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Masthead designed by Barbara J. Sowell

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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## DOWN HOME

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Chris Biggerstaff provided me with the following information. It sure hit me in the face. See how it affects you.

### "If My Eyes Could See"

If my eyes could see what His eyes see, perhaps I would not be so quick to judge the brother who has a bad attitude, or the sister who always seems to be struggling. If my eyes could see what His eyes see, I would see the pain that may have caused the bad attitude, and heightened the struggle.

If my eyes could see as His eyes see, maybe I would be more patient with my children when they act like children. If my eyes could see as His eyes see, I would see the pain I have caused Him with my own childish behavior, and I could also see His patience with me.

If my eyes could see the things His eyes see, I would be less distressed over what is happening today, and more hopeful about what will happen tomorrow. If my eyes could see the things His eyes see, my heart would be full, and my resolve would be strong.

If my eyes could see like His eyes can see, I would be more careful of who I condemn and less selective with who I forgive. I would ignore more offenses, and lower my defenses.

If my eyes could see as His eyes can see, I could see others the way He looks at me, and then I could like my life like He intends it to be.

"Father, I want my eyes to see, see more like You see, and less like I see. Open my eyes Lord, and help me see. In Jesus' name. Amen."

## Library Writing Contest Winners Recognized

For the third year, the Cross Plains Library sponsored a writing contest open to all students in the Cross Plains schools. This was our best year so far, with 177 entries. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade were handed out at the awards assemblies at the schools, as well as trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall. Following are this year's winners, and the 3 overall winning entries will be printed in the next few weeks.

Submitted by Ginny Hoskins  
See Contest Page 10

## Cross Plains Cemetery Work Day Rescheduled

The Work Day for the Cross Plains Cemetery has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Last week's date was cancelled due to rain.

You are reminded to bring your shovels, hoes, rakes, lawn mowers, limb trimmers, etc. to help with the project. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Call Jimmielee Payne at (254) 725-7538 if you need additional information.

## Fred Blosser Speaker for HOWARD DAYS DINNER

Friday evening, June 7, Project Pride members and the community of Cross Plains will welcome Robert E. Howard fans, scholars, and enthusiasts from around the world at the annual banquet to be held at the Cross Plains Community Center at 7 p.m.

Keynote speaker for the banquet will be Fred Blosser who states he first read Robert E. Howard's fiction at age 13, long before Conan the Barbarian became a household name. Fred is no longer 13 but he continues to be a Howard fan, and states that he appreciates the opportunity to speak about the influence of Texas on Howard's writings at the Howard Weekend 2002.

Fred began to write essays and articles about Howard's fiction for Glenn Lord's pioneering journal, "The Howard Collection" in 1971. Thanks to the experience, for which he owes much gratitude to Glenn, he was invited by Marvel Comics editor Roy Thomas to contribute articles, story plots, and story ideas to Marvel's magazine "The Savage Sword of Conan" beginning in 1974. Similar work for two other Howard-oriented Marvel magazines, "Kull and Barbarians" and "Conan Saga" followed over the next two decades. Fred states that he also owes much to Roy.

Fred also has written for Howard fan journals, "Amra",

"Cross Plains", "The Howard Review", "The Barbarian Scroll" and "The Dark Man". Glenn Lord reprinted his articles "Conan's Parents" and "Howard's Cannibalizing" in an anthology, "The Howard Collector" published by Ace Books in 1972. ("Howard's Cannibalizing" was one of the earliest scholarly studies of Howard's literary technique.) With Glenn's gracious forbearance, Fred "completed" two unfinished Howard stories: "Death's Black Riders" (published in Fantasy Book magazine, 1984) and "The Mystery of Tannemoe Lodge" (published in the volume "Lord of the Dead" in 1981).

Blosser states he has always been guided by two principles in writing about Robert E. Howard. One - Howard was a great and under-rated author who contributions to Texas literature and fundamental influence on U.S. popular culture should be more widely recognized than they are. Two - articles about Howard should be as lively and fun to read as Howard's own fiction is. Without claiming anywhere near Howard's talent and genius, Fred states that he hopes that some modicum of those principles is apparent in his essays.

Fred is a public affairs specialist by profession, born in West

Virginia and currently residing in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C. He and his wife Donna have been married for 30 years. They have two daughters, Carol and Susan.

Fred, along with Tim Reasoner, will lead a panel discussion on "The Influence of Texas on the works of Robert E. Howard" on Saturday at 10 a.m. This panel discussion will be held at the library of Cross Plains High School.

Two full days of activities have been planned and will begin at 10 a.m. Friday and will include tours of the Howard House Museum, a walking tour of Howard Haunts in Cross Plains, activities at the Cross Plains Public Library, a trip to the Howard graves at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood, the dinner banquet, a postal cancellation on Saturday, and the activities will culminate with dinner graciously hosted by the Middleton family at the Middleton Caddo Peak ranch on Saturday evening. Tickets for the Friday evening dinner must be purchased by Tuesday, June 4. Tickets are available at Cross Plains Public Library and Texas Heritage Bank.

Project Pride members invite everyone to join them in remembering one of Cross Plains own, Robert E. Howard.

## Services Held for Retired Postmaster Joe Hanke

Joe E. Hanke, Jr., 72 of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, May 24, 2002, at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center after a lengthy battle with a neuromuscular disease.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 27, 2002, at the Higginbotham Chapel with Father Lawrence Cyr officiating. Bob Pipes delivered the eulogy, and John Hanke spoke on behalf of the family. Burial was in the Burkett Cemetery with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of the arrangements.

Born June 4, 1929 near Burkett, Texas in Coleman County, he was the son of Joe Ernest Hanke and Ruth Ada Hobbs Hanke. He graduated from Burkett High School in 1946. He was a veteran of the Korean War where he served in an artillery battalion from 1951-1952.

He attended GI School and took classes through the University of Texas extension system and at several nearby colleges.

He married Era Lee Ingram on July 9, 1955 in Coleman, Texas. They had two children, John and Paula.

He resided first on a farm in the Burkett area and later moved to Cross Plains. He served as a clerk and rural carrier in the United States Postal Service beginning in 1958 and was promoted to the position of Postmaster for Cross Plains in February of 1973. He served as Postmaster for 16 years before retiring in 1989. He greatly enjoyed the opportunity his position as Postmaster gave him to meet and interact with people in the Cross Plains community. Upon retiring he intended to return to full time farm-



Joe E. Hanke, Jr.

ing and ranching.

He was a life-long member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman where he served as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and religion teacher.

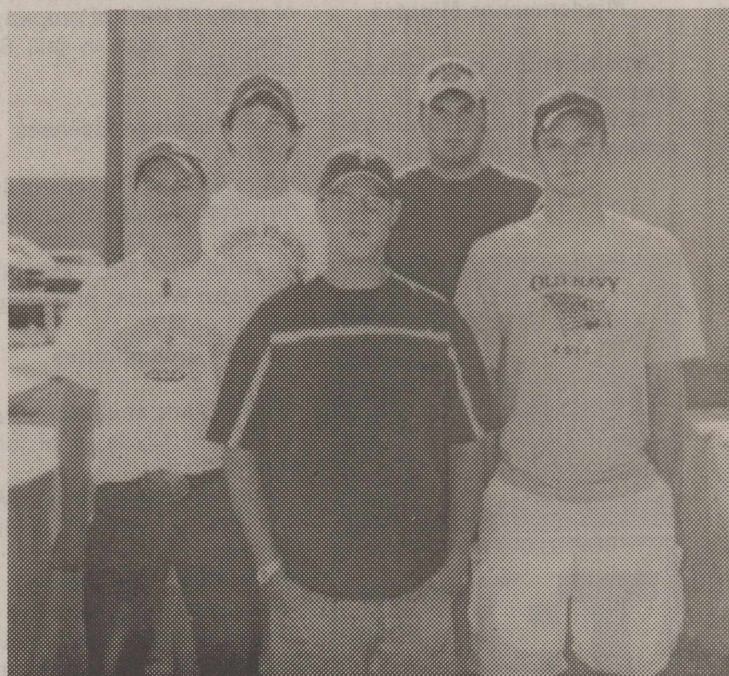
Hanke was active in the community, serving on the Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years the School Board for 12 years. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Project Pride, and the National Association of Postmasters of the United States.

He is survived by his wife, Era Lee Hanke of Cross Plains; a son, John Hanke, and wife, Holly, of Oakland, California; a daughter, Paula Cole, and husband, Mark, of St. Louis Park, Minnesota;

four grandchildren, Evan and Claire Hanke and Matthew and Kaitlin Cole; two nephews, J.C. Diehl and Jim Diehl; five nieces, Vickie Bangs, Sherrie Shirkey, Shirlee West, Julie Peterson and Jackie Nieder; a brother-in-law, Kermit Diehl of Butler, Missouri; and a sister-in-law, Imogene Powers and husband, Sammie, their son, Michael, and daughter, Laurie, all of Bangs.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Madeleine Diehl.

Pallbearers were Alton McCowen, M.R. Womack, Rodney McCarty, Alvin Hutchins, Jack Watson and W.G. McCoy.



**1ST TEAM BASEBALL PICKS**— Josh Hopkins (front, from left), Chuck Norris and Joseph Dillard; Tony Beggs (back, from left) and Kevin Wilson.



**2ND TEAM BASEBALL PICKS**— Dusty Dickson (front, from left) and Cole Koenig; Dusty Purvis (back, from left) Tim Butler and James Ross.

## Baseball All-District

The Cross Plains Buffaloes placed several players on the 12A All-District Team.

Chuck Norris (pitcher) was named Co-MVP along with Matt Morgan of Ranger.

On the 1st All-District Team was Joseph Dillard, Tony Beggs, Josh Hopkins and Kevin Wilson, all seniors.

On the 2nd All-District Team was Tim Butler and James Ross, seniors; Dusty Purvis, junior; and Dusty Dickson, sophomore. Cole Koenig, a junior, was the 2nd All-District Team Pitcher.

Congratulations to all the Buffalo Players.

Submitted by  
Coach Mitchell Atchley

## Clean Up Day Planned Prior to Howard Days

In preparation for Robert E. Howard Days, June 8-9, Project Pride is having a clean up day Saturday, June 1, at 8 a.m. at the Howard House on Highway 36.

Come and bring a salad or dessert. The meat will be provided. Everyone will enjoy a meal together after a morning's accomplishment.

For more information call Margaret McNeel at (254) 725-6498.

## Flag Corp Bake Sale Saturday

A Bake Sale will be held Saturday, June 1, from 8:30 a.m. until noon at Village Market. The proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the Cross Plains High School Band Flag Corp.

Come by and purchase your favorite dessert!!!

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Donald J. McDade, theft of property by check.  
Dinah Davis, theft.  
Coy B. Greenrock, theft.  
Terri L. Peel, theft, class A.  
James E. Brown, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Shannon D. Herron, unlawfully carrying a weapon.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Gypsie Fomby, order extending probation granted.  
Francisco Gomez, order revoking probation granted.

Charles J. Mantooth, order revoking probation granted.  
Donna Campbell, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Joe Ray Brown, Jr., order revoking probation granted.  
Preston C. Bartlow, order revoking probation granted.  
Shonna Brunson, plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 6 month probation, \$50 fine, \$268 court costs, \$172.96 restitution.

Tommy Westerman, Jr., plea of guilty to theft of property by check, 60 days in jail, \$268 court costs.

### Marriage Licenses

Jimmy Dean Turner and Judy Ann Turner, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Minutes

J. W. Evans and Hope Evans vs. City of Clyde, final judgment denied.

Courtney Lee Miller and William Thomas Miller, Jr., divorce granted.

Mark Allen and Patricia D. Allen, divorce granted.

Harrell Dwayne Burch and Charlotte Ann Burch, divorce granted.

Yahdith I. Hawkins, name change back to Judith Maxine Irons granted.

Vance Wallace vs. Brandy Kay Miller and Jerry Miller, order of nonsuit granted.

### Criminal Information & Complaint

Paul Aldrate, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Michael J. Purdum, possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

### Criminal Minutes

Robert Thomas Harper, Jr., judgment revoking probation granted.

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## OBITUARY

### Billy Mac Coppinger

Billy Mac Coppinger died Friday, May 24, 2002 at Angelo Community Hospital after a lengthy battle with emphysema. Born October 1, 1927 in Cottonwood, Tx (Callahan County). He was the son of W.H. (Harry) and Mary Varner Coppinger. He attended school in Cottonwood through the 9th grade then graduated from Cross Plains High school in 1944. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific and Korea. He attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Abilene Christian University with a B.S. degree. He also graduated from McMurry University with a Master of Education degree in School Administration. He married Emma Dee Worthy on June 4, 1952 in Cross Plains. They had 2 children, Paul and Dee Ann.

He began his teaching career as a teacher/coach in the Cross Plains school system in 1954 through 1960. He served as High School Principal from 1960-1963. He served as Superintendent at Eula ISD from 1963-1978. From 1978 through 1988, he served as Superintendent at Miles ISD, retiring in 1988. He then served as interim Superintendent at Veribest ISD for several months. He was a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, Texas State Teachers Association, Eula Lions Club and Miles Lion Club. He was a Past Master of Cross Plains Masonic Lodge, District Deputy and also held dual membership in the Miles Lodge. He was a member of the Miles Baptist Church, serving as Deacon for many years. One of his greatest loves was teaching the Men's Sunday School Class at the Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Emma Dee Coppinger, of almost 50 years, one son, Paul Mac Coppinger and wife Belinda and their daughter Ashlee, of Edmund, Oklahoma. One daughter, Dee Ann Key and husband Lynn and their children Hayden and Emily of Midland, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Miles Baptist Church Building Fund, Miles Cemetery Fund or the Miles Senior Citizens Center.

## Special Guest Speaker at Living Water Ministries Sunday

Tim Sheppard, recording artist and prophet, will be ministering in the morning service (10 a.m.) at Living Water Ministries.

Tim was associated with Dallas Holmes and the other artist in the 80's. He wrote many of the well known worship and praise songs in the 80's and 90's. Tim ministered all over the United States and Europe. He and his wife, Kelli, and daughter, Jessica, reside in Rockwall.

Living Water Ministries invites you to come to this service. They feel you will benefit greatly from the talent and anointing that the Lord has placed on this young man.

## Southern Gospel Music Concert at Rising Star Saturday, June 1

A Southern Gospel Music Concert will be held at Colquette Williams Park in Rising Star on Saturday, June 1st, at 7 p.m.

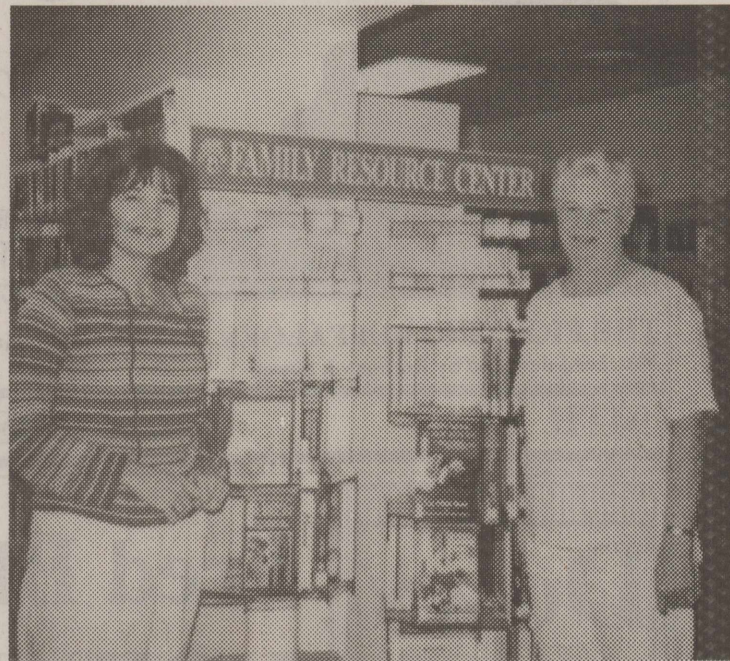
Faith Cowboy Church will be blessed again with the wonderful music of "The Hands of Faith". Many of you have had the opportunity to spend time with this great group of God's family. Their music is awesome and their love of the Lord shines through.

Whether you like the old time gospel music or a more contemporary sound, you will enjoy their songs. This awesome group make their home in Fort Worth, but spend a lot of time out on the road, sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ at every opportunity.

There is no admission fee! All are welcome and urged to come on out and enjoy the evening as the "Hands of Faith" offer praise and worship to the Lord Jesus Christ. Come as you are and be prepared for a blessing!

Love offerings will be accepted. Hopefully cassettes or CDs will be available at a small cost to you.

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TEXAS HERITAGE GIVES LIBRARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER— Dannes Turner, Vice President of the Texas Heritage Bank (left), is shown with Cherry Shults, Cross Plains Public Library Librarian, as they presented the Family Resource Center consisting of books, audiocassettes, and compact discs for families to the library. The Family Resource Center is based on "The Focus on the Family" by James Dobson. Materials include information to help families with problems, and it is Christian based. The materials have been processed to be checked out. Go by the library and see what they have.

## Crusade at Tabernacle June 2-5 at May Featuring Dan Haby

Dan Haby, cowboy evangelist from Fort Worth, will be returning to preach under the tabernacle once again at the May Crusade for Christ. This year's Crusade will be held June 2-5 beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. There will be outstanding 'gospel music' each night.

Sunday night's music will be provided by "Two Days Later" from Bangs; Monday night by "Heartland Harmonizers" from Early; Tuesday night "Cross Ties" from May; and Wednesday night's music will be provided by the May Youth and Sidney Praise Band.

Dan Haby felt called to start a church in the historic Fort Worth Stockyards area. For more than a decade several merchants had prayed for a church in their area. Sometimes called a Cowboy Church, the church reaches more than just cowboys. They now have a multi-ethnic church. The church decided to change its

name to Stockyards Community Church.

Haby said, "We are dealing with all types of people who need to know Jesus."

Come and hear Dan Haby at the Tabernacle in May. You will definitely be blessed.

Sponsored by the Baptist and Methodist Churches in May



Proverbs 13:13-15 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard. 6-8p.

## Cross Timbers Association Meeting in Abilene June 3

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association will meet at Iglesia Bautista Israel, 1660 Roosevelt Street, Abilene on Monday, June 3.

The information meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by supper at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m. the guest speaker, Rudy Hernandez, Southern Baptist evangelist and past president of the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention. Eddie Gonzales, pastor of

Iglesia Bautista Israel, invites all area churches to attend.

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association has thirty-nine member churches. The Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For more information about this meeting contact Dwaine Clower, Association Missionary, at (254) 725-7574.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
9 TH & AVE D. CROSS PLAINS

WORSHIP SERVICE.....9:30 A.M.  
BIBLE CLASS.....10:30 A.M.  
REV. HENRY GRUBBS, PASTOR  
EVERYONE WELCOME

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Full Gospel \_\_\_ Non-Denominational \_\_\_ Apostolic  
Restoring And Equipping The Saints  
Sunday 10 a.m. \* Monday Prayer 7 p.m. \* Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Pastors: Colleen Anderson and Maxey Evans  
Glenda Tidwell - Praise & Worship  
Linda Fortune - Youth Pastor  
For Information Call (254) 725-6800 1-800-252-3629

### 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) 643-3276  
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

Sponser: Pioneer Baptist Church  
Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.  
Bill Armstrong - Pastor

## ROWDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

12 MILES WEST OF CROSS PLAINS ON HWY. 36  
AT ROWDEN

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES  
STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.

STUDY TOPICS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS.

1. Is there really a God?
2. Is Genesis relevant today?
3. Did God create in 6 literal days?
4. Why is there death & suffering?
5. Do Animals Evolve?
6. Where did the "Races" come from?
7. What is the only answer to Racism?
8. Dinosaurs - in the Bible?
9. How can we raise Godly children?
10. Fossils & the flood - What's the connection.
11. How can we Evangelize?
12. A secular world - Part 1 & Part 2.

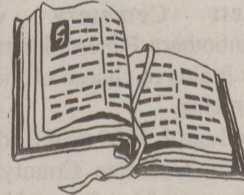
Rowden Baptist Church has a free book entitled "Refuting Evolution" for any student or teacher in the area who would like a copy. Call and we'll get one to you.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin

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## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

3rd & Main Cross Plains  
(254) 725-7629



Sunday, June 2

11:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship Service

Ronnie White - Pastor  
Kevin & Kim Cassidy - Youth Frank O'Banion - Music  
Welcome!

## Peace May Pass Understanding, But It Tailgates Faith

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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

## Youth Worship Service



## COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

### High School Graduation Ceremonies bring visitors to Cottonwood

Visiting in the home of Mrs. Dena Nickerson and attending the graduation of Matt Nickerson and Charlie Rogers from Cross Plains High School were: Glen Nickerson, Blake Chase, and Terri Delgado, of San Antonio; Kathy Franke, Dena Hines, Connie Potter, Rickie Jo Potter, Christine and Megan Brown, of Clyde; Porcius and Kara Potter, Kaitlyn and Trent, of Coleman; Cecil and Jackie Nickerson, Jaysea and Bayleigh Rhodes, of Jewett; Bill and Annette Nickerson, Willie, Mary Jo, and Cooter; Jimmy and Carol Meador, daughter Karrie Rogers; Scott Hutton, Herman Weaver, of Cross Plains; Chris Weaver of Conroe; Creig Rogers and Creig Jr., of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rogers, Ava Amstead, Trey Cook and Mrs. Deyon Denman, of Centerville.

### Coats Family Reunion

Descendants of John Alexander and Evangeline (Love) Coats, returned to Cottonwood last Sunday for a reunion and memorial service to pay honor to their forebearers and military veterans of the Cottonwood area.

Visitors came from many towns

and cities of Texas and included: Mary Elizabeth Bennett and daughter, Diane Holton, of Jurten and Tyler; Boyce and Wanda (Tye) Scott of Perryton, Chris and Carla (Coats) Repman of Midland, David and Jan (Holly) Patillo of Pecos, Bryan and Gloria Tye, and family from Grandview; Doyle Tye from Cleburne, John and Michelle Bennett, children Tye and Mattie, from Arlington; Garland and Phyletus Holly, Abilene; Jeff and Mary (Ross) Bennett of Alpine. Local families involved include Robert Bennett, Phillip and Sherry (Brown) Bennett with children, Mike, Brittany, Andy, Elias and Zechariah; Bryan and Debi (Autry) Bennett with children, Dayna, Emma and Kellie; and Wallace and Corol (Turpin) Bennett.

### Don Gilliam Gets Ambulance Ride To Abilene Hospital

Don Gilliam of Cottonwood was rushed to the Hospital emergency room in Abilene early this morning (Tuesday). He was treated for severe back pains and released. He is now back at home and doing well as of this writing.

Please report any news and personal items to Wallace Bennett (254)725-7474.

## LIBRARY NOTES

May 20-24

### Circulation:

Books	82
Interlibrary Loan	1
Total	83

### Donations:

Naomi McCowen - books  
Charles Rodenberger - books  
Vincent and Betty Meiron - funds  
Hi boys and girls! Now that

school is out, how about some fun? The Summer Reading Program is about to start. It will be June 17 through 21 and we have an excellent director, most of the kids already know her, it is Jacque Childress. So be thinking about that week and come join the fun. There will be more details later, so check the *Cross Plains Review*. Don't miss it.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 3 - June 7

**MONDAY**-- Pork Chops w/ gravy, Corn, Okra and Tomatoes, Cake, Break, Milk  
**TUESDAY**-- Chili w/Beans, Appleslaw, Onions, Gelatin w/ topping, Cornbread, Milk  
**WEDNESDAY**-- Roast w/ gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Banana Pudding, Roll,

**THURSDAY**--Swiss Steak, Spinach, Potatoes, Fruit, Bread, Milk  
**FRIDAY**-- B-B-Q Chicken, Pinto Beans, Raisin Coleslaw, Pudding, Bread, Milk

To get your name on the Birthday Column, sent your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. There is no charge for this service.

To delete a name due to death or other reason send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call (254) 725- 6111.



## BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes  
Cross Plains Church of Christ  
433 N. Main At 12th  
(254) 725-6117

"Unless we have within us that which is above us, we will soon yield to that which is about us -- and belong to the one below us!" Influence from and influence of that which is about us is a very powerful force isn't it?! It can be for good -- or it can be for bad. Since the world is, by and large, worldly, we must be keen to not yield to its temptations and influence. Unless we have within us HE who is above us, we will soon yield to that about us -- and belong to the one below us!

I am told that once a steel bar weighing five hundred pounds was suspended by a very delicate chain. A bottle cork, suspended by a silk thread, was swung repeatedly against the eight foot long steel bar. At first the bar refused to budge -- but at the end of a mere thirty minutes of constant striking by the cork, the bar began moving, then swinging like the pendulum of a grandfather clock!

There is something about having some "weight" in resisting that which is about us -- it is the having "that which is above us" within us -- but if we're not very careful, even then the constant bombardment by "that about us" will make its effect. We must, therefore, increase our "weight" constantly in order to offset the "constant striking of the cork."

Never underestimate the power of influence -- both for good and/or bad. Paul said, "Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits." I Corinthians 15:33. Let us be good influences and resist the bad ones -- Otherwise we might belong to the one below us.

Come join us in being strengthened in the Lord. We really do care about you, too!

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

## PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a "great day" quilting on Tuesday. We had most all of our members at work on Lessie's "Nine Patch", Sandy's "Fan" and Lou's "Texas Star". We should have Lessie's quilt out of the frame at our next meeting.

Let us all remember the Cook, Crocker, Curtis, Gunn, Hickman, Liberty, Peak, Sabanno and Pioneer School Reunion, which will be held at Cross Plains Community Center on the 8th of June. We are looking forward to a good crowd.

There will be a "domino party" at the Pioneer Community Center this Thursday night. Come on out for fun and food.

The community wishes to congratulate all the 2002 graduates in both Cross Plains and Rising Star. We had of this community the following: Michael Lee, son of A.L. and Ella Lee; Tony Beggs, son of Rex and Edith Beggs; Charlie Rogers, son of Carl and Jimmy Meador; Melanie Chesshir, granddaughter of Charlene Chesshir; Aaron Norris, grandson of Kenneth and Lou Brooks. We are very proud of these and all the other young folks. If I missed any other from this community, I apologize.

There was an excellent turn out for the cemetery work day. It looked like the stormy weather would keep folks away but it didn't. Thanks to all our cemetery folks great. It is ready for the annual "Memorial Day" Service. Everyone is "thankful" for all the rain we are getting. The countryside looks sooooo green. The stock tanks have a good amount of water in them, the coastal fields are about ready to cut, and the farmers are having to wait to get into the fields to plant summer crops. It has been a long time since we can say that.

Jean Fore's company this week were Delores Falkner Wallace of Colorado City and her father, Vernon Falkner of Mulberry Manor in Stephenville. They lived in Pioneer awhile ago. Jean was very glad to see them and visit with them.

Lessie Baum spent Thursday in Abilene with her sister, Oddie Ann Kivlehen. Friday Lessie, Oddie and Judy Harris went to Lubbock for the graduation of Judy's daughter, Casy Wasson at

Texas Tech University. She graduated with a degree in Bachelor of Science in nursing. After the graduation about 25 enjoyed hamburgers, beans, slaw, potato salad and dessert at the home of Cody and Casy. It was enjoyed by all. Lessie then returned home Sunday.

Glenda Phillips went to the band concert at Cross Plains to hear Krista play and then to the Ag Banquet in the cafeteria. Kali received some awards. The meal was really good and they had a big turn out for it. Glenda went to a birthday party Saturday afternoon for Joyce Berten at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Rising Star. She went to Tommie Harris and Phyllis Taylor's wedding Sunday afternoon at the Methodist Church. Everything was really pretty and so was the bride and groom. Congratulations to Tommie and Phyllis!

Bob and Nelda Dean, Laverne Hutton's brother and wife, visited with the Huttons last Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday a week ago, Cowan and Laverne attended the funeral of their sister-in-law, Eva Hutton, at Ballinger. Laverne and daughter, Wanetta, were visitors in Eastland during the week.

Frankie attended the Rising Star Musical Thursday. Friday Frankie and Jean attended the Cottonwood musical. They went to the Brownwood Lake Musical on Saturday. Monday night Frankie and Laquetta Rankin and Dwaine Clower, the Pioneer Baptist preacher, attended their association meeting at Granbury. They had the pleasure of listening to some beautiful gospel music and a talk from guest speaker, Milen Seaburns. Monday Frankie's sister came and they had lunch and a great visit.

Olena enjoyed attending Joyce Berten's "surprise" birthday party Saturday at the Church of Christ Fellowship Room. She was "SURPRISED!!!" The barbecue, beans and all the trimmings were so good. What a pretty birthday cake! Joyce received several nice gifts and even some "cash". She deserved a big celebration.

Words of Wisdom: The only things worth learning are the things you learn after you know it all.

## Local Students Named to CJC's Honor List

Misty D. Strickland of Cross Plains was named to the Cisco Junior College President's List for the spring semester of 2002.

Students making the President's List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system. She also received a Certificate of Excellence at her recent graduation for the having the highest grade point average in her class. Misty is the daughter of Randy and Deana

Strickland. She has a daughter, Blayne.

Elizabeth McCarty was named to the Cisco Junior College Dean's List for the spring semester of 2002.

The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system. Elizabeth is the daughter of Sandra Moore and Eddie McCarty, both of Cross Plains.

### Fostering, adopting informational meeting Monday

Every month there are hundreds of cases of child abuse/neglect reported in Texas. You can make a difference in the life of a child. For further details on fostering and adopting you are invited to attend an informational meeting to be held on Monday, June 3, 2002 at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services at 3610 Vine Street in Abilene from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Also on Monday, June 10, 2002 at the Haskell CPS office at 500 South 10th Street in Haskell from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Helpful garden hint - only water your flower gardens and herb and vegetable gardens in the cool of early morning or late in the afternoon. Watering plants in the heat of the day does those plants no good; you shoot the water to them and then go about your home or work duties; meanwhile those plants are sitting in the water in the hot sun and the plants are boiling, just cooking in the hot steamy water.

### "Days and Days and Other Type Days"

Days come and days go. Some days are better than others. Remembering the good days, some times helps us through the bad days.

Also, there is the phrase which I've often heard: "On a clear day you can see forever." To tell you the truth, I see it this way; I've had some "LOLLAPOLLOSIN"

good days, but I still have not seen---forever. Or if perchance I did see it, I didn't recognize it! 'Course I've also experienced some awful bad days, too. The thin is though, that I've never heard what you're to see on a bad day. So I don't know what to look for.

So that kind of leaves me in a quandary, on the one hand I don't know what it looks like and on the other hand, I can't find it.

Synopsis: How can I ever find it if I don't know what it looks like?

Did you know that old phrase "Absence makes the heart grow fonder"? Well, I tried that out as a teenager, but it didn't work. No matter how many absences I got, them teachers didn't seem to grow any fonder of me! And furthermore, after they read the sentence above, containing "them teachers" they're not likely to get any fonder at all of me---ever.

## BURKETT NEWS

By LOVERA STRICKLAND

Linda Brady, Secretary-Treasurer of the Burkett-Adams Cemetery Association, reports more donations have been received. Those making contributions were: Liz Golson \$50; Bonnie Barr \$20; James Golson \$200; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller \$10; Roy Hollon \$50; R.C., Bob and Bobbie Baker and Marie Andrews \$50; Mrs. J. Melvin Jones \$25; Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Porter \$20; Juan Chambers and Gacia Burkett \$25; R.D. Golson \$20; Tommy Webb \$50; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hagar \$25; F. Jean Slaughter (In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Boyle) \$25; Charles Byers \$25; Thelma Ragland \$25; Christine Dempsey (for Ray

Dempsey and Martin Wright) \$25; Anonymous \$100; Eureka Whitley \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Porter \$25; and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wooten \$25.

The directors wish to express their appreciation for each donation. This all goes for the upkeep of the cemeteries.

Remember June 9th is the Burkett School Homecoming. We hope all you ex-students, ex-teachers and anyone else interested are planning to attend. Bring your school related pictures and other mementos to share with all of us. They have been having work days at the Community Center (the old gym) getting ready for the Homecoming.

## 82nd Annual Reunion of Ex-Students from Area Schools June 8

The 82nd annual Ex-Student Reunion of the Cook, Crocker, Curtis, Gunn, Hickman, Liberty, Peak, Sabanno and Pioneer Schools will be held on Saturday, June 8, at the Cross Plains Community Center.

and lunch will be catered by O'Kelleys of Brownwood. Please confirm lunch reservations, if possible by writing 908 Avenue A., Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Submitted by  
Frances Grider Taylor  
Secretary Ex-Student Association

Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

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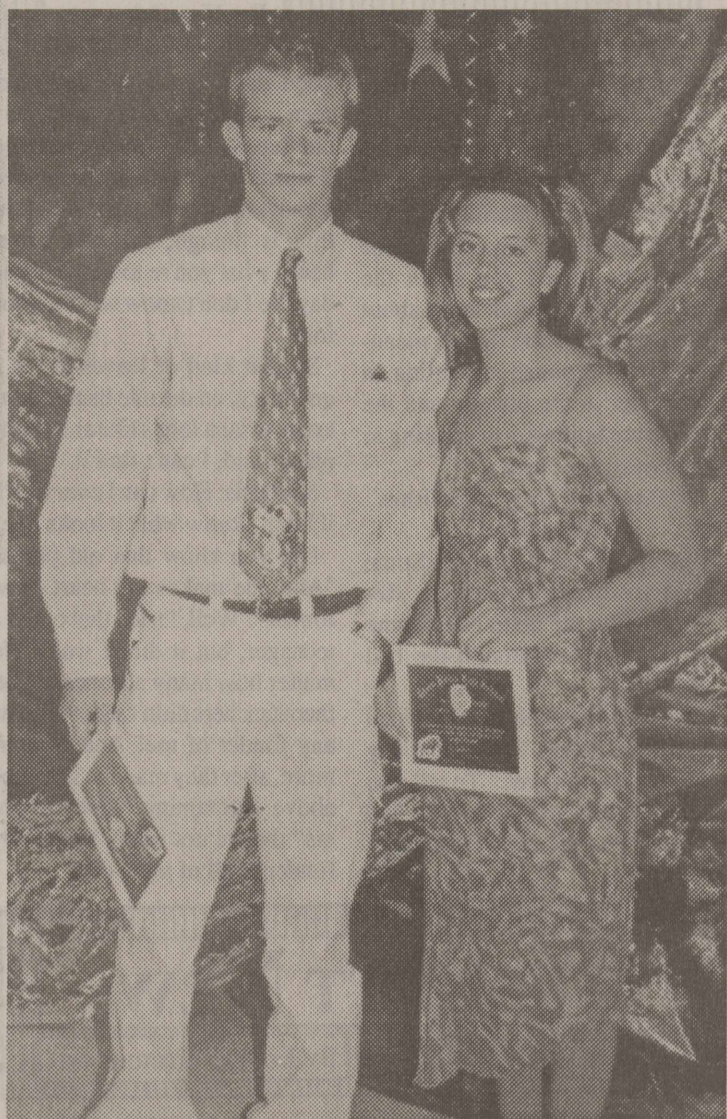
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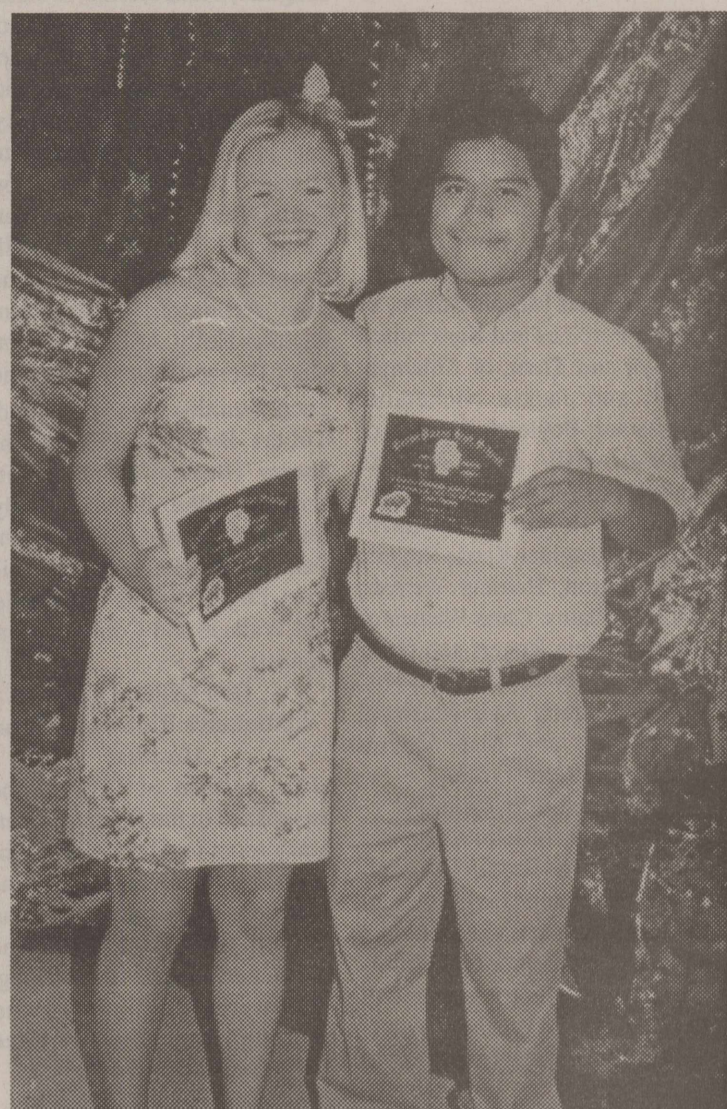
## Athletic Banquet Awards



**ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**— Joseph Dillard and Candice Bailey



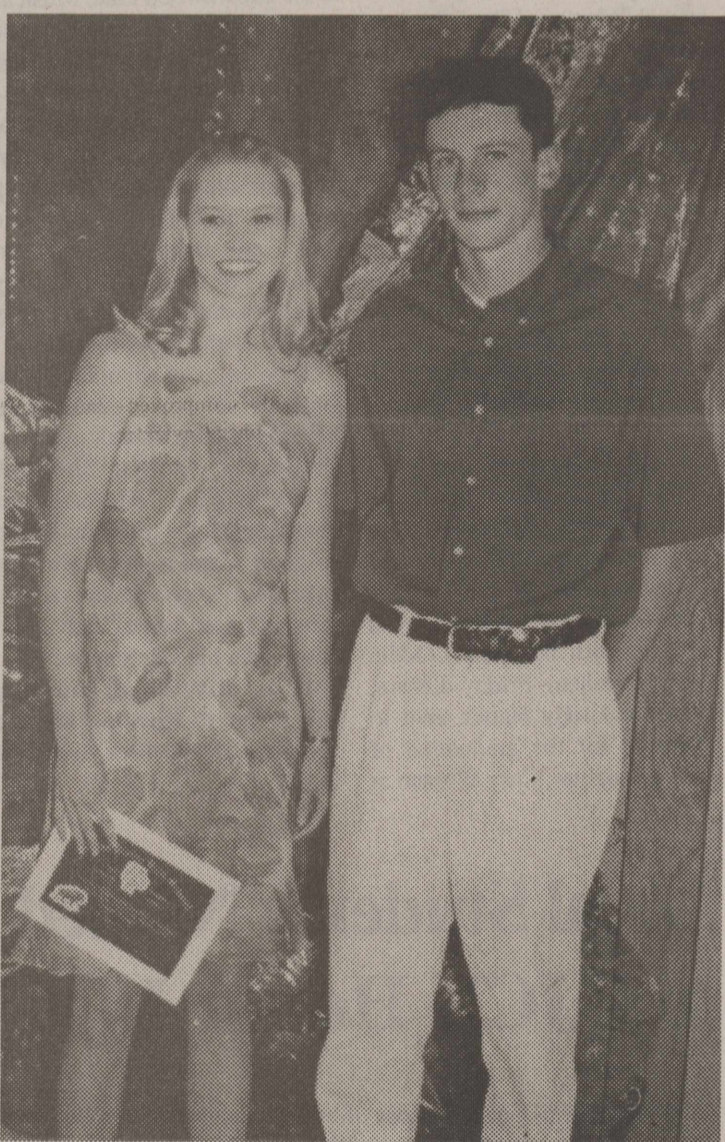
**110% AWARD**— Melanie Chesshir and Dusty Purvis



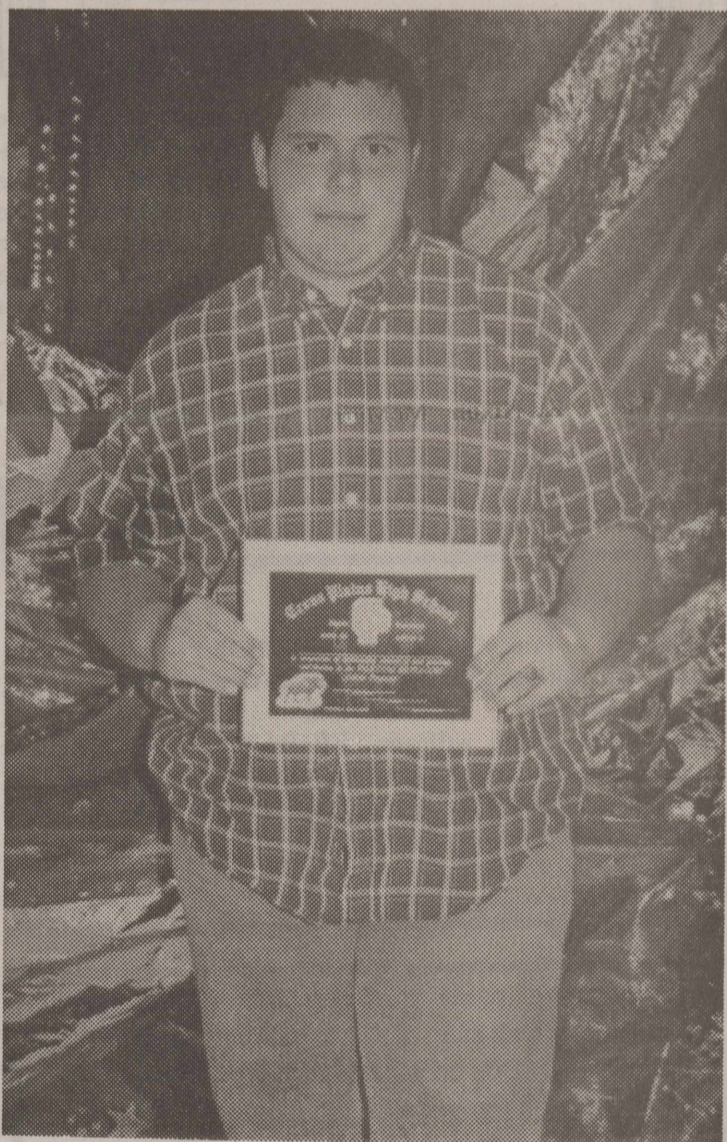
**SCOTT CHESHIER AWARD**— Shena Thomas and Jose Mauricio



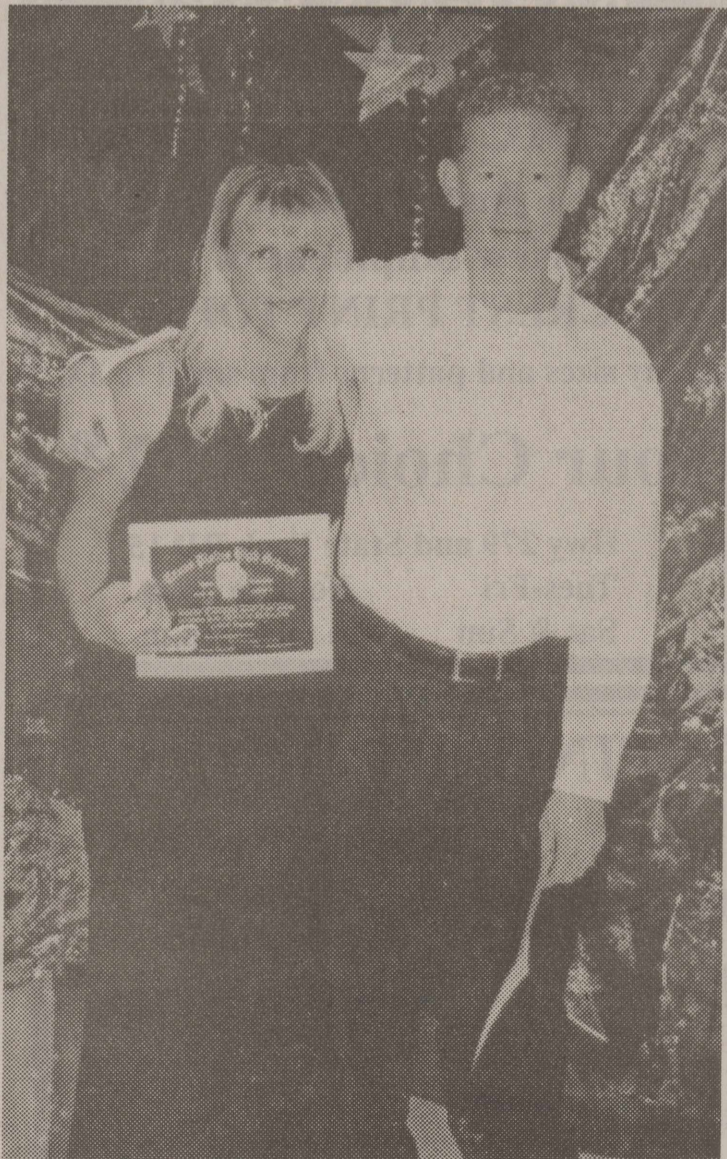
**BUFFALO BEST TENNIS**— Sarah Nixon and Russell Allen



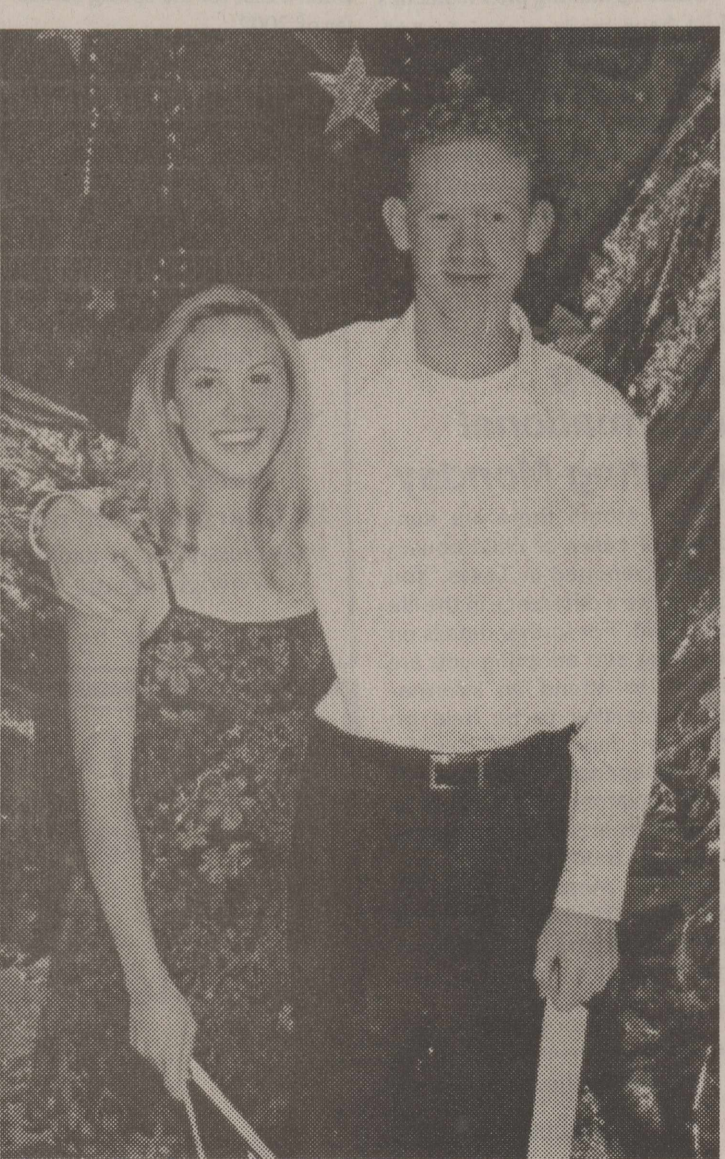
**BUFFALO BEST GOLF**— Stephanie Parker and James Ross



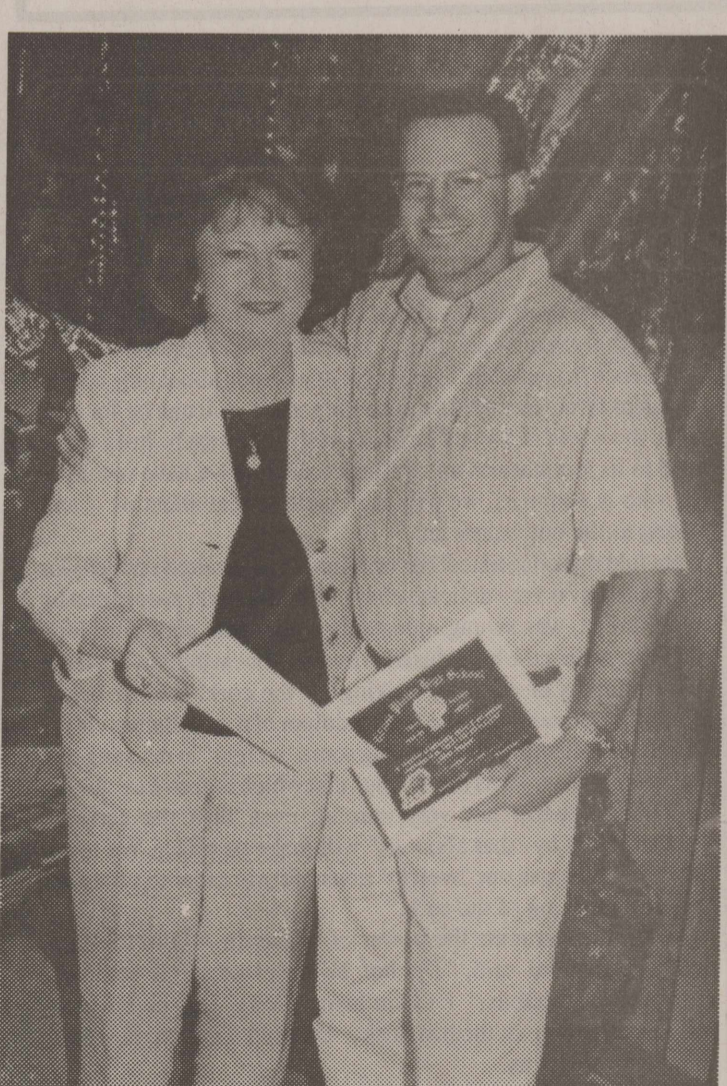
**BERNARD/SIBLEY AWARD**— Chris Sliger



**BUFFALO BEST TRACK**— Kim Mosier and Andy Bennett

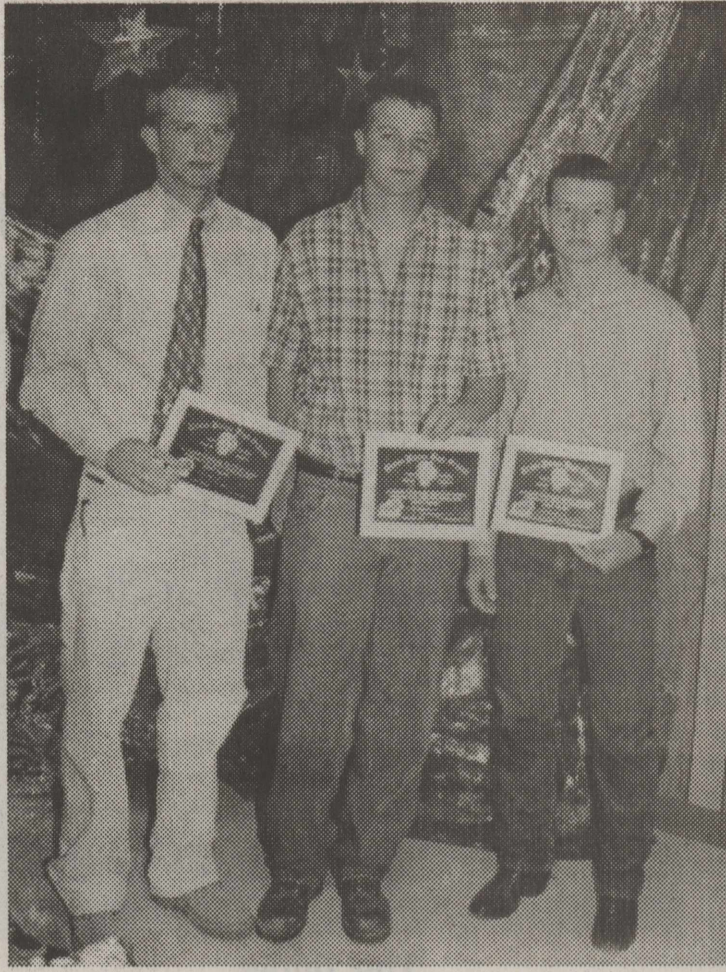


**BUFFALO BEST CROSS COUNTRY**— Shana Hyles and Andy Bennett



**AIM AWARD**— Jean McWilliams and Kevin Cassidy

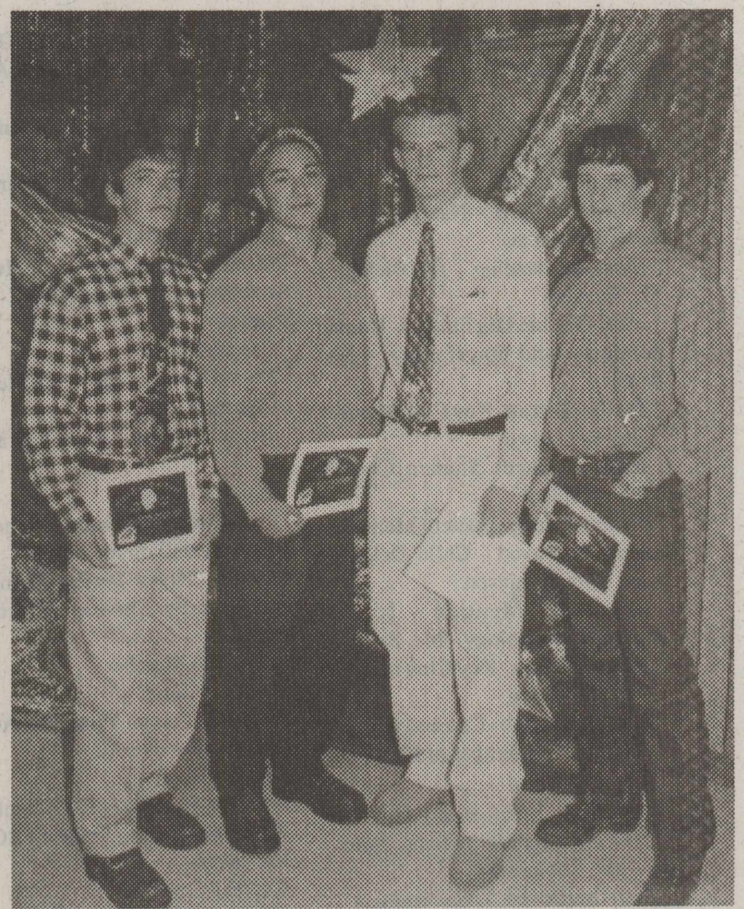




**BUFFALO BEST BOYS BASKETBALL—** Joseph Dillard - MVP (from left); Aaron Norris - Offensive Player; and Josh Hopkins - Defensive Player.



**BUFFALO BEST GIRLS BASKETBALL—** Candice Bailey - MVP and Offensive Player (left) and Shena Thomas - Defensive Player



**BUFFALO BEST FOOTBALL—** Tim Butler - MVP (from left); Jordan Duran - Offensive Player; Joseph Dillard - Offensive Player; and Tony Beggs - Defensive Player

# STUDENT HONOR AWARDS

**2002 Scholarship Award Recipients**  
**Candice S. Bailey** - Family Community and Career Leaders of America - \$150  
**Gregory C. Black** - Cross Plains Masonic Lodge - \$250  
**Melanie S. Chesshir** - Harding University - \$6400  
**Cross Plains Band Boosters** - \$50  
**Keali Eppard** - Robert E. Howard Creative Writing Award - \$500  
**Early High School Graduation Scholarship** - \$1,000  
**Judith Mauricio** - Cross Plains Masonic Lodge - \$250  
**Sarah K. Nixon** - McMurry University - \$24,000  
**Robert E. Howard Judges Award** - \$500  
**First United Methodist Church** - \$500  
**Stephanie Parker** - McMurry University - \$24,000  
**Kandra Poole** - Cisco Junior College - Full Tuition  
**Cross Plains Band Boosters** - \$50  
**Charles T. Rogers** - Cisco Junior College - Full Tuition  
**Pam Hutchins Koenig/Donna Pickett Memorial Scholarship** - \$300  
**Angela Swift** - Southern Methodist University - \$20,000  
**Texas Heritage Bank/W.G. McCoy Scholarship** - \$1,000  
**First United Methodist Church** - \$500  
**Cross Plains Band Booster** - \$50  
**Erin Stephens** - San Angelo Livestock Show \$6,000  
**Taylor Electric Cooperative** - \$1,000  
**Shena J. Thomas** - Texas Valedictorian Tuition Exemption - Freshman Year Tuition at any state supported school  
**Beta Sigma Phi** - \$500

**Awards Program 2001-2002 7th Grade**  
**Travis Crockett** - UIL Participation Award - Reading, Writing and Mathematics  
 Most Outstanding Student - 2nd sem. Art - Ms. Atchley  
**Justin Dickson** - UIL Participation Award - Dictionary Skills  
**Steve Garrett** - Most Improved Texas History - Ms. Dillard  
 Most Improved - Science I - Ms. Wooten  
**Natasha Hogrell** - Most Improved - 3rd Period - Lang. Arts - Ms. Hinten  
**Jonathon Hopkins** - Most Improved - 2nd Sem. - Skills for Living - Ms. Robinson  
**Clay Koenig** - UIL Participation - Ready Writing  
**Brittani Libbey** - Most Improved - 7th Math - Coach Hood  
 Most Improved - Tx. History - Coach Randolph  
 Most Improved - Math - Coach Hood  
**Melissa Luter** - UIL Contest - 1st Place - Impromptu Speaking - Ms. Wooten  
**Kassie Milam** - Most Outstanding Student - 7th per. Science I - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 6th per. - Lang Arts - Ms. Hinten  
 Most Improved - 1st sem. Art - Ms. Atchley

**Michael Navarro** - UIL Participation Award - Oral Reading, Science, Spelling - Ms. Wooten  
**David Peters** - UIL Participating Award - Oral Reading - Ms. Wooten  
**Andrew Poole** - Most Improved - 1st sem. - Skills for Living - Ms. Robinson  
 Most Improved - 6th per. Lang. Arts - Ms. Hinten  
 Most Outstanding Student - Tx. History - Coach Randolph  
**Tracey Randolph** - UIL 1st Place - Modern Oratory - Ms. Wooten  
**UIL Award - 2nd Place - Number Sense**  
**UIL Award - 3rd Place - Maps, Graphs and Charts**  
**UIL Award - 3rd Place - Ready Writing**  
**UIL Award - 4th Place - Mathematics**  
 Most Outstanding Student - 3rd Period - Lang. Arts - Ms. Hinten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 1st sem. - Skills for Living - Ms. Robinson  
 Most Outstanding Student - Math - Coach Hood  
**Saul Reyes** - Most Improved - 4th per. Science I - Ms. Wooten  
**Karen Scott** - Most Improved - 2nd sem. - Art - Ms. Atchley  
 Most Outstanding - Tx. History - Ms. Dillard  
**Russell Thomas** - UIL Awards - 1st Place - Dictionary Skills - Ms. Wooten  
**UIL Awards - 1st Place - Maps, Graphs, and Charts**  
**UIL Award - 1st Place - Science I**  
**UIL Award - 4th Place - Number Sense**  
 Most Outstanding Student - 4th Per. Science I - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 2nd sem. Skills for Living - Ms. Robinson  
 Most Outstanding Student - Math - Coach Hood  
 Most Outstanding Student - 2nd sem. Art - Ms. Atchley  
**Rainey Bacon** - Most Outstanding Student - 2nd Sem. Health - Coach Cavender  
 Most Outstanding Student - 1st Sem. Speech - Ms. Robinson  
**Forrest Creamer** - End of Course Algebra I Award for Passing - Ms. Fleming  
**Travis Golson** - UIL Award - 1st Place - Spelling - Ms. Wooten  
**UIL Award - 2nd Place - Dictionary Skills**  
 Most Outstanding Student - 1st sem. Health - Coach Cavender  
 End of Course Algebra I Award for Passing - Ms. Fleming  
**Samantha Hutton** - Most Improved - 2nd Sem. - Speech Communication - Ms. Robinson  
**Chance Hyles** - Most Improved - 7th per. - Lang Arts - Ms. Hinten  
**Naomi Isbell** - UIL Award - 3rd Place - Impromptu Speaking - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Outstanding - U.S. History - Coach Atchley  
**Jesse Norris** - UIL Participations Award - Ready Writing - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 2nd Sem. Speech Communication - Ms. Robinson  
 Outstanding Student - 7th per. - Lang. Arts - Ms. Hinten  
**Ryan Payne** - Most Outstanding Student - 8th per. Lang. Arts - Ms. Hinten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 3rd per. - Science II - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 1st sem. Health - Coach Cavender  
 Most Outstanding Student - Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
**Aaron Phillips** - Most Improved - Math - Coach Hood

**Amanda Purcell** - Most Improved - 2nd sem. Health - Coach Cavender  
 Most Improved - 5th per. - Science II - Ms. Wooten  
**Claudia Ramirez** - Most Improved - 1st sem. Health - Coach Cavender  
 Most Improved - U.S. History - Coach Atchley  
**Roy Smith** - Most Improved - Math - Coach Hood  
**Jake Snell** - UIL Awards - 3rd Place - Maps, Graphs, & Charts - Ms. Wooten  
**UIL Awards - 4th Place - Calculator Applications**  
**UIL Participation Awards - Mathematics and Number Sense**  
 Most Improved - 1st Sem. - Speech Communication - Ms. Robinson  
 Most Outstanding Student - 2nd sem. Health - Coach Cavender  
 Most Outstanding - U.S. History - Coach Atchley  
 End of Course Award for Passing Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
**Garrett Stephens** - UIL Participation Awards - Impromptu Speaking and Oral Reading - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Improved - 3rd per. Science II - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Improved - Art - Ms. Atchley  
**Megan Thomas** - Most Outstanding Student - 5th per. Science II - Mrs. Wooten  
**Loli Vasquez** - UIL Award - 6th Place - Calculator Applications - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Outstanding Student - Art - Ms. Atchley  
 Most Improved - 8th Per. Lang. Arts - Ms. Hinten  
 Most Improved - U.S. History - Coach Atchley  
 Most Improved - Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
 End of Course Award for Passing Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
**Clayton Thomas** - UIL Award - 3rd Place - Science II - Ms. Wooten  
**UIL Participation Award - Dictionary Skills and Spelling**  
**Chance Watkins** - UIL Participation Award - Ready Writing  
**UIL Participation Award - Dictionary Skills**  
**Levi Wooten** - Most Outstanding - Math - Coach Hood  
**Chris Beaty** - Top 10% of Freshman Class of 45  
 Most Outstanding Student - Integrated Physic and Chemistry - Ms. Wooten  
 Most Improved - English I - Ms. Hinten  
**Travis Black** - Most Improved - Integrated Physic and Chemistry - Mrs. Wooten  
**Mitch Byrd** - Most Outstanding Student - English I - Ms. Hinten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 1st per. - Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
 Award for Passing Algebra I End of Course Test  
 Award for Passing U.S. History End of Course Test  
**Misty Callaway** - Most Outstanding Student - 7th per. Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
**Nicole Clark** - Most Outstanding Student - Personal & Family Development - Ms. Robinson  
**J.D. Cook** - Most Improved - 2nd per. - Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
 Most Improved - 3rd per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
**Josh Dillard** - Most Improved - 2nd per. Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
 Most Improved - 3rd per. Spanish -

Mrs. Tarver  
**Thomas Dimitri** - Top 10% of Freshman Class of 45  
 Most Outstanding Student - AP English I - Ms. Hinten  
 Most Outstanding Student - 2nd per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
 Most Outstanding Student - Freshman World History - Coach Sparkman  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**Thomas' Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Michael Gregory** - Most Outstanding Student - 2nd per. - Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
 Most Improved - 2nd sem. - Health - Coach Cavender  
**Lori Hall** - Top 10% of Freshman Class of 45  
**Brandon Horton** - Top 10% of Freshman Class of 45  
 Most Outstanding Student - Biology - Coach Randolph  
 Most Outstanding Student - Geometry - Ms. Webb,  
**Brenton McNutt** - Most Improved - Personal & Family Development - Ms. Robinson  
**Kali Phillips** - Most Improved - Freshmen World History - Coach Spark  
**Eddie Rose** - Most Improved - 7th per. Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
 Most Improved - Biology - Coach Randolph  
**Karen Ross** - Top 10% of Freshman Class of 45  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**Karen's Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Nathashia Wolford** - Most Improved - Individual and Family Life - Ms. Robinson  
**Brittany Apple** - Most Outstanding Student - Geometry - Mr. Webb  
**Andy Bennett** - Most Outstanding Student - World Geography - Coach Sparkman  
 Most Outstanding Student - 4th per. - Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**Andy's Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Bree Dillard** - National Honor Society Member  
 Chemistry Honorable Mention  
**Randy Duncan** - Most Improved - 6th Period - Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
**Sammy Gardner** - Most Improved - Sophomore English - Mr. Stevens  
**Michelle Haan** - Most Outstanding Student - 2nd sem. Speech - Coach Cavender  
**Shana Hyles** - Most Improved - 3rd per. Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
**Jose Mauricio** - Top 10% of Sophomore Class of 32  
 Most Outstanding Student - Algebra II - Mr. Webb  
 Honorable Mention - Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**Jose's Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Brandon Phillips** - Most Outstanding Student - Art - Ms. Atchley  
**Susan Porter** - Most Improved - World Geography - Coach Atchley  
**Cassia Ratliff** - Most Improved - 8th Per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
 Most Improved - 4th per. Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
**Cesar Ramirez** - Most Improved -

1st per. Algebra I - Ms. Fleming  
**Dustin Snell** - Most Improved - Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
**Kati Wooten** - Top 10% of Sophomore Class of 32  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Most Outstanding - 3rd per. Chemistry  
**Jennifer Young** - Top 10% of Sophomore Class of 32  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - 4th per. Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
 Most Outstanding Student - 3rd per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
 Most Outstanding Student - Algebra II - Mr. Webb  
 Most Outstanding Student - Sophomore English - Mr. Stevens  
 Most Improved - World Geography - Coach Sparkman  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**Jennifer Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Amanda Bell** - Most Improved - 1st per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
**Sheila Bell** - Key Club Member  
**A.J. Carouth** - Top 10% of the Junior Class of 29  
 Student Council Member  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - 8th per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
 Most Outstanding Student - Junior World History - Coach Sparkman  
**Hardin Simmons** Recognized the Top Junior Award with a Gold Carpet Banquet  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**A.J.'s Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Ashley Cook** - Student Council Member  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Community Service Award for NHS  
 Most Improved - 1st per. Physics - Ms. Beasley  
**Tiffany Goals** - Student Council Secretary - Ms. Atchley  
 Most Improved - 1st per. Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
**Chris Harris** - Most Improved - Art I - Ms. Atchley  
 Most Improved - Junior English - Mr. Stevens  
 Most Improved - 1st per. Physics - Ms. Beasley  
**Judith Hartman** - Top 10% of the Junior Class of 29  
 Student Council Member and President  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - 6th per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
 Most Outstanding Student - Algebra II - Mr. Webb  
 Most Outstanding Student - Junior English - Mr. Stevens  
 Most Outstanding Student - 1st per. Physics - Ms. Beasley  
**Hardin Simmons** Recognition the Top Juniors Award with a Gold Carpet Banquet  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**Judith's Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Nathan Joy** - National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Award of Excellence in Math for Outstanding Effort and Achievement - Mr. Webb

**Cole Koenig** - National Honor Society member  
 Key Club Member  
 Honorable Mention - Physics - Ms. Beasley  
**Byron McNutt** - Most Outstanding Student - BCIS II - Ms. Webb  
**Remington O'dell** - Key Club Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - 4th per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
 Most Outstanding Student - 3rd per. Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
**Dustin Purvis** - Key Club Member  
**Marian Reed** - Key Club Member  
 Most Improved - Junior World History - Coach Sparkman  
**Danielle Rivard** - National Honor Society Member  
 Most Outstanding - Telecommunication - Ms. Webb  
**Carrie Rogers** - Most Outstanding Student - Child Development - Ms. Robinson  
 Most Improved - Math Models - Ms. Fleming  
**Kevin Scott** - Top 10% of the Junior Class of 29  
 National Honor Society  
 Key Club Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - Physics - Beasley  
 Most Outstanding Student - Algebra II - Mr. Webb  
**Hardin Simmons** honors the Top Junior Awards with a Gold Carpet Banquet  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
**Kevin's Academic Achievement** - Governor Rick Perry  
**Chris Slinger** - National Honor Society Member  
**Mack Taff** - National Honor Society  
**Evan Thornton** - Most Outstanding Student - World Geography - Coach Atchley  
**Klay Wilson** - Key Club Member  
**Emily Wlnfrey** - National Honor Society Member  
 Community Service Award in NHS  
 Member of PALs  
 Most Improved - 4th per. Spanish - Ms. Tarver  
**Hardin Simmons** Honors the Top Junior Awards with Gold Carpet Banquet  
 Honorable mention - Physics - Ms. Beasley  
**Candice Bailey** - Member of PALs  
 Member of Key Club  
 Cap and Gown  
**Tony Beggs** - National Honor Society Member  
 Most Improved - AP Biology - Ms. Beasley  
 Cap and Gown  
**Tim Butler** - Key Club Member  
 Most Improved - A.P. Biology - Ms. Beasley  
 Cap and Gown  
**Marc Byrd** - End of Course Award - U.S. History  
 Cap and Gown  
**Nikki Callaway** - Cap and Gown  
**Jennifer Canales** - Cap and Gown  
**Melanie Chesshir** - Ranked 3rd in Senior Class of 36  
 Receives a Top 10 Principal's Award Medallion  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Member of PALs  
 Award of Excellence in Math for Outstanding Effort and Achievement - Mr. Webb



Honorable Mention - Human Anatomy and Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
 Most Outstanding Student - AB Biology - Ms. Beasley  
 Cap and Gown  
 Joseph Dillard - National Honor Society Member  
 Most Outstanding - AB Biology - Ms. Beasley  
 Most Outstanding Student - Human Anatomy and Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
 Jordan Duran - Key Club Member  
 Cap and Gown  
 Keall Eppard - Student Council Vice-President  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Most Improved - Child Development - Ms. Robinson  
 Honorable Mention - Human Anatomy Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
 Jacob Farrow - Key Club Member  
 Cap and Gown  
 Clinton Grubb - Cap and Gown  
 April Hall - Member of PALS  
 Cap and Gown  
 Tami Hall - Member of PALS  
 Most Outstanding Student - Housing - Ms. Robinson  
 Most Improved - Government - Coach Atchley  
 Cap and Gown  
 Josh Hopkins - Principal Award Medallion for Top 10  
 National Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Most Improved - Senior English - Mr. Steven  
 Most Outstanding Student - AP Biology - Ms. Beasley  
 Honorable Mention - Human Anatomy and Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
 Cap and Gown  
 Bo James - Most Improved - 1st sem. Speech - Coach Cavender  
 Raynell Jones - Cap and Gown  
 Michael Lee - Cap and Gown  
 Judith Mauricio - Principal Award Medallion for Top 10  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - Health 2nd sem. - Coach Cavender  
 Most Outstanding Student - Calculus - Mr. Webb  
 Cap and Gown

Matt Nickerson - Cap and Gown  
 Sarah Nixon - Principal Award Medallion for Top 10  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Community Service Award for NHS  
 Member of PALS  
 Most Improved in Human Anatomy and Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
 Cap and Gown  
 Aaron Norris - Key Club Member  
 Cap and Gown  
 Jenny Pancake - Key Club Member  
 Cap and Gown  
 Stephanie Parker - Principal Award Medallion for Top 10  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Community Service Award for NHS  
 Key Club Member  
 Cap and Gown  
 Kandra Poole - Principal Award Medallion for Top 10  
 Student Council  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - BCIS I - Ms. Webb  
 Cap and Gown  
 Charles Rogers - Most Outstanding Student - Math Models - Ms. Fleming  
 Most Improved - 4th per. Chemistry - Ms. Beasley  
 Cap and Gown  
 James Ross - Principal Award Medallion for Top 10  
 National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - Individual and Family Life - Ms. Robinson  
 Most Outstanding Student - Government - Coach Atchley  
 Cap and Gown  
 Citanya Scott - Key Club Member  
 Most Improved - AP Biology - Ms. Beasley  
 Most Improved - Economics - Coach Atchley  
 Cap and Gown  
 Tonya Spelbring - Member of PALS  
 Cap and Gown  
 Erin Stephens - Principal Award Medallion for Top 10

National Honor Society Member  
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 Cap and Gown  
 Angela Swift - Ranked 2nd in Senior Class of 36  
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 National Honor Society Member  
 Key Club Member  
 Most Outstanding Student - Government - Coach Atchley  
 Honorable Mention - Human Anatomy and Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
 State Board of Education of Texas Honors  
 Angela's Academic Achievement - Governor Rick Perry  
 Cap and Gown  
 Shena Thomas - Ranked 1st in Senior Class of 36  
 Principal Award Medallion for Top 10  
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 Most Outstanding Student - AP Biology - Ms. Beasley  
 Most Outstanding Student - Human Anatomy and Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
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 Chris Wilson - Most Improved - Government - Coach Atchley  
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 Most Improved - Human Anatomy and Physiology - Ms. Beasley  
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## Local Athlete Named to 2002 All-Star Football Game

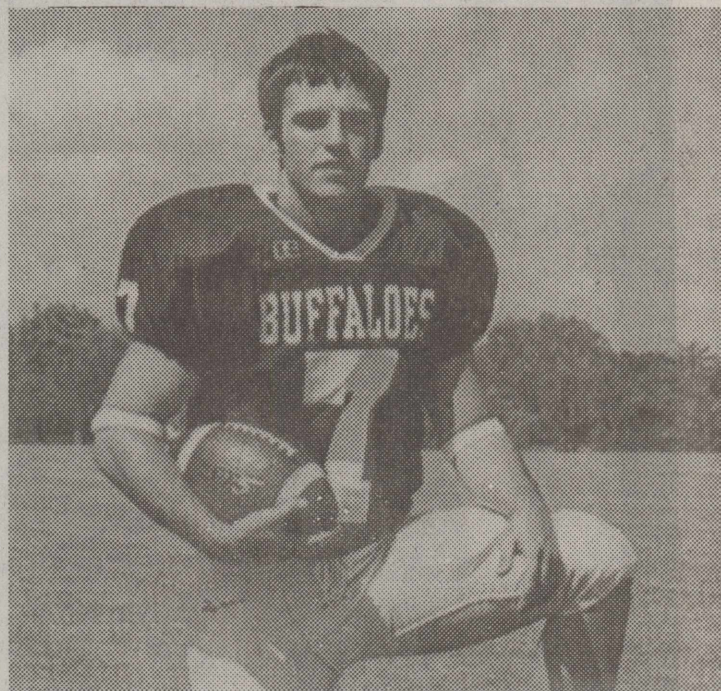
ABILENE, TX.—Tim Butler of Cross Plains High School has been chosen to play in the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Football Classic to be held Saturday, June 8, in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

The son of Mike and Judy Butler, was one of 84 area athletes selected for the third annual game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing 47 area schools, the roster for the North and South squads were announced at a press conference Sunday, February 24, at Wylie High School in Abilene.

About 127 players were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene. The teams were chosen by a selection committee made up of the ten all-star coaches.

The North team will be coached by Wes Williams of Roscoe and assistants Eddie Richardson of Stamford, Ken Jackson of Sweetwater, Sam Scott of Hamlin and Wayne Hutchinson of Knox City. Mickey Owens of Ballinger will be the head coach for the South team, along with assistants Rocky Rawls of Bronte, Terry Spray of Early, Robert Wills of Christoval and Chuck Lipsey of Winters.

Players from Class 5A through



Tim Butler

Class A - in addition to one player from Abilene Christian High School, a private six-man program - make up the team. By classification, the two 42-man squads break down like this 8 fro 5A, 13 from 4A, 24 from 3A, 23 from 2A, 15 from 1A and one player from ACHS. Twenty additional players were selected as alternates and will participate if a roster spot becomes available due to injury or other circumstances. Teams will report for two-a-day workouts on Tuesday, June 4. A Sharing the Victory Banquet honoring the players and local FCA

huddle members will be held Friday night, June 7.

The game will be televised and shown by KTAB-TV of Abilene. A live radio broadcast will be produced in Abilene by Cumulus Broadcast and KWKC 1340 AM and will be heard throughout the area.

Hall of Fame coach Gordon Wood of Brownwood has agreed to me on hand to present two awards — named the Gordon Wood Most Valuable Player Awards — honoring the top players in the game.

## C.P.I.S.D. School Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on May 30, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Prayer  
 Minutes  
 1. Discuss and take action on band uniforms.  
 2. Discuss and take action on bid proposals on buses.  
 3. Personnel  
 A. Accept resignations.

- B. Approve new contracts on teachers.  
 C. Other personnel matters, as needed.  
 4. Adjourn.  
 This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on May 25, 2002, at 11 a.m.

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# Cisco Junior College Graduates Announced

Cisco Junior College held its annual commencement exercises on Friday, May 3. One hundred ten students representing both the Cisco campus and the Abilene Educational Center received their Associate degrees in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium at 8 p.m. that Friday evening. Students awarded diplomas were

**Cross Plains - Allen Barnett  
Elizabeth McCarty  
Clyde - Virginia Fish  
Kellie Franke  
Rodney Holloway  
Shane Schneider  
David Shaner  
Mary E. Smith  
Weldon Wilkerson  
Rising Star - Laura Bailey**

# May Is Mental Health Month -- Become Aware

AUSTIN, TX.—May is Mental Health Month, a national observance dedicated to raising awareness about mental health. Texas Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed May as Mental Health Month in an official proclamation from his office, according to Lynn Lasky, President of the Mental Health Association in Texas, a statewide education and advocacy group.

"Recovery from mental illness is a complex and highly individual process," she said. "Unfortunately, the stigma surrounding mental illness can prevent people from seeking or receiving appropriate care. People with mental illnesses are too often disregarded and shunned by their communities."

Lasky explained that these individuals often face discrimination in health insurance, housing and employment, all of which present obstacles to recovery.

In the words of former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, "We have allowed stigma and now unwarranted sense of hopelessness about the opportunities for recovery from mental illness to erect these barriers. It is time to take them down."

Governor Perry, in his proclamation points out that people

with mental disorders can and often do recover, when given the chance. For those with a severe disorder, community-based housing supports, medical care, effective medications and job training programs enable these individuals to lead full, productive lives—but these services are in short supply and lack adequate funding.

According to Lasky, treatments for mental illness are as successful as they are for physical illnesses such as heart disease, and recovery is possible. The treatment success rate for clinical depression is more than 80 percent and the success rate for schizophrenia is 60 percent. The treatment success rate for heart disease is lower—between 41 and 52 percent.

"We can all work together to end the discrimination that people with mental illness face everyday and support policies that fund mental health services, help individuals in their recovery, and encourage those in need to seek treatment," Lasky said.

Lynn Lasky is the President/CEO of the Mental Health Association in Texas, the oldest citizen's mental health education and advocacy organization in Texas.

# IRS announces offers Abilene phone number to help solve tax problems

WASHINGTON—The Internal Revenue Service today announced steps to expand customer service for taxpayers. Through the agency's Everyday Tax Solutions service, a taxpayer or tax preparer now can call a local number to set up a personal appointment at the most convenient Taxpayer Assistance Center, on the most convenient business day.

The 400 new, local numbers across the nation are dedicated to scheduling face-to-face meetings to help solve tax problems. All other calls should be directed to the regular IRS help number: 1-800-829-1040.

The Everyday Tax Solutions telephone number for Abilene is (915) 676-5709. The Abilene IRS office is located at 341 Pine Street.

"Our new Everyday Tax Solutions service offers in-person assistance on the taxpayer's schedule, not ours," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "Taxpayers and tax professionals tell us they want our help with tax problems early and conveniently."

Appointments are not required for Everyday Tax Solutions; taxpayers can also walk in during regular business hours. To make an appointment, the taxpayer

simply calls the local number and, at the prompt, leaves a message requesting Everyday Tax Solutions help. A representative will call back within two business days to schedule an appointment at the taxpayer's convenience. IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center telephone numbers are listed through local directory assistance and on the IRS Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) under the "individuals" section.

Many situations do not require a face-to-face meeting. To discuss a problem by phone or letter, taxpayers should call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 or write to the address on their IRS correspondence.

Everyday Tax Solutions' face-to-face service addresses problems such as:

- Resolving IRS account and notice issues.
- Making Installment Agreements to pay tax liabilities.
- Requesting release of federal tax liens and levies.
- Filing Innocent Spouse claims for taxpayers who may not be liable for a spouse's share of joint tax liabilities.

"We may not be able to resolve some problems on the spot, but we can get the ball rolling to help taxpayers," Rossotti said.

# Community Education Was a Powerful Choice in Electric Restructuring

This time last year, Texas' upcoming switch to a competitive electric market looked like a leap of faith. California's newly deregulated market was in crisis, and some Texans had doubts as to why our state would be any different come January 1, 2002, when most markets across Texas were scheduled to open to competition. I was not so skeptical.

When the Texas Electric Choice education campaign launched by the Public Utility Commission of Texas began, I decided to get involved. As the Social Worker of The Salvation Army of Abilene, I was in a position to help others in my community learn more about our power to choose. At my request, the PUC quickly provided me with a range of materials to distribute to our clients.

I think that involving communities across Texas early in the process was a great move, and over the past few months of contact with the PUC, any concerns I might have had about electric choice have been addressed. The PUC has ensured that consumers are provided with the information and protections they need to navigate the new market:

- The PUC is playing an even greater role, ensuring the safe and reliable delivery of power in a competitive electric market.
- Customer protection from

discrimination and unfair business practices by Retail Electric Providers is a priority of the PUC. These protections include the "Electricity Facts Label" that makes it easy to compare retail electric providers, the requirement that non-English language materials be made available to customers, and the "do not call" list that Texans can join to limit calls from telemarketers.

The PUC has ensured that there is a "Provider of Last Resort" to continue electric service in the event that a customer is dropped by a REP. Only a POLR can discontinue service.

A substantial amount of information is available on the Web at [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org), as well as by phone at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX.

It was information like this that convinced me that Texas learned a lot from the mistakes made by other states and put together a plan that has the right mix of market competition and oversight. As a result, we have a market in which there is plenty of power, plenty of choice, and plenty of protection for customers across the state.

A year ago, I believed that changing to a competitive electric market would be the right thing for Texas. Now that the new competitive market is progressing reasonably well, it's good to see that I put my faith in the right place!

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# Burkett's friends, family to remember him with trailhead named in his honor

By Julie M. Schlabs  
Staff Writer  
San Angelo Standard-Times

Henry Burkett's colleagues at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department didn't quite know what to make of his dark sunglasses.

Some speculated that Burkett used the glasses to exude a domineering spirit, but they were wrong. Underneath the shady lenses the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department executive director had a heart of gold.

He donned the shades night and day—they helped restore vision to eyes that had seen more than their share during World War II, and eyes that helped him guide the Parks and Wildlife Service to what it is today.

Saturday, May 18th, friends and family will gather once more to remember Burkett, the man who led Texas Parks and Wildlife with his sharp wit and stern hand until his retirement.

They also will dedicate a piece of the San Angelo State Park to his memory—a trailhead in Potts Creek.

"He was a colorful individual to say the least," said Henry's son Bruce Burkett, who is assistant chief of the San Angelo Lake and Park Patrol. "He didn't have much use for people who were lazy because he had to overcome so much."

Henry Burkett knew farming wasn't his future when he graduated from high school in 1939, so he moved to Arizona and later to Nevada to work in the copper mines.

Soon after, war began and he joined the military, working as a sniper under Gen. George Patton. At the Siegfried Line, during the Battle of the Bulge in Germany, he suffered severe wounds and was discharged to Denver for treatment and rehabilitation.

It was at the Fitzsimons Hospital that doctors told Henry Burkett he probably never would walk again. But less than a year later, he was back on his feet.

Not content to live on disability payments, Henry Burkett enrolled in game warden school at Texas A&M University instituted by the Game, Fish, and Oyster Commission, a forerunner of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

He started out in Corpus Christi before finding his way to Sonora, Junction, Alpine, Austin and San Angelo during his career.

He served as executive director

of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department from 1974 until his retirement in 1979.

San Angelo State Park Manager John Culberson said the parks system still sees the benefits of Henry Burkett's leadership. "He had a lot of pride and brought military leadership when we really needed that," Culberson said. "A lot of the things we do today, I know he'd laugh at."

Henry Burkett never saw a use for things like committees and endless meetings. He had an answer.

So when Henry Burkett died in June 1997, friends and relatives assembled to share memories and funny stories and said their final good-byes at a funeral.

A few months later, a stranger laid a marble gravestone on top of the still fresh ground.

But traditional memorial wasn't enough for a man who was anything but conventional in working his ways up the ladder. A landmark at the San Angelo State Park was more his style.

Set against a panoramic view of nature, the white stone entrance to Burkett's Trailhead beckons mountain bikers and equestrians to enjoy more than 49 miles of trails that wind through the park.

The trails circle past the park's petroglyphs, and a grave that dates back to the early 1800s. Some say it's one of the best trail systems this side of Germany. Culberson said.

Bruce Burkett said his father probably wouldn't see the need in dedicating such a memorial to his memory.

"He'd say it was completely unnecessary—that he never did anything that special," Bruce said.

Of course, he'd be wrong, others would say. Like most people in public service, Bruce said his father had a difficult time accepting compliments. "It's had to take accolades from peers and the public," Bruce said. "That's why you do the job—to help people in the most extreme situations. When someone extends gratitude, you just don't know how to respond but it's a little humbling. I think he'd be real proud."

**Editor's Note:** Henry Burkett lived in Cross Plains from 1976 to 1981. Part of this time he finished his service as Executive Director of Texas Parks and Wildlife (1977-1979). He was a native of Burkett, Texas. Vanda Anderson Creech

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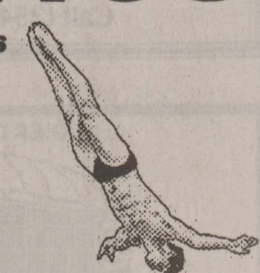
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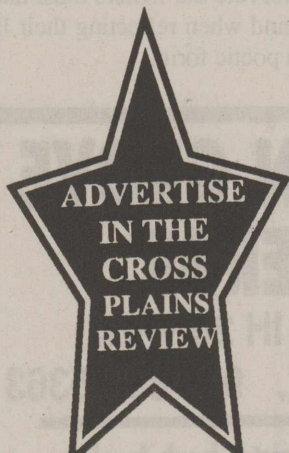
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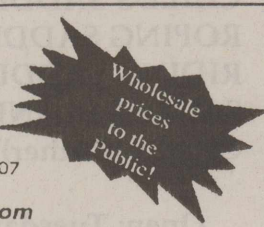
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**Hands wash...**

Grizzly shook. It's been raining pretty constantly the last couple of days. Grizzly loves the rain. He revels in its wetness, and in the mud and muck that goes with it. If he knows rain is coming he can't be lured inside. Once he's wet I won't let him in the house, but he's sneakier than any of us. He has a party out in the rain and then can't wait to tell the other dogs about it. The other dogs are hiding inside.

When Grizzly shook, I was just settling into a chair in front of the TV. On my lap was a plate of pork chops and mashed potatoes. I yelped. Disbelief formed my expression while the preparation time, the cost, and the tantalizing aroma of pork chops serpented around my head. In a sudden, wild decision, I closed my eyes, stuck my fork in the gravied pork chop, sliced off a bite, and ate it anyway.

MyKeeper's eyes cannot be torn from "J.A.G." on Tuesday nights, but he somehow caught on to what was happening and fell out of his chair laughing. He said watching me grit my teeth, snarl, and eat it anyway reminded him of my earliest farm days, more than a dozen years ago.

It was a slow process getting used to dirt. At first, I wore gloves a lot. I wore wading boots in the rain, and stepped carefully over the euphemistic "pies." It took awhile to get used to calf slobbers on big baby bottles and collecting eggs with chicken drops on them.

MyKeeper remembers a breakthrough day. It happened in cold weather. This was not a day to dawdle outdoors. For efficiency, I planned to make only one trip to the barn. I stuffed myself into a jacket, sweater, shirt, boots,

cap, neck scarf, and gloves, and loaded up with the things I needed for the critters. I looked like a clown doing a juggling act, and all I needed to complete the image was a ball to balance on my nose.

Down the kitchen stairs I went, carrying buckets of warm water for cold critters. A bucket for collecting eggs hung from my arm. Everything else was tucked into my jacket or the crook of my arm.

Grabbing the chicken waterer, I noticed how careless chickens can be. The mess would have to be cleaned up. I weighed the alternatives. It would take a long time to get back to the house, take off the waders, gather up cleaning supplies, then put my boots back on and prepare for a second trip outside. My dilemma was complicated by the balancing act. Some of the things I carried couldn't be put down, so I'd have to carry them all back to the house with me, get the cleaning things, then come back to the house to retrieve my first load and finish the chores. My one efficient trip with things hanging off me was turning into at least three trips back and forth.

MyKeeper came around the side of the barn just as I made my decision. "Oh, well," I said. "Hands wash." I sloshed a little warm water on the dirtied rim, scrubbed it with my bare hands, rinsed, and filled the dispenser with fresh water.

"All right!" said MyKeeper. "You've arrived! Now you can call yourself a farm girl." He still boasts about the day he saw me overcome my sissie ways. That's when I earned the title Farmer Ginny, which is a title as sticky as that stuff I washed off the watering can that day.

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**Atwell Cemetery Association Meeting Well Attended**

The Atwell Cemetery Association met for their annual meeting and observance of Memorial Day on May 26th.

There were 140 registered attendees. The oldest in attendance was Lewis Purvis. The most distance traveled was from Phoenix, Arizona. The couple married the longest was Elvis and Laverne Scott.

The program was brought by Granvel Scott on the different flags that the United States has had and the meaning of Memorial Day. The Atwell Cemetery has veterans from the Civil War, World War I and II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The program

ended with the playing of the songs "Ragged Old Flag" and "America the Beautiful".

The program committee for next year will be Eddie Fay Dillard, Grady Scott and Reggie Pillans.

The following donations were made the cemetery association:

Grave Permit - Rosalee Singleton \$50; Tommy and Susie Rogers (In Memory of Mac Foster) \$25; Grave Permit - Waldeine Foster \$50; Otis Purvis Estate \$22.64; Ferne Hutchins \$20; Edgar and Virginia Sessions \$20; Lee Abernathy \$25; Audian and Betty Paxton \$50; and Darwin and Pauline Purvis \$50.

**CONTEST**

Creative Writing Contest, Spring 2002

**Class Winners** - As last year, the entries from each class were a joy to read. I was impressed with what good imaginations and exceptional creativity many of the entries exemplified. This was the best response we have had to this contest. Congratulations to these young writers and their good teachers!

**Pre-Kindergarten** (The judging for this group took in consideration both the author's storytelling talents and ability to see the ordinary as extraordinary.)

1st Place - No. 3 Cory Cavender  
2nd Place - No. 19 Brenna Kleiber  
3rd Place - No. 12 Bronc Dillard

**Kindergarten** (Many of the drawings showed imagination, but it was the writer's reflection of his/her own unique and creative notion of how to spend a rainy day that the judge assessed.)

1st Place - No. 14 Jaden Kennedy  
2nd Place - No. 6 Alyssa Wheeler  
3rd Place - No. 12 George Lowe

**First Grade Winners** (Many of these young writers are good storytellers, which made choosing winners a difficult job. Judging was based on originality and author's skills in writing narrative.)

1st Place - No. 18 "The Nice Easter" - Katharine Goode  
2nd Place - No. 3 "The Happy Easter Bunny" - Joe Holland  
3rd Place - No. 12 "The Sad Easter Bunny" - Sheldon Libey

**Second Grade Winners** (These entries were unusually well-written for second graders. The winner understand the value of including detail in their tales and they know what good stories must do to capture attention.)

1st Place - No. 5 "Too Much Rain" - Lauren Goode  
2nd Place - No. 9 "Playing in the Rain" - Kenzie Taff  
3rd Place - No. 12 "Splash! Splash" - Rosa Salazer

**Third Grade Winners** (All of these entries were very good. The storytellers choose good detail and invite the reader to join them in the adventure. The poetry expresses deep emotion without resorting to sentimentality or exaggeration.)

1st Place - No. 1 "Grandma Ruth" - Tru Avants  
2nd Place - No. 4 "Killing Tuesday" - Shawna Lewis  
3rd Place - No. 6 "A Deer in the House" - Delany Ames

**Fourth Grade Winners**

(These young writers understand the value of poetry as an outlet for their thoughts and feelings. All of the entries were fun to read. Several writers exemplified both originality and creativity.)

1st Place - No. 3 "Zebra Lover..." - Zachary T. Snell  
2nd Place - No. 11 "Books" - Matthew Irvin  
3rd Place - No. 13 "Terrific Girl" - Tiffany Bell

**Fifth Grade Winners**

(What good tales these young authors tell. They understand the mechanics of writing, the value of well thought-out dialogue, and the power of humor to hold the reader's attention. I enjoyed every entry immensely.)

1st Place - No. 1 "Deputy Michael Sheriff" - Emily Harris  
2nd Place - No. 9 "Cassidy Corn" - Brittany Graham  
3rd Place - No. 10 "Lauren Stults" - Krista Phillips

**Sixth Grade Winners**

(All of these entries demonstrate that their authors have wonderful imaginations. The winners were difficult to choose. All three who placed demonstrate that they understand that stories need themes, good detail, and understanding of how their characters should act and react to events in their lives. All of the stories are good!)

1st Place - No. 1 "The Big Move" - Christi Burrhus  
2nd Place - No. 7 "Stranded in Paradise" - Patrick Cline  
3rd Place - No. 11 "A Life on Jupiter" - Gina Newsom

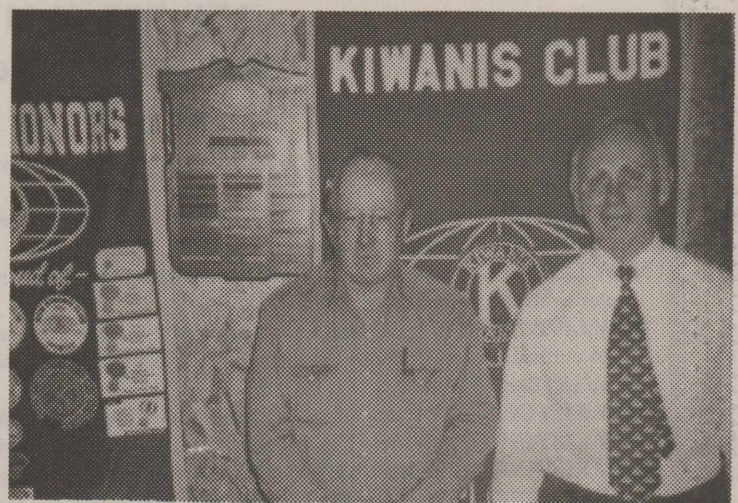
**Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Grade - No Entries**

**Tenth Grade Winners** (Several of these writers are beginning to understand well what a poem really is. I enjoyed reading all of the entries --most authors seemed to have worked hard to produce true poetry. My advice to all: Keep writing.)

1st Place - No. 16 "The Dream" - Brittany Apple  
2nd Place - No. 10 "The Chair" - Christin Hyles  
3rd Place - No. 9 "Looking for Inspiration" - Breanna Lowitzer

**Eleventh Grade Winners**

(Some very heartfelt entries here. Although for some authors, there is little attention to form, all of the writers do a good job of expressing deep feelings and responses to life. That after all is the first rule the writers must understand when reflecting their lives in poetic form.)



**GUEST SPEAKER AT KIWANIS MEETING**—Ronald W. Owens, Certified Financial Planner with Edward Jones (right), was the guest of Rodger Hart (left). Mr. Owens spoke about the economy and an overview of investment recommendations. The Kiwanis Club meets each Tuesday at Jean's Feed Barn at noon. All interested persons are welcome.

**There is Still Time to Make Farm Safety Register With Your Children**

Power takeoff entanglement, grain suffocation, chemical burns, and getting stepped on by farm animals—all in a day on the farm?

The coordinator of the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp believes rural parents can do more to ensure that farm incidents don't become a part of their kid's childhood memories. One way to start is by having their 3rd-9th graders attend the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp scheduled for Thursday, June 20 at the Taylor County Expo Center, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The camp is designed to increase children's awareness of a wide variety of farm hazards, as well as providing them with hands-on, first aid training to help themselves or someone else survive a farm incident should one occur. Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camps are sponsored nationally by Pioneer, Philip Morris, Farm Plan, AGCO, CASE III, The Farm, Shell, State Farm, ASGROW, and DuPont Crop Protection.

Registration is due by June 3rd. Parents can register their children to participate in the camp by calling the Callahan County Extension Office (915) 854-1518.

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