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# Happy New Year



## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show set for January 12th-14th

The annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Starting time will be Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the poultry and rabbits.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Burke Robinson as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Cami Robinson as Secretary.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

Heifers, Steers, & Beef--Buster and Karen Smith

Market & Breeding Swine--Scotty Mitchell and Tom Windham

Poultry & Rabbits--Larry McIntire

Sheep & Goats--Bill and Kim Dean

Judging of the poultry and rabbits will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> with Paul Booth doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:30 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Judging will begin at 8:00

a.m. on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Kelby Cowley will judge the Boer Goat Show, then the Market Goat Show, followed by the Market Sheep Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Kevin Thomas, will start judging the Breeding Swine followed by the Market Swine Show.

On the afternoon of the 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed.

Bill Bender, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 14<sup>th</sup> with the heifer show. Bill Bender will also judge the steer show immediately following the heifer show.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, Phill Mitchell and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and they encourage you to support the young folks of Callahan County.

Submitted by:  
Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

## Grand Ole Oplin New Year's Eve Dance

The Oplin Community Center and the GRAND OLE OPLIN invites everyone out on Saturday, December 31st, for our ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE. MUDDY CREEK will be joining us playing all your favorite country tunes and will be on hand to help bring in the New Year. Our New Year's Eve dance will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end a little after midnight. Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$8.00 per person. Black-eyed peas will be served during the band's break.

The Oplin Community Center is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and/or smoking is not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Please remember The Grand Ole Oplin will be closed on December 23rd and on December 30th.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to The Grand Ole Oplin's Annual New Year's Eve dance. We wish you all a safe and Happy New Year !!!

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

## Three file for County Sheriff

Candidate filing for a place on the upcoming Republican Party Primary Election in Callahan County ended on Monday, December 19th, according to Callahan County Republican Party Chairman Reggie Pillans.

Pillans reported one county office—that of County Sheriff—is being contested on the Republican Party Primary ballot.

The Republican Party Primary Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Pillans reported three candidates have filed for the position of County Sheriff, including incumbent Sheriff John Windham, former Clyde Mayor Steve Livingston and Terry Joy.

Pillans said incumbent Sheriff Windham was the first candidate to file for a place on the April 3rd ballot, when he filed December 1st. Windham, 42, has resided in the state 42 years and in the county four years. Windham lists an address of 4093 Private Road 1195, Baird.

Terry Joy, 71, filed for the position of County Sheriff on Thursday, December 15th. Joy has resided in the state all his life and in Callahan County 18 years. He is employed as a substitute

teacher at a prison. Joy resides at 525 Stella in Baird.

Steve Livingston, 50, filed for the position of County Sheriff on Saturday, December 17th. Livingston is a retired Abilene police officer. He has resided in the state 50 years and in Callahan County 24 years, 6 months. He resides at 617 West 5th in Baird.

Pillans reported other candidates filing for the Republican Primary Election included:

Tammy T. Walker, filed for election to the position of Tax Assessor/Collector. Walker, 40, has resided in the state 37 years, 6 months and in Callahan County 37 years, 6 months. Walker resides at 532 East 3rd in Baird. She filed for re-election on Thursday, December 1st.

Incumbent County Attorney Shane Deel filed for re-election on Monday, November 28th. Deel, 39, has resided in the state and in Callahan County all his life. He lives at 1217 West 4th in Baird.

Incumbent Harold Hicks filed for re-election to his County Commissioner Precinct #1 place on Monday, November 28th. Hicks, 71, has resided in the

state 38 years, 11 months and in Callahan County 38 years, 11 months. He resides at 1472 FM 604 North in Clyde.

Incumbent Tom Windham filed for re-election to his County Commissioner Precinct #3 place on Monday, November 28th. Windham, 60, has resided in the state and in Callahan County all his life. He lives at 1871 U.S. Highway 283 North in Baird.

Incumbent County Constable for Precinct #4 Ed C. Duncan, filed for re-election on Friday, December 9th. Duncan, 72, has resided in the state all his life and in Callahan County 15 years. Duncan resides at 18028 Highway 206 in Cross Plains.

Incumbent Republican Party Chairman Reggie Pillans filed for re-election as the County Chairman on Wednesday, November 23rd. Pillans, 64, has resided in the state all his life and in Callahan County 10 years. He resides at 8567 County Road 419, Cisco.

Early voting for the Tuesday, April 3rd Republican Primary Election is Saturday, March 3rd. The last day to early vote by personal appearance is Friday, March 30th.

## Driver's License Office in Baird open

The Driver's License Office in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN again.

The Baird office will be open on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Dr. Calvo appointed as Callahan County Health Authority

Callahan County Commissioners voted to appoint Dr. Raul N. Calvo, Jr. of Baird as the local Health Authority for Callahan County.

The commissioners' court took the action Tuesday, December 27th during a regular meeting held at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to appoint Dr. Calvo as the local Health Authority for Callahan County.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treas-

urer Dianne Gunter.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

## Jimmy Easter appointed to Appraisal District Board

Callahan County Commissioners voted Thursday, December 22nd to cast all 1,180 Callahan County votes to elect Jimmy Easter to the Callahan County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The commissioners' court held the brief meeting to sign a resolution to elect Easter to the Appraisal District Board. On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to sign the resolution casting all 1,180 Callahan County votes for Mr. Easter.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting was Donna Bell, County Clerk.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:34 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

## Feral Hog Certification Forms Due January 4th

The Callahan County Predator Control Association is encouraging anyone that has hunted or trapped Feral Hogs during the time period of October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 to turn in a signed certification form stating the number of hogs killed, approximate date, and

location. These numbers will be used in an application for USDA Grant Funds that would help the Association with the cost of this year's program. Five Grants will be awarded this year by the USDA Wildlife Service to counties that qualify.

If you need a certification form or have any questions please contact the Extension Office at 325 854-5835; Tom Windham at 325 668-8184; Jan Windham at 325 665-1972.

Tom Windham  
Board President

## Keepsake Calendars Are On Sale NOW!!

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center has 2012 Centennial calendars for sale. The sponsors of the calendars were The City of Cross Plains, Reed Construction, Cross Plains Review, Resource Care, Barbarian Festival, Linda Slaymaker-Watkins Products, Avon and Stanley Home Products, Dal-Mar Energy, Inc., Higginbothams, Texas Heritage Bank, Chamber of Commerce, and J's Art and Soul.

A huge thank you to Teri Brown who designed the calendar. The calendars are \$10.00 each and are available at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center, the Library, the Bank, Ray's barber shop, Connies, Cross Plains Review and many other places around town. They make a very inexpensive Christmas gift that will last all year long and a great keepsake! All proceeds benefit the center.

## New Property Tax Exemption for Veterans' Surviving Spouses

(AUSTIN)—Texas continues to do its part to help military veterans and their families. A full homestead property tax exemption that began in 2009 to help totally disabled military veterans will extend to their surviving spouses after January 1st.

"This new provision will help families who have been a part of the tremendous sacrifice that veterans have given our country," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs. "Texas voters overwhelmingly passed a constitutional amendment that will allow surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans to continue to claim a full homestead exemption and not pay property taxes on their home."

In 2009, veterans began receiving an exemption for the total appraised value of their residential homesteads if they have received 100 percent disability rating or are considered unemployable by

the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Based on information provided by appraisal districts, about 35,300 veterans currently receive that exemption.

The homestead exemption for surviving spouses of veterans who received the exemption begins January 1st. Senate Bill 516 allows the total homestead exemption if a surviving spouse does not remarry after a disabled veteran passes away and the property remains the homestead of the surviving spouse.

Surviving spouses would have to apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district. The application form containing property tax exemptions has been updated for residents and appraisal districts to use. It can be found at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-114.pdf>

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## Church Directory

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

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Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

### Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

### Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor:

Music Director:

Dwaine Clowers

Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm

Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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## Obituaries



ROBERTA NELL  
ISENHOWER

### Roberta Nell Isenhower

Roberta Nell Isenhower, age 94, of Putnam, Texas, passed away Saturday, December 24, 2011, at her home. Services were held Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in the First Baptist Church of Baird. Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiated. Interment followed in the Putnam Cemetery. Parker Funeral Home of Baird was in charge of arrangements.

Roberta was born April 25, 1917, in Plum Creek, Colorado, to John E. Pruet and Rubye Gunn Pruet. She moved to Putnam as an infant and lived in the area the rest of her life. She graduated from Putnam High School and had been a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Putnam. Roberta had also been a member of the Eastern Star for many years, serving as Worthy Matron several times.

Roberta and John D. Isenhower married September 18, 1936, at the Baptist church in Putnam Texas. He preceded her in death on January 9, 2008. They had shared 71 years of marriage at the time of his passing.

Survivors include 5 daughters, Mary Helen Green of Putnam, Texas, Beth Petty and husband Butch of Putnam, Texas, Linda Fiore and husband Joe of Houston, Texas, Gay McClean of Arlington, Texas, and Elaine Reynolds and husband Roddy of Abilene, Texas; 4 sons, John Doyle Isenhower and wife Meta of Putnam, Texas, James Royce Isenhower and wife Gayle of Putnam, Texas, David Isenhower and wife Carol of Sherman, Texas, and Donald Isenhower and wife Cindy of Abilene, Texas; 28 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Putnam Cemetery Fund or a charity of your choice.

### Cross Plains Review Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday  
Articles Noon on Monday

### Citanya "Tanner" Scott

"Tanner", age 28, of Cross Plains passed away Friday, December 23, 2011 in Abilene. Funeral services were held Monday, December 26th at the First Baptist Church; with Pastor Ronnie White officiating; burial took place in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

"Tanner" was born in Denton, TX on December 23, 1983. "Tanner" was a 2002 graduate of Cross Plains High School and the first female to ever play football here.

"Tanner" is survived by her father Charlie Scott of Cross Plains; mother Rhonda Williamson of Cross Plains; sisters, Laci Jessup of Cross Plains, Shyla Powell of Bangs, Becca Smoot of Cross Plains, Lica Smith of Mineola; grandparents, Jimmie and Delores Jackson of China Springs, Pam and Wayne Brown of Mineola; great-grandmother Helen Whiteley of Njmdrod; 3 nephews and 2 nieces.

### R.A. Lowther

R.A. Lowther, Jr., 75, of Cross Plains, died Monday at an area hospital.

Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are being handled by The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road, Abilene.

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## Courthouse News

### CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS Roger Corn, Presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Daniel Puckett, criminal trespass in habitation.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Jermey Don Menchaca, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Ricky Lynn Gregory, order on motion for continuance granted.

### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Criminal Minutes

Charles Dale Reutter, order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

Lucio Olvera, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Cash Juara Corbell, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Ector Co. granted.

Michael Ann Murphy, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Kimberly Hicks, request for extension of probation granted.

Kenneth Lee Williams Jr., request for extension of probation granted.

Charles C. Zara, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Walter A. Emmert, plea of guilty to sexual assault, 6 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$339 court costs.

Marcus A. Johnson, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Billie Jo Parker, order amending conditions of probation granted.

#### Civil Filings

Carlyn Elizabeth Davis-Kahl and Jeremy Bryan Kahl, divorce.

Green Tree Servicing LLC vs. Barbara Cozby and Julie Hardin, debt/contract.

Allen D. Martin Jr. and Joni Martin, divorce.

James Tollett and Virginia Tollett vs. L. Reppert, H. Whitney or S. Holmsely, substitute trustee and JP Morgan Chase Bank, contract/other foreclosure.

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# Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

**Happy New Year!!!!** May 2012 be a joyous prosperous year, full of good health, good friends and a lot more rain than 2011.

Hope that your holiday was joyous and that you spent it with your family and friends. Many folks here in Cottonwood had family in from out of town. I hope that everyone made it back home safely.

New Year's Eve is **Game Night at Cottonwood Baptist Church.** The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. and runs until???? Please bring finger foods and snacks. There

will be church services on Sunday morning, New Year's Day, but no Sunday School.

January is a good month to support your local Fire Departments! \* On Saturday, January 7th, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire will have their **Chili Supper** at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

The following **Saturday, January 14th**, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their **Annual Fish Fry**. This is the fourth year for the fish

fry, but the first year for the dinner to be held at the Baptist Family Center here in Cottonwood. There will be fish and chicken, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw, dessert and of course, Arnie's beans. So plan now to be at the Fish Fry or to stop by and take a couple of dinners home with you. The Fish Fry starts at 5 p.m.

The next **Cottonwood Musical** is **Friday, February 3rd**, as there is NO musical scheduled for January.

## This Year Resolve To Take Care of Yourself

Women who make long-term care plans today may benefit tomorrow

This new year, resolve to take care of yourself!

If you're like most women I know, you probably find yourself wearing many hats—from balancing your work and family life, to caring for younger and older loved ones, to trying to find time in your already packed schedule to make it to the gym.

The holidays tend to rush by in a blur. In the midst of cooking, decorating and finding that perfect last minute gift on top of your usual day-to-day obligations, it can start to feel as if there really isn't enough time in the day. And while women are known for their multitasking skills, planning for our futures seems to wind up on the backburner time and time again.

Now the glitz and glamour of the holiday season is winding down. Folks are beginning to look forward and reflect on goals for the upcoming year. Why not take a moment to focus on you?

Thanks to both scientific improvements and efforts to incorporate healthy eating and exercise into our lifestyles, many of us are enjoying longer lives. We continue to outlive men by almost five years, and we make up two-thirds of Americans age 85 and older. Most of us want to stay independent and in our homes as we age, so planning for our futures and for long-term care is crucial.

Long-term care encompasses a variety of services and support options that allow us to live safely and comfortably if we become sick or suffer from a disability that prevents us from caring for ourselves. It usually includes assistance with daily tasks like preparing meals and getting dressed.

The prospect of planning for long-term care can be daunting, but by taking just a little time now to learn about your options, you might save yourself and your family a lot of worry later on. By asking these questions today, you can reach the future you envision tomorrow:

-What sort of future do I want for myself? From decisions about your health and home to legal and financial issues, it's important to know what you want down the road.

-How can I achieve this future? Creating a plan to achieve your goals is crucial to achieving them.

-Who needs to know about my desires and my plan? Sharing this information with loved ones is an important final step.

This may seem daunting at first but, once you get the ball rolling, it's actually very empowering. Plus, AARP is here to help. Get the latest resources to plan for your future at [www.aarp.org/decide](http://www.aarp.org/decide).

This new year, isn't time to start thinking about you?

By Amanda Fredriksen  
AARP Texas, advocacy director

## You Could Be "The Business of the Month" Check this out

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is wanting to recognize your business. Starting January 2012 we will select a local business for business of the month!

You will display a plaque in your business for that month and the chamber will advertise and promote you. We need a history of your business, how many employees, how long you have been in business, products you sell, & etc. If you would mail this info to the chamber P.O. Box 233 Cross Plains TX 76443, Reply to this email, or get it ready & we will pick it up.

We will only implement this program to the businesses who are members of the chamber and respond. Please respond ASAP, as January is just around the corner and we would like to be ready.

Thank you for your attention to this. The Chamber appreciates your support.

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 17, 2011 through December 23, 2011 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—263  
Complaints—40  
Driving While License Invalid—1

**Vehicle Accidents**  
There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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## Cross Plains Review Wedding Announcement POLICIES

**\$15.00 CHARGE IF YOU DESCRIBE CLOTHING, TABLE/ROOM DECORATIONS, ETC**

There is **NO Charge** for Announcements Without Descriptions  
Call **254-725-6111** For Details

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## Library Notes

### Library Hours:

Monday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
CLOSED FRIDAY

December 19-22, 2011

Patrons: 119  
Books Checked Out: 110  
Copies: 9  
Internet Users: 47  
Reference: 6

### Memorials:

DeVerl and Etna Goode  
In Memory of Don Thornton

Bob and Lavinne Childress  
In Memory of Don Thornton

### Donations:

Ruth V. York  
Chad and Kim Cunningham  
Cross Plains Garden Club  
Anonymous

### Living Tribute:

Linda Burns  
In Honor of the Cross Plains Library Board of Directors

Wallace and Carol Bennett  
In Honor of Kevin and Lee Anne Morton

Bob and Lavinne Childress  
In Honor of Scott and Jacque Childress

### Books and Miscellaneous

Donations:  
Nora Pointer  
Michelle Kaiser  
Connie Kirkham  
Paula Winfrey

Volunteers:  
Suzy Stiver-Nash

## Tate Music Group Presenting New Album

Sunday, January 8th, Kite will be performing songs from her album, "Spread Your Wings and Fly" at 7 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, 1333 Westmoreland, Abilene. Tate Music Group is the publisher.

For additional information, contact Kortney Shepherd at 888-361-9473 or [kortney@tatepub.com](mailto:kortney@tatepub.com).

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## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES: BY AMBER THOMAS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 2nd— Center Closed--Happy New Year!!!  
Tuesday, 3rd— 10:00am Games  
Wednesday, 4th— Nutrition Education  
Thursday, 5th— 10:00am Games  
Friday, 6th— Help For Veterans: Call for information and appointment.

## !Calling All Veterans!

If you are a Veteran there is a table set up at the Senior Center for you to display pictures, memorabilia or anything else related to your time of service. Bring your items to the Center Monday-Friday from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

## Coming Soon! Easy Computer School "Computer Lessons for Seniors"

There will be a free class open to people living in the West Central Texas area and eligible for services from the Area Agency on Aging. The course begins with one hands-on lesson that lasts less than an hour. After that, you take home the DVD and workbook to complete at your convenience.

## Would you like to learn Spanish?

The Cross Plains Senior Center is offering Spanish Classes on Monday evenings. This is a basic Spanish class and is available for Adults in the Cross Plains area and surrounding community. They begin at 6:30 - 7:30pm each week. You may begin the class at any time. If you are interested, please call the Center, 254-725-6521.

## Holiday Schedule

Listed below are the holidays the Center will be closed. NO MEALS OR ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE!

JANUARY 2, 2012      MAY 28, 2012  
APRIL 6, 2012      JULY 4, 2012  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

### January 2—January 6

MONDAY- Center Closed--Happy New Year!!!  
TUESDAY- Taco Salad w/chips, Corn, Fruit, Dessert and Drink  
WEDNESDAY - Chicken Spaghetti, Carrots, Salad, Bread/ Dessert and Drink  
THURSDAY- Salisbury Steak, Diced Potatoes, English Peas, Bread/ Dessert and Drink  
FRIDAY- Turkey Sandwich w/ tom.-lett.-pickles, Broccoli Raisin Salad, Dessert and Drink  
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

## Shady Oaks RESTAURANT

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Tea & Sodas (coke, diet coke, dr. pepper, diet dr. pepper, pepsi, diet pepsi or sprite) .....\$1.79

### Plates:

#1 — 1 meat (1/2lb.)      #2 — 2 meat (3/4lb.)      #3 — 3 meat (1lb.)...\$7.99, \$9.59, \$10.99

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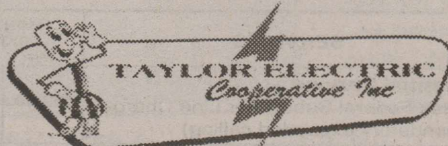
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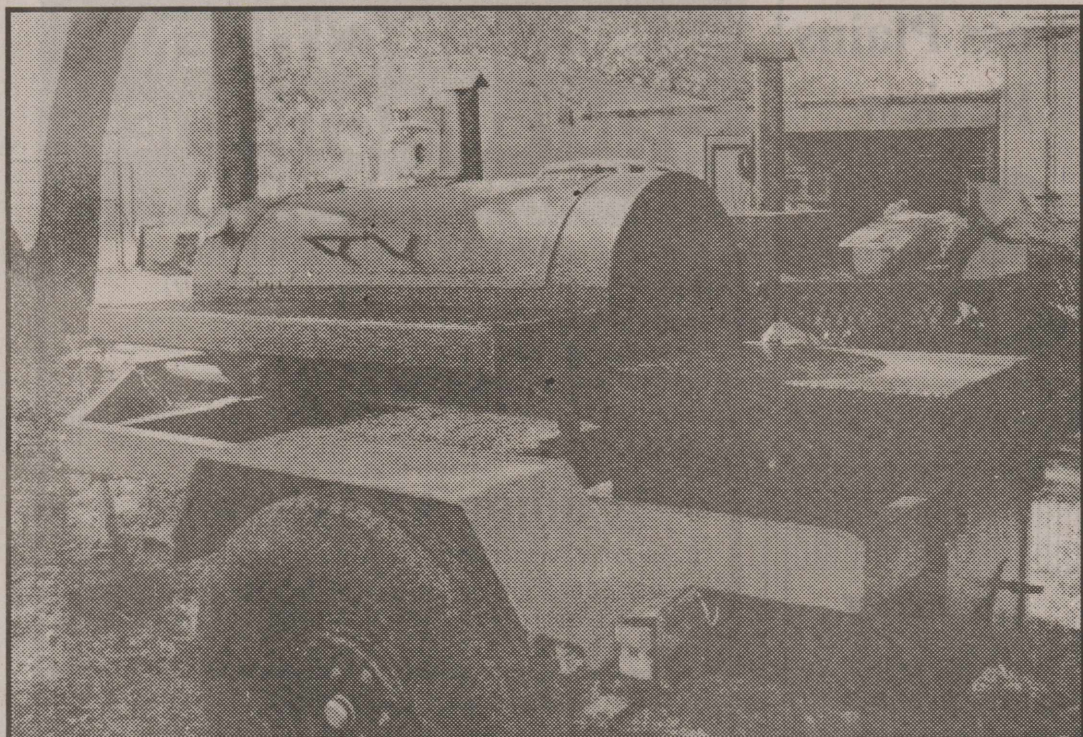
Everyone likes to get new stuff. Some are tired of the old and some really need new stuff...like socks and underwear and roofs. What most of us need is a new day. One that leaves the trouble of yesterday behind, breathes the fresh air, and feels the warmth of sunshine that comes with a new morning.

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## New Year's Resolution: Take a Hike Forty-Plus Texas State Parks to Offer Hikes on New Year's Day as Part of National Program

Committing to a healthier lifestyle continues to be one of the most popular New Year's resolutions for millions of Americans. And this year, Texas State Parks are providing more than 40 places where folks can do just that many of which are located close to major metro areas.

As part of the national umbrella First Day Hikes program set forth by the National Association of State Parks Directors (NASPD), 48 state parks across Texas are scheduled to offer a wide variety of hikes and nature walks this New Year's Day.

"Hiking outdoors is great to do any time, and a novel way to ring in 2012, especially with a group or as a family," said Chris Holmes, director of interpretation for Texas State Parks. "Hiking not only gets people outdoors to experience nature, but it's also healthy. Participating in a First Day hike is a good opportunity to begin a New Year's resolution for healthier living right off the bat."

The concept of having an official "First Day Hike" in a park on New Year's Day originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts, with the intent to promote both wellness and year-round recreation at parks. Since then, other states have offered similar New Year's programs; however, this is the first time all 50 state park systems have joined together to officially sponsor First Day Hikes.

"What better way to kick off the New Year than with a hike at a state park?" said Ruth Coleman, President of NASPD. "Think of it as the start of a new and healthy lifestyle for the whole family. Whether folks are staying close to home or traveling, they can join us at one of America's State Parks on New Year's Day, just about anywhere in the country."

First Day Hikes vary in difficulty and fitness levels, and range from short, leisurely nature walks through forested trails and along boardwalks, to special bird watching hikes, to climbs into the mountains of the Chihuahuan Desert. Most all hikes will be guided by state park staff and volunteers and feature an interpretive message about native plants, animals or park history. The walks average one to two miles



in length, but many also offer shorter or longer trek options as well.

Participants will want to make some modest advance preparations. Some hikes warrant call-ahead reservations, and in most instances, folks will want to wear sturdy shoes, and bring drinking water and a hiking stick. Park entrance fees apply in most places, and many parks are leading the First Day Hike at no extra cost.

Recent on-site visitor surveys in Texas parks revealed that hiking and trails were the No. 1 most sought-after amenity by park visitors. And according to State Parks Director Brent Leisure, hikers in the Lone Star State have even more incentives to be outside come year's end.

"Outdoor recreation during the holidays has been a popular activity for a long time,

and here in Texas, it makes even more sense because the weather is often mild enough to do most anything. And many of our parks have either just completed or are in the process of renovating and improving their hike and bike trails. We're proud to offer folks a lot of choices with an organized network of First Day Hikes, and proud that we have so many wonderful places in our state park system for people to enjoy them."

For more information about First Day Hikes in Texas State Parks, visit the Web site at [www.texasstateparks.org](http://www.texasstateparks.org)/firstdayhikes, where you'll find detailed hike locations, descriptions, and park contact information. Or, visit the NASPD Web site at [www.americasstateparks.org](http://www.americasstateparks.org) for nationwide information on First Day Hikes.



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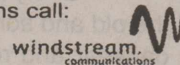
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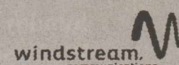
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## Old Folks and Cowpokes

James Nichols

### T.T. Nichols

Tolbert Theodore (T.T.) Nichols born 1905 was the son of Charles F. Nichols born 1868 and Rose E. (Harryman) Nichols born 1871 (Pa and Ma Nick). Pa Nick was a butcher and meat cutter. He established a butcher shop in Dublin, Texas around 1910. It was located about 1/2 block east of the intersection of Highway 377 and Highway 6. At the time, it was the center of the business district. The butcher shop had a walk-in cooler box that was refrigerated by blocks of ice. The ice was slid into the top of the box onto a slatted wooden frame from an overhead entry door straight off the ice wagon from the adjoining alley.

Sometime around 1925 T.T. caught a ride on the train from Dublin to the end of the line, Cross Plains, where he got a job delivering ice. At that time the train hauled the ice in and unloaded it into an ice house that sat behind the ResourceCare Center or there about. The ice house where they made ice hadn't been built yet.

T.T. later went to work for W.D. Smith at Piggly Wiggly cutting meat in the building where WTU was located and Main Street Pool House is today.

During World II there were food shortages and one of the government solutions was to subsidize frozen food lockers. The locker plant was built by selling shares and then renting locker spaces.

The War Production Board approved the Cross Plains plant in April and officers were elected. The building was built by L.W. Westerman and Gus Black. Tommy Allen of Brownwood was first hired as manager-processor. T.T. Nichols, Lindsey Tyson and Mrs. T.T. (Doris) Nichols bought out the other stockholders in March of 1946, and dissolved the corporation.

When they first started, processing was a penny a pound hanging weight, but was raised to a nickel shortly thereafter. W.T.U. was in

charge of keeping the electrical and refrigeration up and running.

One time there was a hunter who came into the Locker Plant and asked Lindsey if he knew of a place to get a deer processed. Lindsey answered, "Go south at the red light about a mile and turn right." That just happened to be the dump ground.

In 1947 some 296,420 pounds of meat were processed with the largest amount coming in December with 3,000 pounds of sausage made that month. Sometime in the mid-fifties, T.T. bought a farm north of Cottonwood and ran a few cows and built terraces on the place one summer. He sold his interest in the locker plant to Tyson, who ran it 9 or 10 years and then sold it back to T.T. who ran it 2 years and sold it to Alvin and Vondean Hutchins in 1971. The Hutchins added a modern kill floor and pens on the back. The plant has had only four owners since it was built. When it was built is played a big role in the lives of the people of this area providing a place to store vegetables, fruit and meat for a long period of time. Today it is a local processing plant for beef, hogs and wild game.

T.T. married Doris Ray Atwood and they had three children, Larry Ray in 1932, Sheila Jean in 1935 and James Wayne in 1945. T.T. served as a city councilman, county school board member, a member of the city fire department and was active in other associations.

Sometime after mother died in 1962, Larry moved in and stayed about a year or so. It was around Christmas time and we went out and cut about two foot out of the top of a cedar tree and placed it on top of the t.v. and hung some lights on it. It sat there for three years until all the leaves fell off and every Christmas I turned on the lights. It got to where there wasn't anything left but the limbs. It was pretty bad looking but they say beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. Let us bless God for the chicken thief.

# Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 5.7% in November

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped four-tenths of one percent to 5.7% in November 2011, according to jobless figures released Friday, December 16th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in November 2010 was 6.1 percent.

Of the 6,825 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,438 were employed during November 2011, and 387 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 5.7%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 6.1% in October, 2011. Of the 6,705 civilian labor force in the county during October, 6,299 had jobs while 406 or 6.1% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 6.7% in September 2011, 6.9% in August, 7.4% in July, 7.8% in June, 6.5% in May, 5.9% in April, 6.3% in March, 6.9% in February, 6.3% in January 2011, and 5.8% in December 2010, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for November 2011 include: Brown, 6.9%; Coleman, 6.3%; Eastland, 6.6%; Jones, 8.1%; Runnels, 7.0%; Shackelford, 3.7%; Stephens, 6.9%; and Taylor County, 6.0%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 6.2% in November, 2011, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 80,000. There were 75,100 employed during November 2011, while 4,900 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 6.2%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 78,800 in October, 2011. Total employment of 73,400 was reported in October 2011, while 5,400, or 6.8% were unemployed in October 2011.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for November, 2010 was 6.5%. The total workforce was reported at 83,300, with 77,800 employed and 5,500 unemployed in November, 2010.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of November, 2011 was 7.5 percent. Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 8.0 percent. The state's unemployment rate in November of 2010 was 8.2 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for November, 2011 was 8.2 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of October, 2011 was 8.5%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in November, 2010 was 9.3%.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Oct. 6.1%	Nov. 5.7%
Total Labor Force	6,705	6,825
Total Employed	6,299	6,438
Total Unemployed	406	387

### Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate posted its second consecutive monthly decline, moving down five-tenths of a percentage point in November to 7.5 percent. The unemployment rate was the lowest seen since May 2009 and the October-to-November decline was the largest on record since 1990. Since the beginning of this year, the unemployment rate decreased by 1.0 percent. From year-ago levels, the unemployment rate declined by seven-tenths of a percentage point. The national unemployment rate fell by three-tenths of a percentage point for an unemployment rate of 8.2 percent. The Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national unemployment rate for 53 consecutive months.

The Civilian Labor Force contracted this month by 22,300 persons for an estimated level of 12,344,700 Texans. The monthly decline was the first seen for the October-to-November period since 2002. From last year's estimate, the Civilian Labor Force expanded by 132,400 persons. From January 2011, the Civilian Labor Force grew by 194,100 people.

The number of jobholders recorded a new all-time high this month at an estimated level of 11,423,800 Texans. Texas added 45,400 persons into the ranks of the employed. This was the highest October-to-November change since 2007. Since January, Texas added 308,700 individuals into the ranks of the employed. Those seeking employment opportunities dropped by 67,700 people for an estimate of 920,900 Texans. This was the largest October-to-November decline in the series.

The number of those continuing to file unemployment insurance claims this month declined by 600 persons for a count

of 138,900 Texans. Since November 2010, those continuing to file unemployment benefits declined by 16,200 individuals. Among the MSAs, 13 showed a decline in continued claim activity while 12 displayed an increase in continued claim activity. The Midland and Longview MSAs posted the largest drop in continued claim activity among the MSAs at 9.0 percent and 4.9 percent, respectively.

The unemployment rate for all 25 MSAs declined this month. The Brownsville-Harlingen MSA posted the largest decline by seven-tenths of a percentage point for an unemployment rate of 11.2 percent. The lowest unemployment rate among the MSAs was the Midland MSA at 4.1 percent.

### "HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE"

#### Oil Companies Bring Jobs to South San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—Four companies will bring over 2,000 jobs to San Antonio because of Eagle Ford Shale drilling projects. In November, oilfield services giant Halliburton Co. broke ground near the intersection of I-37 and Loop 1604 in South Bexar County. The \$50 million operations center will house 1,500 workers. The facility is one of four sprouting up in the area—all by major oilfield-services companies working in the Eagle Ford Shale.

Across from Halliburton's campus, Switzerland's Weatherford International Inc. is developing a 150-employee facility that will service hydraulic fracking gear. At I-37 and U.S. Highway 181, Houston's Baker Hughes Inc. is building a \$30 million campus to employ 400. Additionally, Schlumberger is scouting South Bexar County for a "super-site" to service drilling operations in the shale. Joe Foster, vice president for Halliburton's South Texas operations said, "Bexar

County and San Antonio have the support infrastructure that will attract suppliers. We expect to see some of our suppliers locate near us. I think restaurants and hotels will be expanding into this area as well."

#### Etech Plans to Add 200 Jobs

LUFKIN, TX (Lufkin Daily News)—Etech has announced it will be hiring 200 new employees at the Lufkin branch of the Nacogdoches-based company. The new jobs will be contact center positions ranging from part-time to full-time and are expected to be filled by early February. Employment Coordinator Jeanne Schuell said the company's boost in business has led to the need for more workers. The Nacogdoches and Rusk branches will also be hiring 200 new workers. Etech President Matt Rocco said, "We are thrilled to be able to add so many new jobs in rural East Texas."

#### Landry's Has Appetite for Hiring

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Chronicle—Purva Patel)—After several acquisitions, Houston-based Landry's is trying to fill 175 positions at its corporate headquarters by year's end. Many of the positions opened after Landry's closed out-of-state offices of recent chains it acquired since October of 2010. With purchases of Claim Jumper restaurants, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., and Occanaire Seafood when their offices in California and Minnesota were closed, most of the employees chose not to relocate to Houston.

Landry's chairman and CEO Tilman Fertitta said, "We have a lot of organic growth going on," noting plans to open more Vic & Anthony's steakhouses nationwide. Fertitta owns hundreds of other restaurants under such brands as Landry's Seafood House, Saltgrass Steakhouse, and Rainforest Cafe.

#### Company Will Open Base at Airport

ARLINGTON, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—Agusta Westland, an Italian helicopter company plans to build an operations base at the Arlington Municipal Airport. The new facility will employ 125 people, according to the airport. AzustaWestland announced in June that it would manage its United States tiltrotor operations in Arlington. A tiltrotor aircraft has blades that rotate so it can take off like a helicopter and fly like an airplane.

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## Chili Feed Set January 7th

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Submitted by  
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## Texas Brigades takes camp in new direction

San Antonio, Texas—The Texas Brigades is gearing up for the newest addition to their family, the Waterfowl Brigade. The camp will start this summer near Palestine, Texas. It will focus on teaching youth about managing land to benefit various waterfowl species and the importance of wetlands management.

The Texas Brigades hosts five camps each summer: two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, Bass Brigade and its newest addition, Waterfowl Brigade. The deadline for applying is March 15, 2012.

Participants must be between 13 and 17 years of age, and submit a complete application for consideration. Camp dates and locations are as follows: South Texas Buckskin located on the Southern Star Ranch in Uvalde, June 3rd-7th; Rollins Plains Bobwhite located at Centennial Lodge in Coleman, June 16th-20th; South Texas Bobwhite located on the 74 Ranch in Campbellton, June 24th-28th; Bass Brigade located on the Warren Ranch in Santa Anna, July 15th-19th; North Texas Buckskin located on the Stasney's Cook Ranch in Albany, July 15th-19th; and finally Waterfowl Brigade located at the Big Woods on the Trinity in Tennessee Colony, July 22nd-26th.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills

and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

"I feel that the launch of the Waterfowl Brigade is a great and needed step in expanding the reach of the Texas Brigades," said former Brigades cadet Josh Pearson. "It will open new doors for them to new ideas."

The Texas Brigades was established in 1993 by Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist with Texas AgriLife Extension, who came up with the idea for the Brigades as a way to expand Extension's educational efforts by developing wildlife ambassadors.

"I think waterfowl is a good way to reach more kids, and I think the Texas Brigades has a lot of resources that can help make it a success," said Sarah Coffey, former cadet. "Also, since they [ducks] require a different habitat, it is a good way to learn about another ecosystem."


Not only are the Texas Brigades looking for cadets this up and coming summer but they are also looking for adult volunteers who are interested in participating and would like to gain the Texas Brigades experience. For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS, 210-556-1391 or log on to www.texasbrigades.org.

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City of Cross Plains, 201 South Main Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Jacob & Martin, Ltd., 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606.

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## Callahan County Predator Control Assn. 2012 Program and Membership drive

The Callahan County Predator Control Association Board of Directors met in December to get information on methods and the cost of ways to effectively reduce the number of feral hogs and other predators in the county. After much discussion on the different options available the Board of Directors made a decision to use Dustin Johnson with Cedar Ridge Aviation.

The Association will not be under a contract but will be able to pay Cedar Ridge Aviation for flying hours at a rate of \$380.00 per hour which includes an experienced shooter. With changes in the

hunting laws that were effective September 1, 2011, Cedar Ridge Aviation also will be bringing aerial hunters into the county to shoot feral hogs and other designated predators at no cost to the Association. These hunts will be limited to paid Association Members acreage at this time.

Callahan County landowners are encourage to join the Association to help reduce the number of Feral Hogs and other predators that cause damage to livestock, fences, as well as crops. Annual Membership is \$50 plus 10 cents an acre. If you are interested in joining please contact the Extension Office at

325 854-5835. A Membership Form and an Authorization to Fly form can be mailed to you or be picked up at the Extension Office.

We will meet with Dustin Johnson of Cedar Ridge Aviation the first part of January to go over aerial maps and boundaries to fly. It is very important that we have the Authorization Forms and Membership Dues at that time.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at 325 854-5835; Tom Windham at 325 668-8184; Jan Windham at 325 665-1972.

Tom Windham  
Board President

## Some Remarkable Bright Spots in a Tough 2011

There is no denying that 2011 was a tough year for cattle raisers. Ranchers across the state are still facing an unprecedented drought and rebuilding from the crippling wildfires, but through all the dust and smoke, there were some definite bright sides of 2011. Because of the hard work of our members, TSCRA chalked up major victories at the Texas and U.S. Capitols. A few of the highlights are listed below.

### Eminent Domain Reformed

After a decade of hard work from legislation and landowner groups including TSCRA, SB 18, the eminent domain bill was finally signed into law.

SB 18 secures stronger eminent domain laws that will protect landowners. Highlights of the new law include requiring condemning entities to make a bona fide offer in writing and compensate landowners for loss of access to their property. SB 18 goes further to require condemning entities to take a public and record vote to initiate eminent domain proceedings, keeping them more accountable. All entities with eminent domain authority must also register with the Comptroller by December 2012 or they lose their authority.

Additionally, SB 18 give landowners the right to repurchase their condemned land at the original price if it is not used within 10 years. SB 18 also puts in statue that eminent domain can be used only to acquire property for public use, and that use has to be put in writing before the condensation process can begin.

### Groundwater Ownership Secured

Groundwater ownership rights were also secured in 2011, putting to rest any question of who owns the groundwater below the surface of a landowner's land. SB 332 makes clear that landowners own the groundwater below their land as real property, and clarifies that it is subject to the same legal protection as other private property. SB 332 also recognizes that groundwater may continue to be produced and conserved while ensuring fair and impartial regulation of landowners' groundwater ownership rights.

### EPA Rural Dust Regulation Stopped

TSCRA and other agricultural groups successfully blocked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from imposing regulations that would have allowed the federal government to regulate rural dust. This regulation would have had a devastating economic impact on ranchers at a time when our industry is battling an unprecedented drought and wildfires alongside a list of proposed burdensome and unnecessary government regulations.

Had this regulation been implemented, ranchers could have been fined for working in dusty environments. Ranchers could have been subject to expensive and burdensome compliance costs such as having to implement dust suppression practices on their ranch. Fines for noncompliance were estimated to reach up to \$37,500, per day.



### Free Trade Agreements Passed

TSCRA worked to ensure passage of the long-stalled free trade agreements (FTA) with Panama, Colombia and South Korea. Passage of these FTA's will increase U.S. beef exports by an estimated \$3 billion at a time when Texas beef producers need it most.

According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the implementation of these 3 FTA's will increase all U.S. exports by at least \$13 billion and add \$10 billion to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. Additionally, exports of U.S. goods generate more than 8,000 U.S. jobs for every billion dollars shipped overseas. Passage of these agreements will not only add additional exports for Texas beef, but they will help speed up our industry's recovery from this unprecedented drought. When ranchers do see relief there will be hungry market overseas eager for Texas beef.

### Remaining Trans-Texas Corridor Provisions Repealed

TSCRA worked with the state house and senate to repeal all remaining provisions of the Trans-Texas Corridor, solidifying the end of the proposal.

### Burdensome CDL Requirements Stopped

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) was considering a proposal that would have required tractors and loaded stock trailers weighing 26,000 pounds or more to obtain a commercial driver's license.

This proposal had the potential to severely harm the Texas cattle industry, especially during times of natural disasters such as drought and wildfires.

It was a good year on the legislative and regulatory front, but there is still work to be done in 2012. Thanks to each and every TSCRA member, ranchers and landowner who called their elected officials, wrote letters and emails, and made visits to the Capitol. Your contribution paid off tremendously.

By:  
Joe Parker Jr.

Joe Parker Jr. is a third generation rancher from Clay County, Texas. He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He is also chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank of Byers.

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

Washington

Barrack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Randy Neugebauer, Congressman, 19th Tx District, 500 Chestnut St. Suite 819, Abilene, Tx 79602. Phone (325)675-9779. For email access, go to <http://randy.house.gov>.

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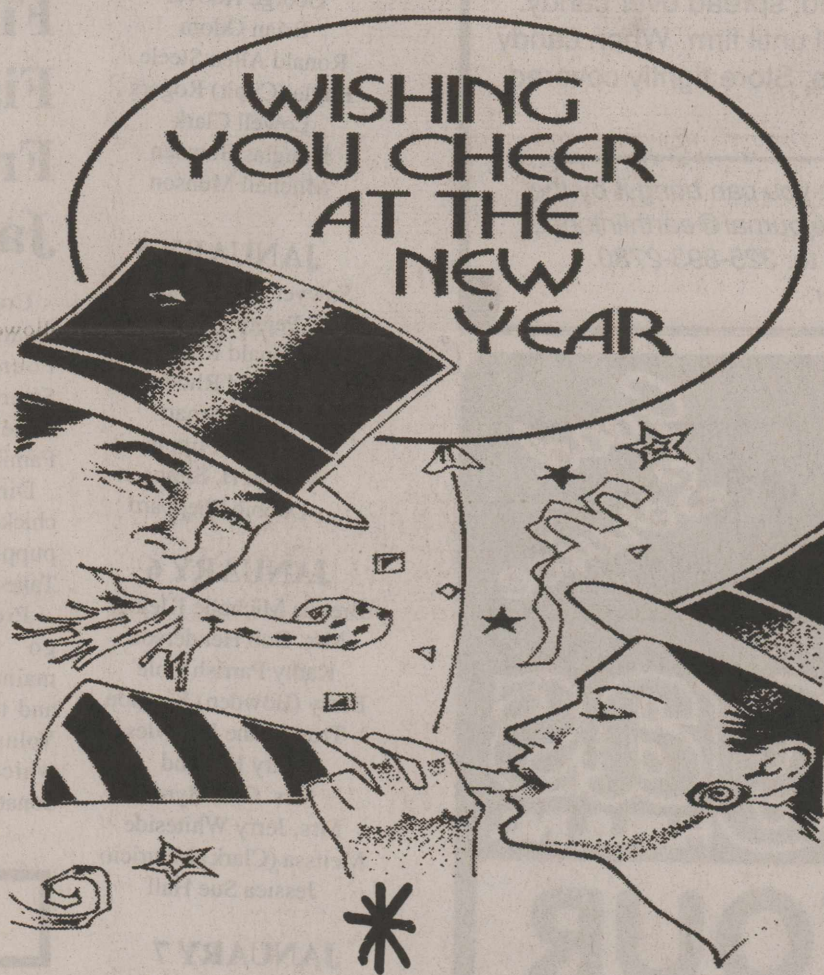




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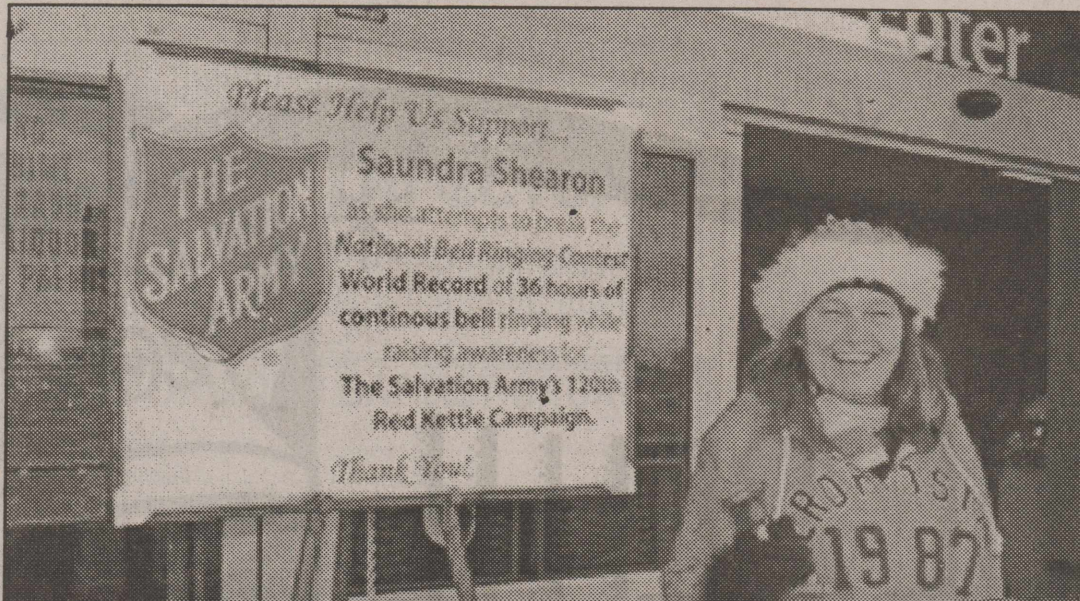
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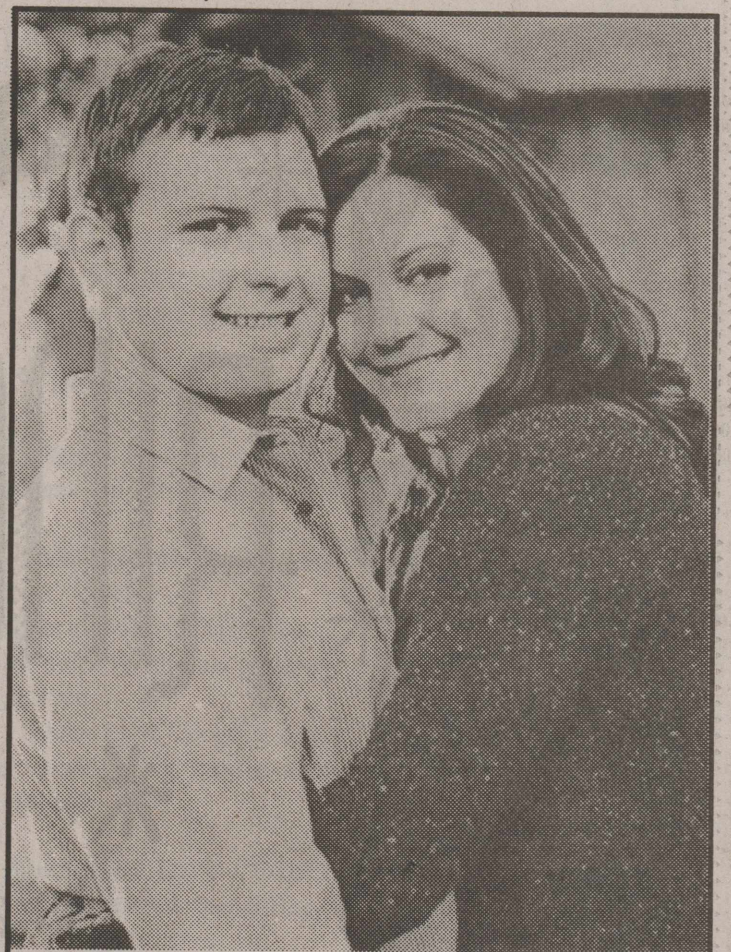
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Engagement and Wedding Announcement  
**Whitney Anne Giles to Bobby Christopher Martin**

Tim and Denise Coulter of Cross Plains, and Jeff and Debbie Giles of Kerrville, Texas announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Anne Giles to Bobby Christopher Martin, son of Jolonna and Brian Martin of Lovelland, Texas. The future bride is employed by Wells-Fargo Bank and the future groom is employed by Chase Bank both located in New Braunfels, Texas. The couple will be joined in marriage on March 24, 2012 in New Braunfels, Texas.

**Cottonwood Fire Control Fish/Chicken Fry Saturday January 14th**

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Fourth Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, January 14th at 5 p.m. at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center in Cottonwood.

Dinner includes fried fish or chicken, beans, French fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and dessert. Take-out dinners are available.

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**Toffee Butter Crunch**

**Ingredients**  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped almonds or pecans, toasted  
1 cup butter  
1 cup sugar  
3 tablespoons water  
1 tablespoon light-colored corn syrup  
3/4 cup semisweet chocolate pieces  
1/2 cup finely chopped almonds or pecans, toasted

**Directions**  
1. Line a 13x9x2-inch baking pan with foil, extending foil over edges of pan. Sprinkle the 1/2 cup coarsely chopped nuts in pan. Set pan aside.  
2. Butter sides of a heavy 2-quart saucepan. In saucepan melt butter. Add sugar, water, and corn syrup. Cook and stir over medium-high heat until mixture boils. Clip a candy thermometer to side of pan. Reduce heat to medium; continue boiling at a moderate, steady rate, stirring frequently, till thermometer registers 290°F, soft-crack stage (about 15 minutes). Watch carefully after 280°F to prevent scorching. Remove saucepan from heat; remove thermometer. Pour candy into the prepared pan.  
3. Let candy stand about 5 minutes or till firm; sprinkle with chocolate. Let stand 1 to 2 minutes. When chocolate has softened, spread over candy. Sprinkle with the 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts. Chill until firm. When candy is firm, use foil to lift it out of pan; break into pieces. Store tightly covered. Makes about 1-1/2 pounds (48 servings).



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