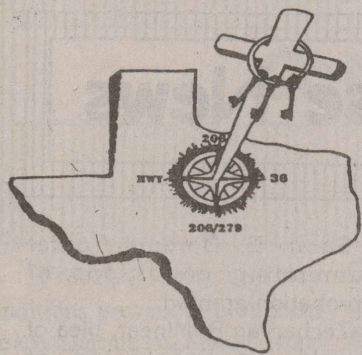


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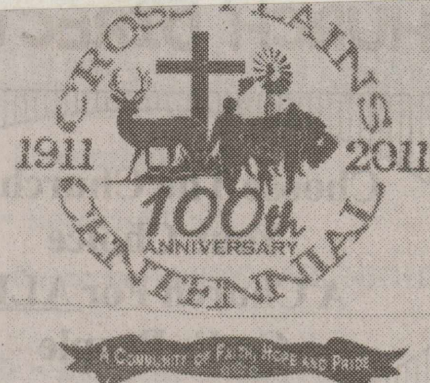
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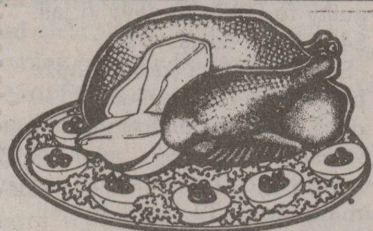
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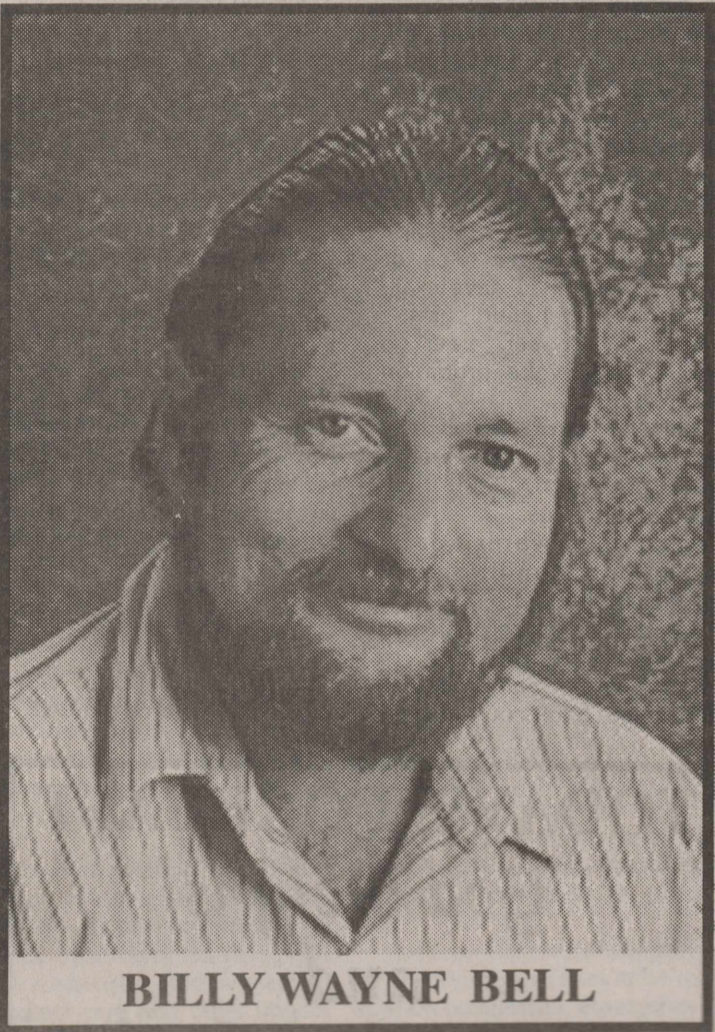
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



BILLY WAYNE BELL

Services For Local Man Held Last Thursday, November 21st

Billy Wayne Bell of Cross Plains passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at his home in Cross Plains. Funeral services were held Thursday, November 21, 2013 in the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Flossie Rogers, Joel Rogers and Michael Ingram officiating.

He was born in Brownwood on October 9, 1970 to Bobbie K. Campbell and Billy Don Bell. Billy graduated from Cross Plains High school and then began working for the Cross Plains ISD as custodian for 24 years. He always had a smile and a kind word for everyone.

He married Donna Paquin on July 1, 1995 in Cross Plains.

He served as pastor of Believer's Fellowship Church for

several years in Cross Plains.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Bell of Cross Plains; daughter, Renee Bilbrey and husband Zack of Tye; two sons Bobby Don Bell and Joseph Bell both of the home; parents, Billy Don and Kay Bell of Cross Plains; sister Bea Kay Jackson and friend Scott Wanner of Princeton, and one grandchild Regan Bilbrey; a niece Tiffany Jackson and nephew Brody Wanner.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Payton Bell, a niece Kaitlyn Jackson and paternal grandparents Gorden and Beatrice Bell.

The following men served as pallbearers: John Davis Foller, Don Baskin, George McKinny, Scott Wanner, Zack Bilbrey, and Clay Gilmore.

Santa Claus is Coming to Cross Plains



Santa Claus is coming to Cross Plains for the Annual Stew Supper/Fundraiser hosted by the Kiwanis International. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 6th at the Senior Citizens Center. We ask your support with this fundraiser in our endeavor to help local children's projects.

Supper will be served at 5 p.m. and Santa Claus will arrive via the firetruck at 6 p.m.

Cost of the stew supper is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

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

will receive a bag of goodies. Additional photos are available for \$1 each and may be picked up at Susan Schaefer's office.

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

The evening will conclude with a drawing for turkeys and gifts. **You MUST be present to win!**

We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship in our community.

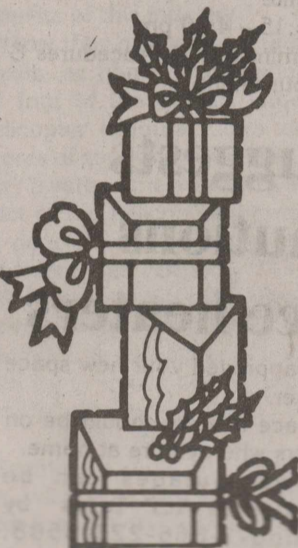
Submitted by
Kiwanis Club
Cross Plains

Cross Plains Review Will Be CLOSED on Thursday, November 28th to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Callahan County Tax Office Holiday closing times

The Callahan County Tax Office will be closing at 12:00 pm on November 27th and closed November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Kaleidoscope To Hold Annual Christmas Open House



Christmas Open House at The Kaleidoscope will be Friday, December 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

With a large variety of new merchandise and sales storewide, you are sure to find something for everyone on your list.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day to enhance your shopping experience. Door prize drawings will be held every hour, so stop by earlier in the week and sign up.

If you can't make it to open house, come by and check out our great selection of Christmas gifts. We will be open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy Shopping!

DPS Urges Travelers to Drive Responsibly During Thanksgiving Holiday

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging Thanksgiving travelers to practice safe driving habits during the long holiday weekend to help keep Texas roadways safer for everyone.

"Holiday travel can be especially challenging because of congested roadways, added distractions and fatigued or drunk driving - all of which can lead to tragedy," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS will be working hard to keep our roads safe during the Thanksgiving holiday, and we're also counting on everyone traveling throughout the state to do their part by driving responsibly."

DPS troopers will be

patrolling Texas roadways throughout the holiday weekend to promote safety and identify dangerous drivers.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2012, DPS troopers arrested 386 individuals for driving while intoxicated, issued more than 7,500 speeding citations, 875 citations for no insurance and more than 770 seat belt/child safety seat citations. DPS patrols also resulted in 258 fugitive arrests and 211 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday:

Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.

Eliminate distractions, including the use of mobile devices.

Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

Don't drive fatigued.

Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

Looking Past Thanksgiving

By Glenn Mollette

The first Thanksgiving was surrounded by life's hardships. The early settlers were bombarded with extreme weather, hunger, sickness and death. Those who had survived believed the best they could do was to stop and give thanks.

Too many throughout America are looking past Thanksgiving. Either we don't want to think about it or we are looking to black Friday, Christmas or just trying to get through the year. The aggravations of the world often drive us to feeling beaten down and we become bitter and resentful instead of thankful.

When we live with gratitude our lives are more peaceful. Gratitude is a great stress reliever because we are looking to God and thanking Him. A

thankful life is a healthy life emotionally and physically. In Gratitude we focus on the positive instead of the negative. We focus on the giver of life and not everything that is wrong with life.

How well we know that life is filled with suffering. Tomatoes destroyed towns throughout the Midwest last week. Thousands of people were devastated. One evening news sound bite was a woman in tears saying that she and her husband lost everything but they clung to each other because they still had each other. In the middle of losing everything they were grateful for each other. The Philippines were almost wiped off the map because of the most horrific typhoon ever recorded. Those people are suffering.

We don't want pain and suffering. Yet, it's almost impossible to live very long without experiencing both. A man in the Bible by the name of Job lost everything. He lost his children, his entire wealth and his health. Job suffered and lost everything. His wife told him to curse God and die. Job looked to his creator in spite of circumstances. He never lost his sense of gratitude toward God even in the blackest hours of his life. He said, "Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him," Job 13:15. In his last years of life Job ended up with more than ever before. Gratitude was the beginning step to a new life for Job.

You may not feel life is going your way. Stop and give thanks. Giving thanks is often the first step to better days.



"Hometown Christmas" Quilt — Beta Sigma Phi is holding a drawing for this beautiful 80' x 90' "Hometown Christmas" quilt to benefit their Scholarship Fund. Donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and tickets are available from members and at Texas Heritage Bank, CP Senior Citizens' Center and the CP Public Library. Pieced by Michelle Kaiser and Mildred Hoegler, and quilted by the Cross Plains Quilting Club, this quilt is currently on display at the Senior Citizens' Center. Drawing will be held at the bank at noon on Dec. 20th. Beta Sigma Phi awards a scholarship each semester to a Cross Plains student. Members of Beta Sigma Phi and their families are eligible for the drawing. — photo and caption submitted by Michelle Kaiser

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Phone: 254-725-7522
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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

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Restoring And Equipping The Saints

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

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Ministry Activities

Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM

Thomas Estes, Pastor
Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor
Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM
MUSIC- CONNIE SWIFT
LEAD SINGERS: 4HIS GLORY
Pastor Kathy Monroe
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433 North Main Street
Cross Plains, Texas 76443
Minister: RICK AUSTIN

SUNDAY:
Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
Ladies Class - Wednesday:
10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)
Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

Big Country Agricultural & Structural Pesticide CEU Conference

The annual fall CEU conference will be held December 11, 2013 at the Taylor County Extension Office in Abilene, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The session will award 5 CEU's to holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture Agricultural Applicator License. These include: 3 General, 1 Integrated Pest management, 1 Laws and Regulations. The session will also award 6 CEU's to holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture Structural Applicator License. These include: 1 Lawn & Ornamental, 1 Pest, 1 Weed, 1 IPM, 1 Laws and Regulations and 1 Termite. If preregistered by December 6, the cost will be \$40.00. After this date and at the door, the cost will be \$50.00. Refreshments and lunch are included in the registration. To register, call the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048.

Paul Weiser-TDA Representative
TDA Structural Cat. - 1 L&R
TDA Ag Cat. - 1 L&R
• 11:00 - 12:00 am

SESSION 3
Integrated Pest Management Concepts
Dr. Charles Allen, Extension Entomologist
TDA Structural Cat. - 1 IPM
TDA Ag Cat - 1 IPM
• 12:15 - 1:00 pm

LUNCH (provided)
• 1:00 - 2:00 pm

SESSION 4
Rose Rosette Disease-Demystified
Laura Miller- Extension Agent - Horticulture
TDA Structural Cat. - 1 L & O
TDA Ag. Cat. - 1 GENERAL
• 2:00 - 3:00 pm

SESSION 5
Insect Pest Identification and Management
Dr. Mike Merchant, Extension Entomologist
TDA Structural Cat. - 1 PEST
TDA Ag Cat. - 1 GENERAL
• 3:00 - 3:15 pm
Break/Administrative Procedures
• 3:15 - 4:15 pm

SESSION 6
Management of Termites in Home Landscapes
Dr. Mike Merchant, Extension Entomologist
TDA Structural Cat. - 1 Termite
• 4:15 - 4:30 pm
Administrative Procedures & Adjournment

THE PROGRAM IS AS FOLLOWS:
• 8:30 - 9:00 am
REGISTRATION
• 9:00 - 10:00 am

SESSION 1
Weed Management Update
Dr. Todd Baughman, OSU Extension Specialist
TDA Structural Cat. - 1 Weed
TDA Ag Cat. - General
• 10:00 - 11:00 am

SESSION 2
Laws and Regulations for TDA and SPCS

AEP Texas suggests we use precautions when using space heaters

As temperatures drop across the state, AEP Texas reminds electricity users to keep safety in mind when taking steps to keep warm, especially when using space heaters. Space heaters and similar equipment are the leading cause of home fires during December, January and February, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Most accidents involving space heaters are the result of human error such as heaters being placed too close to combustible material like drapes and furniture. Improperly maintained equipment is another contributing cause.

To ensure safety, use the following tips and share them with your friends and family: Give space heaters plenty of space. Space heaters pose a higher risk of fire and death than central heating systems. Keep the space heater at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including walls. Unplug the heater every time you leave the room and when you go to bed.

Plug electric space heaters into an outlet with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

Make sure the plug fits snugly in the outlet, since a loose plug can overheat. If you're using the space heater in the bathroom, be sure to use a ground-fault circuit interrupter. Remember, electricity and water do not mix.

Don't hide the cord under a rug or carpet. This can cause the cord to overheat and start a fire.

Keep it stable. Don't put your space heater on plush carpet or other surfaces where the space heater may tip over easily.

Check the tag. Make sure an independent testing laboratory (Underwriters Laboratories)

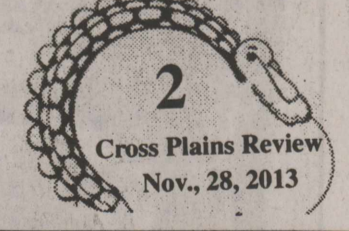
has approved your new space heater.

Space heaters should be on timers when you're at home.

Power outages can be reported to AEP Texas by calling 1-866-223-8508. Outages also can be reported through the HYPERLINK "http://www.aeptexas.com" website, which also features additional information regarding electric safety and energy efficiency during extreme weather conditions.

Portable fuel-burning generators may be used to supply electricity for the operation of small electrical appliances in the event of a power outage. While a generator can be convenient during an outage, potentially serious hazards exist if a generator is not used or connected properly. No matter how you plan to use a generator, always review the manufacturer's recommendations for safe use and maintenance of the system.

AEP Texas serves approximately 1,000,000 electric consumers in the deregulated Texas marketplace. As an energy delivery (wires) company, AEP Texas delivers electricity safely and reliably to homes, businesses and industry across its nearly 100,000 square mile service territory in west and south Texas. AEP Texas also builds new power lines, restores service following outages and handles electric metering REPs throughout its service territory. The company also connects or disconnects service upon the orders of the REPs.



First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 Parsonage 325-624-5634
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street
www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Robert K. Corbin, driving while intoxicated (DWI)-2nd. Daniel Justin Howe, DWI. Kristy Leigh Gandy, theft by check. William Bryan Schulte, theft by check. Kaleb Jay Thoeny, theft by check. Virgil A. Partin, deadly conduct.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Sergio Puga, motion to revoke probation granted. Christopher J. Willett, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice. Donald Chastain, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail. Melanie A. Ritter, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted. Bruce A. Cooper, plea of guilty to assault, 30 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$264 court costs. Bruce A. Cooper, order on motion to revoke probation granted. Allan J. Alvarez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$329 court costs. Allan J. Alvarez, order amending conditions of probation granted. Sarah E. Dorough, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$369 court costs.

Sarah E. Dorough, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Zecharyah B. Minear, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Jess H. Williamson, plea of guilty to terroristic threat, 45 days in jail, \$269 court costs.

Jerry E. Perry, plea of guilty to assault, 10 days in jail, \$269 court costs.

Russell C. Raymond, plea of guilty to DWI, 30 days in jail, \$429 court costs.

Sema M. Otis, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

Casey K. Bowen, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Robert Jonathan Little and Maria Moncerrat Dominguez, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Loren Gallardo vs. Gary Ward, individually and d/b/a Mizer Station Express, injury damages, motor vehicle accident.

In re: order of foreclosure concerning 7453 County Road 254, Clyde, Tx. 79510.

Civil Minutes

Pamela Erin Ivie and John Luther Ivie, divorce granted.

TODAY'S FORECAST

God Reigns and The SON SHINES

CROSS PLAINS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2013

Featuring:
Cross Plains Community Christmas Choir
Cross Plains Community Christmas Band
Cross Plains Community Children's Choir

Come to Hear...Come to Worship...Come to Share
Friday, December 13th @ 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

FBC Cross Plains, 301 N Main St, Cross Plains, TX
Call (254) 725-7629 for more information

A Love Offering will be received to benefit both Local and International causes.
You will have the opportunity to share with others...meeting both physical and spiritual needs.

First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. **Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday School 9:30
Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor
Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship
Jared Huntley/Students

(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443
www.firstbaptistcp.com

Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

Freezing rain and icy conditions prevailed throughout the area starting last Friday. Hope you and your family have stayed warm and dry.

Mary Ella Weaver, Billie Kelly and Dena Nickerson traveled to Shirley Byrd's home in Keller on Saturday for their annual Thanksgiving dinner and get-together. They arrived home safely Monday evening. They had clear roads both going and coming from the Dallas area.

Next Friday evening, December 6th --- Santa Claus comes to Cross Plains. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control will be there with a firetruck in the Christmas Parade. Parade starts at 6 p.m.

The best place to watch the parade from --- near the Senior

National Aviation Organizations Commend Texas Governor for Declaring November 'Aviation Appreciation Month'

Washington, DC— National aviation organizations today commended Texas Governor Rick Perry for declaring November "Aviation Appreciation Month." Across Texas, general aviation supports over 56,000 jobs and an economic output of more than \$14.6 billion annually.

"We applaud Governor Perry's recognition of the critical role of general aviation, both in Texas and across the country," said Selena Shilad, Executive Director of the Alliance for Aviation Across America. "This proclamation highlights the central role that these aircraft have on commerce, the economy, and vital services throughout the country."

"General aviation is a literal lifeline to communities around the nation, allowing businesses to connect with their resources and customers, and supporting medical care and other important services," noted Mark Baker, President and CEO of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). "We applaud Governor Perry's recognition of the significance of this industry, and look forward to working with him."

"Business aviation is a critical economic driver. Across the nation, many thousands of jobs

Center, where you can get a hot bowl of stew --- at the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper. Look for our Cottonwood Kiwanis Members in the kitchen doing the cooking. Stew Supper runs from 5-7 p.m.

Also coming soon --- The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's Annual Christmas Bake Sale is on Saturday, December 21st in front of Lowe's Market in Cross Plains. Cakes, pies and other holiday goodies are needed for the sale.

Former Cottonwood residents, Matt and Mandy Sowell will be performing with Rhonda Swift and Connie Swift (all better known as 4 His Glory) as they and their friends present "The Jesus Gift" at the First Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains on

Sunday, December 22nd at 7 p.m.

Copies of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control 25th Anniversary Book are still available. The book chronicles the early days of the group, the building of the new firehouse and the new firetruck. Books are \$15 each. You can pick up one at Connie's Cuts and Curls or the Review office. If you'd like to have one sent to you, send a check for \$15, plus \$4 shipping to Beverly Brown, 14394 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Remember, the burn ban is still off. Please exercise caution if you plan to burn. Here in Cottonwood, call Fire Chief, Joe Terstegge at 254-725-7281, and the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

and businesses rely on general aviation, especially in Texas, which has over 360 general aviation airports across the state," stated Ed Bolen, President and CEO of the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA). "We thank Governor Perry for this proclamation and for recognizing the value of business aviation."

"We commend Governor Perry for his leadership in highlighting the importance of general aviation in Texas," said Jack Pelton, Chairman of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). "Texas in particular has strong ties to aviation and the Governor's proclamation not only helps to raise awareness about its economic importance, but helps to build enthusiasm as we grow participation in aviation."

"Our statewide network of public use airports in Texas helps to support businesses, emergency services, and critical services for communities," said Henry Ogrodzinski, President of the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO). "We thank Governor Perry and Dave Fulton, Division of Aviation Director, for their hard work in giving general aviation its due recognition."

"General aviation allows busi-

nesses, farmers and organizations across Texas to connect with far-off markets, grow and get the resources they need," said Thomas L. Hendricks, President and CEO of the National Air Transportation Association. "NATA and its member companies commend Governor Perry for highlighting the widespread benefits of this industry."

"More than many other states, Texas, as home to operations by four of the world's largest helicopter manufacturers and scores of support businesses, is very aware of the economic impact of the helicopter segment of general aviation," said HAI President Matt Zuccaro. "In addition, our operators provide services vital to Texas residents, and we look forward to working with the Governor on issues impacting general aviation."

Formed in 2007, the Alliance for Aviation Across America is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of more than 6,300 individuals representing businesses, agricultural groups, FBO's, small airports, elected officials, charitable organizations, and leading business and aviation groups that support the interest of the general aviation community across various public policy issues.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

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

November 18 - 21, 2013

Patrons	91
Books Checked	117
Programs	15
LAP	3
Lapsit	1
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Memorials
Cross Plains Quilting Club
In Memory of Joyce Odom

Living Tributes
Charles and Nancy Rodenberger
In Honor of Michelle Kaiser

Book and Miscellaneous Donations
Larry and Sandra Crockett
Tommy Clark
Eddy McCardy
Vicky Worley
Penny Cooper

Volunteers
Helen Parson
Polly Beeler
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Ginny Hoskins
Michael Ellis

Senior Citizens Center Activities

December 2-6

Monday, 2nd - Exercise 11:00

Tuesday, 3rd- Exercise 11:00/GAME NIGHT 6:00PM

Wednesday, 4th - Exercise 11:00

Thursday, 5th - Exercise 11:00/ BINGO 11:15

Friday, 6th - Exercise 11:00/ Manicures
IntegraCare Christmas Parade
Kiwanis Stew 5:00

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 2-6

Monday - Chicken Pot Pie, Tomato/Cucumber Salad, Jello Cup, Dessert, Drink

Tuesday - Pizza, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Fruit Cup, Dessert, Drink

Wednesday - Potato Soup, 1/2 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Dessert, Drink

Thursday -Chicken Tenders w/gravy, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert, Drink

FRIDAY-Frito Pie, (chips, cheese in entree), Corn Nuggets, Dessert, Drink

Happy Thanksgiving



MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS FLOATS

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade on Friday, December 6, 2013. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it!

Parade starts at 6:00 p.m. that evening. This will be a great parade for the family!

Looking for something fun before the parade? Check out the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the

library will be hosting the ornament painting for the children.

Santa will be arriving on a fire truck to take pictures, at the Stew Supper.

We hope to see you there! For more information or an entry form contact Myleah at the chamber office, 254-725-7251, or Stephanie Bien at 254-725-4554.

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Tips for an energy-efficient Thanksgiving

Tips for an energy-efficient Thanksgiving:

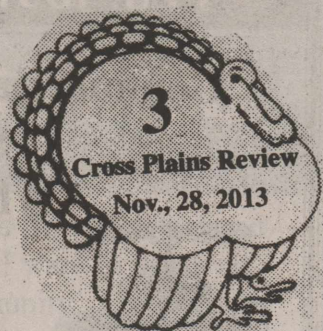
- Use the correct size pan for your stove burner! This keeps extra heat from escaping and burning a hole in your wallet.

- If you are hosting a large gathering this Thanksgiving use a cooler stocked with ice to hold drinks. You'll free up space in your refrigerator and prevent cold air from escaping from frequent door openings. This will save you energy and money on your next electric bill.

- The more freely the air moves in your oven the more efficiently it operates, so don't cover your oven racks with foil. This saves you both roasting time and money.

- Every time you open the oven door while roasting your turkey you lose up to 25 degrees of heat - costing you time and money - use the light to check on the progress of your dinner!

For more tips to have an energy-efficient Thanksgiving check out the Alliance's Blog to Save Energy. Happy Thanksgiving! Your friends at the Alliance.



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Grand Opening
Dec. 12th, 13th & 14th



**LAST SHOT BOOTS
& RANCH WEAR**

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**December 12th
Door Prizes every hour
9 a.m. to 5p.m.**

**Cake Provided by Mom & Pop's
Chuck Wagon Grill**

**Live Music
Dec. 13th -11a.m.-4p.m.
Dec. 14th -11 a.m.- 2p.m.**

School Board Minutes

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present:

Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance:

Superintendent, H.S. Principal, Elem. Principal, Athletic Director and guests: Jim Loerwald, Tina Bradley, Tori Bradley, Roby Odom and River Bradley.

Prayer was led by Tommy Ames.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we proclaim River Bradley as CPISD October Girls Student of the Month. And we proclaim that Brian Curry as CPISD October Boy of the Month. 6 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we accept the previous minutes with corrections. 6 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Richey that we

accept the 100% highly qualified rating for both campuses. 6 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we accept the Callahan County Appraisal District 2014-2015 Board of Directors Ballot Nominees: Scotty Mitchell-Baird ISD; Jimmie Easter-Callahan County; Greg Welch-Clyde ISD; Eddie Riley-Eula ISD. Receiving votes as follows: Scotty Mitchell--91 votes; Jimmie Easter--90 votes; Greg Welch--90 votes; and Eddie Riley--90 votes. The foregoing resolution was moved and seconded and adopted by a majority vote at a meeting on November 20, 2013. Signed by Phil Mitchell, Superintendent for CPISD.

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by McWilliams that we accept Leslie Lawrence as Interim Elementary Principle. 6 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we adjourn. 6 for 0 against.

Gifted / Talented Program

Dear K-6 Parents,

Cross Plains Elementary is now accepting nominations for the Gifter/Talented Program at school.

This program is designed to meet the needs of students who exhibit intellectual or specific subject aptitude skills above those normally exhibited by peers of the same age group.

If you know of such a child, who is advanced beyond his peers, please come by the Elementary Office and nominate that child. It can be your child or another child you know. Parents will be notified if their child is nominated and must give written permission for their child to participate in the identification process.

Any community member or parent may come by the Elementary Office and pick up a Parent Handbook for Gifted Education. This hand book describes the program and the identification process.

We are proud of all of our children at Cross Plains Elementary and want to meet their needs.

Sincerely,
Leslie Lawrence
Elementary Principal

Cross Plains School Menu December 2-6

BREAKFAST

Monday - Animal Crackers, String Cheese, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Tuesday - French Toast Sticks, Fruit or Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Club, Fruit or Juice, Milk

THURSDAY - Cereal, Texas Toast, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Friday - Breakfast Burrito, Fruit or Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Parmesan, Breadstick, Garden salad, Green beans, Apple slices, Milk

TUESDAY - Tangerine Chicken, Brown Rice, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Tex-Mex Stack, Corn Chips, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Cinnamon Apples, Milk

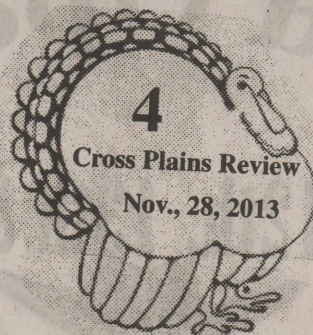
THURSDAY - Stuffed BBQ Potato, Texas Toast, Milk

FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken on bun, Hamburger garnish, Potato rounds, Western beans, Diced pears, Milk

After School Adventure Program

The Cross Plains Public Library monthly After School Adventure Program (ASAP) will be next Wednesday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. We are looking forward to the Christmas holidays and getting in the spirit by making cards! These will be distributed to the recipients of the Meal-on-Wheels program through the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

The library will also be a part of Christmas Family Night on Friday, December 6th. We will open at 5:00 p.m. for children to make Christmas ornaments. There will be a variety of supplies to choose from to make an ornament especially for our library tree, and to make a special one to take home.



Cross Plains Yearbooks

2012-2013 Yearbooks are now in at the High School. If you have not picked up your yearbook, please come by and do so. If you did NOT purchase a yearbook, there are still some available. \$30/yearbook, or \$25 each if you buy 2 or more

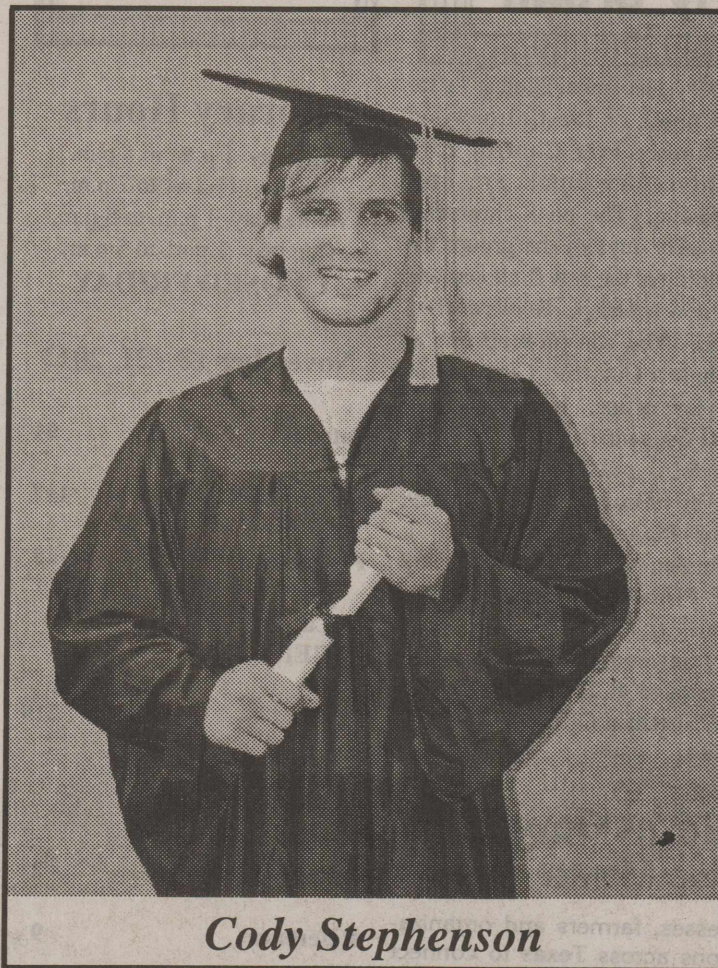
Texas Department of State Health Services Flu/Immunization Clinic in Callahan County

Monday, December 9th
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233 N. Main
Time 10-12

For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message. Please bring Child's Immunization Records. If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

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Cross Plains Library to hold Reception for GED Graduates



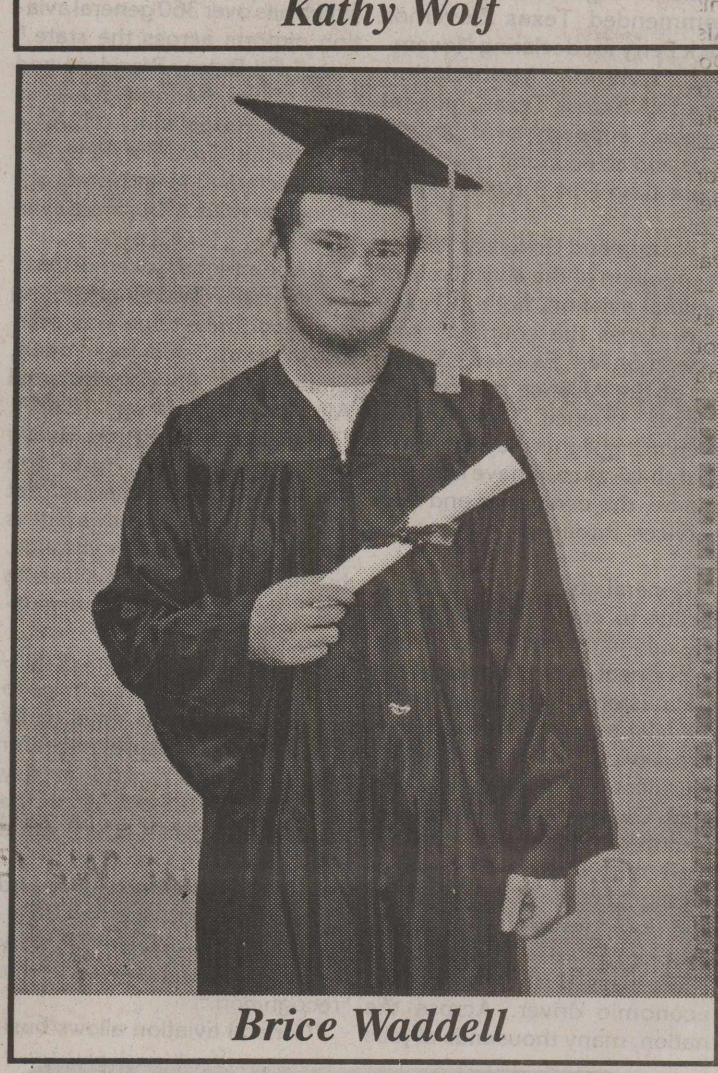
Cody Stephenson



Kathy Wolf



Qianni Bell



Brice Waddell

The Cross Plains Public Library is proud to honor their upcoming GED graduates. The following students have applied themselves and are to be proud of their

accomplishments.

Brice Waddell, Qianni Bell, and Cody Stephenson recently completed their GED. Five out of five tests need to be passed in

order to receive a GED. Kathy Wolf has one more test to complete in December.

The library will be hosting a graduation reception in their

honor on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm in the library conference room. The public is invited to come and give their congratulations.

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Cross Plains Public Library has made changes in the writing contest. The 2014 entries may be submitted anytime between November 15 and January 10. The contest is still open to all students grades K-12 who are eligible to go to Cross Plains ISD whether in public school or home-school. Contestants can pick up an entry form at school or the library. Only one entry is allowed per student, and there is

a five page limit. As always, writings will be "blind judged."

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each grade. Lou Rodenberger Outstanding Achievement plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall winners. Winners will be awarded during a special program on the afternoon of Sunday, March 23, 2014. Family and friends will be invited to attend.

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Cross Plains ISD is taking bids for a track renovation. The renovation includes the removal of existing track materials, installing a new asphalt base, and adding a polyurethane surface. Contact Phil Mitchell or Daniel Purvis for more information call (254)725-6122.

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Save The Date

The Class of 1964 of Cross Plains High School will have their 50th Year Reunion on May 3 & 4, 2014 at the Block Creek Ranch in Comfort, Texas near Fredricksburg at the home of Mickey Freeman Bush. All Classes from 1963-1966 are invited to join us for this celebration. Directions and further information will be coming soon. You may contact Mickey at mickeyvbush@gmail.com if you have any further questions.

WE'RE GONNA HAVE A BALL!!!

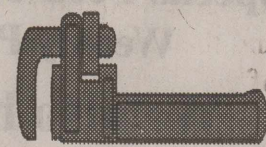
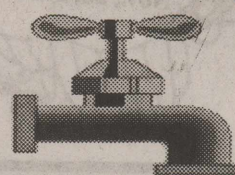
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Commissioners approve sale of Precinct #3 motor grader

The Callahan County Commissioners approved the sale of a Caterpillar motor grader during the commissioners' court monthly meeting held Monday, November 25th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Bids were presented and opened for the sale of a 2007 Caterpillar 140H Motor grader from Commissioners' Precinct #3. The following bids were presented: Holt Cat \$168,500.00, Bee Equipment Sales, LTD \$165,000.00, and Howard McAnear Equipment \$166,266.00. Commissioner Tom Windham made a motion to sell the motor grader to the highest bidder, being Holt Cat for \$168,500.00. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. with 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 Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment, there was none.

—County Agent Jerry Warren gave a quarterly report to the court. Commissioners Farmer made a motion to approve the

report and Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

The quarterly report follows

Quarterly Impact Report October 2013

Agriculture & Natural Resources

On August 13th a LAB committee meeting was held. Committee members reviewed and updated issues identified last spring. Committee members suggested programs to include new and small landowners, wind power generators, solar power and organic farming.

On August 13th a AG/NR committee meeting was held. Committee members discussed the 40 Gallon Challenge program that was held on June 13th. They also discussed the Rainwater harvesting program, and the 5th Grade Field day. The date was set for the Forage Seminar, January 28, 2014.

On August 20th conducted a Rainwater Harvesting Seminar at First United Methodist Church fellowship hall in Clyde. The speaker for the program was Eddie Craig, owner of Clyde Hardware and dealer for rainwater harvesting equipment. The program included a presentation on rainwater harvesting, a tour of rainwater harvesting display for landscape and one for home use.

4-H and Youth Development

On July 20th-27th, The State 4-H Horse Show was held in Abilene.

On July 22nd-27th, The State 4-H Rifle contest was held at the Callahan County Shooting Sports Range.

On August 20th the annual 4-H Silver Clover Recognition Banquet honored 30 individuals at Zentner's Daughter Steak House in San Angelo. Our 2 nominees were Amanda Earles and Teri Hollis. They put in countless hours of work and effort to support 4-H members to become successful.

On August 29th a Club manager meeting was held to "kick off" our new 4-H year.

On August 29th we held a County Council meeting. Members discussed possible fundraisers for Callahan County 4-H. Planning of the upcoming 4-H year, and how we can recruit new 4-H members for the upcoming year.

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo was held September 5th-14th. Many 4-H members participated with their projects; Livestock, photography, sewing and crafts.

Callahan County 4-H currently has 4 Chartered clubs. Baird 4-H, Clyde 4-H, Cross Plains 4-H, & Eula 4-H.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:54 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Atmos Energy: Know the Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

ABILENE, TEXAS — Atmos Energy reminds customers to take steps in their homes to help prevent potentially fatal carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced by incomplete combustion in home heating systems, gas ovens, dryers, fireplaces and automobile engines. Prolonged exposure to carbon monoxide can be fatal.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are flu-like and often include headache, sleepiness, weakness, vomiting, dizziness and tightness in the chest. If you or your family experiences these symptoms:

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- Stop using the suspected gas appliance immediately and call Atmos Energy's Emergency hotline at 1-866-322-8667.

- Do not use the appliance until it has been inspected, serviced and determined to be safe by a qualified plumber or a heating contractor.

Help prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Hire a qualified heating system professional each year to inspect all natural gas appliances and venting

systems in your home to ensure that they are working properly. Atmos Energy customers can find qualified plumbers and contractors by visiting www.atmosenergy.com

- Install carbon monoxide detectors in the home on all floors where bedrooms are located. Detectors identify traces of carbon monoxide in the home and sound an alarm when carbon monoxide is detected.

- Do not idle a car in an attached garage. Doing so allows a large amount of carbon monoxide to enter the home. Instead, back the car completely out of the garage and close the garage door while the vehicle warms up.

- Make sure that your chimneys and flues are clean and unobstructed and that appliances have proper ventilation systems.

- Remove clutter from around gas furnaces and water heaters to ensure an adequate supply of fresh air. Change furnace filters regularly.

- Do not use natural gas ovens as a heating source. The burning of natural gas produces carbon monoxide that is safely ventilated when the oven door is closed, but is released into the kitchen when

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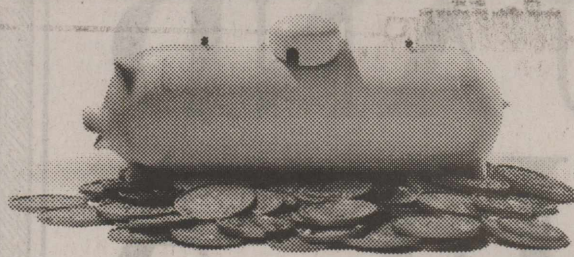


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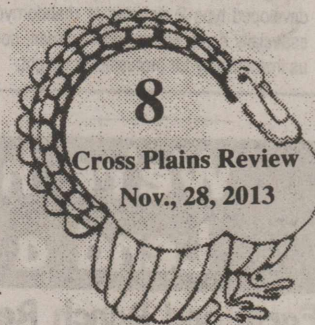
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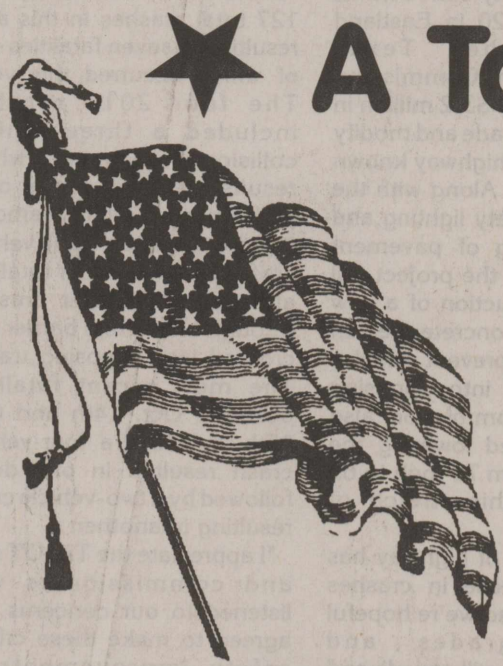
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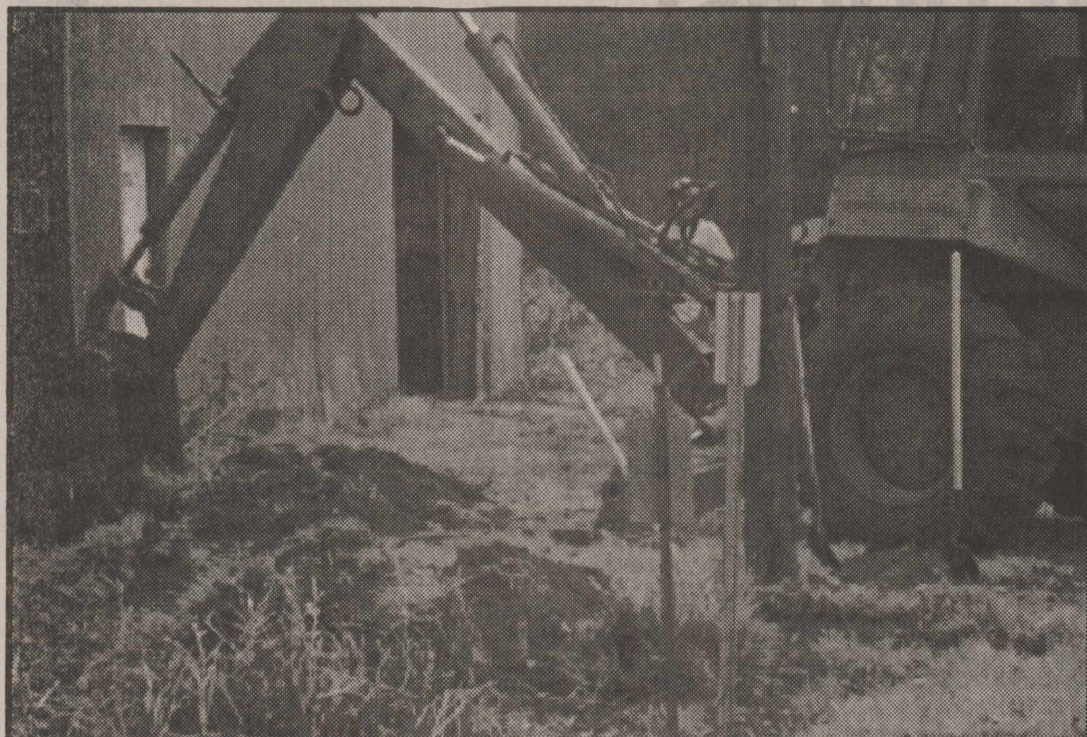
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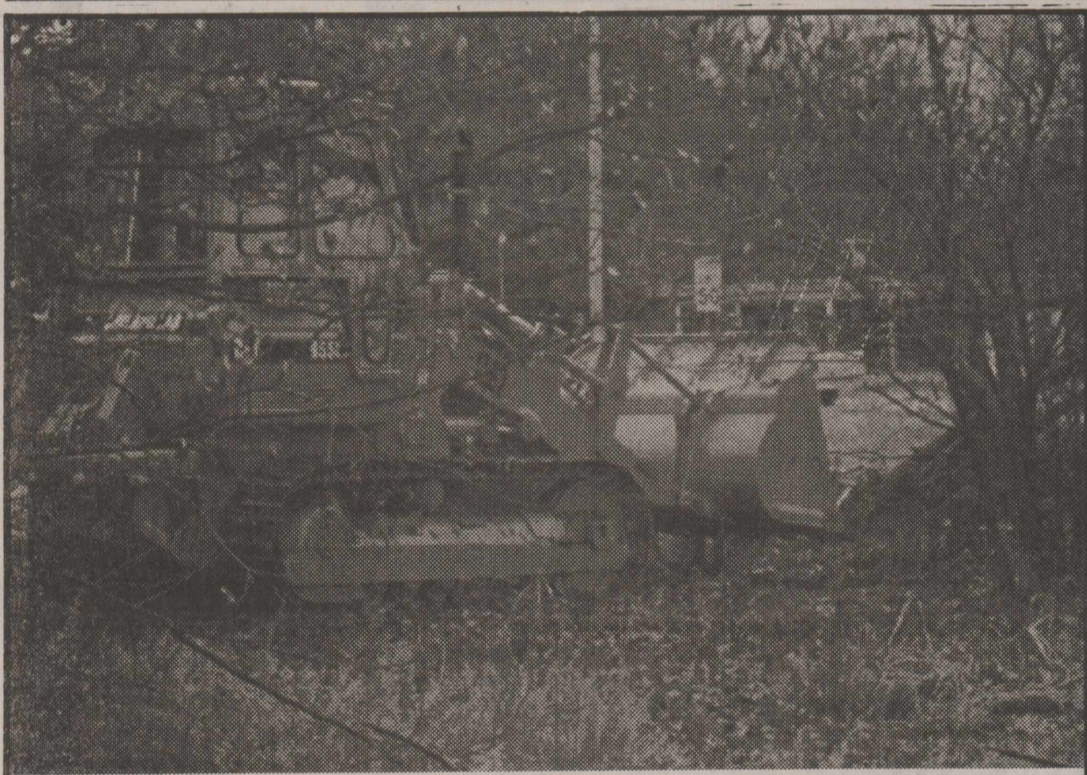




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Family Dollar Store Coming to Rising Star

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building measuring 80x100 foot will involve excavation, fill dirt, and removal of the existing structure. The new store will face Hwy 36, and the entrance to the concrete parking lot will also be on Hwy 36. City workers Greg Clay, Clay Ireland, and Michael Nall were also on site---routing

new gas line and installing a meter. Rick Mooney, "site superintendent" stated with pride that "we're on site for 120 days-- and we are DONE!". Looks like we will have an opening day in early January. — story and pictures submitted by Cathy Quinn

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For bud, and bird, and berried vine;

For joys of morning, night, and noon,

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For loving friends on every side;

For children full of joyous glee;

For all the blessed Heavens wide,

And for the sounding sea;

For mountains, valleys, forests deep;

For maple, oak, and lofty pine;

For rivers on their seaward sweep,

My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For light and air, for sun and shade,

For merry laughter and for cheer;

For music and the glad parade

Of blessings through the year;

For all the fruitful earth's increase,

For home and life, and love divine,

For hope, and faith, and perfect peace,

My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

Submitted by
Johnny Lee

More than \$3 million in funding approved to improve safety on stretch of I-20, Roadway improvements to help save more lives in Eastland County

AUSTIN — Taking measures to address safety concerns on a stretch of I-20 in Eastland County, the Texas Transportation Commission today approved \$3.2 million in funding to upgrade and modify portions of the highway known as Ranger Hill. Along with the addition of safety lighting and the resurfacing of pavement and markings, the project will include construction of a new 54-inch-high concrete median barrier to help prevent vehicles from crossing into opposing traffic. The commission also today approved lowering the speed limit from 75 mph to 65 mph along this stretch of highway.

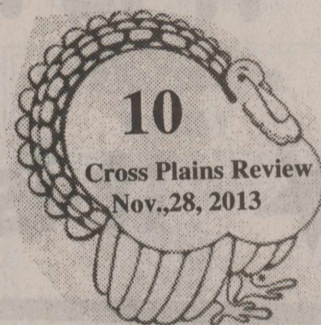
"This stretch of highway has seen an increase in crashes and fatalities, so we're hopeful these upgrades and improvements will save lives," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "As Texas roads become more heavily traveled due to a growing population, we must exercise due diligence in addressing their ability to safely accommodate more drivers

and their passengers."

Since 2008, there have been 127 total crashes in this area resulting in seven fatalities — all of which occurred this year. The four 2013 crashes included a three-vehicle collision in January, which resulted in the death of a pedestrian. During Memorial Day weekend, an eight-vehicle crash resulted in four fatalities after an 18-wheeler crashed through a concrete barrier and crossed into opposing traffic. The most recent fatalities occurred Oct. 14th and Oct. 15th, in which a four-vehicle crash resulted in one death followed by a two-vehicle crash resulting in another.

"I appreciate the TxDOT staff and commissioners who listened to our concerns and agreed to make these critical safety improvements to Ranger Hill," said state Rep. Jim Keffer. "I have no doubt that lives will be saved by this action."

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Black Vulture

The Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*) is one of three species of new world vultures that inhabits the United States. This particular species is a common carrion feeding bird that resides in the southeastern sections of this country. Unlike its close relative the Turkey Vulture, this species of "buzzard" has a limited range in this state. It can be observed year-round in the eastern two-thirds of the state, for unlike the Turkey Vulture, it does not follow any migratory paths with the changing of the seasons. The Concho Valley is as far northwest as it has been recorded with any regularity.

This nondescript and rather unattractive species of bird is surprisingly large, with a body length of approximately twenty-five inches, while the wingspan can be just under five feet. While these measurements are smaller than those of the Turkey Vulture, this species is actually a tad bit stockier as adults can weigh four and one-half pounds, a full one-half pound more than its close relative. As bland in coloration as it is, the Black Vulture, or Buzzard as it is more commonly referred to, is easily recognizable. The dorsal (back) coloration is solid black, as is the breast and short, squared tail. The upper wings are black, while the under wings are a black with silver patches on the outer primary feathers. The head is distinctively naked, and the skin on the head is black. This black head, along with the black body feathers is where the namesake originated from.

Black Vultures are most commonly seen while foraging for food while high in the air. Unlike the other local vulture, it has a flight pattern that consists on quick, choppy wingbeats as it soars to a glide in random circles, teetering in an unsteady rhythm. Occasionally it can be seen perched on low-lying trees, shrubs or fence posts, although it prefers to perch at higher elevations. It will often perch with its wings spread out, particularly in the early mornings, soaking up the rays of the sun.

Black Vultures are primarily communal, particularly when feeding on prey and when gathering in small groups to roost at night. Both sexes rotate turns at incubating the two three-inch long bluish eggs. The young are



The Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*)

tended to after hatching for approximately five months by both parents. By that time, the young have obtained their ability to fly and developed their sense of smell, which is the primary way of finding their preferred food items, just as in the Turkey Vulture.

The main diet of this new world vulture is carrion, or dead animals. Any and all species are consumed, regardless of the state of the deceased animal's freshness or rottenness. However, this species is known to be more aggressive than other spe-

cies of vultures and may actually attack and kill its prey. It is also known to dominate a carcass, not allowing any other species of vertebrates near the flesh buffet until it has achieved its fill.

Just as with Turkey Vultures, Black Vultures are commonly referred to as buzzards, although this name is technically not correct as buzzards are group of Old World species.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at www.fullprice71@gmail.com.

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Callahan County to host 3 hour CEU "Night Course" December 9th

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and 1 Hour of General. These hours will apply to Commercial, Non-commercial, and Private Applicators' license holders.

The program will begin with Laws and Regulations presentation followed by Integrated Pest Management presentation discussing alternative approaches available when using pesticides. The night course will conclude after a 1 hour general presentation at 9:00 p.m. CEU certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Cost for the training is \$10.00. To register or for more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

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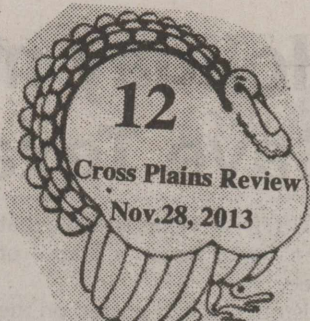
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Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 4.5% in October



The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped six-tenths of one percent to 4.5% in October 2013, according to jobless figures released Friday, November 22nd by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in October 2012 was 4.9 percent.

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	Sept.	Oct.
	4.9%	4.5%

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.9% in September, 2013.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.7% in August, 4.7% in July, 5.3% in June 2013, 5.2% in May, 4.5% in April, 4.8% in March, 5.2% in February, 5.3% in January, 4.5% in December 2012, 4.4% in November, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for October 2013 include: Brown, 5.5%; Coleman, 5.2%; Eastland, 5.4%; Jones, 5.7%; Runnels, 5.2%; Shackelford, 2.5%; Stephens, 4.8%; and Taylor County, 4.7%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 4.7% in October, 2013, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 85,400. There were 81,300 employed during October 2013, while 4,100 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 5.0%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 85,500 in September, 2013. Total employment of 81,200 was reported in September 2013, while 4,300, or 5.0% were unemployed in September 2013.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for October, 2012 was 4.8%. The total workforce was reported at 84,600, with 80,500 employed and 4,100 or 4.8% unemployed in October, 2012.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of October, 2013 was 6.0 percent. The total Texas labor force was 12,784,100 in October 2013. The total number of Texans employed is 12,013,900. The total number of unemployed Texans was 770,200 in October 2013.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 6.3 percent. The state's unemployment rate in October of 2012 was 6.2 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for October, 2013 was 7.0 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of September, 2013 was 7.0%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in October, 2012 was 7.5%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

• The Texas unemployment rate dropped three-tenths of a percentage point to 6.0 percent. This was the sixth time that the rate declined this year and was

the lowest rate since December 2012. Over the past three months the unemployment rate has shown an average decrease of 0.2 percentage points per month. The unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point over the year. The national rate remained unchanged over the month for an unemployment rate of 7.0 percent. The Texas rate continued to be below the national unemployment rate.

• The Civilian Labor Force decreased over the month by 49,600 individuals, bringing the Texas labor force to a total of 12,784,100 people. This was the second month in which the Civilian Labor Force declined this year. The Texas labor force has increased by 116,400 persons over the year, bringing the annual growth rate to 0.9 percent.

• The number of employed persons decreased over the month by 10,500 individuals to 12,013,900 Texans. Over the last three months, Texas has shown an average increase of 1,000 employed persons. The number of jobholders in Texas increased over the year by 131,700 people, a growth rate of 1.1 percent. The number of jobseekers decreased by 39,100 individuals over the month to a total of 770,200 Texans. This was the lowest number of unemployed persons since December 2012. Over the year, the number of unemployed persons has declined by 15,300 individuals.

• The unemployment rate decreased in all 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month with the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA showing a decline of 0.6 percentage points, the largest decrease for all MSAs. The Midland MSA maintained the lowest unemployment rate at 3.1 percent.

• There was a decrease of 4,800 Texans seeking continued unemployment insurance for a total of 118,400 persons. This was the lowest number of claimants seeking unemployment benefits since October 2008. The number of Texans seeking benefits fell by 4,800 individuals since October 2012.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

IBM to Hire for Software Center

AUSTIN, TX (Austin Business Journal)—IBM Corporation unveiled its new software development studio for Austin-based engineers and product managers and said it would hire hundreds of new employees over the next five years. Company executives said IBM has already hired 100 workers for the new

facility but plan to eventually grow it to 1,000 designers by 2018. The software development center will be one of four such centers across the U.S.

Company executives said the nearly 25,000-square-foot "design studio" in North Austin is part of a company-wide plan to improve IBM's approach to the design of software-based products. CEO Virginia Rometty said, "(Austin) is the perfect city for a wonderful challenge. I believe, if I could be so bold, that the work done here will change the world." The New York-based company established a local office in 1967 and moved its software division from Florida to Austin in 1995. IBM was Travis County's fifth largest private sector employer with 6,239 employees in 2012.

IBEX Global Hiring in New Braunfels

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—IBEX Global is opening a new call center in New Braunfels and plans to hire 600 workers. The Washington, DC-based company is taking over the space formerly occupied by The Scooter Store. The call center operations should open in early November. By the end of the year, IBEX expects to employ between 250 and 300 workers from hourly production to management. In time, the company expects to ramp up hiring to the 600 employee level.

"We believe New Braunfels will be an excellent location for our new site," says Steve Kezirian, CEO of IBEX Global. "The high caliber workforce will strengthen our global footprint to ten, state-of-the-art business process management operations. We are extremely excited about our expansion with the city and state and look forward to a long, successful partnership." IBEX Global operates 18 call centers and employs more than 7,000 workers that provide communications via phone, web, email, and direct mail in 20 different languages.

Firm Will Bring 700 Jobs to Richardson

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—In one of the largest consolidations to hit North Texas in years, Dallas-based Associa Inc. plans to centralize national shared services into a single headquarters in Richardson. The move will bring to the region 700 new jobs in areas such as accounting and real estate. It will also save the firm, which specializes in homeowners association and community management, millions of dollars each year.

"This will impact the city in a positive way," said John Jacobs, executive vice president of the Richardson Economic Development Partnership. "These are not minimum-wage call center jobs, but are jobs that require a significant amount of skills." The majority of the 700 employees—about 85 percent—are expected to be new hires from North Texas. They will take over jobs previously filled by employees throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, said president and CEO of the company State Senator John Corona.

Travis County Backs Trade Zone

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman)—Travis County commissioners gave their blessing for a foreign trade zone designation for a Northwest Austin computer manufacturing plant that will build an undisclosed new computer. Flextronics America is looking at hiring 879 new workers at its expanding facility that would build a "second-generation" machine that is currently being manufactured in China, said John Schell, the company's director of program management.

Local officials said the new, mostly semi-skilled manufacturing jobs will be a benefit to the Austin area. "This is a key piece of infrastructure as we move forward to make Central Texas more competitive in manufacturing," said Dave Porter, senior vice president of economic development at the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. Foreign trade zones are areas that in essence lie outside U.S. trade jurisdiction. Those companies can receive and warehouse parts and not have to pay customs duties, unless it sends its final product into the United States.

Manufacturer Expanding in North Texas

GAINESVILLE, TX (Gainesville Daily Register)—Needed economic growth and new jobs are headed to Gainesville as a California-based truck manufacturing company, Valeo, is expanding into the north Texas area. In a recent meeting of the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation, economic incentives were offered to Valeo in exchange for the company's project that could bring 250 jobs. The company will receive incentives that include the transfer of 15 acres of land by title after a 20,000-square-foot building is constructed and occupied north of Gainesville.

Brett Manahi of Valeo, who will be plant manager at the new location, said, "I am very grateful to how proactive Kent Sharp and the city of Gainesville have been in making this a reality. We are appreciative of the close-knit community of

Gainesville and look forward to being a part of it." Currently in the designing stage, Manahi indicated that by spring 2014, the company should be ready to begin the hiring process.

Oracle to Add New Office, Jobs in Austin

AUSTIN, TX (ImpactNews.com)—Amy Denney, Audrey Spencer—California-based Oracle America Inc. plans to create 200 new jobs, open a 50,000-square-foot office in Northwest Austin, and invest \$5.4 million in the project. Williamson County commissioners approved an economic development agreement with Oracle to rebate 50 percent of the company's incremental real and personal property revenues over the next seven years. Commissioner Lisa Birkman said that this is a great deal for the county. Oracle plans to hire 100 of those new jobs in 2013 and the remainder by 2017, she said. The average annual salary will be \$66,000.

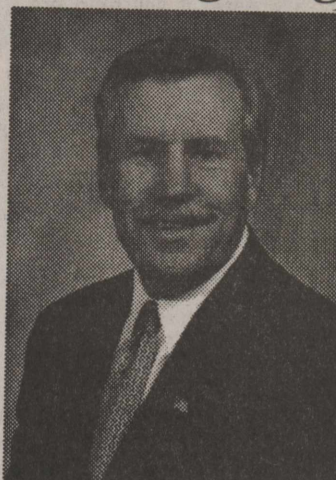
Aerospace Firm to Add Jobs

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—Gore Design Completions Ltd. is looking to hire between 150 to 200 employees before the end of the year. The expanded workforce, says Gore Design Completions CEO Jerry Gore, is needed to meet the demands of contracts awarded to the company over the past two years that are now coming online. GDC manufactures and installs aircraft interiors for owners of private jets. The private company currently employs nearly 500 workers and has annual sales exceeding \$100 million, company officials say. GDC is part of a local aerospace industry that employs nearly 10,000 people in the San Antonio area.

Pflugerville OKs Water Park Development

PFLUGERVILLE, TX (Austin American-Statesman)—The Pflugerville Community Development Corporation will borrow \$23.5 million for Hawaiian Falls Water Parks to buy land and build a water park located in northeast Pflugerville. Officials estimate the water and adventure park, expected to open next spring, will bring \$700 million to Pflugerville over the next 30 years from increased property and sales tax revenue. The Hawaiian Falls water park is expected to employ 100 part-time workers year-round and up to 300 part-time seasonal workers, and offer up to 20 full-time jobs with benefits. The 23-acre park will be open all year, featuring a ropes course, kayaking and rafting in the colder months. The facility will use 10-million gallons of water supplied by the city each year. Hawaiian Falls would purify and recycle 70 percent of the water on-site.

Senator Troy Fraser Statement on Thanksgiving



SENATOR TROY FRASER

As we approach Thanksgiving, I'd like to encourage each of you to pause and reflect on the past year to recognize the good fortune that has come your way. A uniquely American holiday, Thanksgiving traces its roots back to Colonial America when President George Washington called for a "day of public thanksgiving and national prayer" in 1789. However, Thanksgiving wasn't an annual tradition until President Abraham Lincoln made it so on October 3, 1863.

We're truly blessed to live in such a great country where, freedom and opportunity abound; and what a privilege it is to live in Texas. I believe our state is the greatest in the nation in which to live, work, and raise a family. That distinction is due to the spirit of Texans, whose incredible work ethic and determination have led this state to prosper.

As you gather with your friends and family this Thanksgiving, I encourage you to extend a heartfelt thank you to the men and women across the globe who serve and protect us. Our armed forces are the guardians of our liberty and we owe them a debt of gratitude. I ask that you pray for the safety of those who are unable to return home to be with their families as we celebrate.

On Thanksgiving Day, I hope each of you are able to bask in the warmth of family and friendship and express gratitude for all that God has given us. I'm thankful to have the opportunity to represent such wonderful constituents in the Texas Senate. Your trust and confidence in me are truly humbling. From my family to yours, best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving.

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Texas Historical Commission accepting applications for Round VIII of its Historic Courthouse Preservation Program

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is now accepting applications for Round VIII of its award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program (THCPP). With a \$4.2 million appropriation from the 83rd Texas Legislature for the FY 2014-15 Biennium, the Round VIII grants will be limited to funding smaller courthouse projects with urgent needs, rather than the full restorations that have been completed in the past.

The THC requested \$20 million for the Round VIII grant cycle, but was appropriated only what remained in Proposition 4 bond funding. While this significant reduction is a temporary setback for the 75 remaining counties that currently qualify for major funding, Round VIII emergency grants will address serious building deficiencies affecting usability, structural, and safety issues in historic (more than 50

years old) county courthouses.

When applying for Round VIII grants, counties are encouraged to think of proposed urgent-needs projects as a first phase for a future full restoration as additional program funds become available. The local cash match is 50 percent of the total project cost, and the maximum award is \$450,000.

Past emergency grant awards have covered such issues as termite-damaged windows, foundation stabilization, roof repairs, and accessibility upgrades for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, among other urgent needs. One notable example is the Newton County Courthouse in Newton, which had an electrical fire in 2000 that gutted 95 percent of the building. Prior to the fire, the county had submitted a preservation master plan for the courthouse, so documentation was available

for the THC to provide a Round II emergency planning grant for the building's reconstruction. An emergency construction grant was given in Round III to reconstruct the courthouse, which was rededicated in December 2012.

Grant applications, as well as more information about Round VIII, are available on the THC website at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-historic-courthouse-preservation>. The deadline for applications is February 13, 2014. For counties that have not previously participated in the program, preservation master plans must be submitted by January 17, 2014, for final review and approval. Projects will be selected for Round VIII grants on a scoring system weighted and based primarily on the urgency of the problem. Funding awards will be

announced in April 2014, and projects should be underway before January 2015.

Since its inception in 1999, this nationally recognized program has distributed grant funds to fully restore 63 historic county courthouses in Texas, and an additional 20 counties have received smaller grants for emergency and planning work. The state has invested more than \$250 million in this effort, and local governments have provided more than \$150 million in matching funds. Through this partnership, the THCPP has revitalized local landmarks, provided them with 21st century standards, generated investment in local communities and businesses, and reinvigorated historic downtowns while promoting heritage tourism.

For more information, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512.463.6094.

2014 BMW X1 makes one lucky driver and Abilene children winners!

Abilene, Texas — Big Brothers Big Sisters announces the annual Limited Edition Autobahn Raffle, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting the one-to-one mentoring relationships serving the children of Abilene.

Once again, Autobahn Motorcar Group has donated a luxury vehicle for the local BBBS fundraiser, but not just any car. A 2014 BMW X1 has been selected as the Grand Prize in celebration of the event's 14th Anniversary.

Tickets are on sale now. The drawing will be held Saturday, December 14th at HYPERLINK "<http://www.shopautobahn.com/>" Autobahn Motor Cars in Fort Worth (but there is no need to be present to win - winners will be contacted.) Tickets will be available for sale through Friday, December 13th.

Every five tickets sold in Abilene helps to support a mentoring relationship for an entire year in the Abilene community.

Only 6,000 tickets are available for sale, at \$100 each. To purchase a ticket, visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.bbbstx.org/raffle>" or contact Michelle Parrish at 325-674-3115 or HYPERLINK "<mailto:mparrish@bbbstx.org>"

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a volunteer organization that provides children with support, guidance, friendship and fun by matching them with adult role models. Since 1979, BBBS Abilene has fulfilled their mission of enriching, encouraging and empowering children to reach their highest potential through safe, positive one-to-one mentoring relationships.

BBBS staff members are available for interviews and would love to visit with you about this local fundraiser.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters, log on to www.bbbstx.org or call 325-674-3115.

Texas continues to lead the way in job creation

AUSTIN—Today, Friday, November 22nd, the Texas Workforce Commission released the state's employment statistics report for September and October 2013. In that period, Texas employers added 43,800 jobs lowering the state's unemployment rate to 6.2 percent—more than a full percentage point lower than the national average, and 2.5 percentage points lower than California's.

"With employers adding 267,400 jobs over the last year—more than any other state—and 60,000 more than California, the next highest state, it seems obvious that limited-government policies are working in the Lone Star State. The contrast with the big-government approach of Washington, D.C., could not be more stark," said Talmadge Heflin, Director of the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. "Today's state employment report provides further evidence that The Texas Model, of pro-growth policies create a competitive economic environment allowing opportunities for entrepreneurs and workers to succeed."

"The Texas unemployment rate has now been at or below the national average for an extraordinary 82 consecutive months, or almost seven years. Texas' labor force has increased by 168,000 over the last year,

meaning the job growth is exceeding the number of Texans seeking work. That's good news if you're a Texan, or a potential Texan, seeking work," said Vance Ginn, Ph.D., policy analyst with the Center for Fiscal Policy. "In fact, the state's employment-growth rate over the last year of 2.4 percent is the third highest in the nation and almost a full percentage point higher than the national average. Clearly, Texas continues to lead the way in job creation."

The Honorable Talmadge Heflin is Director of the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Heflin served 11 terms in the Texas House of Representatives and chaired the House Appropriations Committee in 2003, leading the Texas Legislature's successful efforts to close a \$10 billion budget deficit without a tax increase.

Vance Ginn, Ph.D., is a Policy Analyst in the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin.

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TxDOT hosts Public Transportation Workshops to meet needs of seniors, citizens with disabilities

Workshops will provide information about public transportation services available for seniors, people with disabilities

ABILENE — In an effort to better serve the state's seniors and disabled citizens, the Texas Department of Transportation is hosting workshops to inform the public and gather input on the growing transportation needs of local communities. TxDOT's federally-funded Enhanced Services for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (5310) serves communities with 200,000 people or less. The program's workshops are intended to inform citizens of the availability of cost-effective, efficient passenger transportation services, as well as gather comments from these citizens on what services are needed.

The public and media are encouraged to attend any of the following workshops:

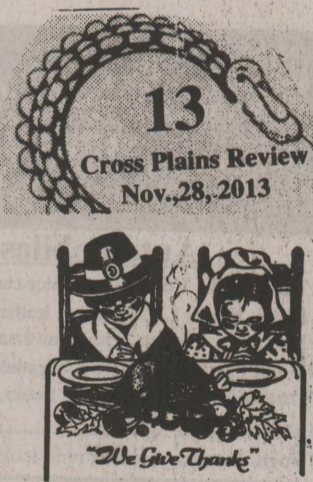
- Thursday Dec. 5, 2013 10-11:30 a.m. West Central Texas Council of Governments 3702 Loop 322 Abilene, Texas 79602
- Tuesday Dec. 10, 2013 10-11:30 a.m. Stonewall County Courthouse Meeting Room 128 Town Square Lane Aspermont, Texas 79502
- Tuesday Dec. 10, 2013 1:30-3 p.m. Abilene Public Library Main Library Auditorium 202 Cedar Street Abilene, Texas 79601
- Thursday Dec. 12, 2013 10-11:30 a.m. Scurry County Library 1916 23rd Street Snyder, Texas 79549
- Thursday Dec. 12, 2013 1:30-3 p.m. Howard County Library 500 S. Main Big Spring, Texas 79720

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Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?
A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him!

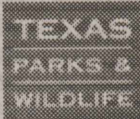
Q: What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?
A: The turkey trot!



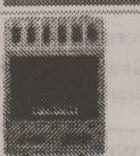
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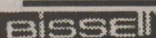
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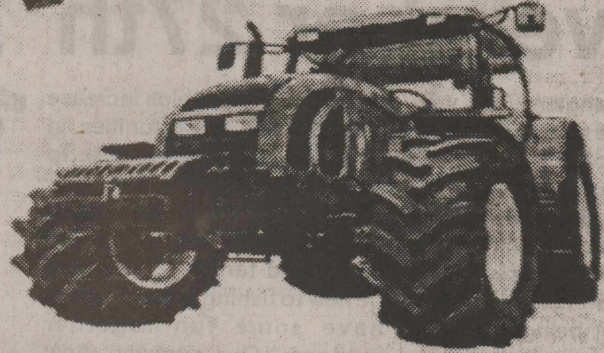
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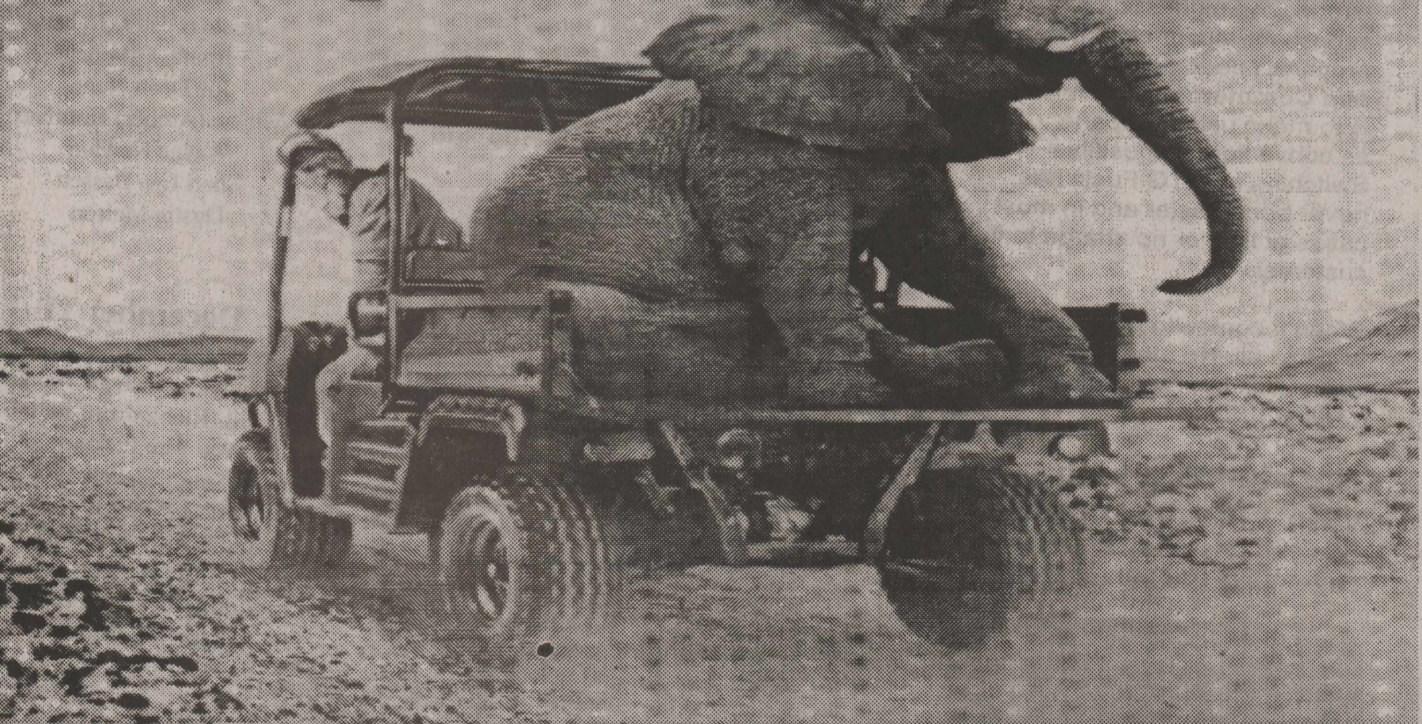
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TPWD Trout Stocking to begin November 27th

ATHENS—Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's popular rainbow trout stocking program will kick off November 27th with the first deliveries of fish to selected lakes in the Neighborhood Fishin' program. The remaining lakes will be stocked November 29th.

Lakes to be stocked November 27th include Southside Lions Park and Miller's Pond in San Antonio; Buena Vista Park, Waco; Bullfrog Pond, Austin; and Central Park Pond #1, College Station.

Stockings will continue until March with some lakes being stocked every two weeks and others on a monthly basis.

Channel catfish are stocked from April through October, and rainbow trout are stocked in winter months.

"The reason for stocking some lakes on a monthly basis is to reduce losses of fish to resident cormorants," said Dave Terre, TPWD's chief of management and research. "We hope the less-frequent stockings will keep the birds from patterning our stocking activities and make more fish

available for anglers. We will stock the same total number of fish, just less often."

A second change to the program is the addition of Missouri City Community Park Lake in the Houston area. This lake replaces Tom Bass I, which was not being used by many anglers based on recent TPWD surveys. "We are always looking for ways to maximize participation, user satisfaction and cost efficiencies in this program that involves public and private funding. We are very excited to bring a new lake and new city partner into the Neighborhood Fishin' program," Terre said.

A 2012 survey indicated that more than 80,000 people take part in the Neighborhood Fishin' program. Fish for the program are purchased partly with funds from the Texas Bass Classic Foundation (which is supported by the Toyota Texas Bass Classic) and from local partners.

A new local partner this year is Valero, which is sponsoring Miller's Pond in San Antonio.

"Regular stocking is a key component of the Neighborhood Fishin'

program, which helps increase fish-catching opportunities in small city park lakes close to where people live," Terre said. "Providing this opportunity is especially important to our youth and families, who may be new to fishing or just want to have some fun together outdoors. Our surveys show that nearly 50 percent of participants are kids or adults who are new to fishing."

Anyone 17 years or older needs a fishing license to fish at the Neighborhood Fishin' locations, and anglers can use no more than two poles while fishing. The bag limit for trout and channel catfish is five fish per day with no minimum length limit.

Below are the names and locations of lakes in the Neighborhood Fishin' program with the dates they are scheduled to be stocked with trout. Keep in mind that weather or other problems could cause the dates to vary slightly. However, such frequent stocking means the fishing should be good any time you go.



December 5

R.T. Peevy
Christy Rene Spooone
Bobby Harris
Darwin Breeding
Annett Roberts
Kathy Sohns
Jenna Kay Teague
Cheryle (Franke) Hollis
Jimmy Glenn Kelly
Mary Ann Reed
Mindy Melissa Watson
Jeffery Calhoun
Delany Ames
Britton Dukes

December 6

Brian Couch
Joe Wyatt, Jr.
Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell
Phillip Perry
Frances Mote
Katerina Ring
Shawn Weatherman
Christi Burhus
Dana Miller
Sam Gardner Sr.

December 7

Britney Hernandez
Mamie Webb
Imo Jean Clark
Mrs. Anne Burris
Michael Dean Wilson
Roy Richey
Estaline Gilmore
Allan Clark
Glen Lawrence
Mimmie Reynolds
Lovey Nichols
Christopher Michael Wheeler
Ann Marshal Burns
Frankie Hyles

December 8

Johnny Glen Clay II
Judy (Gibbs) Steele
Neva Joyce Dillard
Elmer Casey
Garttett Stephens
Juanita Smith

December 9

Rhonda (Jackson) Atchley
Bud McCorkle
Gerald Holcomb
Darlene Dillard
Gaye Archer
Dale Hunt
John Ingram
Bruce Region
Mrs. A.H. Ringhoffer
Tiffany Brush

December 10

Kelli Sue Bennett
Jimmy McCowen
Debbie Edington
Jessie (Foster) Raben
Jimmy Gilmore
Joe Dean Nunn
Mickie (Archer) Holmans
Wayne Newton
Sheri Lyn Bassett
Dustin Meiron

December 11

Miles Hernandez
Tommy Cavanaugh Waggoner
Jill (Richardson) Betts
Pec Wee Pickett
Staurt Sowell
Peggy Purvis
Andrew Mark Young
Kay Horan
Shirley (Freeman) Bassett
Tammy Wolfmont

Local Texas Retailers, Restaurants Gearing Up for "Small Business Saturday"

AUSTIN, TX November 21,

2013 - A new survey by the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) and American Express shows that many small business owners will start their holiday promotions earlier and invest in promotion and sales on Small Business Saturday, November 30.

- 70% say it will be helpful in attracting new customers
- 18% will pay for advertising for Small Business Saturday on radio, TV or newspaper (9% in 2012)
- 33% will offer a free gift with purchase (up from 20% in 2012)
- 39% will collaborate with other small businesses to promote Small Business Saturday

• 36% will offer coupons for future offers or discounts

• 21% will increase the number of employees working on Small Business Saturday

This is the 4th yearly celebration of Small Business Saturday, which falls one day after Black Friday and two days before Cyber Monday. The day was created to help bring consumers through the doors of small local merchants and keep communities strong. Small businesses often hire locally. They frequently support their communities by sponsoring local events, teams or charities. Small businesses are a critical part of the state and national economy.

Alzheimer's Association presents free workshop in Abilene

Abilene, TX - The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Tips for Managing Holiday Stress" on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105.

For most families, holidays are filled with opportunities for togetherness, sharing, laughter and memories. But for caregivers of individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, holidays can also be filled with stress, disappointment and sadness. If you would like tips on how to make the holiday season a happy, memorable occasion while providing the care your loved one needs, this

free workshop will be beneficial. The session will also include a time of guided stretching and relaxation lead by yoga instructor Karen Rumpy. Seating is limited; for more information, or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

For more information, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 800-272-3900.

Winter Storm Preparedness: Planning

Winter storms can strand motorists traveling northern routes in Texas, sometimes striking South Texas and coastal areas. When winter storms threaten, monitor broadcast media and NOAA Weather Radio for information. Keep your gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping. Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES FOR VEHICLE:

- Blankets/sleeping bags and extra clothing, mittens and hats
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries
- First-aid kit and pocket knife

- High calorie, non perishable food, bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter for de-icing roadway
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and shovel

EMERGENCY TIPS FOR HOME

If heavy ice on power lines cuts utility service, be extremely careful using generators or gas powered equipment. Carbon monoxide (CO) is invisible, odorless and deadly. It can build up in a matter of minutes. Do not use generators, charcoal grills or gas grills inside the house, garage or enclosed space. Do not try to heat the house using a gas range or oven. Be prepared at home:

- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio, batteries, flashlights, cell phone and

chargers, manual can opener

- One-week supply of food, water, medicine, medical supplies and items for special health care needs, babies and the elderly

- Pet supplies, kitty litter or sand for de-icing steps and walkways

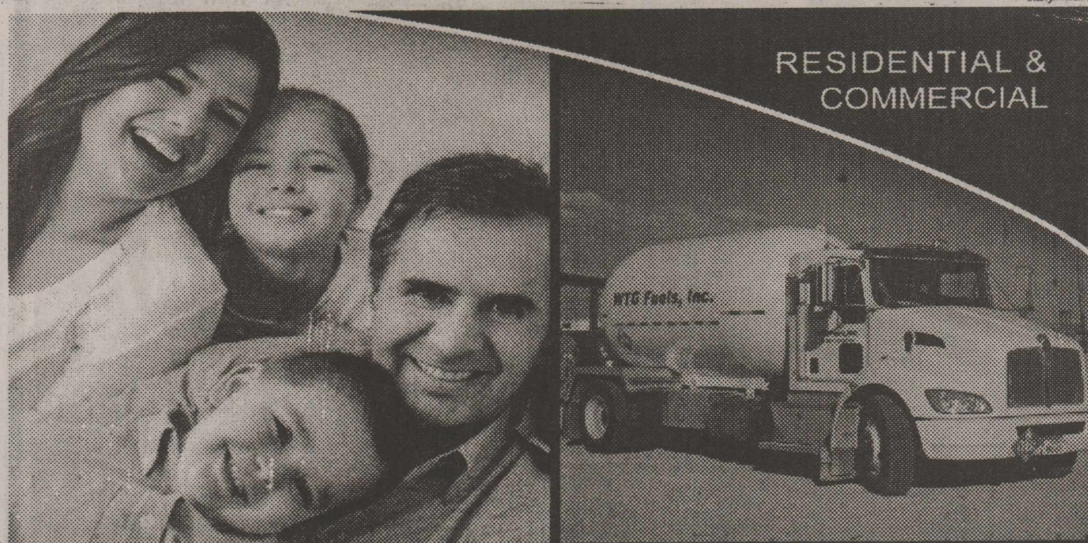
- Heating fuel, properly ventilated emergency heating source such as a fireplace, wood stove or space heater

- Fire extinguisher, smoke detector, carbon monoxide detector

- Warm clothing and extra blankets

FOR ADDITIONAL WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION:

- <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter/>
- www.redcross.org
- www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter.html



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Rising Star To Sponsor Christmas Dance

The Chamber of Commerce of Rising Star will sponsor a CHRISTMAS DANCE, Saturday, December 7, 2013.

Muddy Creek will be the featured band. This band has many followers, many of whom simply enjoy listening to the great music they provide, while others greatly enjoy dancing to the music.

Admission will be \$6 per person, and a snack bar will be

offering BBQ sandwiches with all the fixings. So—come hungry—and enjoy an evening of music and entertainment.

A newly refurbished dance area inside the Market Building (located at 202 S. Main in Rising Star) will greatly enhance the dancer's experience.

Come out and view the new "addition" to the building and start your Christmas Season off with a night of fun!

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01 Buick Regal L.S., V6, auto., leather seats, 84,000 on engine, very nice.....	\$3,250	
99 Mustang, V6, 5sp, 35th Anniversary Model, Runs good.....	\$4,200	
99 Ford Crown Victoria LS, leather seats, Nice car..... (Tan).....	\$2,995	
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00 Mustang, V6, 5spd..... (Silver).....	\$3,995	
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SUV's — VANS		
Chairlift inside 99 Ford E150 Van..Super Clean.....	\$3,500	
03 Dodge Durango, 7Pass, V8, auto, leather, super nice, SLT.. (White).....	\$5,450	
03 Dodge Durango, 7 Pass., V8, auto, SUV..... (Silver).....	\$4,850	
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00 Expedition, Eddie Bauer Ed., 8 pass, loaded, super nice.....	\$5,250	
99 Expedition XLT, 5 passenger, loaded, chrome wheels (Maroon).....	\$4,600	
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94 Ford Conversion Van, raised roof, leather, T.V., loaded, runs good.....	\$2,450	
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DIESELS		
99 Dodge Quad Cab, Cummins, 5 spd, nice truck..... (Green).....	\$6,250	
99 Dodge Quad Cab, SLT, Cummins 4X4, runs good..Gray/Blac.....	\$3,750	
98 Dodge Quad Cab, Cummins, Low miles, 180k, auto., leather seats.....	\$6,200	
86 F350 Diesel, hydraulic wheel lift, 91 cab, runs good.....	\$3,500	
99 Ford Diesel F350, Dually, auto., looks, runs good..... (White).....	\$5,750	
01 Dodge Diesel Quad Cab, auto., shortbed, (white).....	\$6,200	
01 Ford F350, Lariat, 6spd, Flat Bed Dually, A good truck (White).....	\$6,500	
01 Ford F350 Lariat Diesel Dually flat bed, automatic, Super Cab.....	\$7,250	
99 Ford 250, Super Duty, Super Cab, diesel, Auto..... (Gold).....	\$6,500	
97 Ford F250 4x4 Reg. Cab., diesel, flatbed single rears, 5spd.....	\$3,750	
GAS—TRUCKS—MISC.		
03 Ford F250, Super Duty, V8, auto., Ext cab, flat bed, Nice truck.....	\$4,250	
06 Ford F250 Super Cab, V8, auto, short bed..... (White).....	\$4,950	
04 Ford F150 XL, V8, auto, long bed, ext. cab, dual exhaust.. (White).....	\$4,600	
04 Ranger XLT 4x4, Super cab, V6, auto, 113,000 miles..... (White).....	\$6,975	
00 Ranger XLT supercab, V6, 5spd., Shortbed, Stepside, runs..... (Gold).....	\$3,500	
96 Ranger XLT, 5 spd..... (Maroon & Gold).....	\$2,750	
2000 Chevy 2500, Vortec V8, automatic, 275-65-20 tires..... (Red).....	\$3,200	
00 Dodge SLT, Quad Cab, V8 auto., runs good..... (Blue).....	\$2,950	
95 Chevy 2500, Extended cab, V8, 5 spd. (Tan).....	\$2,750	
00 Chev. 2500, V8, Auto, Ext. cab — CASH PRICE..... (White).....	\$1,500	
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