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Callahan County Library News

New books at the library are: The Broken Teaglass by Emily Arsenault, Evidence of Murder (large print) by Lisa Black, Below Zero (large print) by C.J. Box, Crossers by Philip Caputo, The Chocolate Cupid Killings by JoAnna Carl, Montana Rose by Mary Connealy and Nine Dragons (large print) by Michael Connelly. These books were purchased with Lone Star Libraries Grant money.

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From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon

November 20, 1880

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Track laying on the T & P.R.R. has been suspended for about two weeks. Want of material at the front, we understand, is the trouble, and this is caused by a lack of fuel for the engines, heretofore wood has been used; but the locomotives are now to be fitted up for the consumption of coal.

A severe snow storm last Tuesday night and Wednesday.

W.G. Simington and W.R. Young left Friday for Eastern Texas.

Mr. John J. Adkins received a letter this morning from Gordon, stating that Matt Veel is lying at the point of death at Palo Pinto and that he wanted to see his two children, who are in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Adkins. They will take them to Palo Pinto tomorrow morning.

Prof. McElhaney, of Dallas, preached in the school-house last Sunday evening.

Harry and Sammy Merchant returned from Fort Worth last Wednesday evening.

Mr. John Bowyer was out on a trip to Jones County this week, and returned last Wednesday evening.

Mr. W.J. Power, of Power House, left last Monday morning, for his old home in Arkansas, to be gone about two weeks.

Owing to the extremely cold weather this week and being again without help, the Clarendon is considerably behind time.

Immunization Clinics

Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinics in Callahan County

We will have a limited amount of H1N1 available

Monday, December 14th at Baird Cafetorium 400 W. 7th. Time: 10 a.m.-12

Cross Plains Housing Authority 233 N. Main. Time: 2-4 p.m.

Please bring child's Immunization Records. If child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring card.

For more information call 325/754-4945.

Clyde 4-H Club

Clyde 4-H Club Meeting will be held December 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Clyde Elementary Cafeteria

Baird JHBasketball Upcoming Games

Dec. 14 Winters at Baird 5 p.m. 7th/8th Girls

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Jan. 9 Albany Tourney at Albany TBA 7th/8th Girls

Weather Related Traffic Warning

The Texas Highway Patrol and many other agencies are working numerous crashes in the Big Country because of the icy roadways.

The drop in temperatures and wet weather has caused elevated structures to ice over. Motorists are encouraged to stay at home when possible.

When driving cannot be avoided (emergency only), please remember to slow way down, allow for ample following distance and be prepared for delays due to traffic crashes.

Roadways are expected to

ice over completely by sun up. Leave early for work and expect delays!

As always during this type of road conditions, some drivers will not be taking necessary precautions. Take care of you by avoiding travel!

Weather conditions improved mid-morning Tuesday.

Submitted by Sparky Dean, Senior Trooper

Texas Highway Patrol-Education

Texas Department of Public Safety

Bernard Campbell, Pearl Harbor Vet, Remembers It Well

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day did not go without special notice here. We had the most precious telephone visit with our long-time Pearl Harbor contact, Bernard Campbell who is still as bright and sharp as he was back when he was sharing memories and photos of his experience of that national disaster of Dec. 7th in 1941.

Still active, Bernard does his own yard and house work and cooking. He lost his wife of 54 years ten years ago and so when his daughter Bernadine of Herndon, VA., asked what he wanted in October for his 90th birthday, he only asked they come and 11 kinfolks went out for a good steak dinner. He'll spend Christmas with them.

He was in the Navy for four and half years and he cherishes the memories of some of his mates, the late Wayne Campbell and Homer Bisbee. They were at Pearl on that fateful day so many years ago. He remembered the day, but didn't watch any of the television recollections Monday. Bernard retired as a rural mail carrier and gave up his beloved golf game some five years ago.

He lost his mother Dora when she was only 68 but his dad Clyde set quite a pattern; for him; he lived to be 98.

It's been 68 years since Seaman Campbell was a Navy barber at Pearl.

Basketball Scores

Boys

Clyde 53, Bangs 34
Eula 66, Electra 49

Roby Roundball Classic
Albany 44, Clyde 35
Roby 45, Baird 30

Clyde 58, Ballinger 38
Eula 66, Anson 46
Eula 50, Olney 47
Merkel 76, Clyde JV 44
Baird 53, Rotan 35

Roby Tournament
Clyde JV 32, Rotan 29
Consolation
Merkel 74, Baird 59
Ballinger Invitational
Championship
Clyde 50, Colorado City

33

Tornado Alley
Tournament

Eula 65, Archer City 62
Championship
Eula 52, Olney 32

Girls

Cooper 27, Clyde 37
Eula 48, Throckmorton

39
Baird 53, Lueders-Avoca
31

Boys

Eula 64, Throckmorton

43
Jim Ned 60, Clyde 40

Baird 71, Lueders-Avoca
68 (OT)

Baird Basketball Upcoming Games

Dec. 10-12 Hamlin Tournament TBA Varsity Girls, Boys
Dec. 15 Bronte at Baird 5 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls, Varsity Girls

Dec. 18 Winters at Winters 5 p.m. Jr. Varsity Girls, Varsity Girls

Dec. 28-30 Breckenridge Tournament TBA Varsity Girls, Boys

The Perfect Christmas Gift

Dear Editor,

Thank you for allowing me to send monthly articles for the Eastland Telegram. God has supplied the thoughts.

"The time has come for me to let someone else write the articles, so The Perfect Christmas Gift," the Dec. article will be my last.

"Thank you, again, for letting me share."

Sincerely,
Hazel Stone

(Ed. Note: We regret to inclose this note regarding Hazel Stone's articles which we all have cherished for so long:

The Perfect Christmas Gift!

By Hazel Stone

1444 Pagewood Ave.

Odessa, TX 79761-3452

The Spirit of Christ resides in the heart patiently waiting to be discovered.

Like the Wise Men, you need to make the spiritual journey and discover and honor the Christ Spirit.

We give and receive from a heart of love. Through the love of God within us, we have much to give, and through the love of God within others, we have much to receive.

Certainly God could have created a palace for the birthplace of Jesus, but God chose instead a barn for the birthplace of His Son.

On the first Christmas, there was no place for the baby Jesus in the inn, but I know to always reserve a place in my heart for the great love, hope and faith that the Babe of Christmas brought to the world.

The soul of Christmas is too often lost in its trimmings and wrappings. In Matthew 2 we read, "where is He...?" The widespread activities in connection with the season has become its chief peril. The birthday of Jesus is known and celebrated on every continent. Wise Men do rest until they have found the Christ.

Like the men of old, we too frequently do not look for God in the right places. The holiday season can be depressing for some people especially if it reminds them of deceased loved ones. The holidays are a time of remembrance, but painful memories can make some feel "down".

John 16:32 states: "and yet I am not alone...". Alone at Christmas? God bless with comfort those separated from their loved ones.

Life span continues to grow slightly each year in

this country.

I recently made a new will. A will is a legal document which declares the intended disposition of possessions at the time of death. The persons entitled to receive the possessions at the time of death are called heirs.

Because Jesus died on the cross, we have full rights to the belongings of our Father. The fullness of time and the execution of God's will means that all God has is ours. How's that for a perfect Christmas gift?

My favorite Christmas card (and I've sent this card many times through the years) is a card which says on the front beside a Baby's foot print "Unto you is born this day"... Inside the card there is a hand print with a spot of blood in the center beside the words "a Savior which is Christ the Lord." It is a paradox to think about death on Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, but death and life go together as bookends in life's journey.

As a hospice worker, I realize that the reality of death gives life a deeper meaning.

Tradition tells us that Saint Francis of Assisi introduced some of our Christmas customs. In the 13th century, he wanted to help people catch the spirit of Christmas.

He asked the Pope for permission to set up a replica of the manger scene in the village of Greccio, Italy. He even had live animals in the stable and food for them. Crowds came to see this scene, and Saint Francis sang and preached to them. This may have been the basis for the miracle plays which were popular in churches in the Middle Ages. Since that day people have been singing the Christmas story as carols.

The sounds of Christmas delight the soul. Carolers' voices joyfully proclaim the good news of the birth of Jesus.

We enter into the joy of giving and receiving on Christmas, and the sharing and caring include more than material gifts.

Gifts that cannot be boxed or wrapped, (such as precious friends) are the best gifts possible and are sent by the Lord, and as I wrote before, God's gift to us, His only Son, is the perfect Christmas gift!

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Hardin-Simmons University News

Dr. Jon Ashby, visiting professor of speech-language pathology and audiology at Hardin-Simmons University, produced a DVD with Austin King, M.D. and Robert Laird, CNA, which he debuted at a conference in Mexico City. The DVD is entitled Anesthesia and the Larynx.

Dr. Ashby represented HSU as a convention speaker on Pharyngoesophageal Reflux and Voice Disorders in Austin at the Texas Speech-Language and Hearing Association Annual Convention.

Dr. Lynnette Chambers, associate professor of voice at Hardin-Simmons University, was recently the alto soloist for the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. She also sang the alto solos in the Mozart Requiem with the Hardin-Simmons University combined choirs and orchestra.

Chambers performed the role of Mercedes in Abilene Opera's production of Carmen under the stage direction of Ron Luchsinger.

Earlier this year, she traveled to Central Michigan University where she gave a master class and participated in a quartet recital featuring works from various operas and oratorios.

She frequently gives individual coaching to students who attend the Texas State Solo and Ensemble competition.

Dr. Larry Fink, professor of English, presented his paper, "Walter M. Miller, Walker Percy, Carl Sagan and Scientism" at the Third Annual Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture.

The theme of this year's symposium was Secularization and Revival: The Fate of Religion in Modern Intellectual History.

Fink also presented his work, "Pascal & Puddleglum, Boethius & Beowulf in The Silver Chair and Grendel" in Houston at the Southwest Conference on Christianity & Literature.

Fink gave a presentation, "George MacDonald: Images of His World," for the Buffalo Gap Historic Village Learning Series.

Melissa Green, Hardin-Simmons instructor of theatre, has spent the past year completing her PhD dissertation. She takes an historical/critical study on how Constantin Stanislavski's realist approach to acting has been received in the United States and renamed "The Method" as taught in the early 20th Century by the Actor's Studio and other key studios.

In addition to writing her dissertation, Green has served on the events committee for the Centennial of the Grace Museum and directed the HSU Theatre productions Willy Wonka and Two Gentlemen of Verona, as well as directing Deadwood Dick for the Abilene Community Theatre.

She also directed the HSU play Museum by Tina Howe, which was produced by the HSU Department of Theatre as part of the Grace Museum's Centennial celebration.

Michael Jones, HSU professor of art, head of the department of art, designed three paperback books for Rude Dude Productions.

Mike served on the Abilene Branding Committee to help set graphic standards for the Abilene Visual Identity campaign.

Mr. Steve Neves, Hardin-

Simmons assistant professor of art, won third place for his alabaster and stainless steel sculpture, "Cock of the Walk", at the Texas Association of Schools of Art faculty show.

Neves work, "The Head above the Mantle," was recently on exhibit at the Abilene Center for Contemporary Arts.

Neves lectured at Amarillo Community College, discussing his artwork. He also gave a

Urethane foam carving demonstration to ACC students and faculty.

Dr. Susan Pigott, HSU professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, fellow of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, was the speaker for the First Central Presbyterian women's retreat. The topic of her talk was Bathsheba.

Dr. Pigott has written a series of Sunday school lessons on Bathsheba for Smyth & Helwys, published this fall. She taught an HSU Threshold Explorations session for gifted children. Her topic was The Feasts of Israel.

Pigott is the teacher of adult formation at the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest and also adult Bible study teacher at Westminster Presbyterian.

Dr. Kelly Pigott, Hardin-Simmons chaplain, assistant professor of theology, is nearing completion of a book on spiritual formation.

Pigott serves as one of the editors of the Texas Baptist History Journal and has written three book reviews for the Texas Baptist History Journal and two book reviews for Review and Expositor.

He gave a presentation at the local National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion and served on a panel discussion.

He recently presenting a paper on George W. Truett for the Texas Baptist Historical Society.

Dr. Dan Stiver, HSU professor of theology, Cook-Derrick professor, recently addressed the Baptists General Convention of Texas Chaplaincy Retreat on "The Theology of Suffering in the Context of Suffering."

He presented a session, "Challenges for Baptists in a Postmodern World," at Baptists@400, the Logsdon celebration of the 400th anniversary of Baptists.

Dan has also written a paper, "Sign, Symbol, and Story," on the philosophy of religious language, for Dialogue, an Australian journal for high school students studying for A-level exams.

Dr. Doug Thomas, professor of psychology; head of the department of psychology at Hardin-Simmons University, recently spoke as part of the Visiting Scholar Series at the Church of the Heavenly Rest.

The theme for the lectures was Human Nature: Psychological and Christian Perspectives. Discussion topics included:

1. The Quest for Truth and the Struggle of Faith: Methods and Limitations of Human Knowing
2. The Nature of Human Nature: Comparative Psychology vs. Comparative Theology
3. Human Nature and Personal Behavior: Sin, Motivation and the Search for Meaning
4. Human Nature and Life Together: Sex, Love and Community

Dr. Jeanne Tucker, Hardin-Simmons, PhD, RN, HSAD, CHES, successfully defended her dissertation at Texas

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Student Art Exhibit on Display Now at HPU
BROWNWOOD – Howard Payne University junior art major Amanda Hendrix looks at a painting by fellow student Kelley Finley at the Inaugural Student Exhibit at the Doakie Day Art Center. Paintings, photography, ceramics, drawings and crafts are on display in the Mayes Art Gallery now through December 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to come view these original works of art.

Woman's University, graduating from TWU with a Doctorate in Philosophy with a major in Health Studies and a minor in Higher Education.

Her dissertation is: A Retrospective Study of Graves' Disease Patients in North Texas: An Epidemiological Study.

Dr. Tucker is a nursing instructor at Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing where she teaches in the traditional undergraduate nursing (BSN) program, the articulation RN to BSN program, and in the graduate program nurse administrator (MSN) track.

Dr. Larry Wolz, Hardin-Simmons professor of music history and voice; head of the department of music theory and literature, planned and engineered the Smith Music Library's historical display celebrating the 500th birthday of Jean (John) Calvin. The exhibit highlights the influence that his reform movement had on the music of the church.

Included in the display are books on Calvin, Psalters from the Calvinistic tradition, and even a Calvin bobble-head figure. On one shelf of the exhibit is a display of Baptist Hymnody in honor of the 400th anniversary of the denomination. It includes all the official Baptist Hymnals published by the Southern Baptist Convention over the years as well as some commentary on the relationship of the denomination to the Calvinistic reform movement.

The pen is mightier than the sword



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American Life in Poetry Column 246

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Childhood is too precious a part of life to lose before we have to, but our popular culture all too often yanks our little people out of their innocence. Here is a poem by Trish Crapo, of Leyden, Massachusetts, that captures a moment of that innocence.

Back Then

Out in the yard, my sister and I
tore thread from century plants
to braid into bracelets, ate
chalky green bananas,
threw coconuts onto the sidewalk
to crack their hard, hairy skulls.

The world had begun to happen,
but not time. We would live
forever, sunburnt and pricker-stuck,
our promises written in blood. Not yet

would men or illness distinguish us,
our thoughts cleave us in two.
If she squeezed sour calamondins
into a potion, I drank it. When I jumped
from the fig tree, she jumped.

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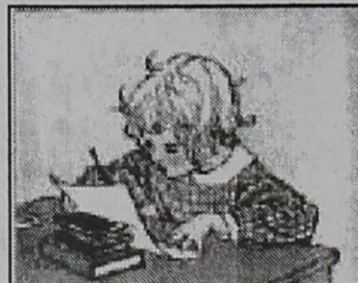


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AREA MEDICAL DIRECTORY

Continuing Education Offered At Dec. 10 Stephenville Pesticide Applicator Training

STEPHENVILLE - A pesticide applicator's training on Dec. 10 in Stephenville will include an update on the spread of a phorid flies, a minuscule parasite that only preys on red imported fire ants.

"The parasite releases that have been made the last five or six years have been spreading out," said Dr. Chris Sansone, Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist at San Angelo.

Sansone, one of the speakers at the program, will also review the chemical controls currently available

for fire ants and talk about hay quarantine restrictions on counties where fire ants are established.

The training program is a joint effort of AgriLife Extension offices in Somervell, Bosque, Comanche, Eastland County, Erath County, Hamilton County and Hood counties, said Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent for Somervell County. The program will be held at Graham Street Church of Christ Family Center, 312 N. Graham St., Stephenville. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The program should conclude by 3 p.m.

Registration after Dec. 1 or at the door will be \$40. Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent for Somervell County, strongly encouraged preregistration to ensure there will be enough lunches available.

Holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicator's license will earn five continuing education units; one in the general category, one in laws and regulations, and

three in integrated pest management.

Other speakers and topics will include: "Being Prepared for a TDA Audit," "Pecan Management," "Pest Control Around the House," and "Rangeland Brush and Weed Control."

To register or for more information, contact Kathy Singletary at the AgriLife Extension office in Somervell County, 254-897-2809 or kmsingletary@ag.tamu.edu.

Immunization Clinic Dec. 16

Cross Timbers Health Clinics, Inc. have received the H1N1 vaccine. We will be conducting a public immunization clinic at the Eastland Community Health Clinic, 404 W. Commerce, Eastland, on Wednesday, December 16th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The vaccine is free but there will be a \$10.00 administration fee.

Alzheimers Meeting

The Alzheimers Support Group will be held December 10th at 3 p.m. at The Woodlands in Eastland.

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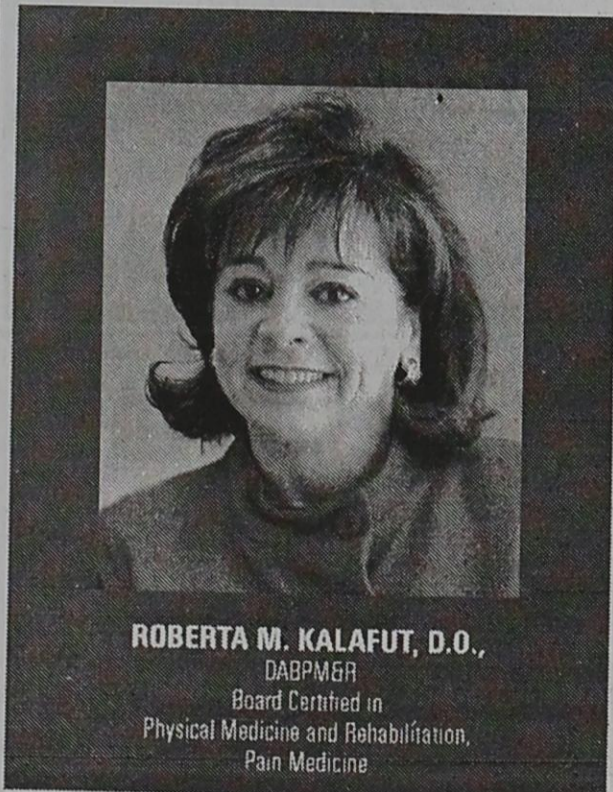
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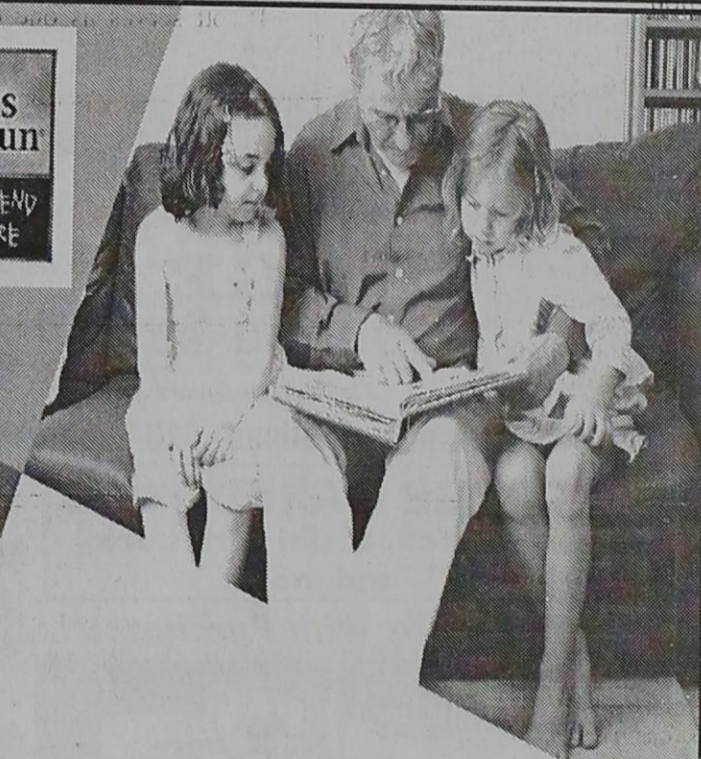
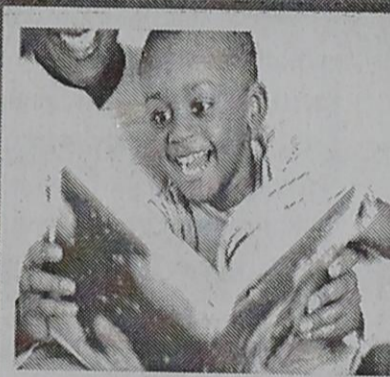
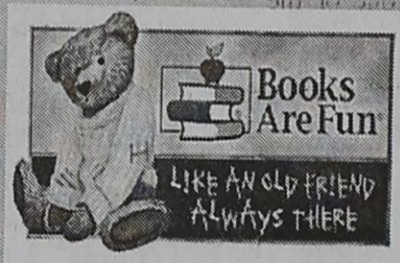
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At Last

A Truly Healthy Baked Holiday Treat

A recent study by the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research found that one in three cancers is preventable. I hope you'll share this recipe with your readers, as this good-for-you holiday treat serves as a reminder that a healthy diet is important for overall well-being.

Looking for creative ways to spread the cheer this holiday season? Texas Oncology has developed a tasty and simple holiday recipe for Holly Jolly Biscotti, which showcases the peak-season flavors of Texas citrus and pecans. Packed with healthy ingredients, this Italian-inspired, twice-baked cookie is a delicious and nutritious way to promote a good-for-you diet throughout the holidays not just for yourself, but everyone on your gift list.

"Nutrition plays a major role in promoting good health," said Vasu Moparty, M.D., a medical oncologist at Texas Oncology-Methodist Charlton Cancer Center. "Holly Jolly Biscotti is a classic holiday treat that is rich in fiber, Vitamin C, and proteins."

A recent study conducted by the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research found that one in three cancers may be preventable. A healthy lifestyle and nutritious diet can lower the risk of disease and are also important for overall well-being.

Holly Jolly Biscotti

brings together the decadent flavors of citrus, nuts, and chocolate. Texas oranges, which are locally grown in the rich soil of the Rio Grande Valley, offer high quantities of Vitamins A and C, while the Texas pecans provide a nutty dose of healthful protein. The sweet, dark chocolate is made up of more than 60 percent cacao, and along with oranges and pecans, serves as an excellent source of antioxidants. Combined with the whole wheat flour, which contains calcium, iron, and fiber, and olive oil which is rich in omega-3 and omega-9 fatty acids, Holly Jolly Biscotti is a healthy way to enjoy a classic holiday treat. Whether having the whole family over or celebrating with a few friends and relatives, Holly Jolly Biscotti makes a great holiday gift and will spruce up any holiday spread. Enjoy with a hot cup of coffee in the morning or after dinner with friends, family, and a mug of cider.

Holly Jolly Biscotti Recipe

Yield: 24 to 26 biscotti

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange zest
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

• 1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped

• 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, beat together eggs, olive oil, orange juice, and vanilla until well combined. In a separate bowl, whisk together both flours, sugar, orange zest, baking powder, and salt. Add dry mix slowly to wet ingredients until mixture forms a ball. Turn out dough mixture onto a well-floured surface and knead a few times. Fold in pecans and chocolate chips in alternating batches until evenly distributed.

Divide dough into two pieces. Form each piece into a log about 9 inches long, then press flat until it is about half an inch tall and 3 inches wide. Transfer logs to baking sheets and bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks for 20 minutes.

Using a serrated knife, slice each log on the diagonal into 1/2 inch pieces. Return to oven and bake on each side for about 10 minutes (approx. total of 20 minutes). Slices should be golden brown. Remove from oven to cool.

Enjoy more healthy holiday meals with these quick nutritional tips:

• Substitute butter or lard with healthy oils such as olive, canola, and other vegetable oils.

• Add fiber, crunch, flavor, "good fats," and a host of phytonutrients, vitamins, and minerals with chopped nuts such as pecans, walnuts, almonds, or hazelnuts. "Good fats," like those found in vegetable oils, can help the body regenerate cells and create hormones.

• Infuse salads with colorful, dark, leafy greens and seasonal fruits and vegetables. Dark, leafy greens are a good source of fiber and folate.

• Serve whole grain bread, which contains fiber, folic acid, and iron, with meals.

• Incorporate seasonal fruits, which are rich in vitamins and best consumed at their peak ripe times, into desserts.

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Candlelight Service At St. Barbara's Church December 12 In Thurber

On December 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. the public is invited to attend Candlelight Services in historic St. Barbara's Church in Thurber.

Songs of the season and the story of Christ will fill the 117-year old St. Barbara's Church with special holiday spirit. Choir members of the First Methodist Church of Gordon, directed by Richard Coates, will lead us in old familiar songs as John Gibson, our visiting preacher from Ranger, shares the real meaning of Christmas in his own unique style. Contributing to the evening's enjoyment will be Virginia Zubic, accompanied on the piano by Betsy Deering, as they also share their musical talents.

Refreshments will follow the services, provided by the Thurber Historical Association. St. Barbara's Church is part of historic Thurber Park, located on the south access road of I-20 and County Road 107 in Thurber. Take exit #367 - For information about the service; call 254-672-5314, 940-769-3564, or 264-672-5337.

Saint Barbara's Church, Thurber, Texas
Thurber Historical Assoc., Inc.

A bit of history about Saint Barbara's church -- The Texas and Pacific Coal Co. built and owned all buildings in Thurber, including churches. The church was completed in late 1892, and the company called it St. Thuribus, probably because "Thuribus" sounded similar to "Thurber." But within a few years, the name was appropriately changed to St. Barbara's, because St. Barbara was the patroness saint of miners.

The first Baptism was Antonin Wierzowiecki on 22 January 1893. Father A. M. Dynia, Fathers Kwoka and J. B. Etschenberg, Father Dolje and the next pastor, Father H. J. Baker (Oct. 1903-Feb. 1909) were greatly assisted by Father Merendino who would hear Confessions in six languages. The 1910 Census showed 18 different nationalities in Thurber. Other priests whose names appear on Baptismal records were Fathers Fabio, Ardu, Kowalski, Garliardoni (for the Mexicans) and Kow. Father DeLuca was pastor from Feb. 1909 to Nov. 1918. Father Niedziela pastored both churches at Strawn and Thurber from Nov. 1918 to June 1920. Then Father Herkert June 1920-Oct. 1923, and Father Kline Oct. 1923-Dec. 1935. Father Corcoran (1936-1941) supervised the moving

of St. Barbara's two miles to the north to Mingus, when Thurber was being dismantled. When moved, the church was sawed in two halves; each half moved separately, then re-joined in Mingus.

A unique feature to St. Barbara's was the 4 x 10-foot recess on the left side of the church. As was the custom then, friends and family sat overnight with the deceased in the home prior to the funeral. In many cases home visitation was impractical, and the deceased might be left in the Church for visitation.

There were about 2500 Baptisms and 335 Funeral Masses in St. Barbara's. During St. Barbara's Thurber days, clocks, watches, radios and TV's were not available for time checks as in modern times. When St. Barbara's bell was first heard on Sunday, that meant, "Thirty minutes before Mass, get dressed." The next bell was fifteen minutes before Mass; "Get moving toward church." The last bell, five minutes before Mass, meant, "Get in your pew."

In Mingus after 1970, the church was rarely used and was in disrepair. In the summer of 1992, St. Barbara's was moved back home to Thurber. Today, it has been restored as a non-denominational church with a mandate that only religious activities be conducted in this venerable old church. After two moves, and over one hundred years, St. Barbara's Church proudly stands, ready for the next hundred years.

(Much of the above information provided by Leo S. Bielinski, in May 1994.)

Guest Writer - Jonnie S. Goodwin, Thurber, Texas

Security Title and Ledbetter Insurance Team Up For Snowman and Snowman Christmas



This is a wonderful Christmas Project for individuals, businesses, church groups, civic clubs, organizations, daycares or anyone with a kind heart for the elderly.

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry
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Gorman ISD Superintendent

Merry Christmas everyone! I love the Christmas season. Everyone's attitude seems to improve just a little. There is a hint of love, hope and joy in the air like no other time of the year. Why? People that are not even Christians celebrate this time of year and exchange presents and greeting cards and have parties. Why? I believe it is because the birth of Jesus represents love, joy and hope to all nations. The message of love and peace surrounding Him is a message the entire world wants to believe. Even if they are not Christians, they want to believe. They would like for the world to be at peace and for everyone to love one another. Love, hope, and peace; are we not blessed, those of us who truly believe and know His love! Remember this Christmas whose birthday you are celebrating, go to church, and be thankful for the gift of Jesus. If you are not a believer, I ask that you give yourself a gift. Visit with someone who is and let them explain to you why they believe and how you can receive the greatest blessing of all this Christmas.

The Junior Class is sponsoring a Jingle Bell Shop. Children in Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade will have the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high quality "Secret" gifts for family and friends during school hours. Before the store opens, your child will bring home a special Budget Envelope; this will allow you and your child to decide together how much can be spent on each gift. The following days will be reserved for this purpose, December 11th will be the Shopping Day for Grades 6-8 and December 14th will be the shopping day for Grades Pre-K through 5th. If you would like your child to shop in the Jingle Bell

Store-please have their envelope back by the designated date above. Thanks for your continued support and Merry Christmas!

The Gorman Student Council is sponsoring a Shoebox Christmas! They are looking for boy and girl gifts from ages 4-18 years of age. You may turn in your shoebox donations into a Student Council Member or to Coach Lovelace. All donations must be received by December 14th. If you choose to wrap the shoebox please wrap the box and lid separately. Thanks so much!

Please support our basketball teams with your presence at the games. Your presence and your cheers mean a lot to our kids. Win or lose, just to see you there makes all their hard work worthwhile. Just knowing you care enough to be there id all it takes to make a child's day. I bet you didn't know you were that important.

Don't forget that we get out early on the 17th and 18th. Busses will run at 12:30pm. School will start up again on January 4, 2010. Can you believe it? 2010! Wilburn Overstreet came by our office the other day and was talking about some things at school when he was ten years old. That was 1916. What changes he has seen in his lifetime, things that in 1916 were beyond the imagination at that time. What a wonderful world we live in and thank God for all the blessings we've received!

I received a phone call from a gentleman in DeLeon with some information on one of our bus drivers. I don't mind telling you that it is nice receiving calls about good things. We have many great things happen that go unnoticed simply because people complain a lot faster and more often than they praise people for doing a good job. The bus driver in question was called a hero by this caller and the driver in question is John Howard. It was said that because he was very observant prior to opening the bus door

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies monthly social will be held on Monday, December 14th at the Community Center (former school building). This will be a covered dish Christmas luncheon. Make plans to arrive at 11 a.m. and bring the food of your choice. Drinks will be furnished by the Hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

Kaley, daughter of Roy and Angela Powledge attends DeLeon School in the

to let a young student out that he saved her live. There was a reckless driver that passed the bus, even though the flashing lights were engaged and the stop sign was displayed, and the student may have been run over had Mr. Howard opened the door. I want to commend Mr. Howard for a job well done and thank all of our bus drivers for the great job they do for the students of Gorman ISD. Great job!

This week marks the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Please remember our veterans and our active duty military and their families during this season of love while they are having to stand in harm's way, some giving their very lives to protect my freedom to write this article and your freedom to read it without fear of persecution.

This will probably be my last article until after we return from Christmas break. I wish you all the best Christmas ever! Please be careful and watch out for the other guy. Do something nice for someone anonymously. You'll be surprised how good it makes you feel.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

5th grade. She made a high score grade on the TAKS test. With several of her class members, they won a trip to Washington, D.C. over the past weekend. What a wonderful trip for these young children and teachers.

Roy and Angela Powledge hosted a birthday party on Sunday for their son, Colin. Several family members and friends attended to enjoy lunch followed with a chocolate birthday cake.

During this busy Holiday Season please take time out from your busy schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

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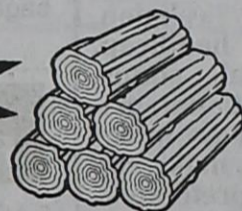
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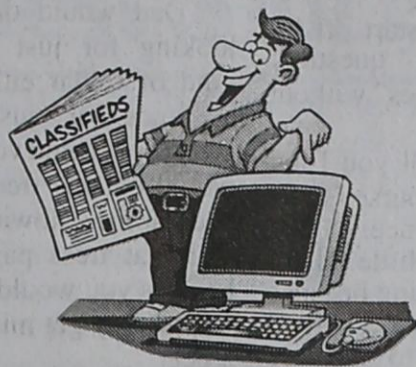
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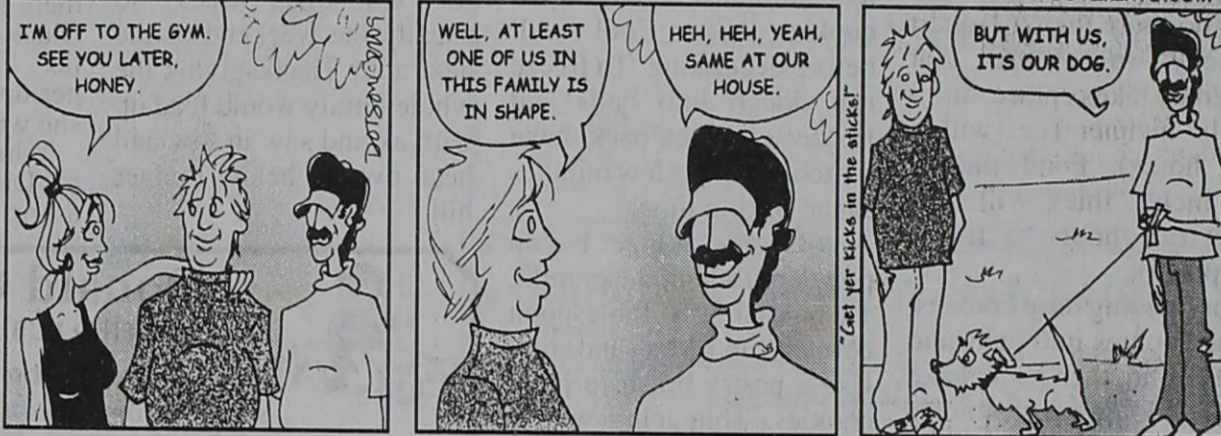
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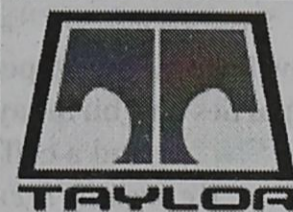


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-Double-wrap baked goods securely using only specialty freezer wrappings; they should be both moisture-proof and vapor-proof. Label the outside of the package with the recipe name, reheating instructions and the date.

-Freeze in small containers with no more than a 1-quart capacity to ensure that freezing takes place in a timely manner (i.e. within four hours). Food that is two inches thick will take about two hours to freeze completely.

-For freezing drop cookies, shape cookies into balls and freeze solid, then pack; bake frozen, adding a few minutes to the baking time.

-If freezing frosted cookies,

freeze them individually on an uncovered tray or baking sheet, then transfer to labeled freezer bags. Baked cookies may be kept frozen for 4 to 6 months.

Information in this article is from Allrecipes.com. If you have any questions, please contact Halee Mitchell, County Extension Agent-FCS at 629-2222. The following is a sugar cookie recipe which freezes well.

Sugar Cookies

3-cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 c. sugar
1 cup shortening
3 eggs

Sift together first three ingredients. Set aside. Cream together sugar and shortening. Add eggs one at a time and stir well. Add vanilla. Then add the dry ingredients from the first bowl. Stir with a wooden spoon. Chill one hour. Roll out on lightly floured waxed paper and cut into shapes. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet. Cool well before decorating. To freeze roll dough into balls and freeze solid then pack; bake frozen, adding a few minutes to the baking time.

Cookie icing: 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tsp. milk, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 Tablespoon corn syrup. Mix and tint. Use a pastry brush to paint cookies. Thin icing with a small amount of corn syrup to desired consistency.

Is There Really A Santa Claus?

By Joe Herring

Well let me start off by answering that question. The answer is "yes" without a doubt.

And let me tell you I am speaking of course from personal experience.

When I was a little fellow I hung my stocking because I was told if I had been good Santa was going to come see us. I was also told if I had been bad he was still going to come see us but he would only leave switches.

So I always did my best to stay out of the dog house at least until Christmas Day.

And yes he always came and at that special time of the year I got usually an apple and an orange and nuts that probably came from all over the world and big pieces of striped hard candy.

Also under the tree would be something truly wonderful and at least close to what I had secretly been wishing for so I know there was truly a Santa Claus that could only know that and bring it just for me. Sure made me feel special.

Flatwoods didn't have any trees that would pass for Christmas trees so usually the weekend or the next after Thanksgiving the whole family would load up with ax and saw in tow and head over to below Ranger hill.

Dad would drive slow looking for just the right kind of Cedar either along a fence or just inside. Everyone would vote and we would cut the tree to bring back home. Nowadays they call that tress passing and besides you would probably or possibly get mistaken for a deer.

Anyway we would put the thing in a bucket made to hold the tree upright and water it and it got placed usually by the front window or close and Mama would wrap a white cotton wrap around the bottom and we would put lights and our little decorations that were kept from year to year. It was always a beautiful sight to behold.

The Manger scene got laid out put in just the right places where I could grow up learning what the true meaning of Christmas was all about anyway.

But Santa Claus now he was for the kids and the young at heart. Several years ago my oldest daughter was a little girl and she came home crying one day.

I asked her what was wrong and she had been told by one of her little girl friends that there just was not any Santa Claus. It was all just a big lie. The next day I loaded her up and asked her where she would like to go.

She was given a choice of Disneyland, Florida, or a trip to see Santa Claus.

This was decided under the traffic light in down town Eastland. She said she wanted to go see Santa Claus so I drove to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

There was a place there called Santa's Workshop. We spent a whole day there. We visited with Santa and petted the Reindeer and had a wonderful time. To this day if you asked her if there is a Santa Claus she will tell you all about getting to go meet him for real.

One day last week my second grader and my kindergarten boy both asked me if there really was a Santa Claus. Someone told them on the bus or at school there was not any Santa.

I told them I believe there is and it doesn't make any difference if you are six or sixty. I also told them if

you don't believe you don't receive.

I told them it is far better to give than receive as well. They both told me they loved me. So all our stockings will be hung this year and our tree is trimmed. We will be counting all our Blessings and wishing all of you a Good Christmas at this very special time of year.

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The surviving members of the 170th AHC decided to construct and donate a replica of the original monument to The National Vietnam War Museum. The monument has been placed in the Contemplation Garden, west of the Camp Hol-

loway Memorial Wall and in the shadow of the UH-1 helicopter.

The replica was constructed from the last known photograph of the original monument. The headstone, made of a 205 pound slab of Luder sandstone, captured the design and inscriptions of the original, but was stylized to complement the presentation theme selected for the Contemplation Garden. A bronze plaque on the front plate of the memorial contains the names of those killed in action or presumed dead.

LTC George S. Crawford, USA (RET), the last commanding officer of the 170th, will be the keynote speaker. A framed copy of the last known photograph of the original monument will be presented to the museum board of directors by Captain Gary Knight, the last Buccaneer 6, for display in the museum.

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Guest Slot by H.V.O.


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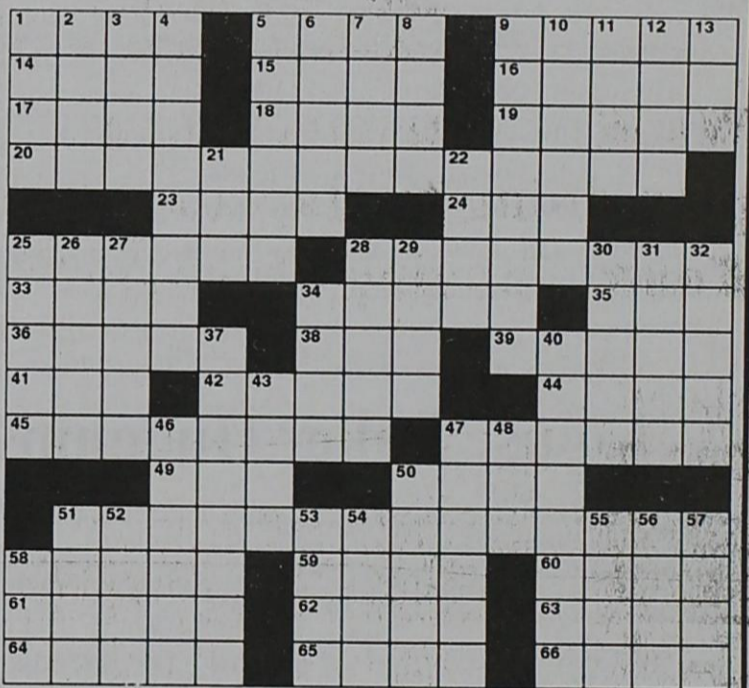
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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Specific day
 - Thought
 - Name word letters in order
 - Employed something
 - Turfs
 - Fourth deck
 - Stead
 - Harvest
 - S _____ - descendants
 - "Livestrong" founder
 - 15th of March
 - Pinna
 - A sign that stands for something else
 - Capital of Chile
 - Opaque gem
 - Fry quickly over high heat
 - Examines animals
 - Pleaded with
 - Rt. angle building extension
 - Skimp
 - ze - grab
 - In a way, receded
 - Mississippi tributary
 - Those who get away
 - Dinghies
 - Patti Hearst's captors
 - Legumes
 - Won 7 times by 20 across
 - Famous Chicago mayor
 - Space within a boundary
 - Links game
 - Shaded colors
 - upine - quilled animal
 - Small ornamental ladies' bag
 - Set to end
 - A domed or vaulted recess
 - Sew a hawk's eyes closed
- CLUES DOWN**
- Not bright
 - Continent
 - 13-19
 - Able to be drawn out
 - Jewish state est. 1948
 - Those who get things done
 - Mild yellow Dutch cheese
 - Egyptian cobras
 - Athenian philosopher
 - A _____ - law term, acceptance
 - gate - lengthen
 - Not short
 - 33 1/3 records
 - Tokyo
 - Camp shelter
 - Cover with liquid
 - Belgian city
 - Thaumaturgy
 - Invoiced income
 - lang syne
 - Woolly indris genus
 - R. Williams' Aladdin character
 - Preminger & von Bismarck
 - Point one point E of SE
 - Troops in battle formation
 - Pinned on bouquets
 - Steady boyfriend
 - Rear of (nautical)
 - Spoil the appearance of
 - Paddle
 - Looks intently
 - A source of illumination
 - Czech River
 - icious - taking by force
 - Fall vertically
 - Fa, mi or la
 - Evidence that helps to solve a problem
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 - 17C Dutch painter Gerrit

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7	8	9	2	1	6	3	5	4
8	2	3	5	7	4	9	1	6
6	5	7	1	9	8	2	4	3
9	1	4	6	3	2	8	7	5
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Obituaries

Billy 'Bill' Lester

ABILENE- Billy (Bill) Lester, 79, of Abilene died in a local hospital Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Bailey-Howard Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Robert Pelfrey officiating. Burial will be at a later date at the Clyde Cemetery directed by Bailey-Howard Funeral Home, Clyde.

Bill was born July 14, 1930 in Soper, Oklahoma to Thomas and Beulah (McGee) Lester. He graduated from Soper High School. After graduation he moved to Abilene in 1949 where he became employed by Central Texas Iron Works.

He retired as a shop foreman after 39 years. He married Vernell Klose Driver June 30, 1984 in Hamlin. He was a member of the Fair Park Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Vernell of Abilene; three sons and daughter-in-laws, Richard and Darlene Lester of Abilene, Donald and Sharon Lester of Clyde, and Terry and Candice Lester of McGregor; one brother, James Singleton of Arlington; two sisters, Fay Anderson of Bonham and Betty Singleton of Linden; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Floyd Ray 'Shorty' Owens

TEMPLE- Floyd Ray "Shorty" Owens, of Temple, Texas died at a local hospital Monday, November 30, 2009, after a long battle with heart disease.

Private memorial and burial services will be held at a later date and time in Floyd's hometown of Abilene, Texas.

He was born to James Arnold Owens, Sr. and Jewell Faye Hampton in Tolar, Texas on September 12, 1931.

He was a proud veteran of the US Army having enlisted March 23, 1951.

His family and friends will all remember him most through countless stories and memories of how he lived his life to its fullest extent and did or said what he pleased.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bobby Jean Owens, James Arnold Owens, Jr., and Harold Dean Owens; and one son, Lawrence Keith Owens.

Survivors are his wife,

Biff Owens of Temple; two daughters, Carol Cerney and husband Fred of Taft and Cathy Hughes of Taft; son, Lathe' H. Owens of Temple; three grandchildren, Kim Fergel, Steven Williams and Shannon Williams; seven great-grandchildren, Andrea Fergel, Bret Fergel, Jordan Williams, Lexie Williams, Kaylee Williams, Hunter Williams and Haden Williams; five brothers, Burl and Erma Lee Owens of Abilene, Don and Kacky Owens of Fruitvale, Texas, Mack Owens of Abilene, Jerry Owens of Lebanon, TN., and Frank and Glenda Owens of Clyde; two sisters, Lavoy Williams of Oplin, and Jodie Owens of Henrietta; two sisters-in-law, Vera Owens of Oplin and Mary Owens of Redding, California; numerous other relatives and life long friends.

Memorials may be made to Ben Richie Boy's Ranch, c/o Floyd Ray Owens Memorial P.O. Box 6839, Abilene, Texas 79608.

Louise Baker Huggins

EASTLAND - Louise Baker Huggins, 83, of Eastland, passed away Monday, December 7, 2009 in Abilene.

Graveside services will be held at 2 P.M. Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at the Staff Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Little and under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Mrs. Huggins was born August 15, 1926 in Callahan County to Jim and Lucy (Reid) Everett. She was a homemaker. She was married to Eldon Baker, who preceded her in death. She later married Jim Huggins, who also preceded her in death.

Marlene Merrick Evans

CLYDE- Marlene Merrick Evans, 71, died Friday, December 4, 2009, at her home.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Eula Cemetery, directed by Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Visitation from 9 a.m.-12 noon Thursday at the funeral home.

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Men In Service

Pvt. John W. Scott

Army National Guard Pvt. John W. Scott has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Scott is the son of Candy Scott of Century Lane, Clyde, Texas.

He is a 2004 graduate of Clyde High School.

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Texas Crop Weather

United States Department of Agriculture National Agriculture Statistics Service

Agricultural Summary: South Central Texas and the Coastal Bend received up to 2 inches of rainfall. The rest of the state observed little to no rainfall. Winter wheat was in need of moisture in parts of the Plains. Wheat and oats made good progress in South Central Texas. Dry land wheat and oats responded well to cooler temperatures and recent rainfall in South Texas. Cotton harvest made good progress due to favorable weather conditions in the Plains. Cotton harvest was active in the Edwards Plateau. Grain sorghum harvest continued in some areas of the Plains. Pecan harvest made good progress in the Northern Low Plains, Trans-Pecos, and North East Texas. In the Trans-Pecos, most pecans have fallen.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crop Report

Irrigation was active on spinach, cabbage, onion, and carrots in South Texas.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Supplemental livestock increased due to forages declining in some areas of the state. Livestock weaning was active in the Northern Low Plains and the Trans-Pecos. More rainfall was needed to refill stock tank levels in some areas of the state. The last cutting of hay took place in the north east part of the state. Feral hogs damaged pastures and rangeland in some areas of the state. Forages declined due to a hard freeze in the eastern part of the state. Range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Field Crops Report

Small Grains: Winter wheat continued to make progress in the Plains; however, it was in need of moisture in some areas of the plains. Wheat and oats made good progress in South Central Texas. Dry land wheat and oats responded well to cooler temperatures and recent rainfall in South Texas. Wheat condition was mostly fair to good statewide. Oat condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Cotton: Cotton harvest made good progress due to favorable weather conditions in the Plains. Cotton harvest was active in the

Edwards Plateau. Cotton condition was mostly fair to good statewide.

Sorghum: Grain sorghum harvest continued in some areas of the Plains.

Peanuts: Peanut harvest in South Texas was delayed due to wet conditions.

Soybeans: Soybean condition was mostly poor to fair statewide.

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Legal Notice

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene

Contract 6120-41-001 for ON DEMAND MBGF in CALLAHAN County, etc will be opened on January 05, 2010 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$331,180.25.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid

date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 31540 State Office

Constr./Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District District Engineer 4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800

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32 Acres - Eastland Co - small pecan orchard, mostly open with some scattered trees, rolling hill with view, close to water line, excellent home site, deer, turkey, dove, quail \$225,000

45 Acres - Eastland Co - mostly coastal field with scattered oaks, pond \$250,000 per acre

45.75 Acres - Eastland Co - mobile home, water well, mostly wooded with oaks, one field **SOLD**

50 Acres - Eastland Co - wooded & open with fields, large hill with view, pond, electricity, joins large ranches, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail \$1,900 per acre

65.43 Acres - Eastland Co - wooded with oaks, large hill with great view, paved road frontage, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail \$148,000

72 Acres - Callahan Co - completely wooded with hills, live oak creek runs through the property, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$2,070 per acre

91 Acres - Eastland Co - wooded with oak trees, large hills, creek, deer, turkey **SOLD**

95 Acres - Callahan Co - mixed wooded & field, rolling hill, creek, pond, water line along side property, paved road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,675 per acre

98 Acres - Callahan Co - mostly wooded with hills & two creeks, pond, small field, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$2,000 per acre

105 Acres - Callahan Co - mostly wooded with mesquite & oak trees, rolling hill, creek, 2 ponds, water line along side property, small field, paved road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,675 per acre

108 Acres - Eastland Co - wooded & open, hill with a view, creek, 4 ponds, camper, feeders & blinds, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$2,100 per acre

114 Acres on Battle Creek - Callahan Co - wooded, hill, 2 creeks, 1 large creek with spreader dam, pond, lots of water, good road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$285,000

115 Acres on Sabana River - Eastland Co - mostly wooded with oak & elm trees, Sabana River, property pond, 2 fields, camper, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$244,000

120 Acres on Lake Cisco - Eastland Co - very unique property that has great Lake Cisco frontage, mostly wooded with oak trees, large hill with great views. **SOLD**

123 Acres - Callahan Co - mostly wooded with fields, rolling hill, creek, 3 ponds, water line along side property, paved road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,675 per acre

149 Acres - Established coastal and mature oak timber, fenced and cross-fenced, 3 ponds, 2 water wells, large shop, RV garage with bunkhouse, large custom built 3BR, 1 3/4 bath brick home, many nice kitchen cabinets, extra rooms, large walk-in closets, CHA, WBFP, double garage, large deck, nice shaded yard

153 Acres - Callahan Co - wooded & open in fields, hills, creek with draw, two ponds, excellent road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,925 per acre

164 Acres - Callahan Co - wooded hill, creek, 2 ponds, remote with large ranch neighbors, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$295,000

183 Acres - Callahan Co - wooded & open in fields, hills, draw, pond, good road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,925 per acre

223 Acres - Callahan Co - mostly wooded with fields, rolling hill, creek, 3 ponds, water line along side property, paved road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,675 per acre

302 Acres - Callahan Co - completely wooded with several very large hill ridges & canyons with views for miles, 3 ponds with two being large, mostly live oak & mesquite, creek, 110 feet of elevation change, good road frontage, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,750 per acre

310 Acres - Callahan Co - completely wooded with several very large hill ridges & canyons with views for miles, 4 ponds with one being very large, mostly live oak & mesquite, creek, 130 feet of elevation change, good road frontage, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,750 per acre

318 Acres - Callahan Co - mostly wooded with fields, rolling hill, creek, 4 ponds, water line along side property, paved road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,675 per acre

336 Acres - Callahan Co - wooded & open in fields, hills, creek with draw, several ponds, excellent road frontage, next to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,925 per acre

344 Acres on Leon River - Eastland Co - mostly wooded with a large portion of big pecan tree bottoms, live oak & post oak trees too, several very large hills with great views, 4 different creeks & the Leon River runs through the property, 1 lake, 3 ponds, various wetland areas, lots of water, barn, water well, good fishing & lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$2,500 per acre

612 Acres - Callahan Co - completely wooded with several very large hill ridges & canyons with views for miles, 7 ponds with several being very large, mostly live oak & mesquite, creek, 140 feet of elevation change, good road frontage, close to Eastland Co. line, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, & quail \$1,750 per acre

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4 BR, 1 3/4 bath home formal DR, utility room, many nice kitchen cabinets, 2 CHA units, garage with large storage room, \$86,000

Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath home with CHA, LR and den, WBFP, big utility room, many nice kitchen cabinets, attached 2 vehicle garage, patio, storage bldg, fenced backyard, \$112,000

Great View of Lake and Golf Course from balcony, 3 BR, 2 bath home with 2 family rooms, WBFP covered balcony, drive thru 2 vehicle garage, many large oak trees, on approx. 1/2 acre. Reduced to \$112,000

Lots of Character - Large 4 BR, 3/4 bath rock home, 2 family rooms, granite top kitchen cabinets, 9 ceiling fans, lots of storage, carport, detached 1 BR apartment, large corner property, fruit and oak trees \$169,500

Lots of Character - Wonderful 5 BR, 2 full, 3/4 and 1/2 baths, 2 story home with DR, LR, breakfast nook, den with WBFP, large kitchen utility room, balcony, 2 CHA units, 2 vehicle garage, storage building, 3 lots, fenced backyard, \$185,000

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