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" Gone Tooooooo Far!"

By Vanda Anderson Editor

I never thought I would be writing about the subject of whether it was acceptable to use the F-word on network television. I'm sure the majority of you feel the same as I do-this is totally unacceptable.

have been many movies absolutely ruined by the use of the same four letter word. Its usage didn't add to the plot, etc., but it certainly decreased the value thereof.

Subject matter, language, violence, etc. has taken a bad turn on television. What has happened to morality, respect, character, honesty, integrity, etc.? If citizens do not stand up for what is right, this word will be considered acceptable for everyday use on television.

If your 3-year-old hears this students who participated. enough, they will be repeating it-not knowing what it means. How far are we willing to let this

The organization, Grassfire.net has just learned that the Federal Communications Commission rejected a complaint against the use of the F-word on network television. The FCC has opened the door for the use of the F-word as long as the word is used as an adjective.

150,000,000 citizens complaints are needed. Over the next 30 days every concerned American citizen should take action and file a formal complaint with the FCC. You may file this via e-mail:

http://www.grassfire.net/39/ petition.asp:RID=2835277.

Once 25,000 citizen responses are reached, Grassfire.net will personally deliver all the formal complaints directly to the FCC. Such a delivery will maximize

If you don't have access to e-mail you may write them at: Federal Communications

#### Commission

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E-mail: fccinfo@fcc.gov. this matter and make a difference in our world. If you don't-

#### **Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner** rescheduled

WHO WILL???????

The Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner has been rescheduled for December 19th due to water damage to the Clyde Center. Lunch will be served at the usual time on that date.

Your local center will be closed on Wednesday the 10th and Thursday the 11th

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Submitted by: Vickie Burns



PARTICIPANTS IN THE CISCO LIGHT PARAGE ON DECEMBER 6, 2003— Austin Dunaway (front, from left), Michael Navano, and Mandy Rose; Lela Bills (middle, from left) and Terrah Augustine; Cesar Rameriz (back, from left), Renee Over the past few years there Salazar, Ben Schaefer, Christina Burrhus, Starla Schaefer, Jacob Melton and Ashleigh Gallaway. (Not pictured are Tawni Nichols and Emerald Lawallen.)

## **High School Marching Band** Places 2nd in Cisco Parade

Christmas Parade. Due to short Bells". notice there were only fourteen The Cross Plains High School

marched Saturday, glow necklaces and Santa hats to December 6, in the Cisco Lighted accent their playing of "Jingle

Band received the second place

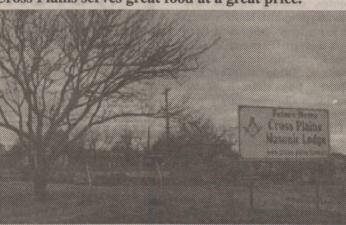
The Cross Plains High School The band used glow sticks, trophy for their presentation. They came in right behind the CJC Wrangler Band. They were under the direction of Matt

Good Job Band!!!!!

# Cross Plains Just **Keeps On Progressing**



citizen outrage, and hopefully STAGHORN CAFE—This new addition in downtown lead to a quick resolution of this Cross Plains serves great food at a great price.



THE NEW MASONIC LODGE—Construction started on Please take the time to address the new Masonic Lodge that can be seen on Main Street.



A NEW ADDITION— Hutton Construction has finished their new building on Main Street. This new building adds to the beauty of downtown Cross Plains.

## County **Approved** Resolution **Against The Unfunded State Mandates**

Callahan County Commissioners voted to approve a resolution against further state unfunded mandates on counties during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, December 8 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

County Judge Roger Corn said the resolution against unfunded mandates came to a head after the State Legislature approved a Constitutional Amendment Special Election on September 13, 2003 held throughout the state, including Callahan County. The election was another unfunded mandate forced on counties in

The resolution follows: **County of Callahan** State of Texas Resolution

WHEREAS, Callahan County is responsible for the operation and management of many and various governmental programs as required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, some county government programs are fully or partially supported with funds

**PIP PERFORMANCE** 

**SCHEDULE** 

DECEMBER 16TH .....TUESDAY......6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 20TH ......TUESDAY......6:30 P.M.

JANUARY 30TH .....FRIDAY.....7:30 P.M.

FEBRUARY 10TH .....TUESDAY......6:30 P.M.

NOTE:

Please be at the the game no later than the time posted.

Make sure you wear your shorts, shirt, white socks,

and white shoes. We will also perform at one

college game that will be announced at a later date.

# **Texas Heritage Bank** Hosting Reception **For Tom Turner**

Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains invites you to a reception held in honor of bank president, Tom Turner, all day Friday, December 12, 2003.

Tom and his family will be moving to Abernathy, Texas,

where he will be assuming the roll bank president at First National Bank.

Be sure to come by Texas Heritage bank this Friday and say

## "Holiday Open House" Set For December 13th

Rising Star Farms would like to from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at 402 invite everyone to join them for a County Road 269, Rising Star, "Holiday Open House" to be held Tx. Come and enjoy cookies, hot Saturday, December 13, 2003 chocolate and Christmas lights!

## C.P. Senior Citizens **Christmas Dinner** Set for December 12th

Cross Plains Senior Citizens' of the year and is very important. Center invites everyone to attend their annual Christmas Dinner baked good, all would be greatly planned for Friday, December appreciated, you may call Kathy

cornbread and all the trimmings home number (254) 725-6654. beginning at 11:45 a.m. You will Remember to go by and buy some not need to call and make goodies for the holidays. reservations, just plan on joining them for this special occasion.

The Senior Citizens' Center will is will be their final fund-raising and join the fun.

If anyone would like to donate a Anderson at (254) 725-6521 They will be serving ham and between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or her

Remember that GAME NIGHT is every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at the Senior Citizens' also be hosting a Bake Sale, Center. Anyone who would like Friday, December 19th, at the to play dominoes, 42 or other center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This games, is encouraged to attend

## Key Club to Sponsor Santa at the Bank"

The Key Club of Cross Plains High School is sponsoring "Santa at the Bank" and asks you to join in and help share your blessings of Christmas with the children of the community.

There will be a Christmas tree at the bank with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout Cross Plains. Just stop by and pick one out and return to the bank by December 15, 2003.

The gifts will be wrapped and delivered by the Key Club for you. A reasonable price to spend on the gift would be around \$20-\$25. If you wish to just give money, then you may do so, and we will buy the gifts for you.

Some gift ideas include: See Mandates Page 5 cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls, and video games, sports related items, sweaters, or hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while younger boys might like Legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc.

Christmas is a time for giving and kindness. Please help us make Christmas bright for the children of our community this

Submitted by Karen Ross





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## **Rowden Baptist Church to Host Candlelight Service**

be hosting a Candlelight following the service. devotionals and lots of just plain fun! candlelight. There will be

Rowden Baptist Church will refreshments and fellowship

Service, Saturday, December Everyone is invited to join the 13, at 7:00 p.m. The night will members of Rowden Baptist for be filled with Christmas Carols, a night of Worship, Singing, and

## Four incumbents file for **Democratic Primary ballot**

Callahan County Democratic resides at 532 East 3rd in Baird. Chairman, Jon E. Hardwick re-

Incumbent Sheriff Eddie Curtis, Tommy Holland have all filed and in Callahan County 39 years. for a place on the Democratic Primary ballot for March 9, 2004. way through the last day of filing

as county sheriff on December 3. Curtis, who resides at 541 Chestnut in Baird, has resided in in Baird, Texas. Completed nothe state and in the county all his tarized applications, accompa-

Walker, 42, filed for re-election turned in at the same address. for county tax assessor/collecin the county 30 years. She number (315) 854-1336.

Hicks, 63, announced his canports four Democratic incum- didacy for the Precinct #1 Combents have filed for re-election missioner seat in Clyde. Hicks to their county government po- has resided in the state 31 years sitions during the first day of and in the county 31 years. He filing Wednesday, December 3. resides at 1472 FM 604 in Clyde. Holland, 70, filed for re-elecincumbent tax assessor/collection to his Precinct #3 Commistor Tammy Walker, Precinct #1 sioner seat in Baird, Holland re-Commissioner Harold Hicks and sides at 240 Vine in Baird. He Precinct #3 Commissioner has lived in the state all his life

Curtis, 52, filed for re-election on January 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Application forms may be picked up at 227 Market Street nied by the filing fee, may be

Candidate filing is now under-

If you need more information tor on December 3. Walker has concerning filing, please call resided in the state 36 years and (325) 854-1256, or residence

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Church (254)725-6266 Friendly Church

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Hwy. 36 at Rowden - 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....11:00 A.M.

Pastor: Carl Mauldin Come Worship With Us!

#### NIMROD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School......10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M. Sunday Evening Worship......6:00 P.M.

Bill Armstrong - Pastor

Barbara Ann Thomason Barbara Ann Rust Thomason, Thomason, a son, Vince Farquhar 61, of Bangs passed away Sunday, December 7, 2003, in her home.

Funeral services were held at Jackson of Bangs; officiating. Burial was in the Falls; 7 direction of Funeral Home.

Barbara was born July 15, 1942 two sisters. in Mangum, Oklahoma to Les Rust and Velma (Clevinger) Rust. She married Walter L. Thomason on October 20, 1975 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Barbara recently moved to Bangs. She Johnny Seymore. was a member of the Church of Christ in both towns.

Survivors include her loving Girling Hospice.

#### Gregory Dean Gorman

Mr. Gregory Dean Gorman of San Augustine, Texas passes away in the Hill Country Memorial Hospital, Fredericksburg on Saturday, November 29, 2003, at the age of

Memorial service for Mr. Gorman will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in the Hill Country Evangelical Free Church at 107 E. Lower Crabapple Road, Fredericksburg.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Schaetter

2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, step-children, Walter, Jr. of at the Higginbotham Funeral California, Dale of California, Home in Cross Plains with Bob Eddie of Oklahoma, David of Pipes and Michael Light Azle and Charlie of Wichita grandchildren and Cross Plains Cemetery, under the numerous step-grandchildren Higginbotham and great-grandchildren; her mother, Velma; two brothers and

husband of 28 years, Walter

of Bangs; daughters, Vanessa

Payne of Abilene, Sharla

Woodrow of Austin and Jana

She was preceded in death by her sister, Fern Sampson, her father Les Rust, and step-daughter, Phyllis Evans.

Pallbearers were Danny Hutton, was a LVN. She was a longtime J.D. Hutton, Elvan Goode, Pat resident of Cross Plains and Havens, Horace Hounshell and

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to

#### Funeral Home, Fredericksburg.

Survivors include his wife, Christy Miller Gorman of San Augustine; three sons and one daughter, Christopher Ray Gorman of Seminole, Kit Gorman, Travis Gorman and Gena Sadler, all of San Augustine; his mother, Harriette Harris Gorman of Comfort; and a sister, Toya Smith and her husband,

Mr. Gorman will be remembered locally as a good friend of Joe Graves of Cross Plains.

Joe, of Houston.

## **Callahan County** Republican Candidate Filing Now Underway

Callahan County Republican ing Pat Chrane at (325) 529-Chairperson Pat Chrane announces that application for candidates to file for a place on the March Republican Primary will be accepted now throw January 2, 2004.

obtain applications by contact- 529-3428

3428. Applications will be accepted through January 2, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. The filing fee for Justice of the Peace is \$375. Other county offices are \$750. Anyone who needs assistance Those who wish to file can or information may call (325)

## The Haven women's center open house Sunday

an open house for The Haven on provision of baby supplies, Sunday, December 14, 2003 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The Haven is located at 222 Archer Street in Clyde, two blocks south of Neal's Automotive, on the right.

A short time ago, a small handful of people had a dream to open a women's center and crisis pregnancy center for our county. The dream was that there would be a place that would minister to women and young girls, providing the option of life for those with unplanned pregnancies, and providing practical and spiritual training for all women to help them successfully fulfill their many responsibilities. It is a place for the community to come together, with older women teaching younger women, building relationships and sharing wisdom and knowhow gained over the years. It is a place to pass along our values as well our skills. The dream is that The Haven will be a place to restore and protect the Godgiven dignity of all life--both born and unborn, and to minister to women regarding their worth and value in the eyes of Almighty God. Behind The Haven is the belief that God has a divine purpose for each life, and that He offers hope, healing, forgiveness, and a future to all who will receive. It is a means to reach out to offering them a haven in God's love. Through the truths of God's Word, and relationship with Jesus, The Haven seeks to bring women to a place of personal wholeness so they can bring wholeness to their marriages, homes, families and

areas. First is the crisis pregnancy assistance center offering free pregnancy testing, placing of unwed mothers and

communities.

Everyone is invited to attend babies, parenting classes, emotional support for expectant mothers, help for recovery from pregnancy termination, and support programs for families of unwed mothers. Second is "Awesome By Design," offering retreats and programs for

preteen and teenage girls to help them gain a sense of worth, purpose and confidence as they discover and accept God's love and His unique design for their lives. Third is the women's center, offering classes and

training programs for all women in everything imaginable-from powder-puff mechanics, money management, baking, etc., to Bible studies and Christian book clubs. It will also include a Christian library and resource center.

Thanks to the wonderful people of our county and your generous hearts, this dream is fast becoming a reality. A special "thank-you" to everyone who has given or helped in any way up to this point. With your help we have purchased a beautiful old home in Clyde for The Haven. It will require some remodeling and updating before it is ready to open. But we want everyone to come see it, and to see what you have made possible. We also want you to get a vision of what is experienced in one of the areas The Haven will include. Maybe you have building and women at their point of need, construction skills. Or maybe you simply have a heart for others. So come see how you can be involved. The Haven is a community happening, and we need your unique skills and know-how to make it a success. Perhaps God has placed you here just for this time, and someone needs what only you The Haven includes three have to offer. So mark your calendar for Sunday, December 14th, and come on by.

We hope to see you at The

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## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT** Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

David G. Davis, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Kristy R. Anderson, failed to identify

Brian Keith Romaine, theft by

Karin Webb, DWI. David Breneman, assault. Billy Joe Jones, assault. Tommy Joe Higgins, Sr., DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Laura K. MacArthur Phillips, order extending probation granted.

Jerry Lee Roads, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication, Maunie Brumbaugh. End of term order discharging defendant under misdemeanor probation, Donnie Grooms. Johnny Baker, motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Daniel Jason Clyburn and Jennifer Nicole Smith, both of

> **42nd DISTRICT COURT** John Weeks, presiding

> > Civil Filings

Michala Sue Macks and Michael Anchony Macks, di-

The State of Texas vs. \$5,290.00 in U.S. currency, original notice of seizure and intended forfeiture.

#### Callahan County **DPS Report**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 30, 2003 through December 6, 2003 include:

**Cases Investigated** Warnings—107 Complaints—95

DWI-1 DWI with Child-1 Fail to Identify-1 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1

**Vehicle Accidents** There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this

#### **Criminal Indictments**

Don Curry, filing a fraudulent financial instrument. Anna F. Bender, tampering

with a witness. Donald R. Grooms, aggra-

vated assault with deadly

Leonard Glenn Lyon, Ct. I & II possession of anhydrous ammonia in an unapproved container.

Christian O. Flores, possession of marijuana. Elva R. Flores, possession of

marijuana. William S. Pierce, DWI. Jason M. Welch, possession of marijuana.

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## County's jobless rate rises to 4.2%

September 2003 rose three- lor County, 3.9%. tenth of one percent to 4.2 per- The Texas jobless rate cent, according to jobless fig-Commission.

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The Texas Workforce Commission also reported the City of this month's decrease, this Clyde's unemployment rate for October's rate, matching October. According to the October's 2003 rate, was the had 1,737 employed and 59 or for the month since 1993. In 3.3 percent unemployed during addition, this month's decrease the month of August. Clyde's was slightly larger than the unemployment rate last month average four-tenths of a was 3.1 percent.

in Callahan County, 6,698 were to October. The United States' employed during October 2003, and 293 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 4.2%. The county's 2003 rate. October's rate was unemployment rate one year the highest recorded for the ago in October 2002 was 4.0%.

Callahan County's unemploy-2003. Of the 6,877 civilian labor rate of 5.3 percent. force in the county during September, 6,609 had jobs while rate for October 2003 was 6.1 268 or 3.9% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.5 percent in August 2003, 4.6 percent in July, 4.8 percent in June, 4.8 percent in May, 4.8% in April, 3.8% in March, 4.2% in February, 3.4% in January 2003, 3.7% in state's unemployment rate in December 2002, 3.7% in November, and 4.0% in October, according to the unemployment

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and employment rate for the previthose counties' unemployment ous month of September 2003 rates for October 2003 include: was 5.8%. The United States Brown, 3.9%; Coleman, 6.4%; unemployment rate one year

Wit's End Tea Room wel-

comes author Bettye Martin-

McRae to Baird on Saturday,

Cowboy humor and Ace Reid

cartoons fill Bettye's series of

books about growing up on

The author will spend the day

as guest of Anita Mays at Wit's

End Tea Room, 400 Pine

Street, phone 854-1812.

Bettye will sign book purchases

and offer a limited edition Ace

Reid cartoon, suitable for fram-

their Sweetwater ranch.

December 13

Cowboy humor, Ace Reid Art

Author in Baird December 13

The unemployment rate in Cal-Runnels, 3.4%; Shackelford. lahan County for the month of 1.8%; Stephens, 4.3%; and Tay-

continued to decline for a ures released Monday, Decem- fourth straight month, falling ber 8 by the Texas Workforce from 6.6 percent in September to 6.1 percent in October-the lowest rate this year. Even with Workforce Commission, Clyde highest Texas has encountered percentage point reduction that Of the 6,991 civilian labor force usually occurs from September jobless rate slipped from September's 5.8 percent to 5.6 percent in October-the lowest month since 1993 and was three-tenths of a percentage ment rate was 3.9% in August point higher than last year's

> The state's unemployment percent—down five-tenths from the 6.6 percent unemployment rate in September 2003. The state's civilian labor force was 11,052,300 in October with 10,380,500 employed and 671,800 unemployed. The October 2002 was 6.1 percent.

The United States unemployment rate was 5.6% in October 2003. The nation's un-Eastland, 3.2%; Jones, 3.0%; ago in October 2002 was 5.8%.

ing, with each purchase of the

Ranch life in Texas got Bettye

Martin-McRay writing the sto-

ries of her books: Bronc in Par-

lor; Cow in the Kitchen; Bath in a

#3 Washtub; Texas Tawlk; The

Ladder of Success is Strung with

Her recent ebook and paper-

back is Wellness, Walk ye in it,

grown our of her own search for

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complete series.

Barbed Wire.

Bettye's

By WALLACE BENNETT

Wolves Sighted Near Cottonwood

Beverly Brown reports that sightings of wolves have been reported by several people just south of Cottonwood along CR 429. So let's all be aware for our goats, sheep, dogs, chickens and baby calves when they come

Beverly is back home after undergoing extensive surgery. She reports she is doing well and is recovering nicely. We are all thankful and prayerful for her good and complete recovery.

I remind you again of the Cottonwood Program scheduled for Thursday evening. Beverly reports that this is the third annual Christmas Party. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite finger foods, your children and your Christmas joy. Cottonwood Community Center: 7:00 p.m.

Some other news is sad for us here in Cottonwood. Word has been received that Barbara Thomason, wife of Walter Thomason, has died, and the funeral was held Tuesday, December 8, 2003 at Higginbotham Funeral Home. She was buried in the Cross Plains Cemetery. The entire community has missed the Thomason's since their recent move from Cottonwood, and we all send our sincere sympathy and pray for God's blessings on the Thomason family.

Cottonwood's Childress Ag Farm To Post A Very Successful Year

Scott Childress reports that in December 2002, the Childress Ag Farm entered 20 varieties of pecans in the Eastland County Pecan Show. Eighteen of the varieties earned a blue ribbon (first place) in that show and advanced to the Regional show where 10 of the varieties won blue ribbons there. These 10 were entered in the 2003 Texas State competition where two of the Childress Ag varieties received state ribbons.

In addition, Scott Childress reports that a steer raised on the farm and sold to Davy Vestal of

cal Commission is once again

offering a holiday package on

one of its most sought after

items. The official history book

of Callahan County, "I Remem-

ber Callahan," edited by Hicks

Turner the end of December by

"I Remember Callahan" nor-

mally sells for \$55.00. It is a 475

page, large bound volume relat-

ing the history of Callahan

7pm at their home in Rowden.

Dye's place a couple of years

way 36 onto CR 469, go 9/10 of

invited.

the Commission for \$50.00.

Eastland County was entered in the 2003 Houston Livestock Show. The steer was classified as a Simbrah and was judged as "Champion in its class".

In 2002, another steer, which was raised on the farm and classified as a Santa Gertrudis was entered in the San Antonio Livestock Show, and judged as "Reserve Champion of its class".

Scott said, "Bob and I wish to thank our neighbors for putting up with the occasional (we hope) booms from our propane cannons as we try to scare crows away from the pecan trees. Also, we wish to thank our community for supporting the Childress Ag Farm products."

Pearl Harbor Day Passes Without Much Local Fanfare though most of our readers may not remember that "Day of Infamy", as our great President of those days, Franklin Delano Rosevelt termed his expression of it, I cannot let it go unmentioned. One of my favorite heroes of that day and time has been Jon Ted Ivy, a native of Cottonwood that some of us old ducks remember simply as "Junior" Ivy. He was already in the U.S. Navy and serving aboard the USS Houston on Pearl Harbor Day. He was captured by the Japanese Forces in the spring of 1942 and spent the rest of the war as a POW.

At 82 years of age, Ivy is living in Arizona and still playing golf. He said he is thankful that he is yet, "playing on the green side of the grass.'

One of his golfing buddies once asked him why he spelled his name J-O-N, instead of J-O-H-N. Ivy replied, "My dad picked that

You can purchase your books

from Historical Commission

Chairman and County Attorney

Allen Wright at 325-854-1640

or at the County Library at 325-

854-1718. Wright's office is on

the second floor of the County

Courthouse and the County Li-

Dorthy Watson's and Glen and

to the first brick house and you

Bring a snack and join the

Merry Christmas Everyone!

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## QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

Christmas is coming Please put a penny.... If you haven't got a penny If you don't have a half,

The goose is getting fat! In the old man hat. Then a half will do. Then GOD Bless You!!!!

"A Whole New Angle"

Recently I've been viewing Cross Plains from a little bit different angle. And....for the most part, I'm pretty much liking what I'm seeing; some changes, Maybe it isn't worth mentioning some progresses and some work. anymore, but Sunday was "Pearl For one thing, we've gained sev-Harbor Day", and I for one re- eral new businesses over the past course. member exactly where I was, two years. That's how long I've what I was doing, and who I was been a shut-in. Two years of with on December 7, 1941. Al- staying home for the most part. A--n-nnd do you know what? Quite a few of the businesses are still here, and still in business. It's don't expect to see me out doing just so good to see the town beginning to thrive and I noted the other day the return of one ride in my chair from my home. business that is reopening.

my pickup-errands, etc. It "no-like-ee" the inclement seemed never-ending. Due to weather. It'll be way too cool, and health problems, I no longer drive I don't like to be cold. Watch for farther than to a nearby grocery store, maybe once a month, if

Here lately, I've been getting out a bit more. I haven't made it around to all the new businesses or the long time ones lately, either. I've been working on it though.

I've checked out the new Staghorn Cafe more than once. Good hot food, good service and a pleasant atmosphere—it just doesn't get any better than that. I've been seeing the sporting spelling so he could remember goods store; the skating rink and how to spell his own name: Jon others, as I pass by. I'm planning Ted Ivy, three names, three let- to go there for visits very soon. It ters each, simple enough to is so nice to have a variety of

stores to shop. Let's all give them LIBRARY NOTES Check It Out!

Hi! Somehow in the excitement about Thanksgiving, we missed approximately 10%. All proceeds talking with you last week, but we're excited now about the support the Callahan County Historical Commission in its children's section. Come by, especially if you have children or grandchildren, or if you are just interested in having the "best little library in Texas".

Pat (Sissy) Wiese, daughter of Clara Nell Spencer, has made a new place of the children's area along with the new books, she has donated furniture in honoring her mom. There's a rug, a bench with two quilted pillows, two denimcovered high-back chairs, a book shelf, and an antique book case with glass doors.

You'll just have to see the warm, wonderful place for the children. Clara Nell would love it. Come check it out. We'll look for you.

**Statistics** Circulation: 85 41

Memorials Charles and Lou Rodenberger -In Memory of Clara Nell

Spencer Donations - Books:

Georgia Culwell

our trade and let them know we are glad they are here for our business. That will help as much as anything if we shop Cross Plains and support these busi-

By Kay Mosley

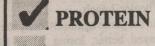
HOWEVER, as I mentioned earlier, I'm seeing things at a whole new angle. I'm traveling around downtown in my new motorized wheelchair. I call it my "electric chair". It rides pretty smooth. I'm still not very adapt at operating it, but I'm practicing.

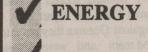
Those of you who are operating automobiles, thanks for being so patient when I'm trying to cross Main Street. I'm trying to get to where I can just cross that street double-time, with caution of

This winter, if the opportunity presents itself, I'll have to learn to maneuver around in the snow, ice, etc. Though I have never ice skated, sledded or snow skied, anything like that. I make it to Connie's every week. Just a short Although as I stated earlier, no I used to feel like I just lived in fancy skating or skiing for me, I

> me next spring, however, I intend to tear up some turf, hunting. So get out your net, come on over and we will go hunting together. For butterflies. Don't forget now, that is next spring—and don't be





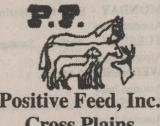




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### County and many of its families brary is on the basement floor. and contains many photo-Catterall's to host Rowden

**Community Christmas Party** 

Al and Emma Catterall of a mile, turn east onto CR 463

Rowden are hosting a "Rowden and follow the road, turn back

Community Christmas Party", north at Tony and Judy Steel's,

Friday night, December 12th at continue north past Robert and

If you used to live in Rowden, Ruthie Lawrence's. Still follow-

live in Rowden now, would like ing the road it will turn back west

to live in Rowden or would just for a short distance and then

like to come out and meet the turn north again. Just as it turns people of Rowden, love 42 and north you will see a large gate

visiting with neighbors come on and driveway, turn west down

out, you'll fit right in and you're the drive for about 3/10 of a mile

ago. Here are the directions to Rowden Bunch for food, fun,

their home. Turn north off high- visiting, and dominos.

The Catterall's bought Edna have arrived.

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The Callahan County Histori- graphs. The price is reduced

website

MONDAY - Teriyaki Chicken, Cornbread, Milk Rice, Stir Fry Vegetables, THURSDAY - Sloppy Joe w/ Pineapples, Bread, Milk

TUESDAY - Smothered Steak, Pickles, Pudding, Milk Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, FRIDAY - Chicken & Dumplins, Cake, Bread, Milk WEDNESDAY - Beef Stew, Gelatin, Bread, Milk

Tossed Salad, Fruit, Cookie,

**DECEMBER 15 - 19** 

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Bun, Pea Salad, Tator Wedges, Tossed Salad, Green Beans,

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By Bob Pipes Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main (254) 725-6117



The signboard in front of our church building reads: "GOD GRADES ON THE CROSS, NOT THE CURVE." If He graded on the curve, someone (the "most righteous person) would get "100," and everyone else would get lower and lower scores, according to how much "less righteous" they are. But since God doesn't grade "on the curve," that's not the way it is.

When Jesus' cross-shed blood spiritually washes a person, he/she is washed perfectly clean! Everybody who is so washed get "100"! And John informs us that "if we walk in the light as He (God) is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (I John 1:7). That's 100% cleansing, not some degree or the other. God grades on the Cross, not the curve...

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## Lady Buffs Basketball **Team Starts Season 6-2**

The Lady Buff basketball team defense. began the week with a hard fought 44-32 victory over twentieth ranked Zephyr. We got an early lead but we did not pull away until the final few minutes. Injuries have hurt use but we've had several girls fill in and do a good job for us.

Gustine. We had several girls 48-46 to win third place. They play very well this game. were small but very quick and it Clark had their best offensive as we didn't keep them in front of best spot shooting games of the earned us a come-from-behind

against the taller Rising Star zone tournament on Thursday.

We were unsuccessful creating turnovers, so we couldn't score that way either. Rising Star is a good team but I just didn't feel like we played our best. We'll have another opportunity against them later in the season.

Our final game of the week was On Thursday, the Lady Buffs for third place in the tournament. began the Rising Star tournament We defeated a defeated a tough with a 58-38 victory over Eastland JV squad by a score of Stephanie Edington and Nicole created problems for our defense, game of the season. We actually us very well. Ultimately, some struggled a bit with our defense timely scores by Dayna Bennett, but offensively, it was one of our Kelsee Richards and Bree Dillard victory.

On Friday evening, we lost a We are 6-2 at this point and are tough game to the host, Rising working in practice to improve Star 29-27. We actually were ourselves. This has to be done on only behind once in the game but both an individual and a team it was at the wrong time. We held basis. We play the number two the lead most of the way but just ranked May team on Tuesday and had too many problems scoring then open with Sidney in our

# Junior High Boys **Basketball Report**

teams this year. Playing on the "B" Team is Joe Wyatt, Ricky Daniel, Jerry Daniels, Anthony Hutton, Justin Gardner and Andrew Wheeler.

They have played 3 games and while they have been competitive they have not won one yet. In the 1st game against Evant they lost 34-12. Scoring for the Buffs were Ricky Daniel 6, Jerry Daniels, trailed 17-15 at half, but scored Anthony Hutton and Andrew only 2 points in the second half, Wheeler 2 each.

played better, losing 20 to 11. Maxwell 2 and Callaway 1. Jerry Daniels scored 6, Ricky Daniel 3 and Joe Wyatt 2.

Against Gorman they ran into a 46-9. Ricky Daniel scored 4 while Jerry and Justin 4 each.

Playing on the "A" Team are Fili their next tilt. Vasquez, J. J. Callaway, Cody

Junior High Boys have two Baker, Markus Maxwell, Joey Westerman, Brice Bowden and Jacob Melton. Their record is currently 2-1.

> In the first game, they defeated Evant 26-23. This was a close game. Scoring for the Buffs were Brice Bowden 10, Jacob Melton 11, Markus Maxwell 2 and J.J. Callaway 3.

In their second game the Buffs and lost 38-17. Scoring were In the game against Albany they Melton 6, Vasquez 4, Bowden 4,

In their last game, which was a good game, the Buffs defeated Gorman 33-27. Scoring were good team and were defeated Bowden 12, Baker 7, Melton 5, Callaway 5 and Vasquez 3.

The Buffs travel in Ranger for

Submitted by Coach Mitchell Atchley

## **Students Compete in Scholastic Contest**

compete in the Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom American History, English

Each contest essay responses included. Many schoolss were represented at this day-long event with our students competing against eleven 1A and 2A schools from the surrounding various contests included Daley Anderson, Forrest Creamer, Lori Hail, Derek Hamlin, Tristan

Students traveled to Howard Jones, Jose Mauricio, Colton Payne University last Friday to Manley, Kati Wooten and Levi Wooten.

Unfortunately, this group was Scholastic Contests. This annual not allowed to stay for the event hosted by HPU allows area Academy's Awards Ceremony honor students to compete in and had to return to school. Howmore than fifteen scholastic con- ever, Jose Mauricio placed third tests ranging from Algebra, overall in the Algebra contest and will receive a bronze medal. Jose Grammar, Spanish, Sociology also place 5th in the Spanish conand Economics as well as many test. Daley Anderson placed 6th in the English Grammar contest. generally Kati Wooten place 7th in the Litconsisted of a 150-question mul- erature contest, 9th in the Ameritiple-choice formatted test with can History contest and 10th in the Biology contest.

In the 1A and 2A Division alone, each contest has approximately 20 to 26 contestants. Each student will receive a certificate region. Those high school stu- for competing in the contests. All dents who participated in the of these students should be congratulated for their efforts and initiative to participate in such a large-scale academic event.

-Submitted by Melissa Owen, Sponsor

# **Next National Test** Date for the ACT Assessment is Feb. 7th

February 7, 2004. Collegebound students should register by the January 2 postmark deadline. Late registration postmark deadline is January 16 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can register online at www.act.org or they can get a registration packet from their high school guidance counselor and register by mail. The website also has sample test questions and a link to a free financial aid calculator.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges and universities in the nation. The test fee is \$26 (\$29 in Florida). Colleges use ACT scores, along prospective colleges.

The next national test date for with a student's high school the ACT Assessment is GPA and other information to help determine admissions and the appropriate course placement for new students.

The Act Assessment is curriculum-based, designed to measure a student's academic achievement. There are four sections to the exam: English, reading, math and science.

Students who have already taken the ACT can retest and try for a higher score. Juniors often use their scores to examine academic weaknesses, take courses or tutoring to correct these weaknesses and retest as seniors. Students who test more than once can chose which scores to report to

## Applications now being evaluated for Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

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eligible to apply. Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison.

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Camp locations include Commerce, Texas; Thousand Oaks, CA, Sterling, CO, Babson Park, Greencastle, IN, Atchison, KS, Past participants include: Baltimore MD, Ysilanti, MI, Hamilton, NY, Hickory, NC, Bluffton, OH, Lock Haven, PA, Lebanon, TN, Blackburg, VA, Poultney, VT, Olympia, WA and Beloit, WI.

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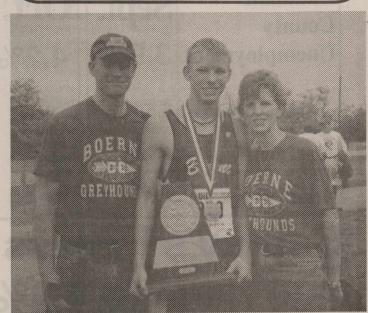
and in good shape. So, holiday mailers are advised to use a sturdy carton large enough to accommodate the gift package plus cushioning, and to remove or mark out any conflicting address information already on the carton. Do not use wrapping paper or twine cord on the outside of the carton - paper can rip, and twine can become tangled in mail processing equipment.

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Proper addressing means complete and legible addresses. Always include apartment and suite numbers and correct ZIP Codes. The ZIP Code belongs on the same line as the city and state - that's where our sorting clerks and automated process(4 - Cross Plains Review December 11, 2003



CONGRATULATIONS RYAN—Ryan Mack is holding the State Team Champion Trophy for 4A Cross Country. The Boerne Greyhounds scored a phenomenal 44 points to best the second place team by 45 points. Ryan finished 30th individually with a personal best time of 16:48 (good enough to have finished 3rd in A or 2A divisions)! The UIL Cross Country Championships were held at Round Rock, Texas on November 15, 2003. Ryan Mack is the son of Steve and Sandy Mack all formerly of Cross Plains.

## Choosing gifts for children requires consideration

DENTON-Children generally allow the child to make up his or aren't shy about voicing what her own play scene. Software they want for Christmas. For programs that allow children to adults, the hard part in choosing gifts is determining what's appropriate for the child.

Texas Woman's University in nation. Denton, says safety and usability are key factors to consider when purchasing gifts for chil-

"Brand-name toys are scrutinized by the Toy Manufacturers Association and by government agencies. Most are safe, but adults should always check them carefully." Dr. Karther said. Most toys feature a recommended age range for that product, and Dr. Karther said that provides a good guide for parents.

How the toy can be used is another consideration when buy-

Toys should have broad usacters allow the child to be involved in different ways.

Children of preschool age need toys that will feed their imagination, Dr. Karther said. Items such as toy farms and homes or construction or fantasy materials adults is time," she said.

draw or create their own stories also make good gifts, she said.

Some adults focus on educa-Dr. Diane Karther, assistant tional toys for younger children, professor of early childhood de- but Dr. Karther favors toys that velopment and education at stimulate creativity and imagi-

> "It's important to just let children play with their toys, because therein lies the learning,' she said.

Children typically develop their own interests as they get older, and gifts that reflect those interests may be appropriate. Kits that cover a variety of interests are available, from model cars or airplanes to jewelry-making kits. Some museum stores have items such as nature discovery and archaeology kits, Dr. Karther said. Children who are interested in sports may appreciate receiving items related to their particular sport. Dr. Karther urges parability," Dr. Karther said. "A toy ents to put some of the toys that does one thing at the press away a few weeks after Christof one button won't hold a lot of mas in order to keep young attention for an infant." How- children from being overever, she said, play centers with whelmed. "Store some toys, and different buttons and wheels that from time to time, rotate them produce music and pop-up char- out to spark more use of them,"

she said. Dr. Karther also suggests that parents join their children in playing with toys and games.

"Every survey of children shows that what they really want from

## Holiday Toy Buying Reference Guide

toy shouldn't have any small parts the child can put in his or her mouth. Equally important, the toy should be durable. Pieces of broken toys pose just as great a choking hazard.

 Toys that can be used for a variety of things will be used more than a toy that has a single use. Open-ended toys let children be creative and use their imagination. For example, a toddler can use a large ball for playing catch, kicking in the back yard or as a stool for spinning in a circle.

 Toy packaging gives recommended ages for the product, but sometimes the recommenthe toy, examine it and deter- ences.

• Make sure toys are safe. The mine if it might be too challenging or not challenging enough for your child-both of which will cause it to be discarded.

> • Gift givers need to think about what they are going to buy before heading to the toy store, which can be an overwhelming shopping experience. Go toy shopping without any idea of what you're looking for and you're more likely to make a mistake.

• Purchasing a toy for a friend or relative's child? Call the parents and make sure the child doesn't already have the toy and that the parents are fine with the proposed gift.

Source: Texas Woman's Univerdations are off. Look carefully at sity Department of Family Sci-

## Come Pick Out Your Free Toy At Bitter Creek Ranch

December 20, 2003 From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.



**Anyone Willing To Donate Good Used Toys** Bring Them By Bitter Creek Ranch.

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#### **SCHOOL MENU**

**DECEMBER 15 - 19** LUNCH

**BREAKFAST** 

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, **Assorted Juice** TUESDAY - Waffle, Sausage, Assorted Juice

Assorted Juice THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal. Assorted Juice FRIDAY - Cheese Toast,

Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY- Muffin,

MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce TUESDAY- Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Honey WEDNESDAY- Fiesta Salad, (Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Rice, Salad, Cheese ) Peaches THURSDAY- BBQ Franks, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Mixed Fruit FRIDAY- Deli Turkey Sub, Chips,

Salad, Pickles, Cookie

Early out Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m. Early out Thursday, December 18, 2003 at 2:45 p.m. Buses will run at 2:45 p.m. Early out Friday, December 19, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.

Teacher Workday - Saturday, December 20, 2003

Christmas Holidays December 22, 2003 Thru January 2, 2004. Student Holiday Monday, January 5, 2004 Staff Development

Monday, January 5, 2004 Classes will Resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 At Regular Time

## Don't get left out in the cold

While winter has not yet ar- closed when a fire is not burnrived to West Texas, planning ing ahead will help maximize your home's energy efficiency during the cold weather months, WTU Retail Energy offers the following tips to help you manage your home energy expenses this

**Thermostat Settings** 

Turning the thermostat back between 10 and 15 percent for eight hours each day can reduce your energy bill up to 10 percent annually. A programmable thermostat will auto-adjust the temperature according to your schedule. These are available at most home improvement stores and cost as little as \$25. Also, reduce your heating costs as much as \$15 a month by keeping the fan on your central heating unit set to the "auto"

**Furnaces** 

Check your furnace now to ensure it is in good working order. This can help avoid hassles when you need to heat your home in a hurry. If you require repairs by a licensed contractor, you may also enjoy faster and lower-priced services by beating the peak demand for house calls.

Space Heaters

Electric space heaters are only cost-efficient if the thermostat ness. On a windy day, hold a lit controlling the furnace is set incense stick near any locations back to a lower temperature from 70 degrees to 60 degrees for example. The amount of electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures money saved by using space and attic hatches. If the smoke heaters depends on:

1. How much you adjust your thermostat settings,

2. How many hours per day you set back your thermostat, and

3. The size of the area where The smaller the area you are trying to warm, the more effective the heater will be.

**Fireplaces** 

Fireplaces are popular, but one of the most inefficient heat visit the WTU Retail Energy Web sources. To reduce the loss of warm air up a chimney:

· Always keep the damper tip.htm.

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Ensure the seal on the flue damper is tight and that the fireplace hearth is well caulked.

• Consider using a flue sealer to plug and insulate the chimney when the fireplace is not in use. Inflatable versions are available for around \$30 to \$50, or you can make your own by stuffing foam or a pillow into a heavy plastic bag and inserting it up the chimney from inside your home. Remember to attach a long and colorful string to remind you it is there before starting your first winter fire.

To direct more heat from the fire into the room:

 Lower the thermostat to approximately 55 degrees, open the dampers at the bottom of the firebox or open the nearest window slightly, and close doors leading into that room.

 Place a heavy, cast-iron plate called a fireback at the back of your fireplace. When a fire is burning this radiates more heat into the room before it is lost up the chimney.

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where there is a possible leak, such as closed windows, doors, stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak.

\* Caulk and weather-strip any air leaks with a few supplies available from your local home

\* Dirty spots in your insulation you are using the space heater. may indicate air leaks. Seal the holes by stapling sheers of plastic over them and caulking the edges of the plastic.

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**Commissioners approve 2004** county holiday schedule Callahan County Commission- commits an offense if he or she

ers voted to approve the 2004 holiday schedule for the county during the commissioners' court monthly meeting held Monday, December 8 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The holidays county employees will recognize for the upcoming year and county offices will close include:

New Year's Day: Thursday and Friday, January 1-2, 2004. Martin Luther King Day: Mon-

day, January 19, 2004. Presidents Day: Monday, February 16, 2004.

Good Friday, Friday, April 9,

Memorial Day: Monday, May 31, 2004. Independence Day: Friday,

July 2, 2004 Labor Day: Monday, Septem-

ber 6, 2004. Columbus Day: Monday, Oc-

tober 11, 2004. Veterans Day: Thursday, November 11, 2004.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, 2004.

Christmas Holiday: Thursday and Friday, December 23-24,

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

-Commissioners voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

-There was no public comments received during a time set aside for citizens comments. —Commissioners voted to ap-

prove an order regulating the use of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County. fireworks was dated Monday, December 8.

The order rules follow: A. The order states a person journ the meeting.

intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-ofway of a county road.

B. If the landowners' permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act. Civil Statues Article 62011-1 (a) (2).

2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable veg-

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults. 4. Water is readily available for

extinguishing fires.

C. An offense under this order is a Class C Misdemeanor punishable by fine up to \$500.00. -Commissioners voted to ap-

prove a new filing system for Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 Judge Roy Chapman and Justice of the Peace Precinct #2 Judge Steve Odom.

Judge Roger Corn said the JP offices at both Clyde and Baird JP were filling up with file cabinets. The new filing system will consolidate the filing of the JP courts. Judge Corn said the funds for the new filing system will be taken from the Justice of the Peace Technology Fund.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bills.

-Commissioners voted to reject the one bid from Mike Young in the amount of \$3,000 for a The order prohibiting the use of used 6610 Ford Tractor being sold by Commissioner Bryan Farmer's Precinct #2.

-Commissioners voted to ad-

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# Lappy Berthday

**DECEMBER 13** Stanley Rex Dickie Kathy Nigar Tony Bland **David Browning Danny Hutton** 

Wanetta Parson Mrs. Log Thompson Joe Everett Burkett Ken Horan Jeanie Gilland

**Dustin Anthony Morales** Minnie Larkin

**DECEMBER 14** Alma King Bobbie Jo Grissom Bobby Jack McCowen Calvin Champion Gene Thomas Hallie Hartley Sherry Ann Wilson J.T. Merry Robert Grissom Rosie Parker

Mrs. Essie V. Alexander Mrs. Clovis Simons Micky Lapata **Troy Harris** 

**DECEMBER 15** 

Terry Brown Jessa Mae Reddick Carlton Newman Roy John Reddick Susanna DeBusk Linley Goble Janice Newman Billie Joe Shippard Alton Sheppard Fred Davis Donna Grider Joni Irwin Shambry DeLayne Sanders Alyssa Nicole Brown Andrew William Wheeler Jonathan Chastain **Tommy Ames** 

**DECEMBER 16** Kathy Jo Woody

Rosa Lee Rouse **Bobby Taylor Amy Combs Emory Lusk Ronald Gray** Alicia (Kirkham) Cates Kathy Reed Shawn (Oberto) Martin John C. Coats Joe VanZandt Holland II Jacob Pancake

**DECEMBER 17** Gary Rogers Shawn Thayer Pearl Perry Ike Neal Sheri Graham Terri Graham W.E. Walker Kasey L. Maynard Harold Hinkle Vickie I. Gilmore Dillon Heath John Paul Cowan II

**DECEMBER 18** Mrs. Lester King Max Miller Cindy Chapman Dwayne Clark Deltha Hollingshead Sheral McCorkle Sharron Petty Jayln Danee Koenig Samual Ray Fritchlee Daniel W. Ingram

**DECEMBER 19** Ruth Letney Weldon McCorkle Melissa Parrish Max Watson Dwayne Wilson Mrs. Betty Jones Greg McNutt David Reed **Betty Micham** Regina Curry

## Marine Corps League to meet in Brownwood Today

There will be a meeting of the Marine Corps League is one of Marine Corps League at 1900 Thursday December 11th at the meeting room of Lemon's lar session of the Texas Legisla- Bar-B-Q Restaurant, 3202 Coggin Avenue in Brownwood. Officers from the Department through the state appropriation of Texas will be present to

officiate over the formation of a local area Marine Corps League Detachment. This is an opportunity to have the honor being a charter member of this detachment. The the earliest formed veteran's organizations, being organized in June 1923 and chartered by an **ACT OF CONGRESS in August** 1937. Membership in the Marine Corps League is for Marines who have served honorably or are now serving in the United States Marine Corps or United States Marine Corps Reserve. Once a Marine, always a

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**Mandates** 

disbursed by the state of Texas pursuant to the state appropriations process; and

WHEREAS, the state of Texas, acting through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, may enact laws or promulgate rules that

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have the effect of imposing mandatory financial obligations upon Texas counties; and WHEREAS, the state of Texas,

through the Texas Legislature or through a state agency or executive order, mandates that counties implement certain governmental programs or perform certain duties and obligations including financial commitments by a county to expend county funds in connection therewith,

WHEREAS, during each requture, all state funds that support county programs are reviewed process and by other state budgetary review systems; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned review process may result in a reduction, or cessation, of state financial support of county government programs causing an unforeseeable disruption and reduction of the county budget and operations.

WHEREAS, Texas counties cannot achieve reliable financial planning and the necessary bond ratings sufficient to support county related obligations when the state mandates a new program that is not fully funded or under conditions where the state reduces or fully withdraws prior funding and disbursement for county government programs.

NOW THEREFORE the County of Callahan does hereby resolve that for the foregoing reasons, it is in the best interests of Texas counties and their taxpayers to support and favor the passage of legislation, including an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, that would expressly prohibit the imposition of a mandatory governmental program on Texas counties, whether by an act of the Texas Legislature or a state agency or by executive order, unless the state of Texas has fully funded and disbursed all necessary funds to enable Texas counties to operate said governmental

ADOPTED THE 8th DAY OF December, 2003.

SIGNED AND ENTERED ON THE ABOVE DATE BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

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 A history of the frontier forts of Texas. Shortly after Texas joined the Union in 1845, the U.S. Army established a line of forts across Texas, running north to south, to protect settlers pushing west to claim cheap land. That line of forts was hardly complete when the army had to build a second-line even farther

 An account of the challenges and hardships faced by women who also lived at the frontier forts in the late 19th century.

• The story of Fort Anabuac, which was built on the Gulf Coast in 1830 when Texas was still part of Mexico. Archaeologists have begun to excavate this fort, which played a part in the Texas Revolution.

· A history of Polish immigrants in Texas-how and why they came to the Lone Star State and what they have added to the diverse cultural mix that is Texas.

 An analysis of the religious census, Churches and Church Membership in the United States 2000, with detailed reports by county and denomination.

 An account of the first Franciscan missionaries to Texas in the 1600s, who were summoned from New Mexico by Jumano Indians and came to the area around present-day San Angelo as early as 1629. El Paso became a permanent center for missions in the 1680s.

historic times to the 1970s.

· A history of oil discovery in Texas from the 1860s, through Spindletop and the Permian Basin, and up to the new technologies in the Austin Chalk.

 A list of more than 16,000 Texas place names, including 5,800-plus existing cities, towns and communities, as well as more than 10,000 others that no longer exist.

The Texas Almanac contains the latest information on such topics as the natural environment and recreation, with complete listings of state and national parks, historic sites, landmarks, and wildlife refuges and management areas.

The Counties section includes up-to-date population and demographic information that reflects the latest estimates since the 2000 census, along with detailed road maps and profiles of all of Texas' 254 counties. The Political and Government sections report the latest from the 2003 Legislature, as well as the names of elected and appointed federal, state and local government officials.

There are also sections on Culture and the Arts, Religion, Health and Science, Crime, Media, Education, Business and Transportation, and Agriculture.

The Texas Almanac is also the handiest source for such uniquely Texas information as the words to the state song, the pledge to the Texas flag and the text of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

"The Texas Almanac contains a broad range of information, everything from agriculture to healthcare and transportation to minerals," said Editor Elizabeth Alvarez. "Besides all of the new features and updated data, this edition also includes a detailed Table of Contents and an expanded Index-two improvements that will help our readers find the information they need in this factually dense resource. · A condensed history of Texas The Texas Almanac is truly a that takes the reader from pre- one-stop resource for all things

Texan, for people who need in- next three editions were pubformation on nearly every aspect of the state.

Also available is the Texas Almanac Teacher's Guide, a 130plus-page professionally written teaching tool that provides teachers and homeschoolers with the tools needed to make teaching lessons on social studies, the economy, culture and history fun. The Teacher's Guide is an indispensable resource in the classroom, with suggested interdisciplinary activities based on information found in the Texas Almanac 2004-2005. Each lesson is coded to indicate how it helps fulfill TEKS and

TAKS objectives. Published by The Dallas Morning News, the Texas Almanac 2004-2005 is available at Clyde Journal, Baird Banner and Cross Plains Review.

TEXAS ALMANAC **PUBLICATION HISTORY** The Texas Almanac became a cherished tradition before the Civil War and continues to be a staple in the libraries of Texans a century and a half later.

The first edition of the Texas Almanac was issued by The News in Galveston in January 1857, 21 years after Texas won its independence from Mexico and only 12 years after it became a state.

The focus of the earliest editions of the Texas Almanac was on history and the workings of the state government. These 19th century editions included many first-person accounts of the Texas Revolution and the early days of the Republic and of statehood. An edition was published each year through 1873, except for 1866, totaling 16 annual editions. The editions for the years 1862-65 were of pamphlet size, ranging from 48 to 64 pages. Because Galveston was one of the Gulf Coast ports blockaded by the Union Navy and there was constant threat of armed conflict during the war, production of the 1862 edition was moved to Houston, and the lished in Austin.

Post-Civil War publication was resumed in Galveston in 1867. With the 1869 edition, the name was changed to The Texas Almanac and Emigrant's Guide to Texas, reflecting the state's need to attract settlers. The 1873 edition was the last 19th century edition, due to the death in 1875 of editor Willard Richardson.

In 1885, The News spun off The Dallas Morning News as a sort of North Texas branch newspaper. George Bannerman Dealey was sent from Galveston to Dallas to establish the Dallas paper. Dealey thought that the Almanac would be a way to encourage the economic development of the state, and in 1904, The Dallas Morning News resumed publication of the Texas Almanac. Just three years earlier, the Spindletop Oil Field had been discovered near Beaumont, boosting Texas into the petroleum and industrial age. To reflect this change in economic focus of the state, the name was changed to The Texas Almanac and State Industrial Guide.

Following another hiatus, the Almanac resumed publication with editions in 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1914. Another gap in the series ensued with the outbreak of World War I. The present series was begun in 1925, with annual editions through 1929, when the effects of the Great Depression caused a change to a biennial cycle. This schedule has been maintained, with only a couple of exceptions.

Texas Almanac 2004-2005 contains a wealth of statistics and information on subjects ranging from agriculture to the arts and from weather to wildlife. The magnitude and depth of the material found in the Texas Almanac is a result of an exhaustive two-year editorial and research process. Statistics are compiled from thousands of questionnaires sent throughout the state by the Almanac staff. Unlike any other state almanac or reference book, the Texas Almanac includes graphics and detailed maps, yet contains a balance of necessary facts and intriguing feature stories about Texas.

Librarians, legislators, journalists, historians and educators acknowledge that the Texas Almanac is the handiest and most comprehensive source of information about the Lone Star

#### **Callahan County** to host 3 hour **CEU "Night Course"**

Many producers that have a pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) for re-certification of their license. Therefore, a special three (3) Hour pesticide re-certification night course for Texas Department of Agriculture applicator license holders is set for December 18 in the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6:00 p.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for 1 hour in Laws and Regulations, 1 hour in Integrated Pest Management, and 1 hour of General. These hours will apply to Commercial, non-commercial and private applicators' li-

cense holders. The program will begin with Laws and Regulations presentation followed by Integrated Pest Management presentation discussing alternative approaches available when using pesticides. The night course will conclude after a 1 hour general presentation at 9:00 p.m. CEU certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the program.

Cost for the training is \$5.00 for those that pre-register by December 16. To pre-register or for more information, call Robert Pritz, CEA-Agriculture in Callahan County at (325) 854-1518. Robert Pritz

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## **Country Music** Singer Joe Nichols to Headline Rehab 2004

One of the hottest young stars in Mexico. country music today will be the headline performer for Rehab 2004. WTRC President and CEO, Woody Gilliland, announced today that Joe Nichols will perform at the 34th annual telethon to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Nichols just recently won the Country Music Association's Horizon Award which is given to the artist who has demonstrated significant growth in Country Music over the past year. He was also nominated for "Album of the Year" for his album "Man With A Memory". Some of hits include "The Impossible", "Joe's Place", "Brokenheartsville", "She Only Smokes When She Drinks" and "Cool To Be A Fool".

Rehab 2004 will be Saturday, January 17th originating from the Abilene Civic Center. The fivehour live show that begins at 7 p.m. will be broadcasts in 10 television markets in Texas and portions of Oklahoma and New

Joining Joe Nichols at Rehab 2004 will be Charlie Chase, Red Steagall and regulars Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani and Brad

The telethon is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Rehab with a goal to raise over \$1 million dollars in support of the Rehab's mission, to improve the quality of life of those served regardless of their financial circumstances.

Underwriters for Rehab 2004 are American Electric Power (AEP) and Associated Publishing/Area-Wide Phone Book. American Airlines/American Eagle is the official air carrier of Rehab 2004. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas is a Rehab partner in the auction.

For additional information on Rehab 2004, please call Dan Huggins in Abilene at (325) 793-3508 or Dee Lackey in San Angelo at (325) 223-6300.



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