

Lady Mountaineers To Play Event For 2nd Place In District 24-A Basketball Friday, 7:00 p.m. at Comanche.

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Rabies Cases On Rise In County

A recent outbreak of rabies cases in the Coleman County area has officials concerned. Ray Prichard, Animal Control Officer for the City of Coleman has received a report from the Texas Department of Health citing five confirmed cases including a dog, raccoon and three skunks.

Eight dogs have been placed in a 45-day quarantine. Also six persons are undergoing post-exposure vaccine treatment.

Coleman County is under a statewide quarantine and citizens are being asked to make sure their dogs are vaccinated.

The first rabies case of 1997 was reported on Monday, January 20 and the number of incidents has steadily increased.

Confirmed cases have been found near Burkett, Novice, just west and south of Coleman as well as in the city limits of Coleman.

Organizational Meeting Set For Girls Softball

An organizational meeting for persons interested in forming a girls softball team will be held on Wednesday, February 12 at 8 p.m. in the high school student center (front part of the old gym).

At this time the organizers are trying to start leagues for all age groups, from 7 to 18. Girls who are still 18 or under

as of August 1, 1997 may play.

The meeting will be for any person who would like to coach, assist coaching, umpire, help organize or just be an interested parent.

The regular softball season will begin in April and continue through June. Sign-

up sheets are available at school to determine the number of teams needed.

For more information call Roland Nicholas at school 348-3137 between 2:45 and 3:45 p.m. or at home 915-752-6013; or Gayla Lishka or Shannon Enriquez.

Shower Saturday For Victims Of Recent House Fire

There will be a shower Saturday, Feb. 8, for the Ronnie Daniel family which recently lost its belongings in a fire that destroyed their home.

The come and go shower will be held Saturday at the

Nutrition Kitchen in the armory building beginning at 3:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Nell Hipp and Peggy Gordon. For more information, please call Ms. Hipp at 248-3252.

Medical Center Begins Providing Ambulance Service

Coleman County Medical Center began providing state-of-the-art ambulance service on February 1.

Even though the ambulance service provider has changed, to call for an ambulance in an

emergency situation, citizens should continue to call 9-1-1.

For more information regarding the ambulance service call 915-625-2135.

Spring Round-up Time For Pre-K, Kindergarten Set

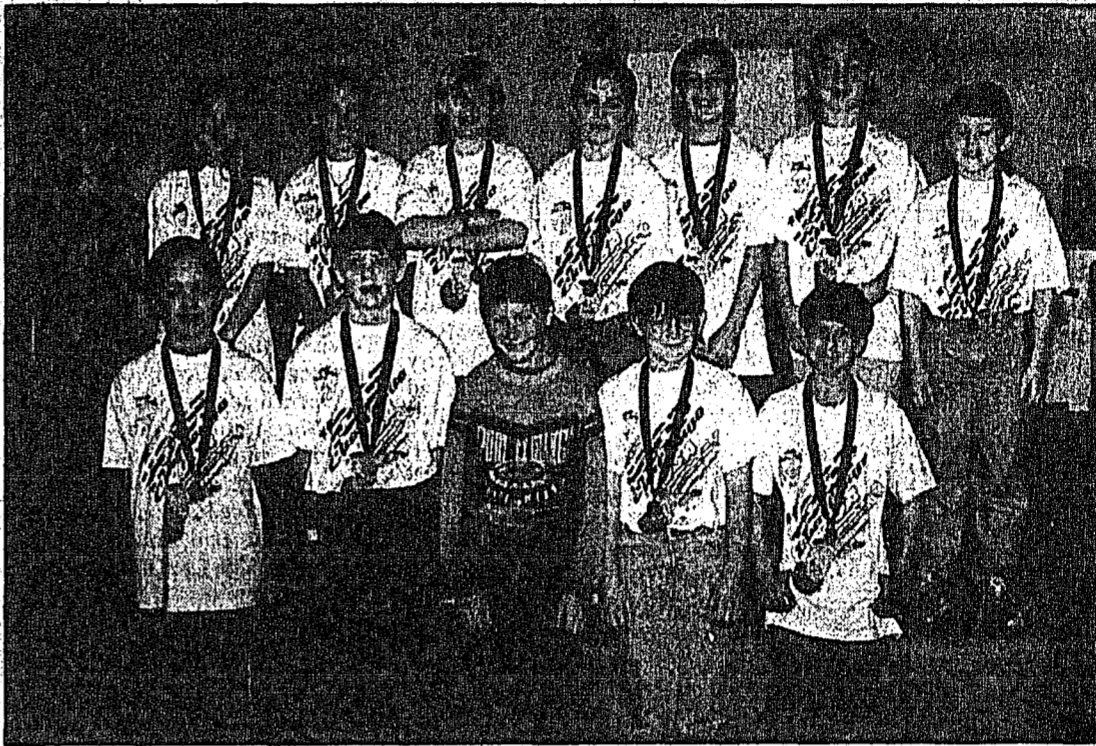
A Spring Round-up has been set for youngsters who will be entering Pre-K and Kindergarten in the fall. The round-up will be held the first week in March.

More information will be provided in the NEWS in coming weeks.

Valentine Program For PTO Monday

The Santa Anna PTO (Parents & Teachers Organization) will be meeting at 6:00 Monday, Feb. 10 at the school cafeteria. Lois Harper's music classes will present a Valentine program.

Everyone in the community is invited.



Local youth advancing to the Regional Finals of the Hoop Challenge USA Saturday in Early are top row, Carl Sims, Kayla Cloer, Jeffery Hale, Heather Sims, Nathan Nicholas, Seth Salazar, Evan Jones and Ben McIver; and front row, Jaryd Salazar, Kindi Cloer, Jon Turney, Willie Gilbreath and Johnny Stout.

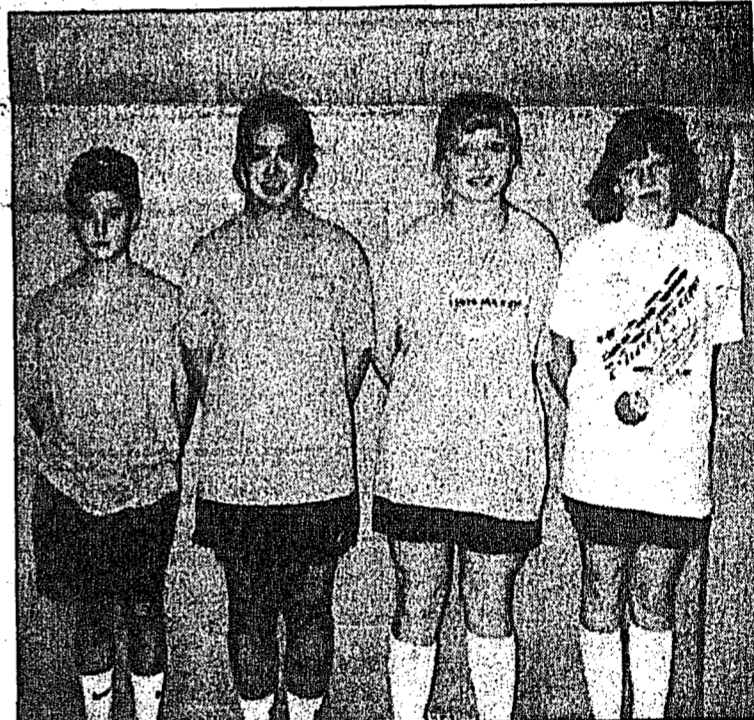
Photo by Polly Warnock

Sixteen Local Youth Advance To Regional Finals Of Hoop Challenge

Sixteen local youth recently advanced to the Regional Finals of the Hoop Challenge USA to be held February 8 in Early.

Advancing are Ben McIver, Jaryd Salazar, Jeffery Hale, Jon Turney, Willie Gilbreath, Evan Jones, Seth Salazar, Carl Sims, Heather Sims, Johnny Stout, Nathan Nicholas, Kindi Cloer, Konnie Weaver, Jaci Kuykendall, Buffy Martin and Shyler Farley.

Other local Hoop Challenge USA participants were Rainey Bacon, Jesse Hensley, Durinda Puckett, Raelle Watson, Tracy Hale, Kathy Wheeler, Kayla Cloer, Hannah Collins, Jessica Pelton, Brigitte Gonzales, Bianca Dean, Christina Enriquez, Kathy Simmons, Mandy Boyet, Kindi Cloer, Stacie Rankin, Jamie Ellerbe, Sarah Frausto, Kisha Stenbridge, Heather Sims, Jenna Hensley, Jala Rankin, Brandy Sims, Chrystal Weverka, Konnie Weaver, Maegan Lishka, Jaci Kuykendall, Shala Guthrie, Heather Bradley, Jodie Strength, Buffy Martin, Davia



Others advancing Saturday in the Hoop Challenge USA competition are Shyler Farley, Konnie Weaver, Buffy Martin and Jaci Kuykendall.

Rankin, Carl Sims, Peyton Michael Andrade, Mathew Crawford, Ryan Guerrero, T. Vasquez, Robby Hale, Jeffery J. Johnson, Ben McIver, Trey Hale, Seth Salazar, Evan Jones, Jon Turney, Logan Jones, Rudy Enriquez, Logan Lacy, Justin Johnson, Richard Rankin, Bryan Fellers, Jaryd Salazar, and Brandon Beloit.

SAHS Students To Participate Sunday In Small Schools Academic Competition In Coleman

The Ninth Annual Area 8 Small Schools Academic Competition will be held Sunday afternoon, February 9, beginning at 2 p.m. in the Coleman High School Gym.

Sixteen teams, representing seven school districts, will be participating. Students will vie for approximately \$7,400.00 in scholarship money. Districts to participate include Ballinger, Bangs, Brooksmith, Coleman, Mason, Santa Anna and Winters.

Each team is composed of one "A" student, one "B" student, and one "C" student.

The school districts pay a \$500.00 entry fee for each team and this money makes up the scholarship money to be divided among the top five teams.

The Texas Association of Community Schools sponsors the Small Schools Academic Competition and will sponsor the state competition which will be held April 6, 1997 at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. There will be seven area meets throughout the state and the top five teams from each area competition will proceed to the state competition. Approximately

\$17,500.00 will be awarded at the state competition.

The competition is open to the public and a special invitation is extended to everyone to attend.

Local students competing will be team 1 Briana Horner, Chris Cheaney and Rachael Guerrero; team 2 Ami Beal, Tim Abernathy and Scott Watson; and alternates Cesar Patino, Devin Brand and Clifton Blaine.

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.
— Dolly Parton



Fire Dept. Urges Caution When Burning

The Santa Anna Volunteer Fire Department is urging everyone to use extreme caution when doing any type of burning due to the extremely dry conditions we have been seeing during the past month. Although a number of fires have been reported in the area, the citizens here have been fortunate in that few fires have been reported locally. With not much rain in the forecast, pastures and fields can only get drier each day with the high winds we have been experiencing. Last Saturday a fire destroyed approximately 20 acres at the Fanny Bryan place at Rockwood. The picture above is of several members of the local fire department battling a blaze several weeks ago on the Elvis and Reba Cozart place near Trickham.

Photo by Carol Herring

Santa Anna — A Town Of Friendly People

Saying "Hello" to Hermilio Trinidad of Grand Praire

FEBRUARY 1997

Manuel Coronado Ann See

Manuel Coronado, 56, of Santa Anna, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997 at 12:30 p.m. in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997 at 10 a.m. at the Coleman City Cemetery with Rev. Bob Stumph of Brownwood officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Walker Funeral Home of Coleman.

He was born March 4, 1940 in Comstock to the late Manuel and Binnie Salazar Coronado. He married Cleo Frieron in 1969 in Austin.

He had worked at M.H.M.R. Workshop since 1982. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Shilho Harger of Santa Anna; two sons Michael Coronado of Santa Anna and Jo Angel Coronado of San Antonio; a sister, Ann Deanna of Del Rio; a brother, Able Ray Coronado of San Jose, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Essie O. McGuire

Essie O. McGuire, 89, of Fort Worth, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997 at the All Saints Cityview Hospital.

Memorial Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997 at the Oak Park Retirement Center Chapel at 4 p.m. with Father Oliver Smith officiating. Graveside services were held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997, at 11 a.m. at the Rockwood Cemetery with Rev. Jeff Robinett officiating directed by Henderson Funeral Home of Coleman.

She was born in Rockwood on June 3, 1907 to the late Frank Cathey and Ann Bailey Cathey. She married Vernon M. McGuire in Cisco on Aug. 16, 1924 and he preceded her in death in 1971. She was a member of the First Christian Church of McAllen and a housewife.

Survivors include two nephews, Jimmy Austin of Fort Worth and Paul Hemphill of Garland; a niece, Helen Austin of Pasadena; and seven great-nephews, James Hemphill of Lake Jackson, Don Hemphill of Baytown, Greg Hemphill of Woodlands, Scott Austin of Fort Worth, David Austin of Beaumont, and James Austin and Mike Austin, both of Pasadena.

Santa Anna Cemetery Memorials

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received a memorial in memory of Thomas Wristen from Shag and Sue Garrett.

Ann McCathern See, 80, of Coleman, died Feb. 1, 1997 at 11:15 a.m. in Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Service were held Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. in Walker Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Robert L. Smith, Dean of Bible at Howard Payne University officiating. Burial followed in the Trickham Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home of Coleman.

She was born April 23, 1916 in Jonesville, Texas to the late Gaines Elijah and Mary Atela Hope Cargill.

She married Robert Samuel See in Jonesville Dec. 26, 1938. He preceded her in death in 1991. She was a housewife and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and First Baptist Church Coleman. She was a graduate of Marshall High School and attended Centenary College.

Survivors include nieces and husbands, Bess Fraser and Ted Enloe and Sara Fraser Crimmon, all of Dallas, Paula Cargill and Charles Kaplan of Longview, and Hope Adam and Robert Grey of Cariales, New Mexico; nephews and wives, Robert Cargill of Longview, Jerry and Judy Cargill of Richardson, and Jack Cargill and Lee Cargill, of Longview; a cousin and wife, Charles and Rosemary Moore of Shreveport, Texas; a brother-in-law, Ralph Fraser of Mansfield; a sister-in-law, Pauline Cargill of Longview.

Area survivors include Lois Martin and Mark, Joel and Jim Martin.

Pallbearers were Boone Martin, Dr. Mark Martin, Dr. Jim Martin, Dr. Joel Martin, Robert Cargill, Ted Enloe, Ronald Grey, Jerry Grey, Archie Slate and James Fankhauser.

Bert Munger, Jr.

Bert Munger, Jr., 84, of Brownwood, died at 2:40 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, 1997 in the Cross Country Care Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1997 in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Ron Cook and Rev. Jerry McCoy officiating. Burial followed in the Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home of Early.

He was born June 24, 1912 in Coleman County, Texas, the son of the late Burdette and Anna H. Tweedle Munger. He attended school in the Buffalo community. On Nov. 5, 1934, he married Ida Edwin Baker in Brown County.

He was an agent and office manager with the National Life and Accident Insurance Agency for many years. He was also in the real estate business in El Paso and Brownwood. He was the owner of the Grant County Ambulance Service in Silver City, New Mexico for nine years. He served with the Texas National Guard. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Brownwood.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Dwayne Munger of Early and Travis Munger of Abilene; two daughters, Ann Geurin of El Paso and Debra Stadjubars of Las Cruces, New Mexico; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Betty Sackett and Alda Lee Olga.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

FEBRUARY 7
Barbara Simmons
Cecil Vance
Bryce Ellis

FEBRUARY 8
Stephanie Starr
Janice Fellers
Frankie McCarthy
Walter Bolton

FEBRUARY 9
Stephanie Hartman

FEBRUARY 10
Zane Keeney
Allen Jones
Lola Taylor
Ryan Snow
Amber Nichole Fellers
Carolyn Whittle

FEBRUARY 11
Danny Cook
Toni Stewardson
Maegan Hartman

FEBRUARY 12
Brenda Jackson
Doug Watson
Glenn Herrod
Larry Makuta
Mr & Mrs Margarito Hernandez *

FEBRUARY 13
Tyler Chamberlin

'Round & About

Visiting over the weekend with Dale and Carol Herring and Casey Wade was their son and brother, Derek Little of Brownwood.

Michael and Donna Hartman spent the weekend with Eddie Wayne and Mary Ann Hartman.

Aline Rutherford is home after spending several days in the hospital last week. Her daughter Patsy Smith of Abilene is spending some time with her while she is recuperating. Mrs. Rutherford would enjoy receiving cards from her many friends.

The NEWS received a note from Lucile Wylie of Grapevine, a former longtime resident of Santa Anna. In her own style of wit,



Let's continue with the wonderful books that have been donated. Do you like Texas History? The biography of John O. Menschback should interest all of us in Central Texas. This man was from German royalty and helped establish the town of Fredericksburg. He helped sign the treaty with the Indians. He believed freedom is not free. This was written by his granddaughter. On a lighter vein—read *Horae Tradin* by Ben K. Green. It's true but with many a laugh.

Military history? *The Stillwell Papers* Vinegar Joe's story of America in China before World War II. Several have read this and found it good. *The Edge of Honor* a novel but based on similar true incidents of the Navy during the Vietnam War. *In Company of Eagles* is fiction about World War I and the early days of flying.

The most talked about investments over the last 10 years have been the *Beardstown Ladies*. The 16 women, average age 63-1/2, are rated among the top 10 in the nation. How about a 23.4% annual return?

Double Stitch Forty-seven black women tell about mother and daughter relationships that grew out of making quilts together.

My American Journey is Colin Powell's story. He was born in Harlem to immigrant parents from Jamaica. General Powell rose to the highest position of the Army. An inspiring story of what can be achieved in America.

Millie's Book The story of Barbara Bush's dog and her life in the White House. Funds from the book sales help with the Family Literacy Foundation.

Fiction. *Finding Moon* A Hillerman mystery. This does not take place in American Indian territory. It is the story of an ordinary man who returns to Southeast Asia to finish his dead brother's story.

M is for Malice the latest Sue Grafton mystery. *Interview with the Vampire* Ann Rice's famous book. Did you know that this woman is an active Christian having been raised in a very strict home?

Acceptable Risk written by a doctor. Robin Cook. This deals with prozac-like drugs. Could these have caused the witch hunts at Salem in 1692?

The Fulfillment LaVyrle Spencer. Could a man ask his twin brother to end the years of marriage without children?

Billie Guthrie brought a couple of years of *Stirps Magazine*. This is the Texas Genealogical Society Quarterly. You may find your lost ancestor in one of these stories. You are welcome to search. By the way, Bonnie Balke Kykendall has written articles in many of these magazines.

MEMORIALS:

Lucile says that morning the temp was a bone chilling 17 degrees and just like all the rest of us, she has been trying to keep warm, sitting there with "failing eyesight, one usable hand, one usable leg, two ears that don't hear well, and a few aches and pains". She still enjoys playing "42", Moon and Skip-Bo, so guesses she is doing very well for her 95 years.

Tex and Pat Wright, accompanied by Alys Felton and little daughter Sarah, were in the Dallas area over the weekend where they attended a 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Pat's sister and husband, Dorothy and Robert Todd. They visited also in Dallas with Pat's dad, Ernest Coder.

Deriel and Polly Warnock were in Mesquite from Thursday to Sunday where their son, Marty, was hospitalized for tests and minor surgery. Friends will be interested to know that he is doing well at this time although he is facing the possibility of major surgery in the near future.



Heaven's Jubilee To Perform In Abilene

Local Southern gospel quartet, Heaven's Jubilee will be opening for the legendary Kingsmen on Friday, February 21 at McMurry University's Radford Auditorium in Abilene. The night of gospel music excitement will begin at 7:30 p.m. with an intermission time to meet and talk with the groups. Also singing will be Mesquite's own Jubi-Heirs and Lubbock's Blayne Bell.

Heaven's Jubilee consists of DeWayne Bush, Marcy Grun, Dwayne Grun and Keith Davis, all of Tuscola, Ovalo and Moro community in southern Taylor County. Formed in January 1996 by the

hand of Jesus, these men are an authentic four part quartet who sing the old hymns and convention style music that have withstood the test of time.

Having three preachers, the group has been able to hold concerts and full revivals/crusades from Abilene to Coleman, Santa Anna to Austin, Houston, Fort Worth and as far north as Hamlin with a schedule this year containing dates in Kentucky and Louisiana.

For concert information or ticket information, call 915-554-7485 or 915-767-3021.

MIRACLE OF LIFE

By Julie Whaley

The Miracle of Life is to enjoy it day by day
No matter the bad that comes our way
There's good things in life we have to achieve
But it won't happen if you don't believe
And if you don't have love you'll always miss
Out on the miracle that God sent
So enjoy yourself while there's life to live
And receive this miracle that God wants to give.

Santa Anna Cemetery Donations

The Santa Anna Cemetery Association has received donations for paving from Cora Anderson and Marjorie Brewer.



ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Brady Hwy.
James Ford - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
Sunday Evening - 6:30
Wednesday Evening - 7:00

ST WILLOW BAPTIST
Brady Hwy.
R.L. Brown - Pastor
Sunday Worship - 11:00

CHURCH OF CHRIST
310 Ave. B
Aaron Lemond - Minister
Sunday Bible Classes - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:30
Sunday Evening - 6:00
Wednesday Evening 6:30

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY
Brady Hwy.
D.C. Neal - Pastor
(Contact Mrs. Joe (Pearl) Wilson)

FIRST BAPTIST
106 S. Lee
Marty Raed - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:30
Worship Service - 10:45
Sunday Evening - 6:00
Mission Organizations - 6:00 Wed.
All Age Groups Bible Study 6:00 Wed.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
405 South 1st
Mike Efrid - Pastor
Sunday School - 10:00
Worship Service - 11:00
Youth Group - Wed. 3:30
(program 5:00)

NORTHSIDE BAPTIST
708 AVE. B
Marvin Hale - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 10:50
Sunday Evening - 6:00
Wed. Prayer Service - 6:30

CORDERO BAPTIST
Ave. C & South 6th
Joe M. Frausto - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
Sun. Evening Worship - 5:00
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30

FIRST CHRISTIAN
Ave C & 1st Street
Cyde Majors - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45 every Sun.
Worship Services - 3rd. Sun.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
1001 Willis
Dr. Richard Wood - Pastor
Sunday School - 9:45
Worship Service - 11:00
Family Night Dinner - 3rd Wed.
Fellowship Dinner Each 5th Sun.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Ranger Park
Robert L. Stumph - Pastor
Sat. Sabbath School - 9:30
Sabbath Worship Service - 11:00
Vespers - SDA School - 4:00
Prayer Meeting - Tues. at School

COW POKES By Ace Feld



"When a feller gits a little age on him, it shore helps to ride a pickup instead of them old rough hosses."

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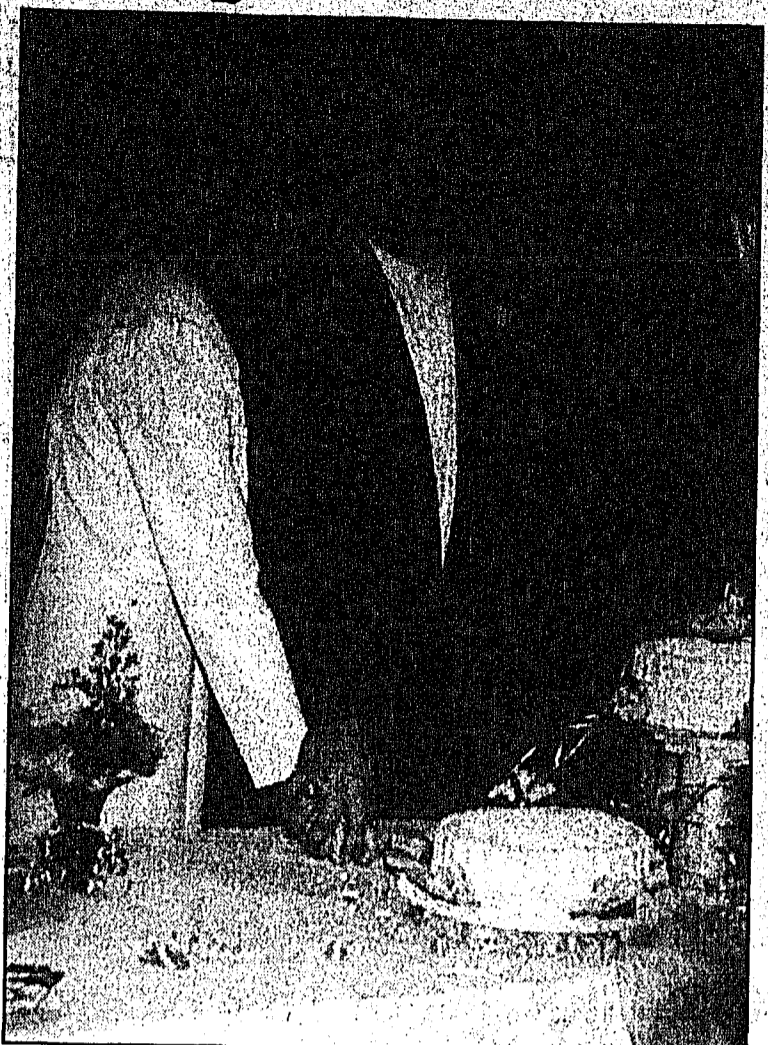
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Santa Anna News

Dunnigan-Smith Vows CCMC Cafeteria Reopened, Admissions Up



Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Duane Smith

Michelle Alanna Dunigan and Jackie Duane Smith were united in marriage at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4, 1997 at the Wesley Foundation of Tarleton State University in Stephenville with Rev. Norman Suggs officiating.

A double ring ceremony was performed featuring hand-cast custom storybook rings with traditional Navajo homestead scenes.

Parents of the bride are Michael and Susan Dunigan of Copperas Cove. The groom is the son of Janice and Edwin Hipsher of Santa Anna and Rondoe Smith of Carson City, Nevada.

Grandparents of the bride are Hazel Parker of Austin and the late Alfred Parker. Helen Gajewski of San Antonio and William Gajewski of Lansing, Michigan.

Opal Langford of Santa Anna and the late Claude Langford are grandparents of the groom.

The lace covered register table was highlighted with caricature pictures of the bride and groom, fresh flowers, balloons, ribbons and a feather pen. Arrangements of fresh flowers, peach and lavender tulle and candles decorated the chapel. The focal point was the unity candle made by the groom.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She selected a white linen chemise with a bolero jacket trimmed in heart lace. Her bouquet consisted of fresh Peruvian lilies, peach tea roses and greenery.

Maid of honor was Elizabeth Otto of Colleyville and bridesmaid was Bethany Hallenbeck of Copperas Cove. Each wore lace sage green tea length dresses and carried fresh flower bouquets.

Best man was James Wilcox of Burleson and groomsman was Brian Keeney of Arlington, cousin of the groom. Usher was Bobby Pritchard of Brownwood, brother-in-law of the groom.

Soloist Bethany Hallenbeck sang "Wind Beneath My Wings".

The reception hall was lavishly decorated with fresh flowers and candles. Peach, lavender and antique white lace linens adorned the tables.

The bride's lace covered table featured three traditional white cakes resting atop pearlized pillars. The cakes were adorned with fresh peach tea roses and connected with ribbons. Highlighting the cake topper were two doves and a verse from Corinthians. Vases of fresh flowers, peach candles and ribbons accented the table. Serving at the bride's table were Kelly Compton of Dallas and Elizabeth Otto of Colleyville.

Two chocolate chip cheesecakes were featured on the groom's table. Fresh flowers and peach candles decorated the table. Serving at the table were Shellev Pritchard of Brownwood and Melonie LeMond of DeSoto, sister of the groom.

A venetian buffet was served following the ceremony.

Kelsey Pritchard of Brownwood, Loren Langford and Lindsey Shriver of Austin distributed decorated bottles of bubbles from ribbon

CCMC Cafeteria Reopened, Admissions Up

The Board of Directors of the Coleman County Medical Center met recently and received positive information.

The hospital cafeteria re-opened on Sunday, February 2. Hours will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays. As business increases the days will be extended.

Cost of meals will be \$5.00 which includes the salad bar and drinks.

Regular meals will be served as well as low fat, low cholesterol meals. Also, diabetic food and low sodium meals will be available. Homemade desserts and homemade bread will be included on the menu.

A Quality Assurance Report and Joint Conference Committee was given by Director of Nurses, Janina Mann, R.N. Many aspects were discussed by the committee including the power being off in the city of Coleman for approximately two hours. Emergency power was available with no problems in patient care.

Frank Seals, Chief Financial Officer, reported things are in good shape. Gross revenue for December was \$660,129 and \$624,000 of the \$660,129 was patient revenues. Gross revenues from Oct. 1, 1996 through Dec. 31, 1996 were \$1,933,308, approximately 32% above budget.

Patient care, out-patient care, respiratory and others hospital departments are showing revenues above budget.

Discussion was held regarding review/revision of by-laws and changes with no action taken.

Mike Morris, CEO/Administrator reported that there had been 93 admission in December and to date, there have been 258 admissions compared to 144 in December 1996, showing an increase of 80%.

For the year emergency patients totaled 877 in comparison to 832 last year, showing a 6% increase.

Surgical procedures were up to 23 for the month compared to 4 in December of 1996.

The hospital has two ambulances and one was to begin service on February 1.

Discussion and action was discussed by a claim by former Administrator John Stevens dated Jan. 1, 1997. Morris recommended the board reject the claim and notify Stevens. No other information could be released as an attorney needed to be present when information is released.

trimmed baskets.

The groom is a graduate of Copperas Cove High School and Tarleton State University. She is employed by Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research at TSU and is pursuing a Master of Science in Environmental Science.

The groom is a graduate of Santa Anna High School and Tarleton State University. He is currently employed by Dollander Architectural Landscape Design.

After a honeymoon to Lake Granbury, the couple will reside in Stephenville.

Free Income Tax Assistance Site To Open In Coleman Feb. 25

DALLAS—Free tax help is available to most Texas residents beginning on February 25. That is when more than 300 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites located will open for another tax season.

VITA/TCE offers free tax help to people who cannot afford a paid tax preparer. Both program also give free tax help to disadvantaged people and to who who can not speak the English language. TCE generally offers free tax help to people over age 60.

According to IRS District Director Bobby Scott, more than 70,000 North Texans took advantage of VITA/TCE last year. He said anyone planning to get help from VITA/TCE volunteers need to bring the following information with them: all income information, including W-2 and 1099; social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers for all dependents; and any other useful documents and forms. Those items could include: lists, receipts, bills or statements of medical, taxes, home mortgage interest, contributions and miscellaneous expenses and a copy of last year's tax return.

In Coleman the service is available at the Senior Citizens Center on Pecos Street next to Coleman County Medical Center. Volunteers will be available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Rockwood Women's Club Makes Hair Bows

The Rockwood Women's Club met Tuesday, January 28, at the Rockwood Community Center, with six in attendance.

Skeeta Cooper brought the club to order. Bettie Duus led the pledges to the U. S. and Texas flags. LaNell Brusenan read the thought for the day. Bettie Duus read the minutes from our last meeting and gave the treasurer's report. They were approved as read.

LaNell Brusenan made the motion to re-elect the same officers, it was seconded by Claudia Rutherford and passed. Skeeta Cooper remains as president; Bettie Duus as secretary-treasurer; Vera Faye Wise as vice president; and LaNell Brusenan as reporter.

The craft was making hair bows out of lace doilies and barrettes, led by LaNell Brusenan, who was hostess. She served refreshments to Minnie Bray, Skeeta Cooper, Bettie Duus, Claudia Rutherford and Rose Cooper.

Frank And Eula McCary Honored With 67th Wedding Anniversary

Frank and Eula McCary were recently honored on their 67th wedding anniversary in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and Benny Bridges. Assisting with hostess duties were their other two daughters and their husbands, Neva and Tom Hooton and Betty and Monte Wootton.

The McCarys were married in Coleman on Jan. 27, 1930. They resided in Santa Anna until the last

Rubber Ties & Parables

Former Abilenian is a man of varied talents

EDITORS NOTE: The following article appeared recently in Bill Whitaker's column in the Abilene Reporter-News. The subject of the article is Mark McCord, whose wife Sharon is the daughter of the late C. E. and Vera Wise, long-time Santa Anna residents.

Mark McCord's basic problem is he's too multi-talented. In the 15 years I've known Mark, beginning when we were neighbors at 2121 Apartments, he's always given me the impression of a pleasant fellow whose one big problem in life is he can't figure out which talent he wants to make something of.

If you attend Gary Morris' Christmas concert at the Abilene Civic Center in December that's when you saw Mark, 41, strap on a guitar and perform solo, prior to Morris' entrance. All songs came from Mark's pen.

Elsewhere in town, you might come across copies of Mark's new children's book, *Rattle Bang*, which he illustrated after cleverly adapting the tale of the Good Samaritan.

Yet elsewhere, you might spot some of his famous rubber ties.

"Still a problem," he says when asked if he frets over which direction to devote his time and effort. "Right now, I'm trying to get a CD of my songs out, the publisher is interested in a second book, and I'm to do a mural in Florida."

"I still believe it's going to all come together some day," he says.

When Mark left Abilene for Dallas in 1985, the Abilene Christian University graduate had not only made a vivid impression here as a painter, song writer and performer, he had also run an imaginative, award-winning ad art agency.

For almost a decade now, he's been marketing rubber ties, each one painted and sculpted individually. They're pretty wild-looking things, but sales have been good. It hasn't hurt, either, that famous folks like Jay Leno have worn them.

"You should see the one that looks like a human digestive sys-

tem," Mark says, displaying the wit that's always put him a notch or so above the usual talents. "One of my customers suggested it. Gastroenterologists just love it."

Although the native Abilenian's work as a song writer and painter is well-known, his entry into the realm of books and rubber ties might surprise some. Mark says the rubber ties came about with the oil bust.

Upon leaving Abilene, Mark worked free-lance as an illustrator and painter for galleries from Austin to Santa Fe, and every one of those galleries went out of business when the oil boom ended because it was the bankers and oilmen who were buying the stuff.

"And that's when I began making rubber ties."

Mark says the rubber tie business resulted from a lucky mistake.

"It came from my painting background," he recalls. "I was doing some paintings in Dallas for the banks and corporations. It was one of those things where you had to match the color of couches and all that, which I just dread."

"Anyway, I was using this squeeze bottle with latex paint and I made a few happy accidents of adding too much rubber to the paint to add texture."

Result? Mark and wife Sharon were soon operating Cleverwear, marketing more than 100 designs of "handmade wearable art."

Initially, they tried to crack the fashion market, but they've found better sales in museum gift shops, art galleries and folk art shows. The Gilded Lily, 3134, S. 27th, (Abilene) has a few.

Some of the best ideas for tie designs come from customers, including the aforementioned good-humored gastroenterologist who, Mark says, comes into the operating room just as the patient becomes drowsy, waves the anatomically correct tie at the patient, then announces he's ready to begin.

"It's pretty neat," Mark says, "if your doctor has a good sense of humor."

Ditto for the patient.

The book *Rattle Bang* comes from a crazy idea Mark got while living at 2121 Apartments.

Mark, whose father Tommy McCord retired last year from Abilene Christian University after 38 years in the chemistry department, seized upon the idea of doing a children's book illustrating a beloved parable in the Bible, that of the Good Samaritan.

The catch? He decided to use talking cars and trucks instead of people.

"I got to thinking about all the children who don't have the opportunity to go to church or whose parents don't take time to open the Bible for them. And I got to thinking about how stories from the Bible could be taught in a different fashion."

Mark says he's always responding strongly to the love in the Bible, including love shown for those who "don't necessarily like you."

So for the story of the Good Samaritan, Mark went vehicular. Some of the inspiration comes from Mark's parents, who read vivid Bible stories to him as a kid, though Mark actually wrote the rough draft one overcast Sunday in 1984 at 2121 Apartments.

Purists might express outrage at the idea of talking vehicles illustrating a biblical story, but this oftbeat children's book really does the trick, teaching the parable in a manner children can both enjoy and relate to.

Chariot Books is reportedly clamoring for other biblical parables treated similarly, though evidence suggests Mark is still trying to find a way to meld his many and diverse talents.

"My sister has written the second one," he says, "and I've offered to illustrate it...in rubber."

Which would certainly add another twist to the tale.

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Several Local FFA Members Participate In Fort Worth Show

Several members of the Santa Anna FFA participated in the Fort Worth Livestock Show January 28-31.

Those placing in their market swine projects were:

- Heather Bradley, 7th place medium weight Yorkshire;
- Josh Daniel, 7th place light weight Spotted Poland China;
- Buffy Marty, 16th place light weight Duroc;
- Zackery Carter, 16th place medium weight Spotted Poland China.

Other FFA members showing their swine projects were Shyler Farley, Gary Geeslin and Erwin Loyd.

Other Santa Anna students exhibiting swine were Bennie Bible and Michael Guthrie.

Exhibiting lambs was Chris Cheaney was placed 13th with a heavy weight Finewool lamb.

As usual all of the Santa Anna youth were well supported by several parents and friends who attended the livestock show.

Local Youth To Participate In Houston Livestock Show

Seven Santa Anna FFA and 4-H members are preparing to take their animals to the Houston Livestock Show, February 14 through March 2 in the Astrobhall.

Santa Anna FFA entries will be Josh Daniel, market barrows; Shyler Farley, market barrows; Erwin Loyd, market barrows; and Buffy Martin, market barrows.

Members of 4-H who will be participating are Bennie Bible, market lambs and market barrows; Chris Cheaney, market lambs; and Michael Guthrie, market lambs and market barrows.

Third Graders Write About Christmas

The third graders in Sharon Greenlee's Language Art Classes have written about their Christmas. We will be printing these over the next several weeks.

Wedding

By Rudy Enriquez
I went to my Aunt Thelma's and my Uncle Scott's wedding in the Armory on January 11, 1997.

My mom helped my Aunt Thelma get dressed for the wedding. Then it was my job to usher everybody to their seat.

I bent my elbow with my hand on my waist.

The ladies took my arm and I ushered them to their seats. Next the wedding was over and we had the reception.

I had thumbprint cookies, cake and punch. I really like being an usher at weddings.

On The Holiday

By Stevie Stenbridge
Over the holidays I had fun. My cousins came over and we played Guess who. Kisha was winning this game most of the time. Then we went to the storm cellar and slid down it. In the morning we went to a restaurant to eat breakfast. I ate eggs and waffles. It's fun to go out and eat.

Christmas Day

By William Laviolette
On Christmas day I opened presents. I got a dartboard and a skateboard. I hung the board on the wall and threw darts at the center. I have to be careful when I ride my skateboard. Later I ate turkey and dressing for Christmas dinner. Then My T.V. broke when my brother was watching it. I couldn't watch the funny move. I was glad when we got the T.V. fixed.

Hunting

By Jesse Hensley
My dad and I went hunting at the Milligan place. Dad killed a big buck. The buck had horns like a moose. I helped skin the deer and it had a lot of meat and that was good. We made venison that we had to dry and it's called jerky. When we tasted the jerky, we had to dry it some more. Dad took the horns and painted it different colors and shapes. He hung the horns in his room so he could put his hats on it.

Six Flags

By Ryan Guerrero
Right after Christmas my family and I went to Six Flags. My brothers and I rode on the Texas-Giant. This roller coaster is very fast. I rode on the Zipper and it turned around and around. My brothers liked the Spider. I decided to watch them this time. My dad and mom ate lunch while my brothers and I were riding rides. Later that day we went to Houston. My vacation was exciting this year.

Grandparents House

By Durinda Puckett
On December 26, 1996 I went to my Grandparents house. They live on a farm that has cows, horses and

chickens. I played with my sister Kelsey and my two cousins J. r. and Becca. We played Nutty Astronauts. It's when you push a button and then the little astronaut goes in the spaceship. Then we ate some ham or turkey sandwiches. When we were done we spent the night. It was fun. I like having Christmas at my grandparents house.

My Ten-Speed

By Wesley Reed
It was a warm Christmas morning and I woke up and then Mom, Dad and Rebekah. We got into the living room and there was my midnight blue Ten-Speed. It was the prettiest Ten-Speed in the whole world! The presents were great! But I quickly had my clothes on to ride my brand-new Ten-Speed bike when was very fun! I had a really exciting time!

Over the Holidays

By Peyton Kuykendall
On the holidays I went to my Grandmother's house for Christmas and all of the family was there. My cousins are Caleb, Christa and Alacia. We played on the swings and roped a fake bull. Then we ate turkey, potatoes, and macaroni and cheese for dinner. Then we opened presents. I liked the power pens I got. The best one was the secret pen. It has invisible ink until you use a special light. This was a nice Christmas.

Financial Aid Information Line Open This Weekend For Students

The Financial Aid Information Line will be open on Saturday and Sunday, February 7-8 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. This is an activity of the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. Among the questions which can be answered are:

Are you thinking of job training or college after high school, but believe that finances may be a problem for you and your family?

If you want to apply for scholarship or other financial aid to help you attend college or get job training after high school, when should you begin and what forms are required? Help is available even if you are not a senior and even if you are considering schools outside Texas.

If you family gets solicitations from companies that offer to help you find sources of financial aid for college which otherwise will go unclaimed should you pay for their help.

Are you and your parents working on a financial aid application to help finance job training or to attend college after high school. If you have not started, now it the time to start.

The cost of advice on how to finance job training or college after high school will never be cheaper than it will be this weekend. Financial aid officials from colleges and schools in Texas will conduct a free financial aid information line. The toll-free number to call is 1-800-323-3961.



SAHS Seniors Give The Gift Of Life

Several members of Santa Anna High School senior class were on hand recently when a blood drive was held at the school cafeteria. Pictured above is Chris Cheaney as he prepares to "give". He is receiving moral support from Tim Abernathy, Marty Siller and Briana Homer.

Photo by Polly Warnock



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
Breakfast: donuts
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, gravy, catsup and honey

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11
Breakfast: French toast and syrup
Lunch: Sloppy joe, slice pickles, pork and beans and cookie

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, toast, hash browns and jelly
Lunch: Bar b que pork patty, pinto beans, potato salad, hot rolls and fruit cobbler

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Breakfast: Biscuits, sausage gravy and jelly
Lunch: Taco bowl w/meat and cheese, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, spanish rice, peppers and picante sauce

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast and jelly
Lunch: Charbroil patty on bun, lettuce, tomato and pickle, french fries, rice krispie treats, catsup and mayo or mustard

Little Dribblers Begin Play Thurs.

The fifth and sixth grade Little Dribblers will begin play this week with three games scheduled for Thursday evening, February 6 in Perry Gym at 5:30 p.m.

Seven games will be played on Saturday starting at 9 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to come watch this young people play basketball.

Mountaineer Basketball News

SAHS Boys

Event 64, Santa Anna 45

Event	Boys	15-16-64
Santa Anna	22	11
Evant	19	11
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Junior High Boys

Santa Anna 37
Cross Plains 49

Scoring: Bennie Bible 1; Shyler Farley 6; Brian Coyle 12; Bobby Hale 6; Stephen Donham 4; J. J. Beloit 8

Santa Anna 38
Evant 43

Scoring: Shyler Farley 3; Brian Coyle 22; Bobby Hale 6; Stephen Donham 3; J. J. Beloit 4

SANTA ANNA 37
LOMETA 30

Scoring: Bennie Bible 2; Brian Coyle 18, Bobby Hale 4; Stephen Donham 3; J. J. Beloit 10

SAHS Girls

Santa Anna 54, Evant 35

Event	Girls	4 11-35
Santa Anna	13	7
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Girls To Play Friday For 2nd In District

Scores were not available early Wednesday morning, but according to Coach Debbie Bacon her Mountaineer Ladies will be in a playoff game at 7:00 Friday at Comanche against Evant. The girls defeated Lometa Tuesday night to tie for the second place spot in District 24-A. The winner of Friday's game will advance along with Cross Plains who is the top team in the district.

Cross Plains and Evant will advance in the boy's division with Cross Plains being the district leader. Santa Anna boys were defeated by Lometa Tuesday evening to end their basketball season.

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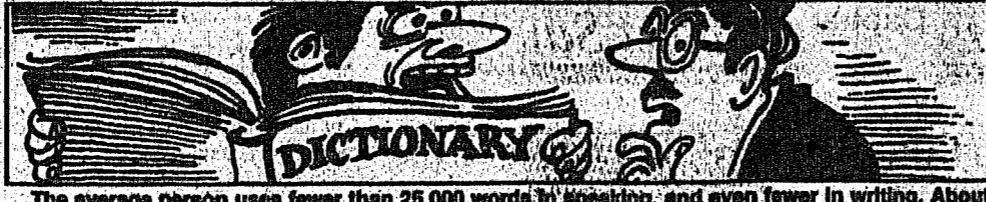
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School Calendar

February 21: End of Fourth Six Weeks
 March 28: Holiday
 April 4: End of Fifth Six Weeks
 April 11: School Holiday
 April 18: Bad Weather Day
 April 25: Bad Weather Day
 May 9: Holiday
 May 16: Holiday
 May 23: Holiday
 May 29: End of Second Semester
 May 30: Teacher Work Day



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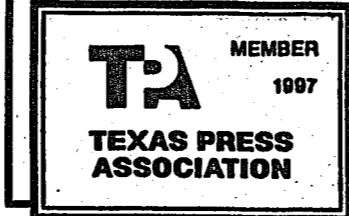
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Jones Recommended For Texas Tech Board of Regents

By Billie Mercer

COLEMAN— In a news release Tuesday it was announced that Texas Governor George W. Bush has recommended Nancy Jones, wife of Coleman County attorney and District Attorney, Ross Jones, to the board of regents of Texas Tech University, the appointment is subject to confirmation by the Texas Senate.

Jones is the executive director of the Community Foundation of Abilene and, if approved by the

Senate, will serve on the Texas Tech Board of Regents for six years, with her term ending in the year 2003.

Jones received her Bachelor and Master's degrees in economics from the University of Southern California, and Doctorate Degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

Another nominee from this area is Johnny Jones, a bank officer with the Commercial Bank in Brady.

TRICKHAM TIDBITS

By Anna York

Rev. Clyde Majors brought a good message Sunday morning when he preached at church. He and his wife were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Felton Martin.

Royce and Wanda McIver were in Abilene on Saturday to see their grandson Phillip Smith from Midland Lee High School play soccer against Abilene High. Sabrina Smith and family of Midland and Britt McIver and family of Buffalo Gap met them there. After the game they all went out to Britt's for visiting. On Tuesday of last week Royce and Wanda visited at Brownwood lake with her cousin Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodges.

Alice Wells of Coleman visited Saturday afternoon with her sister and her husband Verna and Arvil Bolton and later the two ladies visited with their mother Florence Stearns.

Natalie McIver attended a bridge party in Brownwood on Monday and a birthday party for grandson Ben McIver in Santa Anna on Wednesday. On Saturday she and Sherrie Blake and Megan were shopping in Abilene.

Bettie and Damon Miller of Austin are spending a few days with her mother Mrs. Mary Lea Mitchell.

Lara Meckfessell from Howard Payne College visited a while Sunday afternoon with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge McClatchy.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones were shopping in Abilene on Wednesday and Mary Lou visited in Santa Anna with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alsbrook on Thursday.

Roy Haynes of Fairfield and his mother Helen Haynes of Gardendale visited one day the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dean. Kit Dean of Comanche spent the weekend.

Carmilla Baugh, Ovella Williams and Novella Stearns visited Sunday afternoon with Leona Henderson.

Terry and Helen McIver were in Austin and Georgetown on Saturday where they met and visited with Gayla and J. W. Sellers and Doynne and Wanda Lou McIver and some of their families. Grady Clay McIver from San Angelo was at home over the weekend.

Recent visitors with Mrs. Winnie Haynes were Laverne Evans of Santa Anna, Leona Henderson, Novella Stearns and Anna York.

Earlene Dockery visited in Coleman Friday afternoon with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Johnson. Sunday afternoon she and Mrs. Annie Lou Vaughn visited in Bangs with Rodney and Cellena Guthrie and little son Mason.

A birthday dinner honoring Ilene Haynes in celebrating her 85th birthday was held on Saturday, February 1 at the home of her son Billy Don Haynes in Hermleigh. Around twenty-three attended and she received a number of cards that she appreciated. Reba and Elvis Cozart and Lois and Frank Wallace of Santa Anna went from here and spent more time with their mother.

The ladies of the quilting club met Monday afternoon and worked on a quilt for Helen McIver. On Thursday night there were 14 present for the eighty-four party.

Lonella Roesch and Annella Clark from Santa Anna visited on Saturday afternoon with Annie Lou Vaughn. Sunday afternoon Annie Lou and Earlene Dockery visited Mary Ola Woods in Bangs.

Rev. and Mrs. Pat McClatchy of Brownwood visited Sunday evening with Leona Henderson.

TS&GRA Auxiliary Sponsoring Letter Writing Contest

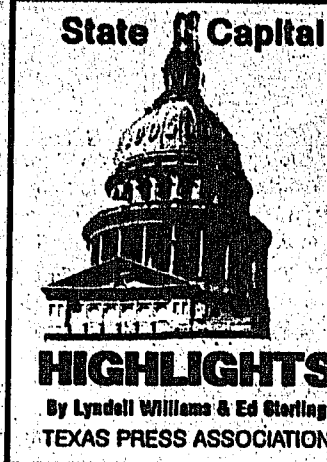
The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary is sponsoring a Letter Writing Contest to encourage young people in Texas to take an interest in writing members of the U. S. Congress. The contest is open to Texas residents who are U. S. citizens and enrolled in college in the 1997 Spring Semester. Former contestants who wish to enter must totally rewrite their previously entered letters. Subject is "Why private property rights are important to Texas", and entries must be postmarked by May 31, 1997.

Prizes will include a \$1,000 college scholarship for 1st place; \$750 college scholarship for 2nd place; \$500 college scholarship for 3rd place; and \$100 U. S. Savings Bonds for 4th to 10th place entries. Letters must be typewritten and not over two pages in length. The heading must include your address,

Sunday. Joe and J. C. Bible dropped by Sunday. Ovella and Carmilla visited Leona Henderson Sunday.

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Darrell Cupps visited the R. W. Cupps Sunday.



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Commissioners Handles Number Of Agenda Items In Meeting

The Coleman County Commissioners met in a special meeting on January 31.

County Judge Sherrill Ragsdale informed commissioners that the roof had been checked by the only roofing company responding to the estimate bid. Problems appear to be minimal at this time and repairs should cost be less than \$2,000.00.

Ragsdale also stated that community service workers could help with janitorial work in the courthouse.

County Clerk JoAnn Hale told the group that three of the four names drawn to serve on the salary grievance committee had returned written notices they would serve. Appointed were Joseph Johnson, Thomas Rutherford and Jimmie Jamison.

Ron Owen presented the annual Historical Commission report. Appointed to the serve on the Historical Commission are Felton Martin, Theibert Elkins, Pat Wright, Charlene Griffin, Juanita Shields, LaJean Sneed and Ron Owens.

Owens reported that 30 sets of historical books were sold last year with 238 sets left. The group met 10 times in 1996 and made a trip to Buffalo Gap's Historical Village.

Roy McCorkle, president of Coleman County Medical Center Board of Directors asked that a resolution be approved designating the hospital as the Emergency Service Provider for Coleman County. Patients may be taken to other hospitals if they request.

Judge Ragsdale asked the commissioners to appointed Tammy Smith, Teri Moore, Eva Sillers, Hannah Sumrall and Claudean Cervenka for a three-year term to the Coleman County Child Welfare Board. Agreeing to serve additional three year terms were Doodie Taylor-Knox, Timorah Andrade, Richard Andrade, Sybil Ransberger and Nina Childress. Also continuing to serve will be Rev. James

But Ogden's win does not allow the GOP to run roughshod over the Democrats. Senate rules require that bills have the support of 21 members to reach the floor.

Other Capital Highlights

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, has been named a co-chair of the Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus, a bipartisan group of House and Senate members working to help the domestic energy industry.

An optional good-student discount of 10 percent on automobile insurance premiums went into effect last week, but so far, only State Farm Insurance has informed the Texas Department of Insurance of its plans to offer the discounts. State Farm said the discounts will be offered in June.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has purchased 1,009 acres about 20 miles south of Killeen to build a driving track for high-speed training, a 20 acre diver-training lake and shooting ranges for handguns, shotguns and rifles. Before construction can begin, the DPS needs \$15 million in the bank to pay for phase one of the project, but the agency only has about \$10 million in money and property seized — mostly from the drug trade.

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Paul Bailey, Paul Wheat, John Mark Weathered, Carolyn Maddox and Woodrow Maddox.

A voluntary request for Cheryl Willis that her position as Jailor be terminated was granted and a position was created for Clint Hammonds.

There is little peace or comfort in life if we are always anxious as to future events.

Fishing Lake Ivie

The water is cold, but the weather has been nice the past week or so except for Tuesday and Wednesday when temps dipped a little again.

There have been some crappie being caught near the Concho Bridge. If we can get a few days of warm weather they should turn on pretty good.

Bass are a little slow but some are being caught on slabs in 45 to 50 feet water. So be sure you have enough line spooled on your reels!

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