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# Cross Plains Review

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THURSDAY, December 31, 2009

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100th YEAR

**CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443** 

NUMBER 42



WINTER WONDERLAND-The blizzard brought lots of snow and covered everything in a



OLD GLORY STILL FLYING—The U.S. Flag was whipping in the fierce winds last Thursday, December 24th in downtown Cross Plains.

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SANTA RIGHT AT HOME IN THE WINTER BLIZZARD-He was visiting the children at the Christmas Eve celebration of the descendants of the late Oscar and Faye Tyler at the Cross Plains Community Center. Doesn't he look cute! (Photo courtesy of Debbie Edington.)

The Cross Plains Review Will be CLOSED Friday, January 1st for New Year's

#### Republican Party filing deadline is January 4th Incumbent County Treasurer, Republican Party Chairman file for re-election

March 2, 2010 Republican Pri-

man Reggie Pillans reported in-Dianne Gunter has filed for re-Callahan County on the Republican Party ballot recently.

Incumbent County Treasurer Thursday, December 3rd in-Dianne Gunter, 59, filed for re- clude: election on Tuesday, December 8th. Gunter resides at 416 Race #1 Justice of the Peace Roy Street in Baird and has resided Chapman, Chapman, 62, has in the state 59 years, eight resided in the county 32 years, months and in Callahan County nine months and in the state 62 29 years, five months.

Pillans, 62, filed for re-election one month and in Callahan eight years, nine months. County eight years. Pillans re-County Road 419, Cisco, Texas and in the state 59 years.

Nine candidates have now filed The local positions up for elecfor places up for election in the tion in the Republican Primary sioners Precinct #2 (Eula) Bryan Election include: County Judge, mary Election in Callahan District Clerk, County Clerk, County Treasurer, and County Republican Party County Chair- Commissioners in Precinct #2 (Eula) and Precinct #4 (Cross cumbent County Treasurer Plains. Also, all the Justice of Roger Corn. Com, 69, has rethe Peace offices in Callahan sided in the county 69 years, election, and he has filed for the County are up for election this five months and in the state 69 Republican Party Chairman for year, as well as the Republican years, five months. Party County Chairperson.

• Incumbent Clyde Precinct years, 11 months.

• Incumbent Cross Plains Preas the Republican Party Chair- cinct #4 Justice of the Peace man for Callahan County on Burlie Taylor, Taylor, 74, has Monday, December 28th. Pillans resided in the county eight years, has lived in the state 62 years, nine months and in the state

• Incumbent District Clerk sides in Callahan County, how- Sharon Owens. Owens, 59, has ever his mailing address is 8567 resided in the county 37 years

Farmer, Farmer, 53, has resided in the county 53 years, two months and in the state 53 years, two months.

• Incumbent County Judge

· Incumbent County Clerk Those who previously filed Donna Bell. Bell, 56, has resided in the county seven years, three months and in the state 56 years.

• Incumbent County Commissioner Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) Cliff Kirkham, 65, has resided in the county 65 years and in the state 65 years.

The final day to file for a place on the Republican Primary Election ballot is at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Republican County Chairman Reggie Pillans said a candidate can file through him by calling (254) 725-4168.

The 2010 General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, Novem-

## **Grand Ole Oplin Announces** New Year's Eve Dance

Thursday evening, Dec. 31st. person. our favorite country songs beginning at 8:00 p.m. and ending somewhere around midnight. Black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served during the band's break and everyone is invited to bring a

The Grand Ole Oplin invites snack to be shared by all. Please everyone out to their annual Admission to our New Year's www.grandoleoplin.com for New Year's Eve dance on Eve dance will be \$8.00 per further information.

Muddy Creek will be playing all The Grand Ole Oplin is your friends and come on out Community Center and is located at the intersections of F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2926. Smoking and alcohol is not permitted at any Oplin Community Center function.

So gather the family and all of hosted by the Oplin to the Grand Ole Oplin and help us bring in the New Year with good music, good friends and a real good time. The Grand Ole Oplin wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year!

Submitted by: Parn Rumfield

## Callahan County, Nation gearing up for 2010 Census

The Census Bureau is currently taking applications for temporary and part-time workers for the United States of America. the 2010 Census count in Callahan County.

Census jobs offer those who apply flexible hours of up to 40 hours a week, mileage reimbursement and the opportunity to work near your home.

Census takers, crew leaders, crew leader assistants, recruiting assistants, and Census clerk jobs are currently available.

Those who are at least 18 years of age or older, have a valid Social Security Number, pass a background test, and take a written test can work up to 40 hours per week in the evening and on weekends. Applications are being taken at the Census website . www.2010censusjobs.gov or can call the toll-free number at 1-888-881-2010 to apply.

Callahan County officials are also preparing for the upcoming 2010 Census count. The commissioners' court, at its Monday, December 14th meeting, voted to retain the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, LLP for the Census 2010 and the possibility of redistrict-

Census officials report the 2010 Census questionnaire is being shortened to a quick ten question survey. Census questionnaires throughout the nation and Callahan County will be mailed in March 2010 either by mail or in person from a Census worker. Households should complete and return their forms upon receipt by April 1, 2010.

What You Need to Know!

What is the Census? A count of the population of

Is it Easy? You will receive the questionnaire in the mail. It only takes 10 minutes to complete the questionnaire.

Who is Counted?

When?

Questionnaire?

Everyone counts! Your immigration status does not affect your participation.

The next Census will take place

on April 1, 2010. Is it Safe to Respond to the

All information provided to the Census is protected under Title 13, U.S. code, Section 9. The office of the Census does not share your personal data with the FBI, CIA, Immigration, the police, or even the President. Your information is only used for statistical purposes.

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Why is it Important?

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How will the 2010 Census differ from previous Census

households received a long ques- redistricting data to states.

tionnaire asking for detailed socioeconomic information. In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire that is simple and fast to complete and return. More detailed information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the American Community Survey. Why are partners so important to the 2010 Census Cam-

paign? More than 140,000 organizations supported Census 2000. including state and local governments, community and faithbased organizations, schools, media, businesses and others. The Census Bureau relies on partners to help explain the importance of completing the 2010 Census message to people in every corner of the Untied States. This is particularly important in areas isolated by language or geography. By joining forces with partners, the Census Bureau has a far greater chance to reach every U.S. resident than by attempting this monumental task alone.

2010 Census Timeline Key

February-March 2010: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

April 1, 2010: Census Day. April - July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010: By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for appor-

March 2011: By law, Census In the last Census, one in six Bureau completes delivery of 

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#### **Brushy Creek Cowboy Church**

112 W. Travis in Putnam

**Pastor: Sam Stone** 

Sunday Morning Worship......10:30 AM Wednesday Worship.....

## Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)



Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

## **Pioneer Baptist Church**

Pastor: **Billy Smith** 254-725-6268

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

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

#### **Living Water Ministries Fellowship**

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

#### **Rowden Baptist Church**

Pastor: Wayne Lenz Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

716 1st Street **Full Gospel Sunday Morning Worship** 

10:00 a.m.

Michael Ingram, Pastor

PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225

## **CROSS PLAINS** COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: Len Smith

"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have

done to you"

JOHN 13:15

As an example to us, Christ gave his all for us.. How much are we giving? Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to come worship with us. 16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas 76443 (254) - 725 - 6446 or (325) -518-5514

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**Deadlines** 

•Ads Noon on Tuesday •Articles Noon on **Monday** 





MUSEUM VISITORS CONTINUE THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS—Clyde Brown (left), an inspector for a Lufkin construction company, was working in the area and made a side trip to see the Robert E. Howard Museum. He has been an avid reader of Howard's works for years. Although the westerns have long been his favorites, he was delighted to see the well-stocked gift shop of all genres. Having recently discovered Howard's poetry, he quickly purchased the few remaining poetry books for Christmas gifts.

Another visitor interested in both the western and poetry writings was Ted Royston (right) of Plano. Taking a break from teaching English at North Lake College in Irving, he made the trip to Cross Plains to pursue the background of one of his favorite authors.

The Cross Plains Public Library also enjoyed a "Howard" visitor. Aram Sarhadiam (not pictured) from Los Angeles was in Dallas visiting relatives for the holidays and drove on over, taking a chance on the Library being open when he arrived. He had visited the Museum a couple of years ago, but was unable to see the Library holdings at the time. After purchasing some copies of Howard's manuscripts, he returned to Dallas-a happy

#### ROBERT E. HOWARD WESTERN STORY SERIAL

**MEET CAP'N KIDD** 

Continued

He went tearing around the bowl, kicking up dust and neighing like a steamboat on the rampage, and then he come back and tried to kick the wall down again. When he turned to gallop off I jumped offa the wall and landed square on his back, but before I could so much as grab his mane he throwed me clean over the wall and I landed in a cluster of boulders and cactus and skun my shin. This made me mad so I got the lariat and the saddle and clumb back on the wall and roped him, but he jerked the rope out of my hand before I could get any kind of a and pitching around all over the rope. So purty soon he with my fist. pitched right into the cliff-wall and he lammed it so hard with his hind hoofs that a whole section of overhanging rock was jolted loose and hit him right between the ears. That was too much even for Cap'n Kidd.

It knocked him down and stunned him, and I jumped down into the bowl and before he could come to I had my saddle on to him, and a hackamore I'd fixed out of a piece of my lariat. I'd also mended the girths with pieces of the lariat, too, before I built

Well, when Cap'n Kidd recovered his senses and riz up, snorting and war-like, I was on his back. He stood still for a instant like he was trying to figger out jest what the hell was the matter, and then he turned his head and seen me on his back. The next instant I

felt like I was astraddle of a ring-tailed cyclone.

I dunno what all he done. He done so many things all tion granted. at onst I couldn't keep track. I clawed leather. The man which could have stayed onto him without clawing leather ain't born yet, or else he's a cussed liar. Sometimes my feet was in the stirrups and sometimes they warn't, and sometimes they was in the wrong stirrups. I cain't figger out how that could be, but it was so. Part of the time I was in the saddle and part of the time I was behind it on his rump, or on his neck in front of it. He kept reching back trying to snap my laig and onst he got my thigh between his teeth and would purchase, and went bucking ondoubtedly of tore the muscle out if I hadn't shook him loose the bowl trying to get shet of by beating him over the head

One instant he'd have his head betwixt his feet and I'd be setting on a hump so high in the air I'd get dizzy, and the next thing he'd come down stifflaiged and I could feel my spine telescoping. He changed ends so fast I got sick at my stummick and he nigh unjointed my neck with his sunfishing. I calls it sunfishing because it was more like that than anything. He occasionally rolled over and over on the ground, too, which was very uncomfortable for me, but I hung on, because I was afeared if I let go I'd never get on him again. I also knowed that if he ever shaken me loose I'd had to shoot him to keep him from stomping my guts out. So I stuck, though I'll admit that they is few sensations more onpleasant than having a hoss as big as Cap'n Kidd roll on you nine or ten

To be continued.

#### Roger Corn, Presiding probation granted. Steven Edward Erixson, **Misdemeanor Filings**

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

**COUNTY COURT-**

HOUSE

Tod Wilson, assault - class A.

Misdemeanor Minutes

leasing cash bond granted.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT** 

John Weeks, presiding

**Criminal Minutes** 

Order discharging defen-

ferred adjudication): Sidney D.

Bullard; Ervey Ramirez; Javier

Jonathan J. Haley, order

amending conditions of proba-

criminal activity, 5 year proba-

Salas Favila Jr.

granted.

motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted. Preston D. Browne, judg-

James Cordell Maddle Jr.,

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ment revoking probation granted.

Richard B. Spicer, order Abby C. Kitchens, request for extension of probation amending conditions of probation granted.

Britany Paige Rice, plea of Gregory Brown, order reguilty to possession of a controlled substance, 6 years pro-Kathleen Yvonne Hackney, bation, \$249 court costs. motion to withdraw as surety

#### **Civil Filings**

Patrick James Fennell vs. Harold Maulden Queensland Drilling Services PTYLTD, damages.

Alaina Michelle Massey vs dants from probation (no de- Christopher Lee Massey, di-

#### **Civil Minutes**

Douglas Kuykendall and Martha Fay Kuykendall, Chevin C. Brothers, plea of agreed decree declaring marguilty to engaging in organized riage void.

Melissa Nicole Shipley and tion, \$261 court costs, \$363 res- Alex Lee Shipley, divorce granted.

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## First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM Music-Connie Swift & Betty Lewis Lead Singers: Rhonda Swift **Amanda Sowell Matt Sowell** Pastor Kathy Monroe 208 N. Ave. D 23-tfn

WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH THE **First United Methodist Church** Rev. Harris Worcester

> Sunday School 9:30AM Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM

1000 North Main Street • Church office: 254-725-7377

## First Baptist Church

**Sunday School** 9:30 am

Sunday **Morning Worship** 10:45 am

Sunday **Evening Worship** 6:30 pm

#### Wednesday

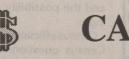
6:30 pm Prayer/Worship Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm Children Choir 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

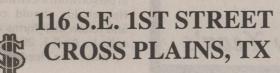
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254-725-6111



## Cottonwood News

We wish to thank you, Wallace, for writing the Cottonwood News column. We've enjoyed your insights and your stories about Cottonwood's history, and wish you well with your other projects.

Cottonwood got a white Christmas after many, many years and at this writing we still have a white Christmas as a blanket of snow is laying in the fields and

son come to visit for the holidays. He came in just fine on the roads, but when he left, he avoided the mud and the ruts. He had his dad tow his little car out on the back meeting is coming up on Monday, column. of a flat-bed trailer.

into action on January 5th. Look a Fish Fry planned for January the roads are impassable in some for the ladies at the Community 30th, so mark your calendar now. Center quilting away every One of our neighbors had their Tuesday. Ladies of the communews in next week's column. If Cross Plains Class of 1969 nity are welcome to come and you had visitors or some holidays In Memory of Delilah Goble quilt or have lunch. Just bring a news, give me a call Beverly covered dish for the noon meal. Brown 254-725-7369 by Sunday

January 11th. Everyone in the

Ring in the New Year in community-residents and fire vol-Cottonwood with a New Year's unteers are encouraged to come Eve Fellowship and Game Night, out to the Community Center and Thursday, December 31, at the hear what's going on with the Fire Cottonwood Baptist Church, Control Group. Officers for the starting at 7 p.m. Fun and games, upcoming year will be elected. refreshments and fellowship will You'll find out more about the be the highlight. Please bring new firetruck. The meeting starts at 7 p.m.

BEVERLY BROWN

The Quilting Club starts back The Fire Control Group also has

We'll have all the Christmas Memorials: The Fire Control Group's annual afternoon and we'll get you in the

#### LIBRARY NOTES

December 21-23, 2009

Patrons Books Checked Out: Copies: Reference:	60 51 8 4
Internet Users:	24

**Donations:** Curt and Ginny Hoskins

**Living Tributes:** Jim and Michelle Kaiser In Honor of Wilma Lawrence

and In Honor of Ann Beeler

**Book Donations:** Ann Beeler Angela Bogart

**Volunteers:** Suzy Stiver-Nash Arlene Stephenson Wilma Lawrence Michelle Kaiser

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.



What a beautiful White Christmas! Not many times have we had this happen.

Just to let the quilting ladies know the quilting house will be open of the 5th of January if you wish to be there. See you there! Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a great New Year! Stay safe and happy. We will have more news next

SENIOR CITIZEN **CENTER ACTIVITIES:** 

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BY AMBER THOMAS

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** 

Monday, 4th - Movie Day @ 10:00 am; Cokes & Popcorn. Tuesday, 5th- Exercise Class @ 11:00 am. Wednesday, 6th-Blood Pressure Checks by Girling. Thursday, 7th-11:00 am Exercise Class. Friday.8th-Bingo 12:30 pm.

Senior Center Needs A few items the Center could really benefit from... ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS

#### Senior Center has 6 computers up and running!

2:00pm. If you would like to at-skills!

The Senior Center has 6 tend a computer class please call computers available to any senior the Center. They will be each to use. You may use the internet, Thursday starting at 10:30am. play computer games, make a Classes can be as basic or document or even setup an email advanced as needed. What a great account. They are available opportunity for the Seniors in the Monday-Friday from 9:00am - community to learn computer

#### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

#### **JANUARY 4-8**

MONDAY-BBQ Chicken, Corn, sert Tea/Coffee/Milk Fruit, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Cof- THURSDAY-Swiss Steak, Rice,

TUESDAY-Salmon Patties, Coffee/Milk Macaroni Salad, Spinach, Bread FRIDAY-Beef Stew, Cornbread, & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk WEDNESDAY-Pork Roast, Po-

tatoes, Lima Beans, Bread & Des-

Copper Pennies, Dessert Teal Fruit Cocktail, Dessert, Tea/Cof-

**Dominoes 2nd Tuesday of Each Month** 

**Heart of Texas Internal** Medicine Associates, P.A-One Source Health Center-Rising Star

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Billy Carpenter will begin practicing at the Rising Star clinic beginning November 16th.

The OneSource clinic welcomes new patients on a walk in basis and accepts most forms of insurance.

**Clinic Hours** Monday through Friday 8:00-5:00 Call us today: 254.643.3141

# RISING STAR NURSING CENTER



RESIDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH METHODIST CHURCH OF CROSS PLAINSthe Rising Star Nursing Center.

have had! Thanks so much to Red Bailey who brought gifts. and Sarah Chamberlain for bringing their Cantata to share Santa's who made sure every with the residents here on the 16th resident was remembered with a and for singing carols with us for our monthly birthday party on is always a treat to have Santa the 23rd. Red and Sarah make an early visit our facility. volunteer many hours here an we Thank you to that special person. appreciate them.

some for later use.

friends for the resident party diets this day!

A big "Thank You" to the Cross, her and delivered it in person beautiful to look at but made life Plains First United Methodist from Amarillo. The quilt has a bit difficult. Church carolers for the program pictures of Margaret's family, of Christmas songs that we including baby pictures of her as and keep you. always enjoy and thanks to the

What a special Christmas we Rising Star 4-H group with Shelly

A thanks also to the Secret gift. Speaking of Secret Santa, it

On Christmas Eve with all the Hazel Campbell's daughters beautiful snowfall, Paula from made special Christmas shirt dietary made "real" hot chocolate tation for some staff members. protectors for mealtimes to that was enjoyed by staff and resibrighten our days and Richard dents during their morning Bingo making sure Ava and Sammie got Jones' sister in Mississippi made games, which was made special back to Cross Plains safely We had a houseful of family and prizes. No diabetics or restricted Saturday as we had staff members

Sunday afternoon, December Margaret Blanton's step-daugh-

well as wedding pictures of her and Kenneth. What a special quilt and step-daughter! We are looking to Danee to help find the best

way to display it. Danee is such a blessing to us! During the snow storm on Christmas Eve, not only was he here trying to keep our sidewalks safe, he helped several stranded motorists and provided transpor-

Lori Osborn also help out by with several blackout games and and Lori came in to work on who couldn't made it in.

Special thanks to everyone who ter made a very special quilt for pitched in during the snow. It was

So, till next time, may God bless

# County Judge Roger Corn **Thanks Communities for** help during snow storm

snow storm that blanketed Callahan County Christmas Eve, I would like to take this time to say a heartfelt "Thank of 4 trucks with 9 men working their doors to stranded You" to the Volunteer Fire 1-20 and assisting Putnam motorist. These designated Departments, Department of Public Safety, County Sheriff's Department, City Law Enforcement and TxDOT for their help in rescuing stranded motorists and helping distribute water and fuel to motorist along I-20. Putnam Volunteer Fire Chief, Marty Smith and Assistant Chief, Darrell Jobe did an outstanding job making sure that motorists stranded from Baird to Putnam had access to bottled water and fuel as needed as well as transporting them to the Community Center. These two men worked from noon Christmas Eve until noon on

ensure the safety of the stranded motorists. Clyde Fire Chief, Billy Dezern had a crew Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department assisted in the Putnam area along I-20. Baird and Eula Volunteer Fire Departments assisted with the rescue efforts on I-20 and assisted TxDOT in traffic control. I commend all of you for your service to the county during this snow storm.

I would also like to Thank the following churches: United Methodist Church of Baird, First Baptist Church of Baird, Church of Christ in Baird, First United Methodist Church of Clyde, First Baptist Church of Clyde and the Church of Christ

WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE OUR CROSS PLAINS. **COTTONWOOD & SCRANTON MEMBERS** 

WE ARE HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS

Phone: 877-TEC-1939

In assessment of the recent Christmas Day helping to in Clyde, First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Putnam Community Center as well as the Baird School for opening Volunteer Fire Department. shelters provided food and a warm place to sleep for the night for about 320 people traveling for the Christmas Holiday. I appreciate you giving of your time and for making them as comfortable as possible.

Thanks to the many people who helped serve in various ways and to those who opened their homes to the stranded motorists. Callahan County appreciates your willingness to help in emergency situations such as this.

> Sincerely, Roger Corn Callahan County Judge

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CROSS PLAINS, TX

116 S.E. 1ST ST

### What You Need to Know!



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Census Day is April 1, 2010



United States

## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show to be held January 14th-16th

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 14th -Saturday, January 16th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 14th, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the rabbits and poultry.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Steven Mitchell as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Cami Robinson as Secretary.

Superintendents for this years show are:

Beef Cattle: Eddie Riley and Johnny Lee

Market & Breeding Swine: Doug Johnston and Tom Windham

Poultry & Rabbits: Betsy Robbins and Larry McIntire Sheep & Goats: Bill Dean, Steven Mitchell and Angela Mitchell

Judging of the rabbits and poultry will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 14th with Paul Booth doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:00 p.m. on the

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15th,

with the Market Lambs followed by the Boer Goats and Meat Goat Show. Cody Peterson will be judging the Market Lambs, and Dale Caddell will be judging the Goat Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 15th, Pete McDougal, will start judging the Breeding Swine Show followed by the Market Barrow Show.

On the afternoon of the 15th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified weighed. Shackelford, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 16th with the heifer show. Roy Shackelford will also judge the steer show immediately following the heifer show.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, John Belcher and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Submitted by:

#### Scrapbooking the Theme of January's After School Adventure **Program at the Local Library**

Scrapbooking will be the theme Christmas keepsake ornament of the January After School collage Ann made recently. Adventure Program, or ASAP, at The children attending the the Cross Plains Library. On program will be creating a Wednesday, January 6th, Ann page to take home as an Beeler will be demonstrating an encouragement to start their own electronic cutting machine that is scrapbook. The methods used in used to make a variety of shapes scrapbooking can also be used to and cutouts for scrapbooks.

Ann is currently working on the frame mats. many articles and pictures of Parents and anyone interested in library activities and programs scrapbooking are welcome to collected for years. She is attend. The program starts at 4:00 designing the pages of the p.m. and we hope to see you scrapbooks to fit the event.

We will have the scrapbooks on hand to view, and also a

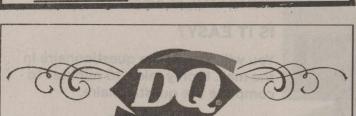
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### **Texas Tech University in Abilene Adjusts** Offerings to Meet Student Needs

needs, officials at Texas Tech University at Abilene announced Monday (Dec. 21st) that the branch will no longer offer classes with faceto-face instruction for master's degrees in computer science and software engineering, or the doctoral degree in computer science.

However, students still will be able to access credit hours for a master's degree in software engineering and several other master's degree programs through Texas Tech's University College, formerly the College of Outreach and Distance Education.

Joseph Urban, chairman of the Department of Computer Science, said the site currently serves 11 students and houses five faculty members and three full-time staff members. In addition to teaching class in Abilene, the five faculty members have taught Texas Tech computer science graduate and undergraduate students in Lubbock through the distance-learning link.

"We will develop individual degree plans to ensure that the students currently enrolled in

Due to changing student Abilene will have the opportunity to complete their degrees in a timely fashion," Urban said. "Our faculty members will return to Lubbock. The Master of Science in Software Engineering degree program is still available in Abilene through the distance-learning program.'

> Along with the master's in software engineering, Abilene's distance-learning programs will include:

> • a master's degree in systems and engineering management · a master's degree in

software engineering · a master's degree with any

departmental option in the engineering college • a graduate certificate in

wind energy with either managerial or technical track Texas Tech administrators, this was a very hard decision, said Matt Baker, dean of University College. "We explored what was

economically feasible with the primary goal of serving our students," Baker said. "We feel it is ultimately the right one for the people of the Abilene community and the greater Texas Tech community."

Texas Tech University, the Development Corporation of Abilene (DCOA) and Abilene Independent School District's first class of its New Tech High School have a contractual agreement to operate out of the downtown site, located at 302 Pine St. Texas Tech is committed to this agreement through the end of the AISD school year.

In addition, this decision will not impact Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center operations, which have shared space in the Abilene facility.

Texas Tech University at Abilene is a teaching facility and research site that opened in 2002 as a partnership between the DCOA, the city of Abilene, local foundations and Texas Tech.

CONTACT: Matt Baker, dean of University College, (806) 742-7202 ext. 254 or matt.baker@ttu.edu. Joseph Urban, chairman of the Department of Computer Science, (806) 742-3527, or joseph.urban@ttu.edu.

#### TWC alerts unemployment claimants of Text message scam

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) advises unemployment claimants that the agency does not use text messages to provide or gather information about unemployment benefits. Some Texas unemployment claimants report receiving fraudulent text messages that claim to originate from TWC requesting confidential information or advising them to call a special phone number to reactivate benefits. A similar scam has been reported in

TWC representatives do not use text messages to contact claimants, do not make home visits and do not ask for Personal Identification Numbers (PIN). Although these fraudulent text message incidences appear to be isolated, the situation merits a warning to protect all Texas benefit claimants.

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information when filing for benefits online unemployment Center phone filing system. Claimants are advised not to

respond to any text messages claiming to come from TWC, the U.S. Department of Labor, or any other agency regarding unemployment benefits. also

unemployment claimants to be aware of unscrupulous business operators who may try to charge a fee to file for benefits through TWC always has been free.

The unemployment benefit www.texasworkforce.org.

Claimants should only program, funded through provide Social Security employer taxes, provides numbers or other confidential temporary, partial income replacement to workers who have lost their jobs through no www.texasworkforce.org or fault of their own. TWC when speaking to an administers and oversees the benefit collection of taxes from service employers and the payment of representative on the Tele- unemployment benefits to qualified claimants.

Any claimants who receive suspicious calls or text messages should contact the TWC Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline at (800) 252-3642. The Texas Workforce

Commission is a state agency benefit dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in unemployment claims. Filing unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit

#### WesTex Connect to blast off New Year with fireworks at Tye

WesTex Connect Internet Rister Park, on Hwy 707 south company will be hosting their of Tye, Texas. The Fireworks first annual Fireworks display show will begin at 7:00 pm. on New Year's Eve, December

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## Workforce Solutions Board Honors Lisa Crawford, Workforce Solutions Youth Team Lead as Employee of the Quarter

ABILENE, TEXAS-On Wednesday, December 16, 2009, at 11:30, 400 Oak Street, Taylor Room (414), the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board recognized Lisa Crawford, Youth Team Lead, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, as the Employee of the Quarter. The award was presented by Board Chair, Chance Barr, and Anne Lopez, Center Director for Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

Lisa Crawford was presented the Employee of the Quarter Award based on her commitment to customer service, quality, excellence and commitment to the West Central Area. Lisa started her work in education as an elementary physical education teacher. She began her workforce career as a Youth Specialist in October of 2008. She moved up the ranks to Youth Team Lead in March of 2009 and then added the Skills Unit in September of 2009. The units she currently supervises serve such populations as RIO (Reintegrated Offenders), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) and Youth. Under Lisa's supervision of the Summer Youth Program, the program met all of the state's required performance measures and enhanced the lives of over twohundred fifty (250) youth in the nineteen counties, served by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas. The RIO program also went from 28th in the state, to first in the state in



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER—Pictured above (I-r) are:Chance Barr, Board Chair, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas; Lisa Crawford, Youth Team Lead, Workforce Sloutions of West Central Texas; and Anne Lopez, Center Director Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

the month of October 2009. She exemplifies the West Central region with her quality of work, continuous improvement and integrity standards

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas is one of 28 local workforce boards located throughout the state. The board serves Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton counties.

The primary goal of the Texas Workforce Commission and the local workforce boards is to meet the needs of Texas' employers through locally

designed market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services. Questions regarding this event may be directed to Steve Collins, Business Resources Consultant, for the West Central Texas Workforce Board, at 325-795-4304 or by e-mail to steve.collins@workforcesystem.org.

The West Central Texas Workforce Development Board is an equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities (1-800-735-2989 TDD or 1-800-735-2988 voice) for accessible communication.

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# Scranton Musical set for Saturday

The Scranton musical will be held at the Scranton Community Center Saturday, January 2, 2010. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30 p.m., and the music begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be plenty of good food including sandwiches and homemade pie available.

All profits go to pay operating expenses of the community

All area musicians are invited to play. Mark Ray is the emcee. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

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By Sharon Drew Skinny's #67 Employee

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They bought all our juices, milk and energy drinks.

The bought most of our gas, and diesel fuel, too.

They bought all our bread, sandwiches and doughnuts, too!!!!

We had no propane, no lids for our cups....
They even took our bottled water and left
our shelves bare.
They whined and they whined,
they fussed and they fought,
In the bad weather they didn't want to
get caught.

All of us a Skinny's who mopped and cleaned, we stocked and we cooked until there was

no more...
We still tried to help as many as came.
We did what we could with a smile and a

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Interstate 20 was totally shut down, not where to go no place to turn around.

The police came and waved their little

"Go south, go south, was their command...
Go to a place called Highway 36 and...
You can get to where you want to go."

All the drivers searched and searched, for a clear route to get out, which was without a doubt what was freaking most of them out!

Tempers were high, cheeks were red, most people just wanted a warm bed....
While the inn's were full and nary a bed to be found, the good people of Cross

were gathering around.
They came with warm smiles and offers galore, come spend the night with me and fret no more.

There were men in bright red suits who rolled on the ground...
In the snow and ice, they didn't slow

down.
They fixed people's cars and yes, their trucks, too,

Trying to be neighborly, cause it was the right thing to do.

Some men came with their tow trucks to help, all through the night and the next day, too....

He pulled and he tugged and got them free,

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## Energy usage reductions make great new year's resolutions

Economy not turning Texans into Scrooge this holiday season Abilene, TX (December 15, 2009) - Old Mr. Scrooge may be a hit in movie theatres, but his miserly ways are having minimal impact on Texans' plans for holiday-related energy usage this year, according to a survey conducted on behalf of WTU

Retail Energy.

Nearly 90 percent of Texas survey respondents have or will put up holiday lighting displays this year, and of those, less than one-third were scaling back on their displays from what they've done in previous years.

While these are encouraging signals about the health of the Texas economy and the power of the holiday season, WTU has identified numerous areas of opportunity for Texans to reduce energy usage – and thereby reduce their energy spend – as residents across the Lone Star State ponder their 2010 New Year's resolutions.

"In asking Texans about their holiday-related energy usage, we discovered that there are still many areas we can help consumers better understand their opportunities for energy savings - on usage, and costs," said Jim Steffes, Vice President and General Manager, WTU Energy. implementing a few very easy changes, consumers can lower their energy usage not just around the holidays, but all year long. At the end of the day, your electricity bill is made up of the price you pay per kilowatt-hour multiplied by the number of kilowatt-hours you use. It's time to help our customers better understand the usage piece."

With a new year just around the corner, WTU is encouraging consumers to consider making one or two resolutions that are focused on using less energy around the house. Roughly a quarter of Texans have done this in the

past, and most of those plan to do so again in 2010. For the other 76 percent, WTU offers the following resolution ideas for consumers looking to save a bit of green – both financial and environmentally – in the

Shop the post-holiday sales for more efficient lighting - Of the large number of residents putting up lighting displays, most use 5-14 strings for their display, and almost 20 percent are using over 20 strings. Yet only 10 percent have switched to energy-efficient lighting. Consider using some of those gift cards towards purchasing LED (low-emitting diode) holiday lights when they go on sale in January; they run cooler, last longer, and use 10 percent of the energy an incandescent bulb does. Have money left on that gift card? Stock up on compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs) for year-round use inside your home. They also last way longer, and use much, much less electricity for the same

counterparts.

Use a programmable thermostat – Resolve to buy one and use it, or to actually set yours and not override it. Programmable thermostats allow consumers to cool or heat their homes only when it's needed, and avoid running the cooling or heating system for an empty house.

lighting as their incandescent

Invest in a home energy audit – Make sure you're targeting energy efficiency improvements to the areas of the home that need it most. That's different for all homes. An online home energy audit can help identify the biggest bang for the buck when it comes to efficiency improvements. Visit www.wturetailenergy.com for an online home energy audit tool.

Commit to preventative maintenance – This can be as easy as changing the filter on

the cooling system once a month, as recommended, to avoid the build-up of particles that make the system work harder than it needs to and avoids unnecessary wear-andtear on the system's components. To maximize the efficiency potential, resolve to have the system checked annually by a qualified technician who can help diagnose problems before they cause system down-time at the least convenient moment – like

the next family gathering. Invest in timers and motionsensor lighting, and resolve to use them - Leaving the front porch light on when away or through the night gives a certain sense of security; it also keeps the meter turning and racks up dollars throughout the year. Ditto for the living room lamp left on while the house is empty due to travel or vacation. A little here and there won't break the bank, but added up throughout the year, it's a significant waste of energy and money. Timers and motion-sensors can bring that same feeling of security while also avoiding unnecessary energy usage - but the survey showed less than a quarter of Texans ever use them. A fairly inexpensive investment requiring little change on the consumer's end, but can have a positive impact on those annual energy costs, while making the house look occupied even when it's not.

Commit to small lifestyle changes – Turn off lamps, lights, and televisions when you leave the room. Unplug chargers that aren't being used. Safely power down computers and home electronics like gaming consoles when they aren't in use. These are small steps, but can mean shaving a month's equivalent of energy usage off annual costs.

"We don't have an energy problem in North America, we have an energy-waste problem," said Steffes. "We all can stand to use a little less energy without really impacting our comfort and lifestyle. At the end of the day, the less you use, the less you have to pay."

About the survey

The Holiday Energy Usage Survey, conducted by Polaris Marketing Research on behalf of WTU Retail Energy, was conducted through online surveys of 2,438 consumers in both the United States and Canada using an online panel. Consumers were screened to ensure they were at least 18 years of age, lived in a singlefamily home, and were responsible for paying a monthly electric bill. Online interviews were completed in early November with at least 300 qualified respondents in Connecticut, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas in the United States, and Alberta and Ontario in Canada. The margin of error for n=300 at the 95 percent confidence level is 5.7 percent.

About WTU Retail Energy WTU Retail Energy is part of the Centrica group of companies, one of the largest multi-state providers of retail energy services in North America. The North American operations have grown to more than 5 million residential and commercial customer relationships. Through its Direct Energy, CPL and WTU brands, the company is the third largest retail energy provider in Texas, and owns three natural gas-fired power plants and a series of energyrelated services companies. Globally, the Centrica group of companies is a leading provider of energy and other essential services with approximately 32 million customer relationships. For more information, visit "http:// HYPERLINK www.wturetailenergy.com" www.wturetailenergy.com.

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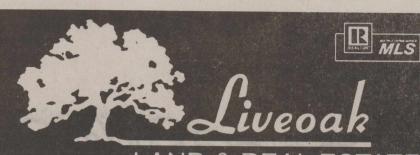


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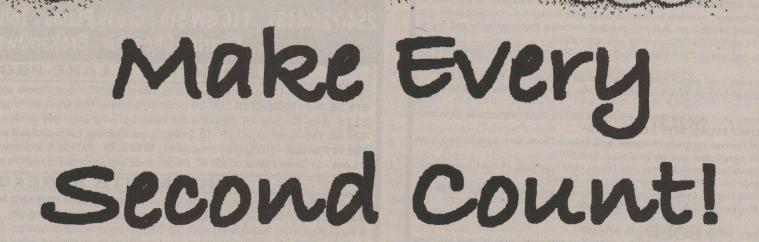
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## Texas Unemployment Rate Down in November to 8.0 Percent

Texas job gains continued for the second month

AUSTIN-The adjusted seasonally unemployment rate declined to 8.0 percent in November, down from 8.3 percent a month ago, and continued to trend well below the U.S. adjusted seasonally unemployment rate for November at 10.0 percent. The Texas Civilian Labor Force reached its highest level ever at 12.1 million workers in

Total nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 17,300 positions in November for a total of almost 70,000 jobs over the nation as a whole lost 122,000

"Texas employers added a significant number of jobs in most industries during October and November," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Job growth coupled with a lower unemployment rate indicate movement in a positive direction for Texas."

During November, Mining and Logging employment increased by 5,100 jobs, Financial Activities employment rose by 4,700 jobs, and Professional and Business Services added 3,300 positions. Leisure and

past two months, while the Hospitality employment that industry. Since November increased by 4,800 positions in November.

> "Job growth in the last two months has been encouraging, however we know many Texans still are out of work," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "TWC and staff at

28 workforce boards remain committed to serving Texas claimants with job-search assistance and training available to all job seekers." Education and Health Services employment grew by 4,600 jobs in November, marking 14 consecutive monthly employment gains in

"Seven of 11 industries recorded job growth in November, most notably the consecutive months of job growth in Education and Health Services," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "Texans searching for work can continue to find assistance at workforce centers across the

with 5.6 percent.

2008, employment in Education and Health Services increased by 60,000 jobs, a 4.6 percent gain.

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted), followed by the Lubbock MSA with 5.4 percent, and the Midland MSA

# **USDA** implements new crop disaster assistance program

Producers May Begin incurred crop production or Applying for SURE Program at FSA County Offices on Jan. 4,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill. Vilsack also encouraged producers to visit their USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) county office beginning on January 4, 2010, to participate in the program if they suffered crop production losses during the 2008 crop

"This program is an important component of the farm safety net and will provide financial assistance to producers who have suffered crop losses due to natural disasters," said Vilsack. \*Producers will receive payments beginning in January, in time to help them with planning for next year's crop.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop insurance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the

program payments. To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the

farm as well as insurance

indemnities and certain farm

of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk

management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had

an interest nationwide. For more information on the new SURE program, please visit your local FSA county http:// www.fsa.usda.gov.

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## **County Democratic Party Chairperson** to resign

for the Democratic Party Pri-County Democratic Party Primary Election will not take place. Democratic County Chairwoman Heather Guthrie said

Monday afternoon, December 28th she will resign her post as the Party Chairperson and re- of holding the election. scind her filing for re-election to the post.

Guthrie said because candidate fees are used to hold the Primary Election, the County Democratic Party has received only \$375 in filing fees to hold the March 2nd Primary Election and that it takes \$5,400 to hold the election.

Guthrie said Hart Electronics, which Callahan County has contracted to setup the electronic ballot, is asking the County Democratic Party to pay \$5,400 before they'll agree to print the electronic ballot for Callahan County.

Guthrie said her decision to resign from the post of Democratic Party Chairperson has nothing to do with anybody.

Electronics came to a head when Democratic Party to pay the entire fee for setting up the electronic ballot for the county before the Primary Election.

Party about the problem with lem with Hart," Guthrie added. tion to the post. She said the State Democratic

With only one candidate filing Party will reimburse the County for the expense of holding an mary Election in Callahan election, but it could take up to County, there is a possibility the a couple of months to receive the funds from the state.

Guthrie said Hart Electronics requires the County Party Chairperson to sign a personal contract stating the County Party Chairperson is liable for the cost

The County Party Chairperson said she will also contact Callahan County Treasurer Donna Bell about the problem with Hart Electronics and try to figure out something before the Democratic Party filing deadline, which is Monday, January 4th.

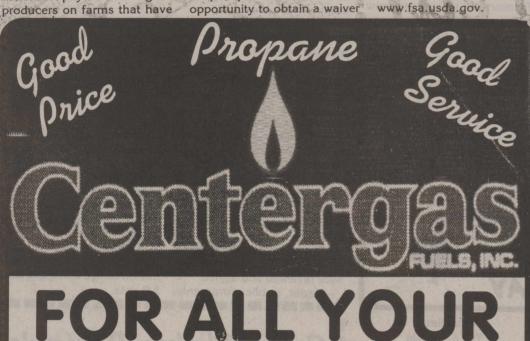
Guthrie said the Callahan County Democratic Party receives no other county funds to hold an election—that all fees from a candidate filing are used to hold the election. "I don't make a dime doing this," Guthrie said of her volunteering for the Party County post.

Baird Justice of the Peace Steve Odom is the only Democratic Party candidate who has filed so

"If I'd known we (County She said the problem with Hart Democratic Party) were going to lose so many Democratic she received an email from Hart candidates, I would have done on December 22nd, asking the something sooner," Guthrie said. Guthrie said her reason for resigning as the County Democratic Party Chairperson is a hard Guthrie said she's been in con-run for this post, I'd be happy for tact with the State Democratic them to do it," Guthrie said. She

decision. "If somebody wants to said because the County Party Hart Electronics, and she said Chairperson is a volunteer posi-Callahan County is not the only tion, she no longer has time to Texas county having a problem continue to do it. "There's been with the election firm. "This is a lot more stress than I'm able to not an isolated case," Guthrie handle," Guthrie said for her reasaid. "There are other County son to resign from the post and Chairpersons facing this prob- to rescind her filing for re-elec-

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## New year means new regulation for Texas cattle

giving away a breeding bull? On January 1, 2010, Texas bulls that undergo a change of slaughter) must be either bull certificates or test certified as a virgin bull or be documents. One form of tested first for cattle identification is needed, and it trichomoniasis, a protozoal disease that can cause cows to abort very early in pregnancy. Infected bulls carry the an 840 radio frequency microscopic "bug" that causes trichomoniasis without any signs and can transmit the single-celled protozoa to cows during breeding. "There is no ear tag (Texas does not have effective treatment for bulls, and once infected, they can spread continue to trichomoniasis when they breed," said Dr. Dee Ellis, who, on January 1, will be Texas" new state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency.

"Infected cows may clear the

given rest from breeding for accredited veterinarian. Virgin 120-150 days an expensive bulls are not required to have a option, as a calf crop will be missed. A vaccine also is change of ownership. Virgin available to help in the bull certificates are available at management of infected cows, no cost on the TAHC web page but it will not prevent infection. at "The country's western states www.tahc.state.tx.us. have long-standing cattle 1. Test older or non-virgin trichomoniasis regulations. bulls. Bulls older than 30 About two years ago, the Texas months or bulls that were ranching industry requested similar regulations, to protect weaning must have a negative against the introduction and trichomoniasis test within 30 the spread of cattle days prior to change of trichomoniasis, or "trich." For ownership. A certified, months, representatives from accredited veterinarian must the state's ranching, marketing collect the sample for testing at and veterinary industries the Texas Veterinary Medical worked with the TAHC to Diagnostic Laboratory. While develop effective regulations to awaiting test results, which control the disease, which usually takes about a week, affects herd productivity and the bulls must be kept away an operation's bottom line. In from cows. Upon receipt of the April 2009, the TAHC enacted negative test results, the requirements for bulls entering animal is ready for change of Texas. In-state regulations ownership. "Breeding bulls were delayed until January 1, that haven't been certified as 2010. "For months, we have virgins or tested are considered worked with the Texas cattle to be slaughter-only bulls," industry to inform producers said Dr. Ellis. "In some cases, and have participated in many however, buyers may want an meetings about cattle untested bull, although they trichomoniasis and the may be buying trouble. We regulations. More than 600 have provisions under the accredited private veterinarians regulations for untested bulls in Texas have been certified to to be identified and moved samples trichomoniasis testing, and we order and movement permit. are ready to implement the The animal must be isolated intrastate regulations for bulls from female cattle, and cannot undergoing a change of be moved until it is tested ownership in Texas," said Dr. within 30 days of purchase at Ellis. Dr. Ellis said the the owner's expense.""In

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1.ldentify the bull. Identification is essential for (except to matching animals with virgin may be an official USDA ear tag, breed registry brand or tattoo, an 840 flap, bangle or identification device. If the bull originated from another state, it may have that state's official state of origin trichomoniasis an official trich ear tag). An accredited veterinarian can apply an official USDA eartag. 1. Certify virgin bulls. A breeder can certify the bull as a virgin, if the animal was raised away from cows after weaning, and the bull is 24 months of age or younger. A Texasorigin bull's virgin status may be extended to 30 months, if the virgin certificate is signed infection, but only if they are also by the breeder's trichomoniasis test prior to http://

maintained with cows after for under a TAHC-issued hold regulations will apply to bulls Texas, two tests are accepted. being sold, traded, leased or One is the Real Time

Thinking about selling, ownership (except for test, or PCR, which looks for the leasing, bartering or even slaughter). The regulations DNA of the protozoa. Because only one PCR test is needed to detect infection, this may become the preferred method for producers who want to move cattle more quickly. The second acceptable test is the culture test, and it involves looking for the protozoa under a microscope. A series of three culture tests is needed, each conducted at least seven days apart," said Dr. Ellis. "Because cattle trichomoniasis is a reportable disease, we will be notified regarding test-positive animals," explained Dr. Ellis. "Test-positive bulls may undergo a confirmation test, provided the owner or the accredited, certified veterinarian makes the request within five days of the positive results." Because there is no effective treatment, infected bulls must go to slaughter within 30 days of confirmation." The remaining bulls in the herd will be held, isolated from female cattle, until they undergo two consecutive negative RT-PCR tests, each conducted at least seven days apart, or three consecutive negative culture tests, with each of the tests conducted at least seven days apart. When they are confirmed negative for trichomoniasis, the bulls remaining in the herd are free to be moved or to be commingled with cows. "The trichomoniasis regulations can save cattle producers a lot of money in the long run, because this disease greatly affects calf production. If you are obtaining a breeding bull, make sure the animal has been certified as a virgin or was tested, for your herd's sake," said Dr. Ellis. "We will be reviewing the regulations on a yearly basis with an industry working group, to ensure that the rules remain timely and

effective." trichomoniasis requirements for breeding bulls is similar to the intrastate regulations, but allows out-ofstate bulls to be certified as virgins only until 24 months of age. Exhibition or competition bulls may enter Texas without a trichomoniasis test, but must be kept away from female cattle. The TAHC must be contacted in advance of entry for a waiver of the test requirement to be issued

on exhibition bulls. The TAHC's trichomoniasis regulations and additional information are available on the TAHC web site at: http:// www.tahc.state.tx.us



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Our most recent classes were held in Breckenridge and De Leon. If you are not near either place, but would like to see about taking the course; give me a call.

Submitted by **Baylis Pope** 

## Commissioners approve one bid, reject two bids for County surplus equipment

sioners approved one bid and port on his Eagle Scout project rejected two bids for surplus at the Callahan County 4-H County equipment during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, Decem- stating the Burn Ban. The County ber 28th at the County Court- Burn Ban will remain lifted. house in Baird.

on a 1985 GMC flat bed truck located in Commissioner's Precinct #2 in the amount of Tom Windham seconded the action was taken. motion. The motion carried by a

bid of \$800.00 on Ford Tiger vote. Mower, both located in Commissioner's Precinct #1. bids. The motion was seconded

Other agenda items brought meeting included:

-Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna

commissioners' court meeting court meeting at 10:05 a.m. The were reviewed and signed.

The Callahan County Commis- Jeromy McCormick gave a re-Shooting Range.

-There was no action on rein-

-Bill Richardson came before County Judge Roger Corn read the commissioners' court to a bid submitted by Eddie Riley voice his concern over Voting Precinct #6 in Clyde being consolidated with Voting Precinct #4 in Cross Plains. He felt this \$425.00. Commissioner Bryan caused an inconvenience to vot-Farmer made a motion to ac- ers. He was reassured that this cept the bid and Commissioner would not happen again. No

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept the Judge Corn read the bids sub- written County Policy for paying mitted by Paul A. Lemon on a bills. Commissioner Kirkham. 992B Cat rubber tire loader in seconded the motion and the the amount of \$3,200.00 and a motion was approved with a 5-0

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to change the July 4, Commissioner Harold Hicks 2010 County Holiday from Frimade a motion to reject both day, July 2, 2010 to Monday, July 5, 2010. Commissioner by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham Farmer seconded the motion and was approved with a 5-0 and the motion carried with a 5-

—Commissioner Farmer made before the commissioners' court a motion to accept the contract with C.I.R.A. Package #3 allowing them to maintain the County Webpage. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. to order at 9:30 a.m. Those The motion carried with a 5-0

-Commissioner Windham Precinct#2CommissionerBryan made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which then carried by a 5-0 vote.

-A motion was made by Commissioner Windham and seconded by Commissioner Farmer —The minutes of the previous to adjourn the commissioners' motion carried with a unanimous -Under public comments, 5-0 vote.

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