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Abundant in Wildlife Masthead Designed by Deborah Lowitzer

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EDITOR'S NOTE: My faithful friend from the Austin area mailed me the following letter referring to our Heavenly Father. It is yet another writing with no author recognized. Some nave a difficult time relating to our Heavenly Father due to their relationship with their earthly father. They do not see God as a loving, kind, and protective figure, while those who had earthly fathers with those good characteristics can easily see God as such. Whatever your situation may be, please just read this with an open heart. The message is overwhelming. Vanda Anderson

"Letter From Father"

The words you are about to read are true. They will change your life if you let them. For they come from the heart of God. God loves you.

And He is the Father you have been looking for all your life. This is His Love Letter to You!

My Child,

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1



Bob Golson (center) served as auctioneer. Ronnie White (left) and Jackie Tennison were spotters.



Here is just a few of the Live Auction items.

Students Challenge Teachers in Mock Quiz Show Rehearsal

You probably did not realize it, but Cross Plains High School has a team of students who have volunteered their time and energy for the better part of the school year to prepare for the KTXS Academic Challenge quiz contest. Members of the school's team include Seniors Daley Anderson, Michelle Haan and Kati Wooten; Junior Lori, Hail and Sophomores Travis Golson and Jake Snell.

The weekly televised show features area high school facing off against one another in quiz-show format where students answer toss-up questions against one another. During the bonus round, if the student answers the questions correctly, then the team earns a chance to earn more points from a bonus question. Team members can confer with one another on bonus questions and that's when it really comes in handy to have resident experts on your team. Questions are random and can come from many academic areas such as mathematics, history, science, geography, art, current events and general trivia.

Garden Club

On Monday, February 16, you are invited to a mock-show contest in which the high school's team will compete against a faculty team. The contest will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. Everyone in the community is invited to attend and cheer for both groups as they battle wits.

In late August, students tried out for the team and were selected based on their performance on the selection test. Only four students will compete in the actual contest that is televised. Those four will be selected next week prior to our scheduled contest, based on their performance on a final test.

Students from Cross Plains High School will compete in the **KTXS** Academic Challenge quiz contest on February 23 at 7:15 p.m. against Hawley High School. Our team earned an advance to the second round when Rising Star forfeited from the initial contest in October. Hawley's team earned an advance as well when Clyde forfeited. The contest will be taped that evening and is scheduled to air on Saturday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. on KTXS, Channel 12. The winner of this contest will advance to the third round and play Sweetwater High School.

Please come out and cheer on

this special group of students

when they practice their skills

and challenge the teachers. Wish

this group luck as they prepare to

compete against Hawley High

School. Thanks for your support.

Academic Challenge Coach/Advisor

Submitted by

Melissa Owen

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2 I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-30

For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I chose you when I planned cre-

ation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. I John 4:16

And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. I John 3:1

Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. I John 3:7

I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11

For I am the perfect Father. Matthew 5:48

Every good gift you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet your needs. Matthew 6:31-33

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are

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A large crowd enjoyed the spaghetti dinner.

Jeremy's Benefit Raised **\$9,400** Last Saturday Night

By Vanda Anderson Editor

The turnout for Jeremy Tennison's Benefit last Saturday evening was outstanding. It makes you so proud to be a part of a loving community like Cross Plains. \$3,000 was earned from the meal alone and another \$6,400 was added by the Silent and Live Auctions. This just proves what a "group effort" can accomplish.

Jeremy and his family are very appreciative of everyone's efforts on his behalf. He is still improving daily and reported more comfortable and resting much better. Jeremy remains in Room 508, Parkland Hospital, Dallas. Your prayers are still

requested as he recovers.

Baptist Church was filled with smiling faces eager to be helpful. There were even greeters at the door to welcome every person. The number of people served delicious spaghetti dinners was not known at press time, but I know they served all the spaghetti prepared, with only meager leftovers of salad and garlic bread.

The gym area was filled with tables and approximately 300 can be seated there at one time. The room was filled as individuals came and went throughout the evening. Many came by for take-outs as well.

The number of items donated to the Silent and Live Auctions was

amazing. Generosity flowed as so The Family Life Center at First many contributed to this worthy cause. Many ladies were busy baking, as cakes for the meal and the auction abounded.

> All the churches assisted in various ways to help with the meal, etc.

Hats off to those who purchased the items at the auctions and to Bob Golson for being an entertaining auctioneer. His spotters and helpers were great, too. Everyone had a wonderful time! I was impressed that so many relatively new residents to our area joined in the effort. We appreciate your participation in our community and hope that you feel at home. This benefit testifies to the

kind of community Cross Plains

to Meet Friday, February 13th

The Cross Plains Garden Club will meet Friday, February 13, at Wanda Martin's home for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

John Adams will be the guest speaker and his wife, Betty Sue will be a special guest.

Club members and anyone interested in joining the group are cordially invited.

Art Club to Meet Tuesday, **February 17th**

The Cross Plains Paint and Palette Club will meet Tuesday, February 17 (not Thursday, February 19th as reported earlier), at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center in Cross Plains. Mary Lynn Taylor of Brownwood Art Association will give a demonstration in painting for everyone's pleasure.

All visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For additional information contact Betty Beggs (254) 725Membership **Meeting Set** The Cross Plains Chamber of

Local Chamber

Quarterly

Commerce will hold their Quarterly Membership Meeting Thursday, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dairy Queen.

Guest speaker will be Curtis Stahnke, who will discuss bike rallies. The Chamber of Commerce is considering sponsoring a bike rally locally.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Drawing for Beef Half and Academy Gift **Certificate This Friday**

If you haven't purchased your You may purchase tickets for tickets for a chance on 1/2 beef or the 1/2 beef at \$5.00 per ticket or a \$250.00 gift certificate from 6 for \$20.00. The tickets for the Academy, Friday, February 13th, gift certificate to Academy are Notice" of the date for their will be your last opportunity.

The Athletic Booster Club will be selling tickets at the halftime of the boys varsity game concession stand during the basketball games Friday evening.

\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

The drawing will be held at so purchase your tickets before hand.

CP Kiwanis Pancake **Supper March 23rd**

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains announces "Early annual Pancake Supper-Tuesday night, March 23rd. It's like one of those I-HOP deals-"All the pancakes you can eat for one price."

More details will be shared at later dates but be sure and mark your calendar now for Tuesday night, March 23rd-and don't miss it!

P.S. Did you get the date-March 23rd?

7235. really is—a special place!

Joan Hunter to Speak at Wings As Eagles Church

Joan Hunter will be ministering at Wings As Eagles Church on Saturday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 22, at 3:00 p.m. Wings As Eagles Church is located on Highway 206 and FM 585, the home of Joe and Mary Burkett near Coleman. Excitement is the word that describes the life and ministry of Joan Hunter. She is excited about the opportunities of sharing the miracles of God. Saved at the age 12, Joan has faithfully served the Lord. She knows first hand the pain of heartbreak. Instead of retreating into despair, she has chosen to go forward by releasing the healing power of God to hurting people.

832 Ave. E

Pastor:

Donald Duke

Joan is the daughter of Charles and Frances Hunter (The Happy Hunters). She has worked and traveled with her parents for more than 30 years, helping with the Healing Explosions around the world. The mantle of healing has been passed on to Joan from her parents and she has seen many miracles happen as she lays hands on the sick. Whether 2:00 p.m. at Eastside Baptist sick in body, heart, spirit or mind, Church with Donna DeLuca God has healed.

of the Spirit. Majoring in the word of knowledge, healing and prophecy, her excitement in the Bowie and together they had one Lord is contagious.

encouraged to attend this spirit-filled meeting.

Cross Plains, TX

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EAST HIGHWAY 36

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Christian Youth Activities

THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. Midweek Service

Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:00 AM

Morning Worship11:00 AM

Evening Worship6:00 PM

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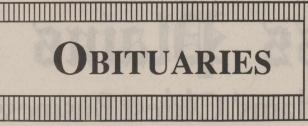
SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

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10:45 a.m.. Morning Service

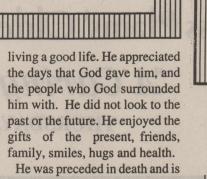


Alvie A. "Blackie" **Revnolds**

Ranger-Alvie A. "Blackie" Reynolds went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at the tender age of 85 years. Memorial services were held on Sunday, February 8, at officiating. Arrangements are Joan flows fluently in the gifts under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Ranger.

He married Allie Belle Stuart of daughter, Gladys Marie Everyone is invited and Reynolds. They made their home in Odessa, Texas for more than 60 years. Blackie was well known and respected in the oil fields of West Texas. He worked and retired from FWA Oil Drilling Company in the late 1970's. Blackie has spent the last years living in Cross Plains and Ranger Nursing Centers. He has been able to enjoy the fellowship of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren during this time.

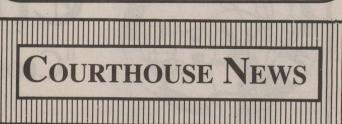
Blackie was a man that was blessed-that is, he had an inward joy, which came from



now re-united with his wife, Allie, and daughter, Gladys. Known to his grandchildren as "PawPaw", he is survived by one grandson and two granddaughters, Mark and Kathy Buck of Enumclaw, Washington and their children, Shelby and Joshua; Dan and Kathy Eoff of Zephyr and their children, Kutter, Kashtyn and Kannon; Cord and Kimberly Woerner of Godley and their children, Thor, Zed and Miss Aspen. Blackie and his family would like to recognize the loyal dedication of the nursing staff of the Ranger Care Center and that of the Eastland Memorial Hospital. Dr. Hugh Wilson and the doctors he works with have spent many hours striving to make sure PawPaw maintained a life of

quality, not quantity. His family

thanks you.



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COUNTY COURT Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Linda Gaylor, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, case refiled, paid restitution, fine and court costs.

Christy Lanier, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50 fine, court costs and restitution paid.

Marriage Licenses

Troy Jefferson Williams and Mary Eileen Haynes, both of Cisco.

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Deborah Kirsten Phillips and David Wayne Phillips, divorce.

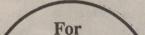
LETTER TO HE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

When we moved to CROSS PLAINS, Ginny and I learned that every once in a while there is a long drought.

Recently, when Ginny was giving directions to a delivery van from Abilene, she told the driver to note the sign saying "Caddo Peak Ranch" on the left (north) side of the road, and about 1.8 miles further, on a chain-link fence on the right (south side), there would be a sign saying "Tween Peaks" at our gate. I mentioned she should tell the

driver, if he drove into rain, he had gone too far and was in East Texas, tot bowrow **Curt Hoskins**



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Vanda or Amber

Fred Childers and Jessie Childers, divorce. Sonia G. Harris and William D.

Harris, divorce. Brandi Jo Nix and Jerry Lynn Nix, divorce.

Dedra Jolene Rivers and Bruce Wayne Rivers, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Shannon S. Morris and Robert K. Morris, divorce granted. First National Bank of Abilene vs. Attila Gaal and Susan Gaal, order granting nonsuit.

Criminal Minutes

Antonio B. Lopez, order extending probation granted.



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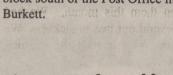
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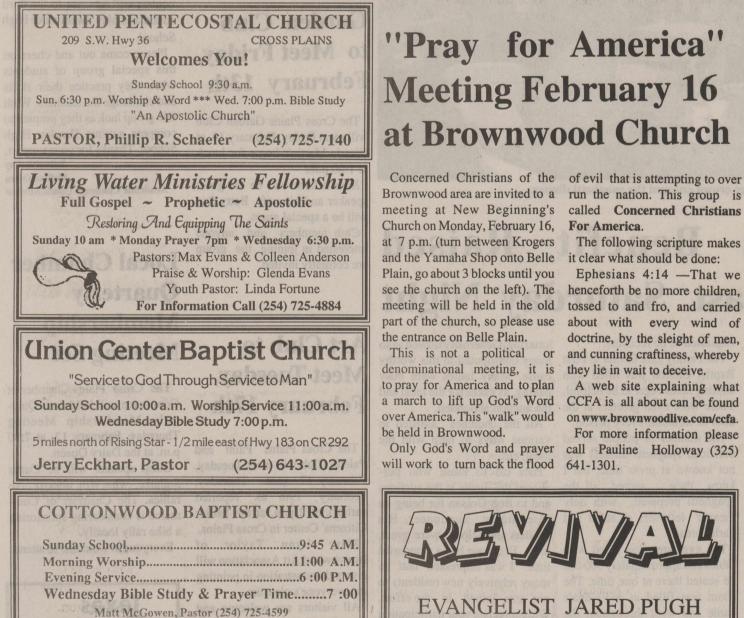


Burkett Baptist Church will 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served and special music after church will commence at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 15th. The R.C. music.

Sunday School begins at 10:15 block south of the Post Office in a.m. with church services at Burkett.

celebrate Valentines with lunch around 12:15 p.m. Entertainment Everyone is invited to join them Willie Group from Brownwood for church, lunch or just will play and sing your favorite entertainment. The Burkett Baptist Church is located one





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A web site explaining what For more information please

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Sunday's Sermon uestion Of Birth" **RISING STAR NURSING** CENTER

We found out one day last week that not only is Dr. Billy Carpenter a good doctor, he also has a hidden talent. Dr. Carpenter came to our rescue after having locked the key in our van. He was able to unlock it for us. Thanks again Dr. Carpenter, we appreciate you for many reasons.

February is the month of LOVE. Be sure to remember your etheart on the 14th.

s share a little love and appreciation to our staff, the residents helped make Valentine sachet bags of net filled with candy kisses, tied with white ribbon.

More love was shown by several residents who enjoyed stuffing Valentine plates with candy plus a Valentine card and delivering them to Mrs. Keeling's Kindergarten Class.

Rozell Gary, Irene Starkey, Roby Kornegay, Pansy Read, Ellen Simpson, Dorothy Hunt and Violet Johnston have been showing their cooking talents. They made heart-shaped cookies and decorated them with pink icing and sweetheart sprinkles. Good job ladies!

Love makes everybody **SPECIAL!** HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Submitted by Linda Merritt

CPHS Class of 1961 Report **Great Fellowship Luncheon**

February 7th was a great day at the Class of 1961 Valentine union. Seventeen were present

d 12 of those were classmates. A good lunch at Jean's Feed Barn was enjoyed by all. Glenn Lawrence and Claudette (Baugh) Ross were chosen Valentine King and Queen for the day.

a gift for being married to the same partner the longest (42 years).

Rex Tackett, Sue (Loveless) Leech, Jerry Tyler, Henry Ring, Drucilla (Jones) Evans and Carol (Cox) Drennan all received door prizes.

Claudette (Baugh) Ross was

presented the gift for traveling the longest distance. She came from

Carlsbad, New Mexico. Linda (Baum) Pringle and Linda (Dillard) Ring were surprised by the class with a gift for organizing the class get-together.

Pat (Ford) Albus, Linda Ring Henry and Linda Ring received and Linda Pringle donated the prizes

Linda Pringle and Linda Ring would like to thank all who attended. They were saddened that so many missed the enjoyable event. They plan to meet again in June and September. The exact dates will be announced at a later time.

Valentine Day Fund-raiser **Planned at Lake Brownwood**

The Sparkettes, Inc. are Lake Brownwood. hosting a Valentine Dinner as a fund-raiser for North Lake Brownwood Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, February 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at North

A chicken dinner with drink and dessert will be served for \$6.00. for adults and children 8 years and under \$3.00. Come celebrate Valentine's

Day and help a worthy cause.

BY WALLACE BENNETT

my little reference books again. Texas with the name of county. And our Cottonwood, according to the 2002 U.S. Cen-Texas State Data Center" is an ness. unincorporated town, and has a population of 65. An article in the book, "I Remember Callahan" lists Cottonwood as one of those Club) last Thursday and picked towns that now "exists in name up a couple of interesting notes. only"

Only COTTONWOOD in Martha and Keith Jones of Cot-Kaufman County has a larger population of 204 and is listed as an incorporated town with 181 businesses. Callahan County's skills. Cottonwood, us, is not listed as a town with any businesses.

That brings up the question, "Is and Sue Bennett in Cottonwood farming/ranching not a 'business'?" We have cattle farms/ ranches, hay farms, wheat farms, goat farms, poultry farms, horse farms, dog farms and a fish farm. But, is there no one around here who is not really "busy" with business?

Just think, all those businesses

I have been reading in some of in cities, towns, villages and other "Metropolitan Statistical Areas" According to the Texas Almanac, would not even be in business if and this may not be news to there were not farmers, ranchers, anyone else, there are 19 towns in goat hustlers, pig chasers and many other hard workers out here Cottonwood, each in a different expending personal blood, sweat and tears to help them, out there, get started and keep'em supplied sus and something called "The with commodities for their busi-

Personal Notes

I visited Cottonwood's own version of a chat-room (Quilting Raynell Jones, daughter of

tonwood, has entered training with the Job Corps in Terrell and will acquire new marketable job Gena Mayberry, of Anaheim,

California, has been visiting Tom over the past weekend. She is Sue's niece, and Sue spent the past week excitedly anticipating Gena's arrival.

(Please call Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474 about your local news and personal items for this column.)

QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENT **By KAY MOSLEY** Note: As we're beginning to Last summer they sailed around think about growing up, when the coast of Old Mexico and

something was done in error— vacationed all the way from my sister enjoyed saying, "Kay did it," just to hear me digress and states e-e-e-numerous, say, "I DID NOT!"

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"With Tongue in Cheek and A Grain of Salt"

Quite a few telephone calls came my way recently, most were wondering how I came to break same time.

Well, it wasn't easy. It took a lot of time and a lot of thought, quite a bit of research and a lot of planning. I still fell, no matter how hard I tried; I still fell. Jammed both feet into that rock solid new commode that had been newly installed not 3 weeks prior to "The Big Winter Fall".

I'm trying to blame this on my sister, the globe-trotting traveler. Two years ago, she and her husband, Sonny, went to Hawaii and while there spa-ing, golfing, shopping, meeting Don Ho, etc. I suffered congestive heart failure.

Abilene congratulating him for

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count on blood being there in

The letter stated that he was a

The Meek Blood Center also

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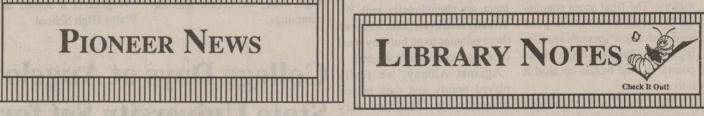
Canyon Lake, Texas 'cross to Chicago, Illinois and beyond.

They came back, took us home with them for a both relaxing and fun-filled week as their guests; wined and dined us, and Sonny and Marvin went fishing. This made old Marvin's eyes shine till they 'bout popped outta their both ankles on both feet at the sockets. Then they took us home and their jobs began again.

So for Christmas, they made plans to fly to West Virginia for Christmas to be with their son, Brian, and his wife, Tobi, who moved there last summer from the Houston area. So, see it's all their fault. I bet if they hadn't planned that trip I probably wouldn't 'have fallen. I teased Ann about it. She takes my rantings generally with a couple of grains of salt-and a tooth pick. No one else believes me either. I'm famous for that!

ory

and



Sorry, I did not get our article in going to musicals. It keeps them the paper last week. We have young! taken out two quilts, Charlene's

Glenda Phillips went to the "Flower Garden" that is so pretty **Rising Star Nursing Center with** and is a very special quilt. It is the Rising Star Church of Christ Christy's and was pieced by a to have services for the residents. relative. Earlene's "Texas Star" They always hold the 4th Sunday was also finished and turned out services at the nursing home. very pretty, also. It to was pieced Later, she went to visit Violet by a relative. We now have Jean Burcham at Rising Star. Violet is Alexander's "Barn Door" in and in hernineties and very enjoyable Lou's top (I do not have the name to visit with. She still lives by right now). We will be working herself. She used to work with on them this month. We had Glenda's mother-in-law at the several out due to sickness. We sewing factory at Brownwood. hope all are well this coming We are still looking for that

good soaking rain. We pray that it will come this week. The grain is

LIBRARY NOTES	
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just holding on. Guess what!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 16 - 20

MONDAY -Dumplings, Tossed Salad, Peas & Cake, Bread, Milk Carrots, Apple Crisp, Bread, Milk THURSDAY - Meatloaf, TUESDAY - Chili w/Beans, Pears Blackeyed Peas, Cabbage, & Cottage Cheese, Coleslaw, Cookie, Pudding, Bread, Milk Crackers, Milk WEDNESDAY - Pork Chops w/ Salad, Fruit, Cookie, Cornbread,

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BREAKTHRU

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

Toward the end of Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount," in "offering the invitation," He encouraged His listeners to choose the right way — the "narrowed way," with the entrance gate that is also "narrowed" — "rendered 'narrow' by the Divine conditions, which make it impossible for any to enter who think the entrance depends upon self-merit, or who still incline towards sin, or desire to continue in evil" (W. E. Vine: Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words).

Just as some today try a watered-down, non-stringent physical exercise program in order to have desired results of strength and fitness — when the only way to gain such is a vigorous, aggressive, grueling program — so some approach spiritual fitness. "Give me the easy life, something that's not demanding and with no restrictions." Yet Jesus says that the road to life is impossible without "paying the price" (Matthew 7:13-14; 16: 24-26).

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

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

Frankie Smith had for her company her daughter, Mrs. Bobby Nance and Mrs. Steve Harrelson. They stayed two nights with her. They took Frankie to Abilene to around the corner. see her friends, Dorthy Mitchell and Clois Tennison. They were over (district, that is). Some both at Hendrick Medical Center. Clois had gone home and Dorthy went home last Friday. She was glad that both were at home. Friday Jean and Frankie went to Cisco. Saturday Frankie went to Clyde with Mr. and Mrs. Blount. Sunday Jean and Frankie had lunch with Jean's sister, Vi Harlow in Cross Plains.

week.

Last Week's News:

Glenda Phillips is still going to basketball games. She really appreciates getting to ride with her kids to the out of town games. Krista, Emily and Terra ate lunch at Glenda's Saturday. They had been out petting the horses and it was nearly 10 a.m., so they were hungry. Krista made potato soup, so they ate soup and cornbread. Allen and Logan came along before they finished and joined them. The girls talked Allen into catching the horses for them. They rod horses all afternoon. Kali stopped by for little while on Saturday evening. Howard had lunch with Glenda on Monday. Glenda is always so happy for all of them to drop in. There is always a welcome sign at Glenda's. This Week's News:

Earlene and Jessica had a BIG work day on Saturday. Cindy Fuller and Andrew and son, Cameron, all spent the day cutting brush and hauling it off, moving rocks and fixing the fence. Earlene cooked their dinner but the others did all the work. Things sure look better around the place and their work was really appreciated. She is another of our ladies who really enjoys her family coming to see her and giving her a helping hand. What would we do without our children?

Frankie Smith and Jean Fore traveled to Carbon Saturday night to the musical. They do enjoy

There are a few people putting out onions in their gardens. Well, that is a good sign that spring is The basketball season is about

donating a total of 5 gallons of life saving blood over a period of teams will go on to play further. Go out this week and support your teams. Baseball is next! The population give blood so that 100 kids are already practicing.

case it is needed. We Can Help "true hero of his community" because he did something he **You With Your** didn't have to do to save the lives **Party Needs** of people he would probably never know. Wedding/Anniversary Invitations enclosed a pin designating his Napkins **Supplies Graduation Invitations Cross Plains Review** 116 S.E. 1st

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW **Varsity Buffaloes Basketball Report**

The Buffaloes split their games last week. They played well this week, but were beaten by an excellent Albany team, 52-77. The Buffaloes were within 8, late in the game, but went through a scoring drought and Albany rarely missed.

Scoring for the Buffaloes were Bennett 8, Goains 7, Mauricio 5, William 8, M. Allen 16, R. Allen 2 and Gardner 6. Assists were led by M. Allen with 5 and R. Allen added 4. Mauricio, R. Allen and Horton had 3 steals each. Rebounds were led by M. Allen with 10. Gardner, Mauricio, Goains and Bennett had 6 re-

bounds each.

Albany 13 23 15 28 77 CP 9 10 17 14 52 The Buffaloes were able to beat Gorman 57-37. The Buffaloes played an exciting tempo game. Scorers were Bennett 14, Goains 4, Mauricio 10, Williams 12, M. Allen 6, Gardner 5, Horton 4 and Thomas 2. Rebounds were led by M. Allen with 10. Bennett added 8. Steals we led by Goains and Williams with 3 each. Gorman 11 11 6 9 37 CP 12 12 16 17 57 Submitted by

Coach Jay Wilcoxen

ANGELA RODRIGUEZ

Young Lady Local **Celebrated 18th Birthday**

Angela Rodriguez turned 18 on Friday, February 3, 2004. She was honored with a party on Monday, February 2, hosted by Whitney Odom, Korbin and Roby and Cliff and Connie Kirkham.

Thirty plus guests gathered at the Kirkham home to enjoy hot dogs, cake, ice cream and the trimmings.

"Finding Nemo" was the theme used to decorate the table and cake. Classmates and other friends sang "Happy Birthday" as she blew out the candles.

It was a fun night and Angela had a great time enjoying friends and opening lots of wonderful gifts.

Angela is a senior at Cross Plains High School.

College Days at Angelo State University Set for This Saturday, Feb. 14th

Angelo State University will open its doors to prospective students ' considering college careers and will give them an up-close-and-personal view of ASU life Saturday, February 14, during "College Days".

In addition to sampling the various academic and extracurricular programs available at the university, students and their families will also be treated to a lunch compliments of the univer-

Activities begin at 9:30 a.m.

with check-in at the C.J. "Red"

Davidson Conference Center in

the Houston Harte University

Center at 1910 Rosemont. The

program begins at 10 a.m. in the

Davidson Center with a welcome

by ASU President James

Hindman. Tours of the campus

After lunch students and their

families will return to the

Davidson Conference Center for

will then be conducted.

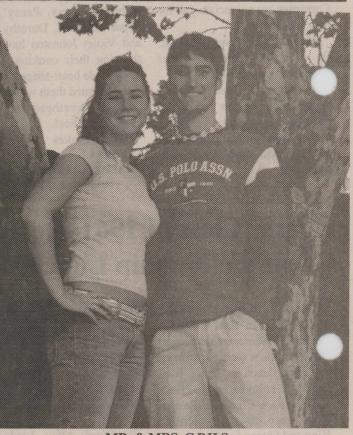
sity.

the ASU Expo, where information will be available on academic programs, student organizations, extracurricular activities, financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, residence halls and other areas of interest to prospective students and their parents.

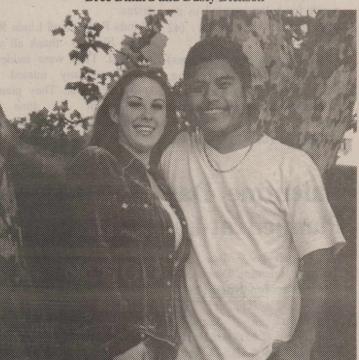
Special information sessions also will be presented for students interested in a variety of ASU programs including education,

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2004 Personalities & Favorites Shown on Page 4 and 5



MR. & MRS. C.P.H.S **Bree Dillard and Dusty Dickson**



Lady Buffs Defeat Gorman in Exciting Overtime Game

The Lady Buffs defeated had played Baird and Albany. Gorman in an exciting overtime Against the top 15 ranked Baird victory. The final score was 54- team, we played really well. We 53. We actually had a three point actually held a one point lead with lead with a few seconds remain- three minutes to go but they went ing, but Gorman hit a three on a big run to win in the end. pointer at the buzzer to send it into overtime.

teams had various leads throughout the game. Ultimately, some feated us soundly. timely buckets from Bree Dillard, gave us the victory.

With a win over Ranger, the Lady Buffs will earn third place in district. Previously, the girls

Against Albany, we really

played poorly and they played It was a game of spurts as both tremendously. They are very strong and athletic and really de-

Currently the Lady Buffs are Kelsee Richards and a big three 13-14 and hope to beat Ranger to pointer from Stephanie Edington finish out the year on a positive note and finish with a .500 winning percentage.

Submitted by Coach Gill

Junior High Girls Basketball Season Wrap-up Reported

By Coach Becky Dillard

have improved on their skills. They have shown good sportsmanship even when they have scored very little in a game. I am for their hard work.

#14 Christi Burrhus; #20 The Junior High Girls have Macayla Cook; #30 Starla come up "win-less" in this second Schaeffer; #32 Hailey Biggs; #33 part of the season, "But" this Tiffany Walker; #10 Mandy group of girls have won the game Rose; #12 Emily Harris; #22 of not giving up. They try hard Terrah Augustine; #31 Ashleigh with the skills they have and some Gallaway; and #34 Krista Phillips. Managers were Lela Bills and Mary Vasquez.

Team players for the last games:

We want to thank all the parents and fans who have cheered us on proud of this small group of girls during the Junior High Basketball season.

Stenholm announces art competition for local high school students

gressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) today (Friday, February 6th) (Friday, February 6th) an- 12 from Callahan, Fisher, nounced plans for the 23rd An- Haskell, Jones, Runnels, nual Congressional Art Compe- Shackelford, Stonewall and Taytition for high school students in lor Counties are invited to enter the 17th Congressional District a preliminary contest to be held of Texas. The Congressional Art in Abilene on Saturday, April Competition provides Stenholm 3rd, 2004. Students may obtain and his colleagues in the U.S. release forms and further infor-House of Representatives the opportunity to showcase the talents of creative young constituents.

Each Member of the House of Representatives is allowed to exhibit one art entry from a student in his or her Congressional District. The winning entry from Stenholm's Congressional District will be exhibited—along with art from students in the 434 other Congressional Districts in the United States-for one year in the tunnel space between the U.S. Capitol and the Cannon House Office Building in Washington, D.C. Members of Congress, their staff and visitors regularly view the art in this area because it is a frequently-used passageway on Capitol Hill.

In addition, the winners from each Congressional District are invited to a Capitol Hill reception in June that highlights their accomplishments in conjunction with the hanging of their artwork. This reception traditionally features a celebrity from the entertainment industry.

This impressive annual exhibit represents the combined efforts of Members of Congress, students and teachers who encour- 670-1246.

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Con- age their students to enter the competition.

Students in grades 9 through mation at their local high schools. Entries should be brought to the Hardin-Simmons University's Frost Center Art Room by Friday, April 2nd, 2004, for regional judging the next day.

Other regional shows will be held in Graham, Mineral Wells, San Angelo, Snyder, Stephenville, Sweetwater and Zephyr. Regional winners will be honored and the final overall winner will be announced at an Awards Brunch hosted by Charlie and Cindy Stenholm in Abilene on Saturday, April 17th, 2004.

Artwork must be no larger than 32" by 32" framed (framing not required) and two-dimensional. Eligible forms of artwork are paintings, prints, drawings, collages, computer art and photograph, and the artwork must capture the flavor or depict the heritage of West Texas and the 17th District. Entries may depict, but are not limited to, landscapes.

For more information, contact Annette Wilson in Stenholm's Stamford office at (325) 773-3623, or Martha Kiel at Hardin-Simmons University at (325) countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18

Down Home

And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40

For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5

I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41

And I want to show you great counting your sins. 2 Corinthians and marvelous things. Jeremiah 5:18-19 33:3

If you seek me with all your could be reconciled. 2 heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29

Delight in me and I will give you pression of my love for you. I the desires of your heart. Psalm John 4:10 37:4

For it is I who gave you those desires. Phillippians 2:13

I am able to do more for your than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20

For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18

As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11

One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4

nursing, physical therapy, prelaw and pre-health professions. ASU faculty, staff and students will be available to welcome guests to campus and to answer their questions about all aspects of student life at ASU.

Another College Days program is scheduled for April 3.

For more information on College Days, contact the ASU Office of Admissions at (325) 942-2058.

you have suffered on this earth.

even as I love my son, Jesus. John

For in Jesus, my love for you is

He is the exact representation of

And to tell you that I am not

Jesus died so that you and I

His death was the ultimate ex-

I gave up everything I loved that

If you receive the gift of my son

Jesus, you receive me. I John 2:23

I might gain your love. Romans

Revelation 21:3-4

revealed. John 17:26

my being. Hebrews 1:3

Corinthians 5:18-19

17:23

MR. AND MRS. C.P.H.S. 1st Runner Up Shana Hyles and Jose Mauricio



MR. AND MRS. C.P.H.S. **2nd Runner Up Andy Bennett and Christin Hyles**

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THURSDAY- Chicken Pot Pie, Crackers, Sweet Potatoes, Peaches FRIDAY- Submarine Sandwich, Chips, Salad, Pickles, Ice Cream

And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans Come home and I'll throw you

the biggest party heaven has ever

My question is...will you be my child? John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you. Luke

15:11-32 Love, your Father, Almighty

3:14-15

God

seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and

8:31-32

8:28-29

will always be Father. Ephesians







7TH GRADE FAVORITES Emily Harris and Zach Wallace



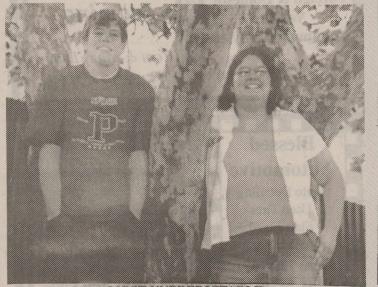


9TH GRADE FAVORITES Karen Scott and Justin Dickson

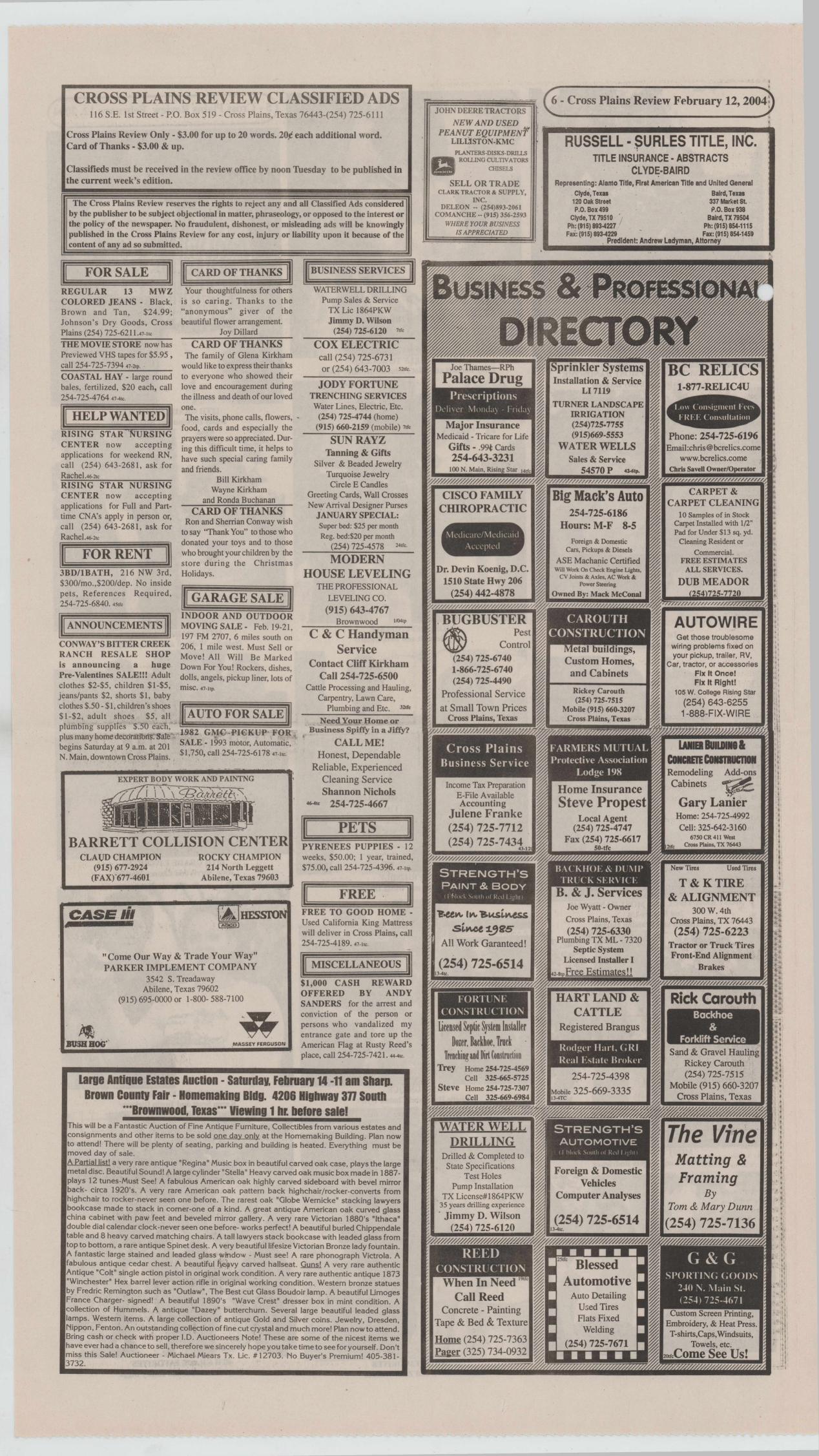


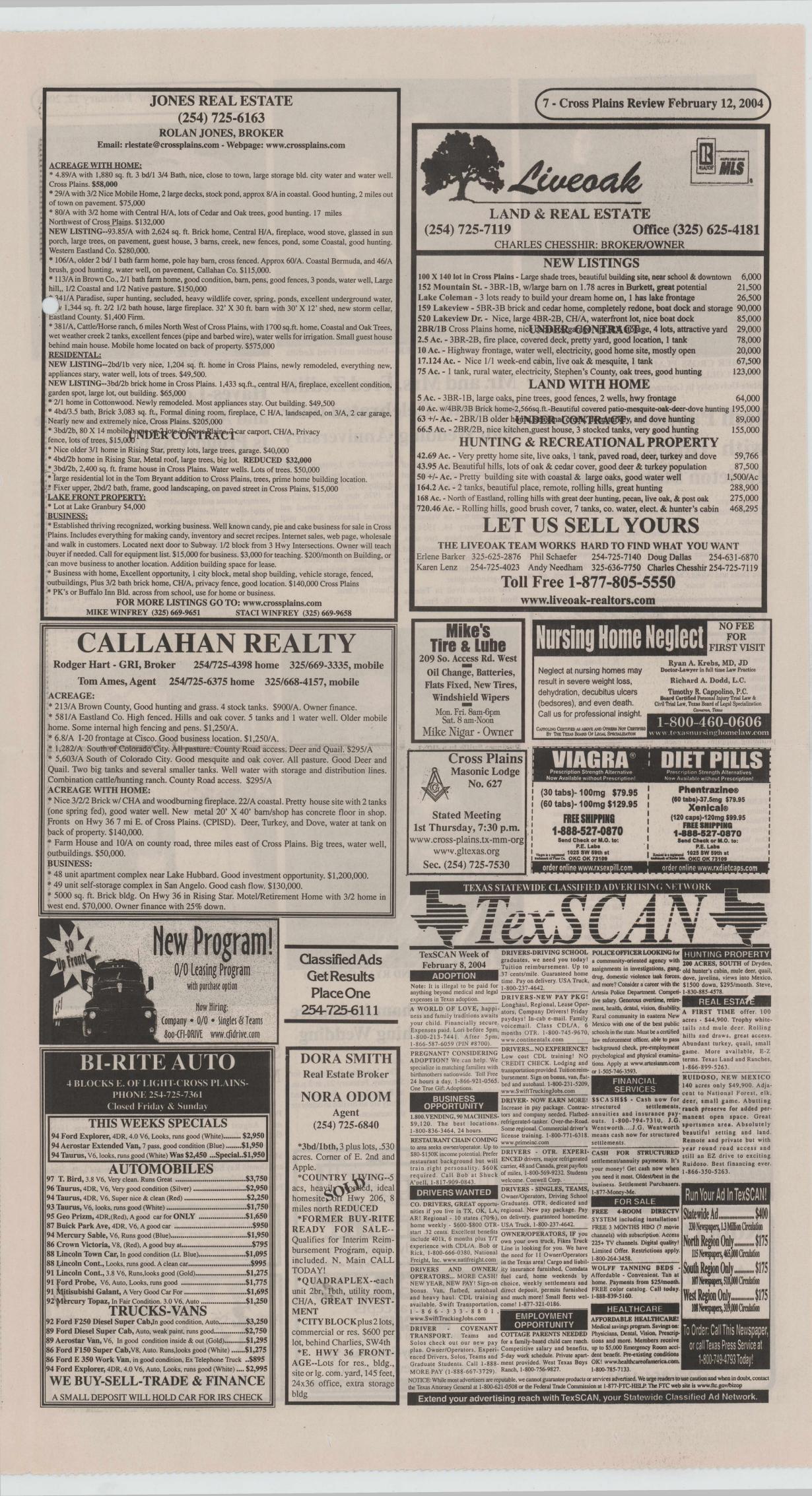
Joey Westerman and Hailey Biggs

MOST SPIRITED Andy Bennett and Angela Rodriguez



MOST UNPREDICTABLE Chance Hyles and Angela Rodriguez







FORMER CROSS PLAINS STUDENT GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE—Jodi Payne graduated from Tarleton State University in Commencements December 13, 2003.

Jodi Payne Graduates with Honors from **Tarleton State University**

Tarleton State University on December 13, 2004, Magna Cum Information Systems.

Sigma, Epsilon Delta Pi, Delta Mu Delta and Alpha Chi Honor Societies. The honor student

Jodi Payne graduated from earned a GPA of 4.0 in her field of study and a 3.83 overall.

Jodi is the daughter of Bobby Laude with a degree in Computer and Cindy Payne; granddaughter of Glenn and Lucille Payne and She is a member of Phi Eta Audrey and Jewell Purvis; and great-granddaughter of the late Otis and Treasy Purvis, all of Cross Plains.



FIFTY YEARS TOGETER—Dorthie and Fred Zedlitz

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zedlitz Recently Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Rising Star recently celebrated during that time. Dorthie was their 50th Wedding Anniversary employed by Parker Pharmacy. with their family.

Zedlitz were wed on Valentine's operated Lakeway Store until Day, February 14, 1954, in 1980. Presently both are Lamesa. They have two sons, employed by the U.S. Postal Louis W. Zedlitz of Temple and Service. Fred is a rural carrier in Joe D. Zedlitz of Comanche; Rising Star and Dorthie is a three grandchildren; and one rural carrier associate in Cross great-granddaughter.

The couple lived in Tahoka Church of Christ. from 1954 to 1976. Fred was

In 1976 they moved to Cross Dorthie Jean Hancock and Fred Plains where they owned and Plains. Both are active in the

Gene and Jackie Hayes of employed as a nurse practitioner Burleson are pleased to announce with the One Source Health the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alosha Lajeana to Jerry Wayne ing Star and received an Long, son of Rex and Trudi Long of Rising Star and the grandson of Junior College in 1989. He is James and Frances Wolf of Cross currently employed with West Plains.

Burleson High School and April 3, 2004 at the First Baptist received a Masters of Science Church of Cross Plains with degree in nursing from the Ronnie White officiating. After a University of Texas at Arlington honeymoon in Tennessee, the

Center in Cross Plains.

Jerry is a 1987 graduate of Ris-Associates degree from Cisco Texas Gas in Cisco.

Lajeana is a 1987 graduate of The wedding is set for Saturday, in 2000. She is currently couple plan to reside in the Cross Plains/Rising Star area.



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JERRY LONG AND LAJEANA HAYES

Hayes-Long Engagement



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Fred and Dorthie Zedlitz of employed by Lyntegar Electric

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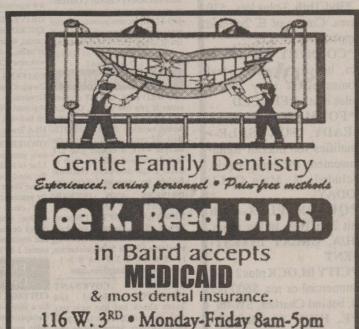
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Johnston-Gorham Announce their Approaching Wedding

Clovie Johnston and Bobby and area. Trish Johnston would like to an-Diane Gorham. Lisa and Ryan the occasion. are both residents of the Dallas

The wedding is planned for nounce the upcoming wedding of Saturday, February 21, at 3 p.m. their daughter, Lisa Johnston, to in Richardson. Friends and Ryan Gorham, son of Rex and family are all invited to celebrate



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MR. AND MRS. JOHNNY POINTER and Jazlyn Pointer, Johnny's daughter

Smith-Pointer Exchanged Marriage Vows in Tennessee

Sharla Smith and Johnny Pointer were united in marriage on August 9, 2003, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The bride is the daughter of Mary Stockwell of Friendswood and Donald Ray Smith of Alvin. The groom is the son of Margaret Pointer of Cross Plains.

Bridesmaids were Sherry Jones and Amber Mendez, a niece, and the flower girl was Jazlyn Pointer, the groom's daughter, of North Carolina. The best man was Ryan Pryor.

The couple reside in Seabrook near Houston.

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