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Astronaut Visit Leaves Lasting Impression

Colonel. Sid Gutierrez will tell in order to keep his prior 4His Glory sang the national you that those titles are reserved for the men in uniform who are serving our country. He's just Sid. a humble, down-to-earth guy, who happened to fly in outer

Cross Plains was honored to have him come to our town last Monday and share his adventures with us. His visit actually started the evening before, when he arrived after dusk with his family: wife Marianne, daughter and son-in-law, Jenny and Joel Remakel, and grandchildren, Gabriel and Nola Rose. Marianne was not feeling well, so she stayed behind to rest at Judy Luter's cabin, where the family would stay. The rest of the family joined Judy and me, plus my husband Jim, for dinner at Jean's Feed

It was apparent from the start that Sid was a perfect fit for a small town like ours. He showed a genuine interest in our town and our people. The entire family gathered the next day for a tour of the library that concluded with our space exhibit. Then everyone strolled down the street to attend

shuttle tire to Cross Plains. He fascinated Higginbotham's long history and so everyone walked across the street to visit inside, where Sid bought his grandson a day and then First Baptist Church treasure...and I feel honored to fishing pole. Then, he stopped in pastor, Ronnie White, led the have met him. the Senor Citizens' Center, where invocation. After dinner, the

commitments.

two presentations. The first was honor Sid and then presented him for elementary school students with a key to the city. and the second was for junior The next hour, Sid took us all a career doing something they monsters while in space. love, and not to let others Sid told us about his presendiscourage them from pursuing tation to the students earlier that their dreams. During the Q&A day and complimented them on session which followed, hands their attentiveness and the were eagerly raised to ask a mul- intelligent and thought-provoking titude of questions. Following questions they asked. He the second presentation, Sid met concluded by pointing out privately with the members of our something he noticed at winning rocket team, Camouflage Higginbotham's earlier that Neon Lithium.

and hiking back at the cabin, a big city business—a nativity everyone returned to town for a scene. Texas Bar-B-Q, hosted by the library and catered by Bubba's and took time to talk with a brunch hosted by Texas Smokehouse. Library board everyone who lingered after Heritage Bank for the president, Wilma Lawrence, dinner, many bringing their home to decorate their family organizations that brought the welcomed everyone and placemats to Sid for his tree. introduced our special guests; autograph library board members, city he had to decline an invitation American Legion Honor Guard

Don't call him a hero—or even to join players in a game of 42, presented the colors and anthem. Mayor Ray Purvis read Next, it was off to the school for a proclamation from the city to

high and high school students. on a trip withhim to space as he Invitations had been issued to showed photos taken during his other schools and busloads of kids two two shuttle missions. arrived from Coleman, Baird, Particularly striking were those of Panther Creek and Rising Star. the burning oil fields of Kuwait, Several home school families New York City at night, and attended, also. Students were flying through the aurora treated to a discussion with a borealis in space. Everyone had slide presentation of photos from to laugh when, during the Q&A, Sid's two space flights. He grandson Gabe asked if his encouraged the students to choose grandpa had seen any aliens or

day-something you would not After a break for fossil-hunting find on display in the window of

Then, the entire family stayed

The next morning they left and council members, and Sid and his I was sad to see them go. Sid family. Wilma thanked all those wouldn't like this title either, but adorning our tree. who helped with the events of the I call him an American

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

Cross Plains Community Christmas Celebration Presented this Thursday and Saturday

production presented by many years. local residents featuring:

Christmas Band —Directed by **Matt Sowell**

Christmas Children's Choir— Directed by Melissa Richards Missions. Christmas Worship - Led by **Jamie Lipe**

Christmas Celebration Choir -Directed by Tim Tolosa.

beginning at 6:30 p.m. at First efforts of the community make Baptist, Cross Plains (301 Main

The Cross Plains Public Library

will have special hours Friday,

December 7th from 4:00 to 7:00

so the children or our community

can come by and help decorate the

tree in the Children's Discovery

Center. An assortment of craft

supplies will be made available

for them to make individually

designed Christmas ornaments to

hang on the tree. There will be

enough supplies for each child to

make a second ornament to take

There will also be a special gift

for each child and student that

comes by and participates in

The Cross Plains Christmas Street). A nursery will be the Christmas Celebration even Celebration is a musical provided for children birth to 4 more special.

> offering will be accepted to the practices to perfect the benefit the Cross Plains Cancer presentation. Many hours have Fund and the Colombian Deaf gone into the final production.

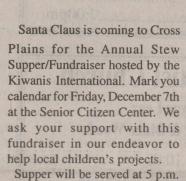
musical entertainment, there will schedules. Come and enjoy the be something for everyone. The music and fellowship as we children's choir is always a celebrate the joy of Christmas Two performances are set, one delight, while a cross section together. for Thursday, December 6th of talent will be highlighted and Saturday, December 8th during the evening. The joint

Congratulations to those Admission is FREE, while an who dedicated their time to

Two performances will With the various forms of accomodate busy seasonal

Vanda Anderson-Draper

Santa Claus is Children's **Discovery** Coming to Center at the **Cross Plains** Library



and Santa Claus will arrive via the firetruck at 6 p.m.

Cost for the stew supper is \$5.00 community. for adults and \$3.00 for children

All childen are invited to have their photo taken with Santa and

College Financial Aid Night for

Santa Claus is coming to Cross will receive a bag of goodies. Additional photos are available for \$1.00 each.

> The Senior Citizen Center will have an array of desserts available for purchase to support their various projects.

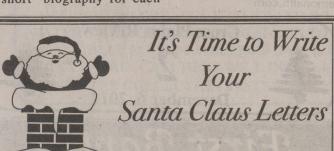
> The evening will conlcude with a drawing for turkeys and gifts. You must be present to win. We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowsip in our

> > Submitted by **Kiwanis Club Cross Plains**

World War II Veterans to be Honored

725-4642, we would like to have Thursday, December 6. a short biography for each

Please join us at the Senior veteran from this historic time in Citizens Center on December 7 the history of our great nation. A at 11:45 a.m., the infamous, Pearl patriotic program will be Harbor day, as we honor all presented during lunch. The Veteran's, but especially Center would like to display recognize those who served memorabilia and photographs during WWII. If you served or from all military service. If you know someone in the area that have items you would be willing served during WWII please to share for the display, please contact Dannes Turner at call 725-6521 or bring them by 725-6521 or Bonita Horton at 108 N Main St in Cross Plains by



All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 12th.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole.

Watch for publication in the December 20th issue.

> Mail To: Santa Claus c/o Cross Plains Review P.O. Box 519 Cross Plains, TX 76443



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Senior Citizens Center to be Entertained this Thursday at Noon

The Senior Adult Choir of the First Baptist Church will present the Love of God at Christmas at the Cross Plains Senior Center

Thursday, December 6th at 11:15

Please come and beauty of Christmas presented in

Senior Students and Parents

bound senior students will be held opportunities. in the Cross Plains High School will begin at 6:30 p.m.

opportunity senior students and will also be plenty of things for Please make arrangements for college and how to get it.

information in the FAFSA and student loans. application that is used for students to be eligible for application is something that extension 224.

This will be the only Regional P-16 Council. There or student.

The FAFSA night for all college grant money and scholarship every parent must do if their child is going to be attending a Parents will get valuable college or trade school. This is technology lab on Monday, information regarding financial something that the parent must December 10th. The pesentation aid and scholarships from a guest learn how to do and cannot be speaker representing the Abilene done by the guidance counselor

their parents will have to learn you to take home from the you and your senior student to about financial aid available for Department of Education attend. Refreshments will be regarding the latest changes served. If you have any Remember, it is the concerning government grants questions, please contact guidance counselor Debbie Filling out the FAFSA Mitchell at 254-725-6121

Susan J. Schaefer, CPA recognized as Business of the Month

The office of Susan J. Schaefer, 25 years. Presently there are four CPA was selected as Cross Plains employees beside herself. Susan Chamber of Commerce Business offers a full scope of professional of the Month for the month of accounting services. Mailing December. The business was Address: P.O. Box 501 Cross started in February of 1987. Plains, TX 76443. Location: 209 Susan has been in business for NW Main. Phone: 254-725-6747

The Kaleidoscope to Hold **Christmas Open House**

The Kaleidoscope will be holding their annual Christmas Open House on Friday, December 7th from 10:00 a.m. til 8:00 p.m. We will draw for door prizes every hour, so come by earlier in the week and put your name in the tin. We have several new lines of inventory. We are especially proud to introduce our new line of candles and wax melts.. Jazz candles offer beautiful products with fun names and amazing fragrances strong enough to perfume a two thousand square foot home. In addition to the candle line, we offer a wide selection of handbags, jewelry and accessories. A variety of home decor including wall crosses and picture frames, gift selections for men and toys for all ages ensure that you will find a gift for everyone on the list. Refreshments will be served throughout the day so stop in and finish your Christmas shopping at The Kaleidoscope where there is something new every time you



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David Braun, Pastor Church (254) 725-6266 Friendly Church

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Pastor Max Evans

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Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: **Dwaine Clowers**

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School......10:00am Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Parsonage 725-7694 **Sunday Worship** 10:45 a.m.

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the loved ones gone before.

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husband Joe of Coleman; Heather

Henderson Watkins and husband

Mike of Round Rock; Angela

Henderson Hadash and husband

Chris of Bay City; Shawnta Jones

Wilson and husband Mike of

Williston, ND; John Jones and

wife Nicole of Round Rock; and

Shane Jones of Williston, ND;

Nicholas Henderson, Dakota

Jackson, Meghan Watkins,

Haylee and Gracie Hadash, Sarah

and Matthew Wilson and James

Jones; sister-in-laws Ethel Ames

and Phyllis Ames Harris; and

brother-in-law Thomas Ames, Sr.

and wife Sharon of Cross Plains;

along with an ever abundance of

nieces, nephews, cousins and

Any memorials are requested to

go to The Alzheimers Drug

Discovery Foundation 212-901-

Celestino Morales

Ramirez

Celestino Morales Ramirez

prayer service began at 6:30 p.m.

followed by the Wake service at

7:00 p.m. Services were held at

10 a.m. Thursday at St. Francis

Catholic Church with Father

Bhaskar Morugudi officiating.

Interment with military honors

followed at Texas State Veterans

Cemetery at Abilene, directed by

Mr. Ramirez was born on

Feburuary 1, 1932 in Burkett,

Texas to Luis and Rosa Ramirez.

He spent most of childhood in

Coleman. In March of 1951 he

enlisted in the U.S. Army. He

proudly served his country in the

Korean War, where he joined the

78th AAA Gun Battalion. While

enlisted, he was awarded the

Korean Service Medal with

Bronze Service Star, the National

Defense Service Medal and the

United Nations Service Medal for

Korea. His service in the Korean

War shaped his life from that

Korea, he met the love of his life

Pauline DeLeon Ramirez of

Stamford. They were married in

1956. Upon having children and

returning to Abilene, he was

employed by the United States

Postal Service. He took great

pride in his work and made many

friends while working in the

maintenance department at the

Abilene Post Office. He retired

in 1992 after devoting more than

Mr. Ramirez cherished and

was an active member of the

following organizations: Texas

Postal Workers Union AFL-CIO

where he served as the local

chapter representative, Veterans

of Foreign Wars, and the Korean

Survivors include his daughter

Dora Ramirez; a son Richard

Ramirez, both of Abilene; three

brothers Francisco Ramirez of

Brawley, CA, Raymundo

Ramirez of Santa Fe, NM, Johnny

Rodriguez of Abilene; two sisters

Elena Davila of Dallas and Rosa

Sanchez of Abilene; five

grandchildren Camilla Ferguson

and husband Jon of Mesquite,

Melanie Lopez and husband

Daniel who are currently

stationed in Italy, Erica Ramirez

Jones of Dallas, Kelly Ramirez

and Ryan Ramirez, both

of Abilene; four great-grand-

daughters and three great-grand-

sons; and many nieces and

He was preceded in death by his

parents, his wife, and a brother

nephews who adored him.

Amado Ramirez.

War Veterans Association.

Shortly after returning from

point forward.

North's Funeral Home.

great-grandchilden:



Mary Alice Gillett Jones Ames

On November 5, 2012 our Heavenly Father took Mary Alice Ames, age 83, to Him, releasing her from a long journey of illness. She was in the loving surroundings of her home and family in Cross Plains.

A beautiful celebration of her life, with singing, testimony and pictures...was held on November 12, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains, with Pastor Kevin Morton officiating.

Later in the day, loved ones gathered at Pioneer Cemetery where another special service was held. Throughout the years, one of Mary Alice's interests was rocks. Married to Richard Ames, a local geologist, they shared this interest. An amount of the smaller rocks of her collection was taken to the cemetery. As loved ones gathered, they formed a large circle, held hands and had a prayer. Richard then placed her cremains into a prepared place in the earth and words were spoken about her life and then about her rocks. She personally selected each, she held them in her hand, studied them, then choose to take them home to be a part of her life.

As such, each person present

was asked to select a rock...hold it in their hands and think of a memory, say a blessing or prayer and then place it in with her. Richard took the shovel and gently started replacing the soil. After a time, others took the helm and shared in the honor. As they did, with each shovel of the earth, grandchilden and greatgrandchildren took the remaining tiny rocks and gently sprinkled them amidst the soil, creating a blanket of memories, blessings and love with which to surround and cover her. Richard completed the task of love and honor... and the group once again formed a large circle, holding hands they sang Amazing Grace and finished by saying The Lords Prayer. Little was pre-planned, God orchestrated. Some there said it was like an old time service.

Mary Alice was born in Charleston, MS, December 5, 1928 to Henry Laurence Turner Gillett and Hester Ollie Mullen Gillett. She was named after her grandmothers, Mary Elizabeth Turner Gillett and Alice Lena Sherrill Mullen, both lineages of significant American history. One of which is the first governor (and military leader) and first lady of TN, Capt/Gov. John and Catherine Sherill Sevier. The Gilletts of Florida were also military leaders and significant in forming state government. Her heritage and bloodlines run deep in American soil. Mary Alice graduated form Charleston High School in 1947, she married J.L. Jones and they moved to Bay City, Texas in 1948. They had a son and daughter. Mary Alice was a stay a home wife and mother, until the marriage ended. She was a woman of faith and strength of character and taught her children, with unconditional love, how to have joy and hope,

amidst survival. She was a bookkeeper at J.C. Penney Co., when she met Richard C. Ames, Jr., who was working in Bay City with Otis Engineering. A lifelong love was born. Richard and Mary Alice were married February 27, 1973 and he moved her out to his home in Cross Plains. She lived there for the remainder of her life, becoming an integral part of his community, life and family, as her family became his.

In heaven she joins: her parents; her son James Lewis Jones, Jr. "Jimmy"; sister Mamie Gillett Little; brother Lee Gillett; father and mother-in-law R.C. Ames Sr. and Ethel Ames; sisters-in-laws

Esther Ames McDaniel and Mary David E. Pancake

Ames Moore; nephews Ames David E. Pancake, age 59, of McDaniel and Bill Gillett..and all Cross Plains, went home to be with his Lord, Thursday, Loves ones remaining to November 29, 2012 in Pasadena. cherish her memory: her husband Texas. Funeral services were Richard C. Ames, Jr. of Cross held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, Plains; daughter Theresa Jones December 2, 2012 at Henderson and husband Lloyd; Higginbotham Funeral Home in daughter-in-law Kathy Brownlee Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie Jones; sister Marguerite Gillett B. White officiating. Burial was Kettle, all of Bay City; brothers in the Pioneer Cemetery in David Gillett and wife Jean of

Eastland County. David was born on October 3, 1953 in Fort Riley, Kansas to Edward and Nancy Louella Skinner Pancake. graduating from Deer Park High School in 1972, he went to work as a millwright/pump mechanic for ITC in Deer Park.

Survivors include his daughter Lisa LaNae Gray and husband George of La Porte; sons, Johnny Pancake and wife Paula of La Porte and Jacob Pancake of Pasadena, Texas; father Ed Pancake of Cross Plains; sister Brandy Pancake of Houston; five grandchildren Kristy, Johnathan, Joshua, Kirsten and Julie.

He was preceded in death by his mother Nancy Pancake.



DOROTHY RAY DAY

Dorothy Ray Day

better known as "C.M. Ramirez", went to be with the Lord on November 24, 2012. A rosary

Dorothy Ray Day, 78, passed away Sunday, December 2, 2012, at a local medical center in Abilene. Graveside services were at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in the Abilene City Cemetery with Pastor Wayne Lenz officiating under the direction of Community Memorial Funeral Home, 1443 N. 2nd St., Abilene, TX.

15, 1934 to Ray Andrews and Ruth Elizabeth Bogart in Abilene, TX. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. Dorothy also belonged to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Club.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and one brother, Floyd Andrews.

Survivors include her husband, Sam Day of Rowden, TX; her son, Sam Day Jr. and wife, Patricia Kay also of Rowden, TX; her daughters, Ruth Montgomery and husband, Carl of Abilene and Rebecca Perry and husband, Ricky of Phoenix, AZ; two brothers, James Andrews and wife, Mary of San Angelo, TX and Robert Andrews and wife, Verdale of Ft. Worth, TX; a sister, Liz Griffith of Abilene; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

You may view and sign the guestbook at HYPERLINK "http://www.communitymemorialfh.com"

CALLAHAN COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

James C. Lockhart, possession of marijuana. Steven Roger Defosses, no driver's license. Melody W. Barry, theft by

Stacy E. Clasby, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

check.

Chadd C. Luttren, DWI. Jarvis T. Jackson, possession of marijuana. Cameron Jackson, possession of marijuana. Cedris D. Sherman, unlawfully carrying weapon.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Sabrina Drummond, order releasing cash bond granted. Casey D. Pakc, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for completion of PTD Program.

Cory Z. Wright, motion to dismiss to Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II possession of marijuana granted for completion of the pre-trial diversion program. Marty L. Pugh, motion to dismiss to theft by check

Program. Jason W. Goains II, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

granted for completion of PTD

Stacey L. McGlasson, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation \$600 fine, \$424 court costs. Eddie L. Rose, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500

fine, \$424 court costs. Ramona Kaye South, order on motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Jim T. Maddox, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for completion of PTD Program. Larry Dale Cauthen, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for completion of pre-trial diversion program.

Jon R. Forrest, plea of guilty possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$299 court costs.

Jeremy D. Meador, plea of guilty to DWI, 45 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$424 court costs. Oscar B. Salmeron, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$424 court costs. Melanie A. Ruter, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$264

Angela L. Noble, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$264 court costs.

court costs.

Timothy D. Freeman, order releasing cash bond granted.

> **42nd District Court** John Weeks, presiding

> > Civil Filings

Kari Ann Spencer and Dusty Brooks Spencer, divorce.



Cross Plains Review

December 6, 2012



First Baptist Church

Sunday School

Sunday

9:30 am Sunday

Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Evening Small Groups

6:00 p.m. Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Power Hour 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

Tim Tolosa/Music/Education Minister

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

We've heard more reports of coyotes and other critters in the area. They coyotes are howling loudly in the afternoons. Keep a close watch out for coyotes, bobcats and wild hogs—and keep an eye on your dogs, cats and other small animals.

This Friday night is Cottonwood Musical Night at the Community Center. Come out and enjoy good country music.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group Bake Sale is coming up next Saturday, December 15th, at Lowe's Market in Cross Plains. Some of the Cottonwood bakers are already planning what they'll be making—sugar free cakes, pecan pies, banana bread, Christmas cakes and lots of other holiday

Wages, a well known

119 Pecan

325-893-4260

See the

James L. Wages to Perform

"Sincerely Elvis"

Lake Brownwood Lions Club Aportion of the benefit proceeds

Friday, December 14th. The will be donated to the Diabetis

show and a barbecue sandwich Foundation. Everyone is

meal will be available for \$10 encouraged to come out for a

each. Doors will open at 5:00 great evening and help with a

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performing "Sincerely Elvis" at all your favorite Elvis hits.

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goodies. If you'd like to bake cookbook has wonderful recipes, something for the bake sale, we'd greatly appreciate it, and we'll us at the bake sale.

better known as 4His Glory, will Review. be performing their Annual Christmas Cantata "All is Well" on Sunday, December 16th at the Volume 2 includes some of the Presbyterian Church in Cross Cottonwood families-Weaver, Plains. The performance starts at Bennett, Childers and others.

soon. Two Cottonwood-related and are available at the same Christmas presents come to mind. places that you pick up the First you can get a Cottonwood Cottonwood Cookbook, as well Cookbook Volume 1 or 2, or the as the Senior Center, Lawrence Cookbook Supplement. The Farm & Ranch and Salamanders.

photos and history of Cottonwood. Cookbooks are \$20 even come and pick it up from and the cookbook supplement is you. Be sure to stop by and see \$15. They're available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Cross Plains Matt and Mandy Sowell, along Public Libray, Connie's Cuts and with Rhonda and Connie Swift— Curls and the Cross Plains

Library

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.

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November 26-29, 2012

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The Cross Plains Senior Citizens

Center is offering chances for you

to win a Samsung television. The

drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m.

on December 21, so you could

have it setup by the time family

gathered at your house for

The tickets are \$2.00 each or 3

for \$5.00 and all proceeds benefit.

the Senior Citizens Center.

Tickets are available at Texas

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Another good present—are the Cross Plains Remembered books. Volume 3 has a section on Christmas will be here Cottonwood. They're also \$20

a Santa's Helper?

Our Senior Citizens are often alone at Christmas and we are looking for Santa's helpers to fill their wish lists or just be willing to go by and visit for a few minutes. If you are interested in brightening the holiday season for men and women of our aging population, please contact Dannes Turner or

Have a Used Car? Donate your used vehicle to the National Kidney **Foundation**

Donate your used vehicle to the National Foundation of Texas' Kidney Cars program and you can join the fight against kidney disease. Your vehicle donation Christmas. 400 maniferance will support the many prevention programs and direct patient services offered throughout Texas that are enhancing the lives of people with, and at risk for, kidney Heritage Bank, Cross Plains City disease. In addition, your Hall and Cross Plains Senior contribution can earn you a tax deduction. The National Kidney Foundation will pick up any used vehicle from any roadside or parking lot free of charge. Call 800-488-CARS or visit www.kidneycars.org.



Cross Plains

Want to be

Vivian Wooten at (254) 725-6521

Kidney



SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

DECEMBER 10-14

Monday, 10th - EXCERCISE 11:45 Tuesday, 11th - EXCERCISE 11:00/ Game Night

Wednesday, 12th - EXCERCISE 11:00/ Girling **Blood Pressure**

Thursday, 13th - Excercise 11:00/3rd Graders 9:00 & 12:30/FBC Senior Adult Choir Friday, 14th - Excercise 10:45/BINGO 11:15

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 10-14

MONDAY-Cheeseburgers/ Lett/Tom/Onion/Pickle Chips/ Fruit Salad/Dessert/Drink TUESDAY-Beef Taco Salad/ Lett/Tom/Cheese,Pinto Beans/ Chips/Dessert/Drink WEDNESDAY -Tuna Salad

Sandwich/Pasta Salad/ Chips/ Dessert/Drink

MEAL IS SERVED -11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M THURSDAY- White Chili (Chicken) Cheese/Sour Cream/ White Cornbread/Dessert/

FRIDAY-Steak Sandwich/Lett/ Tom/Onion/Potato Wedges/ Fruit/Cookie/Drink

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materials are.

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Hope to see you there!

Submitted by **Donna Irby**

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Cross Plains Elementary 2012-2013 U.I.L. A+ Academic Contest 1st Place School

Cross Plains Elementary News

occasion in which we were proud able resource. to have a part. I want to thank We had a canned food drive that 2nd place and Addison Long for their help in making it happen Lawrence and her fourth grade

meet a real life NASA Astronaut. Bank. Thank you to all of the Mr. Sid Gutierrez came to see us students and parents who allowed 2nd and \$25 gift card for 3rd. and visit with the students. It was us to be able to do this very a special time for our young rewarding task. Riley Lawrence, people. The slideshow, remarks, Chris French and Joe Holland and questions answered made his helped me get all those heavy presentation outstanding to say packed boxes to the food bank. I the least. He is indeed an appreciate their help loading and impressive individual. This unloading all those boxes. would not have happened without the Cross Plains Public Donuts" was held in November Library making it happen. They in the Elementary hallway. The went above and beyond to make building was packed full of Dads, will be over. However, lets hope this event take place.

the Month will be Melissa togetherness. Richards. The Students of the Month are Autum Nickerson President, worked really hard to and Lastyn Winfrey. make it all happen. She deserves Congratulations to our winners a big pat on the back. Our PTO

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It has been a great month at for all of their hard work. Mrs. here is such a helpful gorup of Cross Plains Elementary. We had Richards does a wonderful job people. They sponsored a alot of things happen in with our third grade kids. I know fundraiser that the students sold November and even more to that she wouldn't want me to over four thousand dollars' worth come. On the 12th we were able leave out her helpers at the of merchandise. The kids and the to attend the veteran's memorial Senior Citizens Center with her event downtown and honor our reading program. She and all of an impressive job. The top local veterans. It was a special us feel blessed to have this valu- sellers for the girls were Callie

Bob Kirkham and James Dixon was organized by Leslie 3rd place. The top sellers for the with our students being involved. students. They did a wonderful The 26th of November we had job. We were able to donate 863 the remarkable opportunity to items to the Cross Plains Food

Additionally the "Dads and Grandads, Moms and many other that next week I am writing about The November Teacher of caring adults to share a little what a victorious day it was for

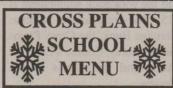
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parents who helped out have done Sutton 1st place, Alaina Potter boys were Dusty Wyatt 1st place, Ryan Reed 2nd place and Ryder Reed 3rd place. The prizes for the winners are Ipod Nanos for 1st, \$50 gift card for

Monday, December 3rd will be our A+ Academic contest at Rising Star. The students and teachers have been working very hard for the competition. I want to also thank our parents and caregivers for their support with the students who are preparing for the competition. I know that by the time you read this the contest all of our competitors.

Thank you,

Jeremy Williams Elementary Principal



DECEMBER 10-14 BREAKFAST

Monday - Eggs & Biscuits Assorted juice & Milk Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza, Assorted juice & Milk Wednesday - French toast Sticks, Sausage, Assorted juice & Milk

Thursday - Cereal & Toast, Assorted juice & Milk Friday - Cinnamon Roll & yogurt, Assorted juice & Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Toasted Ham & Cheese, Broccoli Bites, Garden salad, Baked Potato Chips,

Tuesday - Crispy Tacos, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Rosy-Applesauce Wednesday - Chicken Tenders

& Gravy, whipped potatos, Carrot coins, Roll & fruit cups Thursday - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Garden salad, Green Beans, sliced peaches, Breadsticks

Friday -Turkey & Cheese Wrap, Sweet Potato Rounds, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk

Cross Plains I.S.D. Participating in Labels for Education Program

Welcome to an exiciting year at to be successful at this program. Through the program we can lmcnutt@cplains.esc14.net. collect UPCs and beverage/sauce merchandise!

Our goal is to collect enough help—simply save UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from Secret and Goldfish. participating products and drop them off at the Cross Plains I.S.D. offices. Cross Plains I.S.D. hopes

Cross Plains I.S.D! This year, our If you have any questions, please school will be participating in the contact Lurene McNutt at Labels for Education program. 254-725-6122 or via email at

Thank you for your support. caps from participating products Together with the Labels or to earn points that can be Education program—we can redeemed for FREE educational build a better school for our children.

Some examples of participants points so that we can redeem them include: Campbells, V8, Prego, for school materials. It's easy to Pepperidge Farm, Post, People, Bic, Emerald, Glad, Dannon, Pop

> Submitted by **Lurene McNutt**

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Thursday, December 20, 2012 School dismisses at 1:00 p.m. — Buses run at 1:10 p.m.

Christmas Holidays - Dec. 21, 2012 through January 1, 2013

> **Teachers & Staff** Wednesday, January 2, 2013 **Day for Staff Development**

STUDENTS: School resumes on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at regular time

Cross Plains Competes in Santo Tournament

The Cross Plains Buffaloes and a defensive adjustment gave and Lake Country.

faced perennial power Huckabay, team with 9. who only plays basketball, who Game Recaps: went on to win the tournament. Game 1 Outside shooting by the Indians was too much for the Buffaloes, Huckabay as Huckabay knocked down C.P. seven total three point buckets in the contest.

Dakota Gilliam would lead the Stephenson 2 team in points with 11 in the game. Chris French followed Game 2

Friday morning, Cross Plains Hico faced Hico in a defensive battle. CP C.P. struggled to get any offense going, but managed to take a Scoring: French 6, Willis 4, use a strong fourth quarter to Stephenson 4 overcome the Buffaloes as they netted 15 in the fourth to Cross Plains 8. The final score 32-22, Game 3

tournament, Cross Plains would CP play their best basketball of the year offensively and defensively Scoring: Gilliam 15, Hutchins 9, against Lake Country. Lake Stephenson 6, French 6, Branch Country jumped out to a huge 4, Holland 2 13-0 lead, but a change in tempo

traveled to Santo over a three the Buffaloes life as they chipped day event to compete in the away at the lead the rest of the Santo Varsity Tournament. The game. The Buffaloes would Buffaloes showed some good outscore Lake Country 42-39 signs of things to come, but was after the bad start, but the 13 point unable to get in the win column hole proved to be too much. in games versus Huckabay, Hico Dalton Gilliam had a big game with 15, as BlakeHutchins would Thursday night the Buffaloes come off the bench to spark the

1 2 3 4 F 23 20 15 11 69 11 12 9 10 42

Scoring: Gilliam 11, French 9, The Buffaloes battled hard for Hutchins 5, Holland 4, Branch 4, four quarters but fell 69-42. Willis 4, Henderson 3,

1 2 3 4 F 5 4 8 15 32 4 6 4 8 22

10-9 lead at half. Hico would Henderson 4, Holland 4,

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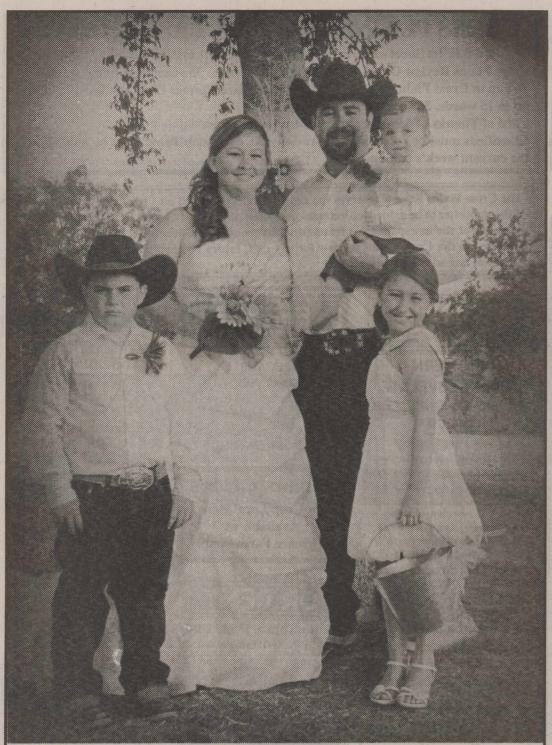
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In Appreciation — Words cannot express how truly grateful we are for the outpouring of love and support we have received for Kyle and our family over the past several months. We are touched by the numerous ways our friends and the community have been so generous and caring through words of encouragement, thoughtful cards, donations, visits and food. We would like to thank the organizers, volunteers, participants and all those who attended the Team Kyle fundraiser and for Salamanders who generously donated/designed the Team Kyle T-shirts. We also deeply appreciate the bake sale and gun raffle benefits and are grateful for the time and effort that was put into each. We would like to extend a special thank you to those who established the love fund to collect money for Kyle's medical expenses and the local churches for their donations of food and money to the love fund. Above all, we would like to give thanks for the ongoing prayers. The Lord has sustained us and we ask that you continue to lift us up in the months to come. May the Lord richly bless you for your love and generosity. "I always thank my God for you because of His grace given you in Christ

1Corinthians 1:4

Blessings and love, Kyle and Kristin McClure and Family

Tucking In Your Garden Bed for Winter

Are your plants ready for win- Heucheras which look great with ter?

We are often asked about what, when, and how to trim plants for over wintering. Eventually you will want to remove the plant's spent foliage as most will be wintering at or below the soil line. (New growth is coming next spring, don't worry!) Cutting the plant back to 4-6" high is a good rule of thumb. You can use almost anything from scissors, to cut back to 12" for winter, hand pruners, grass shears, to then go to 4-6" as the weather hedge shears (my personal favorite). Now is also a good time to pull out any annuals, as they won't be coming back like your perennials will.

some guidelines we like to use. Why cut back now?

to tidy up and get everything tools.

to harvest some of the dried flowers, stalks, and seed heads for winter bouquets.

• To make raking easier. Tree leaves drifting in will turn into a wet smothering blanket over the winter which will harm your plants

Why wait until spring time? · You like how they look and want some winter interest. Examples would be Sedums, Hydrangeas and dark-leaved

• The flowers heads will provide food for birds. Echinacea After Midnight, Echinacea Purpurea and Rudbeckia Goldsturm and others will help our feathered friends when food is scarce.

 You have a windswept location and want to help drift snow to insulate your plants. I'll tend breaks in spring.

What should I leave alone?

· Shrubs and evergreens. You'll be pruning for shape and health, as they will be growing You don't have to cut back on last year's growth and not everything in the fall. Here are starting over like a perennial. You can tell where to stop as you are cutting back as you will see • Appearances. You just want some green inside the stem (they won't totally die back). Just start ship shape before storing your out at the tip and work your way down the stem if you are not • Dried Bouquets. You want sure. Perovskia would be a good example of one that you would not take to the ground.

 Winter flowering plants like Helleborus.

Our website offers tips on caring and pruning for each plant. As always, we are standing by if you ever have any questions!

> Happy gardening! William Boonstras Second Generation Owner & Grower



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Don't Raise Taxes on Small Businesses

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Americans are understandably uncertain about the full extent of the damage to our economy if Congress and the White House fail to agree on deficit reduction and taxes to avoid the January 1, 2013 "fiscal cliff." But most taxpayers do know that their taxes are going up on January 1st if agreement isn't reached.

I still believe that a timely, bipartisan agreement can be finalized. But time is growing short, and the White House and Congressional leaders need to commit to serious negotiations.

Thus far, the President has only talked about tax increases on "wealthy" taxpayers (individuals who make more than make more than \$250,000). If the President gets his way, howsmall businesses would be hit by these higher taxes and new hiring would remain weak.

Most small business owners be lost. declare business profits on their In the most recent year for which

dynamic job-creators are found higher taxes.

On my June bus tour in central and south Texas, I talked to a number of small business owners about what higher taxes would mean. In Uvalde, I talked to Donald McLaughlin of DKM Enterprises, who owns a steel salvage and distribution company. His is among America's tens of thousands of small and medium-sized manufacturers, many of them centers of cutting-edge technology and employers of some of the most skilled workers in the world. Nearly seven out of eight of small manufacturers pay their taxes at personal income tax \$200,000 and joint filers who rates. These companies already pay higher taxes than competitors in Germany and China. Raisever, hundreds of thousands of ing their taxes even more will make them less competitive, and opportunities to grow and cre-

Also set to take effect on Janupersonal tax returns and are ary 1st is a huge jump in the gagement in Washington on the taxed at the personal tax rates, estate tax, referred to as the two critical issues: reducing skydata is available, 4.3 million small owners. If action isn't taken, businesses filed and paid taxes when a family business owner form. It is the only way to get the at individual tax rates. Of those, dies, his or her survivors will pay economy back on track. In the 1.2 million would be affected by a 55 percent estate tax on asthe proposed tax increase. Small sets: equipment, land and in- forward my ideas on these two businesses are the engines of ventory. The increase will boost our economy. They are respon- death tax liabilities by more than sible for driving most of the job one-third on most family-owned growth in this country, provid- businesses and threaten to force the senior U.S. senator from ing approximately 55 percent of many to close and liquidate in Texas.

private sector jobs. And the most order to pay the IRS. Particularly hard-hit will be ranchers and within the 1.2 million small busi- farmers, who could be forced to nesses that would be hit with sell land in an unfavorable realestate market.

Proposed tax rate hikes would come on top of the Obamacare taxes that begin in earnest in 2013: higher Medicare healthinsurance taxes, a new healthinsurance penalty tax, costs of covernment health-insurance

endates, and taxes on employers that provide relatively generous coverage. The Joint Committee on Taxation projects that, beginning in 2013, the costs of Obamacare on small businesses will rise to more than \$100 billion per year. In addition there will be a 3.8 percent surcharge on capital gains and dividend taxes.

The looming fiscal cliff could set back our economy and our small businesses for years. Higher taxes will hammer down job growth and make only a small dent in the huge budget ate more good-paying jobs will deficit - which will exceed \$1 trillion for the fourth consecutive year. We need serious en-"death tax" by small-business rocketing federal spending and enacting comprehensive tax renext few weeks, I'll be putting crucial problems

Hutchison, a Republican, is

Comptroller announces Final Report in the Texas, It's Your Money Series

the final report in the Texas, It's your Money series titled, Your Money and Pension Obligations. Combs also announced recommendations aimed at improving government transparency for legislative leadership to consider in the upcoming session.

This latest report provides a detailed look at state and local ports focuses on financial obli- one public website. transparency regarding those obligations. Combs is now rec-

upcoming session. where we fall short of talking straight to the taxpayer and proworking with leadership on leg-

The first of these reports, Your Money and The Taxing Facts, examines all the local entities that contribute to a taxpayer's bill, such as cities, counties, special-purpose districts and transit authorities, and identifies trends in spending. Combs is calling for these taxing entities to post pension programs, while the more information on the Web overall report series offers Tex- and for local taxing districts to ans a clear picture of who is send that information to the is growing. Each one of the re- and property tax information on turn.

sider these suggestions in the posed debt obligations, includommendations which shows and annual debt service require-

The third report, Your Money

(AUSTIN)-Texas Comptrol- islative ideas to embody these institutions. Because most of this ler Susan Combs released today recommendations and prin- debt is used for school construction, Combs wants information on the cost of each facility, cost per square foot and space per student be posted on

The fourth report, Your Money and Pension Obligations, looks at public pension debt, which has made national headlines recently. Combs urges public pension funds in Texas to report on a public website such line items as their actual investment taxing them, how their money is Comptroller's office so the returns for the past 10 years and being spent and how public debt agency can put all local sales the plans' assumed rates of re-

"We want to give taxpayers the gations of taxpayers and pro- The second report, Your Money same kind of information on vides suggestions on how gov- and Local Debt, zeroes in on the government debt and spending ernment should provide more debt issued by local govern- that they would need to prepare ments. Combs suggests ballots and balance their own budgets, for new debt contain informa- to handle a mortgage or buy a ommending the Legislature contion both on current and procar - a clear knowledge of what we're spending and what we ing the following: the debt's owe," Combs said. "It's your "What comes through in each stated purpose, total outstand- money. If you don't know how of these reports is a set of rec- ing debt, total debt per capita it's being used, you need to know. And it's our job to let you know."

Each of the four reports along viding a more transparent gov- and Education Debt, examines with interactive Web tools can ernment," Combs said. "I am the indebtedness of Texas' pub- be seen at www.texasitslic schools and higher education yourmoney.org.

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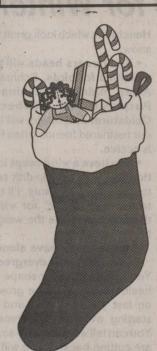
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curred last week resulted in gun- ing into a door. shots fired upon the victim after they drove upon the burglars tified all the pawn shops in the making their getaway. Sheriff area to look out for certain sto-Windham said its unclear where the gunshots were fired at, and is unknown how many shots drove away.

latest burglary, a young man who lives at the residence, actuwhen they fired shots in the vicinity of the victim.

two and one-half miles of each Sheriff Windham said.

Windham reported the crime November 6th and will officially occurred when the homeowners take office on January 1, 2013. were away. He said two of the

Three residential burglaries burglaries have occurred after shots being fired at the victims. jewelry, televisions, and any Callahan County Sheriff John items the suspects can sell or pawn quickly.

"They're just trying to make some fast cash." the County Sheriff said. He said all the bur-The latest burglary, which oc- glaries have occurred by break-

Sheriff Windham said he's no-

Sheriff Windham said part-time County Deputy Daniel Vinson is were fired when the suspects investigating all three burglaries. The County Sheriff also said "We do have suspects in this he's asked the Texas Rangers to case," Sheriff Windham said and help with the investigation. Sherhe reports the latest burglary is iff Windham said Texas Ranger possibly related to the first two. Shane Morrow, who is assigned Sheriff Windham said in the to Callahan County, is assisting with the investigation.

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Sheriff Windham said because ally caught the suspects pulling he's leaving office at the end of out of the residence and that's December, he wants all ongoing investigations caught up before he leaves office. "I don't want to Sheriff Windham said all three leave Terry (newly elected Sherburglaries have occurred within iff Terry Joy) with a lot of cases,"

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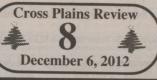
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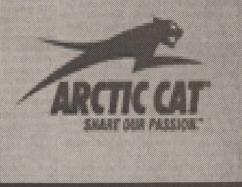
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Callahan County's jobless rate remains steady at 4.9% in October

The unemployment rate in Callahan County remained steady at 4.9% in October 2012, according to jobless figures released Friday, November 23rd by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in October 2011 was 6.1 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.9% in Septem- ployment rate for the previous ber, 2012.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 5.3% in August 2012, 5.8% in July, 5.8% in June, 5.1% in May, 4.8% in April, 5.3% in March, 5.4% in February, 5.5% in January 2012, 5.8% in December 2011, and 5.7% in November, according to the unemployment

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for October 2012 include: Brown, 5.9%; Coleman, 6.0%; Eastland, 5.4%; Jones, 5.5%; Runnels, 5.4%; Shackelford, 2.7%; Stephens, 5.4%; and Taylor County, 4.8%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Tav-Tor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 4.9% in October, 2012, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 84,900. There were 80,700 employed during October 2012, while 4,200 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 4.9%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 83,900 in September, 2012. Total employment of 79,700 was reported in September 2012, while 4,200, or 5.0% were unemployed in September 2012.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for October, 2011 was 6.2%. The total workforce was reported at 82,300, with 77,200 employed and 5.100 unemployed in October, 2011.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of October, 2012 was 6.3 percent. The total Texas tabor force was 12,671,600 in October 2012. The total number people. There has been an inlexans employed is 1,879,200. The total number of unemployed Texans was 792,400 in October 2012.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 6.3 percent. The state's unemployment rate in October of 2011 was 7.6 per-

The United States unemployment rate for October, 2012 was 7.5 percent. The nation's unem-

Callahan County Unemployment 4.9%

month of September, 2012 was 7.6%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in October, 2011 was 8.5%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The October unemployment rate remained the same over the month at 6.3 percent. This was the first month the rate has not decreased since July. Over the past three months, the unemployment rate has declined by 0.5 percentage points. The unemployment rate has descended by 1.3 percentage points since the beginning of the year and was the lowest October unemployment rate since 2008. The unemployment rate for the United States increased by onetenth of a percentage point to 7.5 percent in October.

 The Civilian Labor Force grew by an estimated 29,900 Texans for a total of 12,671,600 people. This was the second straight month of growth for the Texas labor force. Over the year, the Texas labor force has shown a growth of 156,600 individuals, a growth rate of 1.3 percent. However, since January, the Civilian Labor Force has grown by 209,700 individuals.

• In October, the number of employed Texans increased by 39,100 individuals. The past three months have shown an average gain of 36,800 per month. The number of Texans employed in October was estimated at 11,879,200 individuals, the largest number of jobholders since the beginning of the series. Over the year, the number of employed in Texas America will be consolidated into has increased by 314.100 crease of 363 900 jobbolders since the beginning of the year. The number of Texans seeking work was an estimated 792,400 persons, down by 9,200 persons over the month. This was the lowest number of unemployed persons since April 2009. There has been a drop of 154,200 jobseekers since the beginning of the year.

• The number of Texans con-

tinuing to seek unemployment insurance decreased by 3,900 people to an estimated 122,200 Texans in October. This was the third consecutive month there has been a decrease in the number of continued unemployment insurance claims in Texas. Texas has shown a decline of 17,500 unemployment insurance claims over the year. A decline in unemployment claims was shown in 15 of the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA experienced the largest decrease in unemployment claims showing a 14.1 percent decline. Nine MSAs had an increase in unemployment claim activity with the Tyler MSA leading at 7.8 percent. The Austin-Round-Rock-San Marcos MSA remained un-

> HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

HID Global to Build Operations Center

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman-Dan Zehr)-California-based technology HID Global Corporation announced that it will establish a new North American center of operations in Austin. The announcement, which will bring an estimated 276 jobs to Austin, came after the Travis County Commissioners Court and the Austin City Council approved incentive deals

to lure the company to town. HID will break ground on a new 200,000-square-foot facility in December. Once the building is completed, existing manufacturing operations, warehousing, distribution, and customer service activities across North the Austin facility, according to ary for employees at the new \$44,000 to \$53,000 over the 10

Glazer's Will Move and Ex-

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San An-Glazer's Inc.'s staffing plans for country to obtain a license to a new regional distribution and export liquefied natural gas.

sales center on San Antonio's West Side are expected to provide a significant job boost to the city. Glazer's new complex will be located on 45 acres at State Highway 151 and Callaghan Road. The facility will cost roughly \$30 million to develop, according to Pat McNamara, senior vice president of the real estate and construction division of Glazer's Inc.

The new distribution hub will allow Glazer's to consolidate under one roof, its existing Alamo City operations. The center is slated to open next August. ~McNamara adds that by 2015, the facility will boast a minimum of 450 employeesincluding 261 new hires from San Antonio. The new complex represents a major investment by Glazer's, a company that has been operating in San Antonio for more than 30 years. **USAA** Hiring in North Texas

ADDISON, TX (San Antonio Business Journal-Greg Jefferson)—USAA plans to add 270 employees to the company's Financial Advice Center in Addison, Texas, in the coming months and double the company's office presence there. The company currently has 120 employees in the North Texas office that provide advice to members on their mortgages. USAA has leased an additional office space located 13 miles north of downtown Dallas. USAA is a San Antoniobased insurance and financial services giant. The company provides financial services to 9.3 million members of the U.S. military and their dependents.

Energy Company to Build VICTORIA, TX (Victoria Advocate)—Excelerate Energy has

announced it will build a liquefied natural gas terminal in Port Lavaca to become one of the first American energy companies to export natural gas. The company will bring about 2,500 construction jobs to Calhoun County when the terminal is being built and about 180 local jobs when it is operational, according to Denise Madera, Excelerate communications difacility is expected to range from rector. "Port Lavaca provides us with the unique opportunity years of the county's incentive to further capitalize on our position as a market leader in floating LNG (liquefied natural gas) solutions," said Rob Bryngelson, Excelerate Energy tonio Business Journal-Tricia president and CEO. The com-Lynn Silva: Dallas-based pany is one of the first in the

Bake Sale Saturday December 15th at Lowe's Market

December 15th in front of Lowe's Market in Cross Plains.

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Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Ball set for December 7th

The Grand Ole Oplin will host its annual Christmas Ball on Friday, December 7, 2012. MUDDY CREEK will be on hand to play all of your favorite two-steps and waltzes. Our Christmas Ball will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission will be \$8.00 per person.

Our decorating committee is already planning to transform our community center into a beautiful Christmas wonderland. Snacks will be provided but everyone is welcome to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not

allowed at any of our functions.

For further information please go to www.grandoleoplin.com. So remember the date. December 7th and gather your family and all of your friends and come on out to our Annual Christmas Ball. Be sure and wear your fancy duds (think red) and your dancing boots for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good

Abilene's State Veterans Cemetery hosts Wreaths Across America

AUSTIN—The Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene will host a wreath laying ceremony for Wreaths Across America at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15th. The ceremony will be one of more than 500 taking place simultaneously at veterans cemeteries and memorials across the nation.

The purpose of this annual ceremony is to remember the fallen, honor those who have served and to teach our children the value of freedom. Wreaths Across America will take place at each of the four Texas State Veterans Cemetery.

The ceremony will take place at the assembly area wall at the cemetery, which has emblems representing each branch of the nation's armed forces. Service members representing the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force Coast Guard Merchant Marines and POW/ MIAs will take a wreath and place it before the emblem representing their service.

Wreaths Across America began in 1992 at Arlington National Cemetery. The nonprofit veterans group now coordinates wreath laying ceremonies across the nation on the second Saturday in December.

"I am honored to welcome our veterans community to the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene for this event," said Jerry Patterson, chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board. "This will be a fitting tribute to all those who have earned the right to be interred in these hallowed grounds."

For more information on the Dec. 15th event, call 325-673-4446. For additional information on Texas State Veterans Cemeteries and other veterans programs offered by the Texas Veterans Land Board, call 1-800-252-VETS (1-800-252-8387), or visit the Veterans Land Board Web site at www.texasveterans.com.

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Wreath laying ceremony

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· To focus attention on veterans and the sacrifices

Dangerous toys still on store shelves; tips to help parents keep children safe

AUSTIN -Dangerous or toxic toys can still be found on America's store shelves, according to Texas Public Interest Research Group's 27th annual Trouble in Toyland

This morning TexPIRG, joined by State Rep. Elliott Naishtat and Dr. Lisa Doggett, released the report. It reveals the results of laboratory testing on toys for lead, cadmium and phthalates, all of which have been proven to have serious adverse health impacts on the development of young children. The survey also found small toys that pose a choking hazard, extremely sloud toys that threaten children's hearing, and toy magnets that can cause serious injury.

The Trouble in Toyland report also includes a list of dangerous toys that surveyors found on toy store shelves. The list includes a dangerous magnet toy, a bowling game that is a choking hazard and a cell phone rattle that is harmful to little ears.

"We should be able to trust that the toys we buy are safe. However, until that's the case, parents need to watch out for common hazards when shopping for toys," said Ilya Slavinski, Advocate for TexPIRG.

Dr. Lisa Dogger, M.D., Director of the UT Family Wellness Center and Co-President of Austin Physicians for Social Responsbility said, "It's startling that lead and phthalates are still found in toys, but I'm equally concerned about the tens of thousands of commonly used chemicals that have little to no safety data."

State Rep. Elliott Naishtat added, "I encourage parents to be vigilant and make sure that they are buying only safe toys for their children this holiday

season." For 27 years, the TexPIRG Trouble in Toyland report has offered safety guidelines for purchasing toys for small children and provided examples of toys currently on store shelves that pose potential safety hazards. The group also provides an interactive website with tips for safe toy shopping that consumers can access on their smartphones

www.toysafety.mobi. Key findings from the report

· Toys with high levels of toxic substances are still on store shelves. We found toys which contained phthalates, as well as toys with lead content above the 100 parts per million

• Despite a ban on small parts in toys for children under three, we found toys available in stores that still pose choking

• We also found toys that are potentially harmful to children's ears and exceed the noise standards recommended by the National Institute of Deafness and Communication Disorders.

· We discovered small powerful magnets that pose a dangerous threat to children if swallowed.

(Parents and toy givers need to remember that while the CPSC is doing a good job, no government agency tests all toys before they hit store shelves.) Consumers should also remember that toys that are not on our list of examples could also pose hazards, Slavinski concluded. "The message of today is clear. Parents have to stay vigilant. We cannot and must not accept any weakening of our consumer and public health safeguards because they protect young children, America's littlest consumers." To download our Toy Tips or the full Trouble in Toyland report, go to http:// texpirg.org/reports/

Children's Hospital Association of Texas Provides Tips to **Prevent Child Abuse Increase During the Holidays**

AUSTIN, Texas-The holidays are upon us, which is good news for excited kids and family members anxious to reconnect. But many Texas parents struggle to find childcare while school is out and worry how they can afford the added expenses of holiday gifts and travel. The frustration and stress that many families experience this time of year often lead to more cases of child abuse or neglect.

More than 65,000 Texas children are abused or neglected each year. Many times, economic and personal stresses are contributors to child abuse. For many parents, the holidays increase these stress levels because of the extra demands on their time, money and energy.

"Many children and adults have unrealistic expectations for a perfect holiday season," Bryan Sperry, president of the Hospital Children's Association of Texas (CHAT), said. "Additionally, arguments with family members, exhaustion from over-planning and dependence on food and alcohol-among other factorscan become a catalyst for

parents losing their temper." To minimize the risk of abuse, it's best to reduce unnecessary stress by planning ahead. The Children's Hospital Association of Texas recommends the following tips that parents can use to avoid having a holiday meltdown.

 Establish a family budget for holiday spending and be realistic about what you can afford.

 Hold a family meeting to discuss holiday plans, and include the children in planning activities.

 Post a calendar of family activities in a place where all family members will see it. Ask each person to remind you of school events, church activities, holiday parties, etc.

· Limit travel. On top of everything else, long trips may be more than your family can handle. Suggest visiting relatives later in the year when things are calmer and you can enjoy the trip more.

• Have your children make a list of elderly or shut-in neighbors in your area. Plan to share a meal, some of your time, or run errands for these neighbors. Explain to children that helping and sharing are important elements of special

holidays. • Set family priorities for the season. One of the biggest causes of holiday stress is having too much to do in a short period of time. This year, sit down as a family and make decisions that are important to all of you.

· Learn to say "no." Fewer activities mean more time to relax and enjoy being with

If you do find that it is difficult to avoid being verbally or physically harsh with your children, stop and try the following:

• Take a deep breath and count to 20.

· Phone a friend.

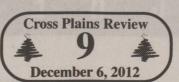
• Take a walk outside. · Ask for help.

• Place your child in time out or a safe area, such as a crib, and leave the room.

• Take a time out and leave your child with a responsible

· Catch up on sleep. For more information about CHAT and its member hospitals, www.childhealthtx.org.

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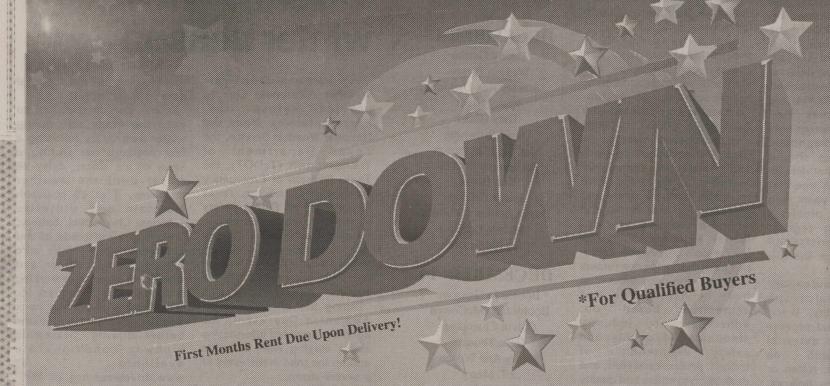
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Decay can cause hazardous defects in trees

of residential property damage, as well as the leading cause of power outages nationwide. An ice storm can overload all the branches on a tree, a hurricane or high wind can blow down a tree if its roots are compromised, or a cracked tree can fail under its own

"Homeowners who are worried about trees falling and damaging property should call a professional arborist for an on-site inspection," advises Tchukki Andersen, CTSP, BCMA*, staff arborist with the Care Industry Association.

Andersen notes that trees are genetically designed to withstand most storms, but all trees can fail... and defective trees fail sooner than healthy trees. A sound tree becomes potentially dangerous when the tree's woody structure is weakened by one or more defects. During storms, preexisting defects predispose trees to failure. "To a professional arborist," notes Andersen, "defects are visible signs that a tree has the potential to fail. "Broadly defined, there are seven categories of defects: 1. decayed wood 2. cracks 3. root problems 4. weak branch unions 5. cankers 6. poor tree architecture 7. dead trees, tops or branches.

StressHealthy, maintained trees growing on suitable sites will be able to minimize the extent of decay and other defects. Trees that are stressed have reduced energy reserves, and therefore have less ability to deal with wounds and decay. Most urban trees survive on constructionaltered soils that may be compacted, poorly drained, high in clay, sand or gravel, very alkaline or littered with construction debris. Additionally, many urban trees

such as de-icing salts, herbicides and fertilizers commonly used in landscape maintenance. Poor tree maintenance is another contributor to stress. These cumulative stresses all take a toll on tree vitality and structural integrity, increasing the risk of failure.

"Defects and Decay: Professional arborists have an understanding of the factors that create or accelerate the development of defects in trees. They also understand that some species have growth characteristics that make them prone to certain defects. "All defects in trees cannot be detected, corrected or eliminated. Although a professional arborist can readily recognize most defects, there are root problems and some internal defects that are hidden. These trees may require in-depth assessments and specialized diagnostic tools. Homeowners should also keep in mind that defects change with time. A tree that looked fine three years ago may have severe problems today. By doing regular inspections, arborists can successfully manage the risk of tree failure.

Advanced decay and cavities result in less structural strength and reduced stability. Wood decay is an internal process with just a few external indications, such mushrooms, conks, rotten or punky wood, cavities, hollows, holes, in-rolled cracks, and bulges in the wood. The healthy layer surrounding the decay column is called the shell. If the shell thickness is thin relative to the size of the tree, the shell is likely to fracture, causing the tree to fail. A tree can have internal decay and an opening and still be structurally sound provided that the shell is thick enough and the opening is not

If a tree is repeatedly wounded by the presence of inrolled cracks, included bark, canker-rot fungi, or equipment (mowers, plows and weed whips), decay occurs in every annual ring of wood. These trees should be carefully inspected by a professional arborist because they do not form a sound shell of wood. The tree is likely to fail at or near the location of the crack or wound because a large and ever-expanding column of decay is present there. Again, a professional arborist can evaluate shell thickness and opening width to help determine the tree's potential for failure.

Find a professional: A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the safest course of action. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org. *Certified Treecare Safety Professional and Board



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Reception for Sheriff John Windham is December 14th

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Callahan County as a Dis-during his term. patcher/Jailer, then as Deputy Sheriff from September 13, 1993 until May 8, 2002, at that time moving to the City Marshal's be greatly missed. Office, still serving the citizens of Callahan County.

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Many improvements and changes came about during Sheriff Windham's term in office. He and his staff are proud Sheriff Windham first served of the accomplishments made

> Be sure to come by and say good luck to Sheriff John Windham and his family. He will

The reception will be Friday, December 14th from 1:00 p.m. Sheriff Windham then ran for until 3:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom, Callahan County ing office January 1, 2009 and Courthouse in Baird. Coffee, will serve as Sheriff until Decempunch and cake will be served.

TxDOT prepares for winter season

Agencies team up for Winter Weather Awareness Day to provide safety tips. Representatives from the National Weather Service, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the Texas Division of Emergency Management and the Texas Department of Public Safety joined for a news conference today at the National Weather Service facility in San Angelo to help area residents prepare for the upcoming winter season.

During the Winter Weather Awareness Day event, the agencies provided information about staying safe at home and on the road in the event of a severe storm.

TxDOT began preparing for winter several weeks ago by testing roadway equipment, stocking supplies and updating emergency contact lists. Snow plows, material spreaders and vehicles are ready for maintenance crews to respond if a winter storm moves into the area.

The safety of the traveling public is TxDOT's highest priority, and crews respond to snow and ice events as quickly as possible. The most heavily traveled roadways, such as I-20 and other major highways, are treated first. Crews move on to secondary and low-traffic

routes once the most critical areas are addressed.

Drivers can do their part to keep the roads safe during winter weather by following a few precautions: During a snow or ice storm, delay all travel until the weather improves, if at all possible. Maintain and winterize vehicles. Check fuel, battery, tire pressure and treads, oil and antifreeze levels. Make sure brakes, lights, heater and windshield wipers are working properly, and place an ice scraper in the glove box. Check weather and road conditions before driving. Statewide highway conditions are available www.drivetexas.org or 800-452-9292.

If you must drive during inclement weather, use caution when driving over bridges and overpasses, which can freeze quickly. Reduce speed, increase following distance, accelerate slowly and never use cruise control on wet or icy pavement. Be patient even a short trip will take longer in inclement weather.

For more winter weather tips, www.txdot.gov/driver/ weather/winter-driving.html.

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Auto Thieves and Burglars Hard At Work During Holidays

only a memory, and Cyber Monday has passed. But the bargain hunting season has only just begun for one type of shopper vehicle

criminals! The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, reminds drivers that a vehicle is burglarized every two minutes and stolen every eight minutes in the state. These crimes can escalate during the holiday season when drivers are frequently out shopping for gifts and traveling to visit friends and family. During these times, drivers are more likely to leave belongings within view inside vehicles as well as become negligent in locking doors and taking keys. To make matters worse, a thief won't necessarily stop with taking your vehicle and the things inside. They may also look for personal documents that can help them steal your identity or that indicate where you live so they can burglarize additional property from your home. In other words, the theft or burglary of your vehicle may simply be a gateway to the commission of additional

"We know auto burglars

(Dallas, TX)—Black Friday is scout malls, shopping centers, motorists to help prevent entertainment venues, hotels, and other business parking lots this time of year looking for opportunities to break into vehicles," said Michelle Lanham, program manager for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) public awareness task force at the University of North Texas Dallas Caruth Police Institute. "Drivers need to understand that almost anything they leave inside their vehicles can be valuable to a thief. And when vehicles are left unlocked and unattended, drivers are inviting thieves to walk away with everything they see inside, which often includes gifts, purses, wallets, packages, electronics, suitcases, garage door openers, keys, and personal information,"

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, thieves committed 221,065 acts of vehicle burglary and stole 63,379 vehicles in Texas during 2011. In some jurisdictions, more than half of vehicle thefts occurred because doors were unlocked and keys left inside. But drivers can avoid becoming part of these statistics. The ABTPA and its 29 vehicle crime task forces in Texas offer three basic safety tips to

vehicle crimes during the holidays and throughout the year: remove belongings from view, secure vehicles, and never leave keys inside. In addition to practicing these prevention methodologies, drivers should park in areas that are well-lit, near surveillance cameras (if available), and near heavy foot and vehicle traffic. The more thieves feel threatened by detection, the less likely they are to focus on targets in such vulnerable areas.

The Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1991 to fund programs to reduce vehicle thefts. The passing of House Bill 1887 in 2007 expanded the scope of the agency to include automobile burglary and added that term to the Authority's title. For more information on the ABTPA, auto burglary, vehicle theft, prevention, statistics, contacts for any of ABTPA's 29 Texas vehicle crime task forces, announcements, or to schedule an interview with task force personnel, call 800-CAR-WATCH or visit the ABTPA website www.txwatchyourcar.com.

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