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Cross Plains Public Library to host Pushing the Limits—Reading, Viewing and Discussion Series

series. Pushing the Limits brings science. together books and video featuring authors, scientists and be held every six weeks on the include Dartmouth College, the everyday people who thrive on exploring the natural world.

All programs will be held in the library conference room. For CONNECTION: Erik Larson, details or to register, please contact Linda Burns at SURVIVAL: Clive Cussler, 254-725-7722 or email cppl@windstream.net.

Since the beginning of time, humans have imagined and achieved ways to push the discussion of the book and video boundaries of the physical world. We want to be stronger, smarter and more aware, and we create stories to bring those dreams to life. But many of those stories are for the Nature discussion of the no longer just stories; and with book, When the Killing's Done. geat new advances in science and The date for the first event is technology, we are finding ways Thrusday, January 17, 2013. in which all of us are able to push Please join us at 6:30 p.m. for the limits every day.

The Cross Plains Public Library The Pushing the Limits program refreshments, with the discussion will host a free four-part reading, will explore these ideas in following at 7:00 p.m. To obtain viewing and discussion series for discussions that will include a free copy of the book, please adults called Pushing the Limits. feature film quality videos and come by the library or contact the The library is one of 20 public recommended popular books. librarian. libraries nationwide receiving The overarching theme is one of grants as pilot sites to host the real people, real stories and real scientists and filmmakers

following topics and book:

NATURE: T.C. Boyle, When the Killing's Done Thunderstruck

Arctic Drift KNOWLEDGE: Jean Auel,

The Land of Painted Caves. Bob Childress will lead a of author interviews and human-interest stories. Bob's degree in Forestry and Range Management will be beneficial

A team of library professionals, has developed this national Group discussion events will program. Their organizations Association for Rural and Small Libraries, the Califa Group (a California-based library consortium), Dawson Media Group, and Oregon State University—with generous funding from the National Science Foundation.

Building on the experience of the 20 pilot libaries, the Pushing the Limits series will be extended to 100 more rural libraries in the

The Cross Plains Public Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 11:00 to 7:00 p.m. Check out our website at crossplainslibrary.com and our facebook page.

Hutchins Custom Processing **Named Business** of the Month by Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce

Hutchins Custom Processing was selected as Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business of the Month for the month of January. Alvin and Vondean Hutchins are the owners of the

Alvin started working in the meat industry in the 1950's. He bought the building they are now located in from Nick Nichols (James Nichol's late father) in the 1970's. The building was built in 1942 and originally was a farmer's co-op.

Hutchins Custom Processing processes beef, hogs and wild game. The meat is freezer packed and they offer retail sales, also.

The family owned and operated business is located at 125 North Avenue D in Cross Plains. For additional information you may call 254-725-4035.

Submitted by Myleah McNutt **Administrative Assistant** C.P. Chamber of Commerce



Winners of the 51 Inch Samsung Television — Larry and Elata Martineau purchased the winning ticket. Larry bought it for a birthday present for Elata and it worked out wonderful.. The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center sponsored the fundraiser which benefitted the center. The drawing was held December 21st and the T.V. was delivered to the Martineau's home. The couple was delighted!



COUNTY SHERIFF RECEIVES OATH OF OFFICE—Terry Joy, left, was sworn-in as the Callahan County Sheriff during an oath of office ceremony held at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, January 1, 2013 inside the County Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird. Giving the oath of office to Sheriff Joy is County Judge Roger Corn, pictured at the right. A crowd of about 50 well-wishers packed the County Courthouse in Baird to watch Sheriff Joy receive his oath of office. Also during the ceremony, Sheriff Joy gave the oath of office to his new Chief Deputy Adrian Huddleston. Sheriff Joy said

other Callahan County Deputies include Tom Rumfield and Rick Jowers. The new county sheriff also said Frank Wise, a retired police officer living in Abilene, will be hired as a part-time deputy to cover the Cross Plains area. After the oath of office was given, Sheriff Joy invited everyone over to the Callahan County Jail for cornbread and black-eyed peas. The Callahan County Jail, located in Baird, is the second oldest operating jail in Texas. It was opened on December 1, 1898.

Flu & Immunization Clinic in Clyde

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering a Flu and Immunization Clinic in Clyde Wednesday, January 9th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the First Baptsit Church, 216 Austin.

For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message. Please bring your child's immunization records. If you are on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring your card.

call 325-754-4945.

Come Play Bingo at the **Baird Senior Center Tuesday**

Bingo time on Tuesday January 8, 2013. This will be the start of the fundraiser for the Callahan County Nutrition Project for this year.

We will be meeting at the Baird Senior Center, 401 Chestnut Baird, Texas. Bingo will start at 6 p.m. and last untill 9 p.m. Bring your friends and come For more information, please for a night of BINGO fun!!

Input Requested on Historical Marker Application

at this location. The Callahan for-2013/. County Historical Commission

The Texas Historical your participation. Commission (THC) welcomes your input on the 250 applications markerapplication@thc.state.tx.us.

The first burial in what is now received for Official Texas the Cross Plains Cemetery was in Historical Markers for 2013. 1882. The cemetery was The full list is at htt:// designated a Texas State thcmarker.wordpress.com/2012/ Historical Cemetery in 2005, but 11/28/official-texas-historicala marker has never been placed marker-applications-received-

Public comments will be along with the Cross Plains accepted until December 28, Cemetery Association has applied 2012. The THC will consider for a Texas Historical Marker for comments and the complete list the Cross Plains Cemetery. of historical marker applications Accepted marker applications are at their quarterly meeting in January 2013. Thank you for

Send comments to:



Kindle Fire Winner Roby Odom — The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce was given a Kindle Fire by a private donor. In October and decided to do a raffle for it with proceeds donated to our local Cancer Fund. The raffle earned \$334.00 for the fund. Thanks to local folks participating in the raffle.

Mayor Ray Purvis "drew" for the winning ticket; the winner is Roby Odom. Roby is the 10 year old son of Whitney Henderson of Cross Plains and Conda Odom of Azle. Roby is very proud and will use the Kindle to read and study.

Again thanks to everyone who bought a/ several tickets to help our friends and neighbors who are battling cancer!

Happy New Year from your community servants of the Cross Plains Chamber.

PLEASE Continue to PRAY for RAIN to heal our land

Texas Heritage 'We're Proud of Our Local Heritage' Arbor Day Foundation Baird Junior Livestock Birthdays Classifieds Cottonwood News

Courthouse News

Tips for Financial Fitness

Obituaries

HURCH DIRECTORY

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School Morning Worship......11:00 AM Evening Service... Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time......7:00 PM

David Braun, Pastor Church (254) 725-6266 Friendly Church

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Al Taylor, Preacher

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Restoring And Equipping The Saints

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Pastor Max Evans

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Pioneer Rantist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers	Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley
Sunday SchoolSunday Morning Worship.	
Sunday Evening Worship Wednesday Prayer Service	6:00pm

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

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 **Sunday School** 9:30 a.m.

Parsonage 725-7694 Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

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

Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 North Main Street Cross Plains, Texas 76443 Minister: RICK AUSTIN Sunday: Bible Class: 9:45 A.M. Worship: 10:45 A.M. **Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.**

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M. Ladies Class - Wednesday: 10:00 A.M. (at the church activity center on east Hwy 36) They are studying from a book written by Lottie Beth Hobbs entitled - "Your Best Friend" and when completed with that study they will start

with her book - "If You Would See Good Days"

First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM MUSIC- CONNIE SWIFT & BETTY LEWIS LEAD SINGERS: 4HIS GLORY Pastor Kathy Monroe 208 N. Ave. D 23-tin

Harold Jones

Harold Jones, 77, passed away on Tuesday, December 25, 2012, in Abilene.

Born in Sipe Springs, Texas on May 5, 1935, Harold was the son of Thelma (Trice) and Melvin Gordon Jones. He served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army. Harold married Joyce JoAnn Tyler on May 12, 1956 in Cross Plains and moved from Cross Plains to Abilene the same year.

He worked in oil field sales and operations for Dresser Atlas for over 35 years before retiring in 1992. After retirement he worked for Salta Pipe over eight years and then for Cowboy Pump & Supply.

Harold was an avid outdoorsman and was very involved in the activities of his sons and grandchildren. He was a very good dad. He was a member of Broadview Baptist Church in Abilene.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ray Jones and Glen Jones.

Survivors include his wife Joyce Jones of Abilene; three sons and their wives, Randy Jones and DuAnn of Brownwood, Rodney Jones and Kathy of Frisco and Nathan Jones and Allison of Crawford; two sisters Betty Amy and husband George of Odessa and Marilyn Thomson of San Angelo; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private interment service was held in the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2012 at Broadview Baptist Church with Rev. Wes Terry officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Howard Edington, Zach Edington, Mark Tyler, Eric Tyler, Matt Reed, Cody Reed, Josh Jones, Wes Jones, Lance Jones, Brody Jones and Cahlynn Jones. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, North Centeral Texas Chapter, 301 S. Pioneer Dr. Suite 105, Abilene, TX 79605; or Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene, TX

Library Notes

Library Hours Monday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. **CLOSED FRIDAY** December 26-27, 2012

Patrons Books Checked Out Copies Internet **Interlibrary Loans** Reference **Book Donations**

James Wolf

James Wolf, age 87, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at Rising Star Nursing Center. Funeral services were held Friday, December 28, 2012 in the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating. Burial followed in the Rising Star

Andrew James Wolf was born on February 25, 1925 to Andrew Carl and Trudy (Hicks) Wolf in Eastland County, Texas. He was a farmer. James married Frances Hughes on March 27, 1948 in Rising Star. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Cross

Survivors include his wife Frances Wolf of Cross Plains; sons, Mack Wolf of Troy and Dale Wolf and wife Kathy of Rising Star; daughter Trudi Long and husband Rex of Rising Star; nephew Ewing Langston of Dallas; nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and a daughter.

Grand Ole Oplin's January band line-up

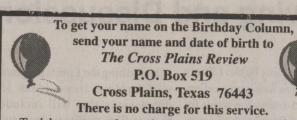
The Grand Ole Oplin wishes by the Oplin Community Center 2013. Now that the holidays are of F.M. 604 S. and F. M. 2926. Jan 4th and dance to all your favorite tunes by MUDDY CREEK, joining us on Jan. 11th JERRY BAIERD AND TEXAS TRADITIONS will be here play- the band's break. No alcohol. ing all tour favorite two-steps and waltzes and returning again on Jan. 25th MUDDY CREEK will be back playing some more of your favorite tunes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted real good time.

everyone a Happy New Year for and is located at the intersection behind us it's time for a little rest Admission to our Friday night and relaxation. Come on out on dance is still \$5.00 per person (unless something special is going on). Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m and end at 10:30 p.m. will be EXIT 277, on Jan. 18th Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during No smoking.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and a

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Texas broadband research shows 92% of households have access to fixed broadband speeds of 3 Mbps download

Austin - New research unveiled today by Connected Texas snapshots the latest broadband availability across the state, with 92.29% of Texas households having access to broadband speeds of 3 Mbps download/ 768 Kbps upload or higher.

Nonprofit Connected Texas has been working since 2009 to ensure that Texans have access to the economic, educational, and quality-of-life benefits derived from increased broadband access, adoption, and use.

Among the findings of the new broadband availability research

• 92.29% of Texas households have access to broadband at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps download/768 Kbps upload (excluding mobile and satellite services), which means nearly 688,000 households are in areas eligible for Connect America Fund broadband deployment subsidies.

• 95.15% of rural households in Texas have access to broadband of at least 768 Kbps download/200 Kbps upload (excluding mobile and satellite services), leaving approximately 141,000 rural Texas households unable to connect to basic high-speed

• Only 33.56% of Texas households have access to broadband speeds of at least 100 Mbps download/1.5 Mbps upload (excluding mobile and satellite services), but that number is up 10% from six months ago. Note: The data in this report

are subject to data validation. "We are excited to see steady growth in expansion of overall

broadband coverage across the state," said Connected Texas Executive Director Don Shirley. "These updated access numbers show us where we need to focus our work on continuing to grow broadband access, adoption, and use across the state. There are still nearly 150,000 Texas households without any available Internet service. We are working for them and for the

hundreds of thousands of Tex- comprehensive data collection ans who need the free educational resources we provide to teach all residents how to reap the countless economic and ers in the state and providing

access provides." research and maps are available through the Connected Texas website and through its broadband mapping tool called My ConnectViewTM. Residents and area and help validate the data. to join their local Connected technology team to help tailor the broadband expansion plan for skills training and be-

Connected Texas' research was conducted as part of the State Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Connected Nation, undergoes a http://www.connectedtx.org.

process to publish new maps twice a year. The process begins by contacting all known providlifestyle benefits that Internet information about the broadband mapping project. Informa-All of the Connected Texas tion on broadband service areas' is collected from each willing provider through voluntary participation. The data is then independently verified through engineering studies, site visits, propabusinesses are encouraged to gation models, and consumer use the interactive map to find feedback. The FCC is using this the broadband providers in their data to help direct broadband subsidies. More information Residents are also encouraged about the broadband mapping process is provided in the Broadband Mapping FAQ.

About Connected Texas: Contheir community and use the nected Texas is a subsidiary of Every Community Online pro- Connected Nation and operates gram to get free computer and as a non-profit in the state of lexas. The Texas Department come eligible for discounted of Agriculture is leading the inicomputers and home Internet tiative to increase broadband Internet access, adoption, and use across the state. Connected Texas was commissioned by the Broadband Initiative (SBI) grant state to work with all Texas program, funded by the U.S. broadband providers to create. detailed maps of broadband coverage and development of a Information Administration statewide plan for the deploy-(NTIA). Connected Texas, ment and adoption of broadthrough its parent organization band. For more information visit:

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Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 4.4% in November

·The unemployment rate in Callahan County fell one half of one percent to 4.4% in November 2012, according to jobless figures released Friday, December 28th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in November 2011 was 5.7 percent.

Callahan County's unemploy-

in Callahan County included: 4.9% in September 2012, 5.3% in August, 5.8% in July, 5.8% in June, 5.1% in May, 4.8% in April, 5.3% in March, 5.4% in February, 5.5% in January 2012, and 5.8% in December 2011, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates unemployment rate since Defor November 2012 include: cember 2008. The unemploy-Brown, 5.3%; Coleman, 5.1%; Eastland, 5.3%: Jones, 5.2%: Runnels, 5.0%; Shackelford, 2.5%; Stephens, 4.8%; and Taylor County, 4.5%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 4.6% in November, 2012, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor unemployment rate of 7.4 per-Force is 84,600. There were 80,700 employed during November 2012, while 3,900 were unemployed, giving the Abilene time Texas fell 1.6 percentage MSA an unemployment rate of

The Abilene MSA reported the 80,500 was reported in October 2012, while 4,200, or 4.9% were unemployed in October 2012.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for November, 2011 was 5.8%. The total workforce annual growth rate of 1.0 perwas reported at 82,800, with 78,000 employed and 4,800 unemployed in November, 2011.

for the month of November, 2012 was 5.8 percent. The total Texas labor force was ans. Since November 2011, the 12,668,800 in November 2012. The total number of Texans employed is 11,891,300. The total number of unemployed Texans persons over the month for an was 737,500 in November 2012.

ployment rate was 6.2 percent. average decline for jobseekers The state's unemployment rate in November of 2011 was 7.2 January 2012, the number of

The United States unemployment rate for November, 2012 was 7.4 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the pre- insurance benefits remained ba-

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Callahan County Unemployment Oct. 4.9%

ment rate was 4.9% in October, was 7.5%. The United States unemployment rate one year Previous monthly jobless rates ago in November, 2011 was

> Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate fell four-tenths of a percentage point in November to a rate of 5.8 percent. This was the lowest ment rate has averaged a decline of 0.4 percentage points over each of the past three months. The rate also mirrored the October-to-November drop of 0.4 percentage points seen in 2011. Since November 2011. the unemployment rate fell by I .4 percentage points. The national unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percentage point over the month for an cent. The Texas unemployment rate was 1.6 percentage points below the national rate. The last points below the national unemployment rate was in April 2010.

• The Civilian Labor Force deworkforce was 84,700 in Octo- creased by 42,800 individuals ber, 2012. Total employment of over the month for a total of 12,628,800 Texans. This was the third monthly Civilian Labor Force decline in 2012. From last year, the Civilian Labor Force grew by 125,100 persons for an

• The number of jobholders increased for the third consecu-The state's unemployment rate tive month, adding 11,600 individuals in November for an estimated level of 11,891,300 Texnumber of jobholders expanded by 290,700 persons. The number of jobseekers fell by 54,400 estimate of 737,500 Texans. Last month's statewide unem- Over the past three months, the was 49,900 individuals. Since jobseekers declined by 209,100

• The number of Texans continuing to file for unemployment vious month of October, 2012 sically unchanged in November,

adding 100 persons for a total of 123,300 claimants. Since January 2012, the number of individuals continuing to file unemployment insurance benefits decreased by 23,000 claimants. The Metropolitan Statistical Areas' (MSAs) unemployment claim activity increased in 13 areas and declined in 12 areas in November. The Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos, the Lubbock, and the Midland MSAs experienced declines of 6.4 percent, 5.8 percent, and 4.3 percent, respectively.

> HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Visa Plans New Austin Of-

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman—Kirk Ladendorf Visa Inc. confirmed that it will build a global information technology center in Austin with at least 794 new full-time workers The company told the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce that it will move forward with the project proposed in Northwest Austin. Dave Porter, the chamber's senior vice president for economic development, said, "This is another great corporate citizen and world-renowned company that has selected Austin. It is a great way to end a really good year for Austin."

The decision to build the new center came a few days after the Austin City Council voted 7-0 to give the company a \$1.6 million incentives package. The State of Texas already offered \$7.9 million in incentives from the Texas Enterprise Fund. The company's wages for permanent workers at its IT center will be an average salary of more than \$113,000 a year, accord-

Houston Area

HOUSTON, Chronicle - Mission Woods, Kansas-based Layne Christenson Co., said it will move its headquarters and bring more than 100 jobs to a master-planned community in The Woodlands. Over the next five years, it ex-

pects to have 210 employees at the new location. Layne, which provides services to the water, mineral and energy industries, plans to occupy about 50,000 square feet in a new building in Hughes Landing on the east shore of Lake Woodlands.

A \$1 .3 million Texas Enterprise Fund incentive was offered to attract Layne Christenson. Governor Rick Perry said, "The Lone Star State continues to fuel the nation, providing the oil and gas products that keep America running and the job creation that has helped strengthen our economy." Frank LaRosa, senior vice president and chief administrative officer, stated, "We found The Woodlands to be the most attractive for the business and what we're trying to create." The moves will involve most of Layne's leadership positions, as well as other managers and staff. The company currently has about 5,000 employees worldwide

Academy Adds Garland

GARLAND, TX (Dallas Morning News - Academy Sports and Outdoors will soon have a new store that could add 125 jobs to north Garland. The Garland City Council unanimously approved a location for the Katy-based company. The store will open on North Garland Avenue at Naaman Forest Boulevard. It is estimated to bring \$200,000 in sales tax revenue and add \$7 million in real estate value to Garland. "This is another big-box store we're adding to the city of Garland, and I'm looking forward to seeing it there," said council member Tim Campbell.

Solar Tracker Plant Planned SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Express-News) OCI Enterprises has finalized a joint venture with ERCAM Energy of Spain to create a dual-axis solar tracker manufacturing facility in San Antonio. The business venture will create about 130 jobs—part of the more than 800 permanent jobs expected to be created in San Antonio Construction Firm Heads to under a deal to supply CPS Energy with 400 megawatts of solar energy. Under the terms of the deal with CPS-it would be one of the largest solar projects in the world—OCI Solar guaranteed 800 permanent jobs. The first facility, a 50megawatt plant, will be built in San Antonio and should come online next year.





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Please Continue to Pray for RAIN to Heal our Land

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive them their sin and will heal their land.

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PURPLE OUT T-SHIRTS JAN. 8 VS MAY TIGERS

Tuesday, January 8th, the Cross The goal is no empty seats and a true home court advantage in the Plains Buffaloes and Lady Buffs a solid house of purple in the gym. all important match up versus the will host the May Tigers in an The Lady Buffs start at 6:30 p.m. May Tigers! important district battle as both and the Buffaloes follow at 8:00 Price of the Shirt: \$8 teams will face up with the Tigers p.m. in the all important matchup. Sizes 2X and 3X and 4X Add \$3 help from the school and the "LADY BUFFS" going down may turn their money into their community to "PACK THE each side as seen below. GYM" and purchase a The Buffaloes and Lady Buffs Please make CHECKS payable "PURPLE OUT" shirt and wear appreciate your support in to Cross Plains High School. it to the game!

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packing the gym and giving them

in their quest for a District The shirt will be purple with the Money and order forms can be Championship. The Buffaloes, words "PURPLE OUT" in the turned into the High School and Lady Buffs are asking for middle with "BUFFALOES" and Offices. Elementary students teacher or the office.



Cross Plains "CP" will be in the middle of the "O"

Deadline is January 4th — Final orders will be taken at the games VS Rising Star and Ranger that night.

Taylor Electric Cooperative offers free trip to Washington, D.C., for three area students

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 11county service area to participate in the annual Government-in-Action - Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital.

The contest and trip to Washington, D.C., is part of a national program that brings together high-achieving students from all over the country for meetings with legislators, social events and educational tours.

Winning essays will address "What are the biggest energy issues for your generation?" Students should write between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the topic. Essays will be judged by local educators.

The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or will be 16 years of age by this summer and who attends classes in the following school districts: Abilene, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Cross Plains, Eula, Hawley, Highland, Jim Merkel, Trent, Sweetwater, or Wylie.

Winners will receive an allexpense-paid trip to Washington, D.C, leaving June 13th and returning home June 21, 2013.

The itinerary will include tours to national monuments, the Smithsonian, the FBI, the Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, the Ford Theater, time for shopping and many more activities.

For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry forms and details can be downloaded online at www.taylorelectric.com. Click the "Community Connections" tab to learn more about the Youth Tour, as well as the Taylor Electric Scholarship program.

The contest deadline is Feb. 1, 2013, when submission entries will close at 5 p.m. For more information, call 325-

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL WE MENU TO

January 7-11 **BREAKFAST**

Monday - Bisquit, Sausage, Assorted juice, Milk Tuesday-Sausage-n-Blanket

Assorted juice, Milk Wednesday - Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Assorted juice, Milk Thursday - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted juice, Friday - Honey Bun, Yogurt,

LUNCH

Assorted juice, Milk

Monday - Chicken fajitas, Charro beans, Seasoned corn, Salsa, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk Tuesday - Salisbury Steak, Brown gravy, Whipped potatoes, Green beans, Roll, Sliced peaches, Milk

Wednesday - Beef & Cheese Chalupas, Garden Salad, Salsa, Baby Carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Thursday - Chicken spaghetti, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Bread Sticks, Apple slices, Milk

Friday - Fish or Chicken Nuggets, Black eyed peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Diced Pears, Milk

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Annual Baird Junior Livestock Show set for January 12th

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Please come and show your support of the students and their projects. We would like to say thank you to Tom and Jan Windham for donationg the ribbons and trophies. A special thanks to the belt buckle donors, Burke and Cami Robinson family, Doug Johnston with Snap on Tools, Karen Johnston with Texas Farm Bureau Baird, J.W. and Sherry Miller.

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Taylor Electric Cooperative announces \$4,000 award in youth video contest

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For the fourth consecutive Taylor Electric vear. Cooperative and Texas Co-op Power will award up to \$4,000 in cash prizes for winners of the competition.

Students in grades 6 through 12 whose parents or legal guardians are current members of an electric cooperative in Texas can participate.

This year, students are asked to create a five- to 10-minute video interviewing someone who remembers the era when the lights came on, when electricity first came to their home. The video will serve as

an oral history of the time before the interviewee received electricity and how life was changed afterwards. All videos have the potential to be included in a full-length documentary to be produced by Texas Co-op Power at a later

The grand prizewinner will receive \$1,500 and be profiled in Texas Co-op Powermagazine. If a school is involved as a sponsor of the first-place winner it will receive \$1,000.

The second-place winner, determined by the most YouTube views, will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for best performance in one of four judging categories: creativity, educational value, video editing and technical quality.

The contest opens ends April 1. Winners will be announced

April 23. For full contest rules and forms, go to www.TexasCoopPower.com, scroll down and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas button on the right side of the

See last year's winning videos www.youtube.com/ TXCOOPOWER. For contest updates and tips, "Like" Texas Co-op Power magazine on Facebook or follow on Twitter

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The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America

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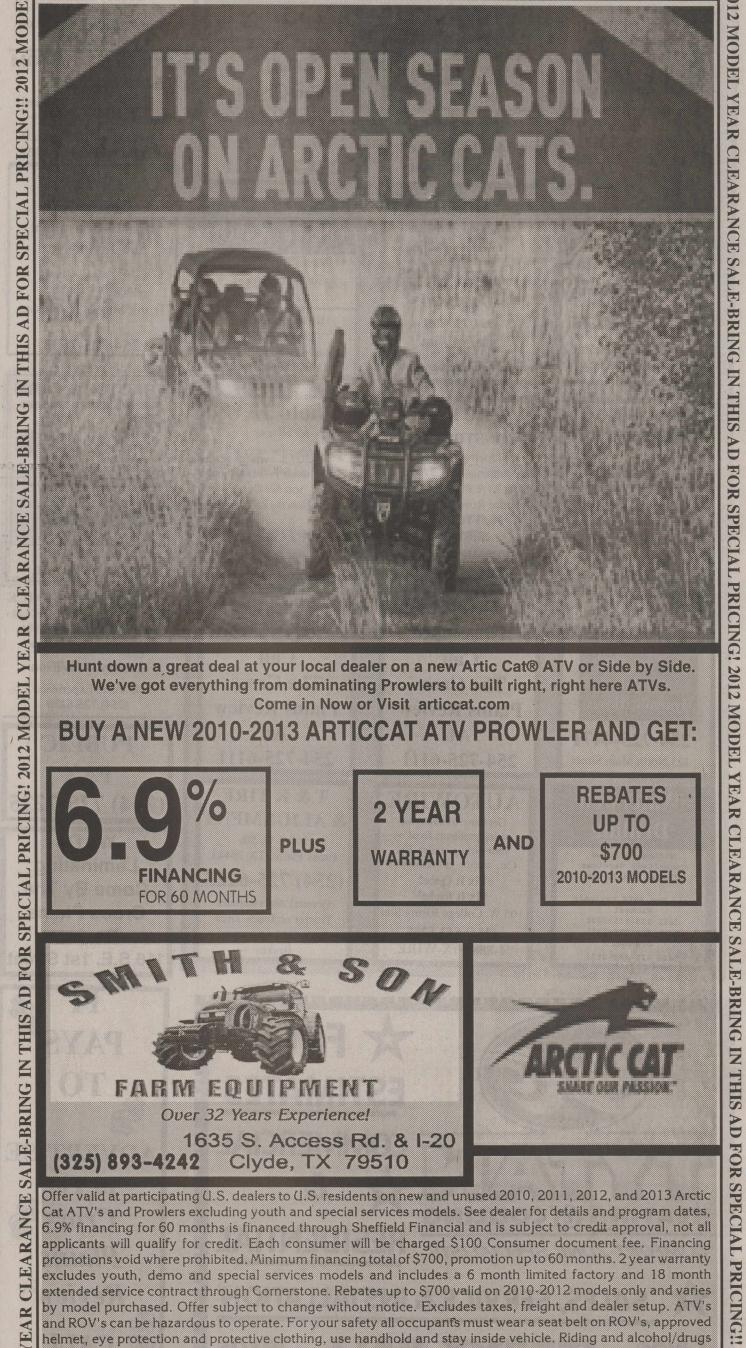
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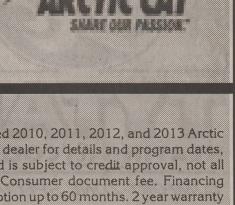
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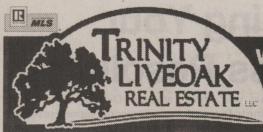
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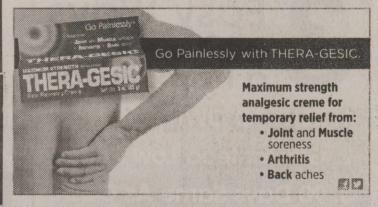
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7 Tips for Keeping Your **Financial Fitness Resolution**

The new year is a great time to get yourself pointed in the right direction financially. "Making small improvements at the beginning of the year is a lot easier than trying to play catch-up," says financial planner Rick Rodgers, author of "The New Three-Legged Stool: A Tax Efficient Approach To Retirement Plannig" (www.TheNewThree-LeggedStool.com).

"Just as you would embark on an exercise program to lose weight and get physically fit, there are simple steps you can take that will lead to being financially healthy and fit." Here are Rodgers' seven tips for improving your financial life in 2013.

•Review your credit report -Borrowing money isn't the only reason to check your credit. Employers check credit reports and so do insurance companies. Your credit score can have a profound effect on the amount you pay for auto and homeowners insurance and perhaps on health and life insurance in the not-toodistant future. Order your free report at

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invest at least once a year. •Establish a cash flow plan -Business owners know you

can't control what you don't states). Decide who will be track. Take the time to forecast your income and expenses for the year, and put it in writing. Then adjust those numbers to reach your goals, such as paying down debt or replacing a car. Track your progress on a and establish a testamentary regular basis by holding a monthly family finance meeting to review the plan.

•Pay off your credit cards -It's especially important to take action on debt in 2013. Cash doesn't earn much interest sitting in a deposit account (less than 1 percent) and even "low interest" credit cards charge 10 to 12 percent. So if you're sitting on any extra savings, consider using it to pay down credit card debt. Your cash flow plan should include a schedule to eliminate credit card debt as quickly as

•Shop your insurance -Insurance agents are often paid commission based on and search for one in your premium levels, so they have area. no incentive for finding existing customers lower premiums. However, there is a huge incentive for a competing agent to find you the lowest premium in order to win your business. Make note of the coverage levels you have for your homeowner's and auto policies and use them to comparison shop. Look at ways to save on your health insurance coverage, too, such as switching to a highdeductible plan and opening a Health Savings Account.

•Write an estate plan - At a minimum you need to have a valid will, power-of-attorney (POA) for your finances and health-care decisions, and a living will (Advanced Healthcare Directive in some

your personal representative in the event you become incapacitated (POA) or at your death (executor). If you have minor children, choose who will raise them in your absence trust for their finances.

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Don't just make a vague resolution to save money. According to Psychology Today, of the millions of American's who make a New Years resolution, 40 percent have already failed by Jan. 31. Let 2013 be the year you make lasting changes to improve your financial life.

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three-vehicle accident in the 2800 block of Highway 80 on

Friday morning, December 28th, according to a statement from the Abilene Police Department.

Randy J. Fox, 53, died after his Ford van, which was traveling west in the inside lane of Highway 80, collided with a Dodge truck traveling east in the outside lane about 8:30 a.m. Friday morning, said Abilene Police Department spokesman George Spindler.

Spindler said the truck driver, James Hill, 30, lost control of his vehicle, and crossed the lane markers. The two vehicles collided head-on, and the van was pushed off the roadway where it came to rest on its side.

The collision left the truck spinning in the road, and it was hit by

a Toyota SUV, Spindler said. Police dispatchers received a 911 call from a witness. The four-lane highway was blocked for a while after the accident, Spindler said.

Fox was pronounced dead at

Baird man dead following wreck

Andrew Page, 31, the passen-Ortiz, 30, the driver of the SUV,

A Baird man was killed after a the scene by a Justice of the Center for minor injuries, Spindler said.

Everyone involved in the wreck ger in the truck, and Michaela was wearing their seat belt, Spindler said. The roadway was were taken to Hendrick Medical slick at the time of the wreck.



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Callahan County lottery sales rise in 2012 for first time in four years

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Clyde lottery retailer Thrifty's Powerball lottery sales, and Mega Millions lottery ticket sales. scratch-off tickets were \$1,456 in Texas Two-Step lot-Food Mart continued to hold the \$13,388 in the Mega Millions The Wes-T-Go, located at \$144,714 in fiscal year 2011- tery ticket sales, \$577.50 in top spot among Callahan County retailers selling lottery tickets in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, while the 7-Eleven convenience store in Cross Plains took the number two spot for Texas lottery sales, according to Texas Lottery officials. The Texas Lottery Commission's fiscal year for 2011-2012 ended in September

Thrifty's Food Mart

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Clyde businesses held six of the top ten spots among the top lottery ticket retailers in 2012. Total lottery ticket sales in Callahan County were \$2,401,567, which is up from the 2010-2011 fiscal year, which saw lottery sales of \$2,317,275.

The fiscal year 2006-2007 saw lottery sales down more than \$500,000 from the previous year, after the price of a gallon of gasoline spiked to over \$4.00 per gallon during 2007, and have recovered only slightly. The highest number of lottery tickets sold was in the 2004-2005 fiscal year when \$2,743,511 were sold.

Thrifty's Food Mart, located at 1634 North Access Road (I-20 and Cherry Lane) in Clyde, topped all Callahan County lottery sales retailers with \$538,026 in lottery tickets sold in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The majority of Thrifty's lottery sales are from Instant scratch-off tickets with sales of \$486,713 in fiscal year 2011-2012. Thrifty's reported \$11,372 in Lotto Texas ticket sales, \$1,957 in Cash 5 (I-20 and FM 604) in Clyde, scratch-offtickets were \$96,200 sales, \$764 in Texas Two-Step sales, \$7,070 in Pick 3 ticket ticket sales, \$2,073 in Texas was the number six top retailer in fiscal year 2011-2012. The lottery ticket sales, \$32 in Daily sales, \$2,886 in Cash 5 ticket Two-Step lottery ticket sales, in Callahan County with total Baird Allsup's reported \$8,829 4 ticket sales, \$885 in the sales, \$4,378 in Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$544 in Daily 4

lottery ticket sales.

reported \$13,639 in Lotto Texas tery ticket sales. Millions lottery ticket sales.

Howle's Kountry Store), located \$236,066 in fiscal year 2011- \$387.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, three lottery sales leader in Cal- Texas ticket sales, \$7,582 in Millions lottery ticket sales. lahan County with total lottery Pick 3 ticket sales, \$4,404 in Coming in at number eight for sales of \$35,340 in the 2011fiscal year 2011-2012. Clyde's Texas Two-Step lottery ticket han County was the Allsup's store's lottery sales from In-Instant scratch-off tickets were sales, \$5,432 in the Powerball 1023 Cherry (I-20 and Cherry) ticket sales, \$11,675 in the ticket sales, and \$13,180 in the Mart lottery sales from Instant \$1,326 in Cash 5 ticket sales, lottery ticket sales.

The 7-Eleven #67 conve- in Baird, was the number four \$5,273 in Lotto Texas ticket the Powerball ticket sales, and nience store, located at Avenue lottery retailer with total ticket sales, \$1,581.50 in Pick 3 ticket \$6,160 in the Mega Millions F & 4th Street in Cross Plains, sales of \$280,549 in the fiscal sales, \$1,351 in Cash 5 ticket lottery ticket sales. came in at number two in lot- year 2011-2012. Wes-T-Go's sales, \$1,546 in Texas Twotery sales in Callahan County, lottery sales from Instant Step lottery ticket sales, replacing Clyde's One Stop (for-scratch-off tickets were \$5,141.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, merly Howle's Kountry Store) \$249,723 in fiscal year 2011- \$6,114 in the Powerball lottery in 2009-2010. The 7-Eleven lot- 2012. Wes-T-Go reported ticket sales, and \$7,046 in the located at 705 South Access tery retailer in Cross Plains was \$7,233 in Lotto Texas ticket Mega Millions lottery ticket number two in lottery sales in sales, \$1,470 in Pick 3 ticket sales. Callahan County with total sales sales, \$3,462 in Cash 5 ticket Lawrence Brothers IGA \$101,133. The Clyde Allsup's of \$378,962. The Cross Plains sales, \$1,881 in Texas Two- #1398, located at I-20 and lottery sales from Instant 7-Eleven lottery sales from In- Step lottery ticket sales, \$1,105 Cherry Lane in Clyde, was the scratch-off tickets were stant scratch-off tickets were in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$7,298 in number seven top retailer in the \$79,994 in fiscal year 2011-\$315,909 in fiscal year 2011- the Powerball ticket sales, and 2011-2012 fiscal year with to- 2012. The Clyde Allsup's re-2012. The Cross Plains 7-Eleven \$8,377 in the Mega Millions lot- tal Texas lottery sales of ported \$5,051 in Lotto Texas

\$2,675,079 \$2,109,431 \$2,497,019 \$2,410,424 \$2,382,979 \$2,317,275 \$2,401,567

\$148,925. Lawrence Brothers ticket sales, \$984 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$14,221.50 in Pick Number five in total lottery IGA lottery sales from Instant ticket sales, \$1,342 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$2,537 in Texas County was the 7-Eleven con- \$116,808 in fiscal year 2011-\$589.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, and Cherry Lane in Clyde, with reported \$6,435 in Lotto Texas sales, and \$15,077 in the Mega \$278,894.50. The Clyde 7- 3 ticket sales, \$3,217 in Cash 5 Millions lottery ticket sales. Eleven lottery sales from In-ticket sales, \$1,537 in Texas Clyde's One Stop (formerly stant scratch-off tickets were Two-Step lottery ticket sales, at 105 South First Street West 2012. The Clyde 7-Eleven re- \$5,799 in the Powerball lottery

1033 Cherry (I-20 and Cherry) 2012. Anita Food Mart reported Daily 4 ticket sales, \$4,745 in

The number nine top lottery retailer in Callahan County in the 2011-2012 fiscal year, was the Allsup's convenience store Road (I-20 and Cherry Lane) in Clyde with total sales of 3 ticket sales, \$4,578 in Cash 5 sales in 2011-2012 in Callahan scratch-off tickets were ticket sales, \$1,190 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, Two-Step lottery ticket sales, venience store located at I-20 2012. Lawrence Brothers IGA \$163 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$6,008 in the Powerball ticket \$12,411 in Powerball lottery total lottery sales of ticket sales, \$8,322.50 in Pick sales, and \$5,051 in the Mega

Coming in at number ten for the top lottery retailer in Callahan County was the Super S Foods #358 grocery store loin Clyde, came in at the number tailer reported \$9,078 in Lotto sales, and \$6,419 in the Mega cated at 417 SW Fifth Street in Cross Plains with total lottery ticket sales of \$346,296.50 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$2,671 in the top lottery retailer in Calla- 2012 fiscal year. The Super S One Stop lottery sales from sales, \$1,850.50 in Daily 4 ticket convenience store located at stant scratch-off tickets were \$30,769 in fiscal year 2011-\$295,636 in fiscal year 2011- ticket sales, and \$7,296 in the in Baird with total lottery sales 2012. The Super S reported 2012. Clyde's One Stop re- Mega Millions lottery ticket sales. of \$120,674 in the 2011-2012 \$1,164 in Lotto Texas ticket ported \$10,128 in Lotto Texas Anita's Food Mart #2, located fiscal year. The Baird Allsup's sales, \$293 in Pick 3 ticket ticket sales, \$7,011 in Pick 3 at 921 South Access Road West lottery sales from Instant sales, \$339 in Cash 5 ticket \$6,175.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, sales of \$172,766 in the 2011- in Lotto Texas ticket sales, Powerball ticket sales, and \$10,136 in the Powerball lottery 2012 fiscal year. Anita Food \$1,380.50 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$1,094 in the Mega Millions

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missioned healthcare experts James Capretta and his team to provide recommendations to Texas on how to reform its Medicaid-financed long-term care program to become sustainable and affordable for Texas taxpayers while also providing high quality services to those who need it most. The findings, Assuring a Future for Long-Term Care Services and Supports in Texas, are available on www.texaspolicy.com. This report is a companion piece to an earlier study, Medicaid Reform: Constructive Alternative to a Failed Program, that recommended reforms to the portion of Medicaid that serves lowincome, non-disabled women and children.

This report offers a new approach to providing Long-Term Care Services and Support (LTCSS) to Texans in need of assistance with the goals of meeting the needs of

Monday thru Saturday

residents all the while providing budget control for the state. This concept stems from the belief that providing more control to Medicaid participants and their caregivers can offer greater efficiencies by targeting program resources to those in need with increased patient satisfaction. The state's role would largely shift, except in the case of nursing home care, from providing direct reimbursement of services to providing oversight of the program.

One of our recommendations

to restructure Medicaid is with

a block grant, which would

allow Texas to streamline its long-term care system to better meet the needs and preferences of its residents while staying within budget, said Wohlgemuth. The current "one size fits all" approach often entitles Medicaid enrollees to receive unnecessary, even unwanted benefits, and has the unintended consequence of incentivizing providers to deliver an excessively broad range of services to enrollees. While it is true that making a fundamental shift in Medicaid will not be easy, it should be noted that its potential for success should be evaluated on what the program will look like in the future if reforms are not adopted. One way or another Texas, and every other state, will be forced to make changes in Medicaid to reduce costs. The only question is how

they will do it. Wohlgemuth adds that the reforms recommended here would ensure that the program's participants have just as much incentive as the state to get the best and highest value use out of every available Medicaid dollar. With incentives properly aligned, and more budgetary control provided to the state government, Texas would have the levers necessary to

make adjustments over time to balance the needs of participants with the costs imposed on taxpayers.





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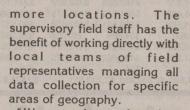
Census Bureau to complete regional office realignment

The U.S Census Bureau's 18month agenda to realign its for the first time in 50 years will be completed by January 2013. The restructuring, announced on June 29, 2011. closes regional offices in Boston, Charlotte, Dallas, Detroit, Kansas City and Seattle.

The field realignment is part of the digital transformation of the Census Bureau, moving from a bricks-and-mortar model of regional offices to a virtual management structure, and leverages modern survey practices, such as telework,

and better tools for field interviews. The new alignment field offices across the nation creates an increase of timely information and a more efficient data collection process, while reducing the cost of surveys by an estimated \$15 million to \$18 million annually.

> new structure redistributes responsibilities to the remaining offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, New York and Philadelphia. This new sixregion design allows about 630 supervisory staff to work out of their homes, providing more efficient data collection in



"We undertook this alignment to take advantage of the technology available to us while preserving the quality of our data collection activity in the field," said Thomas Mesenbourg, the Census Bureau's acting director. "In the current era of modern technology we are able to do more with less."

Staff at the Census Bureau's regional offices collect data for surveys, update geographic features important to the Bureau, disseminate statistics created from the data collection and serve as contacts for local media and local organizations to improve participation in censuses and surveys. Approximately 270 permanent positions were cut as a result of the closing of six regional offices. About 88 of the permanent affected employees have been placed into positions at Census Bureau headquarters or in one of the six remaining regional offices, while others have taken advantage of a buyout and early retirement options approved by the Office of Personnel Management.

"The Census Bureau has been committed to finding the best possible outcome for each affected employee in a closing office," Mesenbourg said. "We have been offering job counseling, resume writing courses and other types of assistance since the announcement to close six regional offices was made in 2011."

The realignment increases efficiency, enhances data quality and reduces costs beginning in fiscal year 2014.

To learn more about the new regional office realignment and to view the states serviced by each office, visit http:// www.census.gov/regions/>.

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GRADUATE COURTNEY CLARK

Courtney Clark earns Doctorate Degree from Hardin Simmons University

Courtney Clark, granddaughter of W.D. and the late Billie Clark of the Cottonwood Community, a 2006 graduate of Eula High School and member of the State Championship team in softball, recently earned her Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy from Hardin Simmons University.

She graduated December 15,

Courtney was one of twenty eight doctorate candidates in physical therapy.

While attending Hardin simmons, Courtney received various academic and athletic

awards. She graduated in 2009 from HSU with a degree in Bachelor of Behavioral Science earning Magna Cum Laude.

Courtney was also voted Scholar Athlete by the American Southwest Conference for participation in softball while attending HSU. She was also Academic allnamed American.

Courtney plans on pursuing her career in the Austin area. Her area of interest is in the neurological area of physical therapy. She completed seven clinical rotations with the most recent rotation at Pate Rehabilitation north of Dallas.

January is National Mentoring Month

The 12th annual National Mentoring Month will be observed in January 2013. The campaign provides Big Brothers Big Sisters a wonderful opportunity, as the largest mentoring organization in the country, to attract attention to the value of mentoring, recruit mentors and generate contributions.

President Obama has continued to support National Mentoring Month. "Every day, mentors help young Americans face the challenges of growing into adulthood," said President Barack Obama. "By setting a positive example and sharing their time, knowledge and experience, mentors play an essential role in preparing our Nation's youth for a bright future. During National Mentoring Month, we celebrate the contributions of all those who cultivate a supportive environment for the next generation, and we recommit to expanding mentorship opportunities across our country.

The Abilene agency hopes that current and potential mentors will be encouraged as they are reminded of the power of mentoring in the local media.

"I feel it is important because it is a time to say thank you to those who choose to be mentors, as well as take time to recognize the importance of every child having a mentor in their lives," said Match Support Coordinator Rebekah West.

This January also marks the 34th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Abilene. The first match was made in 1979 when members of the Abilene Mental Health Association board saw that many children in our area were in need of a mentor.

"National Mentoring Month recognizes those who give their time to be a mentor," continues West. "Far too often, mentors are not recognized or appreciated as much as they should be. Mentors make more of an impact on the lives of their mentees than they will ever know. Taking a month to recognize their hard work is important and can motivate them to continue doing so, even though they may not always see how much of a difference they are making."

A recent Harris interactive survey of adults who participated in the BBBS program as children

 90% agreed their Big made them feel better about them-

• 81% said their Big caused them to change what they thought was possible in life

• 77% set higher goals than they would have on their own

• 42% earned a degree from a four-year college compared to just 22% of their fathers and 25% of their mothers.

As a highlight of National Mentoring Month 2012, Thank Your Mentor Day™ will be celebrated on January 26th. On that day, many Americans will reach out to thank or honor those individuals who encouraged and guided them, and had a lasting, positive impact on their

Thank Your Mentor Day™ promotes "Three Ways to Honor Your Mentor":

Contact your mentor directly to express your appreciation. Pass on what you received by becoming a mentor to a young person in your community. Make a financial contribution to a local mentoring program.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters, please contact the Abilene agency at 325-674-3113 or email ibearden@bbbstx.org.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

JANUARY 7-11

Monday 7th - Excercise 11:00/Manicures **Sponsered by Integracare 10:00** Tuesday 8th - Excercise 10:45/ Bingo 11:15 Wednesday 9th - Excercise 11:00/ Blood **Pressure Check Sponsered by Girling** Thursday 10th - Excercise 11:00 / Reading with 3rd Graders 9:15 & 12:30 Friday 11th - Excercise 11:00

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

Do you have any talents that you would like to share? Call the Senior Citizens Center at 254-725-6521 so you can share your talent with the Seniors during lunch time.

JANUARY 7-11

Monday - Vegetable Beef Thursday -Soup/Cornbread/Fruit/ Cookie/Drink

Tuesday - BBQ Sausage/ Baked Beans/Macaroni w/ tomatoes/Bread/Dessert/ Drink

Wednesday - Chicken Spaghetti/Hominy/Green Beans/Bread/Dessert/ Drink

Cheeseburgers/Lett/Tom/

pick/onion/Potato Wedges/ Dessert/Drink Friday - Chef Salad (Ham, Turkey, Boiled Eggs),/Crackers/Dessert/ Drink

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

Cottonwood News

I hope this New Year brings you peace and happiness!

With the cold weather, many folks are staying indoors—close to the fireplace, pot belly stove or heater. Christmas Day brought some snow flurries and sleet that covered the ground in Cottonwood.

Bob Childress was on KTAB television one evening last week. They were interviewing Bob and showing Christmas trees at Childress Farm.

Control Group is this Friday, your outdoor activities. January 4th at 5 p.m. at

the Fellowship Hall at the Cottonwood Baptist Church, All volunteers for the Fire Control Group are urged to attend.

Remember the burn ban in on. The Annual Meeting for the No outdoor burning or welding-Cottonwood Volunteer Fire and be extremely careful with

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Goodbye and Thank you By Kay Bailey Hutchinson

After nearly 20 years in Washington, this is my final week as the senior US Senator from the great state of Texas.

People often wonder what compels a person to run for public office. Some think it's the power - though I can assure them that being one of a hundred senators, particularly when you're in the minority, is as far from personal power as one can get.

Some think excitement of politics - but anyone who has been through a tough, mud-slinging campaign would fail to describe the politics part favorably!

For me, the reason was to give back to the state that gave me so much. I was raised with good Texas values, in a small town - La Marque - full of honest, hardworking people, in a tight-knit community with a wonderful public education system. Combined with the world-class education I received at the University of Texas, it gave me the tools to be whatever I wanted to be.

I got my professional start covering the statehouse at KPRC-TV in Houston, when the station owner took a chance on a young law school graduate. And I was mentored by great Texans on my way up the political ladder, who continued their support when I got to the Senate and have stood solidly

with me ever since. For this I am grateful, and for this I have sought to give back, as have all the Texans with whom I've had the pleasure of serving. From Senator Phil Gramm to Senator John Cornyn to the entire Texas Congressional delegation, my colleagues have always been a strong and unique force in Congress. Texas stands out as the delegation that will band

Team Texas always has the best interests of our beloved state in mind and while some in Washington don't quite understand our particular brand of friendliness, I always say that Team Texas's hearts are as big as our mouths. It may seem as though nothing gets done in Washington, DC. But we have accomplished so much for Texas in the past two decades, by sticking to the good Texas values of common sense, hard work and perseverance.

With so many Texans serving in the armed forces, I fought hard for our nation's military and their families, including legislation that studied how overseas military bases compared to American ones. That resulted in thousands of troops coming back to the US, where training and rapid deployment were superior.

I also worked to secure over \$82 billion for base construction, military housing and veterans' programs. Over the years, I have visited our troops in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, and seeing our military men and women when they are in harm's way is a very powerful reminder of the sacrifices they make and how indebted we are for their

I brought a new medical center to the Valley for our thousands of veterans; I helped secure research for the Gulf War Syndrome that has debilitated thousands of those who served in Desert Storm; and I helped expand the beautiful Waco veterans' facility to serve as a center for treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder. Working for women and children has been a priority, and I am proud to together across party lines to have taken Amber Alerts -

fight tooth and nail for our originally a Texas initiative national.

> In the years since the legislation passed, nearly 600 children have been returned home. I also introduced legislation to strengthen antistalking laws.

I fought for and secured the right for Texans to deduct state sales tax from their federal taxes. When married couples were inexplicably punished by having their joint incomes pushed into higher tax brackets, I ensured they were treated fairly with marriage penalty relief legislation. And I introduced the legislation for spouses who do not work outside the home to save for retirement, through the Homemaker IRA.

Texas research universities have risen from 6th to 3rd in federal funding for science and innovation, strengthening our state's economy and helping America keep our global competitive edge.

I have fought for investment in and support for our higher education systems, and Texas is now a leading destination for some of the country's - and the world's - best scientists and researchers. And Texas gets exponential benefit from the long-term funding we secured for NASA's future. So while it may seem that Washington is in a perpetual state of gridlock, Texans can take pride that their representatives have been fighting for them and getting results.

It has been my great honor to represent our state for the past two decades. I want to thank the people of Texas for this extraordinary opportunity, and make the solemn promise that I will continue to work for our state after I leave office. And for the last time as a US Senator, I am proud to say: God bless you and God bless