



*Dallas County Aggie Mothers' Club*

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**HOWDY!** Aggie Moms...

*Come visit our meetings and join in the fun! Next meeting date is October 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Minutes from the Dallas County A & M Mothers' Club ~ General Meeting 9/17/09*

Lynette Dick, President, called the meeting to order and introduced Julie Alexander, Past President. Julie shared some great inspirational quotes and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Suzanne Holmes, Programs, introduced our speaker for the evening, John Dickerson, a volunteer High School Recruiter for the Corp of Cadets! As a member of the Corp of Cadets, he commanded the 144 member Ross Volunteer which serves as the Honor Guard for the Governor of Texas. He received his Bachelors degree in 1987 and his Masters Degree in Real Estate and Land Economics in 1989 from Texas A & M. John shared great stories of his life and times at A & M including breaking the news to his Baylor Bears parents about his decision to attend A & M! He also shared lessons learned in leadership, survival, sleep deprivation, family values and more!

*Reports:*

Laurie Bubel presented the budget for the year. A motion was made to accept the budget, which was seconded by Julie Alexander. The Board proposed a gift of \$700 to the Extension Center for use of the facility; a motion was made and seconded.

Margaret Thompson, Membership, is organizing a support group for Corp moms asking anyone interested to sign up for the group.

Joan Webb and Candice Banks presented the Christmas Tree sale program.

Linda Brady, Social, encouraged everyone to sign up to bring delicious food to the upcoming general meetings.

Sheila Chaplin, Boutique, announced craft groups for morning and evening sessions in Irving. Volunteers still needed for the Seasons of Aggieworld Bazaar in College Station, October 30 & 31.

Kay Haaser, Yearbook, explained the useful contents of the yearbook and solicited ads for the yearbook.

Sherry, Aggie Mom Fish Camp, November 13-15, gave a great overview of the loads of fun to be experienced at Aggie Mom Fish Camp!

Cynthia Svajda, presented the trivia questions and fun money. Four students won \$12 from the drawing. Two raffle prizes were awarded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Holick, Recording Secretary



## ***BOUTIQUE NEWS***

The craft group of the boutique committee is in full swing. We have already completed painting, lettering and decorating 40 wooden plaques for the Ft. Bend Aggie Moms Club. One of our next projects is to weave Aggie fabric into grass rugs creating "Howdy" rugs. Another is Elephant Walk photo holders. We also have plans to decorate baby overalls. We can always use more ideas and willing hands. The only thing missing is YOU! The next evening group will meet Monday, October 12, from 7 PM until 9 or 9:30 PM, at Martha Tucker's. Her address is 2100 W. Shady Grove, Irving, TX. Her phone is 972-986-5248. The daytime group will meet on Thursday, October 22 from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon at Sheila Chaplin's, 1536 Sunnybrook, Irving. My phone is 972-254-0934. We'd love to have you join us!

I am also looking for other ladies willing to host craft groups in other areas. Please call Sheila if you are interested in having a group meet in your home, or if you would like to arrange a different location.

The Boutique Committee is looking for willing ladies to help set-up and run the Boutique at meetings, and

to join us in College Station at the Boutique craft sales. I try to arrive by 5 PM before the General Meeting to set up the tables. We sell throughout the meeting, then pack it all up. The Seasons of Aggieland Bazaar will be held in Rudder Tower on October 30 from 10 AM - 5 PM, and on October 31 from 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM, unless game time changes. The sale is set for 4 hours before the game. Help is always welcome!

We have many available opportunities for you to get involved. Just let us know your preference!

Thanks, and Gig 'em!

Sheila Chaplin

972-254-0934

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## **Aggie Moms' Boutique**

The Aggie Mom's Boutique is an event organized and ran by the Federation of Texas A&M University Mothers' Clubs. Any questions regarding vending information for this event should be taken up with the Federation directly. Contact information can be found on their official website. Each year for Parents' Weekend, Aggie Moms Clubs from around the state come together at Reed Arena for the annual Aggie Mom's Boutique. These clubs fill the floor and outer ring of the arena with booths showcasing the best in Aggie gifts and crafts. The Aggie Mom's Boutique is the place to buy custom made mailboxes, ornaments, glasswear, and more. If it can be made Aggie, it can be found at the Aggie Mom's Boutique.

**Aggie Mom's Boutique this year (2010) will be Friday, April 16th, from 10am to 4:30pm, and Saturday, April 17th, from 9am to 5pm.**

**The Wiggly Play Center** has decided to partner with our non-profit, My Very Own Book, to support literacy in low-income neighborhoods by holding a new book drive. During the months of October and November they are offering the following discounts:

- Donate one new book per child and pay only \$4.50 admission (normally \$7.45 M-F, \$8.45 on weekends).
- Donate two new books per child and pay \$4.50 admission plus receive a free soda.
- Birthday Parties: Packages are for 8 children with each additional child normally costing \$13.99. Bring a new book per child and only pay \$6.50.

I am writing to request that you consider planning a book drive play date at the center. It is a great way to save money while also demonstrating to your children the importance of giving to others. If you decide to do so, please let me know the date and time so we can share it with the center.

My Very Own Book runs reading incentive programs in elementary schools in low-income neighborhoods. This year we are serving over 1,500 students in three schools - one in Plano ISD, one in Richardson ISD, and one in Dallas ISD. Students read outside of school hours and are rewarded every six

weeks with a new, free book of their choice. The program increases literacy skills and puts new books into the homes of families who often can't afford to purchase their own new books.

Wiggly Play Center is located at 4944 Preston Road, Suite 100 in Frisco.  
<http://www.wigglyplaycenter.com>

Thank you for any and all assistance.

Kelley Van Auken  
Executive Director, My Very OwnBook  
<http://www.myveryownbook.org>



## CHRISTMAS TREE SALE



If you missed the last meeting I do not want you to miss out on the information that we gave to those that were there, regarding the **Christmas Tree Sale**.

Joan Webb made packets for this great fundraiser with everything you will need to show your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to help you pre-sale these beautiful Christmas trees.

We hope to have all the trees sold by the time they get here from Montana. We hope that this

fundraiser will bring in several thousands of dollars that we can send to A&M!

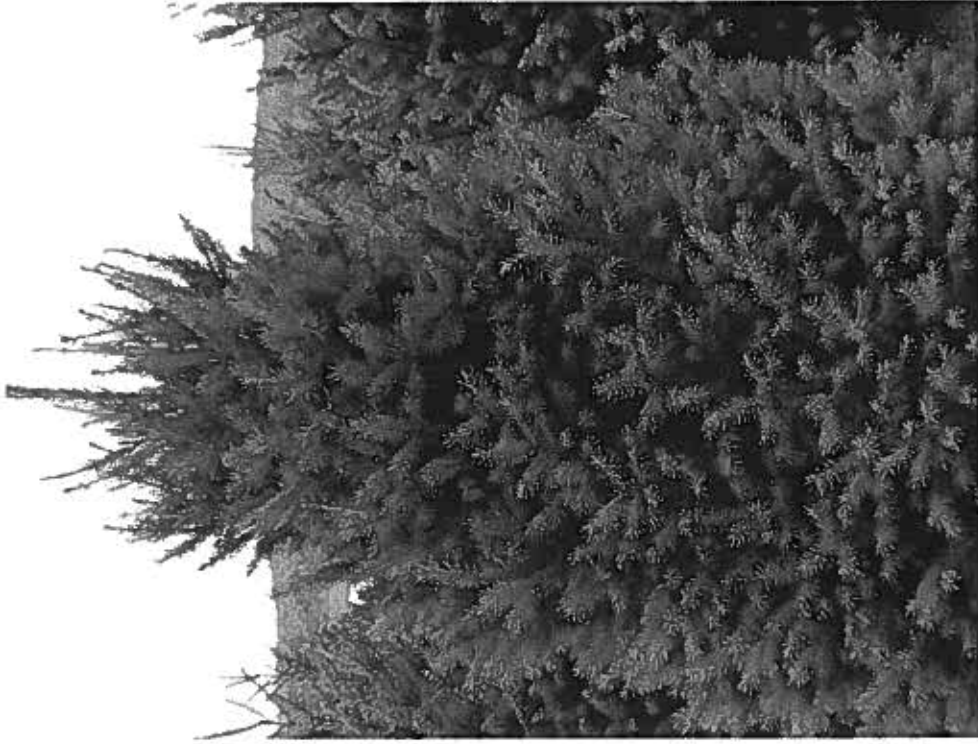
See attached with the 3 types of trees we have coming. Please contact me at 214-728-6086 if you would like a packet and/or have questions you would like to have answered.

Thank you for all your help on this project!

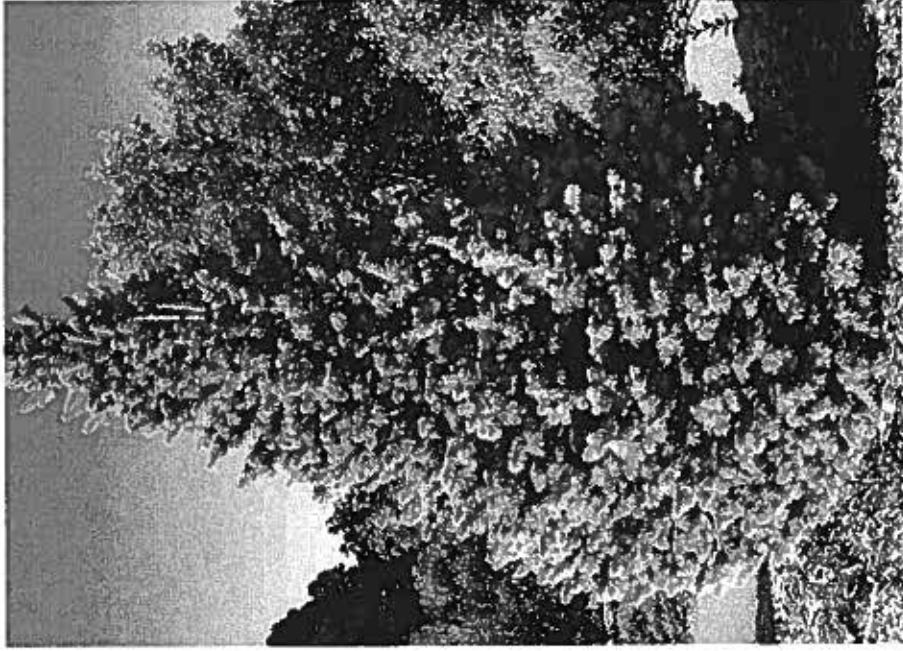
Candice Banks

\*See attached flyer with descriptions of trees.

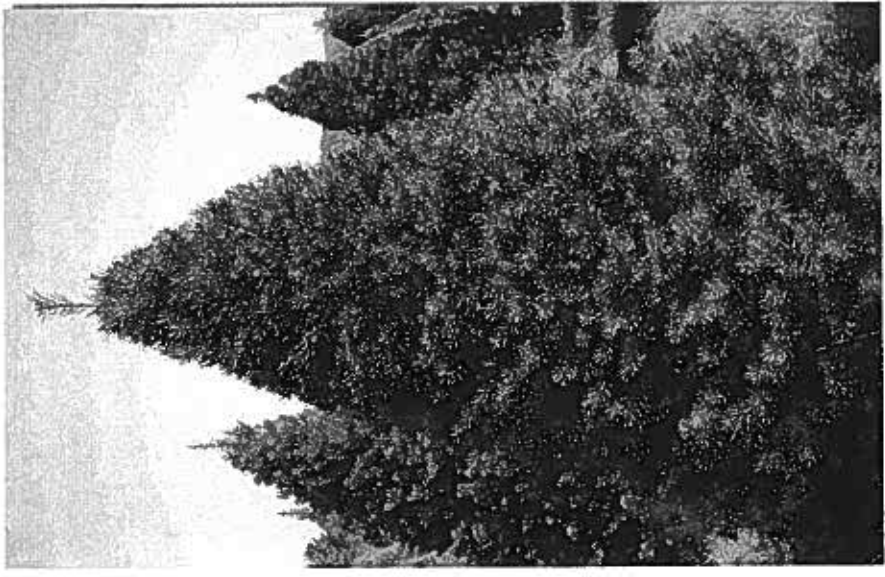
**DOUGLAS FIR**



**ALPINE FIR**



**SCOTCH PINE**



## Lacing up the skates

By: Patrick Hayslip

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The Texas A&M hockey team has grown a lot over the last few years. In a state that isn't the most notable for having a strong hockey background, these Aggies are on a quest to make their name heard in their own way.

The team has been through coaching changes, personnel changes and are about to change their home rink, with the logo being implanted in the ice at Arctic Wolf Ice Center on Holleman Drive.

As far as team competition is concerned, the team is coming off a personal best 20-5-1 record and earned a No. 14 rank in the ACHA National Division II in the West Region.

The team needs to be in the top 10 ranked teams to make the West Regionals, and the squad has high aspirations to accomplish its goal. "There are a lot of other teams around here that have been building their programs," said sophomore forward Nathan Banks. "It doesn't help us out too much in the rankings, so when we play the tougher teams it helps us out. Plus, it's always good to play the teams getting better. It provides more of a competition for us."

Those teams and competitions include tournaments such as the Great Western Classic and games against Colorado, Northern Arizona, San Jose State, San Diego State and University of Northern Colorado.

"We have a tougher schedule this year," said senior forward Jeff Diltz. "That gives us a better chance to have a good record against the good teams and a good chance at regionals."

The team just hired Head Coach Sean Boyle to replace the former coach who left in the middle of last season. Boyle coached at another Division II team, Weber State, before taking the job at A&M. "We've had a tough time finding the right coach the past three or four years, just the same way

A&M football has," Diltz said. "We've done all the right things personnel-wise and winning all of our games in Texas. To win those games out of the state, we need someone like Sean." Assistant Coach Scott Ball said Boyle is the team's first program coach and that him being at A&M is perfect timing.

"Every coach we ever had here was the right guy at the right time," Ball said. "If he was here five years ago, he probably wouldn't want to be here. If the guys we had five years ago were here today, they probably couldn't do it." Boyle has instituted team requirements both on and off the ice.

"Wayne Gretzky's son could be the greatest hockey player in the world," Ball said, "but if he doesn't have a 3.0 GPA, getting out of college with a resume to boot, he can't get on the team scholastically, and he can't compete athletically."

With the team's record, coach and foundation improving, Diltz said the players must improve as well. "We've taken it a little more seriously this year," Diltz said, "because we have high goals for ourselves a lot of the guys are buckling down on their grades, which gives them more time to work out."

With expectations improving, so might the team's national status, and the next step could be the jump to a NCAA team. Ball, however, said the team has even bigger aspirations than only hockey.

"This is where this group of athletes wants to be," Ball said. "There are no illusions as to where their hockey careers will go. These are students that will make more money as engineers than any one of them out there will make as hockey players and they know that. They're here for the love of the game and the fellowship. For us to go to the next level changes everything."

The Aggies make their next step toward being ranked when the team starts the season Oct. 2 against Baylor at the Arctic Wolf Ice Center.

**Candice Banks son, Nathan Banks, is on the hockey team and is Vice President this year and will therefore be president next year. *Way to go Nathan!***



<http://www.tamuicehockey.com/>



## Children's Center Gift Shower

**Grab your umbrellas, it's time for a shower**

...No, not a rain shower - a gift shower for the Becky Gates Children's Center at Texas A&M University. The Children's Center is a child care and preschool program providing care and individualized, developmentally appropriate early childhood activities. The Center was created to provide support to A&M families, including undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff. The Center opened in 1998, serves about 152 children, ranging in ages from 8 weeks to 5 years, and usually has a waiting list.

As Aggies we are all about traditions, and our October meeting is traditionally when we honor the Becky Gates Children's Center with a shower of gifts from their wish list. Dallas County Aggie Moms have been supporting the Children's Center since 1999 in this manner, and we need your help.

Below is an abbreviated list of their needs, but you can always go to the center's [website](http://childrens-center.tamu.edu/benefactors/wishlist.htm) for the complete list. So please bring your donations Thursday, October 15, to the General Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

<http://childrens-center.tamu.edu/benefactors/wishlist.htm>

- books
- classroom rugs (at least 5'x9')
- child themed music CDs
- wooden puzzles
- crayons
- washable markers
- water color paints
- dry erase markers
- glue / glue sticks
- masking tape
- play dough
- glitter
- tissue paper
- craft sticks
- sidewalk chalk
- construction paper
- stickers
- balls
- musical instruments
- Clorox wipes
- flushable toilet wipes

**DALLAS COUNTY AGGIE MOMS – A TRADITION IN EXCELLENCE**



**Next General Meeting**

Thursday, October 15th  
7:00 p.m.  
at

**Texas A&M Dallas**

17360 Coit Road  
( North of Campbell)  
Richardson, 75080

**Children's Center Gift Shower**

Bring your donations to the  
October General Meeting

**Seasons of Aggieland Bazaar**

October 30 - 31, 2009  
We need more people to help in  
College Station  
If you would like to volunteer,  
please contact  
Candice Banks  
*Thanks!*

*See you there!*

**"Aggie Moms Just  
Want To Have  
Fun!!"**

**November 13-15,  
2009**



**Fish Camp 2009**

See [www.aggie moms.org](http://www.aggie moms.org) for more  
information.



**Save the Date #1:** The Christmas Tree Sale is set for December 5, 2009 at the Extension Center. Trees from 2' to 15' will be available for sale. This is a great time to shop as several booths will be available with special gift items. Presales for the trees and wreaths will be taken this year. Brochures will be handed out at the first general DCAM meeting with those interested in helping with these fund raising activities attending a short meeting following the regular meeting. See attached flier.



**Save the Date #2: Boots and Whoops** will feature a square dance caller, Melton Lutrell, who will lead us in a special evening of fun, laughter and square dancing from the first two-step to the last. This special family event is scheduled for the evening of January 16, 2009. Accompanying our special caller and square dance evening will be our annual DCAM Chili Cookoff and Silent Auction. More details will follow.

Be thinking of what you'd like to donate for the silent auction. For more information please contact Joan Webb at [webbj@swebell.net](mailto:webbj@swebell.net).



## Aggie Brags...

Have an Aggie Brag you want to share? Contact Diane Caperton at [dianecaperton@mfpoer.com](mailto:dianecaperton@mfpoer.com).



## PARENTS WEEKEND...

April 16-18, 2010 Marks the 91st Anniversary of Parents' Weekend!

<http://www.tamu.edu/home/parents/>

