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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Bill Pope of the Atwell Community brought me the following information. It is a very interesting obituary that you will all relate to. In my opinion it demonstrates how ridiculous today's world has become. See what you think?  
Vanda Anderson Creech

"The Death of An Old Friend—Common Sense"

By Marcus Gilstrap  
San Angelo

Today we mourn the passing of an old friend—Common Sense. Common Sense lived a long life but died in the United States from heart failure on the brink of the new millennium. No one really knows how old he was, since his birth records long ago were lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He selflessly devoted his life to service in schools, hospitals, homes and factories, helping folks get jobs done without fanfare and foolishness.

For decades, petty rules, silly laws and frivolous lawsuits held no power over Common Sense. He was credited with cultivating such valued lessons as knowing when to come out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn), reliable parenting strategies (the adults are in charge, not the kids) and it's OK to come in second.

A veteran of the Industrial Revolution, the Great Depression and the Technological Revolution, Common Sense survived trends including body piercing, whole language and "new math". But his health declined when he became infected with the "If-it-only-helps-one-person-it's-worth-it" virus.

In recent decades his waning strength proved no match for the ravages of well-intentioned but overbearing regulations. He watched in pain as good people became ruled by self-seeking lawyers. His health rapidly deteriorated when school endlessly implemented zero-tolerance policies.

Reports of a 6 year-old charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teen suspended for taking a swig of mouthwash after lunch and teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

His health declined even further when schools had to get parental consent to administer Aspirin to a student but could not inform the parent when a female student was pregnant or wanted an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost his will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, criminals received better treatment than victims and federal judges stuck their noses in everything from the Boy Scouts to professional sports.

Finally, when a woman, too stupid to realize that a steaming cup of coffee purchased at a restaurant was hot, was awarded a huge settlement, Common Sense threw in the towel.

As the end neared, Common Sense drifted in and out of logic but was kept informed of developments regarding questionable regulations such as those for low-flow toilets, rocking chairs and stepladders.

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## Shiloh Quartet in Concert at First Baptist

On Sunday, December 8, the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains will host an evening of Southern Gospel Music at its finest when it opens its door for **The Shiloh Quartet** in concert beginning at 6 p.m.

The Shiloh Quartet has blessed the lives of all that have heard their music. Not only do their incredibly tight harmonic voices make for an outstanding concert, their songs, ministry and lives are centered on the theme of God's infinite grace, love and mercy.

Considered to be one of the premier groups "on the rise" in the world of Southern Gospel music, The Shiloh Quartet came together in 1995, and has its roots in Arlington, Texas. All four men have been active members of the same church, Pleasantview Baptist in Arlington, and have long since garnered the respect and support from their home congregation which sends them out as "singing missionaries" to the world. As their pastor D.L. Moody states, "They are men who believe and live the message which they sing about." Their desire from the beginning has been to spread the Gospel of Christ far beyond their state's borders. God has indeed given them a ministry that has reached far beyond Texas' borders! Their selection, and subsequent journey, to perform at various ministry programs at the 2002 Summer Olympics in Sydney Australia is a testimony to that.

In 1999 the group competed at

the nationally acclaimed National Quartet Convention, in Louisville, Kentucky where they place 6th out of 64 entries. They've also appeared with such noted artists as The Crabb Family, The Hoppers, The Dove Brothers Quartet, The Greens, The Bishops, The Isaacs, The Talley Trio, Woody Wright and many others. This year they will again be appearing and doing several showcases at the National Quartet Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky.

At most of the Shiloh's concerts, the audience is treated to traditional and contemporary Southern Gospel arrangements. They're also given a dose of some "zany" humorous songs as well because, as they put it "God loves it when His people laugh and enjoy themselves!" The group performs familiar hymns such as "I Bowed on My Knees" along with several original songs from their current project. Songs like "I Wanna Know", "Great Day" and "The Message Will Go On"—songs that not only appeal to a wide age ranged audience, but have climbed the Southern Gospel charts, and have become a listening favorite on radio stations across the country. This evening of music and laughter is one the whole family will enjoy, so mark your calendar and plan to join **First Baptist Church** for an evening you won't soon forget!

The concert is free to the public with a love offering to be taken during the concert.

## Graveside Services Held Tuesday for Former Burkett Postmaster, Freeda Burkett

Mrs. Freeda May Burkett, 86, of Farmington, Missouri, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2002. Graveside funeral services were held in Burkett Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2002, at the pavilion with interment to follow, under the direction of Walker Funeral Home of Coleman.

Freeda was born April 19, 1916 in Cross Plains, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William and Ida Freeman.

Freeda was married to the late Mr. Merrell Burkett in Burkett on August 22, 1940. He preceded her in death in 1974. She later married Mr. Virgil Burkett in

Cross Plains and they had lived in Farmington, Missouri for several years.

She was a graduate of Burkett High School and served as postmaster for the Burkett Post Office from 1940 until 1979. Freeda wrote the Burkett News column for the *Cross Plains Review* for many years. She was also very active in the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association when she resided in Burkett. She was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include her husband, Virgil Burkett of Farmington, Missouri; and foster daughter, Karen Elaine Sitzer-Garland of New Braunfels.

## Have Your Home and Business Decorated for Upcoming Contest

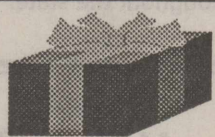
The annual Christmas decorating contest for homes and businesses will be held on Friday, December 13, at dark. Your lights must be on at this time.

All homes and businesses will be considered, but to make sure you are included, you are invited to call (254) 725-6498 anytime before December 13 and leave

your name and address. If you are located outside the city limits it will be necessary for you to call.

Prizes will be awarded for the Best Decorated Home and Business. Project Pride is sponsor for the home decorating contest and the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce the businesses.

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## Share the Joyfulness of Christmas with Project Pride Dec. 5

ProjectPride is inviting the public to share in an evening of Christmas music and refreshments and witness the lighting of the holiday yard art on Thursday, December 5, at 6 p.m. at the Project Pride pavilion on West Highway 36.

Come and enjoy choral presentations by groups from the First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church and Cottonwood choirs. A special treat will be an instrumental solo performed by a local artist.

Plenty of parking space is available on the street east of the pavilion. Parking on the shoulder of the highway is not advisable.

Please come and bring the family for this special occasion.

## Christmas Band Store Upcoming Please Help!!!!!!

It is time for the Band Booster Christmas Store. It will be open on December 16, 17 and 18.

They are asking all band parents to bring 12 items per family.

If anyone in the community would like to help with this you may. This will be for the Pre-K through 6th graders to do their Christmas shopping.

## Immunization Clinic Schedules

Texas Department of Health will hold the following immunization clinics in December in Callahan County:

**Monday, December 9th**, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th; 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center, 701 Beech;  
**Wednesday, December 11th**, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at Clyde Community Resource Center, 306 North 1st. For more information call 915-754-4945.

**Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus Is Coming**  
Friday, December 6  
At 6:00 p.m. (South of Bank)

**Kiwanis Group**

5:00 p.m. - Registration for drawings. Ike and Sue Neal, Jess Bigbee and Charles Rodenberger are in charge of the registration.

6:00 p.m. - Santa's Arrival/Photo with Santa There will be a food booth for your convenience.

**Senior Citizens Cake Walk**  
(Senior Citizens Center)

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**KIWANIS SPOTLIGHTS COMMUNITY PROGRESS—**  
The Kiwanis Club heard great news about two home grown businesses. Bo and Sandra Barr (pictured from the left) reported growth of Barr Fabrication and Charles Rodenberger (right) told about Callahan Furniture. Barr Fabrication will have sales exceeding \$1,000,000 for 2002. Their 15 skilled employees come from Cross Plains and surrounding towns. They expect to double their size next year. Rodenberger reported that Rick Potter has left Dal-Mar Energy, Inc. and is working full time making game tables, swings, chairs and other wood products. He employs 4 part-time and expects to expand employees and production next year.

## IT IS TIME AGAIN TO WRITE YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 10. The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 19th issue.



Mail To: Santa Claus  
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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT**  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Cookie L. Kelley, obtaining dangerous drugs by telephone.  
Domnique L. McNeal, possession of marijuana.  
Melissa A. Smith, possession of marijuana.  
Michael D. Parrott, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Kevin Homstrom, order extending probation granted.  
Darrell Sasser, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.  
Jackie Bridges, motion to revoke probation granted.  
End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Gary Hargrove, Tessie Taillon, Carolyn Rose.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Michelle Daffron, Beverly Dyer, Judith Savage, Dianna Walling, Sean Walling, Caanan White.

### Marriage Licenses

James Walker Gilbert and Celeta Marie Moore, both of Clyde.  
Kevin Anton Heimerman of Neenah, Wisconsin and Kristine Kehaulani Napoleon of Clyde.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Minutes

Lewis James McWhorter vs. Randall Franke and Gary Richardson, order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

## OBITUARIES

### Zachary Taylor Johnson

Zachary Taylor Johnson, infant son of Victor and Dana Johnson of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, November 27, 2002, at the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Eastland. Burial was in Niagra Falls, New York. Survivors include parents, Victor and Dana Johnson of Cross Plains; maternal grandparents, Don and Barbara Flett and Cindy Flett, all of Niagra Falls, New York; paternal grandparents, Vita and Gene Johnson of Cross Plains; two aunts, Elizabeth Savell of Cross Plains and Patricia Flett of Niagra Falls; four uncles, Chris Savell of Cross Plains and Don Flett, Jr., Christopher Freiburger, Michael Kakowski and Jim Zachar, all of Niagra Falls, New York; and several cousins.

### W.B. "Buck" Kelly

W.B. "Buck" Kelly, 75, of Abilene, passed away Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at a local hospital.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 30, 2002, at Community Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rickie Rister officiating. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Cemetery in Cross Plains, under the direction of Community Memorial Funeral Home, Abilene.

Mr. Kelly was born February 16, 1927 in Okra, Texas to the late Billie Adrian and Johnnie May (Culwell) Kelly. He had been in Abilene since 1948, and lived in Baird during some of that time. He retired as a heavy equipment operator in the oilfield and construction industry. He was a member of the D.A.V. in Abilene and Corpus Christi. He served for a short time in the U.S. Army. He had been a deacon and member of the Second Baptist Church in Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Ruby Rice Kelly; his second wife, Ruby Barron Kelly; a son, Michael Edward Kelly; and a daughter, Sandra Charlotte Kelly.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Kelly of Abilene; five sons, Billy Kelly and wife, Michon, Gary Kelly and wife, Beth, Wesley Kelly, Charles Kelly and wife, Marie, and Michael Kelly, all of Corpus Christi; a daughter, Sharon Kelly of Corpus Christi; a brother, Wade Kelly of Ingleside; three sisters, Linda Wickens of San Antonio, Viola Bryant of Sunrise Beach, Texas and Elizabeth Fazio of San Augustine, Florida; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, Texas 79605.

### Blanche "Jackie" Wright

Blanche "Jackie" Wright, 78, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, November 26, 2002, in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 30, 2002, at the Pompey Mountain Church with Jack Vaughn officiating. Burial was in the Duren Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Blanche "Jackie" married Doyle Wright in Old Mexico on July 12, 1971. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Smoot and husband, Fred, of Cross Plains, and Sheryl Hall; a sister, Mary Curuso of Florida; a brother, Frank Hill of Maryland; 6 grandchildren, David Smoot, Freddy Smoot and Tiffany Blackstock, all of Cross Plains; Johnna Rose of Dallas, Anjie Sanderson of San Saba, and Mathew Hall of Lometa; 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Doyle, a daughter, Ruth "Pete" Lowe, as well as several brothers and sisters.

### Rupert B. Woodard

Rupert B. Woodard, 83, of Anson, died Thursday, November 28, 2002, at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 30, 2002, at Hawley First Baptist Church with the Rev. Keith Clifton officiating. Burial was in Midway Cemetery, directed by Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home.

Born January 31, 1919, in Jones County, Rupert was a son of the late Barney Wayne and Dora Jane (Thompson) Woodard. He married Hortense Armstrong, October 13, 1939. She preceded him in death in 1991. Rupert was a farmer and worked for the Texas Department of Transportation. He was a member of the Hawley First Baptist Church.

Four brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Survivors include three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Etta B. Woodard of Hawley, Wayne and Marjorie Woodard of Austin, and Eldon and Vicki Woodard of Midland; four brothers, Jake Woodard of Jacksonville, Bob Woodard of Stephenville, Jerrel Woodard of Hodges and Marvin Woodard of Abilene; one sister, Martha Ann Joyce of Rising Star; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## 2 cats turn up negative for rabies in County

Two cats were diagnosed negative for rabies in Callahan County during the month of October 2002 according to the Texas Department of Health.

The TDH Zoonosis Control Division tests two cats in the county during the month of October and both came up negative for rabies.

A total of 81 positive cases for rabies was reported during October in Texas. The majority of cases of rabies involved skunks with 45 positive results. There were 28 bats positive for rabies, three dogs, one cat, one equine and three fox positive for the disease in October.

So far in 2002, 916 (9%) positive cases of rabies has been reported and 9,257 (89%) animals tested negative for rabies throughout the state.

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## "Wall of Honor" Established at Bank

At this time in the history of our nation, we at Texas Heritage Bank, feel it would be worthwhile to recognize and honor those who serve us or have served our country in our military. We would like to establish a "wall of honor" in the lobby of our business.

We want to encourage the family and friends of those currently serving, or those who have served to bring in a photo of the ones represented. We will display these photos so everyone in our community may come and see a visible reminder of the commitment and service represented by those willing to defend our coun-

try, whether in time of peace or a time of war.

We believe this will involve us as a community to hold those currently enlisted in our thoughts and prayers as they are facing days of uncertainty. We also feel this will remind us to remember those who have served in the past and given their lives or were dedicated to defending our nation as they completed their enlistment.

We look forward to participation of our community in this upcoming project. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Jane or Roxie at (254) 725-6141.

## FUMC Presents Annual Christmas Cantata

The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will be presenting their annual Christmas cantata on Sunday, December 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This year's cantata will be a beautiful candlelight performance entitled "Journey of Promises".

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

## Senior Citizens Country Western Dance at Coleman December 10th

A Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be held Tuesday, December 10, from 7 to 10 p.m. at 401 East College in Coleman. Admission is \$4.00 and all ages are welcome.

Stone Mountain Band from Brownwood will be performing. Kenny Kannada is lead guitar and Willena Benson, vocalist. They are reported to provide fantastic music.

They will also be at Skateworld in Cross Plains on Tuesday, December 17th.

Call (254) 725-7720 for more information.

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### The Shiloh Quartet

Sunday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m.

Singing traditional and contemporary Southern Gospel arrangements



9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
6:00 p.m. Sun. Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer/Worship

**First Baptist Church**  
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Christmas Cantata

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Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.  
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Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599  
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Sponsor: Pioneer Baptist Church

Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## Cakes and Pies Needed for Senior Citizens' Cake Walk

The Cake Walk planned for the Senior Citizens' Center on Friday, December 6, will offer another opportunity for entertainment, while you do your holiday cooking. The fun begins at 6 p.m. If you would like to donate a cake or pie for the event the Seniors would appreciate your assistance.

Remember the "Angel" quilt

drawing will be held at this time. Texas 42, domino and card games will be played throughout the evening. Come and have a good time!!!

**Christmas Dinner at the Senior Citizens' Center is set for Wednesday, December 11th. Ham, dressing, English peas, yams, fruit salad and a roll will be served. Call (254) 725-6521 and make your reservation.**

## TG Co-Sponsors Chat Event on Student Loan Forgiveness Dec. 10th

AUSTIN—Nurses, childcare providers and teachers are just a few of the professionals who may be eligible for certain types of student loan forgiveness. Under certain circumstances, the federal government will cancel all or part of an educational loan. In addition to provisions for certain professions, there may be loan forgiveness available for those who:

- \*Perform volunteer work or military service.
- \*Teach or practice medicine in certain types of communities.
- \*Meet other criteria specified by the forgiveness program.

To help student loan borrowers find out more, *Mapping Your Future*, a public service web site co-sponsored by Texas Guaranteed (TG), is offering an online chat on **Loan Forgiveness Programs**. The one-hour event is scheduled for December 10,

starting at 2 p.m. (CST). Financial aid experts from across the country will be available throughout the chat to help clarify how a student loan can be forgiven, cancelled or discharged.

The chat will focus on the Stafford and Perkins loan forgiveness programs, including:

- \*Determining eligibility for loan forgiveness, discharge or cancellation.
- \*Applying for loan forgiveness.
- \*Paying for college and general financial aid information.

The session will also feature information about student loan repayment benefit programs, such as those offered by some private companies to recruit and retain key staff.

Anyone with Internet access can join in the chat by visiting [www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org).

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### December to Bring Holiday Cheer to Cottonwood

We hope to see you next Tuesday night, December 10th, at 7:30 p.m. when we all will gather for the annual Cottonwood Community Christmas Party.

Catch the spirit of Christmas here and make this the best one ever. Put on some good cheer, plus a broad smile, and bring your family, with some light snacks, and come out to share an evening of entertainment, fun, refreshments and Christmas activities with your Cottonwood neighbors.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church will hold a Christmas celebration on December 15 beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will include a hayride and caroling tour of the Cottonwood Community and refreshments afterwards. Matt McGowen, pastor of the church, has stated that everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and good cheer. The Baptist Church congregation will also hold a Christmas Eve service beginning at 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and share the real spirit of Christmas, the "Birth of Christ".

The Cottonwood Quilting Club will be quilting on Thursday, December 5, and the club will hold its next quilting session in January, 2003. There will not be a musical this month.

The Volunteer Fire Control Unit will hold its regular meeting on December 17 at the Fire House in Cottonwood.

### Other Cottonwood Connections

Visiting in the home of Clara McInnis over the Thanksgiving holidays were Virginia and Kenneth Durst of Mason; Janice and David Bristow of Fort Worth; Kathy and Mike Ross with Matthew, Mark and Laura of Dallas; and Janie and Kerry and Jacob Grouning, Katy Nicar, Melissa and John Trever and Bennett, all of Godly; Kacy and Steve Zeleski with Tristen and Zackery of New Braunfels; Wesley and Amy Kitchens with Tia and Jason of Richardson; Helda Zeleski of Corpus Christi; David and Amy McInnis and Ethen of Sante Fe, New Mexico; and Michael Durst of Pocomoke City, Maryland.

(Please call Wallace Bennett at (254) 725-7474 to report any community and/or personal events.)

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## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: I apologize for not having the info I promised in a former column, I have not heard from my source, but I will try and connect with said source this week for sure. It was to have been concerning the Texas Garden Club District meeting to which two local members attended in Stamford.

### "The World According To..."

If there's one thing in this world which we have plenty of, it's opinions. In my book, that is something we will undoubtedly never lack. Everyone is not of the same opinion. It's my guess you've probably noticed that from time to time.

My mother-in-law sometimes (with a chuckle), quotes her oldest grand. The quote: "No, Grandmother, I don't want your advice, just your opinion, Grandmother."

As long as we have democracy in the world we will have free thinkers and as long as we have free thinkers, we will also have opinions. One thing, we as Americans have the right to express those opinions.

I don't know what you think, but in my opinion, the United States has found themselves between a rock and a hard place. Terrorism has reared its ugly head. It has been said by many, that in their opinion, terrorism will not just go away, but will have to be not only curtailed, but will have to be stamped out. On the other hand, others seem to feel that in their

opinion, we as Americans should proceed very cautiously. We do finally have the backing of some other nations to proceed with the weapons inspections in Iraq. The leader of Iraq (The Big Hoo-Ha) in that country has now agreed to those inspections. Meanwhile the U.S.A. continues the search for Osama Bin Laden, who seems to be continuing his elusive shenanigans. HE is suspected of being responsible for the destruction of the World Trade Center and the murder of more than 2,000 people in and around the trade center. He is apparently hiding out in either Afghanistan or Pakistan, his whereabouts are unknown and there also exists theories that he may have been killed in some of the attacks by Americans on Afghanistan following the September 11, 2001 disaster. Should we go to war or should we not go to war?

Whatever the decision, I am praying it will be the correct one. Also, I intend to back the U.S.A. all the way---whatever that decision may be. I very seriously doubt that my opinion would mean very much to the Big Guys in Washington D.C. It is however, a very good feeling knowing that we have the right, as Americans, to write our Congressmen and Representatives and express our opinions. Of course, I also heard that women have the prerogative to change their minds at the drop of a hat. Hey, how did my hat get way down there???

## PIONEER NEWS

Earlene Burge and Jessica Stultz had Thanksgiving dinner in Clyde with Morya and Henry Chisholm. They were with Jessica's children, Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm, and their son, Cameron. They had a wonderful dinner with all the trimmings and plenty of visiting afterwards. Especially interesting was Henry

telling about the English Division commandeering his father's farm in Scotland when they were moving from Northern Scotland to Southern England to embark for Africa. The army had to back out of the way of the family's milk cows, as she wouldn't cooperate with the them going around. They had a good history lesson.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Yes, the bake-book sale held by the Cross Plains Public Library at the Senior Citizens' Center was a success. (I was glad to change buildings for a while.)

Thanks are due to the Senior Citizens' Center folks for joining the Library folks in that endeavor. We'll have to try this again in the future. We go well together.

Say, I'm looking for you kids in the Library. Bring your grandparents. They'll find lots of good books to dream over. They might even be tempted to start planning a trip! Maybe they'd be tempted to take you (and maybe I could hide in a pocket).

Here are last week's statistics.

Are you helping with this?

November 25-29

**Statistics**  
Circulation:  
Books 53  
Audio 2  
Total 55

**Memorials:**  
In Memory of Juanita Umberson - W.C. and Evelyn Wardroup, Denese Wardroup, Steve and Deane Moore  
**Donations:**  
Daisy King  
W.L. and Carmellata DeHart  
Vondal and Joyce Hutchins  
Curtis Stahnke  
Carol Atchley - books

## RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

The holiday season is barely upon us and already we are experiencing the generosity of the human spirit. Peggy Stallings, daughter of resident Bulah Ferguson, brought us delicious pecan pies and cupcakes and a huge quantity of paper goods thank you so much! A big thank you to Katy Gary for the wonderful hand lotion and lip balm she sent to us. And last but certainly not least, a big heartfelt thank you to Dorothy Tuttle for the huge beautiful fruit basket she brought in for us. Dorothy you are an angel!

We have many exciting events

planned for the month of December here is a short list for more information call Debra or Linda at (254) 643-2681.

December 10 - Ty and LaRay Kelly perform at 2:30 p.m.

December 18 - Staff Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m.

December 21 - Tracy Dillard puppet show at 2:30 p.m.

December 23 - Residents Christmas Party at 6:00 p.m.

Please keep Frank Bartek and Myrtle Huggett in your prayers as they are both in the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope they can come home soon.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 9 - December 13

**MONDAY--**Chicken & Dump-  
lings, Peas & Carrots, Tossed  
Salad, Cookie, Bread, Milk

**TUESDAY--** German Sausage,  
Potato Salad, Spinach, Pudding,  
Bread, Milk

**WEDNESDAY-- CHRIST-  
MAS DINNER --** Ham, Dress-  
ing w/gravy, Cranberry Sauce,  
English Peas, Yam Patties, Fruit  
Salad, Roll, Milk

**THURSDAY--**Pork Chops,  
Corn, Broccoli, Cookie, Bread,  
Milk

**FRIDAY--**Meatloaf, Blackeyed  
Peas, Pickled Beets, Peanut But-  
ter Chews, Bread, Milk

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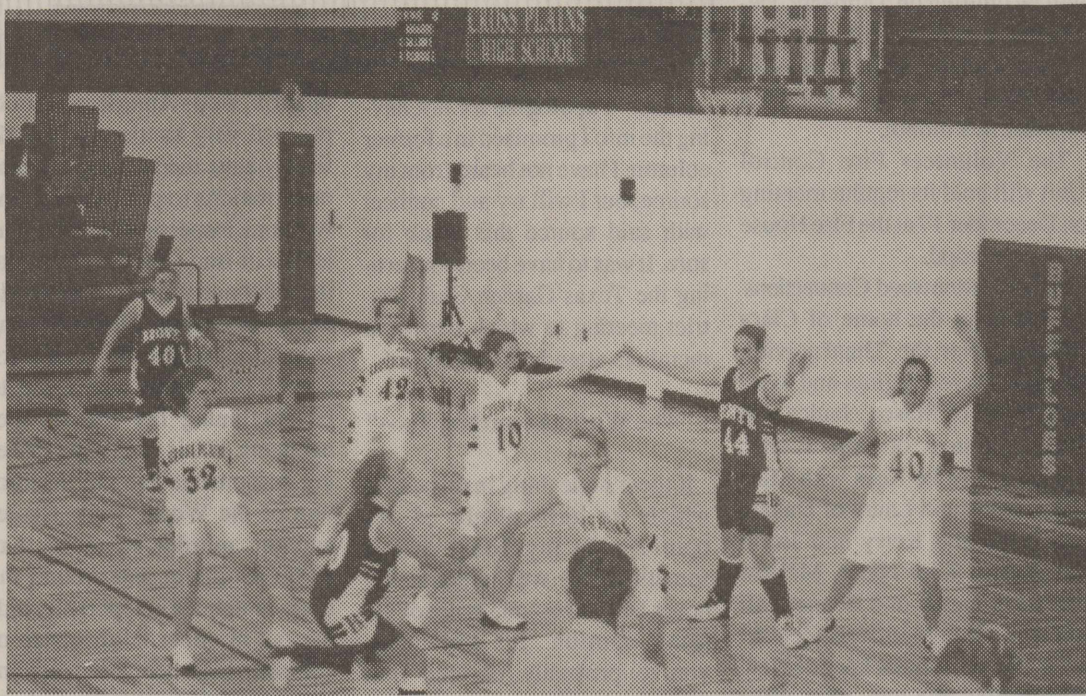
Satan tries so many ways to disrupt God's plan for individuals and His church collectively. During the first years of the church, as everything seemed to be going great, Satan stepped in and brought persecution upon the church by causing Jewish leaders to arrest a couple of the apostles, Peter and John. Since this turned out to only present another opportunity for them to share the gospel — that Jesus was crucified but God raised Him from the dead — then it seems to have "backfired" in their faces (actually in Satan's face!). Satan would continue with his tactic of physical violence against the Christians, but for a moment he tried a new tactic — moral corruption from within, Acts 5:1-11.

With the church united, appreciated, and growing, Satan tried to divide it, disgrace it, and destroy it. Just when the church became a multitude (beyond numbering?), Acts 4:32, and "of one heart and soul," Satan took over the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira, husband and wife, causing them to demonstrate deceit and hypocrisy! In some ways, Satan is "in a rut" for he has been using these same tactics for years! Some people's favorite excuse for not being a part of the church is "because there are hypocrites in it."

May I ask you what your excuse is? If you think God will accept that excuse, then bear in mind that we probably do have a hypocrite or two. But if excuses don't deter you (excuses are another of Satan's tactics, you see), then come worship and serve God with us as we strive to overcome such sins. We really do care about you, too.

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.  
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# C.P. STUDENT REVIEW



LADY BUFFS PLAYING DEFENSE

## Lady Buffs Get Their First Win

The Lady Buffaloes got their first win just before the Thanksgiving holidays. Last Tuesday the Lady Buffs traveled to Valera to take on the Panther Creek Lady Panthers.

The Lady Buffs beat the Lady

Panthers 33-29. Leading scorers were Kelsee Richards 10, Bree Dillard 6, Stephanie Edington 5, Jesse James 4, Emily Winfrey 4 and Judith Hartman 4. Their record now stands at 1-4.

This weekend they will be in the Rising Star Tournament. They play their first game Thursday at 9 a.m. against Gustine. Come out and support Cross Plains basketball.



VARSITY BUFFALOES BREAK FROM THE ACTION

## Varsity Buffaloes Basketball Action

The Buffaloes had a much better result against Miles when they met for the second time of the season. Miles defeated the Buffaloes 71-51. In the first meeting, Miles won by 43 points.

The Buffaloes came out slow in the first half, but played much

better in the second. They outscored Miles in the second half.

Scoring were Goains 19, Harris 7, Mauricio 6, Dickson 5, Barton 5, Williams 3, M. Allen 2 and Purvis 2. Rebounding was led by Goains with 11 and Barton 7.

Steals were led by Mauricio with 6. Leading in assists were Barton and Williams with 3 each.

Miles	22	17	18	14	71
CP	8	6	16	21	51

Submitted by Coach Jay Wilcoxon

## Junior High Girls Basketball Scoreboard

This Monday, December 2, the Junior High Gorman Panthers made a trip over to play Cross Plains "A" and "B" Teams.

The first game was at 4 p.m. with the "B" Team bunch against Gorman's 14 players. These girls are learning the game along with all the skills involved.

CP	0	0	0	4
Gorman	4	10	12	22

Team players were Cook 4, Byars, Mathews, Biggs, Walker, Libey, Lewis and Schaefer.

The second game at 6 p.m. was

the "A" Team. This game was close and exciting the whole time. Gorman and C.P. girls showed hustle and good defense. The girls once again never gave up on each other. Good job!

CP	7	13	24	30
Gorman	7	14	22	26

Team players were Douglass 10, Scott 7, Avants, 6, Randolph 5, Wallace 2 and Miliam.

Next Monday, December 9, Cross Plains will travel to Ranger for a 4 p.m. game. Hoop It UP!!

Submitted by Coach Becky Dillard

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## Area Wide Students Included in Who's Who

A total of 41 students from this area are included in the 36th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002.

Who's Who, published by Education Communications, Inc., Austin, 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 percent of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97 percent are college bound.

The 36th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 850,000 students or just 6 percent of the nation's 15,000,000 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 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](http://www.honoring.com).

Area students selected include: Cross Plains - Russell W. Allen, Mitchell L. Byrd, Crystal S. Clark, Joseph Dillard, Cassandra M. Galloway, Lori J. Hail, Brandon W. Horton, Judith Mauricio, Stephanie Parker, Marian Reed, Shena I. Thomas, Sunny D. Westerman, Natashia C. Wolford, Candice Bailey, Andrew J. Carouth, Ashley D. Cook, Thomas A. Dimitri, Tiffany W. Goains, Judith Hartman, Priscilla Christin Hyles, Cole Koenig, Sarah K. Nixon, Steven M. Patton, Eddie L. Rose, Violeta Vasquez and Emily J. Winfrey. Rising Star - Kristi I. Bates, Adam C. Constancio, Stephen L. Hughes, Adam Lowther, Aaron D. Pilson, Erick R. Robbins, Cooper S. Thornhill, Andrea J. White, Stephanie D. Brown, Lacy L. Harrelson, Jessalyn M. Paulk, Maria C. Reyes, Dustin R. Smith, Landon C. Westerman, and Clint Williams.

## SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 9 - DECEMBER 13

**BBREAKFAST**  
MONDAY--Cream of Wheat, Toast, Assorted Juice  
TUESDAY--Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice  
WEDNESDAY-- Poptart, Yogurt, Assorted Juice  
THURSDAY--Cereal, Toast Assorted Juice  
FRIDAY--Cinnamon, Assorted Juice

**LUNCH**  
MONDAY--Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Pineapples  
TUESDAY-- BBQ on Bun, Coleslaw, Okra, Fruit Cobbler  
WEDNESDAY--Beef-Veggy Soup, Crackers, Grilled Cheese, Pears  
THURSDAY--Turkey w/ Dressing, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Rolls, Fruit Salad  
FRIDAY-- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Rice Krispie Treat

Look to the Cross Plains Classifieds for results

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## ELEMENTARY EXTRA

BY NANCY RANDOLPH

The elementary classes will be starting a new program. It is the ZAP program. This is Zeros are not permitted. The students who do not turn work or homework in will be given a slip to attend the after school ZAP program. The students will work on the incomplete assignment. Parents will be responsible for picking their child up after 4:30 p.m. Parents will be sent a note in the mail and by their child to tell a parent that their child will need to stay after school. The teachers and administration want to put an end to zeros. Students are not going to be permitted to make zeros.

Mr. Sowell has set the date for the Christmas music concert. It will be held on Thursday, December 19, at 6 p.m. Everyone in our community is invited to come hear the Pre-Kindergarten through fourth graders sing Christmas carols. The 5th, 6th and Buffalo Band will present a concert of Christmas carols. Please make sure your child is ready to perform.

Please make sure if you come to the school to volunteer your time, pick up your child, or visit the school, that you report to the office for a volunteer badge. Teachers attended a workshop on Monday, November 25, to work on a safety and crisis plan. Teachers will be asking parents to stay out of the building without a badge. This includes the end of the day. Please do not stand in the halls before classes dismiss.

Watch for notes about Christmas parties. Most parties will be held on Friday, December 20. The Pre-Kindergarten class will have one party December 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. School will be dismissing early

on December 20. The Pre-Kindergarten students will attend the morning session and have their behavior party that day.

The elementary still has a few cheer beads left. They begin selling basketball ones at the home games of the junior high and high school. The beads are only solid colored. They will sell for \$2 each.

The 3rd six weeks behavior party will be a big treat. The students will be treated to a Coke and popcorn party while watching a movie on a big screen TV on Thursday, December 19. The teachers would love to have 100 percent participation in the good behavior party. This new six weeks is a short one with only five weeks. Students need to work hard on following directions and getting to class on time.

The elementary book fair was a great success. The elementary staff appreciates everyone's contribution.

A Canned Food Drive will be held at the Cross Plain Elementary from December 2 thru December 13.

Responsibility is our theme for Character Counts this 6 weeks. To help teach our children responsibility for our community and for helping others, we will be collecting non-perishable canned foods for the Cross Plains Food Pantry during the next 2 weeks.

Responsibility means to work hard to keep promises. Therefore, we are asking each child to bring at least one canned food item to school during this time. Each classes' cans will be counted daily to see how each class is being responsible.

Any amount you will allow your child to bring will be greatly appreciated.

## 4-H Meeting to be Held Thursday, December 5

The Cross Plains 4-H Club will hold its November/December meeting on Thursday, December 5, at 7 p.m.

The meeting will consist of the business portion, and Curtis Creach, local veterinarian, will present the program. He will be discussing the vet science

project. Please bring a food item to donate to the food pantry. This is one of the 4-Hers service projects.

Anyone is invited to attend the 4-H meeting. It will be held at the First United Methodist Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served.

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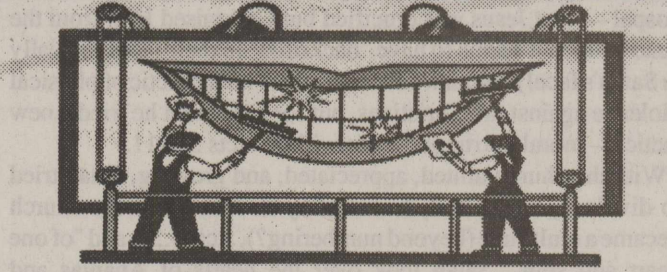
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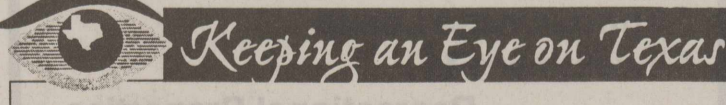
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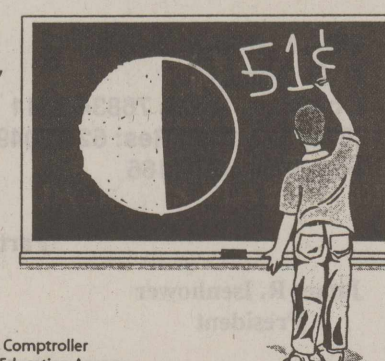


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SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)) and the Texas Education Agency.

**CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY  
2002-2003 PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL  
2ND SIX WEEKS**

**First Grade-**Jaden Kennedy, Haleigh King, Christa Potter, Cameron Rockett, Tristen Stephenson, Brett Webb, Alyssa Wheeler, Justin Willis  
**Second Grade-**Makayla Cowan, Shayla Cozart, Victoria Creamer, Britton Dukes, Riley Lawrence, Sheldon Libey  
**Third Grade-**Shelby Ames, Lauren Goode, Austin Thomas  
**Fourth Grade-**Logan Turner  
**Fifth Grade-**Zachary Snell  
**Sixth Grade-**

**CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY  
2002-2003 "A" HONOR ROLL  
2nd Six Weeks**

**First Grade-**Lindsey N. Ames, Jaden M. Kennedy, Haleigh G. King, Jacob T. Parker, Christa B. Potter, Cameron L. Rockett, Tristen E. Stephenson, Brett R. Webb, Alyssa K. Wheeler, Charles Aaron A. Wheeler, Justin L. Willis  
**Second Grade-**Makayla C. Cowan, Shayla C. Cozart, Victoria L. Creamer, Britton P. Dukes, Dakota R. Gilliam, Katharine B. Goode, Daniel L. Higgins, Joe V. Holland, Riley P. Lawrence, Sheldon T. Libey, Brandon A. Skidmore  
**Third Grade-**Rebecca R. Allen, Shelby B. Ames, Samantha C. Dickson, Ryder H. Foster, Lauren E. Goode, Payton G. Porter, Brianna L. Purcell, Rosa A. Salazar, Katherine M. Taff, Austin D. Thomas, Morgan M. Thomas  
**Fourth Grade-**Shawna D. Lewis, Samuel C. Rockett, Logan T. Turner  
**Fifth Grade-**Emma G. Bennett, Melissa S. Black, Amanda K. Dunaway, Emily C. Foster, Tiffany P. Holland, Brittany A. Johnson, Shelby J. Randolph, Zachary T. Snell  
**Sixth Grade-**Tawni R. Nichols, Krista D. Phillips

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2nd Six Weeks**

**First Grade-**Joshua C. Branch, Kaitlyn S. Koettel, Colton B. McWilliams  
**Second Grade-**Preston F. Armer, Chelsea M. Branch, Kathleen E. Horton, Rielly B. Hutchins, Heather L. Ontiveros, Sara R. Sifuentes, Shahala J. Trammell, Layton C. Turner, Christopher M. Wheeler  
**Third Grade-**Jayten M. Ames, Charleen M. Avants, Dakota S. Bomar, Hannah J. Horton, Ethan W. Koettel, Angel C. Markham, Victoria Robertson-Durbin, Justin W. Simons, Misty L. Simons, Sammie S. Tollett, Kristin N. Willis  
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**Fifth Grade-**Nathan L. Creamer, Kayla D. Lawrence, Cole S. Luter, Amber B. Parker, Cody J. Sliger, Lilianna Vasquez  
**Sixth Grade-**Sheena R. Apple, Terrah S. Augustine, Ashleigh S. Galloway, Emily M. Harris, Quenton N. Koettel, Mandy J. Rose, Renee P. Salazar, Brooklyn A. Strength

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December 5th and 6th**

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Special guest Marc Sanders will play songs of the season on the piano.

The festivities will begin at 7

p.m. each evening with a delicious dinner served by Dennis Lee of ARAMARK. Each dinner course will be presented with fanfare and song by the CJC Singers. The cost is \$12 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (254) 442-2567, ext. 0, or by going online at [www.cisco.cc.tx.us/reservations-fa.html](http://www.cisco.cc.tx.us/reservations-fa.html).

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**8th Grade-** Russell Thomas  
**Freshman-** Jeremiah Snell  
**Sophomore-** Thomas Dimitri, Brandon Horton  
**Junior-** Katherine Wooten, Jennifer Young  
**Senior-** Andrew Carouth, Judith Hartman, Nathaniel Joy, Remington O'Dell, Kevin Scott, Emily Winfrey

**"A" HONOR ROLL  
2ND SIX WEEKS**

**7th Grade-** Joseph J Callaway, Macayla E Cook, Tiffany N Walker  
**8th Grade-** Amanda S. Bell, Colton N. Manley, Tracey K Randolph, Karen M. Scott, Russell B Thomas, Michaela L Wallace  
**Freshman-**Rainey B. Bacon, Travis E Golson, Samantha J. Hutton, Jesse M Norris, Ryan G Payne, Jeremiah J Snell  
**Sophomore-** Michael L. Allen, Jimmie D. Cook, Thomas A Dimitri, Stephanie K. Edington, Lori J Hail, Brandon W Horton, Karen E. Ross  
**Junior-** Phillip A Bennett, Priscilla C Hyles, Jose A Maricio, Katherine E Wooten, Jennifer A Young  
**Senior-** Andrew J Carouth, Ashley D. Cook, Tiffany S. Goains, Christopher H. Harris, Judith R Hartman, Nathaniel A Joy, Cole D Koenig, Remington T O'Dell, Cassia B. Ratliff, Danielle J Rivad, Carrie E. Rogers, Kevin M Scott, Chris D. Sliger, George M Taff, Evan T Thornton, Emily J Winfrey

**"AB" HONOR ROLL  
2ND SIX WEEKS**

**7th Grade-**Tiffany A Aiken, Cody L Baker, Hailey K Biggs, Ricky L Daniels, Brittany N Franke, Nick R Garrett, Jennie M Lewis, Betty L Mathews, Markus G. Maxwell, Jacob L Melton, Virginia K Newsom, Starla J. Schaefer, Jerry R Simons, Joseph D Westerman  
**8th Grade-**Christina L (Ward) Avants, Joseph O Baker, La'Voy R Byars, Dalton S Carpenter, Justin C Dickson, Mykea S Douglass, Steve N Garrett, Natosha a Hogrell, Jonathan R Hopkins, Clay L Koenig, Christopher M McBride, Michael J Navarro, David M Peters, William A Poole  
**Freshman-**Brittany N Adams, Vecy R Carpenter, Forrest L Creamer, River P Dillard, Ricky J Gibson, Jarrah P Hutchins, Naomi R Isbell, Jock W Markham, Aaron C Phillips, Maci N Phillips, Claudia M Ramiriz, Raymond J Sifuentes, Roy D Smith, Clayton L Thomas, Megan D Thomas, Maria D Vasquez, Chance E Watkins  
**Sophomore-** Christopher W Beaty, Dayna L Bennett, Travis F Black, Mitchell L Byrd, Misty R Callaway, Blake L Champion, Nicole L Clark, Jason W Goains, Laci R Jessup, Kali L Phillips, Kelsee D Richards, Amanda L Rivers, Eddie L Rose  
**Junior-**Russell W Allen, Brittany R Apple, Dusty D Dickson, Laska B Dillard, Hayli-Jo N Foster, Casandra M Gallaway, Ashleigh M Haan, Shana T Hyles, Jessica C James, Casey D Pack, Brandon W Phillips, Janielle A Rivard, Angela M Rodriguez, Andrew V Taff, Marcus W Williams  
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 Jim McDonald  
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 Allan Clark  
 Glen Lawrence  
 Maurine Strahan  
 Mimmie Reynolds  
 Lovey Nichols  
 Christopher Michael Wheeler  
 Ann Marshal Burns  
 Franke Hyles  
 Nancy Pancake

Jimmy Gilmore  
 Joe Dean Nunn  
 Mickie (Archer) Holmans  
 Wayne Newton  
 James LeMay  
 Sheri Lyn Bassett  
 Dustin Meiron

**DECEMBER 8**  
 Judy (Gibbs) Steele  
 Neva Joyce Dillard  
 L.L. Morgan  
 Mrs. Perry Jennings  
 Elmer Casey  
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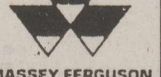
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# COUNTY ROADS by Ginny Greene

## On the mend...

The one thing MyKeeper likes best about recovery is showing off his scars. Not many people really want to see them, but that doesn't bother him.

The surgeon was good to him, foregoing abdominal incision for several laparoscopy slits. Longer surgery, but shorter recovery time. I told MyKeeper his belly looks like they made a circle of cuts, raised a tent pole in the center, and scooped out the mess.

Recovery during his week long stay at the hospital was a determined effort. The nurses told him to work hard at the breathing treatments so he could go home. The three little pigs' wolf wouldn't have had to huff and puff so hard if he'd taken MyKeeper along with him.

Then they told him the more he exercised, the sooner he'd get out of the hospital. MyKeeper marched the halls of every floor, shoving his IV connections before him. He was gone from his room so often the routines were messed up. Nurses chased him down over the loudspeaker with the frequent admonition, "HerKeeper, please get back to your room!"

At last the day came when he would be released. His bag was

packed early in the morning, waiting for word from the doctor. When it came, he almost beat me to the exit. I knew it was going to be another rough week when he suggested I pick up a bell on the way home, so he could call me when he needs me.

MyKeeper talks about his week in the hospital. There was a special bond with the night crew. He's worked a few night shifts himself, and understands the work environment.

To him, night time was a few zzz's, jarred by midnight jokes and midnight pokes. There were breathing treatments, oxygen readings, constant antibiotics, blood pressure cuffs, and a thermometer in his ear. And nightmares were real. It was the night nurses who confirmed his nightmares were real. It seems he rolled out of anesthesia, post surgery, snarling and growling. It was a 110 lb. nurse who made him behave. And yes, that's why there's a bump on his head.

It was also the night nurses who advised him to mention the bell to me BEFORE leaving the hospital. Otherwise, I'd just have to bring him back.

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# BOOK REVIEW

A service of the Cross Plains Library

Our library has a lot of Elmer Kelton's books. It seems that men prefer Western and women prefer Romances, but both can enjoy Elmer's latest offering. *Ranger's Trail* is the third in a series of books documenting the history of the Texas Rangers. The major character, Rusty Shannon, falls in love in this novel. And the way of love is always difficult. Shannon was orphaned when his parents were killed by the Comanches, who took the young red-haired boy to raise. Escaping from the Comanches, he later befriends another boy, Andy, rescued from Comanches.

In this book, the two of them visit Austin to assist the newly elected Governor, Coke Stevenson, in taking his office in the capitol from the incumbent Governor Davis, who has asked President Grant to keep him in office by using Federal troops. This is the last reconstruction governor in Texas and there is a lot of bitter feelings. This book is an excellent way to encourage school kids to learn about Texas

history with an exciting story. Rusty is asked to join the newly reconstituted Texas Rangers and the book tells of his involvement in chasing the bad guys and renegade Comanches. Much of the story is set in our neck of the woods, around Fort Griffin, which adds more local history to the story.

You will enjoy meeting the good guys and bad guys as Rusty and Andy, his Comanche raised sidekick, who often expresses his Comanche point of view, join the Rangers and pursue a family who is out to get rid of them. Tragedy and love abounds. The book ends in a way that indicates that Elmer will have another tale in the Rangers' saga to keep us reading more history told in an action-filled romantic novel.

These and many more books are yours to read to at your Cross Plains Public Library.

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# SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Deadline Approaching

FORT WORTH, TX—Businesses in some Texas counties have until January 2, 2003 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought, high winds, and high temperatures (excessive heat) that occurred from January 1, 2001, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

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# Scranton Musical Dec. 7th at Clyde Community Center

The musical will be Saturday, December 7, 2002 at the Community Center. Marie and Norris Starr will be in charge of the kitchen. They will have a special to offer plus sandwiches and homemade pies. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30

p.m. Mark Ray is the emcee and invites all area musicians to play. You may call 915-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Please come out to support the community center. All proceeds from the kitchen go to the upkeep of the building.

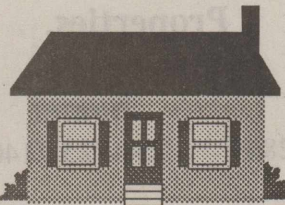
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Choose a container with care. Whether it's a box, tube or padded envelope, make sure the container is sturdy enough to handle its contents. If a container is reused, make sure it hasn't already made one too many trips to go the distance. If you don't have a container you can trust, check the local post office for packaging products designed for safe delivery.

Package parcels properly. Make sure to cushion the contents well. Using polystyrene "peanuts" or bubble wrap will prevent damage to the package's contents. Shredded or rolled newspaper or unbuttered popped corn also can be used as cushioning material.

Once a parcel is packaged, seal it tightly with reinforced tape. Masking and transparent tapes are not sturdy enough to do the job. Check your Post Office, office supply or discount department store for tape that will do the trick. Do not use twine or cord to seal your package, and don't wrap your packages in

brown paper. These items tend to catch and bind in mail processing equipment.

Pay attention to addressing. Write the complete address clearly on the outside of the package. What constitutes a complete address? The recipient's name, street address (including apartment number), city, state and correct ZIP Code are all needed to ensure a problem-free delivery. Carefully print the address, and don't use a pen with water-soluble ink, just in case the package runs into wet weather somewhere along the way. If the package is fragile, mark it so. Make sure to include a return address. And, just to be on the safe side, include a slip of paper on the inside of the parcel with the delivery and return address as well.

Mail the package on time. No matter how well it's wrapped, it's just not the same if a gift is late. Be sure to mail packages as early in the season as possible. When mailing, consider using Priority Mail, which provides 2-3 day service. And if time is really getting tight, consider using the Postal Service's fastest service. Express Mail offers next-day delivery by noon to many destinations, and is delivered 365 days a year with no extra charge for Saturday, Sunday or holiday delivery (in most areas).

# Tanner Wilson to participate in Farm Bureau talent contest

CORPUS CHRISTI—Texas Farm Bureau youth will take the spotlight on December 8, as scholarships will be awarded to winners of the state's largest general farm organization's Free Enterprise Speech, Miss TFB and Talent Find competitions here at the 69th annual convention Dec. 8-Dec. 11.

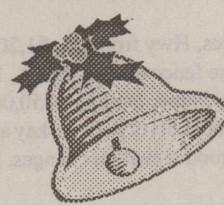
Participants qualified for the state competition by winning their district contests earlier this year. The finals will be held December 8 at the Bayfront Plaza Convention Center in Corpus Christi.

The Free Enterprise Speech winner will receive a \$4,000 scholarship. The runner-up will be awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. The other four finalists will each receive a \$1,500 scholarship. The remaining district winners receive \$1,000 scholarships.

The Talent Find and Miss TFB winners will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship. The runner-up in each contest will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship. Other district winners in each contest have been assured a \$1,000 scholarship.

Talent Find entries include Tanner Wilson of Baird. Tanner will represent the Callahan/Shackelford County Farm Bureau.

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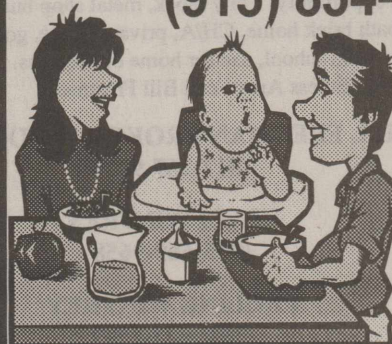
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By Bordens  
**\$1.99**  
a Gal.

Main Street  
Cigarettes  
**\$1.89**  
a pack

10 lb. Sack  
of Potatoes  
**\$1.99**  
Buy One Get  
One Free

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Products  
**2 for \$1.00**

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WE PAY OUR WINNERS IN \$CASH\$

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Hunting and Fishing Supplies

Live Bait - Minnows - Worms