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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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Santa Claus Comes to Town this Friday, December 4th

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains' annual Christmas Program is this Friday, December 4, at the Senior Citizens' Center, beginning with a Stew Supper Fund-Raiser at 5 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club's Stew Supper is one of the club's annual fund-raisers each year to help with programs of the area, especially the children. The club really needs your help in order to have enough to meet all the worthy requests and needs there are.

The Stew Supper begins at 5 p.m. —\$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under (very young children who eat from their parents' bowl are free). Those who eat will receive one ticket each for the drawings for

the turkeys and cash. The Senior Citizens' Center will be selling desserts to add to the evening meal to raise money for their projects.

SANTA will be arriving out front at the Senior Citizen's Center on the Fire Truck at 6 p.m. and he will want to see all the children of Cross Plains and the surrounding area as he arrives.

Every child will be able to visit with Santa, inside, and have a personal FREE picture taken with him. (Additional photographs may be purchased for \$1 each.) In addition to the free photograph, each child will receive a sack of candy and one (1) number for the drawings at the end of the program.

The drawings will be for twelve (12) frozen turkeys and eight (8)

gifts of \$25 each. Drawings will begin immediately after the children are finished visiting and taking pictures with Santa.

The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains.

There is no general registration for the drawings, so the only recipients of tickets will be the children who visit Santa and those who attend the Stew Supper. You must remain and be present during the drawing in order to be eligible for the prizes.

Come early and eat, stay afterwards and visit.

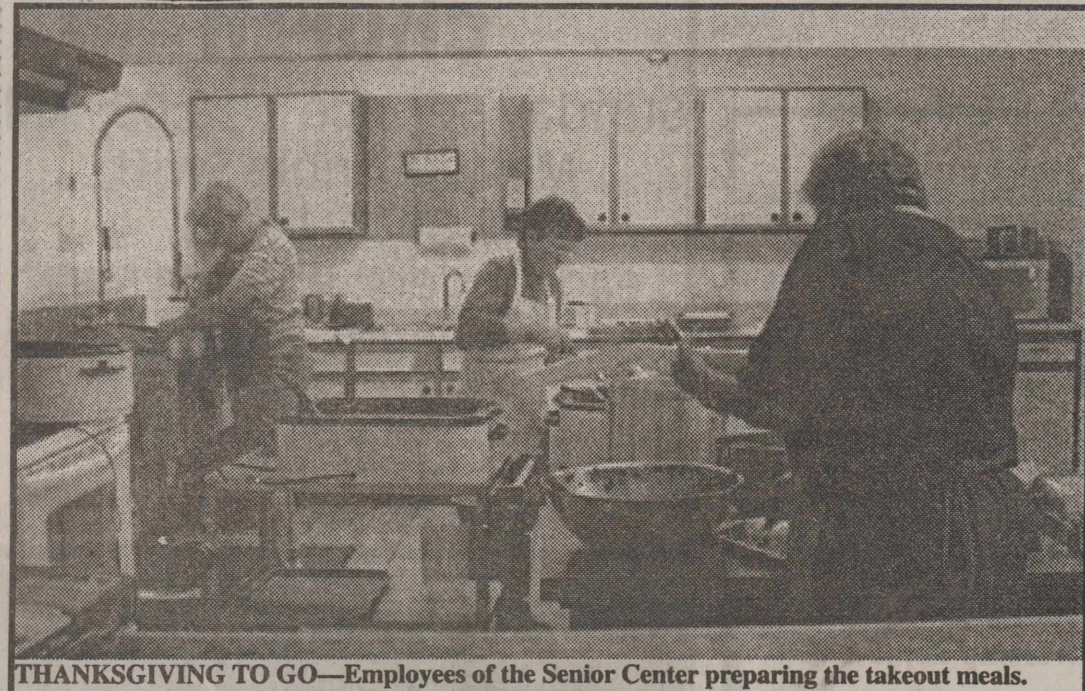
Remember, this Friday night, December 4, beginning at 5 p.m.

Submitted by
Bob Pipes

Senior Citizens' Thanksgiving Dinner Enjoyed by Many



FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP—at the Senior Center Tuesday for their Thanksgiving meal.



THANKSGIVING TO GO—Employees of the Senior Center preparing the takeout meals.



CROSS PLAINS EMS GIVES TO SENIORS—John Swift handing out smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fans to those who needed them.

"Sincerely Elvis" to be Presented at Lake Brownwood Lions Club December 11

Impersonator James Wages will be performing "Sincerely Elvis" at the Brownwood Lions Club Friday, December 11th.

You can enjoy a barbecue meal and the show for \$10.00 per person. The dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the show is from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Diabetes Association.

Come and enjoy the delicious food and great entertainment!

Cottonwood Community Christmas Party Slated for Saturday, December 5th

The Cottonwood community and friends will gather at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th, at the Cottonwood Community Center for the annual Cottonwood Community Christmas Party. Come and visit with friends and neighbors-old and new.

If you're new to the community and haven't had a chance to meet folks yet, this is a good time to get to know your neighbors. And, if you've lived in the community a long time, it's a good time to come out and see your old friends.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will have the Texas Size Snowball Quilt on display and tickets will be available for purchase. Members of the Cottonwood Quilting Club and the Cottonwood Historical Association will also be at the party.

Bring a finger food and your best holiday spirit!

Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Ball

The Grand Ole Oplin will hold its Annual Christmas Ball on Friday, December 4, 2009. We invite everyone out to dance to the country tunes of Muddy Creek. Our Christmas Ball will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Don't forget to wear Christmas colors (think red!) or your Sunday best.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed. For further information about our Christmas Ball please contact Judy Woodard at 529-3129 or Alice Denunzio at 529-4646.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin's Annual Christmas Ball for an evening of good music, good friends and a good time.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

Immunization Clinics in Callahan County

Texas Department of State Health Services will offer Immunization Clinics in Callahan County. They will have a limited amount of H1N1 available.

Clinics are scheduled for:
Monday, December 14th
Baird Cafetorium
400 West 7th
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9th
Clyde First Baptist Church

216 Austin
10 a.m. - 12 noon
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records. If your child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring their card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

H1N1 Flu Clinic Slated for Clyde on Monday, December 7th

Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding a H1N1 Flu Clinic on Monday, December 7th, at the Clyde First Baptist Church located at 216 Austin Street, from 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The clinic is for all persons 6 months through 24 years; chronically ill person 25 through 64; pregnant women; and close contacts of infants 6 months or younger.

For more information call 325-754-4945.

County sets alcohol license permit fees

Callahan County Commissioners voted to set and collect fees from Baird businesses requesting to sell alcohol for off-premise consumption during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, November 23rd at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to set and collect fees in the amount of one-half of the state fee for off-premise licensing/permits as permitted in Section 11.38 and 61.36 of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the previous

meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, there were none.

—After a presentation by Vicki Sutton for Liberty National, of the company's insurance benefits, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to allow Ms. Sutton to present the insurance to interested county employees. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to appoint Dr. Raul Calvo as the Local Health Authority. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Farmer. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Scranton Musical set for December 5th

The Scranton Musical will be held Saturday, December 5th at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30 p.m. The special this month is stew and cornbread.

The music begins at 6:00 p.m. All area musicians are invited. Mark Ray is emcee. You may call

325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. It is supposed to be cold so come out for a hot meal, warm place and enjoyable music.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

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 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.
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Pastor Max Evans

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 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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Pastor: Len Smith

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OBITUARIES

Dean Pittman

Dean Pittman, 80, passed away Tuesday, November 23, 2009 in Abilene. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 27, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains with Walter Pope officiating, assisted by Jackie Barnett; burial was in the Blake Cemetery.

He was born on August 13, 1929 in Cross Cut in Brown County to Irvin W. and Zora Jane Collins Pittman. Dean graduated from Williams High School. He married Patsy Mason in 1949 in Odessa. He worked in the oil fields as a plant foreman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Survivors include his wife, Patsy Pittman of Cross Plains; two sons, Dean Pittman of Oklahoma City, OK and Wendell Keith Pittman of Cross Plains; two sisters, Delores Stover of Cross Plains and Sara Barnett of Lake, Brownwood; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"The Incredible Gift"

You changed my life so when You came to me, heaven's very special child.

You roared through each year of my life,
 With a presence that made me proud.

You knew with each broken dish or plate,
 you were helping to build Mom's faith.

With each and every dumped over bowl,
 You were teaching Mom control.

Those times you continued to walk in circles,
 Not giving into your pains persistence, You were teaching Mom resistance.

Patience never seemed to be mine,
 While you were here and you were fine.

Even with your passing,
 you taught me,
 The things that are everlasting.

Your biggest lesson was of LOVE,
 You so freely had given.

What an incredible gift to have had
 God's very special child from heaven.

In My Precious Son's Memory,
Geneva Nelson



ROBERT LACY SOUTH
Robert Lacy South

Robert Lacy South, 79, died peacefully at his home at CORE Health Care near Austin Friday morning, November 13, 2009. Robert was resident number one at CORE, originally Brown-Karhan, when it organized more than 25 years ago.

Born October 3, 1930, Robert was predeceased by his Father Charles Lacy South, Mother Etta M. South and brother, Carl. He is survived by many cousins in a large extended family.

Robert graduated from Coleman High School as the class Valedictorian and studied at both Columbia University and the University of Texas. He spent some of his early years in Washington D.C. where his father served as a United States Congressman from the 21st District of Texas in the Seventy-Fourth and three succeeding Congresses (1935-1943).

Robert's great loves were Victorian literature, other classic literature, and the Golden Age of Hollywood. He was very fond of show tunes from the 30s and 40s and films from the same time period. His favorite movie was Gone With the Wind starring the famous actress Vivien Leigh as Scarlett O'Hara. He spoke often of the many movies in which she starred, including Streetcar Named Desire, Waterloo Bridge, and Caesar and Cleopatra.

Robert was reading The Hunchback of Notre Dame at the time of his death. He was also very fond of cats, and doted on the family cat Fluff.

Interment Services were held in Coleman, Texas on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in the Coleman City Cemetery. Robert's first cousin, Tommy South, Pastor of Glen Allen Church of Christ in Richmond, Va., officiated.

Cousins from Clyde, Baird, Abilene, Marfa, Austin, Houston, Castroville, and other cities in Texas were in attendance.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Robert's memory to the CORE Health Foundation, P.O. Box 419, Dripping Springs, Texas, 78620.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Sean C. Williams, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Michael Davis, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

William Craig Rogers, Jr., motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, completion of PTD Program.

Stephen J. Trent, plea of guilty to harboring a runaway, 90 days in jail, \$235 court costs.

Sherry D. McKechnie, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$310 court costs.

Eric K. McKechnie, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 18 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$310 court costs.

Aaron Simpson, plea of guilty to assault family violence, 9 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$285 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Danny S. Middleton and Trina L. Swanson, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Sherry Ann Wade, theft.

Criminal Minutes

Order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication: William Cyrus Davis; Richard E. Drew.

Order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication: Echo Chaney; Michael Jay Hanner.

Yisrayl B. Hawkins, motion to dismiss to bigamy granted, lack of jurisdiction.

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Jonathan J. Haley, plea of guilty to failure to comply with registration requirements, 2 year probation \$750 fine, \$286 court costs.

Vickey L. Feeler, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$258 court costs.

Charlotte M. Mendez, plea of guilty to DWI with child passenger, 2 year probation, \$700 fine, \$258 court costs.

Antonio F. Hubbard, motion to dismiss to evading arrest granted, defendant sentenced to federal prison.

Teresa L. Kovalsky, plea of guilty to debit card abuse, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$303 court costs, \$1,972.24 restitution.

Richard E. Gilman, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 6 years in prison, \$258 court costs.

Jeffrey B. Bethel, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 6 years in prison, \$258 court costs.

Sherry A. Wade, motion to dismiss to theft granted in the interest of justice.

Billy D. Smith, judgment revoking probation granted.

Steven R. Schuyler, judgment revoking probation granted.

Jimmy Lynn Lambert Jr., judgment revoking probation granted.

James E. Barron, plea of guilty to forgery, 14 months in prison, \$268 court costs.

Stephen J. Trent, plea of guilty to aggravated sexual assault, 8 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$298 court costs.

Civil Filings

Target National Bank vs. Ann G. Pittman, breach of contract.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

WALLACE BENNETT



LOTS OF FAMILY WERE GATHERED TO CELEBRATE—of Dorothy's 80th birthday.

Cottonwood Roundup

The Cottonwood annual Christmas Party will take place this coming Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. It will be a good time to switch from a Thanksgiving experience to a Christmas expectation. Everyone is invited to come to this party, including friends and relatives from other towns. Bring finger food, gather up your friends and come out to the community party.

And don't forget other events that take place in Cottonwood during the month of December. The Quilting Club is meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, to go on a field trip to Winters to visit a quilt shop there and will not meet again this year.

The Cottonwood Voluntary Fire Control unit will have their Annual Meeting sometime in December. I will publish the date next week.

Cottonwood's My Home

Visiting in the home of Beverly Brown over the Thanksgiving Holidays were her sister, Maxine Sneed and her husband J.W. of Azle.

Visiting the home of Wallace and Carol Bennett over the weekend were sons, Jeff and Mary Bennett of Alpine; Bryan and Debi Bennett with children Dayna and her daughter Karsyn, daughters, Emma and Kelli; John and Michelle Bennett with their children, Tye and Mattie, of Arlington; and son, Gary of Arlington. Four out of five sons present is a good thing!

Wallace's brother, John F. Bennett of Cottonwood, and nephew, Robert Bennett of El Paso, along with his daughter, Amanda of Weatherford. Robert is a member of the National Guard and is due to ship out early in December for the Middle East, destination unknown at present. God bless all the U.S. Servicemen

everywhere.

Cottonwood Native Celebrates 80th Birthday in Baird

Dorothy (Coppinger) Petty, formerly of Cross Plains and a native of Cottonwood, celebrated her 80th birthday in Baird this past Sunday. Dorothy was formerly married to Eddie Petty, a popular Cross Plains businessman in this city.

Dorothy is the daughter of Euke and Alice Coppinger, natives of Cottonwood, where Dorothy and her brother, Joe, went to school and grew up in their early years. She was very active in a number of civic organizations and served on the Cross Plains Library board while she live in Cross Plains.

(Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood, coming events, or people living in this valley at 254-725-7474 or e-mail me at csb555@dishmail.net. Please remember this, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.)

Rondalla Band from Mexico to Give Concert at Cottonwood Baptist Church December 5th

You are invited to a special concert at Cottonwood Baptist Church Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m.

The Rondalla Band will be visiting us from *Iglesia Bautista la Trinidad* (Trinity Baptist Church) in Piedras Negras, Mexico. The band consists of several men singing in harmony and playing acoustic guitars and other stringed instruments in the classic style.

We had the Rondalla Band from Piedras Negras here several years ago and they were a real blessing. We will take up a love offering for projects at *Iglesia Bautista la Trinidad*. We would love for you to come to Cottonwood on Saturday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. and hear great music and learn about what God is doing in Piedras Negras, Mexico!

Alcoholics Anonymous Changes Meeting Place

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is no longer meeting at the Church of Christ Activity Center. They are meeting at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information contact Wanda at 254-725-7499 or Diana 254-725-4670.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 7th- Movie Day @ 10:00 am; Cokes & Popcorn.
Tuesday, 8th- Exercise Class @ 11:00 am. Computer Class 10:00 am. JH Cheerleaders perform @11:45 am. Last day to order Angel Food.
Wednesday, 9th-Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30 am.
Thursday, 10th-Exercise Class @ 11:00 am.

Senior Center Needs

A few items the Center could really benefit from...
ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS

Baked Goods Needed to Benefit Senior Center

Baked goods are needed for the Senior Citizens Center. Supper begins at 5:00 pm. The Kiwanis's Stew Supper. The bake sale will benefit the Cross Plains

Do You Know Someone Who Would Benefit From a Home Delivered Meal?

The Cross Plains Senior Center would always like to know if you or someone you know would benefit from a Home Delivered Meal. The meals are delivered Monday-Friday from 11:45-12:45 pm. A hot, nutritious, and delicious meal is available for those who qualify. Please feel free to call the Center Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm to see if we can help. 254.725.6521.

Senior Citizens Center Will Have More Computer Classes Starting in December

The Senior Center has 6 computers available to any senior to use. You may use the internet, play computer games, make a document or even setup an email account. They are available Monday-Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm. If you would like to attend a computer class please call the Center. They will begin Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00 am. The Biggerstuffs will be focusing on spreadsheets during December. Please come by and give the computers a try! They don't bite! Hope to see you there.

Coupon Corner at the Senior Center

Do you have coupons that you do not use? A sweet lady from the community, Geneva Nelson has started a Coupon Corner at the Center for the seniors in the community! There is a table with baskets to sort coupons for the seniors to use. With the economy like it is what a great way to save money by using coupons. This really helps our seniors, since so many are on a fixed income. So if you have coupons from the Sunday paper, and don't plan on using them, drop them by the Center and we can put them to use!

RISING STAR NURSING HOME

DONNA MCINTIRE

My goodness, it is hard to believe December is here and just 3 weeks until Christmas. We have taken down our Thanksgiving decor and are in the process of putting up our Christmas decorations. The residents are getting excited as I am sure so are you.

We have had a couple of great weeks since last writing. We had our monthly birthday party with four residents, Betty Mullinax on the 4th, Frances McGinn on the 6th, Alvie Milam on the 9th and Hazel Campbell on the 25th. We also had 4 employees with November birthdays. They were Julie Buffington on the 5th, Leslie January on the 18th, Pansy Teague on the 25th and Kristi McGinn on the 30th. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL!!!!

One of our residents, Hazel Campbell, donated not only candy to hand out at Bingo but

also she and her family donated some blackout prizes. The residents will enjoy these items immensely. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Well, we had our annual Silent Auction on the 20th of last month and it went really well. We had a lot of donations and a great time was had by all who attended. I know some were disappointed at not winning their bid, but it went really well and will help tremendously in our resident Christmas party. Thanks to all of you who came out for it and a big THANKS to all who donated their items.

The First Methodist Church of Cross Plains brought a Thanksgiving dinner to everyone here, including the residents and staff who worked on Thanksgiving Day. The meal was great and was enjoyed by all. Thank you so much for your

kindness.

We have had some new residents come in to stay with us. Whether they are here for rehab or to live with us, please welcome James Garrett and Doris Vaughn. We are so glad you chose us.

We are all excited about this month. Christmas is such a special time of the year. Taking down Thanksgiving decorations and getting out Christmas decorations—whew, I forgot how much of a job it was last year.

On the calendar besides our regular activities we will be having the Union Center Church to perform a Cantata for us on the 9th. Our employee Christmas party is the 17th and our resident Christmas party is on the 20th. The residents will also be baking cookies and pies and who knows what else.

So, till next time, may God bless and keep you.

Thank You God



for the Healing Rain

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 7-11

MONDAY-Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green Salad, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
TUESDAY-Tostadas, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
WEDNESDAY-Chicken Caccitore, Pasta Salad, Bread & Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee
THURSDAY-Hamburger Steak, Cauliflower, Mixed Greens, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
 Cross Plains Church of Christ
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I'm always seeing "sayings" -short messages- that would be appropriate for church marquees. One I saw recently was, "You have never looked into the eyes of someone that doesn't matter to God." We are made to realize the truth of that when we read John 3:16 again: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." And we read regarding God and His Son, "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Perhaps there are other verses or passages that come to your mind to support the saying I began with-that "You have never looked into the eyes of someone that doesn't matter to God"-but be sure and realize that it includes the eyes you look into when you look into your mirror.

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us as we strive to "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

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.
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J.H. Lady Buffs Sweep J.H. Lady Bears

The girls played Baird Monday night in Cross Plains. In the first game, the Purple Team took control with the press and hot shooting to take a 18-0 lead.

The 2nd quarter was similar to the first with Cross Plains scoring 17 more points while holding Baird to 4 points. Half-time lead was 35 to 4. The

second half was played at a slower pace. Each team scored 7 points each making the final Cross Plains 42 Baird 11. Playing and scoring for the Lady

Buffs were M. Pointer 23 points; N. Eisenbach - 5; L. Ames - 5; S. Thomas - 4; Taryn Estes - 5; C. Potter; A. Wheeler - 5; and J. Thomas.

The second game was much closer. The game didn't start out close, but in the end it was a 2 point victory for Cross Plains.

The 1st quarter Cross Plains scored 4 to Baird's 2 points. In the 2nd quarter the Lady Buffs scored 11 points while holding Baird to 0 and the half-time score was Cross Plains 15 Baird 2.

The 3rd quarter was low scoring. The Lady Buffs score 1 while Baird scored 2. At the end of the 3rd quarter the score was Cross Plains 16 Baird 4.

In the 4th quarter Baird scored 10 while Cross Plains failed to score. The final score was Cross Plains 16 Baird 14.

Playing and scoring were A. Wheeler - 6 points; S. Rogers 5; B. Kleiber; K. Hyles 1; K. Campbell-2; B. Mayfield; M. France - 2.

The girl's next game is at Winters, which only has one gym so the order of the games will be 7th Grade Girls 5:00 p.m.; 8th Grade Girls 6:00 p.m. and 8th Grade Boys 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley

It's Time Again for Santa at the Bank Make Christmas Brighter for Our Local Children

Come enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information. Please return your gifts to the bank by Tuesday, December 15, 2009. They will be delivered or picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A reasonable price to spend on the gift is \$25. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweater, hats, gloves and purses for older

girls, and video games, sports related items, sweaters and hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweater, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might like legos, trucks, cars, action figures, ect. Christmas is a time for giving and kindness so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need please call Pat Stephens with your information. Home 725-6819 School 725-6123. Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you all so much for helping the children of our community.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 7-11

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
MONDAY-Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	MONDAY-Burrito w/chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Apricots, Milk
TUESDAY-Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	TUESDAY-Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Roll, Peaches, Milk
WEDNESDAY-Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	WEDNESDAY-Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Salad, Pineapple Cake, Milk
THURSDAY-Cinnamon Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	THURSDAY-Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Pears, Milk
FRIDAY-Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk	FRIDAY-Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickles, Baked Fries, Cookie, Milk

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Nov 14	Scrimmage	TBA	TBA	Varsity
Nov 17	Ranger	Ranger	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Nov 19	Tourney	Home	TBA	JV
Nov 20	Tourney	Home	TBA	JV
Nov 20	Bangs	Bangs	8:00	Varsity
Nov 21	Tourney	Home	TBA	JV
Nov 23	Rising Star	Home	5/6:30	JV/Varsity
Nov 25	Panther Creek	Panther Creek	5/6:00	JV/Varsity
Dec 1	Tolar	Home	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Dec 3	Tourney	Rising Star	TBA	Varsity
Dec 4	Tourney	Rising Star	TBA	Varsity
Dec 5	Tourney	Rising Star	TBA	Varsity
Dec 8	DeLeon	Home	5:00	JV
Dec 8	Evant	Home	8:00	Varsity
Dec 10	Tourney	DeLeon	TBA	JV
Dec 11	Tourney	DeLeon	TBA	JV
Dec 12	Tourney	DeLeon	TBA	JV
Dec 10	Tourney	Home	TBA	Varsity
Dec 11	Tourney	Home	TBA	Varsity
Dec 12	Tourney	Home	TBA	Varsity
Dec 15	Dublin	Home	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Dec 18	DeLeon	DeLeon	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Dec 28	Tourney	Breckenridge	TBA	Varsity
Dec 29	Tourney	Breckenridge	TBA	Varsity
Dec 30	Tourney	Breckenridge	TBA	Varsity
Jan 2	Eula	Eula	5/7:30	JV/Varsity
Jan 5	Baird	Home	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Jan 8	Roscoe	Roscoe	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Jan 12	Bronte	Home	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Jan 15	Winters	Winters	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Jan 19	Albany	Albany	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Jan 22	Zephyr	Zephyr	6/7:30	JV/Varsity
Jan 26	Eula	Home	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Jan 29	Barid	Baird	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Feb 2	Roscoe	Home	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Feb 5	Bronte	Bronte	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Feb 9	Winters	Home	5/8:00	JV/Varsity
Feb 12	Albany	Home	5/6:00	JV/Varsity

Feb 22,23	Bi-District	TBA
Feb 25-27	Area	TBA
Mar 1	Regional Quarterfinals	TBA
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Mar 11-13	State Tournament	TBA

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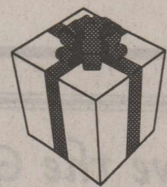
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On November 12th Mary suffered a severe stroke and is currently in ICU at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper, WY. She remains in a coma but is showing small signs of improvement each day. Mary worked for Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville then for the Walker Sayle Unit in Breckenridge and the Haven's unit in Brownwood before retiring in 2007. A fund to help with medical expenses has been set up at Comanche National Bank. For information on the Mary Harmon Medical Fund or the benefit contact Susie Fields at 325-356-3664 or 325-330-0426.

Texas Transportation Commission Advances 74 New Projects, Valued at Approximately \$2 Billion

AUSTIN — At their regular meeting Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, the Texas Transportation Commission acted unanimously to approve roughly \$2 billion in highway projects aimed at increasing safety, rehabilitating pavement, expanding highway corridors of statewide significance and reducing traffic congestion in communities across the state. The projects will be funded by Proposition 12 bond proceeds, which were authorized by the Texas Legislature earlier this year.

Texas voters initially approved the Proposition 12 bond referendum in 2007, directing the Legislature to authorize up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds — bonds paid back using general revenue, rather than fuel tax revenues — to be spent for transportation projects.

When the Legislature acted to authorize issuance of Proposition 12 bonds, they provided some direction for how the proceeds must be spent. Specifically, Senate Bill 1 allows \$2 billion in Proposition 12 bond proceeds be spent on non-toll highway projects, with \$1 billion expended by September 2011.

To select projects, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) staff utilized a process similar to the collaborative approach used to select American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects. TxDOT districts and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) were asked to develop a list of all needed projects that fit the bond program's requirements and criteria to evaluate them.

"We worked with our partners around the state to establish a prioritization process that would help meet transportation needs statewide as agreed upon by this group of experts," said Deirdre Delisi, Texas Transportation Commission chair. In all, Texas MPOs and TxDOT districts identified over 850

potential projects with a construction value exceeding \$8.9 billion.

Using the criteria recommended by TxDOT's partners, the Department divided projects among three areas and used the following criteria to determine which would be recommended for funding:

- Corridors of statewide significance, which were recommended based on traffic density and crash rates;
- Rehabilitation and safety projects, which were recommended based on pavement improvement index and safety improvement index; and
- Mobility projects, which were recommended based on the amount of delay reduced and their correlation to the "Top 100 Most Congested Segments of Roadway."

Included in the approved list are six projects, valued at an estimated \$1 billion, to expand Interstate 35 from a four- to a six-lane highway in much of Central Texas. Nearly 39 percent of the state's population lives along the I-35 corridor, and this action brings the Commission closer to fulfilling their promise to "finish" I-35 by expanding it to six lanes between San Antonio and Hillsboro.

"Expanding this well-traveled corridor will enhance roadway safety and provide for efficient movement of goods as traffic continues to grow in this area," said Delisi. According to Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District public information officer, the Abilene District had one safety project on I-20 in Nolan County on the list. This is a \$1,266,941 resurfacing project with limits from east of Roscoe to east of Hopkins Road on I-20, eastbound lane only.

Other significant projects approved by the Transportation Commission for Proposition 12 bond funding include:

- The reconstruction of Houston's \$178 million Interstate 610/U.S. 290 Interchange, which ranks 13th on the list of the 100 Most Congested Roadway Segments in Texas;
- \$100 million to expand Interstate 45 in Houston, which ranks as the 25th most congested roadway segment in the state;
- A four-mile, \$80 million expansion of Loop 375 in El Paso, doubling capacity of a route which serves as an alternative to Interstate 10 and supplementing access to the U.S. Army's Fort Bliss; and,
- San Antonio's Wurzbach Parkway, which will receive \$130 million to complete the 4.8 mile reconstruction and expand the facility from a four- to a six-lane divided roadway. Improving Wurzbach will improve traffic flow on some of the most congested roadways in San Antonio including I-35, Loop 1604, I-410 and U.S. 281.

This funding does not address some four-lane sections of I-35 through Temple and Waco, as, like many other important projects across the state, some I-35 expansion projects will not meet the bonds' expenditure timeframe. Three important projects were not selected for Proposition 12 funding: the expansion of I-35E in Dallas and Denton Counties, improvements to the interchange at I-35W and I-820 in Tarrant County, and improvements to U.S. 77 in South Texas as part of the development of I-69. The Commission instructed TxDOT staff to develop specific plans for the delivery of these projects with a report due in January 2010.

More information, including a complete list of projects selected for Proposition 12 funding, can be found on TxDOT's website, HYPERLINK "http://www.txdot.gov" www.txdot.gov.

Blind Hunter Awes Audience

I really didn't know what to expect, but my interest was peaked. I'm not a hunter. Shooting a raging raccoon while still caught in a trap doesn't really count. If the Cross Plains Public Library's fundraiser last Saturday was just about hunting, I would only have attended because I'm on the board of directors. But the idea of a blind man hunting intrigued me. And Dr. Stanley McGowen was indeed intriguing.

Baird native McGowen entertained the lunch crowd for nearly an hour before taking questions and signing copies of his book, *Horse Sweat and Powder Smoke: The First Texas Cavalry in the Civil War*, winner of the Summerfield G. Roberts Writing Award and also nominated for the Western Writers of America Spur Award. He gave a brief summary of his life before losing his sight, serving over 21 years in the U.S. Army. In response to a question from the crowd, McGowen described the plane crash that blinded him in 1990. Where some people might be consumed with self-pity, McGowen actually considers himself to be very lucky. Had his head hit the plane's console a little higher, he would have suffered brain damage and be in a vegetative state; a little lower and his jaw would have been shoved into the back of his throat and killed him. He spoke briefly about his own rehabilitation and thanked his wife, Jolene, for her tough love approach.

After losing his sight, McGowen decided to return to school and earned an MA and a PhD in American History. He authored two other books, *The Helicopter: Essential to Modern Warfare*; and *You Ain't Gonna Believe This, But... A Different Side of Vietnam* and over 30 articles in his sub-fields of Spanish Borderlands and military history.

But McGowen missed the outdoors and, nine years after the

crash, got together with his former hunting pals to see if they could rig up a way for him to hunt. They fastened a long eye-relief pistol scope to his rifle and one of his buddies would look over his shoulder into the scope and give directions: left, right, up, or down. That crude set-up evolved into a special scope that transmitted to a DVD player which a sighted hunter could watch to give directions. Recently, McGowen testified before the Texas House and Senate to pass a bill to allow blind hunters to use a laser to target prey. (Texas law does not allow hunters to use artificial light to illuminate any game.) He was successful here and other states have followed suit.

Now McGowen serves as an ambassador and mentor for disabled veterans. He explained that rehabilitation after losing a limb or eyesight or other disability is very difficult. "Many of the injured vets are very young and they've suffered a traumatic injury," he said. "They've been burned or paralyzed or they've lost a limb. The standard response is to retreat from society." Most patients learn to cope in the hospital as their "comfort zone," but turn to drugs or alcohol to cope in the outside world. Hunting and/or fishing brings socialized rehabilitation and helps them realize that they can return to a normal, be it different, life after an injury. And since most veterans have been trained to shoot, hunting allows them a familiar outlet.

Recently *Petersen's Hunting Magazine*, *Sports Afield*, *Game Trails*, *Quality Whitetails*, and *Sports N Spokes* selected McGowen's articles highlighting disabled hunters for their publications. He has made several television appearances, and in 2007, the Armed Forces Foundation unanimously selected him as its Volunteer of the Year. He was the first blind

hunter to kill a cape buffalo and the first to shoot a buffalo with a bow and arrow. Those who attended the lunch were privileged to be the first to learn of his newest award: he has been selected by *Outdoor Life* magazine editors as one of its Top 25 in the Unsung Heroes category. (To vote for Dr. McGowen for the "Readers' Choice" award, go to www.outdoorlife.com/ol25.)

During the last two years as National Outreach Director for Friends of American Heroes, McGowen has organized hunting, target shooting, and fishing events for over 200 wounded and injured veterans and their families. The foundation provides these trips at no cost to the veterans. Sometimes pilots donate transportation to a hunt, and ranchers donate their land, especially if their herd needs culling, and local motels and restaurants are kind enough to give discounts, but the cost of these hunts is still very expensive.

At the conclusion of the program, I realized that Dr. McGowen had changed my perceptions. He was no longer a blind man helping the disabled. He was an exceptional hunter giving hope to others who enjoy the great outdoors.

The Cross Plains Public Library would like to thank Dr. Stanley S. McGowen for sharing his remarkable story with us. Our thanks also goes to First United Methodist Church for use of their facility, to Pop's Bakery for furnishing the tortillas, to all of the board members for cooking and baking, especially Wilma Lawrence and Tom Rone, and to the local businesses who helped publicize this event. If you would like to learn more about the Friends of American Heroes or make a donation, visit their website at www.friendsofamericanheroes.com

submitted by Michelle Kaiser

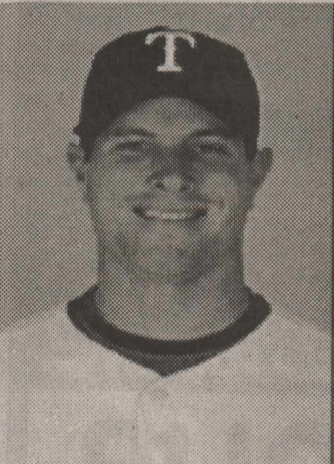
Josh Hamilton to be Feature Speaker at FCA "Victory Dinner"

Abilene, Texas — Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton, whose inspiring story of faith captured the national spotlight, will be the featured speaker at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes "Victory Dinner" on January 22, 2010 at the Abilene Civic Center in support of the FCA University Ministry program in Abilene.

Sponsorship tables are available until December 15th

and limited individual tickets will go on sale December 16th for the FCA event. The program will feature an audience Q&A session with Hamilton and his wife, Katie. All proceeds will benefit the Big Country Chapter of the FCA and its local university ministry programs. Table sponsorships and tickets are available at the FCA office — 325-795-0020 or email [HYPERLINK "mailto:cpickett@fca.org"](mailto:cpickett@fca.org)

cpickett@fca.org or table and ticket reservation forms are available at bigcountryfca.org. Hamilton, who has battled drug and alcohol addictions since 2001, credited his relationship with Jesus Christ for turning his life around after being suspended by the MLB in 2004 for violating the league's joint drug treatment and prevention program. He returned to baseball in 2006 and then burst onto the



JOSH HAMILTON
...Texas Rangers outfielder

national scene with a breakout season in his first year as a Ranger in 2008.

Hamilton was the 2008 American League RBI leader and put on a dazzling display of power in front of a national television audience at the MLB All-Star Home Run Derby in Yankee Stadium. He was an All-Star Game starting outfielder and finished the season as the Rangers' MVP with 32 home runs, 130 RBI and a .304 batting average. Injuries limited Hamilton to 89 games in 2009 when he hit .269 with 10 homers and 54 RBI.

Since beginning his recovery, Hamilton has been actively involved in Christian ministries. In 2008, he and his wife created Triple Play Ministries, focusing its efforts on sports ministry, community outreach, and mission projects.

His autobiography, *Beyond Belief*, debuted at No. 19 on the *New York Times* Bestsellers List for non-fiction in October 2008. He and Katie also were guests of President George W. Bush at the White House in December 2008 to participate in the Meeting on Drug Use Reduction.

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ROBERT E. HOWARD WESTERN STORY SERIAL

MEET CAP'N KIDD

Continued

After he was out of sight amongst the trees I come out of cover and looked into the cleft. It was kinda like a short blind canyon. It warn't but about thirty foot wide at the mouth, but it widened quick till it made a kind of bowl a hundred yards across, and then narrowed to a crack again. Rock walls five hundred foot high was on all sides except at the mouth.

"And here," says I to myself, "is a ready-made corral!"

Then I lay to and started to build a wall to close the mouth of the canyon. Later on I heard that a scientific expedition (whatever the hell that might be) was all excited over finding evidences of an ancient race up in the mountains. They said they found a wall that could of been built only by giants. They was crazy; that there was the wall I built for Cap'n Kidd.

I knowed it would have to be high and solid if I didn't want Cap'n Kidd to jump it or knock it down. They was plenty of boulders laying at the foot of the cliffs which had weathered off, and I didn't use a single rock which weighed less'n three hundred pounds, and most of 'em was a lot heavier than that. It taken me most all morning, but when I quit I had me a wall higher'n the average man could reach, and so thick and heavy I knowed it would hold even

Cap'n Kidd.

I left a narrer gap in it, and piled some boulders close to it on the outside, ready

to shove 'em into the gap. Then I stood outside the wall and squalled like a cougar. They ain't even a cougar hisself can tell the difference when I squalls like one. Purty soon I heard Cap'n Kidd give his war-neigh off yonder, and then they was a thunder of hoofs and a snapping and crackling of bresh, and he come busting into the open with his ears laid back and his teeth bare and his eyes as red as a Comanche's war-paint. He sure hated cougars. But he didn't seem to like me much neither. When he seen me he give a roar of rage, and come for me lickety-split. I run through the gap and hugged the wall inside, and he come thundering after me going so fast he run clean across the bowl before he checked hisself. Before he could get back to the gap I'd run outside and was piling rocks in it. I had a good big one about the size of a fat hawg and I jammed it in the gap first and piled t'others on top of it.

Cap'n Kidd arriv at the gap all hoofs and teeth and fury, but it was already filled too high for him to jump and too solid for him to tear down. He done his best, but all he done was to knock some chunks offa the rocks with his heels. He sure was mad. He was the maddest hoss I ever seen, and when I got up on the wall and he seen me, he nearly busted with rage.

To be continued.

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Male Menopause

Male Menopause, low testosterone, or "low T" as we sometimes hear the medical condition called is a fairly common occurrence.

Fairly often, we see male patients who experience menopausal symptoms just as some women do. The symptoms include hot flashes, night sweats, weight gain, loss of strength, decreased or lack of libido, forgetfulness, depression, insomnia, poor concentration, and a host of other symptoms such as loss of bone mass.

When a man suffers from these symptoms; a testosterone deficiency can easily be diagnosed by a simple blood test. If the result shows a testosterone deficiency, there are a variety of treatments.

Testosterone deficiency can be treated economically with injections every few weeks.

Also available are certain forms of tablets, creams, and gels. Whichever method a patient chooses to use, treatment will usually correct the testosterone deficiency in an expeditious manner. As a result, we usually see the unpleasant symptoms treated effectively.

While men are often less likely to discuss symptoms of hormone deficiency with the physician than are women, we must realize that their treatment is just as important. The good news is that diagnosis and treatment are simple and results are usually outstanding.

If you or someone you know is having their life complicated by testosterone deficiency symptoms, do them a favor & tell them to get checked out. Relief can be simple.

To your health, happiness & peace.

Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball December 17th-19th

The 75th consecutive re-enactment of the legendary 1885 Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball will be held at historic Pioneer Hall in Anson on December 17, 18 & 19 from 8pm until 12 midnight.

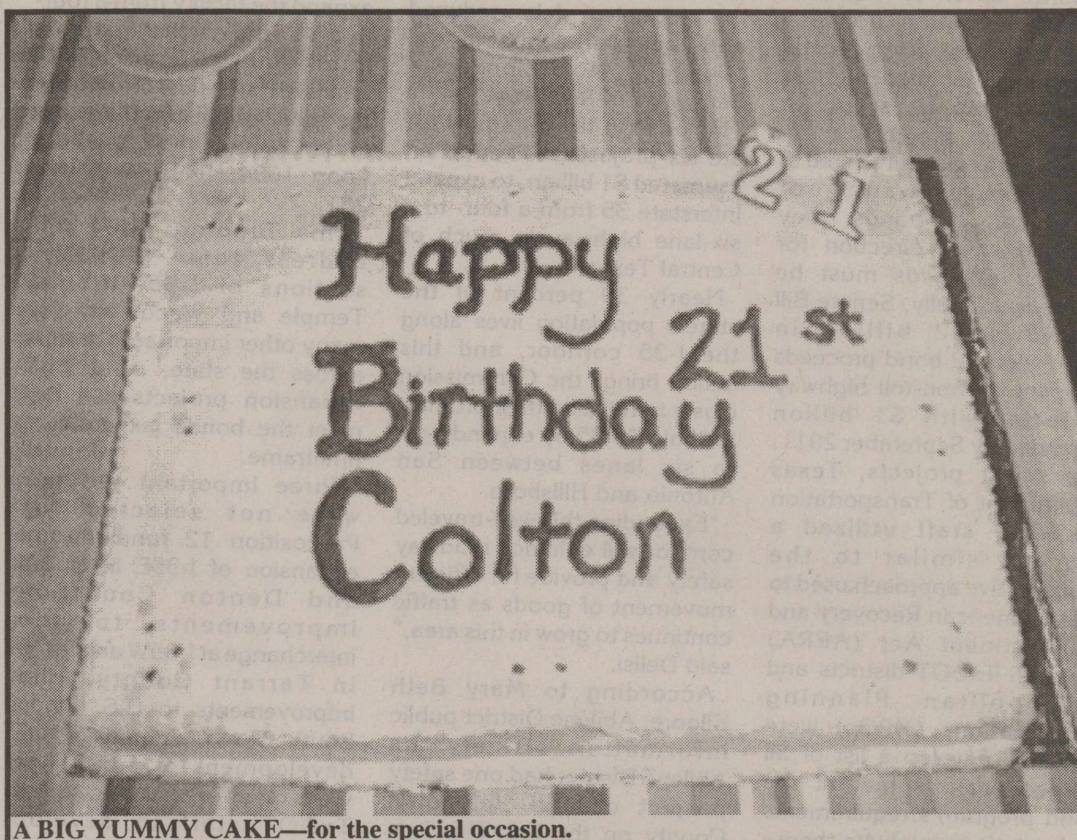
Michael Martin Murphey and Rio Grande will open the Ball on Thursday night. Advance tickets may be purchased for \$15 by calling Nettie Lee (325-823-2159) or Suanne Holtman (325-537-2589). Muddy Creek will play on Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$5.

Ladies must wear dresses and gentlemen must check hats. For more information, please see the website at <http://www.thetexascowboyschristmasballfansontexas.com/> or call one of the ladies above.

Submitted by: John Comper



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Eight Diabetes myths busted

With an increasing number of Americans affected by diabetes, 24 million have diabetes and an additional 57 million are at risk, it is important for everyone to understand diabetes fact from fiction.

In an effort to promote understanding during National Diabetes Awareness Month, Marc Wolf, registered pharmacist and founder and CEO of Diabetic Care Services, addresses some of the most common diabetes myths.

1. You can have a minor case of diabetes or borderline diabetes.

Many people believe they only have a "borderline" case of diabetes, but there is absolutely no such thing as borderline diabetes; you either have diabetes or you do not. In fact, people who refuse to admit they have diabetes can be in serious danger of experiencing a number of diabetic complications.

It is possible to have a condition known as pre-diabetes, in which a person frequently experiences blood glucose levels that are above average but not high enough to be considered an indicator of diabetes. Pre-diabetes is a serious condition that must be monitored and managed constantly to avoid development of diabetes and other associated complications.

2. People with diabetes are all overweight.

While type 1 diabetes has nothing to do with one's weight, obesity can be a trigger for type 2 diabetes. Body fat can interfere with the body's ability to use insulin, causing type 2 diabetes. However, this is not the only cause of type 2 diabetes, and not all people with type 2 diabetes are overweight. Family history and genetics also play a large role.

3. Sugar, chocolate and other sweets are off-limits to people with diabetes.

People with diabetes are able to eat sweets, chocolate, or other foods with sugar as part of a healthy and balanced meal plan. As long as diabetics can identify the carbohydrate values in the treats they are eating, they can adjust daily meal plans accordingly.

4. People with diabetes have to eat special food.

People with diabetes do not need to eat "special" food. The same nutrition guidelines that apply to the general population also apply to diabetics; maintain the proper balance between carbohydrates, fat and protein, avoid saturated and trans fats, as well as foods high in sodium and sugar.

5. You can catch diabetes from someone else.

Diabetes is not contagious. While scientists are not sure what causes diabetes, you cannot get the disease by

coming in contact with someone who is diabetic. However, family history and genetics can play a roll.

6. Diabetes hinders a person's ability to perform well at work or school.

Absolutely not. Although diabetes is a long-term disease without a cure, it can be managed if treated properly, allowing someone living with diabetes to lead a full and active life. However, people living with diabetes must plan ahead and take extra precautions when necessary. For example, taking food and medication with them on a long shopping trip or car ride, business meeting or to class and after school activities.

7. People with diabetes are more likely to catch a cold or other illness.

People with diabetes are not more likely to get a cold or flu than the general population. However, if you have diabetes, catching a cold or flu can make your condition worse because the added stress of being ill causes blood sugars to rise.

8. Stress can cause type 2 diabetes.

This is not true. Although stress is a leading factor in many illnesses, high levels of stress have not been clinically proven to directly cause diabetes. But large amounts of stress are not good for anyone, and stress can worsen the disease by triggering other medical conditions or complications.

Callahan County's jobless rate rises in October to 6.4%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose one-tenth of one percent to 6.4 percent in October 2009, according to jobless figures released Friday, November 20th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County in September 2008 was 4.1 percent.

Of the 7,264 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,796 were employed during October 2009, and 468 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 6.4%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in October 2008 was 4.1%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 6.3% in September 2009. Of the 7,292 civilian labor force in the county during September, 6,834 had jobs while 458 or 6.3% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 6.1% in August 2009, 6.7% in July, 6.7% in June, 5.7% in May, 4.9% in April, 5.0% in March, 4.9% in February, 4.9% in January, 4.3% in December 2008, and 4.4% in November, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for October 2009 include: Brown, 7.0%; Coleman, 6.8%; Eastland, 8.2%; Jones, 7.9%; Runnels, 8.3%; Shackelford, 4.1%; Stephens, 6.9%; and Taylor County, 5.9%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 6.1% in October 2009, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 83,500. There were 78,400 employed during October 2009, while 5,100 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 6.1%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 83,900 in September 2009, with total employment of 78,600 in September, while 5,300 were unemployed in September.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for October 2008 was 3.9%, with the total workforce at 82,800, with 79,600 employed and 3,200 unemployed.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of October 2009 was 8.1 percent. Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 8.2 percent. The state's unemployment rate in October of 2008 was 5.2 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for October 2009 was 9.5 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of September 2009 was 9.5%. The United States unem-

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Sept. 6.3%	Oct. 6.4%
Total Labor Force	7,292	7,264
Total Employed	6,834	6,796
Total Unemployed	458	468

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Highlights of the Texas Labor Force

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate decreased one-tenth of a percentage point in October 2009 to 8.1 percent. This month's unemployment rate was 2.9 percentage points higher than last year's estimate of 5.2 percent. From January to October 2009, the unemployment rate increased by 1.3 percentage points. The national unemployment rate remained unchanged for October 2009 at 9.5 percent. Since October 2008, the national unemployment rate has moved upwards by 3.4 percentage points. The Texas unemployment rate has consistently remained below the national unemployment rate for 34 months.

- The Civilian Labor Force increased by 5,400 for an October estimate of 12,073,200 Texans. Since January 2009, Texas added 299,100 workers into the Civilian Labor Force at a rate of 2.5 percent. Annually, the Civilian Labor Force grew by 261,000 persons at a rate of 2.2 percent.

- The number of jobholders increased by 17,200 for a current estimate of 11,090,200 persons. This was the sixth monthly gain in the number of workers in 2009. The number of jobholders expanded 112,600, or 1.0 percent, since January 2009. Annually, the number of jobholders has declined by 110,100 persons. The number of jobseekers declined 11,800 in October 2009, the fourth monthly drop this year. Since October 2008, 371,100 more Texans have been added to the number of the unemployed.

- The number of unemployment insurance recipients declined this month by 16,400 for a total of 212,500 persons continuing to receive benefits. In the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), 24 showed an over-the-month decrease in claims

for benefits and one increased. The Midland and the Odessa MSAs showed the largest decrease in claims activity at -20.4 and -17.7 percent over the month. The Texarkana MSA was the only MSA to post an over-the-month increase in claims activity for the month of October.

- In October, 20 MSA's experienced a decline in the unemployment rate while one increased and three remained unchanged. The College Station-Bryan MSA recorded the largest over-the-month decline in the unemployment rate with a decrease of five-tenths of a percentage point, for a rate of 6.0 percent. The Lubbock MSA held the lowest unemployment rate at 5.4 percent.

"HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE"

Six Texas MSAs Listed in Top U.S. Metropolitan Economies

NEW YORK, N.Y. (BusinessWeek.com-Prashant Gopal)—"America's strongest economies have one thing in common—home prices that never got too hot or too cold. Using data and analysis from the Brookings Institution's new MetroMonitor study, BusinessWeek.com ranked the nation's top 40 economies based on job growth, employment, economic growth, and home prices. And Texas seems to be the clear winner with San Antonio at the top of the list and five metros in the top 10."

"San Antonio, the second-largest city in Texas and the site of the battle of the Alamo, has one of the strongest job markets in the nation. Construction, which slowed during the recession, remains relatively robust, in part because of a new JW Marriott, a Caterpillar plant now under construction, as well as school, hospital, and military projects." San Antonio placed nationally in the top ten economic categories in

job growth, "Gross Metro Product", unemployment rank, and home price change.

Austin-Round Rock placed second in the nation largely because the area ranked second nationally in job growth and Gross Metro Product, according to BusinessWeek. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington was rated fifth with a strong third ranking in home price change. A first position in home price change helped Houston in being ranked ninth by BusinessWeek. A fifth place rating in job growth helped El Paso to a tenth metro ranking nationally. McAllen-Edinburg-Mission benefited from their number one ranking in job growth as they were rated 12th in the nation among U.S. metropolitan economies.

Baylor, TSTC, Cities to Build Research Park

WACO, TX (Waco Tribune-Mike Copeland & Tim Woods)—A group of local colleges and city governments, led by Baylor University and Texas State Technical College, will pour nearly \$30 million into the old General Tire plant to develop a 300,000-square-foot technology research center beginning early next year. Baylor regents sealed the deal by voting unanimously to spend \$10 million to launch the project, matching a state grant that was awarded to TSTC.

Called the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative, or BRIC, the venture involves Baylor, TSTC, McLennan Community College, the cities of Waco and Bellmead, McLennan County and several local businesses. Truell Hyde, Baylor's vice president for research, said the jobs will be "relatively good-paying, high-tech, faculty-type jobs. The types of jobs that will be attracted will be white-collar jobs." Completion is planned in 2012, with the center expected to employ 300 its first year and 500 by 2014.

Deloitte Breaks Ground for Training Facility

WESTLAKE, TX (Fort Worth Star-Telegram)—The chief executive of New York-based Deloitte L.L.R., Barry Salzberg, said during a ground-breaking ceremony that following through with plans to build a \$300 million training facility during the worst recession in 50 years is actually "a bullish and smart move." The training and conference facility is expected to draw more than 40,000 visitors a year, create 100 jobs for Deloitte and 400 other operations jobs. It's also expected to generate about 1,000 jobs during construction. Deloitte is one of the nation's largest accounting and consulting firms.

Callahan County to host 3 hour CEU night course December 7th

Many producers that have a pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) for recertification of their license. Therefore, a special three (3) Hour pesticide re-certification night course for Texas Department of Agriculture applicator license holders is set for Monday, December 7th in the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6 p.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for 1 Hour in Laws and Regulation, 1 Hour in Integrated Pest Management, and 1 Hour of General. These

hours will apply to Commercial, Non-commercial, and Private Applicators' license holders.

The program will begin with Laws and Regulations presentation followed by Integrated Pest Management presentation discussing alternative approaches available when using pesticides. The night course will conclude after a 1 hour general presentation at 9:00 p.m. CEU certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

Cost for the training is \$5.00. To register or for more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

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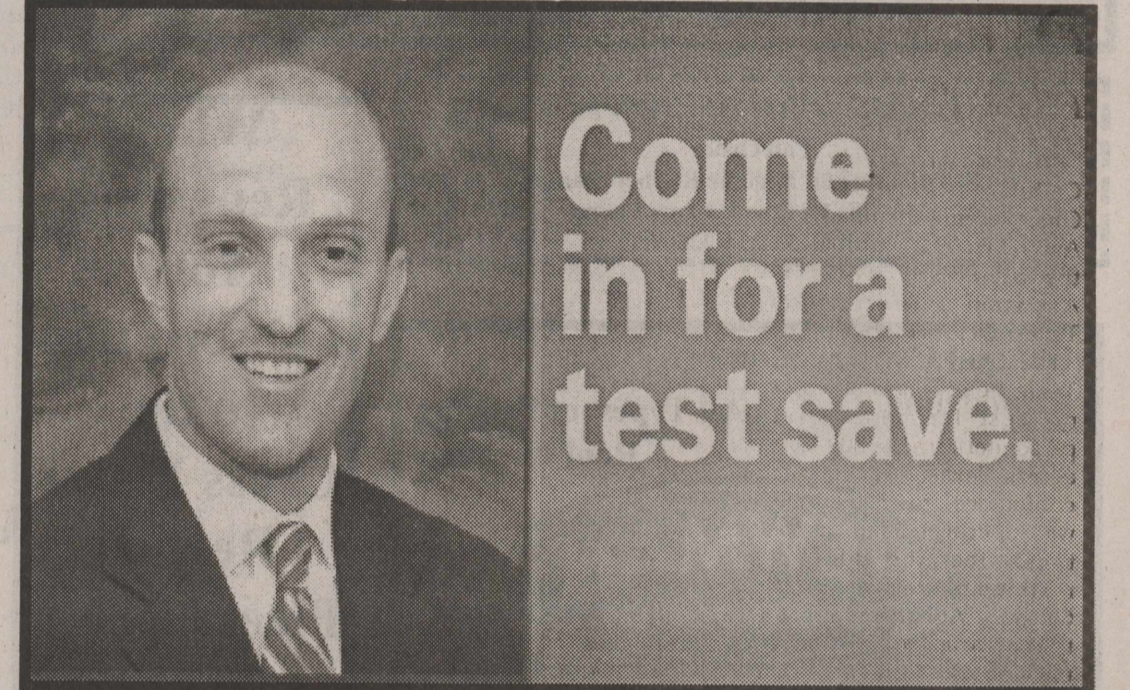
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Development, the George Christian Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award and the Award of Excellence in Media Achievement. December is also the last opportunity for students to submit their applications for the THC's Preservation Fellows Program. The program strives to increase the diversity of professionals working in the field of historic preservation and targets undergraduate and graduate students to promote their interest in pursuing fields of study in history, preservation, architecture, landscape architecture, archeology, downtown revitalization and heritage tourism. In addition, the THC recognizes Texas history authors with the T.R.

Fehrenbach Book Award. Named in honor of historian and THC Commissioner Emeritus T.R. Fehrenbach, the award recognizes writing based on original research that preserves, records and recounts the prehistory of history of the state. Books submitted for the award must have a 2009 copyright date and a minimum print run of 200. The deadline for preservation award nominations is 5 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2009. Final submissions for the Preservation Fellows Program and the T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 31, 2009. To obtain a complete listing of awards available and a nomination form for submissions visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

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Texans Granted Additional Weeks of Federal Extended Unemployment Compensation

AUSTIN - The U.S. Department of Labor has authorized the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) to begin processing unemployment benefit claims for the newly enacted 14-week extension of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) Act benefits.

Claimants do not need to contact TWC unless they receive a letter with instructions to do so. This 14-week extension of benefits is part of EUC, which expires on December 31, 2009 unless Congress renews the EUC Act. Therefore, claimants who exhaust regular unemployment insurance (UI) or the previous federal extensions after December 26 will not be able to apply for this new federal extension. TWC estimates that approximately 27,500 claimants will exhaust their benefits the week ending January 2, 2010.

TWC is working with

Congress as it considers changing the expiration date of the EUC Act beyond the end of 2009. Because the additional benefits are federally funded, employers will not be charged for claims paid through this extension.

Claimants who currently receive unemployment benefits should continue to request payment as scheduled. Claimants should keep their addresses current by updating them online at HYPERLINK "http://ui.texasworkforce.org" or by contacting a UI Tele-Center toll-free at 1-800-939-6631.

TWC and the 28 local workforce development boards remain committed to providing work search assistance, training and other services to unemployed Texans. Thousands of job postings are available on WorkInTexas.com, TWC's online, job-matching Web site.

Arlinda Williams attends 7th Annual Training Conference

Arlinda Williams from the Callahan County Sheriff's Office recently attended the 7th Annual Training Conference for the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant in San Marcos, Texas, October 28-30, 2009.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas holds this conference at no cost for administrative personnel from Sheriffs' Offices across Texas. Each year the conference provides attendees with critical training on topics that affect the duties and responsibilities of Sheriffs Offices. Attendees also have the opportunity to network with their peers and discuss issues faced by law enforcement agencies across the state.

This year, more than 50 people were in attendance. Each participant received training on a wide variety of topics including, TCLEDDs, Crime Victim Compensation,

Child Identification, Evidence Room Basics, Street Management, Texas Commission of Jail Standards, Identity Theft and more.

The Sheriffs' Association of Texas (SAT) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of local law enforcement in Texas. Through the support of their Members, SAT provides training, legal/technical information, and other critical resources to law enforcement personnel in Texas. SAT also offers scholarships to Peace Officers and their children who wish to continue their education. In addition, they honor Fallen Officers with their Lost Lawman Memorial. For more information or to join, visit www.txsheriffs.org or call (512) 445-5888.

Car thieves may be after your Holiday Gifts

AUSTIN—During the holiday season, Santa may not be the only one watching you. Car thieves may be watching you and your car, especially if it is filled with holiday gifts and other valuables left in plain sight. Consumers need to be aware that the holidays are a prime time for thieves to strike. Every 2-1/2 minutes in Texas, another vehicle is broken into and the contents stolen. In 2008, thieves committed 259,705 burglary of motor vehicle offenses, including motor vehicle parts, accounting for an economic loss totaling over \$184,000,000 in Texas.

"The holidays should be filled with happiness, spending time with family and friends and shopping for that perfect gift, not worrying about car thieves," said Charles Caldwell, director of the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority. "During the busy holiday shopping season, shoppers may overlook common sense precautions, especially when dealing with crowded parking lots and rushing from store to store."

This holiday season hundreds of law enforcement task force representatives, funded by the Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), will be out in their communities, reminding Texans that where they are, car thieves are so they need to take better safety measures to secure their valuables.

"There are a few easy steps that can help make sure your holiday gifts wind up in the right hands," said Caldwell. "In addition to parking in well lit areas, you need to hide your gifts, lock your car, and take your keys."

About Us

The Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), supports a statewide network through grants, theft reduction initiatives, and public awareness/education. Since its inception in 1991, ABTPA has funded and managed 485 grants which have reduced motor vehicle theft by 61%. For more information on ABTPA and prevention tips, go to HYPERLINK "http://www.txwatchyourcar.com" or call (512) 374-5101. Find us on HYPERLINK "http://www.facebook.com/pages/Austin/Texas-Auto-Burglary-and-Theft-Prevention-Authority/93858259025" Facebook.

The Texas Department of Vehicles (TxDMV) is responsible for vehicle registration and titling, issuing motor carrier operating authority, motor carrier enforcement, licensing vehicle dealers, and awarding law enforcement agencies grants to reduce auto theft and increase public awareness. Visit www.TxDmv.gov for more information about the state agency.

Raising Our Voices

The "prayer petition" in town will be rotated to other locations this next week. If you have not located one please call me at 725-4546.

Also, if you are a shut-in, I will bring by a petition for your signature. I carry one with me, if you see me out, and would like to add your voice to restore "allowed open prayer" in our nations public schools, I have it available for you to sign.

Political advertisement paid for by Geneva Nelson, 13420 Hwy. 36 E., Cross Plains, TX 76443

Help Light the Tree of Faith, Love & Hope for Local Cancer Patients

Help Light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" in honor of or in memory of local Cross Plains area cancer patients.

The tree, a 10 ft. Afghanistan Pine, donated by Childress Farm, has been planted in the park area next to the Cross Plains Library and is lighted with multi-colored bulbs in memory of and in honor of loved ones who have passed on or are fighting in the battle with cancer.

You can help light the tree by purchasing a bulb for each person you'd like to remember or honor. Bulbs are \$2.00 donation each and are accompanied by a ribbon signifying "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved one or friend. The bulbs and ribbons will be added to the tree for you. All you need to do is purchase the bulb at Texas Heritage Bank (or by mail) and give the names for the "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" ribbon that will go on the tree.

To purchase a bulb by mail, fill out the form below and mail it to:

Melissa Richards
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Use an additional sheet of paper to list more names for the tree. For questions or more information, contact Melissa Richards at 254-725-6651.

Proceeds from the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" go to help cancer patients in the Cross Plains area. Primarily, the fund helps with transportation costs—gas, food and lodging—when local patients travel the distance to and from the hospital for treatments. Your donations help your friends and neighbors.

Help light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope"—and the entire park. Make this a great Christmas Memorial to those who have gone on before and to those who are fighting the battle with cancer.

Windbreak Trees Orders Being Taken Until January 25th

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Idalou, Texas.

This year's selection of available trees include a variety of evergreens. They are Colorado Blue Spruce, Afghanistan Pine, Eastern Redcedar, Pinyon Pine and Italian Stone Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for \$20.00 or \$105.00 for a box of 30 per species.

In addition to the Evergreens, several varieties of bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are being offered this year. The list includes Sawtooth Oak, Bur Oak, Shumard Oak, Redbud and Pecan.

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Each of the above trees will come with two stakes and a tree protector.

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Tree orders will be taken until January 25th, 2010. Some species are limited so place your order early to ensure you get what you want. All orders are pre-paid with check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Ext 3.

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

THE EASIEST WAY TO LEARN

A true story points to a universal truth about human beings we learn best by watching how others behave.

President Calvin Coolidge once invited friends from his hometown to dine with him at the White House. Unsure of their table manners, the guests decided to imitate the President. They watched closely to see which utensils he used, what foods he ate and when.

Their strategy seemed to succeed until coffee was served. Coolidge poured some coffee into his saucer. They did the same. He added sugar and cream. His guests did too. Then the President bent over and put his saucer on the floor for the cat!

Like Coolidge's hometown guests, we too seem to learn best by imitation. Kids learn by observing parents when they are young, and by copying their peers as they grow older. In fact, parents should probably be less concerned about whether their children are paying attention to them and more worried about the fact that their kids are always watching.

They tell us that adults learn in much the same way. If you're struggling with your computer or want to learn to drive a car, you will be more successful if you have someone show you how to do it. You can always read the operators manual and try to figure everything out yourself, but you will learn best by watching others and asking questions.

What if you want to become

more self confident, to organize your life, to be a better parent or to get along better with others? Again, we're told that the best way to learn these skills and attitudes is to find somebody who already is confident, or who is an effective parent or who has healthy attitudes and then mimic the traits you want to adopt. It is the easiest and quickest way to shape your life.

Just about any personality trait or skill can be learned: simply find it in someone you know and copy it. Then watch what happens.

BY Steve Goodier

PEANUT BUTTER FROSTS

1 cup self-rising flour
1 cup quick cooking oats
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup margarine, softened
1/3 cup peanut butter
1 egg beaten.

Combine flour, oats, and sugars. Add butter, peanut butter and egg. Stir, will be crumbly. Press into a 9 inch square pan. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes.

FROSTING

1/4 cup margarine, softened
1/4 cup peanut butter
1 t. vanilla
1 & 1/2 cup powdered sugar
1 T. plus 2 t. milk.

Combine butter and 1 cup powdered sugar. Beat until creamy. Add rest of sugar, peanut butter milk and vanilla. Beat until fluffy.

Kathy Boone

Desma Cantine completes training course at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas

Desma Cantine, administrator of the Callahan County Jail, recently completed an extensive training course at the Correctional Management Institute of Texas, a division of Sam Houston State University. One of only 34 jail administrators chosen from across Texas, Desma Cantine spent more than 40 hours in this program learning the professional skills and techniques needed for managing a jail.

The training was provided at no cost to Callahan County or the registrants, through a collaboration of the Correctional Management

Institute of Texas and the Texas Association of Counties. These elite 34 return to their counties with an education in their profession that is unequalled in Texas.

The Texas Association of Counties, which provides training to all county officials, is a non-profit professional organization. Sam Houston State University is known nationwide as the premier school for Criminal Justice students. The Texas Jail Association and the Sheriff's Association of Texas are professional organizations dedicated to the training and welfare of their members.

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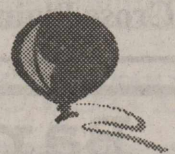
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Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512-463-0124.

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Barack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Randy Neugebauer, Congressman, 19th Texas District, 429 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone 325-675-9779 or 325-675-5038 for Fax. For email access, go to <http://www.house.gov/neugebauer> and click on the appropriate link.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-5922. Fax 202/224-0776. For email go to <http://Hutchison.Senate.gov>

"If It's Not Your Money - It's a Crime!" It's Everyone's Business Campaign Targets Financial Exploitation

Adult Protective Services (APS), a division of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), is partnering with banks and other groups to educate the public about financial exploitation of the elderly and people with disabilities.

This month, financial institutions across Texas are hanging APS posters in offices to educate their employees on the signs of exploitation, such as:

Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices.
Unexplained or unexpected withdrawals of large sums of money.

Adding names to an elderly or disabled person's bank signature card.

Unfamiliar people accompanying bank customers to withdraw large sums.

Unauthorized withdrawals of funds using an ATM card or sudden transfers of assets.

Sudden changes in financial document.

Unpaid bills despite having adequate money.

Sudden appearance of previously uninvolved relatives claiming rights to a person's affairs and possessions.

Abuse of power of attorney. APS is also distributing brochures and other materials that provide tips on how Texans can protect themselves and some clear examples of exploitation. And, APS is holding conferences in many communities to further understanding of financial

exploitation and build on the efforts of APS, law enforcement agencies, and prosecutors to combat it.

"Everyone needs to understand that taking the money of an elderly parent or a person with disabilities is not okay," says APS Assistant Commissioner Beth Engelking. "We want people to realize that if it's not their money, it's a crime. If you suspect exploitation, call 1-800-252-5400 and file a report so APS and law enforcement can investigate."

In addition, APS urges all Texans who know someone with a disability or who is elderly to be on the lookout for signs of financial exploitation, because stopping abuse and exploitation is truly everyone's business.

"There is an old Spanish proverb that I think illustrates why everyone has a stake in stopping elder abuse," said Engelking. "As you see yourself, I once saw myself. As you see me now, you will be seen. At some point we all need help and that is why financial exploitation is everyone's business."

APS' *It's Everyone's Business* campaign is a statewide effort to educate Texans about the pervasive problem of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly and adults with disabilities, and to encourage citizens to get involved in making a positive difference.

It's Everyone's Business features two main themes:

Adult abuse prevention. Financial exploitation prevention.

An Adult Abuse Prevention Kit, containing 31 pages of resources in English and Spanish, are also distributed each year to hospitals, faith-based organizations, libraries, home health agencies, senior centers, Area Agencies on Aging, and other community partners. The kit, as well as the new financial exploitation poster and brochure, are available online at www.everyonesbusiness.org

It's Everyone's Business is a grassroots campaign based on working in partnership with dozens of local agencies and service organizations across Texas.

APS Facts and Figures
The mission of APS is to protect the elderly and adults with disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services necessary to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

Texas has more than 2.4 million residents 65 or older. Nearly one out of four people in Texas either have a disability or are older than 65.

Last year, APS conducted 68,683 investigations and confirmed more than 48,380 cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation involving adults living at home. Last year APS confirmed 1,772 cases of exploitation. APS serves those 65 or older, and those 18 to 64 with a disabling condition.

Callahan County Library News

New to the library are: *Complete Craft* by Katherine Sorrell, *Biscuit's Pet and Play Halloween* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli, *The Perfect Christmas* by Debbie Macomber and *Rough Country* by John Sandford. ELibrary Curriculum Edition

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From the Past Callahan County Clarendon November 13, 1880 Vol. 1, No. 46 Ed. Seay and Frank Collins went to Eastland last Wednesday, on a business trip and returned on Thursday evening.

A new restaurant has been opened in the building formerly occupied by Mr. Ensor's saddle shop. Mr. Atkins is the proprietor.

John D. and George Merchant, sold 800 head of beeves at Fort Worth on last Monday, to Hines & Mann. Twenty-two dollars per head was the price paid.

Mr. C.W. Merchant returned from the west last Tuesday he had collected a fine herd of beeves, which he sold to Mr. Taylor, thus saving a long and cold trip to market.

Our old townsman, W.B. Chittum, left here last week with his family, hunting for a warmer climate further south. He left just in time, for just after he went the big snow storm came on.

WANTED—Some one to start a bank in Belle Plain. Some one to build a mill and cotton gin. Someone to start a tin-shop. Someone to start a dairy and furnish our citizens with milk and butter.

Mr. John Skinner of Pilot Point, Denton County, and Sam Cutbirth of this county, called at our office yesterday. Mr. Skinner is well known to most of our citizens; he is staying for a few days at his daughter's Mrs. J.B. Cutbirth, in the Hubbard Timbers. He reports Pilot Point booming. She will be a railroad town, and everybody is happy over the prospect.

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