and nothing more.
The words that were read from the Holy Book,
Struck deafened ears and a forlorn look.
To one came comfort-his soul was fed,
The other gained nothing from what was said.

Two cripples left the church that day,
Crippled-but each in a different way;
A twisted foot did one body mar,
But a twisted soul was sadder far.

I believe the person who wrote this poem had read Jesus' parable, Luke 18:9-14, and other of Hister's teaching. We believe the church is "a hospital for those who need comfort," not "a hotel for those who 'have arrived.'" Come and worship with us as we seek God's healing...

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



Hi! I hope all of you had a happy Thanksgiving. I know that all of us in this area have much to be thankful for: wonderful rains, sunshine and the best people in the world. Yes, and some of those people have intentions of writing for the library's "Writing for Fun." We're hoping they all remember that December 15 is the deadline. Remember, that can be essays, short stories or poetry. A person can write all three. Just get them to the library. Remember, the library is open from 9 to 5, five days a week. Hope to hear from a lot of you.

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WEDNESDAY--BBQ Chicken, Augratin Potatoes, Broccoli, Cherry Cobbler, Bread, Milk
THURSDAY--Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Peas & Carrots, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Cookie, Garlic Bread, Milk
FRIDAY--Chef Salad, Ham, Cheese, Egg, Baked Potato, Cheesecake, Crackers, Milk

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

SCHOOL MENU

**December 4- December 8
BREAKFAST**
MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY--French Toast, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY--Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY--Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice

LUNCH
MONDAY--Chicken Patty on Bun, Pickles, Salad, Chips, Cake
TUESDAY--Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Honey
WEDNESDAY--Fiesta Salad, Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Cheese, Rice, Salad, Pineapples
THURSDAY--Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Crackers, Rosey Applesauce
FRIDAY--Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Fries, Rice Krispies

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CROSS PLAINS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2000-2001

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	TEAMS
11/30-12/2	Blanket Tourney	TBA	VG, VB
11/30-12/2	May J.V. Tourney	TBA	JVG, JVB
12/5	Zephyr	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/7-9	Cross Plains Tourney	TBA	VG, VB
12/12	Bryson	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/15	Miles	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/19	At Hico	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
12/21	At Winters	TBA	JVB, VB
12/28-30	Bangs Holiday Tourney	TBA	VG, VB
1/2	Goldthwaite	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/5	At Ranger	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/9	Gordon	4:00	JVG, FRB, VG, JVB
1/9	At Hawley	6:30	VB
1/12	Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/16	At May	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/19	Baird	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/20	Roby J.V. Tourney	TBA	JVG, JVB
1/23	Ranger	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/26	At Gordon	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
1/30	At Gorman	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
2/2	May	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
2/6	At Baird	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB



KITCHENS RUNS THE BALL WITH THE HELP OF A FEW BLOCKERS



BUFFALO SENIORS - T.J. Harris (front, from left), Nicholas Dimitri, Jennifer Turner (Senior Cheerleader), Kyle Wilson, Scott Mackey, Cory Phillips and Chris Kitchens; L.D. Whitehead (Back, from left), Landon Hill, Nathan Hawkins, Roger Carey, Brandon Gilliam, Cody Reed, Jared Nowell, Jake Merryman, Seth Potter and George Mathews.

Varsity Football Boys Finish as Bi-District Champs All-District Selections for District 12-A Named

By Coach Woerner

We would like to thank everyone for their support and enthusiasm during our season. These boys worked hard and had a great attitude all year. We are very proud of all our kids.

All-District Selections District 12-A 2000

1st Team Offense:

R.B. - Scott Mackey
 Chris Kitchens
 Rec - Cody Reed

T.E. - Joseph Dillard
 Center - L.D. Whitehead
 O.L. - Roger Carey
 Landon Hill
 Cory Phillips

1st Team Defense:

Co-MVP - Tony Beggs
 D.B. - Nicholas Dimitri
 Nathan Hawkins
 L.B. - Scott Mackey
 N.G. - Jared Nowell
 D.L. - Matt Nickerson
 Seth Potter
 D.E. - Joseph Dillard
 Punter - Scott Mackey

2nd Team Offense:

R.B. - Tony Beggs
 T.E. - Nathan Hawkins
 O.L. - Kevin Wilson

2nd Team Defense:

D.B. - T.J. Harris
 L.B. - Charlie Rogers
 D.L. - George Mathews
 D.E. - Cody Reed

Honorable Mention:

D.B. - Brandon Gilliam
 Josh Hopkins
 Q.B. - Tim Butler

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Junior Varsity Lady Buffaloes Season Record Now 2-2

By Coach Cavender

On Monday 20, we traveled to Miles to play the Lady Bulldogs. We had an excellent offensive game scoring 17 field goals with 7 different players contributing to the final score of the 36-19 over the Lady Bulldogs. We had a slow 1st quarter scoring only 4 points, but picked it up scoring 32 over the next 3 quarters.

Leading the offensive attack was Winfrey 10, Dillard 9, Nixon 5, Mauricio 4, Parker 4, Vasquez 2, Rivard 2.

On the following night we hosted DeLeon and fell by the score of 43-33. The 2nd quarter hurt us, with C.P. only scoring 2 points. We couldn't get the ball to fall for us. We were taking good shots, but we couldn't convert. We were down 25-10 at halftime. We outscored them 23-18 in the 2nd half, but couldn't climb out of the hole we had dug from the 1st half.

Scoring leaders were Nixon 10, Dillard 8, Vasquez 7, Rivard 6, and Mauricio 2.

This brings the J.V. season record to 2-2 early in the young season. The girls will be participating in The J.V. Tourney at May November 30 and December 1 and 2.

Cross Plains Jr. High Lady Buffaloes Beat Ranger in Two Games

By Coach Dillard

The Jr. High girls traveled over to Ranger on Monday, November 27.

The young ladies played two very fun and exciting games.

In the first game Cross Plains took off with a fast lead (16-2) by the end of the 1st quarter.

All of the girls played a big part in this victory, Cross Plains 44-Ranger 4.

Team Scorers: Norris 18, Vasquez 12, Duran 4, Hutton 4, Bacon 2, Carpenter 2, Hutchins 2, other members Isbell and Wells.

The second game started out at a slower pace with Cross Plains (16-2) lead at halftime. In the 3rd quarter the girls scored 18 points as they worked on their press, this caused Ranger to have a scoreless quarter.

The final score was Cross Plains 46-Ranger 4.

Team Scorers: Edington 20, Mack 6, Clark 6, Callaway 4, Bennett 4, Richards 4, Ross 2, other members were Phillips and Hail.

The girls showed improvement in finding an open person, stealing the ball, playing a strong defense, and more of their shots fell in the HOOP! Both teams worked well together and all the girls had a part in these victories.

The next game for the Jr. High girls will be Monday, December 4 at Brownwood.

Varsity Lady Buffs Win Over Miles and DeLeon

By Coach Cavender

We had two wins this week against Miles and DeLeon. Both were undefeated coming into play with records of 3-0. We are playing a tougher schedule this year and we feel like the competition will help us improve through the course of the season.

We defeated Miles by the score of 44-29. Miles was averaging over 60 points per game and we were very pleased with our defensive effort. We got into some early foul trouble and Shena, Judith and Dani did a great job picking us up when we needed it on both ends of the floor. Candice had a great game on offense hitting 50% from the floor and scoring 18 in the game.

Also contributing to the winning effort were Jennifer 8, Amanda 5, Dani 4, Judith 3, Tessa 2, Shena 2 and Amber 2.

The following evening we shut down a good offensive group from

DeLeon winning the game by a score of 54-36. Our intense defense never let DeLeon get on track offensively and we used that defense to create easy baskets on the offensive end.

All eight players again contributed to the scoring with Candice 14, Jennifer 9, Dani 8, Amber 8, Tessa 11, Amanda 3, Judith 1 and Sheena contributed with several key passes for easy baskets in the assist column.

This brings our record to 3-1 several weeks into the season.

The girls and boys will travel to Friddy on Tuesday and then begin play in the Blanket Tourney on Thursday, November 30 at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm with play continuing on Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2.

The following week we will host Zephyr on December 5, with 4 games. Then we will begin our own Cross Plains Caddo Peak Tourney on December 7, 8, and 9.

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A total of 28 students from this area are included in the 34th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000*.

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

The 34th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000*, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 750,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 14,000,000 high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in

the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, visit www.honoring.com.

Local students selected include:

Cross Plains:

Beatrice Bell, Roger Carey, Nicholas Dimitri, Jacob W. Easterling, Candice Francy, Alisa D. Hail, Tami L. Hall, Jennifer Hartman, Judith R. Hartman, Robert L. Hill, Ashlee Hutchins, Walker J. Kyle, Meghann J. Lewis, Danielle Marion, Jake D. Merryman, Mary Jo Nickerson, Aaron Norris, John W. Peters, Cody L. Reed, Melinda J. Richardson, Brandi Richey, Charlie T. Rogers, Shane Sharpe, Erin Stephens, Shena Thomas, Jaden Winfrey, Tessa Wyatt, Toni M. Wyatt.

Semester Exam Schedule Set

By Jennifer Hartman

Semester exams are scheduled for the 18th, 19th and 20th of December. There will be review days on the 14th and 15th. All students are required to attend exams unless they meet exemption requirements. Students only have to show up to the final or finals they must take. The tests will be one and one-half hours long and students must remain for the full testing period. However, a

student may leave campus after his final test with a note. If a student must take an exam, it is mandatory that he or she attend the study hall period scheduled before the test. Lunch will be served all three days at 12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. The buses will run at 2:40 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, but they will run at 12:50 on Wednesday. Students who do not have transportation home after their exams will be assigned to Mr. Wilson in the gym.

TIME:	MONDAY 18	TUESDAY 19	WEDNESDAY 20
8:00-8:55	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall
9:00-10:30	Test, Period 1	Test, Period 2	Test, Period 7
10:35-10:50	Break	Break	Break
10:55-12:25	Test, Period 3	Test, Period 4	Test, Period 8
12:30-12:55	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00-2:30	Test, Period 5	Test, Period 6	12:50 Buses Run
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Congressman Stenholm accepting intern applications

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congressman Charlie Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 2001 Omar Burleson Intern Program in Washington, D.C. The Honorable Omar Burleson represented the 17th Congressional District for 32 years.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by January 5, 2001, to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operations of the Congressman's office and assist the legislative staff in a variety of projects.

The internship program is open to college students from the 17th Congressional District, or those attending college inside the District. Also eligible are local elemen-

tary and secondary school teachers and administrators. Interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Annette Wilson in the Stamford district office at 915-773-3623, from Congressman Stenholm's web page www.house.gov/stenholm or by writing the Omar Burleson Intern Foundation, P.O. Box 1057, Stamford, TX 79553.

Applications are due by January 5, 2001, and will then be forwarded to the Selection Committee, who will notify finalists by February 16, 2001. Interviews will be held in Abilene on March 17, 2001, and selections will be announced following a luncheon hosted by the Omar Burleson Foundation with Congressman Stenholm in attendance.

Rowden Community Holiday Dinner to be held on Dec. 2

The Rowden Community is planning a "Rowden Holiday Dinner" for Saturday, December 2, 2000 beginning at 6:00 pm.

The dinner will be held at the Rowden Baptist Church on Highway 36 at Rowden (12 miles west of Cross Plains).

Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish and come join in the food and fun!

There will be lots of visiting, games of dominos, 42, and singing Christmas Carols.

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Home on the range...

Next Thanksgiving, I plan to cook the traditional turkey in a new oven. The one I've used for baking and roasting the past five years has a different plan for its life than I do.

Our opinions clash. I think it should cook Thanksgiving dinner. It wants the whole week off.

A few days before Thanksgiving, I threw together a Pineapple Upside Down Cake for Puddin's birthday. She's now way into the 30-some-things, and insists she's ready to start counting backwards, or quit counting at all. But I can't let my firstborn sneak past 40 without making a public fuss.

Gathering all the ingredients and a new cake pan, I mixed up Puddin's favorite cake. MyKeeper held the mixer while the second hand ticked twice around the dial so I could scoot around the kitchen draining pineapple and scooping brown sugar into the bottom of the pan.

With the cake in the oven, I wrapped birthday presents last minute as usual. The spicy aroma floated down the hall and past my nose.

A few minutes later, the fragrance smelled singed. It couldn't be! Not even the minimum baking time had elapsed. I ran out to the kitchen. The cake was burned. Charcoal black blanketed the whole top of the beautiful white cake.

I took it out of the oven and peeled off the charred crust. Underneath was cake batter, a whole pan full of raw, oozing, unbaked cake batter!

Examination of the oven showed the bottom heating element was out. The top element must have

worked doubletime to burn the cake so quickly.

The wrapped presents were a party hit, but the cake was a shambles. Puddin' said she appreciated the thought, and the fact that it was going to be one of her favorite cakes.

After the birthday celebration, I got to thinking. The oven quit working last year about this same time. Turkey dinner was rescued by carrying it to Puddin's oven, which agreed to work overtime that day. We detected a pattern developing. The oven had done the same thing the year before, and even the first year we were here in Texas.

It appears my strong willed oven set a precedent when we moved in, and can't see any reason to change it. This oven does not work the Thanksgiving holiday. It walks off the job, giving no prior notice.

The way it is, at least I know when it's Thanksgiving. If I have a new oven by next year, there's the possibility the whole Thursday holiday could slip by and I'd never know it.

I'm determined, though. I'm ready to put the aging oven out to pasture with no health benefits, no back pay, and no golden parachute to cushion its fall off the tailgate of the pickup.

I'm going to send it out to pasture like an old horse — retire it to a home out by the rusty old range.

p.s. — I know, I know. Re "Tank-ing Up in Texas," it's true butterflies don't spin a chrysalis to lay their eggs. I didn't mean to transpose the process of metamorphosis. I must have been sleep-writing.
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MR. AND MRS. RICHARD SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Richard and Pauline Smith celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary November 19, 2000 at 2 p.m. hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Kihlberg at their home in Abilene.

Richard was born April 19, 1922, in Wilson, Oklahoma. The former Pauline Webb was born May 8, 1924 in Roscoe. They met in Quannah and were married November 22, 1940. During their marriage they have lived in Chillicothe, Sweetwater, Costa Mesa, CA, Santa Ana, CA, Abilene and now reside in Cottonwood.

Mr. Smith served in World War II

with the army in the Philippines, and New Guinea and was training for a beach head landing in Japan just before the end of the war. They had predicted a 60 percent casualty rate. Mr. Smith worked in the field of auto body repair and was a foreman for Arrow Ford formerly Western Chevrolet of Abilene.

The Smiths are members of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. They have three children, Sandra Wheeler of Abilene, Larry K. Smith of Oplin, and Vickie Kihlberg of Abilene, six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Dillard — you enter daughter, Jennifer's room, which was originally a green house. Her room is as feminine as Bronc's is "little kid masculine." Done in pale greens, it looks like what you would expect any pretty young teens abode to look!

Vicki says, "We've done a few new things to the house every year since we lived here. It's truly a work-in-progress." The latest improvement made is the master bath. The huge walk-in shower is a "must-see" with one wall of glass tile blocks. The vanity cabinet has tree-limb shaped pulls with a huge cowhide framed mirror. The antique-look light fixtures add a great touch to this unique room in which the western theme is artfully pulled together with Vicki's collection of unique crosses and angel statuary. She would especially like people to see the tile cross molded into the wall which was designed by Dean.

Finally the master bedroom has numerous items of interest - the most significant piece of furniture may be the king size log post bed. But the large armoire with the cowhide front set against the cedar walls will catch your eye too. It and several other tables were created in Zephyr.

And finally, as you leave this home, pause for a moment on the long front porch and take in some of the

comforts and humor found in this area.

This home of the Dean and Vicki Dillard family expresses their love of Texas, its art, the Old West and the "good country life." Whether it's the cornice boards over windows made of cowhides, or the hat rack made of deer feet and antlers - you will be fascinated and intrigued with this very comfortable and interesting home!

Thomas —

The black granite island is a great place to pull up a chair and visit while these chefs create their culinary masterpieces, or for the kids to do their homework while waiting for dinner. Highlighted here is the custom cabinetry built by Rick and Ronnie Scott on site. A floor to ceiling bookcase holds numerous trophies and awards won by the children, as well as some of their favorite books and keepsakes.

The children's bedrooms showcase their individual personalities. Tina says it was great fun letting them pick out their own colors and decors. The Jack and Jill bathroom reflects imagination—not to be overlooked!

No specific details will be given in this article other than to note the rich cabinet and emerald green colors that enhance the luxury of the master suite. This area must be seen to be appreciated. Make sure to ask about the glorious sunrises seen from these windows!

As I toured the home with Rick and Tina, they reminisced about the years that they have planned for this dream home. From collecting wood and other building materials given to them from jobs that Rick has worked on, to storing the materials at Tina's folks, the joy in realizing their dream shines through. When asked about the location, style and size of their dream home, they replied that they had lived in small houses most of their married lives. They love living in the country, but wanted more space and a more contemporary style of home.

Building it has been a family affair; Rick's cousin, Bart Conroy drew the plans, and Tina's brother, Ricky was responsible for the slab and framing. With 3540 square feet of living space, energy efficiency was of paramount importance. This all electric home features three heat pumps and circulating hot water system. There is a 3 stage filtering system for the water, with reverse osmosis at the kitchen sink. The walls are twelve inches thick, and there are no windows on the east and west sides of the structure. An additional 1460 square feet is devoted to the garage and porches.

Many, many more features that could not be included in this article are waiting to be seen when visiting the Thomas' during the Christmas Tour of Homes.

Mark it down! December 2, 2000 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Parr

Happy Birthday!

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Cheryl (Franke) Hollis
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| DECEMBER 2
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Rex Lee Beggs
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Benny Callaway
Darrell Collier
Jessica Hernandez
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Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell
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Jeremy Box
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Christmas in Potosi Features Clyde Duo

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Jubilee of Moro, Texas, June Park & Jane Dement from Clyde, Macedonia Baptist Church Choir of Abilene, Potosi Bells, a number of Methodist and Baptist soloists, "and if that isn't enough, maybe a few surprises." The Potosi Methodist Church is a 1906 Victorian structure one block from the intersection of Potosi Road and FM 1750. For information, please call: 676-8321 or 692-3681.

Judging is Taking Place Saturday Dec. 16 for Christmas Lights

Yes, word is out, Santa Claus is "surfing," checking and making his list of stops for the 2000 holiday season. Lets make Cross Plains so attractive that we will be number one on his list.

Prizes will, again this year, be awarded for the best decorated home and business. Judging for both will

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<p>BAR 5 RNCH, ASPERMONT 6 3-4 YR OLD HRED HFRD CWS @ \$660.00 5 SHRT MLUH BRED HFRD CWS @ \$540.00</p> <p>MILES MADDOX, J/BORO 6 ANGS STRS 560# @ \$94.00 4 ANGS HFRS 392# @ \$114.00</p> <p>MORRIS LEDBETTER EST, ABILENE 3 HRFRD STRS 340# @ \$113.00 4 HRFRD HFRS 236# @ \$137.00</p> <p>W & W RNCH, DENTON 8 BLK STRS 529# @ \$109.00 11 BLK HFRS 476# @ \$95.00</p> <p>WAYNE WIENECKE, TOLAR 1275 BLKW PR @ \$735.00 1160# BLK PR @ \$700.00</p> <p>DANNY SIMPSON, GRAHAM 5 BLK STRS 436# @ \$104.00 4 BLK STRS 365# @ \$124.00</p> <p>JACK BIRDWELL, PALO PINTO 505# BLK STR @ \$104.00 3 RED STRS 665# @ \$88.50</p> <p>DON GEORGE, IRVING 1050# BLKW HFR HFR @ \$730.00 970# BLK BRED HFR @ \$720.00</p>	<p>REPRESENTATIVE SALES DAVID MARR, M/WELLS 645# BLK STR @ \$90.00 480# BLK STR @ \$108.00</p> <p>HOLUB CTL, SEYMOUR 505# BLK STR @ \$92.00 475# BLK STR @ \$111.00</p> <p>PHIL TAYLOR, B/RIDGE 430# REDW BULL @ \$114.00 380# BLK HFR @ \$115.00</p> <p>MITCHELL BROS RNCH, BRYSON 1315# PKR BULL @ \$54.00 1285# CTR COW @ \$44.00</p> <p>FRED SHARP, HENRIETTA 545# BLKW HFR @ \$94.00 400# BLKW STR @ \$117.50</p> <p>GIBBS FARMS, OLNEY 455# REDW HFR @ \$97.50 615# BLK BULL @ \$85.00</p> <p>DON STEVENS, M/WELLS 1815# PKR BULL @ \$52.00 1420# CTR COW @ \$37.00</p> <p>R.A. BROWN RNCH, MORRISON 1310# CTR COW @ \$41.50 1345# HFRETTE @ \$48.00</p>	<p>HARVEY CLINTON, GRAHAM 365# RED HFR @ \$107.50 410# RED HFR @ \$113.00</p> <p>BROWDER OIL CO, W/FORD 380# BLK HFR @ \$109.00 405# RED HFR @ \$98.00</p> <p>RICHARD WILSON, ALBANY 365# BLKW BULL @ \$117.00 370# CHAR BULL @ \$126.00</p> <p>S.G. OLIVER RNCH, W/FALLS 620# BLKW HFR @ \$85.00 590# BLK HFR @ \$89.00</p> <p>CURTIS BASS, SEYMOUR 385# REDW STR @ \$110.00 465# RED STR @ \$97.00</p> <p>JOHN BELL, ARCHER CITY 535# RED STR @ \$102.00 605# BLK HFR @ \$85.00</p> <p>BEN BUERGER, ARCHER CITY 820# BLK BULL @ \$74.00 470# BLK BULL @ \$98.00</p> <p>SOUTH CAMPSEY CTL, J/BORO 1225# HRED BLKW COW @ \$70.00 1325# FAT COW @ \$39.00</p>
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