

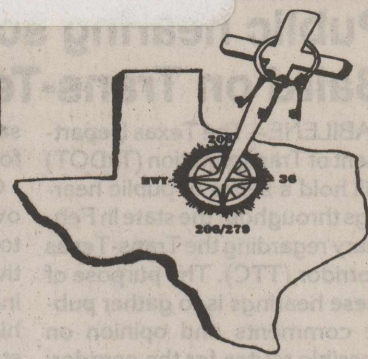


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THURSDAY, February 19, 2004



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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Last week we published the "Letter from the Father" and this week here is a "Letter to the Father". Once again there is no author. I was shocked by the number of schools where children were killed. When you put the list all together it is overwhelming. Thank goodness our school has not digressed to this point. Don't you feel like it is time we get together and clean America up????? Please read and come to your own conclusions. **Vanda Anderson**

### "A Letter to the Father"

Dear God:  
Why didn't you save the school children at...  
Moses Lake, Washington 2/2/96  
Bethel, Alaska 2/19/97  
Pearl, Mississippi 10/1/97  
West Paducah, Kentucky 12/1/97  
Stamps, Arkansas 12/15/97  
Jonesboro, Arkansas 3/24/98  
Edinboro, Pennsylvania 4/24/98  
Fayetteville, Tennessee 5/19/98  
Springfield, Oregon 5/21/98  
Richmond, Virginia 6/15/98  
Littleton, Colorado 4/20/99  
Taber, Alberta, Canada 5/28/99  
Conyer, Georgia 5/20/99  
Deming, New Mexico 11/19/99  
Fort Gibson, Oklahoma 12/6/99  
Santee, California 3/5/01  
El Cajon, California 3/22/01  
Sincerely,  
Concerned Student

Reply  
Dear Concerned Student:  
I am not allowed in schools.  
Sincerely,  
God

**How did this get started...**  
Let's see, I think it started when Madeline Murray O'Hare complained she didn't want any prayer in our schools.

And we said, OK...  
Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school, the Bible says "thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, and love your neighbor as yourself,"

And we said, OK...  
Someone said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self-esteem. And we said, an expert should know what he's talking about so we won't spank them anymore...

Then someone said teachers and principals better not discipline our children when they misbehave. And we accepted that.

Then someone said, let's let our daughters have abortions if they want, and they won't even have to tell their parents. And we said, that's a grand idea.

Then someone said, since boys will be boys and they're going to do it anyway, let's give our sons all the condoms they want, so they can have all the fun they desire, and we won't have to tell their parents they got them at school. And we said, that's another great idea...

Then some top officials said it doesn't matter what we do in private as long as we do our jobs. And we said, it doesn't matter what anybody, including the President, does in private.

And someone took that appreciation a step further and published pictures of nude children

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Tuesday, March 9, 2004  
Democratic Party Primary

### Callahan County Polling Places

- Precinct #1, Clyde Lions Club Building
- Precinct #2, Eula Lions Club Building
- Precinct #3, Baird Activity Center (Light Plant)
- Precinct #4, Cross Plains Community Center
- Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center (Democratic Party Primary Only)
- Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church
- Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center

## Early voting underway Feb. 23 for Democratic, Republican primaries

Early voting for the March 9, 2004 Democratic and Republican Party Primary Elections in Callahan County are set to begin on Monday, February 23 at three early voting locations in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains.

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Party Primaries will take place at the Justice of the Peace office in Clyde, County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Baird and Justice of the Peace office in Cross Plains.

Early voting for the two party primary elections will continue through Friday, March 5.

The Democratic Party Primary Election will take place on Tuesday, March 9 at seven polling places in Callahan County. Precinct #1 voting will be held at the Clyde Lions Club, Precinct #2

voting will be held at the Eula Lions Club, Precinct #3 voting will take place at the Baird Activity Center (Baird Light Plant), Precinct #4 voting will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center, Precinct #5 voting will take place at the Putnam Community Center, Precinct #6 will vote at the Southside Baptist Church and Precinct #7 voting will take place at the Oplin Community Center.

The Republican Party Primary will take place Tuesday, March 9 at the same voting locations, with the exception of the Putnam voting location. The Precinct #5 voting location at the Putnam Community Center will instead take place at the Precinct #3 voting site at the Baird Activity Center.

## Commissioners approve using JP Technology Fund proceeds to purchase computer

Callahan County Commissioners voted to use \$719.98 from the Justice of the Peace Technology Fund to purchase a computer system for the Department of Public Safety office in Callahan County.

The commissioners took the action Monday, February 9 during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and second by Commissioner Charlie Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to approve using the JP Technology Fund monies for a DPS computer. The fund would provide 80 percent of the total cost of the computer, while the Department of Public Safety would pay 20 percent. The county's 80 percent total amounts to \$719.98.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The commissioners' court meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by County Judge Roger Corn with commissioners Bryan Farmer, Harold Hicks, Tommy Holland and Charlie Grider present.

—The minutes of the January 12, 2004 commissioners' court meeting was approved as presented.

—There was no public comments during a time set aside for county residents comments.

—Joyce Odom met with the commissioners' court to discuss a 4 1/2 acre tract of land which was sold in 1911 to Callahan County by Mr. W.A. Odell located off FM 2287. Odom wanted to buy the tract back from the county since it was next to her ranch land. Odom would be willing to have the tract of land surveyed. The land in question at one time a county road going to it, but the county road has been closed for a number of years. Judge Corn stated the commissioners' court would have to do some research on the property before making a deci-

sion. On a motion by Commissioner Holland and second from Commissioner Hicks, commissioners voted 5-0 to table the item to research the property and to see what the county can legally do.

—Norman Alston met with the commissioners' court to give an update on the Courthouse Restoration grant Callahan County is applying for. After meeting in Austin, Alston told the commissioners' court he rewrote and added to the history of the Callahan County Courthouse. This is the fourth round of funding for Texas courthouse restoration, and Alston told the commissioners he expects to hear from Austin within the next two weeks. He assured Judge Corn he would contact him on the comments received from the state concerning the restoration project.

—Commissioner Grider made a motion to table action and to consult an attorney concerning a lawsuit against Callahan County involving 18-20 lots located in the Belle Plaine area. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote.

Judge Corn said the owner of the land is trying to obtain clear title to the property so he can sell the ranch land. The county judge said the land sits on the old Belle Plains city site and deeds for the land were never changed over to the current owner.

—Commissioners voted to accept the Rainey Ridge Lane into the County Road system. The housing area is located in the Rainey Creek Addition in Commissioner's Precinct #1. The property is located east of FM 18 between Clyde and Abilene on the south side. On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Farmer, commissioners voted 5-0 to accept the road into the County Road System. Randy Durden with Stephen's Properties requested the road be accepted into the County Road system. See Commissioners Page 8

## Indigent Health Care Funds Now Unavailable

By Al Pickett  
Special Writer

Callahan County has run out of money to help the county's poorest residents with their health care needs.

County Judge Roger Corn sent letters last week informing physicians and other health care providers that Callahan County has used up all of its indigent health care dollars for this fiscal year. The new fiscal year doesn't begin until Oct. 1.

"The state says we have to budget eight percent of our tax levy for indigent health care," Corn said. "For us, that's about \$82,000. We've spent close to \$78,000 already this year, and we've put back the rest to fill prescription needs."

Callahan County is one of 18 counties that receives money from the Texas Department of Health's Indigent Health Care Division. In other counties, that money goes to existing hospital districts.

"Since we don't have a hospital district, it's our responsibility," Corn said.

"We're doing the best we can."

The state has promised to provide Callahan County with \$11,861 to reimburse expenses above the county's portion once the county has exhausted \$82,094, or eight percent of its budget. But even that comes with strings attached. The reimbursement covers just 90 percent of the expenses, so the county has to come up with the other 10 percent.

For example, if the county receives all \$11,861 from the state, Callahan County would still have to come up with \$1,186. And that money has not been budgeted.

"We'll try to find it somewhere," Corn said. "Some counties don't use their coverage, so we might get some money from another county. But we'd still have to have 10 percent. If we got \$50,000, we'd have to come up with \$5,000, and we don't have that in the budget."

Corn said when he first began as county judge, Callahan County averaged about 12 indigent health care cases per

year. The county now has 29 cases.

"I don't know if we have more cases now, or if just more people know about the program," he said.

While the number of cases the county has to handle seemingly rises each year, funding from the state has decreased each year.

The county commissioners recently signed a resolution sent to the legislature outlining the seriousness of the indigent health care funding problem.

"We're tired of unfunded mandates from the state," Corn said. "It's easy to say that we have to provide certain services. The economic reality is that the money for these services just isn't there."

In the meantime, Callahan County is forced to face the reality that it has run out of money to help the county's poorest residents.

"I don't know what the answer is, or if there is an answer," Corn said. "It's like the movie (Jerry McGuire). I hope the legislature will show us the money."

## Lapham Provides Trip Down Memory Lane

To those in attendance, the evening with Bob Lapham was a trip down memory lane. Most could recall the early beginnings of the new music known as Rock 'n Roll, Elvis, the Big Bopper, Rudy Valens and Waylon Jennings. But it was Buddy Holly and his impact on the American pop culture that was the focus of the February 10 Meet the Author program sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library.

As a young man at Texas Tech, Lapham, struggling like many to find his niche in life, found himself in the company of a couple of friends who shared his love of music.

The Pickering brothers had real musical talents as well as ties to a young recording artist. Thus, the trio spent the summer of 1957 singing back-up vocals to a Lubbock native who was on the fast track to stardom.

Buddy Holly, backed by The Picks with The Crickets providing the instrumentals, had

recorded many tunes familiar to "the over..." crowd at the Community Center. "Peggy Sue", "Baby, Baby", "Oh Boy" and "Every Day" had all been on our top tunes list.

Lapham laughed at himself as he confessed how wrong he had been when he said in 1959 that "Rock 'n Roll music died when Elvis went into the Army."

Little did any of us realize that all the societal turmoil of the mid 50's would have such a worldwide impact. Our new music, new attitudes and new political agendas were being absorbed by a group of young men in England who would soon burst on the music scene—THE BEATLES. John, Paul, Ringo and George had aligned themselves by name as closely as they could to their idols—THE CRICKETS.

Throughout his career with the *Abilene Reporter-News*, Lapham had dreamed of writing the great American novel. Deep in his

heart he knew it would be a story of fiction based loosely on his summer of '57. Forty-six years later it all came together through his ingenious use of a couple of alter-egos, several other fictitious characters and some reality.

"I thoroughly loved the idea of re-creating myself. I wanted the book to have a Christian base, but yet reflect some golf, poker, drug dealers and beautiful women," explained Lapham.

**Meet Me at the River.** Buddy Holly has turned out to be all that Lapham dreamed it could be that magical summer long ago when a young man from the plains of Texas had moved in the same circle as a music legend to be.

The featured book is a great "read". You can check it out at the local library. They also have information on how to contact the author if you missed the program and would still like to purchase your own copy.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

## 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.

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 sick in body, heart, spirit or mind, God has healed.

Joan flows fluently in the gifts of the Spirit. Majoring in the word of knowledge, healing and prophecy, her excitement in the Lord is contagious.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this spirit-filled meeting.

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## Public hearing scheduled in Baird on Trans-Texas Corridor

ABILENE—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a series of public hearings throughout the state in February regarding the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC). The purpose of these hearings is to gather public comments and opinion on possible routes for the corridor.

During February, TxDOT has elected to host a TTC hearing in each Texas County. In Callahan County, the Abilene District has set the public hearing for Thursday, February 19, 2004. It will take place in TxDOT's Callahan County Maintenance Section office at 132 US Hwy. 283 N., Baird. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. with the hearing starting at 6 p.m.

The TTC is a network of roads, rail and a dedicated utility zone. This corridor will be built to move people, goods, utilities—and even ideas—through the state

safely and faster than ever before.

Construction will be funded over several decades through tolls, bonds and other innovative financing tools. Likely starting points for this corridor will be high-population areas of the state. Eventual features of the corridor could include separate lanes for cars and trucks, separate passenger, commuter and freight rail lines as well as a dedicated utility zone that includes water, electricity, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optics and telecommunications.

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in this public hearing. The facility is handicap accessible. For additional information on the meeting, contact Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene district public information officer, at 325/676-6806.

## OBITUARIES

### Terry Ella Brooks Norris

Terry Ella Brooks Norris, age 49, of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, February 14, 2004, at her home.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at Pioneer Cemetery with Rufus Wilson officiating, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Terry was born in Odessa on July 15, 1954. She attended school in Odessa and graduated from Cross Plains High School. Later she trained to be a LVN nurse.

Survivors include her daughter, Jesse Marie Norris of Cross Plains; a son, Aaron Michael Norris, who is currently stationed in Charleston, South Carolina with the U.S. Navy; parents, Kenneth and Ella L. Brooks of Pioneer; two sisters, Linda Brooks Wilson and husband, Richard, of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and Ramona Brooks Lewis and husband, Robert, of Las Cruces, New Mexico; and maternal grandmother, Letha Turner of Fairfield, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Howard W. Brooks, paternal grandmother, Blanche Curry Brooks, and maternal grandfather, Clayton (Jake) Fielden.

### Richard Donald Baskin, Sr.

Richard Donald Baskin, Sr., of Lake Brownwood, passed away Friday, February 6, 2004, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, in the Elm Cemetery in Gorman with military honors. Charlie Fortenberry officiated. Interment followed under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

Mr. Baskin was born February 7, 1928 in Johnson County, Oklahoma. He married Mary Lou Trimm on January 19, 1953 in Lovington, New Mexico. He was a truck driver for the Teamsters union until his retirement and a member of the Reorganized Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include his five sons, Donald Edward Baskin and wife, Sunie, of Cross Plains, Dennis Carl Baskin and wife, Gail, of Atoka, Oklahoma, Richard Donald Baskin, Jr. and wife, Janie, of Springdale, Arkansas, William Hugh Baskin I and wife, Linda, of Springdale, Arkansas, and Randy Earl Baskin I and wife, Shari, of Lincoln, Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou Baskin.

### Luther Glen Harmes

Luther Glen Harmes, age 70, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, February 13, 2004, at an area hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 16, 2004, at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Ronnie White officiating, assisted by Rex Boggs. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements.

Glen was born September 27, 1933 in Coleman, Texas to Luther Otto and Mary Fay (Coleman) Harmes. He graduated from Coleman High School, where he excelled as a top running back for the Coleman Bluecats in the late 40's and early 50's. He married Mardell (Maxwell) Richards on January 17, 1975 in Gatesville. In later years, he was a self-employed equipment dealer and drilling contractor. He loves were his wife, kids, grandkids and great-grandkids, horseracing, auctions and was "always looking for another deal". He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Coleman.

Survivors include his wife, Mardell Harmes of Cross Plains; two daughters, Toni Shields of Snyder, and Connie Boggs of Eastland; three sons, Monty Richards of Cross Plains, Steve Richards of Winnemucca, Nevada, and Gary Richards of Beeville; his mother, Mary Harmes, of Coleman; brother, Don Harmes, of Coleman; and 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Luther Harmes, and a sister Neva Bowen.

### Wayne Stacy

Wayne Stacy, 72, of Lake Coleman passed away Sunday, February 15, 2004, at Abilene Regional Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, February 19, 2004, at Dressy Cemetery with Mike Stacy officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Wayne was born on February 26, 1931 to Wilber John and Florrie (Foster) Stacy in Cross Plains. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard of Texas as an Army Recruiter until he retired in 1991. He married Barbara "B.J." Thompson on November 5, 1994 at Lake Coleman.

Survivors include his wife, B.J. Stacy of Lake Coleman; three daughters, Beverly Smith of Cisco, Cathy Schur of Vernon and Melissa Montez of San Antonio; two sons, Jon Stacy and Randy Stacy, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### COUNTY COURT

Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Vickie John, theft by check.  
Jason Parnell, theft by check.  
Toni Stoudemire, theft by check.  
Curtis Sean Dugan, driving while license invalid (DWLI).  
Mark Steven Haley, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Manuel M. Castandew, DWI.  
Zachary P. Brown, DWI.  
Mike E. Chapman, DWI.  
Jimmy Leon Hare, Jr., DWI.  
Adrian Moreno, possession of marijuana.  
Abbie Martinez, possession of marijuana.  
Sablan L. Reyna, Ct. I - possession of marijuana, Ct. II - carrying prohibited weapon.  
Patricio Ramos, DWLI.  
Charles C. Zera, illegal dumping.  
Michael Herrera, DWLI.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Curtis S. Dugan, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.  
Deborah Christensen, motion to revoke probation granted.  
Franklin Gomez, order discharging defendant from probation granted.  
David Huffman, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$338.93 restitution.  
Stacie Spears, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$1,942.52 restitution.  
Kattie French, plea of guilty to theft by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$64.13 restitution.  
Kattie French, transfer request from Callahan Co. to Brown Co. granted.  
Lois Johnson, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$293 court costs, \$1,118.45 restitution.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Belinda Belcher and Stephen Howard Belcher, divorce.  
Raven Irene Marshall and Shon Wayne Marshall, divorce.  
Reda Martin and Billy Martin, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

Tammy Darlene Slaton and Jarren Eric Slaton, divorce granted.

### Criminal Indictments

Cindy Lou Lopez, forgery.

### Criminal Minutes

Isaac Granado, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.  
Cindy Lou Lopez, plea of guilty to forgery, 180 days in jail, \$251 court costs.

### CROSS PLAINS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2004

#### Donations & Earnings

I/M Sterling Odom by Ralph Trevey	\$ 50.00
I/M Lydia Shults by H. W. Shults	25.00
Anonymous Donation	150.00
I/M Mary & Allene Meleod by Allene Jones	20.00
Hadden & Erma Payne	50.00
Interest Added To Acct.	.35

**TOTAL \$295.35**

#### Grave Opening Permits

Higginbotham Funeral Home for Aiken Plot & Merrill Plot	\$ 150.00
Davis-Morris Funeral Home for Barr Plot	75.00

**TOTAL \$225.00**

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### BELIEVER'S FELLOWSHIP

Inner-denominational-Evangelical EAST HIGHWAY 36  
SUNDAY WEDNESDAY  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. Christian Youth Activities  
10:45 a.m. Morning Service THURSDAY  
6:00 p.m. Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Midweek Service  
**PASTOR: J. D. FRY (325) 646-7647**  
Last Sunday of the month singing. Come one-Come all.  
Chips, Dips, Sandwiches

### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

209 S.W. Hwy 36 CROSS PLAINS

#### Welcomes You!

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sun. 6:30 p.m. Worship & Word \*\*\* Wed. 7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
"An Apostolic Church"

**PASTOR, Phillip R. Schaefer (254) 725-7140**

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Full Gospel ~ Prophetic ~ Apostolic

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday 10 am \* Monday Prayer 7pm \* Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Pastors: Max Evans & Colleen Anderson

Praise & Worship: Glenda Evans

Youth Pastor: Linda Fortune

For Information Call (254) 725-4884

### Union Center Baptist Church

"Service to God Through Service to Man"

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

5 miles north of Rising Star - 1/2 mile east of Hwy 183 on CR 292

**Jerry Eckhart, Pastor (254) 643-1027**

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 A.M.

Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.

Evening Service.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599

Church (254)725- 6266

Friendly Church Bible Teaching

### ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

Come Worship With Us!

### NIMROD 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**

## Cross Timbers to hold Rally on February 23rd

The Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Rally will be held on Monday, February 23, at Elmcrest Baptist Church of Abilene. The business session will begin at 5:30 p.m. and supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. The evening program will commence at 7:00 p.m. Shiloh Quartet of the Dallas area will provide the special music.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Paige Patterson, the new President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Patterson received a B.A. from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He served as pastor of churches in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Subsequently he became President of the Criswell Center

for Biblical Studies, which grew from an unaccredited Bible Institute with a dozen students to almost 500 students with an accredited college offering baccalaureate and graduate degree programs. In 1992, Dr. Patterson was inaugurated as President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and under his leadership enrollment grew from 600 students to over 2,000. In addition, Dr. Patterson has rendered service to Southern Baptists on associational, state and national levels, including his most recent assignment as President of the sixteen million member Southern Baptist Convention (1998-2000).

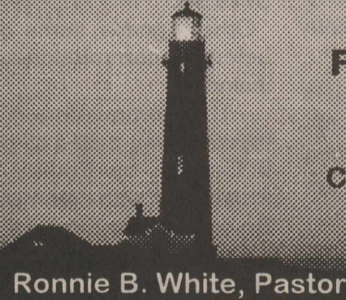
Chuck Reynolds is pastor of Elmcrest Baptist Church and the church is located at 517 N. Pioneer in Abilene.



### OFFICE SUPPLIES AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

## First Baptist Invites You to Worship With Us!

Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Services 11:00 am  
Evening Services 7:00 pm  
Wed. Evening Service 7:00 pm



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Cross Plains, TX  
725-7629

## It's Not Who, But Whose You Are

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Van Service Available - Call (254) 725-7694

N. Main (Hwy. 206)

Cross Plains, Texas

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Rev. C. Michael Redd, Pastor

Sunday's Sermon

"The Problem With Judging"



## PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Club are working on Jean A's "Barn Door" and Lou Grider's "Butterfly" tops. They are both very beautiful. Nearly all of the members were there on Tuesday and as always we had a good time.

Glenda Phillips went to Kali's basketball game last Friday with Allen and Janice. After the game they went to ZJ's at Gorman to eat and celebrate Kali's birthday. The meal was delicious! When they finished, their table was surrounded with waitresses singing "Happy Birthday". They served her a big piece of hot apple pie with ice cream and a candle on top. They brought extra spoons so everyone could have a taste.

Glenda went to Stephenville on Saturday with her sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Winfred Dodds. Her sister-in-law Anita Boyd also went with them. Glenda's uncle W.F. Boler was married to Glenda's dad's sister. She passed away in 1970. W.F. is 93 and has cancer and is very weak. He wanted all the Boyd grandchildren to get together at Stephenville while he was able to visit with them. All but two were there. Six have passed away. They had a great time talking about old times. He filled them in on things they didn't know. He has such a good memory. Glenda had lunch Sunday with Allen and Janice. Kali visited her on Sunday night and ate supper with her. They all went to Krista's last ball game Monday at Baird. Now the girls will start track. Keeps Glenda real busy going to all the grandchildren's activities. Say Glenda, you didn't have any cute thing to say about Logan. We miss hearing about him!

Frankie Smith hosted the 84 party at her house Thursday night. A great time was had by all. Frankie attended the Putnam mu-

sical Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Blount. Saturday Jean Fore and Frankie attended the Sipe Springs musical.

Charlene Chesshir has not been feeling well for about two weeks. She is being treated for stomach ulcers. Jim has been busy with his work and hasn't been home but once in January and once the first weekend of February. I know Charlene is missing him. It want be long until he will be coming down to plow the garden spot!

J.D. and Sandy Hutton went to Decatur to church Sunday. They had a nice visit with their daughters, Shanna Honea and Tamara Young, along with the grandchildren, Dodge Honea and Rachael and Reagan Young.

Earlene Burge has been sick with a bad cold but is feeling better. She and Jessica have their kitchen floor torn up and ready to put down new flooring. So things are good at their house. They went out for dinner Sunday after church, which was a real treat.

James and Jean Alexander had their Richardson family, Jim and Marla, Jack, Will and Ashley, for the weekend. Jean and Marla went to Baird shopping. Ashley stayed with the men folks and helped with the cows and fence fixing. Jack and Will helped out and did a little exploring around the farm. They all had a good time.

Wow!! Wasn't Saturday morning just beautiful! It has been a long time since we have had snow. Too bad it couldn't have lasted longer. We do appreciate moisture. We could use a little more of that. Anyway the kids sure enjoyed what little snow we had!

**Word of Wisdom: Some people are making such thorough preparations for a rainy day that they are not enjoying today's sunshine.**

## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

News has been received of the recent death of Ivadell (Mitchell) Scarpella in Austin. Ivadell was the daughter of Felix Mitchell, formerly of Cottonwood. The family moved to Baird about 1930 when Felix was elected Callahan County Attorney. If my memory serves me correctly, Ivadell was born in Cottonwood and may have attended school here. R.T. Peevy remembers playing with her as a child and I remember her as a classmate in Baird in the 1st and 2nd grades and again as a senior at Baird High School in 1942.

Speaking of R.T., he and I, along with Judy Luter, will be attending a meeting of the Callahan County Historical Commission tonight in Baird. It is an adjunct organization of the Texas Historical Commission which is in charge of awarding official Historical Markers. The Historical Marker for the Old Cottonwood Cemetery has been approved and hopefully will be delivered in time for the annual meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Committee scheduled for May 1. Albert Lovell, president, is hoping to be able to install and dedicate the plaque for that meeting. So please mark your calendar. Albert is recovering at home after an extended stay in the hospital and reports he is doing well. We pray he continues to do so.

Speaking of history, I was reading "I Remember Callahan" and came across the name, Dick Cordwent, who was one of the early ranchers. He was of English

decent and died "in testate" so his relatives in England inherited the ranch. It was still known as the Cordwent Ranch when I was a kid. Claude Acres was the foreman and the ranch was located along the Callahan Divide. Ranch headquarters was near the Spring Gap Mountains and within the Turkey Creek School District.

When I was going to school there, my uncle, Leonard Coats, worked for the Cordwent Ranch as a cowhand, goat herder, bobcat hunter, cedar chopper and any other work there was to do. He liked to take his nephew with him at times and he always talked about natural features of the ranch. He showed us many things. One Sunday afternoon we driving over the ranch to a new water tank to go swimming. As we approached the Spring Gap, he stopped the car and walked to a certain spot and straddled his leg. "Boys," he said, "this is the Callahan Divide."

"What does that mean?" we asked. He said, "Well, if it were raining, all the water that would fall on this boot would run off and flow northward through the Spring Gap into Deep Creek and to the Brazos River. But, all the water that fell on this other boot would flow south into Turkey Creek and eventually into the Colorado River. That's the Callahan Divide and marked so on some maps. I suppose that is when I first learned to be interested in creeks and rivers and mountains and how things work in the world of nature."

## RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER

**RISEING STAR NURSING CENTER GROUP OF LADIES DECORATING VALENTINE COOKIES**—Irene Starkey (from left), Roby Kornegan, Ellen Simpson, Dorothy Hunt, Violet Johnston, and Pansy Read.

We had a wonderful fun time at our Valentine Party. Jacque Childress, Marguerite Ransdell and Frankie Smith sang some love songs like "Love Me Tender", "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and many more plus the greatest of all love songs, "Jesus Loves Me". Punch and delicious homemade cookies provided by Shana Bagley, Ellen Steinle and Garnett McKoy and was enjoyed by all. Thank you ladies, we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our first devotional class, directed by Barbara Swinney and Nancy Pancake, was attended by a large group of residents who are committed and really enjoyed it. We are proud to have this new event in our home. We all need to be reminded and assured that our Lord is still with us and that he

loves and cares for us. Congratulations to Kristi McGinn, one of our nurses, and her husband, Rodney, on the birth of their baby boy.

Special appreciation to our secret friend for the lovely red tulip baskets. God bless you. A big "Hello" and "Thank You" to Von McMahon for the pretty Valentine flower bouquet.

Love... Bears all things, Believes all things, Hopes all things, Endures all things. Submitted by Linda Merritt

## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

**Note:** Whatta ya have planned for the springtime? I wanta hear your plan!

### "Around and Around and Back Again"

Ker-plop! There I landed right smack-dab in the middle of the 4th floor.

Naturally, it was the exact time of year when you're supposed to be just winding up all your Christmas shopping, sending off the Christmas cards and such.

The day had started off pretty much like a regular day. I had woken up a little earlier than usual, had a good breakfast, went back to bed and read some of the articles in the *Review*. Reba came to work about 11 a.m. She fixes our lunch, does the dishes, cleans up and straightens our house.

After lunch I laid back down, that morning and one morning the week before I had fallen. Reba leaves around 2:30 or 3:00 p.m. Every time I had fallen, my legs my legs just went out from under me with prior warning. I read a little more of the *Review* and a usual fell fast asleep. I work up about 5 p.m. and considered getting up. At first I was gonna stay in bed. However, after thinking it over, I thought well I might as well just get up and do some more

Christmas cards and get some packages wrapped.

Since I had been using my walker when I fell that morning, I called out to my husband to come and assist me in walking to the bathroom. The other times I had fallen, it had been right after waking up. I had fell in the bedroom, at the foot of the bed, on carpet, plenty of clear space—nothing to hurt myself on. My legs would just suddenly go out from under me.

Marvin came and was assisting me and as we reached the foot of the bed and I felt a little weak in the knees; started to sit on the foot of the bed and thought better of it and decided to push on and get on with it.

Marvin was behind me supporting me with both hands under my arm pits. Just as I entered the bathroom door, my legs both went out from under me and both feet jammed into the side of the commode. Both ankles broke with my toes bent back toward my head.

Following the 911 call, the EMS arrived and transported me to the hospital a.s.a.p.. Soon, we trust, the ankle will heal and I will return home. I really just don't want Marvin to get too use to my being away. That would absolutely never do.

## GARDEN TIPS

By JAMES NICHOLS

It is that time of year again, that one should be pruning trees. There is nothing like the sweetness of a perfect ripe pear, apricot and peaches. That sweetness comes from energy that comes from the sun.

The purpose of pruning is to help all the limbs on your tree to bask in as much sunlight as possible. It also provides a better air flow and allows sprays to penetrate better if spraying is

needed. A perfect pruned peach tree will look like a wine glass. Pruning ensures that your tree bears the largest and tastiest fruit year after year.

Also remember that other trees need pruning—those that are touching your house or rubbing holes in your shingles. And then there are those who knock off your hat and poke you in the eye, while doing your yard work.

## LIBRARY NOTES



Our Library. Doesn't that sound good? Our! Yes, the CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY. Public? Yes, "Public" is everybody. So come on in. You'll like what you see. Books? Yes, but children's chairs and tables, children's books, teen's books, well—what we don't have in your field or age group, we try to get. Computers? Yes, and for public use. We'll even teach you to use them. So, Come On In! Watch this column next week, we'll talk Texas.

### February 9-13 Statistics

Circulation:	
Books	70
Lap	44
Interlibrary	2
Internet Users	34
Total	150
<b>Donations - Books:</b>	
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<b>Library Weekly Activities</b>	
Patrons	118
A.M.	78
P.M.	40
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Copies Made	106
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Checked Books In/Out	30
Incoming Calls	5
Computer Use	34

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## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
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If God dealt with cities "given over to sin" today as He did in the days of Abraham, San Francisco would still be smoldering from having "brimstone and fire rained down on them from the Lord out of the heavens" (Genesis 19:24). I'm sure there are some "Lots" there who would flee the city when warned — and some "Lot's wives," who even after being dragged away, would "look back and become pillars of salt" (v. 26)! And, sadly, there would also be many homosexuals and lesbians still lined up to be "married" by some "ministers of Satan" as God's wrath was being poured out upon them (Romans 1:18-19, 26-28).

I'm sure that Cross Plains and surrounding communities have some who are of this debased nature — but I hope that none of us who are God-fearers would let it go unchecked or uncondemned — not spoken out against — like Lot evidently did at Sodom.

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# Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame opens 2004 Nominations

## Lady Buffs Complete District with Win

The Lady Buff basketball team finished third in district with a solid performance against Ranger. The girls won 65-37 and finished the year on a good note. It was an excellent performance as the girls played one of their best ball games of the year. It was senior night and the seniors, Jesse James and Bree Dillard, both put in outstanding performances. Both scored 18 points to finish their high school careers on a positive note.

Offensively, the girls played very unselfishly and had several good assists for layups. With the culmination of the season, the returning girls will now put in solid off-season work in the weight room as well as using plyometrics to improve their physical skills for next season. With the proper dedication, these girls should make some noise in next year's district race.

Submitted by Coach Gill

## Buffaloes Close Out Season on High Note

The Buffaloes closed out their season last week on a high note after a disappointing game on Tuesday. The Buffaloes lost to Ranger on Tuesday, 53-65. The Buffaloes' shooting woes hurt them terribly in the first half. They were only able to score 4 points in the 1st quarter. Turnovers plagued them in the 2nd half. The Buffs had 29 turnovers in the game.

Scoring were Bennett 6, Goains 18, Mauricio 7, M. Allen 10, R. Allen 4 and Gardner 8. Rebounding was Goains with 13, M. Allen 10 and R. Allen added 8. M. Allen led assists with 4. Steals were led by Mauricio and M. Allen with 3 each.

Ranger 11 10 19 25 65  
CP 4 14 16 19 53

The Buffaloes closed out the season on Friday with a nice win. The Buffaloes were able to defeat

Baird, 60-52, which knocked Baird out of the playoffs. The Buffaloes shot terribly in the first half, but overcame it late. The Buffaloes had 7 airballs in the 1st quarter. The Buffaloes shot 35 percent for the game which is one of the highest percentages all year. The Buffs were down as many as 13 in the second half before they came back to win by 8.

Scoring were Dickson 2, Bennett 15, Goains 2, Mauricio 11, Williams 9, M. Allen 9, R. Allen 4, Thomas 2 and Gardner 6. Leading assists was Mauricio with 4. Bennett and M. Allen led rebounds with 8 each. Gardner added 7. Steals were led by Mauricio with 4 and Bennett added 3.

CP 10 10 14 26 60  
Baird 14 19 8 11 52

Submitted by Coach Jay Wilcoxon

The Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame is now taking 2004 nominations for athletes and coaches of the Big Country area who have made a significant impact in the sports community through outstanding athletic achievement or major involvement and contributions to athletic programs. In addition, a special award will be added this year for a Lifetime Achievement Media Award. Eligibility guidelines for this award include current and former sportswriters and broadcasters who have played a major role in reporting on high school sports in the Big Country region.

Nominees for the Hall of Fame will be selected from the 19 counties of the West Central Texas Council of Governments, including Taylor, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall and Throckmorton. Deadline date for nominations is February 22, 2004. Nomination forms will be published in the ARN and are also available at the Welcome Information Desk, TSTC West Texas Abilene. Please mail forms to: Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame TSTC West Texas, 650 East Highway 80, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Current Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame members include: Beverly Ball, Sammy Baugh, Blackie Blackburn, Jimmy Carpenter, Charles Coody, Bob Estes, Mindy Myers Flowers, Hollis Gainey, Glenn Gregory, Louis Kelley, John Kimbrough, Don Maynard, Rick Meyers, Jack Mildren, Chuck Moser, Billy Olson, David Parks, Dan Salkeld, and Pete Shotwell, Gordon Wood, and posthumously, Clyde "Bulldog" Turner.

Eligibility guidelines that will be used in the selection process include:

- Athletes may be nominated who competed and graduated from high schools within the designated Big Country area. Coaches will also be considered. Athletes from any sport may be nominated. Other requirements include that only those "athletes and coaches" who have brought "positive recognition" to the Big Country will be considered.
- Athletes may not be inducted until 10 years after their high school graduation. Coaches may not be inducted until five

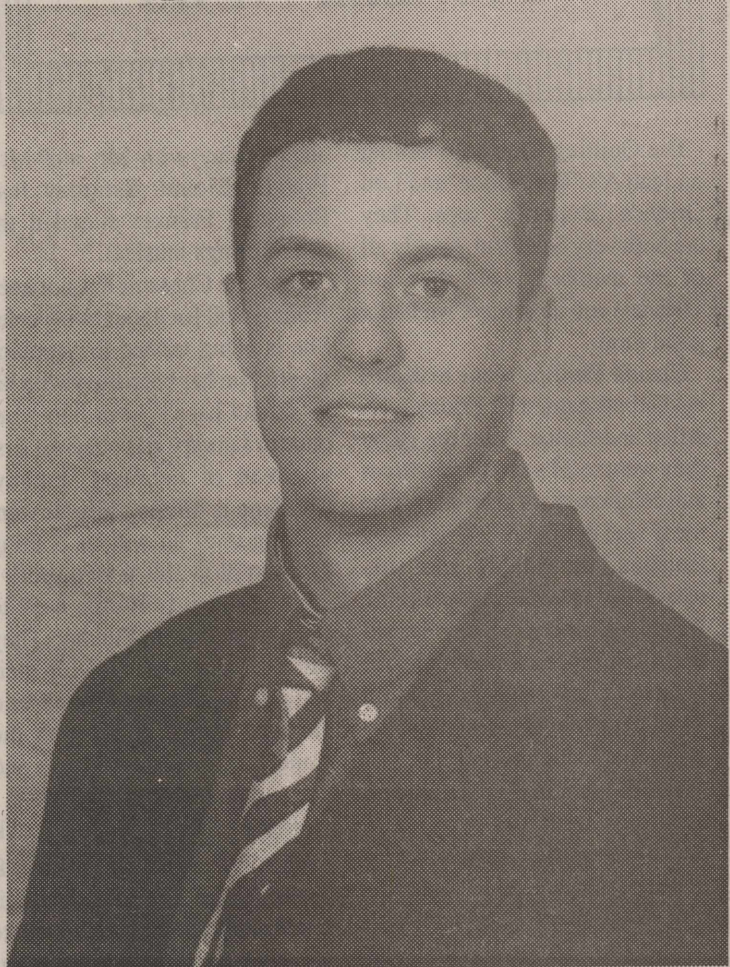
years after completing their coaching tenure in the Big Country.

No more than five people will be inducted each year.

The Selection Committee includes: Al Pickett, Chairman; Bill Hart, a retired senior staff writer of the Reporter-News who is a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in the sports writer's category; Dick Tarpley, a former editor of the Reporter-News; Wally Bullington, a former Abilene High and Abilene Christian University football coach and athletic director; John Neese, the athletic director at Hardin-Simmons University; Jack Stuard, the long time public address announcer at Shotwell Stadium; Johnnie Lou Avery, former Assistant to the President of TSTC West Texas; Gary Stricklin (KTXS); David Bacon (KTAB); Morris Southall, longtime assistant football coach at Brownwood High School; Carl Shearer, sports director at KVRP Radio in Haskell; Lance Fleming, sports information director at Abilene Christian University; Scott Kirk, Cooper High School journalism teacher and former Abilene Reporter-News sports writer; and Jack Holden, former Abilene Reporter-News sports editor and longtime public relations director at McMurry University.

The 2004 Hall of Fame inductees will be announced on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at a Press Conference at TSTC West Texas Abilene, 650 E. HWY 80. On Monday, May 17, the 2004 Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame members will be honored at a dinner banquet, in conjunction with an award banquet for the TSTC Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Classic benefiting the TSTC West Texas Scholarship Program and Team of the Century/Chuck and Doris Moser Scholarship Fund. Also, highlighting the weekend festivities will be the Abilene Rotary Club's presentation of the Chuck Moser Coaches of the Year award on Friday, May 14.

Nancy Paup, Assistant to the Provost, concludes "TSTC is thrilled with this wonderful opportunity to be the home of the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame. It is our privilege to be able to pay tribute and honor the outstanding athletic accomplishments of many of our Big Country sports heroes and coaches."



BRYCE DAVIS

## Bryce Davis Now Student Teaching at Cross Plains ISD

Bryce Davis, senior Agricultural Services & Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student teaching in the Cross Plains Public Schools. He is under the supervision of Roy Richey and Marc Morgan, agricultural science teachers. Bryce Davis will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural science teaching. This agreement has

been made by mutual agreement between Cross Plains Independent School District and Tarleton State University. The student teacher will assist with all activities concerning the local agricultural science program. Upon completion of this training period, he will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services & Development from Tarleton State University.



TOM FARMER

## Farmer Begins Student Teaching in the Cross Plains Public School

Tom Farmer, senior Agricultural Services & Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student teaching in the Cross Plains Public Schools. He is under the supervision of Roy Richey and Marc Morgan, agricultural science teachers. Tom Farmer will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural science teaching. This agreement has

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## SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 23 - 27

### BREAKFAST

**MONDAY** - Eggs, Bacon, Biscuit, Assorted Juice  
**TUESDAY** - Breakfast on a Stick (Sausage link wrapped in Pancake), Assorted Juice  
**WEDNESDAY** - Breakfast Taco, Assorted Juice  
**THURSDAY** - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice  
**FRIDAY** - Donut, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

### LUNCH

**MONDAY**- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce  
**TUESDAY**- Oven-Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Honey  
**WEDNESDAY**- Sloppy Joes, Chips, Carrot Sticks, w/Dip, Peaches  
**THURSDAY**- BBQ Weiners, Mashed Potatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Pudding  
**FRIDAY**- Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Fries, Cookie

## Buffalo Baseball Schedule 2004

Feb. 20	Fri	Home vs. Roby (scr.)	4:15	V
24	Tue	@Rotan	4:00	V-JV
26-28	Th, F, S	Albany Tourney	TBA	V
March 2	Tue	Mullin @ Brownwood	4:00	V
5	Fri	Home vs. Eula	4:00	V-JV
8	Mon	@ Tolar	5:00	JV
9	Tue	@ Roby	4:15	V
11-13	Th, F, S	Ranger Tourney	TBA	V
* 16	Tue	Home vs. Albany		V-JV
* 19	Fri	Home vs. Baird		V-JV
22	Mon	Home vs. Mullin	4:00	V
26	Fri	@ Abilene Christian	4:00	V-JV
* 30	Tue	@ Ranger		V-JV
April * 2	Fri	Home vs. Gorman		V-JV
5	Mon	Home vs. Abilene Christian	4:00	V
5	Mon	Home vs. Tolar	5:30	JV
* 9	Fri	@ Leuders		V-JV
13	Tue	OPEN		
* 16	Fri	@ Albany		V-JV
* 20	Tue	@ Baird		V-JV
* 23	Fri	Home vs. Ranger		V-JV
* 30	Fri	@ Gorman		V-JV
May * 4	Tue	Home vs. Leuders		V-JV
8	Sat	District Certification		
13	Thu	Bi-District Certification vs. District 10		
22	Sat	Regional Quarter-final Certification vs. District 11 vs 12 winner		
29	Sat	Regional Semi-final Certification vs. District 13-16 winner		
June 5	Sat	Regional Finals Certification Region II		
9-12	W-S	State Tourney		

\* District Games

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## JV Girls Ended Season Tuesday, February 10th

Tuesday, February 10, ended the JV girls basketball season. They ended the season with a record of 10-8 and district 5-3.

The JV girls played 18 games having three big wins in the 20-35 point range over Evant, Lometa, and Ranger; three wins in the 10-20 point range over Albany, Gorman and Ranger; four wins in the 5-10 point range over Rotan, May and San Saba. The girls had two very close games causing CP to lose by 1 point to Baird and Rochelle.

The girls put forth great effort and time in having a good season.

Some of the biggest downfalls would be not making shots and needing more offensive skills. I have enjoyed working with this bunch of young ladies once again. They girls, keep working on basketball skills from now until next season.

Players overall total points: #12 Mykea Douglass 71; #14 Naomi Isbell 22; #20 Loli Vasquez 118; #22 Kim Mosier 15; #24 Karen Scott 101; #30 Misty Callaway 4; #44 Sam Hutton 131; #34 Amanda Rivard 38; #32 Kali Phillips 28; and #10 Christina Avants 9.

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# City Council Minutes

November 4, 2003

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present. By general consent, minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 114 calls for service, 5 criminal mischiefs, 3 thefts, 3 assaults, 2 gas drive offs, 1 burglary of vehicle, 2 telephone harassments, 2 forgeries, 3 prowlers, 2 disorderly conducts, 2 warrants served, 3 assists to other agencies, 57 warnings and 71 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Bob Hill presented the monthly Judge's report. He reported 71 citations for October with 41 remaining outstanding. There are 20 citations outstanding for September and 12 remaining outstanding for August. Collections for October were \$9,299.00. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

James Nichols moved to pay Don 76 hours of his comp time. Edwin Weiss seconded and the motion carried.

Mike Redd, Food Pantry Representative, met with the council. He presented a bid on a Hawk building for \$13,890.00 and a bid from Ricky Carouth in the amount of \$14,541.00. Gene Dillard moved to give the Food Pantry a lease on a parcel of land for \$1.00 per year for as long as

the Food Pantry is in business. Edwin Weiss seconded and the motion carried.

Nichols moved that in lieu of insurance, that the City help with water and sewer connections. Gene Dillard seconded and motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the Nutrition Project and the appointment of Julene Franke and Gene Dillard to the board for another term; and that the City of Cross Plains will continue to contribute to pay \$500.00 monthly to the Nutrition Project. By general consent the board approved the resolution and interlocal agreement to be signed by Mayor Ray Purvis.

By general consent the council approved the motel tax budget as presented.

The council made mention of the grant received by the Fire Department for a new fire truck in the amount of \$108,000.00.

Gene Dillard moved to pay the bills. Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Weiss moved to check prices on the new back hoe. Dean Dillard seconded, Motion carried.

Nichols moved to allow Economic Development Corporation to pursue the sale of the EDC land. Gene Dillard seconded. Motion carried.

Gene Dillard moved to go into executive session. Weiss seconded. They discussed personnel. Nichols moved to leave executive session. Dean Dillard seconded and motion

carried.

Gene Dillard moved to have Debbie discuss with the City Judge the job requirement of working 8 hours per week. Other items discussed were the amount of time allotted in mornings for the purpose of discussing work orders and other items on the daily agenda. Nichols seconded the motion and it carried.

Gene Dillard moved to adjourn. Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor  
ATTEST:  
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

December 2, 2003

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. All members were present except for Dean Dillard who was due to illness. By general consent minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

Don Gosnell, Chief, gave the monthly police report. He reported 92 call for service, 3 thefts, 1 assault, 1 sexual assault, 4 gas drive off, 1 burglary of a vehicle, 1 prowler, 4 disorderly conduct, 2 warrants served, 2 assist to other agencies, 1 drug possession, with 60 warnings, and 78 citations. By general consent the council approved the report as presented.

Discussion was held at length concerning the alley right way located between NE 6th and NE 7th between Avenue B and Avenue C. By general consent the council agreed to have Debbie look into the easement and discuss with an attorney the matter of having the property owner refrain from placing permanent structures on the right of way.

Bob Harrell, Fire Chief, met with the council to discuss the Fire Department need of matching monies for the grant they received for a new fire truck. He informed the council that the county has given them \$200.00 and the bank in helping with advertising. He advised the council that he will be back after the first of the year with a request for funds.

Discussion was held concerning the purchase of a new backhoe. By general consent the council tabled the discussion for three months.

Nichols moved to purchase 100 comp hours from Mark Norris, 75 from David Clark and 79 from Don Gosnell. Edwin Weiss seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor  
ATTEST  
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

## CJC offers AC Tech certification course for Saturday, Feb. 28th

Cisco Junior College will offer a Refrigerant Containment class and a Mobile Vehicle Air Conditioning Technician Certification course on Saturday, February 28, 2004 at the Cisco Junior College Industrial Division in Abilene.

The Stationary Refrigerant Containment class will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The class satisfies EPA section 608 of the Clean Air Act to permit certification of technicians as required by the ACT. This course is EPA approved and includes all materials and instructions to complete a technician certificate. Cost for the class is \$65. Study materials must be picked up from Clay Spain one week prior to the class.

The Mobile Vehicle Air Conditioning Technician Certification course will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This course is EPA approved and is conducted in accordance with the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1991. Satisfactory completion and passing of the course will certify that the technician is properly trained in the use of refrigerant and recycling equipment for mobile vehicle air conditioners. All materials are included. Cost for the course is \$30.

For more information or to register, contact Clay Spain at (325) 698-2219.

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**KIWANIS GUEST SPEAKER**—The Cross Plains Kiwanis heard Bob Lapham from Abilene tell about writing a novel based on his experience singing backup for Buddy Holly records. While the records sold 34,000,000 copies, he only got paid \$30 for his travel from Lubbock to Clovis. One chapter of his book is the true story of Buddy's early recordings. He was introduced by Charles Rodenberger. The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn. Everyone is welcome and new members are encouraged.

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Nona Belote  
Bobby Nell Brown  
Bubba McConal  
Nancy Chesshir King  
Jonathan R. Hopkins  
Rose Canales

**FEBRUARY 23**  
Mike Ingram  
David Plumlee  
Ronald Holmans  
Patsy Ruth Day

**FEBRUARY 24**  
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Fedda Jean Wilson  
Gayla Albrecht  
James Payne  
Josh Thayer  
Jerry Biehl  
Mary Hubbard  
Elizabeth Koenig  
Nathan Foster  
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Celeta Strahan  
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80 PROOF—Landon Hill (from left), Wes Manley, L.D. Whitehead (lead singer), and Boone Cook and Cliff Hayes on drums.

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We would like to thank everyone for making the "Benefit Spaghetti Dinner/Auction for Jeremy Tennison" a tremendous success. We could not have done this without each and everyone of you. You are all an asset to this caring community. Isn't it amazing what we can achieve when we work together?

To the generous individuals, Sunday school classes, churches and business's that donated money, merchandise items, dessert cakes, food for the dinner, and everything else, **THANK YOU!**

To the many individuals that donated their time, efforts, much needed advice, and decorations, **THANK YOU!**

To the individuals that came to eat, socialize, and support our cause, **THANK YOU!**

We cannot thank Brother Ronnie White and the members of the First Baptist Church enough for allowing this event to be held in the Family Life Center. It was a privilege and honor to be able to use this lovely, spacious center. We would also like to thank Bob Golson for helping us make this evening a great success. We appreciate you and your efforts.

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NATHANIEL SWIFT

## Swift Receives "Wings of Gold"

In a ceremony held January 30, 2004 at Milton, Florida Ensign Nathaniel J. Swift received his "Wings of Gold". This event was the culmination of many months of intensive training. The course of study is difficult and highly competitive and the ability to perform under conditions of extreme stress is carefully measured. Having completed the Naval Flight Training program, Nathaniel has qualified not only in conventional aircraft, but has the distinction of a special certification in rotary wing aircraft. This designation as a Naval Aviator represents an outstanding personal achievement. The ceremony was not only a military event but a family event as well. Twenty-six Navy and

Marine Corps officers were presented their wings, each one having family and friends present and participating in the ceremony. Among those present were Nathaniel's parents John and Connie Swift, his sister Angela, his fiancée Kathryn Alexander, and friends Dick and Cindy Brown. Mrs. Brown was one of Nathaniel's high school teachers. Nathaniel's father had the privilege of pinning the "Wings of Gold" on his son's chest. It was a very joyous occasion. Following approximately six months further training in San Diego, California, Nathaniel will be stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. He will fly the MH 60S Knighthawk, the newest of the Navy's helicopters.

## Get to the Heart of Heartworm Disease

As we get closer to the warmer and (hopefully) wetter weather of spring and summer, we also face mosquito season. People are not the only one to face the scourge of this pest; our pets also have to deal with this nuisance. The greatest danger they face is from heartworms carried by mosquitoes. What are heartworms? What do they do? How do we prevent them? Heartworms, as the name implies, are a parasite that can affect the heart. Although cats can occasionally be affected, dogs are the primary victims. Mosquitoes carry the immature heartworms. During this period, the parasite undergoes part of its development. This period of development is required to complete the life cycle of the heartworm. The infected mosquito bites a dog and the larval stage of the heartworm is transferred to the dog. The larvae migrate into the victim's blood stream. The larvae end up in the heart and lungs where they mature. Once the heartworms are at home in the heart and lungs, the damage begins. At maturity, the worms can be a foot long and number from one to dozens. The physical presence can cause blood flow obstruction, heart valve wear, and irritation to heart and blood vessel linings. These factors often lead to heart disease and occasionally heart failure. Another threat of heartworm disease takes place in other parts of the body. This danger is from the immature heartworms as well as pieces breaking off of dead mature heartworms. These larvae and pieces can become lodged in the smaller blood vessels that feed various organs such as the kidneys, liver and brain. These blockages can affect either part, or the entire organ. This often

leads to disease or organ failure. The most common signs of heartworm disease noted by dog owners are a persistent cough and exercise intolerance. Signs commonly seen upon examination by a veterinarian include heart murmurs, lung congestion and kidney and liver disease. A blood sample is required to diagnose heartworms. If the heartworm test is positive, the next step is to determine the stage of the disease and the extent of damage. This is done by chest x-rays, test of liver and kidney function and ultrasound. Although treatment of heartworm disease is available, it is expensive. Treatment also carries serious risks, including possible death. Treatment involves a series of injections to kill the adult heartworms. Symptomatic treatment is also administered. The best way to combat heartworm disease is with prevention. First, minimize exposure to mosquitoes. Eliminate standing water that mosquitoes breed in. Some flea and tick control products, such as Advantix, also repel mosquitoes. Second step of prevention is use of heartworm preventatives. These preventatives come in several forms. The first method is a daily or monthly oral pill. The second method is the recent development of an injection that lasts for 6 months. Both preventative methods kill the larvae before they can mature in the heart. As is often the case, prevention is the best strategy. We recommend starting heartworm prevention for your canine friend when it is a pup. Regardless of age, call Dr. Curtis Creach, Cross Plains Veterinary Clinic, (254) 725-4359, today about getting your dog started on heartworm prevention today.

## Leajeon Wyatt Graduate at Texas A&M University

Leajeon Wyatt graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Maritime Studies during the fall commencement ceremonies at Texas A&M University at College Sta-

tion. Leajeon is the daughter of Tony and Terry Jane Wyatt of Cross Plains.

## Joy Named to Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 2003 fall semester, recognizing students for outstanding academic performance. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours or first semester students taking at least 12 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ration (GPR) out of a

possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. Nathaniel Joy of Cross Plains was among those named to the Dean's Honor Roll. He is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and is a First Semester Freshman. He is the son of Jimmy and Becky Joy of Cross Plains.

## McMurry Reports Fall 2003 Dean's List/Honor Roll

Abilene, Tx.—The following students have been named to the Fall 2003 Dean's List and Dean's Honor Roll. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours. To be eligible for the Dean's Honor Roll, a student must complete 6-11 hours with at least a 3.5 grade points average. **Students qualifying for the Dean's List are:** Baird- Kristi Diane Barron, Management, Graduate; Randi Michelle Jackson, Multidisciplinary Studies, Senior; Guadalupe Salvador Palacio, Business-Undecided, Junior **Clyde-** David W. Bailey, Finance, Senior; Jessica Marie Crawford, Biology, Junior; Joretta Haas, Multidisciplinary Studies, Junior; Jessica Michelle

Harrison, Multidisciplinary Studies, Senior, Diana B. Notgrass, Multidisciplinary Studies, Junior; John Floyd Sampson, Business-Undecided, Sophomore; Justin Michael Tabor, Sociology, Senior. **Cross Plains -** Mindy (Mitchell) Nail, Mathematics, Senior; Sarah Kathryn Nixon, General Business, Sophomore; Terry Gail Nixon, General Business, Sophomore. **May -** Amy Lynn Lewis, Theatre, Senior **Student's qualifying for the Dean's Honor Roll are:** Baird - Mindy Ann Ward, Multidisciplinary Post Bacc, Graduate **Clyde -** Roger Eugene McCoy, General Business, Graduate **Rising Star -** Brooke Lee Yowell, Multidisciplinary Post Bacc, Graduate

## Commissioners

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Grider, commissioners voted 5-0 to approve reassigning Rainey Creek Ranch Road from County Road 216 to Rainey Creek Ranch Road County Road 199 and assigning Rainey Ridge Lane to County Road 198. Both of these roads are located in the Rainey Creek Addition between Clyde and Abilene south of FM 18. —Commissioner Holland made a motion to change the July 4th holiday for county employees from Friday, July 2 to Monday,

July 5, 2004. The area banks and post offices will be recognizing the Independence Holiday period on Monday, July 5. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote. —Commissioner Grider made a motion to pay all current bills, Judge Corn seconded the motion and it carried by a 5-0 vote. —On a motion by Commissioner Farmer and second by Commissioner Holland, commissioners voted 5-0 to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting.

## Down Home

and then stepped further still by making them available on the Internet. And we said, everyone's entitled to free speech... And the entertainment industry said, let's make TV shows and movies that promote profanity, violence and illicit sex...and let's record music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide and satanic themes... And we said, it's just entertainment and it has no adverse effect and nobody takes it seriously anyway, so go right

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## Workforce Center hosting Summer Job Fair in Abilene

ABILENE—February 5, 2004: In an effort to assist businesses in finding qualified workers for the summer months, the Workforce Center will host its second annual Summer Job Fair on Saturday, February 21, 2004, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the cafetorium of Wylie High School, 4502 Antilley Road. Job seekers, age 16 and over, will be invited to complete applications for participating businesses. Over 300 job seekers attended the job fair in 2003, and because this year's event will be held in conjunction with the annual Link to a Future career planning event, it is anticipated that attendance numbers will be even higher. Employers in the region who hire summer workers are invited to attend. Booth space will be available free of charge to all business representatives.

Center at (325) 795-4200 to reserve a booth and to obtain additional information. The Workforce Center in Abilene and its network of branch offices and satellite sites in the region, are contacted by the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board to offer services to individuals looking for employment or career enhancement and for employers needing skilled workers. The on-site Resource Library offers job postings, job search and career assessment resources, resume writing software, and labor market information, as well as a variety of other resources for job seekers and business customers.

For more information regarding the services of the Workforce Center or the Summer Job Fair, contact the Business Services Department at (325) 795-4200 or by e-mail at workforce@workforcesystem.org.

"This event allows us to assist local employers in obtaining summer workers, and it provides applicants the convenience of applying for a number of jobs in one location. It's a win-win opportunity for employers and potential employees," states Mary Ross, Executive Director of the West Central Texas Workforce Development Board. Interested employers should contact the Business Services Department at the Workforce

## Zion Hill Cemetery Assn. to meet in Baird February 26

The annual meeting of the Zion Hill Cemetery Association will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Baird Housing Authority, Fourth and Chestnut, near downtown Baird. A spring cemetery clean-up will be discussed as well as the financial condition of the association. The association has achieved the goal set last year of having their first \$1,000.00 CD in the bank. Goals for the new year will be discussed. Recent donations have put the association on the road to being able to provide care for the more than 100 Callahan County pioneers' last resting place. Please make plans to attend the annual meeting and please continue your support of the association with your donations.

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