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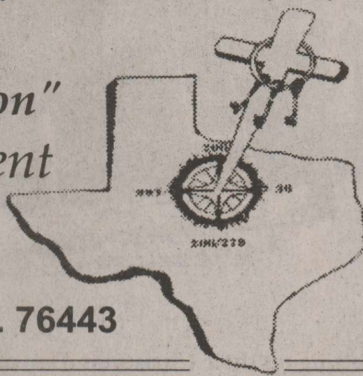
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Cross Plains Public Library presents...

Christmas Craft Fair

Fri., Dec. 5 from Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 6 from 8:00 a.m. - Noon

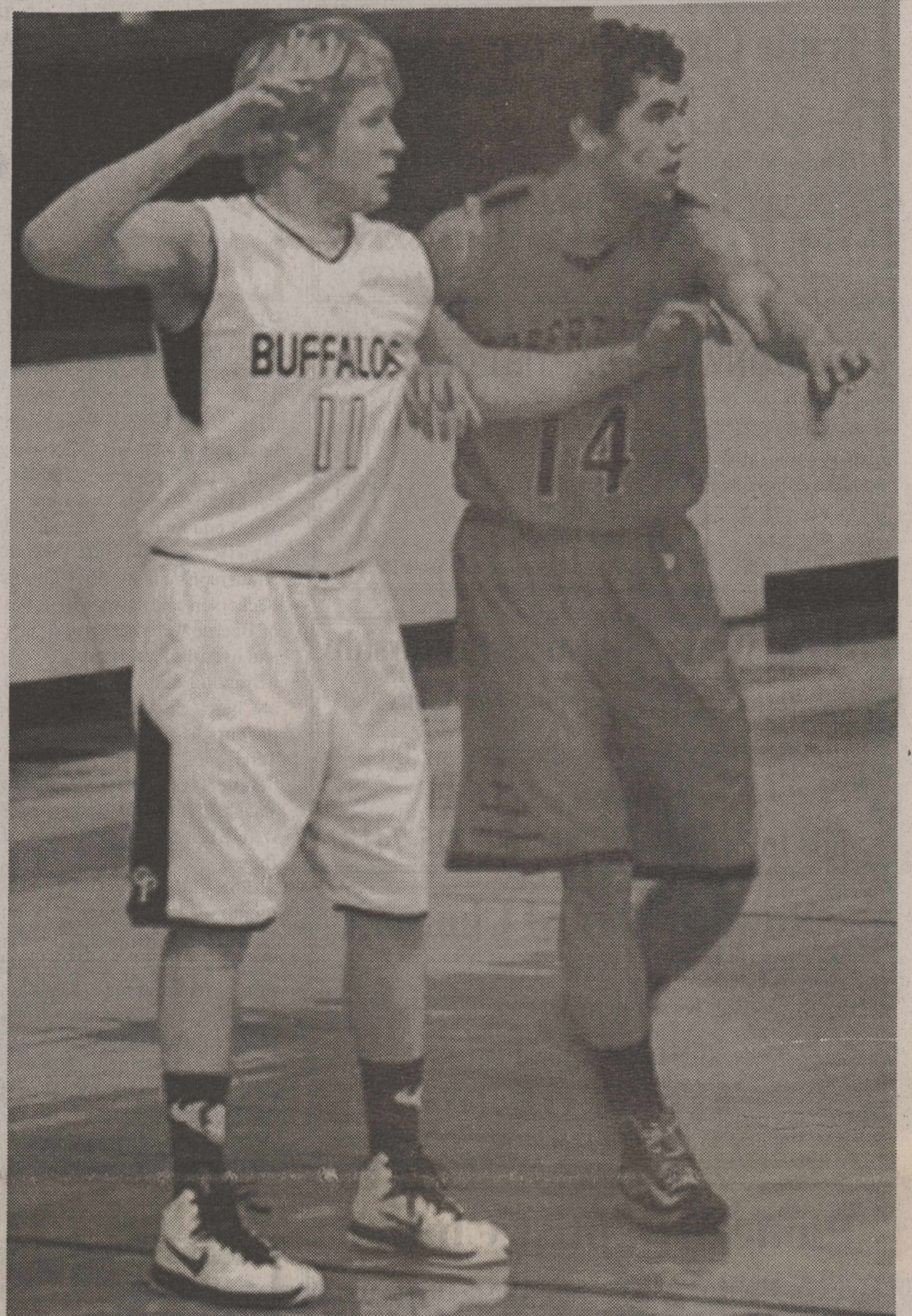
at First United Methodist Church
1000 N. Main, Cross Plains

Local vendors and crafters will have booths
for your shopping enjoyment including:

Embroidered handbags * throw pillows *
microwave bowl hot pads * cup towels *
framed embroidered pictures * fleece coat *
candles/warmers * quilts/blankets * books *
leg warmers * tutus * homemade chow-chow
and baked goods.

There will be a "kids only" table – all items are 10 cents to \$1 for
children to shop for ornaments and gifts. (No adult purchases.)

Also available: Tickets for a chance to win the boy's or girl's
card table playhouse or one of two beautiful quilts.



James Briggs #11

More Basketball pictures inside

Santa at the Bank 2014

Enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information, then return your gifts to the bank by Monday, December 15, 2014. The gifts will be picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A reasonable amount to spend on the gift is \$25-\$30. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls

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

Cross Plains Lighted Christmas Parade!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade. The line up will start at 5:30 at the Cross Plains Church of Christ. The parade is on Friday, December 5, 2014 starting at 6 PM. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it! This will be a great parade for the family! Looking for something fun before the parade? Check out the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper 5pm-7pm, and the library will be hosting the ornament painting for the children. Also Santa will be at the Stew Supper to take pictures. We hope to see you there! For more information Myleah at the chamber office 254-725-7251.



Special Christmas Musical Presentation

You're invited to First Baptist Church for a special musical presentation.

Emmanuel-Celebrating Heaven's Child. The date the musical will be held is December 14, 2014 from 6:30p.m.-8:00p.m. Admission is free so come and join us at 301 N. Main Cross Plains, Tx.

Christmas celebration will fill the air! Souls will be stirred by unforgettable life changing experiences such as: The incomparable and majestic carol. Medleys; the tender cradle-side moments with Mary and her new born son, Jesus; and the passionate invitation to us all to allow the infant King of all Kings to call our hearts His home.

Submitted by
Kiwaniis Club
Cross Plains

Attention Parents

The Cross Plains Youth Sports Association will be having a meeting on Monday, December 8th, starting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church here in Cross Plains. If you are interested in coaching a team please come to the meeting. Don't forget to sign

your child up for basketball. If you need a basketball form you can pick one up in the elementary or high school office. This is for grades 2nd through 6th. All forms are due no later than Friday, December 19th. Thanks again for your support!

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 calendar for Friday, December 5th at the Senior Citizen Center. We ask your support with this fundraiser in our endeavor to help local children's projects.

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

Cost for the stew supper is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 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 \$1.00 each.

The Senior Citizen 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.



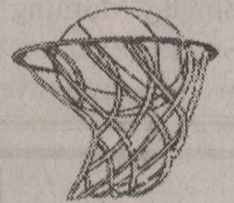
Cheyenne Hass

The Kaleidoscope to Hold Open House

The annual Christmas Open House at The Kaleidoscope located at 124 South Main will be from 10:00 a.m. til 8:00 p.m. on Friday December 5th.

Please join us for refreshments as you enjoy your Christmas shopping. With many items on sale and a large variety of gift items, you are sure to

find something for everyone on your list. Prize drawings will be held throughout the day, so come in earlier in the week and put your name in the tin. We will be open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m. through Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas and Happy Shopping from the Kaleidoscope.



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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
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10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)

Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859



Kiwanis Members putting up their Christmas Tree at the park next to the library. From left, Roy Boyd, Adrian Allen and Erik Woodard. Bob Ossowski and Arnie Smith also helped with the tree.

Cottonwood News

By Beverly Brown

The Nickerson family gathered at Bill and Annette Nickerson's home for Thanksgiving Dinner. Those present were Dena Nickerson, Jeffrey Hines and family, Connie Potter, Portious and Kara Potter and family, Ricky Jo Brown and family, Willie and Jennie Nickerson and family, Kevin and Jessica Nickerson and family. Glynn Nickerson and Olga Villalobos of Boerne were here for dinner and over the weekend.

Brandon and Ethan Maxwell are here visiting their grandparents, Deana and Joe Terstegge.

Beverly Brown spent Thanksgiving Day and Friday with Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra.

The Cottonwood Kiwanis members Roy Boyd, Adrian Allen, Erik Woodard, Arnie Smith and Bob Ossowski were out putting up the Kiwanis Christmas tree in the park next to the Library on Friday. Friday night is the big night. The Kiwanis will be serving up stew at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center from 5 until 7 p.m. The Chamber of Com-

merce's Lighted Christmas Parade starts a 6 p.m. And, of course, Santa Claus will make his appearance at the stew supper for all the kids.

Joe Terstegge will be cooking again next Friday, December 12th. Joe will be making barbeque brisket sandwiches and sausage on a bun. We also hear that deep fried turkey sandwiches are on the menu, too. This is all at the Christmas Bake Sale for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department on Friday, December 12 in front of Lowe's Market. Stop by and say hello and get lunch and something sweet to take home.

4His Glory (Mandy and Matt Sowell, along with Connie and Rhonda Swift) and their friends will be singing at the First Presbyterian Church's Annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 21st at 7 pm.

The Burn Ban is off. Remember to exercise extreme caution if you do decide to burn - and call the Sheriff's office to let them know you will be burning before you light the match. Their number: 325-854-1444.



Thanksgiving at Rising Star Nursing Center

Our Resident and Family Thanksgiving meal was served on Sunday, November 23 to a packed house. We use this time to honor our residents and families for the privilege of serving them.

The kitchen served almost 120 meals to family, residents and

employees. Traditional roasted Turkey was served with homemade dressing, cranberry sauce, fresh green bean casserole, hot buttered rolls and topped off with a big slice of homemade pumpkin pie.

More photos located at www.risingstarnursing.com

Sheriff's Corner

By Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy



SAM STECKLY, SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISPATCHER

Callahan Dispatcher Sam Steckly makes meth collar

Sam Steckly went to work for the Callahan County Sheriff's Department in the middle of July 2014. He had just completed the Council of Government's Law Enforcement Training Academy in Abilene.

His duties, for the Sheriff's Department are dispatching, jailing, prisoner transporting and law enforcement. He also stops and helps people in need of assistance which any dedicated law enforcement officer should do.

Wednesday night, the night before Thanksgiving, after completing his duty shift at the Callahan County Jail, and while driving to his home, he came upon a vehicle beside the road, in Clyde, with a flat tire. He

stopped to give assistance and discovered that the lady occupant of the vehicle had an outstanding warrant from Taylor County.

He was in his personal vehicle so he called Clyde Police Officer Zachary Mazey for assistance.

After investigating further, the lady was found to be in possession of 3.45 grams of Crystal Meth which is no small amount and a third degree felony.

The lady was taken to the Callahan County Jail and the meth was taken off of our streets.

Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy, thanked Sam and Clyde Officer Mazey for their good work.

TxDot's Sober Ride Sleigh brings safety message to Abilene

AUSTIN - In the spirit of the holidays, the Texas Department of Transportation's Sober Ride Sleigh will visit more than a dozen cities to encourage Texans to give the gift of a sober ride.

The Sober Ride Sleigh campaign offers people the chance to win donated prizes, including a day at the Richard Petty Racing Experience at Texas Motor Speedway or a SpaFinder gift certificate valued at \$2,000. Three runners-up each will win a \$1,000 American Express gift card.

During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2013 - Jan. 1,

2014), there were 2,367 DUI-alcohol traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 763 serious injuries and 92 fatalities.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

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First Baptist Church
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 pm Acts of God Video Series
6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st- 6th
6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship
Wednesday 6:30 p.m - Prayer/Worship
Student & Children Ministries
(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443
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Love Fund
Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank
For Owen Turner son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dantes Turner

LOVE FUND
A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

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Love Fund
A Love Fund has been opened for Rickey Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank for medical Expenses!

Love Fund
There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

2014 Abilene Area Pecan & Bake Show

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County will be hosting the 2014 Abilene Area Pecan Show on December 9, 2014. The show will include both a Pecan Nut Division as well as a Pecan Bake Show Division. Residents of Callahan, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford and Taylor Counties are invited to submit their pecans and baked goods for competition and judging.

To enter the Pecan Nut Division, submit 42 nuts of each pecan variety in a re-sealable, plastic bag to the Taylor County Extension Office. Entries will be accepted beginning Monday, December 1, 2014; however, all entries are due to the Taylor County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 5th, 2014. If you are unsure of the pecan varieties that you have don't worry, all entries will be classified before being judged. Pecans will be cracked and shelled on Monday, December 8th and judged on Tuesday, December 9th. Judging this year's show will be Bob Whitney, Farley Farm Supply, from De Leon.

A Bake Show will be held in conjunction with the pecan nut show. Adults (18 years and over) and youth (younger than 18) are invited to participate by entering home baked goods. Entries must contain pecans as an ingredient, not just as a decoration.

Each contestant may submit only one entry per class, but

may enter each of the 11 classes. The classes are: Class 1 - Pie; Class 2 - Cake made from scratch; Class 3 - Cake made with a mix as a base but has other ingredients; Class 4 - Cookies and Brownies; Class 5 - Brittle Candy; Class 6 - Praline Candy; Class 7 - Fudge & Other Chocolate Candy; Class 8 - Other Candy & Confections (divinity, toffee, dipped, flavored pecans, etc.); Class 9 - Roasted/Toasted Pecans; Class 10 - Quick Loaf Bread or Muffins; and Class 11 - Yeast Bread (sweet dough or regular). Entries for classes 4 - 8 are to submit 6 pieces for judging, entries in class 9 are to submit 12 pieces, and entries in classes 10 and 11 must submit 6 muffins or one loaf. Ribbons will be awarded to the first six places in each class.

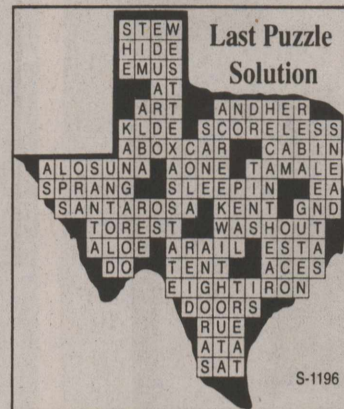
Pecan Bake Show entries must be delivered to the Taylor County Extension Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8th. Each entry must be accompanied by the recipe with the exhibitor's name and class number on the back of the recipe.

Pecan Show nut and baked entries will be on display at the Extension office on Tuesday, December 9th from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. A special Pecan Clinic focusing on pecan management and tree care will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by an awards program recognizing the participants in the show. All

entries must be picked up from the Taylor County Extension Office following the awards. Entries not picked up become the property of the Taylor County Extension Service.

For more information contact the Taylor County Extension Office, 325-672-6048.

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Free Concert for all who love the Music of Christmas

"CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE", a free public concert kicking off the holiday season, will be performed by the Big Country's premier adult show choir, Celebration Singers, at 7:00 pm, Friday, December 5th, in downtown Abilene's historic Paramount Theater. Advance reservations or tickets are not necessary. There is plenty of convenient free parking all around the theater.

This family concert will feature holiday favorites such as "Deck the Halls", "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas", "Merry Christmas Darling", "I'll Be Home for Christmas", "Frosty The Snowman", "O Christmas Tree" and many more. There will also be a section presenting sacred Christmas selections.

Celebration Singers is a non-profit organization that has been entertaining audiences here with choral music for 17 years. It consists of 50 talented vocalists and musicians selected by invitation and audition from Abilene, Baird, Buffalo Gap, Clyde, Dyess AFB, Merkel,

Noodle, Rotan, Stamford, Tuscola and Tye. The group performs annual spring and winter concerts in the regally restored Paramount Theater as well as programs at other area venues throughout the year. All are non-paid volunteers who practice weekly and freely contribute their musical gifts. Please visit the website at celebrationsingersabilene.com.

The distinguished Director, Betty Ann Blackburn, is a renown professional who has appeared in every major concert hall in the US including New York's Lincoln Center and abroad in concerts at Paris, Frankfurt and the World Trade Fair. She has performed twice at the White House for the President, toured Europe with legendary international entertainers, made numerous national television appearances, and performed with the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, Abilene Opera Association and Abilene Collegiate Opera. Ms. Blackburn was a staff accompanist with the Hardin-Simmons University vocal

department for many years and is currently music director at Dyess AFB Chapel.

Regular patrons seldom miss a concert. New patrons enthusiastically enjoy the excellent performances. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to see and hear great holiday music for all ages plus lots of memories and fun. Plan now to attend this truly therapeutic treasury of Christmas song and sound. The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing out songs for all to hear.

"The earth has grown old with its burden of care, but at Christmas it is always young, the heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair, and its soul full of music breaks the air, when the song of angels is sung." - Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 (American clergy and Christmas hymn lyricist)

John Compere
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(Celebration Singers Board of Directors community member)

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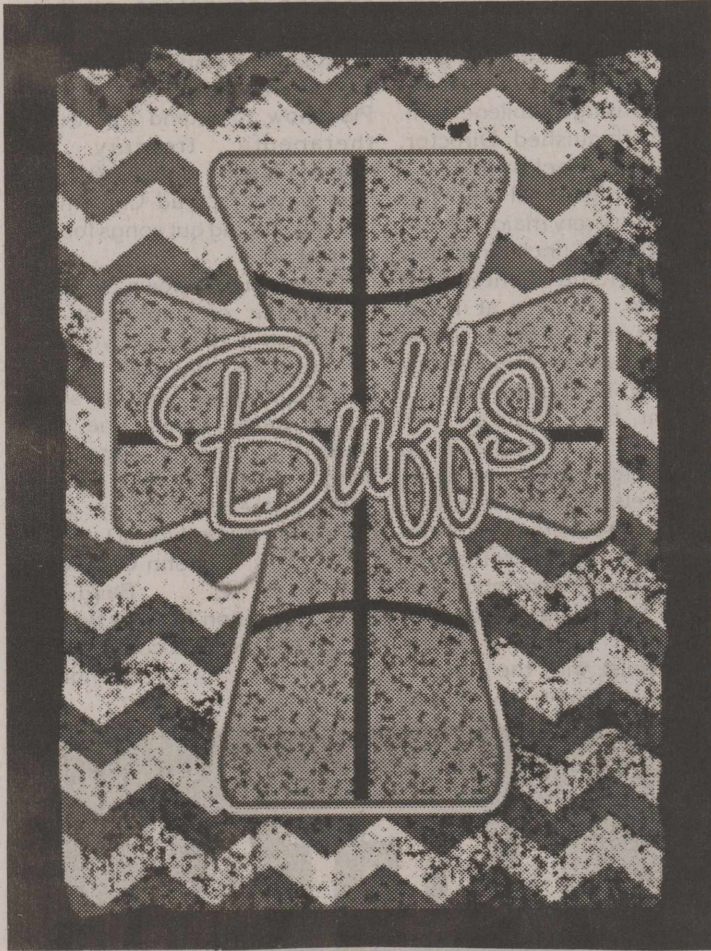
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Basketball

BasketBall Schedule 2014-2015 December

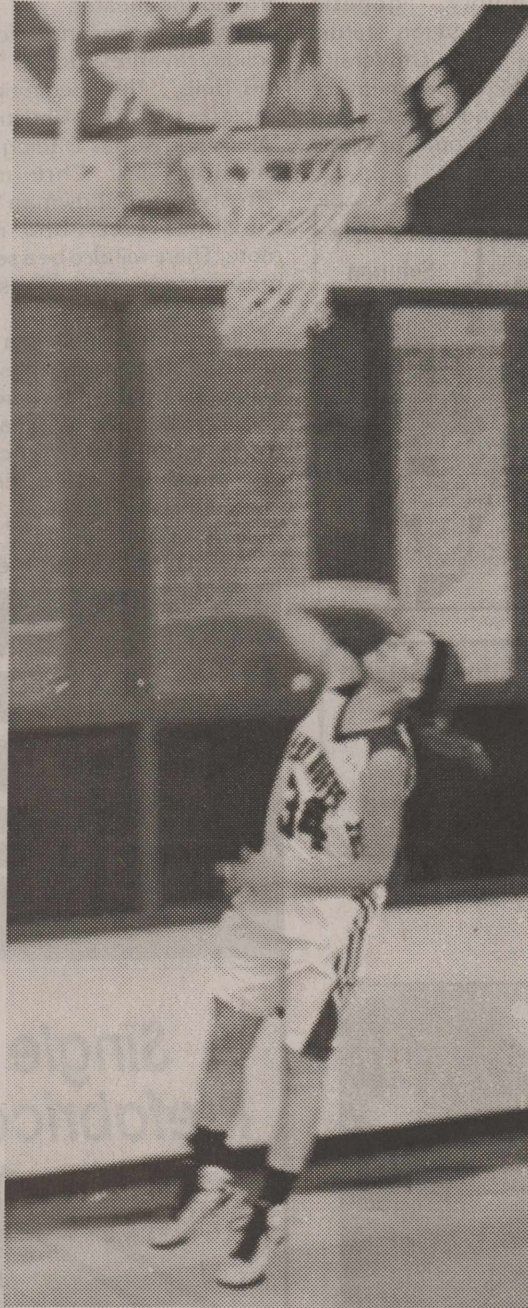
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4,5,6	Highland Hilltop	Classic	VG VB	TBA
8	Rising Star	Rising Star	JHG JHB	6:00
9	Stamford	CP	JVG	4:00
9	Lohn	CP	VG VB	6:30
12	Cisco	Cisco	JVG VG	5:00
11,13	Gordon Tournament		JHG	TBA
11,12,13	Zephyr Tournament		JVB VB	TBA
15	Eula	CP	JHG JHB	5:00
16	Cherokee	CP	VG	6:00
16	Hawley	CP	JVB VB	5:00
19	Gorman	CP	All JV & V	4:00
30	Knox City	Knox City	All JV & V	1:00



Cross Plains Buffs T-Shirt on Sale

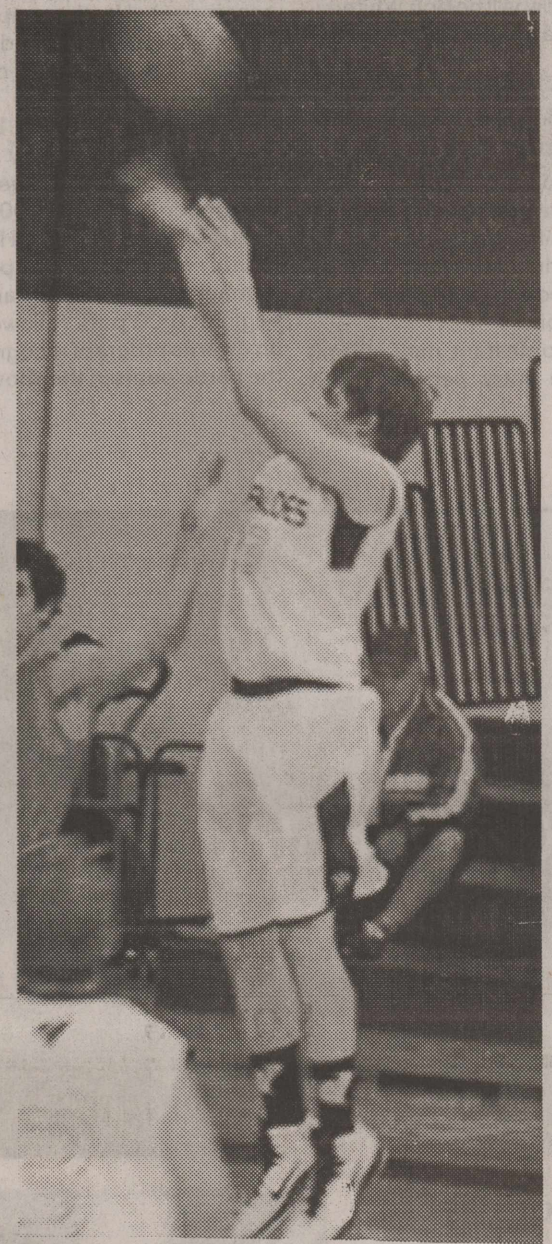
The shirts will be available for all fans, parents, staff and anyone interested in having one. Shirts are \$12.00 plus sizes \$14.00. Shirts with names personalized on the back \$18.00 and plus sizes \$20.00. Please contact Teresa Koenig to make an order(469)

766-8692 or contact Mandi at Salamander's. (325) 669-5942 or Lurene Mcnutt at the Superintendents office Payment must be made upfront to order a shirt. Orders must be turned in no later than December 11th. Thanks for supporting the basketball teams. Don't wait order your's today.



Grace Goode #34

Varsity Buffs were defeated by Varsity Robert Lee with a close game of 46-43



Holden Senclair



Lady Buffs Varsity Vs Robert Lee Varsity
Lady Buffs Brings it Home with a 48 to 36 Win



Shana Yates



Korbin McLean

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Kenzie Halsel #5 and Kelli Bennett #3

REMINDER TO PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS TO GIVE BACK THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY DONATING THEIR LOWE'S RECEIPTS TO CROSS PLAINS I.S.D.

November and December are the busiest shopping months of the year! NOW is the time to collect those receipts!

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**Junior Varsity Buffs
VS
Junior Varsity Robert Lee
Buffs Win with 38-28**



Chloe Alford

Cross Plains Buffaloes 
& Lady Buffs



AG Partin

**Christmas
Holidays**

Thursday, December 18 AND
Friday, December 19, 2014

School will dismiss at 1:00
p.m. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

Christmas Holidays -
December 20, 2014 through
January 4, 2015

School will resume on Monday,
January 5, 2015 at the regular
time.

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Kenzie Halsel #5 and Taryn Estes #32

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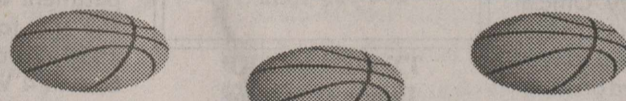
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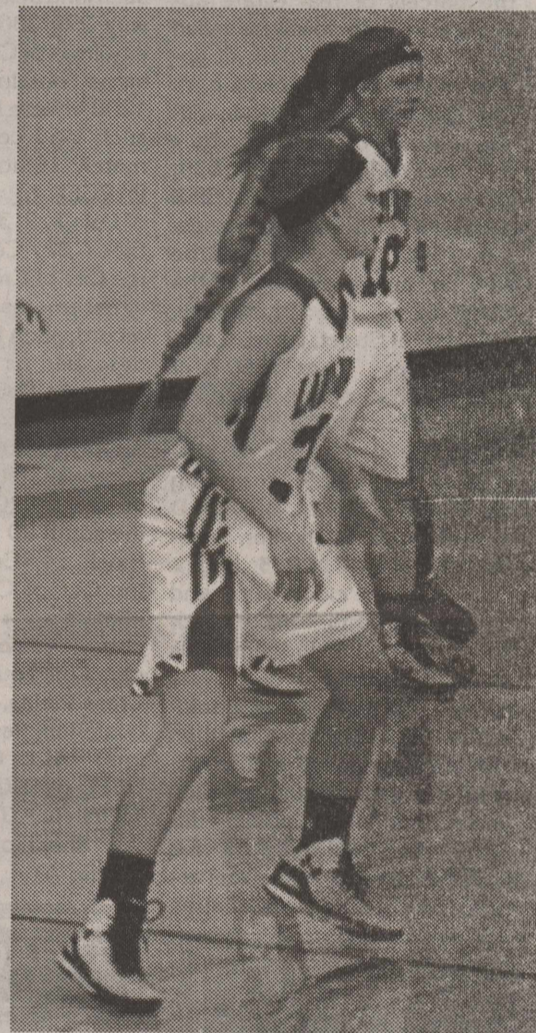
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defeated Robert Lee 54 - 32**



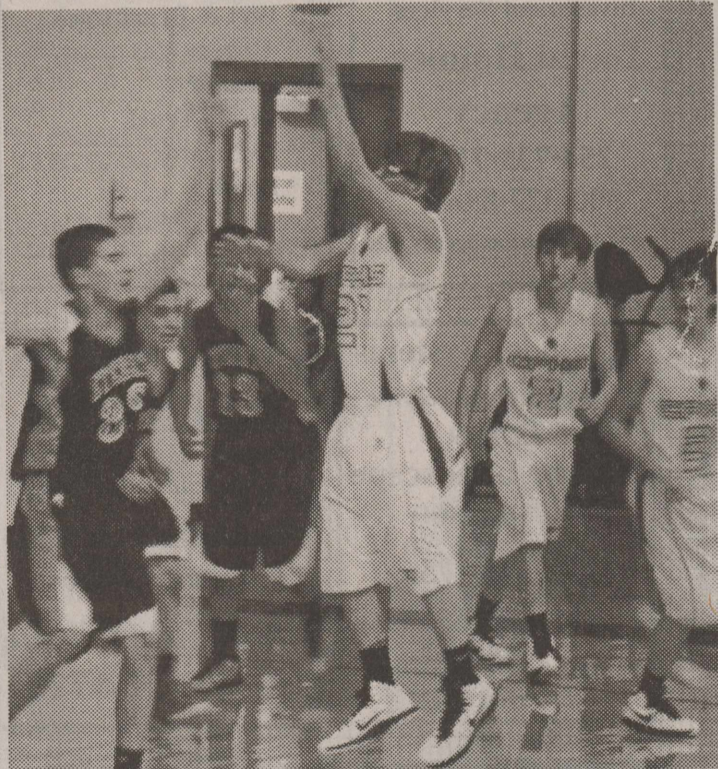
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Grace Goode and Hannah Cowan



Larson Walker #3, Logan Phillips #2 and Sean Armor #21



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	MONDAY 8	TUESDAY 9	WEDNESDAY 10	THURSDAY 11	FRIDAY 12
B R E A K F A S T	Chicken-n- Waffles Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	PBJ Sandwich Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	Texas Toast Scrambled Eggs Sausage Cereal Fruit Juice	Muffin Yogurt Cereal Fruit Juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Fruit Juice Milk
L U N C H	BBQ Rib Sandwich Baked Potato Chips Broccoli bites Garden Salad Orange Smiles Milk	Salisbury Steak Brown gravy Mashed potatoes Green Beans Roll Cinnamon Applesauce Milk	Crispy Tacos Spanish rice Garden Salad Charro Beans Salsa Strawberries & bananas Milk	Breaded Pork Chop Breadstick Garden Salad Carrot Coins Sliced peaches Chocolate Pudding Milk	Hot Dog Sweet potato fries Cucumber Dippers Fresh grapes Milk



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KNOW ALL CITIZENS BY THESE PRESENTS: That I, Terry Joy, Sheriff of Callahan County, Texas by virtue of my authority as Sheriff and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the Clerk of the 42nd District Court of Callahan County, Texas via a Judgment signed by the Honorable John Weeks on October 1, 2014, in a case styled "In the Interest of M.L.T. and E.J.T., Children", entitled "Order Holding Respondent in Contempt for Failure to Pay Child Support, Granting Judgment for Arrearages, Suspending Commitment, & Order to Re-Appear", and, more specifically, as follows; to-wit: "8. Judgment: IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner, JUDITH REBEKAH HARTMAN, is granted a cumulative judgment for child support arrearages, including accrued interest, attorney's fees, and cost of court, against Respondent, JAMES LEE TIDWELL... for which let execution issue." **ALL CITIZENS TAKE NOTICE** that the parcels of real estate appearing hereinbelow were levied on November 21, 2014, at approximately 12:35 o'clock p.m. This Notice is in compliance with Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 622, 627, 630, 636, 638, 639, 646a, and 647. **ALL CITIZENS TAKE NOTICE** that the real estate appearing below shall be sold by public auction at the Callahan County Courthouse, 400 Market Street, Baird, Callahan County, Texas 79504, at the eastern door to such courthouse. **ALL CITIZENS TAKE NOTICE** that up to four (4) parcels of real estate appearing hereinbelow **SHALL BE SOLD** at such public auction on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, beginning at ten o'clock a.m. and continuing until four o'clock p.m., until such judgment is satisfied, or until all of the real estate listed hereinbelow is sold. Parcel #1 shall be sold first, then Parcel #2, etc., until such judgment is satisfied or until all such parcels are sold at public auction. **ALL CITIZENS TAKE NOTICE** that the follow real estate, all located in Callahan

County, Texas are the subject of this public auction: **PARCEL #1:** Lots, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, the north 10 feet of Lot 5, and the north 10 feet of Lot 6, all in Block 67, Central Addition to the City of Cross Plains, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 1, Page 14, Plat Records of Callahan County; same containing a 38' x 40' "shop" and a 60' x 30' house, which has, from time-to-time, been used as a restaurant; such real estate is commonly known as 401 South Avenue D, Cross Plains, Texas; such land containing approximately 1 to 2 acres, more or less. **PARCEL #2:** Approximately 16 acres out of a 28.50 acre tract of land out of the W.G. Anderson Survey No. 777, Abstract 2, Callahan County, Texas, being out of a tract conveyed in Volume 36, Page 243, Callahan County Official Public Records, said 28.50 acre tract being described on Exhibit "A" attached thereto, also identifiable in Volume 132, Page 712, Callahan County Official Public Records, subject to easements and restrictions of record; such land being located on Highway 279/206, just outside the city limits of Cross Plains, Texas; same containing a structure of 1200 square feet, more or less; such land containing approximately 16 acres, more or less. **PARCEL #3:** The east 115 feet of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, all in Block 82, Central Addition to the City of Cross Plains, subject to easements and restrictions of record; such land being general described as a "horse lot"; located on South Avenue A behind Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply; such land containing approximately 0.79 acres, more or less. **PARCEL #4:** Lot 9 and the south 20 feet of Lot 8, all in Block 74, Central Addition to the City of Cross Plains; same containing a vacant house in poor condition; same being located on Southwest 6th Street, Cross Plains, Texas; such land containing less than 1 acre (2 lots). **ALL CITIZENS TAKE HEED OF SUCH PUBLIC AUCTION.** By AUTHORITY of Terry Joy, Sheriff of Callahan County, Texas.

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The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball was first held in 1885 in Anson. Its 80th consecutive re-enactment will be held there on December 18, 19 & 20, 2014.

This annual family winter holiday celebration includes traditional western music, dancing, listening, refreshments and fellowship. It is always open to the public!

The Historic Pioneer Hall in Anson has been the Ball location since completion of its construction in 1940. The Ball and Hall are designated as an official state historical event and site by the Texas Historical Commission to promote its historic preservation and celebrate its Texas history.

The Ball was first memorialized by rancher-poet Larry Chittenden with his famous poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press/New York, 1893). The poem with music was published in the John Lomax classic compilation "Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads" (Macmillan Company, 1910). The poem with music was performed by cowboy folklorist Gordon Graham who sang it at the 1946 Ball.

The Ball is portrayed in the large 1930s mural in the US Post Office at Anson and the 1939 watercolor painting by Maxine Walker Perini on permanent display at the Abilene Grace Museum. It is the acknowledged genesis for the "Cowboy Christmas" concerts held throughout the USA by American's #1 Cowboy Singer Michael Martin Murphey and his Rio Grande Band. They have highlighted the Ball one night of the week, for the past 20 years (Thursday this year). Muddy Creek is the Ball house band



2014'S COWBOY CHRISTMAS BALL SANTA IS HERE A LITTLE EARLY! LOVE THIS PICTURE!!

that plays other nights (Friday & Saturday).

"DANCIN' IN ANSON" A History of The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Texas Tech University Press, 2014) written by Dr. Paul H. Carlson, emeritus professor of history at Texas Tech University, was recently published and released in time for this year's Ball. It is a classic and the preeminent history of the legendary Ball that may be purchased at the Ball or through ttupress.org.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association owns as well as maintains Pioneer Hall and conducts the annual 3 day Ball. It is a non-

profit Texas corporation organized in 1937, an IRS 501(3)(c) tax-exempt public historical and educational charity, and composed of non-paid members who voluntarily contribute their time, service and resources. The Ball was copyrighted in 1937 and remains the exclusive property of the Association.

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Also in the Santa window, the outdoors men sit warm and cozy by the fire pit drinking hot chocolate and visiting with their

little friends.

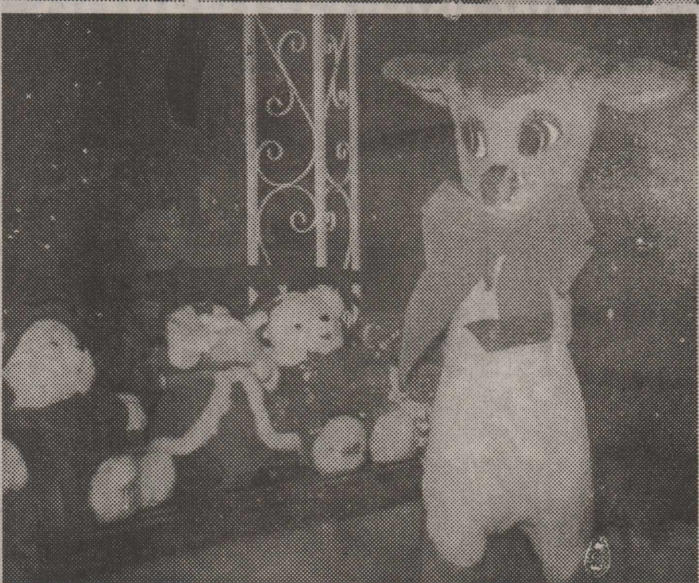
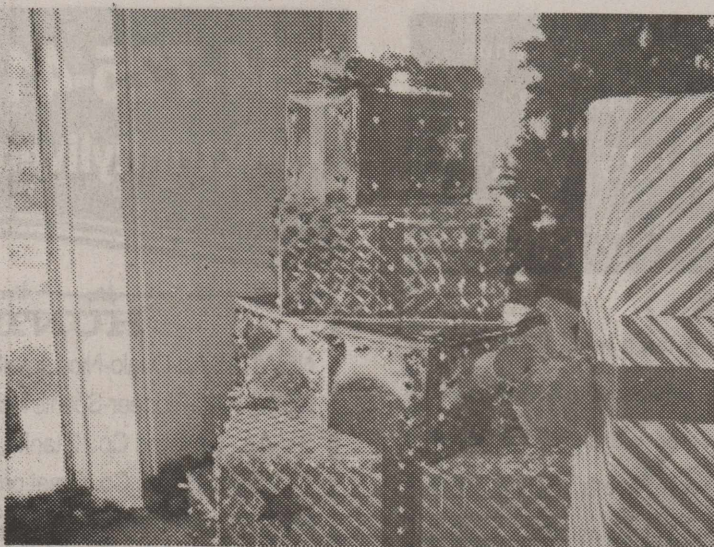
Move on and observe Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer hanging out with the bears in the south window

The Nativity Scene always makes us stop and think about the most important reason for the Christmas season - the birth of Jesus.

This years "Mystery Lady" can be found in the antique window surrounded by displays of store furnishings from days gone by (some nearing 100 years old). She is all dressed up in a red satin formal dress so she must be going to a special party.

Santa's sleigh is all packed and ready for delivery. He will be returning and reloading many times before the big day.

For a closer view and to enjoy the lighting and special effects, take time to stroll down the sidewalks just after sundown



Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jason L. Kilough, evading arrest/detention.
Lorenzo A. Valles, driving while intoxicated.

Marriage Licenses

Tommy Ray Palacio and Carla Marie Arensmeyer, both of Baird.
Michael Scott Dinges and Jenny Sue Maupin, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Citifinancial Servicing LLC a Delaware Limited Liability Co. vs. Edward Allen Jeffers and Lisa Ann Jeffers, home equity - expedited foreclosure, in re: concerning 4005 CR 259, Clyde, Tx. 79510.

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Robert E. Howard Museum shares a Christmas welcome to travelers from the west.



Stitched with Love

It takes a village...no matter what your political preferences are, we can agree, that it takes a lot of people working together to achieve goals.

Michelle Kaiser donated a quilt top with a white background and appliqued flowers and vines in bright blues and greens that was sewn by her mother at the age of 91 years. The batting and backing for the quilt was donated by Wilma Lawrence and Jean Alexander and then hours and hours was spent quilting by many women

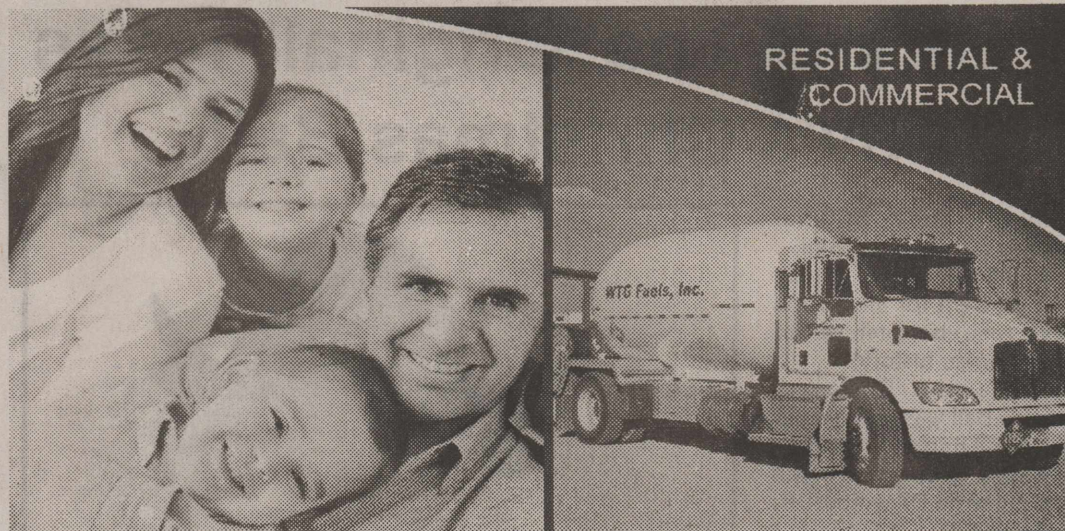
of the community. Donna Wagner and Wilma Lawrence sat pushing needle and thread through for hours at a time. The final touch was trim and hemming of the scalloped edge of the quilt by Wilma Lawrence and Michelle Kaiser.

The Cross Plains Senior Center is giving you the chance to take this beautiful quilt to your house for only \$1.00 or 6 chances for \$5.00. Tickets are available at the Senior Center 108 N Main.

CPVFD to hold Bake Sale & BBQ Cookout on Friday, December 12

Christmas cookies, banana bread, cakes, pies and all other kinds of goodies - along with barbeque brisket sandwiches and sausage-on-a-bun - will be available at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Holiday Bake Sale on Friday, December 12th in front of Lowe's Market. Proceeds from the Bake Sale and the Barbeque will go toward the new firehouse. The goal was to be in the firehouse by Christmas, but we don't have the funds to complete the building. Please help us by making plans to come by for a barbeque brisket sandwich, sausage and some Christmas goodies.

If you'd like to help by baking some goodies for the bake sale, we'd love that. Just drop off the goodies at the bake sale that morning, or get a hold of Joe Terstegge.



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Wednesday 10th - Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Fruit, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 11th - Soft Tacos, Hominy, Re-fried, Beans, Dessert

Friday 12th - BBQ Sausage, Pinto, Beans, Cornbread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Dec. 8th - Dec. 12th

Monday-8th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-9th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-10th Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure check- Girling Home Health.

Thursday -11th Exercise 11:00

Friday -12th IntergaCare-Bingo 11:15 / Exercise 10:45

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.



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Texas Patchnose Snake

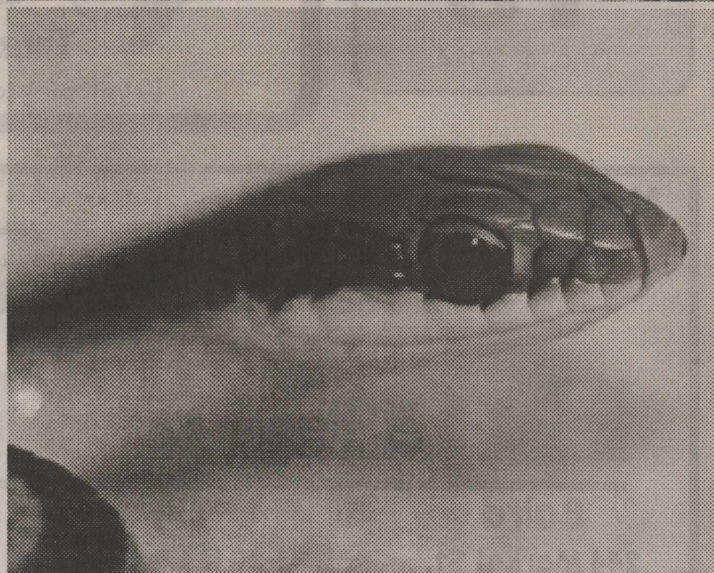
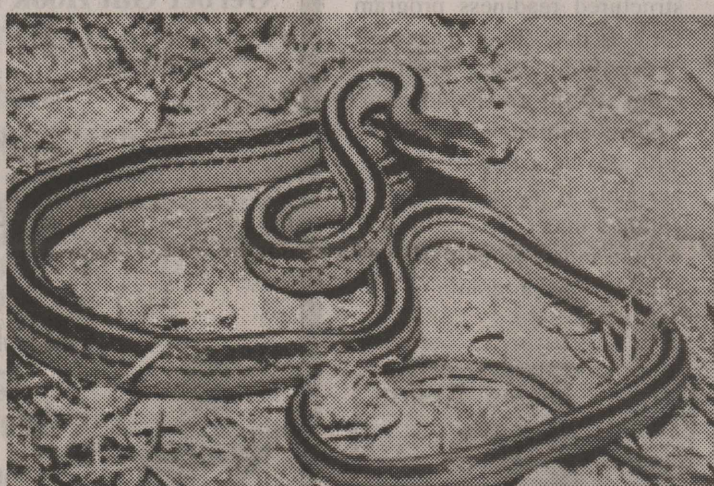
Many animals have curious adaptations that give them an advantage in surviving the natural world in which they inhabit. One such snake that exhibits this type of adaptation is one that is common right here in west Texas, the Texas Patchnose snake.

The Texas Patchnose snake (*Salvadora grahamiae lineata*) occurs in a multitude of habitats in central and south Texas, ranging from the juniper-oak savannahs of the Edwards Plateau to the Tamaulipan thornscrub of south Texas. Its natural range includes the southern portions of Concho Valley, and this subspecies of the Mountain Patchnose Snake can be encountered with a degree of frequency in and around the town of Christoval.

Texas Patchnose Snakes, like other members of its genus, are non-venomous serpents that may attain a maximum of almost four feet in length. Most adults, however, are much smaller than this, typically attaining a length of only twenty four to thirty six inches. Regardless of their length, they are extremely slender animals, with adults 3 feet in length only having the circumference of a man's pinkie finger. Dorsally, they are marked with a narrow (1 to 2 scales wide) yellow to orange colored stripe that runs the length of the spine. This stripe is bordered on either side by wider and darker stripes that are approximately 2 scales in width. These dark stripes extend onto the head almost to the large, round-pupil eyes. Below these darker stripes, there is a thin line that runs along the third row of scales above the belly and this well defined is bordered on either side by cream to tan stripes. The belly, like the head, is unmarked.

The most defining morphological characteristic of the Patchnose snake is the enlarged nose scale that is flared laterally, set apart from the other head scales to the point of appearing as if it had been patched on in haste, hence the namesake. The adaptive purpose of this enlarged snout is to assist this legless creature obtain its food by rooting it out from the ground where it is buried. This snake's primary prey consists of primarily of lizards and the eggs of other reptiles which are sniffed out with the snakes heightened olfactory senses. Other prey items include young rodents and rarely smaller snakes.

Like most other ectothermic animals, it undergoes a brumation period during the coldest months of the year, al-



Texas Patchnose snake (*Salvadora grahamiae lineata*)

lowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Approximately thirty days after mating in late April to early May, females lay anywhere from 4 to 10 oblong eggs in a cluster that will hatch in late June to early July. The delicate hatchling Texas Patchnose snakes are between 7 and 10 inches in length, resembling the adults in color and pattern.

Texas Patchnose snakes are diurnal, meaning they are active during the daylight hours. Many are seen crossing dirt roads during their daily forays. They are extremely wary of predators,

moving rapidly as they search for prey items during the heat of the day. If cornered, they will assume an s-coiled striking position while rapidly vibrating their tails, giving them the appearance of being much more dangerous than what they truly are. However, they are completely harmless to humans, and like most ophidians, are more afraid of people than people are of them. They would rather crawl away discreetly rather than confront a potential predator several hundred times their size.

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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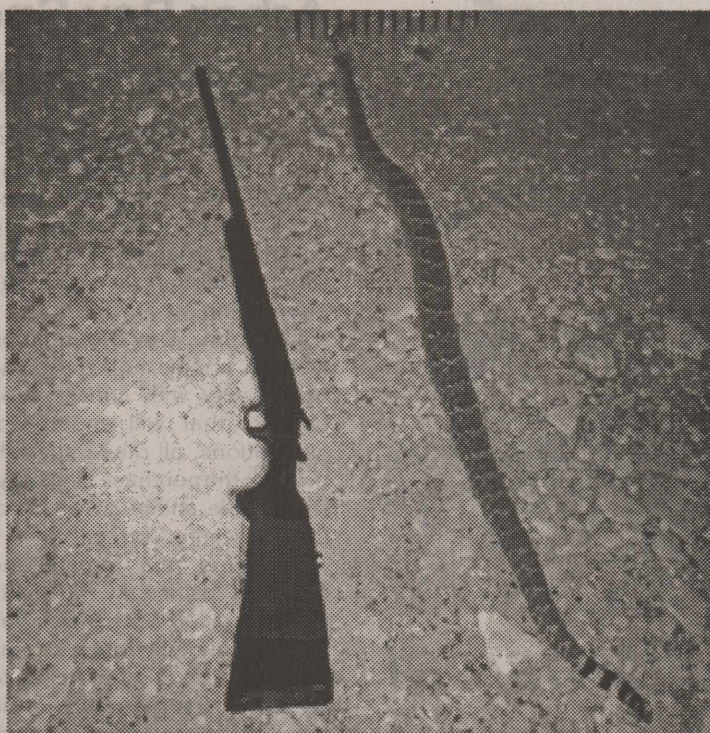
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Picture taken by Justin & Audra Golson in Burkett Texas

Rattlesnakes are on the Move!

Even though it is getting colder we are not out of the woods yet! Snakes are starting to bed down for the winter but are still moving when the weather is warm enough. They can still be seen sunning themselves on warm roads during the day. Be on the look out for rattlesnakes and other venomous snakes.

The rattlesnake in the picture above was killed Saturday, November 29th by Justin and Audra

Golson near their home in Burkett Texas. It was over 4 foot long and on the move looking for somewhere to hibernate for the winter.

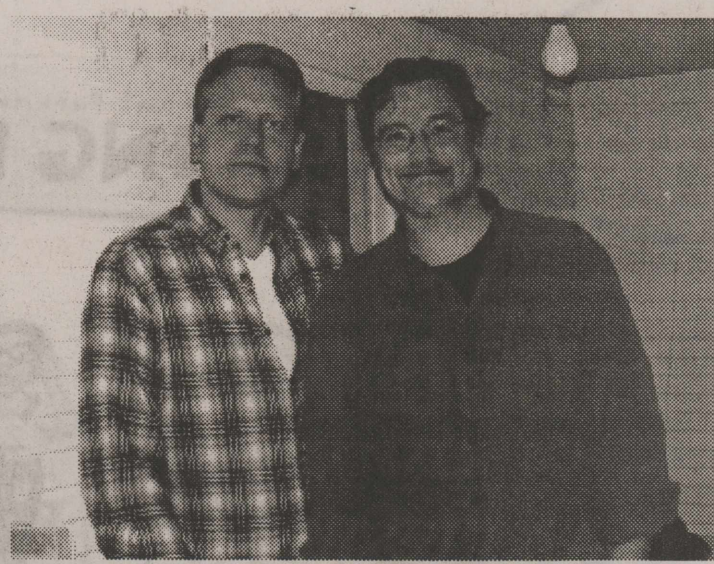
Make sure you take the appropriate measures to protect yourself, your children and your pets from venomous snakes. Don't reach under rocks or any other object that has been in the same spot for a while. Snakes tend to hibernate in places that block the wind, rain and protect them from predators. Always use a flashlight when walking outside at night even if its cold. You never know when you might stumble upon a den.

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International visitors tour REH Museum

Andrew Fannin from England and Max Ivlev from Russia were recent visitors to the Museum. The two had worked together in Russia a number years ago and have remained in contact, visiting each other every 5-6 years. Fannin had flown into San Antonio where Ivlev now lives and they made a quick trip up here, so Fannin could see where Howard had written all the stories that he so loves.

As with many of our visitors, he was introduced to Howard's most famous character while he was still a teen-ager. From the Conan stories, he has since expanded to several other characters made famous by the local writer. Perhaps inspired by Howard's use of ancient history, Fannin has always had a deep interest in the same area. Although he works in the Information Technology field, writing software programs for the insurance industry at Applied Systems, based in Chicago, he is pursuing an advanced degree in ancient history.

Fannin is in the beginning stages of writing a book with a totally different approach. As he travels around the world exploring regions with ancient historical remnants, etc., he is coping with type 1 Diabetes.

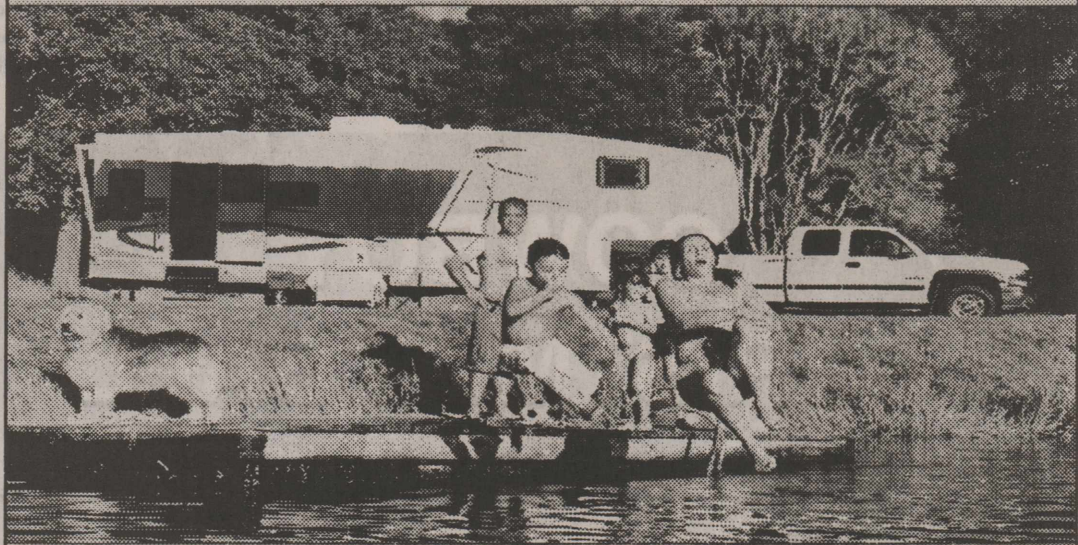
Since he has been keeping a journal of his disease since he was diagnosed in his childhood, keeping a journal of his travels was a no-brainer. At some point, he decided to merge the two; showing others than being a severe diabetic does not have to keep one from living an adventurous life. Thus, the premise of his book.

Ivlev was born a bit west of Moscow and has been in the states since 1999; moving around quite a bit with his job of developing software, much like Fannin does. He is currently employed with Republic Plastics of McQueeney, TX developing the software that keeps their systems up and going to produce...all that pressed foam food service stuff that we all use! And now we know that the popular product is made in Texas with help from a Russian, rather than being made in China and shipped over here.

After a quick trip to the library to look over and purchase copies of the typescripts of some of Howard's stories, they were off to Mexico City for something to eat before heading back to San Antonio.

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the mic and recreate an elementary spelling bee with laughs galore. It is a back-in-time moment that you will be sure to love!

This Sunday, December 7th is your last chance to catch us! A special "Double Header" will be held in conjunction with the Jr. High One-Act Play, "LITTLE WOMEN" (tickets \$2/\$3), at 2:00 p.m., on December 7th, with PUTNAM COUNTY per-

forming at 3:00 p.m. The tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Senior Citizens and Students.

The money goes to fund our future shows and theatre projects.

If it's raining, thank God for the rain, and come ANYWAY to be a part of the fine arts of Clyde by supporting our local student theatre!

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center 2015 Calendar

Lost But Not Forgotten

As you travel the county roads around Cross Plains, you will see the barns and outbuildings that serve as a reminder of the tough times farming and ranching families have weathered. They also, more importantly show the strength and will power of the

families that endured these struggles to leave a legacy that is still vital to the economy in our area today.

A 2015 calendar archiving some of these landmarks through photographs taken by James

Nichols and Debbie Edington

is available for only \$5.00. All proceeds from the sale of these calendars benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. Get your calendar today at the Center, City Hall, Connie's Cuts and Curls or Texas Heritage Bank.

AgriLife Extension's Coleman County Prescribed Burn Workshop slated for Dec. 18th

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COLEMAN - Anticipating an active prescribed fire season, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Coleman County will conduct the Coleman County Prescribed Burn Workshop on Dec. 18 at the Bill Franklin Center/Goree Expo Center in Coleman. The facility is located at the intersection of Highway 206 and 5th Avenue.

Michael Palmer, AgriLife Extension agent in Coleman County, said registration will start at 8:30 a.m. with the program running from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

"We've had some timely rains

throughout the region and have grown some grass that will make prime fuel in many spots for what could prove to be a very successful winter prescribed burning season," Palmer said. "With proper planning and execution, prescribed fire is undoubtedly the most cost effective brush control management tool available."

"Our goal with this workshop is to update our producers on proper burning procedures while allowing them to become acquainted with some of the agency resources available to them should they decide to use this range-management tool."

Individual registration is \$15, payable upon arrival for those who RSVP by Dec. 15. The fee includes a noon meal. Late registration after Dec. 15 will be \$20 with no meal guarantee.

For more information or to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office at 325-625-4519.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

Topics and speakers include: Fire Ecology and Burn Plan - Need to Know, Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo; Wildfire Mitigation and Defensible Space, Phillip Truitt, Texas Forest Service, Merkel; and U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service Updates, Casey Spinks and Javier Garza, Coleman County NRCS.

"We'll cap the day by conducting a demonstration burn to showcase the various burn types discussed during the workshop," Palmer said.

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One example of rain forest farmers and families benefitting from Arbor Day Specialty coffee is that of Artemia Rojas Castillo. Artemia supports her Peruvian family by farming shade-grown coffee. She began growing coffee with her husband on their

tree-covered farm at the foot of a mountain in Cajones, Peru, more than two decades ago. They worked hard together building their farm and nurturing their coffee plants in the shade of the rain forest so the crop could sustain them and their five children. (When her husband passed away, Artemia continued on with coffee farming. Because of the higher price she earns for the superior shade-grown crop, she is able to support her family. "For us, it is a very important plant," she said. "It brings us everything. We have all seen this. To take care of our children and educate them. It is the most important plant that we have.")

She sees coffee not only as a way to support her family. It is also vital to her community.

"For all of the community, for them it is life. It is the plant that does everything for us. It's food, it's happiness-all of it. It is life."

Artemia has a clear appreciation for the role the rain forest trees play in her coffee farm-shielding the plants from the harsh summer sun, providing nutrients and allowing the coffee to mature slowly for a richer flavor. She also understands the need to

maintain the rain forest from a larger ecological standpoint as well. She spoke of the importance of conserving the trees and how her land is rich with birds that she enjoys hearing while she farms.

Two of Artemia's children remain with her today, working beside her in the coffee fields. They will carry on the tradition of growing coffee under the canopy of the rain forest.

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About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation, founded in 1972 on the centennial of the first Arbor Day, is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information about the Foundation and its programs is available at arborday.org.

Library Offers Children Programs

Cross Plains Public Library "Learn About..." Program is a structured readiness program for preschool children ages 3-5 every Wednesday Morning from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. November through April. There will also be a Lapsit program available at the same time for children under the age of 3. A parent must accompany the child for this program.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ in your own juice"

5 TXism: "___ and watch" (observe)

6 flightless birds on some TX farms

7 TX group: "Asleep the Wheel"

8 ex-Astro mgr. Howe

9 TX Neiman-Marcus has "His ___ X-mas gifts"

15 Eldorado FM radio

16 TX Nolan Ryan held opponents to many ___ innings

19 TXism: "packed like cows in ___"

21 "Texas" became the term for a steamboat captain's ___

22 ex-Astro pitcher (1990-93)

27 TXism: "___ loop man" (good cowboy)

28 Tex-Mex food

29 jumped

30 TXism: "does a bear ___ the woods?" (yes)

32 this Ames was "Mingo" on Daniel Boone" with TX Fess Parker (init.)

33 in NW Cameron Co. on 107

36 between Garza & Stonewall Cos.

37 this Gussie created the famous Kilgore Rangerettes (init.)

38 TXism: "laid ___ (buried)"

39 TXism: "don't hang your dirty ___ on the line"

41 Valley plant

42 TXism: "skinny as ___"

45 TXism: "como ___?" (How are you?)

46 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"

47 TX soldier shelter

48 King toppers in poker

49 TX Kite short club (2 wds.)

52 entrances

53 regret

54 TXism: "hard as dodging rice ___ wedding"

55 bath night (abbr.)

DOWN

1 TX George Jones' "___ Thinks I Still Care"

2 Notre Dame Heisman winner Brown from Dallas

3 Mexican bobsledder Tarnes from Dallas

4 former name of A&M's University in Canyon

8 in Wood Co. on 69

9 TXism: "up ___ paddle"

10 TXism: "leave stone unturned"

11 Pepper

12 TXism: "so deaf ___ thunder"

13 actor Jack of old TV series "The Texas Wheelers"

14 singer McEntire

15 leaping mammal

16 mentally sound

17 TXism: "___ a mummy's tomb" (quiet)

18 this Sam won the '45 Dallas Open

20 soft drink

22 TXism: "happy ___ a dog with two tails"

23 TX Willie's pre-CD "platters"

24 TX Mickey Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"

25 San Jacinto loser: ___ Anna

26 Bayless book (93): "The ___ Story of the Dallas Cowboys' Season on the Edge"

28 TX fruit cake containers

31 loud bell ring

34 TX ABC news-woman: Lisa Mc

35 "JFK" director Oliver (init.)

37 UT's Harry Ransom Center has a rare ___burg Bible

40 Jewel

43 Nolan's son or TX "Cowpokes" artist Ace

44 SW Texas mohair goats

50 TXism: "___ it with kid gloves"

51 TXism: "turn about ___ fair play"



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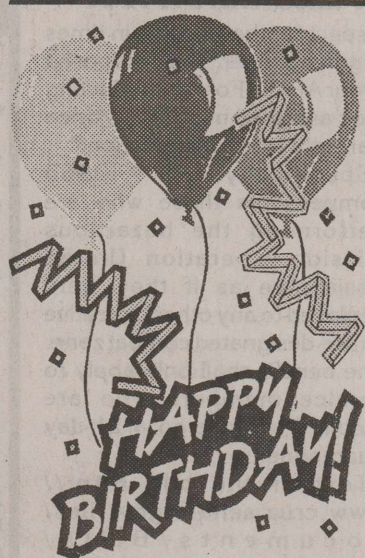
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December 8

- Johnny Glen Clay II, Judy (Gibbs) Steele, Neva Joyce Dillard, Elmer Casey, Garrett 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 Bush

December 10

- Kelli Sue Bennett, Jimmy McCowen, Debbie Edington, Jessie (Foster) Raben, Jimmy Gilmore, Joe Dean Nunn, Mickie (Archer) Homans, Wayne Newton, Sheri Lyn Basset, Dustin Meiron, Joshua Morris

December 11

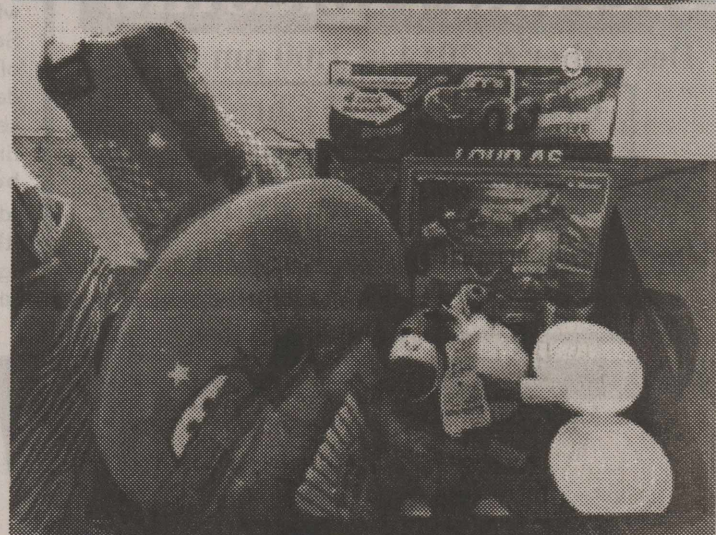
- Miles Hernandez, Tommy Cavanaugh Waggoner, Jill (Richardson) Betts, Pee Wee Pickett, Stuart Sowell, Peggy Purvis, Andrew Mark Young, Kay Horan, Tammy Wolfront

December 12

- Steve Franke, Mrs. Vernon Falkner, Reggie Pillan, Michael Allen Johnson

December 13

- Danny Hutton, Wanetta Parson, Stanley Rex Dickie, Kathy Niger, Tony Bland, David Browning, Mrs. Log Thompson, Joe Everett Burkett, Ken Horan, Jeanie Gilland, Dustin Anthony Morales, Minnie Larkin, Joy McKenzie



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Sen. Cruz Introduces Operation United Assistance Tax Exclusion Act

WASHINGTON, DC — Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, today introduced S. 2965, the Operation United Assistance Tax Exclusion Act, which provides that members of the Armed Forces performing hazardous humanitarian services in West Africa to combat the spread of Ebola shall be entitled to appropriate tax benefits.

"Once our armed forces are placed in harm's way, Congress, and the Commander-in-Chief have a responsibility to support them and to provide security for the families who remain behind while they face danger," said Sen. Cruz. "The morbidity rate of Ebola poses a substantial danger to those who have been sent to combat it and, for the first time, this risk extends beyond the battlefield and directly threatens the safety of their families. Congress should give these service members the appropriate recognition and

respect for their service in times of grave danger. The risks posed to our Armed Forces conducting their assigned mission in Africa warrants this consideration."

Specifically, S. 2965 compensates those who are performing the hazardous mission Operation United Assistance as if they were deployed to any other Executive Order-designated combat zone. The benefit shall only apply to service members who are required to undergo a 21-day quarantine.

Text of the bill: http://www.cruz.senate.gov/files/documents/Bills/2014/1121_Operation_United_Assistance_Tax_Exclusion_Act.pdf

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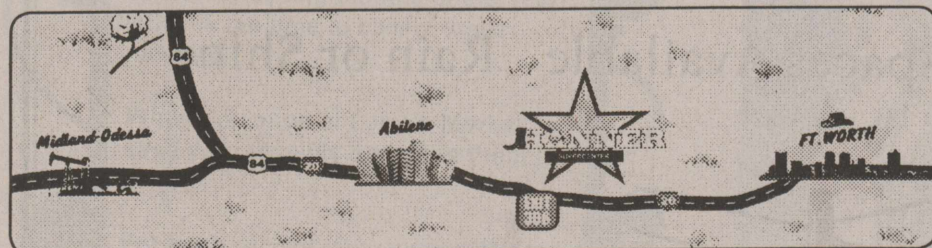


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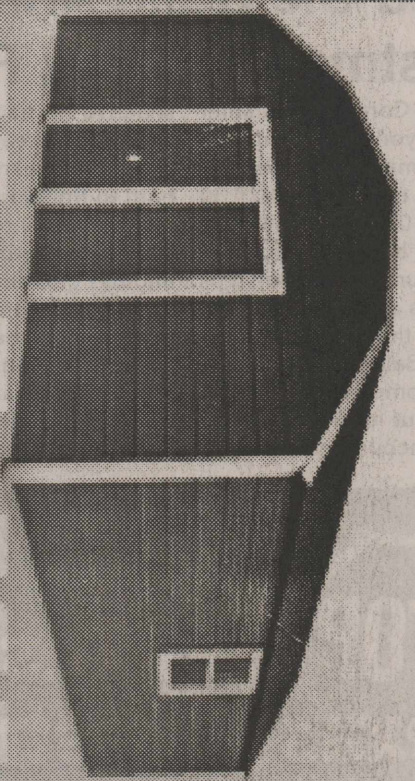
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Protect Yourself from the Flu

By Marshall Dawer M.D. M.S. F.A.C.P. ABEM

Market Medical Director, United Healthcare of North Texas

Cooler weather, football and falling leaves – the classic signs of Fall are upon us, which means flu season has also arrived.

Influenza – or the flu, as it is commonly known – is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. About 5 percent to 20 percent of U.S. residents get the flu each year, according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

The flu costs the United States more than \$87 billion annually and is responsible for the loss of about 17 million workdays and substantial classroom time each flu season, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Unfortunately, the flu is not just a cause of missed work and school. Every year, thousands of people die from influenza and its complications, and more than 100 of the victims this past year were children – twenty of them here in Texas.

The best way to protect yourself and reduce your chances of getting the flu is to get a flu vaccine. According to the CDC, everyone who is at least 6 months of age should get a flu vaccine. Getting vaccinated is especially important for people who have certain medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes or chronic

lung disease, and for pregnant women, young children and people 65 and older.

Despite the evidence and recommendations, many people won't get vaccinated this year – which makes it more likely they will get and transmit the flu. That puts your own personal health and well-being at risk, and it could increase the chances of your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors getting sick, too.

Consider the following:

The flu shot is not expensive.

In most cases, the cost of a flu shot is covered by your health plan, whether you buy health insurance on your own or are covered through your employer, Medicare or Medicaid. More employers are now offering free onsite flu shot clinics at the office. The financial and personal costs and the potential for missed days of work or school from the flu far exceed the cost of the vaccination.

Young, healthy people get the flu, too.

Influenza does not discriminate against age or health habits. Just because you're young or don't typically get sick doesn't mean you can't catch the flu. You can catch the flu from someone who has yet to exhibit any signs or symptoms of being sick.

Getting the flu shot vaccine is fast, easy and convenient.

Getting a flu shot takes no more than five minutes. Most neighborhood pharmacies even offer walk-in options, so you don't need to make an appointment. If you are unemployed or your employer doesn't offer flu shots, you can go to your primary care doctor or nearby wellness clinic, most retail pharmacies or contracted flu shot providers. To find a list of flu shot providers near you, visit Flu.gov (<http://www.flu.gov/prevention-vaccination/vaccination/index.html>) and enter your zip code.

Take Preventive Measures

In addition to getting vaccinated, please remember to take preventive measures like washing your hands regularly to help reduce the spread of germs. And if you are sick with the flu, stay home to prevent spreading flu to others.

Flu season runs from October through May with most illnesses occurring just in time for the December holiday season. Now is the time to make your and your family's health a priority. Get a flu shot. If you do, you'll likely be able to enjoy the fall and holidays a little more.

Help for School-age Children Who Stutter is as Close as Your Library

Stuttering is a frustrating and embarrassing problem for millions of people, but it can be especially tough on elementary school-age children. Help is available for parents, teachers, and speech-language pathologists at most public libraries in the form of a DVD designed to help school-age children who stutter. Some libraries have an older video version.

"It's meant to give speech-language pathologists the tools they need to deal with stuttering in this age group, but it also offers good ideas for parents and teachers," said Professor Peter Ramig of the University of Colorado at Boulder. Ramig is one of five nationally recognized experts appearing in the DVD produced by the nonprofit Stuttering Foundation. The DVD features students from first through sixth grade, some of whom talk about their experiences with stuttering. They talk openly about the teasing they face from classmates and how their stuttering sometimes makes them feel about themselves.

"We focus on demonstrating a variety of therapy strategies that are appropriate in working with children who stutter," adds Ramig. He appears in the DVD along with speech-language pathologists Barry Guitar, Ph.D., of the University of Vermont, Hugo H. Gregory, Ph.D., and June Campbell, M.A., of Northwestern University, and Patricia Zebrowski, P.D., of the University of Iowa. These five experts answer questions about stuttering, refute myths and misconceptions, and present examples of therapy sessions showing how stuttering can be reduced.

More than three million Americans stutter, yet stuttering remains misunderstood by most

people," said Jane Fraser, president of the Stuttering Foundation. "Myths such as believing people who stutter are less intelligent or suffer from psychological problems still persist despite research refuting these erroneous beliefs."

The 38-minute DVD, entitled *Therapy in Action: The School-*

age Child Who Stutters, produced by the 67-year-old nonprofit Stuttering Foundation is available free of charge to public libraries nationwide. A library that will shelve them can e-mail info@stutteringhelp.org, or download a request form at <http://www.stutteringhelp.org/libraries-information>.

West Police department name used in latest phone scam

Since early Tuesday morning, the West Police Department in West, Texas has received nearly 100 phone calls from residents in Texas, Colorado and Tennessee, concerned they owe an outstanding debt and will be sent to jail. Residents are claiming that a person with a foreign accent contacts them on the phone, and claims their child's college tuition is past due or that they have an outstanding student loan. They are then asked to provide banking account information or credit and/or debit card numbers in order to fulfill that outstanding debt. The caller claims that if the person does not pay up, they or even their child will be sent to jail. This is the latest in a growing number of extortion type scams.

The caller ID from the con artists displays as originating from the West Police Department in West, Texas. According to West Police Chief Chris Hudson, many of the calls are targeting students associated with West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas, just outside of Amarillo.

What is particularly disturbing about this scam is that the con artists appear to have detailed information about the students for whom they are calling about, making the scam seem legitimate. So far, the West, Texas Police Department believes that no one has become a victim, but the people calling the police department are fearful they will be sent to jail.

BBB offers this advice for avoiding this phone scam and others like it:

- *Protect your personal information. Don't provide any account or other personal information over the phone. If you have any questions or concerns about any outstanding debts, hang up and call the agency directly.

- *Look Out for "Spoofing". Part of scammers tactics include spoofing, which happens when the caller masks their own number and causes the number of a well-known service, like the IRS, to appear on caller ID.

- * Know your rights. Police departments will never call and ask that you pay an outstanding debt on a student loan. If you have an outstanding debt, you will get a call from the creditor.

- * Don't be bullied. Never trust callers who use threats and hostility to push you into doing what they want. Be skeptical of what a caller claims he or she can do if you refuse to meet their demand.

- * Report it. If you've been targeted by this particular scam, report it to your BBB at 325-691-1533 and the West Police Department at (254) 826-5311.

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3. Greater opportunity to attend the college of your choice with a GED, you increase your chances for continuing your education at a higher quality college or university such as a state school or private university.
4. Increase your self-esteem once you complete your GED, you will feel better about yourself and your ability to pursue your dreams for a successful career.
5. Be a role model for others you will set an example for your friends and family by showing them the dedication and commitment it takes to complete their education.

The Cross Plains Public Library offers GED classes through the AISD adult education program every Monday and Tuesday evening from 5pm to 9pm. It is free. There is open enrollment and you will work at your own pace. It isn't easy, but it isn't that hard and the benefits are well worth it.

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Grand Ole Oplin Annual Christmas Ball this Friday

The Oplin Community Center invites everyone out to our Annual Christmas Ball to be held this Friday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. MUDDY CREEK will be joining us playing all of your favorite two-steps and waltzes (with a jingle bell rock or two thrown in). Admission to our Ball will be \$8.00 per person. Some snacks will be provided but everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a

snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

Our volunteers have worked hard to transform our community center into a Christmas Wonderland and have done another outstanding job. The beautiful decorations are sure to put you in the Holiday spirit.

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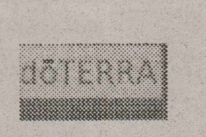
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4PM ESSENTIAL CHEMISTRY.....Beth Daugherty, Cosmetic Chemist



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Grand Ole Oplin December Line up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

MUDDY CREEK will be joining us on Dec. 5th for our Annual Christmas Ball. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$8.00 per person. On Dec. 12th MIDNIGHT BLUE will be here playing your favorite country tunes, on Dec. 19th. MIDNIGHT BLUE will be back playing some more of your favorite country tunes. On Dec 26th there will be no dance but on Dec. 31st MUDDY CREEK will be joining us to ring in the New Year.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. Our Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person (with the exception of our Christmas Ball and our New Year's Eve dances). Ev-

eryone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't forget your dancing boots.

Callahan County 4-H to Host a Sheep, Goat & Swine Clinic

Information on Sheep Goat and Swine Clinic:

- Saturday, December 6, 2014 County Show Barn – Cross Plains
- Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.
- The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m.

- There will not be a fee for this clinic!
- This clinic is open to anyone that would like to attend.
- Please bring your own animals.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at (325) 854-5835