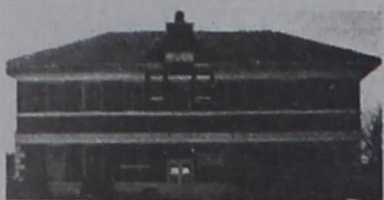


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Callahan County has LIFTED their BURN BAN effective December 20

Cross Plains Author, Jack Wilton Tunnell, 82, Passes

Growing up in Rising Star, and residing in Callahan County almost all of his life, Jack Wilton Tunnell, recently passed away in Waxahachie. Jack Tunnell authored a book detailing his WWII extraordinary adventures. It is entitled Memories of a Bald Eagle. From March 1945 through VJ Day, September 6, 1945, his plane and crew flew 26 bombing missions over Japan, sometimes encountering intense opposition from the enemy. On ten of the flights, it was necessary for him to land the plane on Iwo Jima, an island which the U.S. Marines had wrestled from the enemy just a few months earlier. On May 5, 1945, on a run to Japan, his plane encountered wind shear inside a thunderstorm. In order to regain control of the plane Jack maneuvered the loaded plane through a loop, causing the bomb load to rip from the racks through the bomb bay doors. He was able to fly the wreckage to a safe landing on Iwo Jima. On the return from a bombing run on May 14th, a typhoon swept into the area, closing access to the main B-29 bases. All planes were

diverted to Iwo Jima. Jack piloted the last B-29 able to land before the strip on Iwo Jima was closed. After the Japanese surrender there were more missions to be flown, that of dropping food, clothing and medical supplies for the prisoners of war camps located around Japan. Jack piloted his plane on three such missions. While stationed in Clovis, Jack was introduced by letter to Kathryn Roberta Bledsoe of Lubbock. The introduction came at the suggestion by Kathryn's sister, Lois, as she and Jack rode the bus between Clovis and Lubbock. Jack and Kathryn corresponded during his time at Clovis and while he was overseas. Upon Jack's return to the states in November 1945, the couple met face to face for the first time, were engaged and married December 3, 1945 in Lubbock. They later made their home in Cross Plains where Jack worked at Citizens State Bank. Jack was involved with the bank for 34 years, retiring in 1980 as bank President. Later in life, after Kathryn had died, Jack W. married Dorothy Ewing, a co-resident of a care center in Carrollton where they were both residents.

Callahan County SWCD is Now Taking Custom Map Orders

The Callahan County SWCD is proud to announce that we have recently purchased a plotter and is now offering to design maps for landowners, hunters, and interested individuals. The plotter will produce up to 36" maps in color or black/white. The cost will depend on the

size and design of each individual map. For more information on how to purchase a land map

(Continued Inside as Call Maps)

Callahan County to Host 3 Hour C.E.U. Night Course at Courthouse

Many producers that have a pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer C.E.U.'s (Continuing Education Unit) for re-certification night course for Texas Department of Agriculture applicator license holders is set for December 19th in the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the Callahan County Courthouse. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6:00 p.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for 1 hour in Laws and Regulation, 1 hour in Integrated pest Management, and 1 hour of General. These hours in Laws and Regulation, 1

hour in Integrated Pest Management and 1 hour of General. These hours will apply to commercial, non-commercial and private applicators' license holders.

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

Cost for the training is \$5.00. To register or form more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at 325-854-5835.

Herman Hearn, Escapes from Callahan Jail, Steals Vehicle in Jones County

Held on multiple charges, Herman Hearn, a past occupant of the Callahan County Jail escaped from the jail and is wanted now for being a fugitive and also for theft

after stealing a vehicle in Anson, Jones County, according to a Deputy in the Callahan County Sheriff's office in Baird. He is at large as of Tuesday noon..

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Comanche Head Start Receives High Marks On Child Assessment Report

By Julie D. Smith
Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Head Start recently received excellent scores on a program assessment report by Head Start National Reporting System which evaluates children's performance in the classroom.

"This distinction emphasizes how literacy makes a difference in a child's life. It also shows growth and improvement

towards school readiness," said Merridree McClatchy, executive director, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.

The report evaluates four year olds in Head Start centers. It measures their abilities in English language screener, vocabulary, letter recognition and early math. Six levels of skill evaluations were included.

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. either met or exceeded the

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Emergency Farm Loans Applications Being Accepted

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought, excessive heat and high temperatures on January 1, 2006 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (F.S.A.) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said today.

"Callahan is one of 17 contiguous counties in Texas recently named by the Secretary of Agriculture eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought, excessive heat and high temperatures on January 1, 2006 and continuing."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for

loans of up to 100\$ of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, which ever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a F.S.A. emergency loan," Richard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from these programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency desig-

Callahan County Commissioners to Consider and Discuss the Lifted Burn Ban at next Meeting on December 28th

The Callahan County Commissioner's Court is scheduled to discuss and consider the Lifting, as of

December 20th, of the Burn Ban.

Other items to be discussed will be considered on Thursday, December 28th, 2006.

Grand Ole Oplin December line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce it's band line-up for the month of Dec.

There will be no dance at the Grand Ole Oplin on December 29th, but we invite everyone to join us on Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve) to ring in the New Year to the tunes of Muddy Creek. Admission to our regular Friday evening dances is still only \$4.00 per person, but admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$5.00 per person and our New Year's dance will be at 8:00 p.m., until shortly after midnight.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center located at the intersection of FM 604 S. and FM 2926. Smoking and alcohol is not allowed at any of our functions. Our Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break.

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

American Red Cross Needs Your Help

With the extreme heat and drought conditions, the American Red Cross has found itself busier than usual responding to a rash of wildfires across the Big Country.

As of August 21, most people are aware that the American Red Cross responds to large disasters such as tornadoes and hurricanes, and that the organization assists with food, clothing and shelter. But fewer people know that the Red Cross is also called on to assist emergency workers such as police and firefighters. Since the wildfires broke out in the Big Country, the American Red Cross has been working hard to provide plenty of bottled water, Gatorade and meals to countless firefighters. Now, the organization needs your help to keep their supplies stocked.

The American Red Cross is asking the community to make financial gifts to the local Disaster Relief Fund. Financial Contributions allow the Red Cross to purchase materials in bulk, stretching

Continued Inside: Addresses Needed For Baird Ex-Students

We're listing the students from the classes of 2001 through 2005 that that need updated addresses. If you have any information about any of the following, please contact the Baird Ex-Students' Association, P.O. Box 954, Baird, TX or 854-1947.

2001-2005:
Anthony Dean,
Candace Ellis,
Shanna Taylor, Casse Cook,
Ashley Pugh,
Matthew Ramirez,
William Ross,
Jessica Garnett,

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ACCIDENTS-There were

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nations will be accepted until June 11, 2007, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

F.S.A. is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements

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11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
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Affirmed

Walter Williams, III v. State of Texas, Ector. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Justice McCall, Justice Strange, and Justice Hill)

Alfred Gene Davis, Sr. v. State of Texas, Haskell. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Buford Glen Whitehead v. State of Texas, Eastland. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Hill)

William Tryon v. State of Texas, Ector. (Opinion by Chief Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice

Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Patricia Lane et al v. P. Byon Vaughn, Ector. (Memorandum Opinion by Senior Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Justice McCall, Justice Strange, and Senior Justice McCloud)

Dorotha Hutchinson as next friend of Rela Mae Kuhl v. Dr. Ned Snyder, III and Molly G. Snyder-Williams as Administrators for the Estate of Dr. Ned Snyder, Jr., Brown. (Memorandum Opinion by Senior Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Justice McCall, Justice Strange, and Senior Justice McCloud)

Lloyd Brown v. State of Texas, Martin. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice

McCall, and Justice Hill)

Corina Aguirre v. State of Texas, Midland. (Opinion by Chief Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Anthony John Carufel v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Opinion by Justice Strange) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Reversed & Rendered

Medical Arts Hospital v. Denee Robison, Dawson. (Opinion by Justice Strange) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

Atilana Lujan v. Juana D. Miramontes, Ector. Appellant's motion to dismiss. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel

consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Appeal Dismissed

Carroll Wayne Gonzilas v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

Whiteford Robinson v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice Strange)

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In re Garland Fleming, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se writ of mandamus.

Motions Submitted & Granted

Roberta A. Kale v. Alliance Hospital, Ltd. Appellee's unopposed motion for extension of time to file brief.

Edmond Davis, Eddie Mae Barkley Moore, Mary Gill Sibley, Raymond Eugene Gill and Jonella Barkley v. Onoray Davis, Polk. Appellees' second unopposed motion for extension of time to file brief.

Deborah Kay Parker v. Society of St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Diocese of Midland, Texas, Midland. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Estela Martinez v. Eulalia Van; First Regional Bank, as Custodian of the Eulalia Van IRA; and Mark Doorenbal, Ector. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

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Marilyn Paschal v. Great Western Drilling Limited, Midland. Appellant's motion for rehearing.

In re Champion Technologies, Inc. and Permian Mud Service, Inc., Midland. Real Parties In Interest motion for rehearing.

Whiteford Donald Robinson v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's pro se motion for judgment of acquittal.

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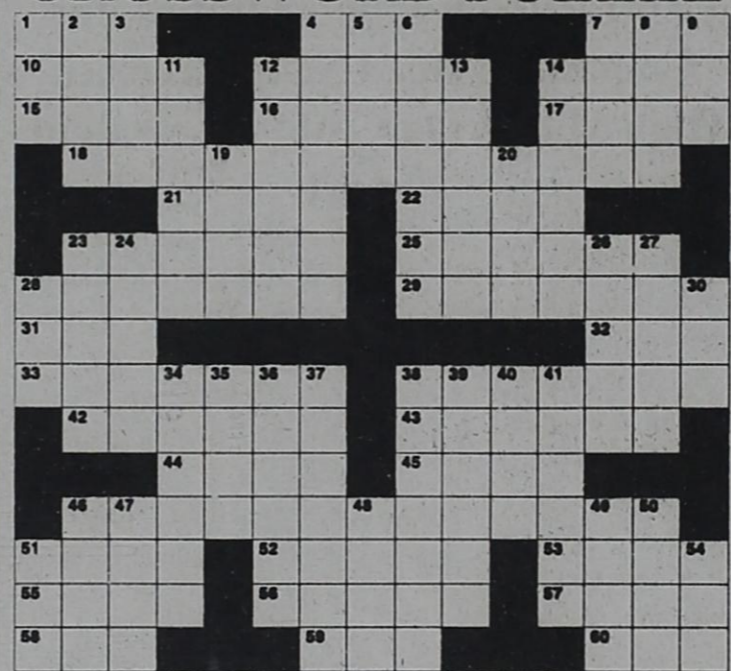
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- A way to color with dye
- Phil __, former CIA
- 36th president
- Chief magistrate of Venice
- Tear down
- Hindu religious teacher
- The capacity for doing work
- Curriculum
- Laic
- Many not ands
- ___ Jima, WW II battlefield
- Removing water from a boat
- Became a party to
- Device to cut facial hair
- St. Patrick's Day beef
- European defense organization
- H ___ sment: unwelcomed attention
- Contest of wills
- Trim an apple
- Express feelings
- Secular
- Bridge declarations
- Iranian city
- James __, American steam engineer
- No seats available
- ___ sies: common flowers
- Lease

CLUES DOWN

- Helps little firms
- Lose strength
- Military land forces
- Chill manner
- Verb formation (abbr.)
- Demands a repeat
- Malaysian palm
- Herb __, San Francisco columnist
- Wrath
- Former Saudi Ambassador Prince ___
- Cigar
- Colorless odorless gas used as fuel
- Lesotho capital
- Portuguese noblemen
- 1 billionth of a second (abbr.)
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- Chinese city
- A way to fly
- Swerved off course
- Adult male swan
- Square measure
- Spears
- Iranian city
- Located below or beneath
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- Pl. of carved leaf used in moldings
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- Stuck in one's
- Prepare and store fodder
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Obituaries

Hollis Williams Shults, Sr.

Hollis Williams Shults, Sr., age 88, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2006 in Brownwood, Texas.

Funeral Services were to be held at the First United Methodist Church in May at 2:00 on Friday, December 15, 2006 with Jim Senkel officiating; burial was to follow in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery.

Hollis was born in Brown County, TEXAS to James Jefferson and Ida Mae (Williams) Shults on November 28, 1918. He was a graduate of Rising Star High School, and went on to earn his Master of Education degree. Hollis served in the U.S. Navy. He taught in several schools including Seminole

High School for 23 years until he retired to the farm in Brown County. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

He is survived by his sons, Joe Shults of Cross Plain and Hollis W. Shults, Jr. and wife Cherry of Rising Star; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Lyda Lee and daughter Linda Jean Guerry.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, Bldg. Fund, P.O. Box 160, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

JACK WILTON TUNNELL

Jack Wilton Tunnell, 82, died Tuesday, December 12, 2006 in Waxahachie, TX after a short illness.

Services were held on Saturday, December 16, 2006 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Tx. Burial was to be in Cross Plains Cemetery. Officiating at the service for the celebration of the life of Jack Tunnell was the Rev. Richard Chard Chaffin, formerly of Cross Plains, now of Lubbock, Tx.

Jack is survived by his second wife, Dorothy; his sister, Mary Barton and husband Cecil of Cross Plains, Tx; a son, Jack Wilton, Jr. and wife Robin of Carrollton, TX; daughters, Mary Carolyn Ogden of Duncanville, TX; Julie Margaret Reynolds, of Grand Prairie, TX; son-in-law Richard Ogden of Duncanville, TX and grandson, Jason Allen, Granddaughters, Lauren Ogden of El Paso, TX; Lacy Loosbrock and husband, Mike of Albuquerque, NM; and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn, 'Kaki', (2002); a brother, Fred Tunnell, (2005) and a great granddaughter, Alexis Allen, (2003)

Jack was born June 19, 1924 at Rising Star, TX, to Fred and Armina Tunnell. He attended school at Rising Star until his parents moved to Cross Plains, TX, in 1937, where his father became president of Citizens State Bank. Jack graduated from Cross Plains High School and attended Tarleton State College for one year before transferring to Texas A&M.

Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942 and received training in Corsicana, TX, Greenville, TX and San Antonio, TX where he got his "wings". He first served as flight instructor at Coffeetown, KS. In April 1944 he was assigned to a B-17 Crew preparing for duty in England. However, that changed in

different planes in which the couple sometimes traveled. He sold his plane in 1979 and bought a travel trailer and they continued their travels, logging over 100,000 miles with it in tow. They visited many of the reunion of Jack's B-29 military wing and crew, set in various U.S. Cities.

Jack maintained a workshop at his home where he created beautiful pieces of furniture for friends and family. Other hobbies included gardening, reading and square dancing. He had an interest in sailing and built a sailboat. He was professional photographer for a while. He served on the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. Jack was a confirmed member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coleman, TX, where

he was a lay reader and served on the Bishop's Committee.

Wife Kathryn died on June 28, 2002 after a lingering illness. The next year Jack moved into a retirement facility in Carrollton, to be closer to son, Jack, Jr. and daughter, Julie. There he met Dorothy Ewing. They were married on August 2003.

Pallbearers were nephews Tom Tunnell, Missouri City; Pal Stasney, College St.; Rufus Duncan, Missouri City; Paul Stasney, College St.; Rufus Duncan, Lufkin; and Robert Jones, Lubbock. Other Serving will be Wimpy McCoy and Dale Mitchell, both of Cross Plains.

CENTRAL TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC. ANNOUNCES SPONSORSHIP OF THE CHILD & ADULT FOOD PROGRAM

CENTRAL TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC. ANNOUNCES sponsorship of the Child and Adult Food Program. Each facility and Central Texas

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	ANNUAL INCOME INGRESOS ANUALES	MONTHLY INCOME INGRESOS MENSUALES	WEEKLY INGRESOS SE.
1	\$ 18,130	\$ 1,511	\$ 349
2	24,420	2,035	470
3	30,710	2,580	591
4	37,000	3,084	712
5	43,290	3,608	833
6	49,580	4,132	954
7	55,870	4,656	1,075
8	62,160	5,180	1,196
For each additional family member, add: Para cada persona adicional agregar:	\$ 6,290	\$ 525	\$ 121

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Application forms and a letter to parents or guardians are being sent to all homes. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the contractor. Additional copies are available at the contractor's office. The information provided on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified any time during the contract year by the contractor or other program officials.

Households must provide the following information on the application: all household members—names, the Social

Security number of the head of the Household (or other responsible adult), and all household members' incomes by source, OR the household's Food Stamp or TANF case number if appropriate, and the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information is correct. Application may be submitted any time during the year.

According to the free and reduced-price policy, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling may discuss the decision with Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Parents may request appeal either orally or in writing by contacting:

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Households must report increases of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year in household income and decreases in household size. If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size increases, the household should contact the contractor. These changes may qualify children for reduced-price meals or for free meals if the household's income falls to or below the levels shown above. TANF/Food Stamp households must report termination of Benefits.

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contributions to the local disaster relief fund make it possible to help families displaced by house fires and other disasters, for the Red Cross. To make a gift to the local disaster relief please call 325-677-2622 or mail it to Big Country Region American Red Cross 1610 N. 2nd Abilene, TX 79601. For free information on how to protect your home from a wildfire, or for tips on staying safe in extreme heat, please visit the site www.redcross.org.

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Non-District:

Clyde 41,

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Clyde 7 12 8 14-41
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CROSS PLAINS - HARRIS 2, PHILLIPS 6, BENNETT 3, MARTINEZ 3.

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2006-07 Baird Bear and Lady Bear Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
OCT 28	Rising Star (Scr.)	There	TBA	JVG, VG
OCT 31	Hawley (Scr.)	Home	TBA	JVG, VG
NOV. 7	Santa Anna (49-53)	There	5:30	JVG, VG
NOV. 14	Newcastle	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
NOV 16 & 18	Cross Plains JV Tourney	There	TBA	JVG, JVG, VG, VB
NOV. 17	Rotan	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
NOV. 20	Hawley	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
NOV. 28	Rising Star	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
NOV. 31-DEC 2	Roby Tourney	There	TBA	VG, VB
NOV 32.				
DEC 2	Hawley JV Tourn.	There	TBA	JVG, JVB
DEC. 5	Roby	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
DEC. 7-9				
DEC 12	Cross Plains Tourn.	There	TBA	VG, VB
DEC. 14-16	Trent	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
DEC 14-16	Miles	There	TBA	VG, VB
DEC 14-16	Jim Ned Tourn.	There	TBA	JVB
DEC. 16	Albany JV. Tourn.	There	TBA	JVG
DEC. 21	Hamlin	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 2	Miles	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN. 5	Hamlin	There	5:00	JVB, VB
JAN. 5	*Eula	There	6:00	JVG, VG
JAN. 9	*Cross Plains	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 12	*Winters	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 16	DeLeon	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 19	*Albany	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 23	*Eula	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 26	*Cross Plains	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
JAN 30	*Winters	Home	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
FEB. 2	Open			
FEB. 6	*Albany	There	4:00	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
FEB. 9	*Eula	There	5:00	JVB, VB

*DISTRICT GAMES



Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu



Christmas Break

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All



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Good Country Wide Classifieds

Putnam, Carbon, Olden, Morton Valley, Desdemona, Kokomo

Baird Star • Cisco Press • Eastland Telegram • Ranger Times • Rising Star
Thursday, December 21, 2006

Strawn, Mingus, Gordon, Gorman, Flatwoods

REAL ESTATE

Carbon- 1997 Clayton 16 x 60, 2-2 bath mfg. home, approx. 3/4 acre. \$25,000.

Gorman- 2 houses/1 lot, 3-1 1/2 brick/frame, 1548', and 1-1 frame 648', several carports & storage buildings, app. 1.1 acres, several large trees, will separate. \$52,900.

NEW: Desdemona, nice 3-2 mfg. home, 1549' LA (CAD), open floor plan, fireplace, beautiful fenced 1 acre, water well, stg. bldg., numerous fruit and pecan trees. \$82,500.

30 A m/l Gorman, water well, elec. barn, coastal, old pond, good fences, 100s of small pecan trees. \$295,000.

NEW: 40A near Gorman, paved road, pasture, fenced, small cabin, water well, small pond, elec., sandy soil. \$2,750 A.

100 A west DeLeon, 3-1 1/2-2 older brick, 1444', C-H/A, fireplace, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 35 A coastal, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building.

160A m/l NW east Gorman on FM 2921: 65 a m/l coastal, 75 a m/l wooded, water well, pond, steel corral. Indications show lots deer, turkey and hogs, mineral rights. \$2,900.00 per acre.

240 a west of DeLeon, 120 a fields, 80 a wooded, 40 a coastal, 2 small ponds, water well, in a great hunting area, lots of deer sign, great place! \$2,250.00 acre.

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FHA, 7%, 360 mos. 817-279-8505
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3 + 2 D/wide New, with acreage, \$0 down, \$550 per mo!

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Celebrate Christmas Texas-Style

Across our great state, children anticipate opening beautifully wrapped presents, parents and grandparents look forward to embracing visiting family members, and young families eagerly await their first Christmas together. These are all signs that the holidays have arrived.

The holiday season has come to include many things, such as Christmas carols, decorations, trees, lighting of Menorah candles, egg nog, and a break from work and the daily routine. This time of year also brings several traditions and celebrations that are unique to our state.

For many Central Texans, the holiday season begins with spinning under the Tree of Lights in Austin's Zilker Park. This tree is 155 feet tall, 180 feet in diameter, and dangles 3,309 bulbs on 39 streamers strung from Austin's historical Moonlight Tower. The park's mile-long Trail of Lights Festival includes 43 lighted scenes such as North Pole Express, Santa's Sleigh, 12 Days of Christmas, and Home for the Holidays.

Galveston's historic commercial district, the Strand, is transformed during the first week of each December to Victoria-era London during the Dickens on the Strand festival. Characters from Charles Dickens novels march through the streets, while vendors, carolers and musicians provide entertainment.

Marshall's downtown courthouse is centerpiece of one of the largest Christmas lights shows in the country. Known as the "Crown Jewel," the courthouse is decorated with more than

125,000 lights as part of the city's Wonderland of Lights.

In Cleburne, the Whistle Stop Christmas Lights cover 11 acres and always attract visitors from across North Texas. In West Texas, Santa Land has illuminated the Lubbock sky for 50 years. This holiday village features a 60-foot Christmas tree, animated displays, bonfires, traditional holiday scenes, and Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Since 1977, Christmas trees have been grown on approximately 150 Christmas tree farms in Texas. These farms produce 200,000 trees annually on 2,500 acres. Texas Christmas tree growers contribute \$12 million each year to our state's economy, and this year an estimated 36 million families nationwide will decorate their own Christmas trees.

While participating in activities such as these, it is important to remember the si-

lent night in Bethlehem 2000 years ago when our Savior was born in a manger. On this night, there were no elaborate lights or decorations, but there was joy and hope for peace. The good news of His arrival was not delivered to the wealthiest and the most powerful; instead, angels appeared to the poorest shepherds in the field.

As we gather around the Christmas tree, many of our men and women in uniform are unable to be home for the holidays because of deployments overseas. These brave soldiers protecting our freedom may be thousands of miles away, but they are always present in our thoughts and prayers. They too are providing messages of hope and peace to future generations.

The holidays offer us all an opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months, share stories and memories with friends and family, and ring in the new year with an optimism

representative of the Texan and American spirit. This hope for a brighter tomorrow and a better future for our children and grandchildren guides us in our daily lives to do all we can to make our world a safer place.

Christmas in Texas may not always be white, but it is always full of laughter, hope and joy. May we all appreciate the gifts we have all been given and enjoy a festive, safe holiday season.

Brighten Your Home This Winter

Short days, long nights and persistently cold weather make many of us weary of winter, but the season doesn't have to be so gloomy. The following tips may help brighten your living space—and your spirits.

•Mimic the icicles outside by hanging clear quartz crystals, which will refract the sunlight beautifully when hung by a sunny window.

•Drape sheer fabrics like organza or chiffon over windows. They will brighten up dark spaces by diffusing light.

•Add some colorful accents. Try a small area rug, a throw pillow, or a slipcover in the inspiring colors of this season, such as deep reds and bronzes, to add light and pleasure to your home.

•Winter-white lampshades maximize the wattage of every bulb without creating glare.

•A string of votives on your mantel paired with a group of pillars on the coffee table will multiply the warmth and power of the fire and ward off winter's chill. Take care to keep an eye on your children to prevent accidents. Keep all candles out of the reach of children and be sure to carefully read the safety precaution label on the bottom.

•Replace your miniblinds and shades with new products in lighter, brighter colors—just be sure they are safe for small children. Install cordless window products or retrofit all window coverings manufactured before 2001 throughout your home. Free retrofit kits are available from the Window Covering Safety Council at www.windowcoverings.org or by calling 1-800-506-4636.

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It is rated G, and will be featured at the Majestic Theater in Eastland during the Holiday Season.

Note: that the Majestic will be open only on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights for the next two weeks. It will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve), and on Sunday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve).

"Charlotte's Web" will begin on Friday night, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m., and show at the same time Sat-

urday and Monday nights. Admission will be \$4.50 at the box office, with balcony tickets \$6 for adults only.

The movie is described as both magical and realistic. The voice actors get more attention than the live ones in this animated film, however.

In the story, Fern (Dakota Fanning) saves a runt pig named Wilbur (Dominick Scott Key), and is able to find a home for him with the neighbors.

But Wilbur is still destined for the Christmas dinner table. Then enter Charlotte (voiced by Julia Roberts) a spider who decides to befriend the pig.

Charlotte spins wondrous webs, and saves Wilbur sev-

eral times by spinning words into them. This attracts tourists to the farm, and makes some money for the farmers. Meanwhile, Wilbur makes friends in the barnyard, and the audience gets to see a number of interesting animals and their antics. One is a wily rat, voiced by Steve Buscemi. Another is a "ner-

vous Nelly" horse, voiced by Robert Redford.

Wilbur manages to survive, but Charlotte does not. This is a sad note in a generally warm and funny film.

This movie came out recently, and is near the top of the box office. Critics are calling it "One of the better animated films."



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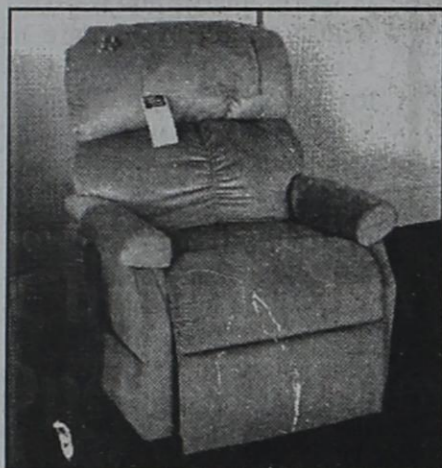
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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Golf: More Humbling Than We Thought...

Uncle Mort and his 42-playing buddies meet at the general store there in the thicket. They have no plans to buy anything, but eagerly take on world crises (plural) in their domino world, often killing the large part of a day. Seated on cane-bottom chairs around a butcher-block table, the foursome hopes that one of them will get new dominoes for Christmas. They believe, in their hearts' bottoms, that the ones they've been playing with throughout 2006 are scratched, chipped or otherwise marked.

After shuffling, they shut their eyes tighter than a bank vault when taking dominoes. This assures random selection instead of choices based on domino recognition.

The game stops for few reasons, one being on those rare occasions when drivers get lost, and stop to ask for directions. Mort and his cronies always "make over" such visitors, encouraging them to fill up with gas in case they get lost again....

He wipes windshields, often getting tips. Sometimes he whips up yarns to tickle motorists' funny bones, like he did the other day.

"Man, we've never had so many geese flapping their way south," he said. "Do you know why those V's of geese have one short row and one long row?"

The befuddled visitors say, "No, why is one row longer?" "Because there are more geese in the long rows," he jokes, slapping his thighs....

The recent errant motorist tossed his morning newspaper into the trash barrel.

When he was out of sight, Mort and his cohorts fished it out.

None of the headlines grabbed their attention, but a tiny story on the sports page did. Mort nearly got the vapors laughing about Jimmie Johnson, the crown prince of NASCAR racing, breaking his wrist in a fall from a golf cart....

"Well, blow me down," Mort blustered. (In thicket vernacular, that's the rough equivalent of "Shiver me timbers.") He had the same response when he heard about Dick Cheney shooting his friend on the bird hunt.

Mort, between convulsions, said racing fans would not be surprised if Johnson gets hurt roaring around race tracks at 200 MPH, or even on a freeway.

But at a charity golf tournament—where carts move more like snails than "warps?"...

And he wasn't even driving, for goodness sakes! Boy, is this ever going to change NASCAR rules.

Expect "designated cart drivers" at such future events. "I doubt that the guy driving the cart was even a

designated putter," Mort joked....

Oh, but the story gets worse. According to the *Citrus County Chronicle*, Johnson was sprawled on top of the cart, when a sharp turn—taken at perhaps five MPH—did him in.

"What was he doing up there?" Mort wondered. "You're 'sposed to sit under it to get out of the sun, not on top to get more. Sounds to me like the whole kit and caboodle may need breathalyzer tests. There may be more swigging than swinging going on."

Mort, who economizes by driving his golf cart everywhere he goes, says he "wouldn't get on the road without seat belts and air bags." He's offered his consultant services....

He thinks that in a way,

the NASCAR champion was beneficiary of some "blind hog luck." Mort points out that since the Florida accident occurred during the "off" season, the wrist will have plenty of time to mend.

Oh, he'll miss racing in the X-Games this month in Paris. But, his right hand is fine, so he'll be there to back-slap and flag-wave if needed....

The world is not a complicated place for the few remaining people in the thicket. The guys finished their game, laughing between shuffles. As they said good-byes, one player salivated at the thought of Christmas treats, "sweetening the air from a mile away," as he put it. Another was ignored when he tried to show new pictures of his grandchildren. A third player said of his four grown children: "We have three brilliant daughters, and one almost-average son."

Then Mort jumped on his golf cart, fastened the seat belt, and pattered toward home. He hoped he wouldn't

run over something in the evening shadows, or be pursued by a varmint faster than his cart. He smiled, figuring that even if he took a turn too sharp and tumbled to the terra firma, it wouldn't make the newspapers.

His mind drifted to the post-accident press conference, where Mort would have loved asking, "Other than that, Mr. Johnson, did you enjoy the game?..."

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DPS Troopers Urge Safer Holiday Driving

DPS will have all available troopers on Texas roadways during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. They'll be looking for drivers who are drunk, for speeders and for those who are not wearing safety belts.

"Slow down and live," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. "Speeding is the number one killer on Texas roadways. Making sure you're driving the speed limit or drastically reducing your speed in bad weather or in crowded road conditions—can mean the difference between life and death. We want to make sure you get to your destination safely."

The Christmas enforcement period will run from Friday, Dec. 22 through midnight on Monday, Dec. 25. (Last year during the Christmas holiday period, Highway Patrol troopers made 581 DWI arrests. They also issued 13,951 speeding tickets and 2,886 tickets for seatbelt violations—including 365 citations for child safety seat violations.)

The New Year's enforcement period will run from Friday, Dec. 29 through midnight on Monday, Jan. 1. (Last year during the New Year's holiday period, Highway Patrol troopers made 461 DWI arrests. They also issued 6,671 speeding tickets and 1,432 tickets for seatbelt violations—including 188 citations for child safety seat violations.)

"Be sure to designate a driver if you're planning on consuming alcohol. Drinking and then driving is a bad way to celebrate the holidays. And, as always, you should buckle up," Col. Davis said. Since both holidays fall on weekends, it's likely there will be more people on Texas roadways. Texas troopers offer the following helpful hints for a happier driving experience during the holidays and throughout the year:

- Slow down—speed is the number one killer on Texas roads. Bad weather can create conditions where slowing down can save your life, or the lives of others around you.

- Drive sober—designate a driver who hasn't consumed alcohol. Calling a cab is much cheaper than paying for the consequences of a DWI charge.

- Wear your seatbelt—being properly secured can increase the odds of surviving a serious crash. Make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up. Children should be secured in the appropriate car seat or booster seat.

- Drive courteously—it's contagious! Turn signals can be your gift to other drivers. Don't tailgate.

- Plan ahead—there may be construction or other delays on your planned route. Be patient, and give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination safely.



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TxDOT's Abilene District Has Weathered First Storm: Prepared For More To Come

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The district has a fleet of vehicles stationed at every maintenance office in its 13-county area that is equipped to combat snow and ice in the winter. Counties in the Abilene District include Callahan, Borden, Fisher, Howard, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Stonewall, Scurry, Shackelford, and Taylor.

Dump trucks are fitted with v-box spreaders on the back,

and as needed, snow plows on the front. The v-box spreaders are used to spread Meltdown-20, otherwise known as magnesium chloride on the highways. Snow plows are used to push snow off the roadway or to pick up ice off the pavement. As sand, salt and aggregate leads to clean-up conditions, deterioration of roadways and windshield hits, the Abilene District limits its use of sand and aggregate to emergency conditions such as steep hills and to aid trucks that need more traction to get on their way.

"On occasion," Brian Crawford, said, "we are questioned as to whether we are working the roadways as

the public cannot see any aggregate or sand on the pavement. However, because we use Meltdown-20 which melts on contact with moisture, the visual effect is not evident." Crawford is the district's director of maintenance.

"Meltdown-20 is a granular substance that draws moisture from the ice, snow, and air to form a brine that breaks the bond between the ice, or snow, and the roadway surface. Therefore, Meltdown-20 is generally not visible to the traveling public, but it is still actively working to melt the ice and snow. In addition," Crawford said, "we can effectively treat roadways

using Meltdown-20 at a lower overall cost that we can when using aggregate, sand, or salt."

TxDOT's maintenance forces work the most heavily traveling highways first. After the high priority roadways are passable, they focus on the less traveled routes. Initial efforts are directed to locations where drivers are most vulnerable, such as bridges, overpasses, hills, curves, ramps, and interchanges.

Once called into action, the Abilene District maintenance crews continue to work around the clock to clear roadways until the storm has passed.

"The safety of the traveling public is a TxDOT prior-

ity, and we respond to snow and ice situations as quickly as possible," Crawford, said.

Motorists can also do their part by driving carefully and:

- Use caution when driving over bridges and overpasses. These are the first to freeze.

- Reduce speed and drive with caution. A vehicle needs at least three times more space to stop on a slick roadway. Visibility can also be reduced during winter weather conditions.

- Be patient. Your trip time--including short commutes to work--could increase when adverse weather conditions exist.

- Winterize vehicles before traveling during ad-

verse weather. Check fuel, tire, oil, and antifreeze levels. Make sure headlights, and windshield wipers are working properly.

- Check area weather conditions on radio or television before starting a trip.

•Motorists can also call TxDOT's toll-free highway conditions line at 800-452-9292 or go on-line to www.dot.state.tx.us/hcr/main/hun.

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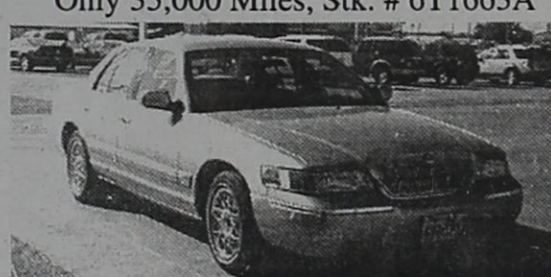
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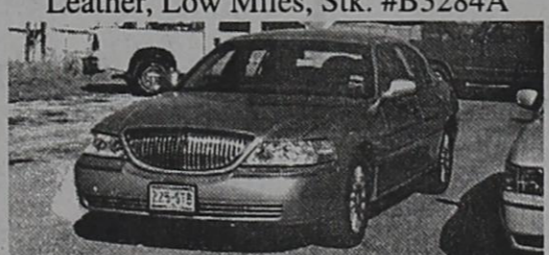
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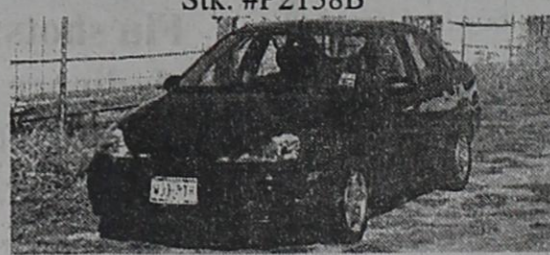
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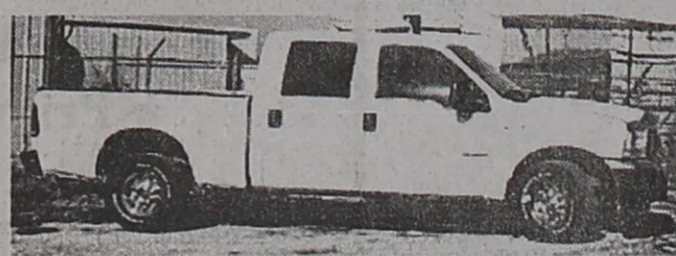
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 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 7 large eggs
 1 quart buttermilk
 1/2 cup butter, melted
 Pinch ground cloves

1. In a large bowl, mix together the flour, oatmeal, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves and make a well in the center.

2. In a separate bowl, combine the eggs with the buttermilk and mix well. Pour the egg mixture into the center of the dry ingredients. Stir the mixture until the dry ingredients are about 3/4 moistened. Add the butter and stir only until the butter is worked in. Do not overmix. The batter is ready to use now, or it may be refrigerated for up to 12 hours.

3. Preheat a waffle iron to medium-high. Pour about 3/4 cup batter into the waffle iron and cook the waffles until they are crisp, golden and cooked through, 3 to 6 minutes per waffle. Serve at once.

As an added bonus, consider topping your waffles with lemon curd, courtesy of the Culinary Institute of America.

Lemon Curd

Makes 2 Cups
 9 large egg yolks
 2/3 cup lemon juice
 3/4 cups sugar
 4 teaspoons lemon zest
 14 tablespoons butter, cubed, at room temperature

1. Bring an inch or two of water to a simmer in a saucepan or the bottom of a double boiler.

2. Combine the egg yolks, lemon juice, sugar, and zest in a stainless mixing bowl or the top of a double boiler and whisk until the sugar is completely dissolved. Set the mixture over the simmering water and continue to whisk until the eggs are thickened and warm, about 12 minutes.

3. Add the butter a few pieces at a time, stirring until each addition is blended into the eggs before adding more. Continue stirring until all of the butter is blended into the curd.

4. Transfer the curd (straining if desired) to a bowl set in an ice bath and cool, stirring from time to time. Once the curd has reached room temperature it is ready to serve or store in a covered container in the refrigerator for up to three days.

Apple Cake with Toffee Sauce

Serves 8 to 10
 Roasted Apples
 8 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and quartered
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 4 tablespoons unsalted Kerrygold Irish butter
 Juice of 2 lemons
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 1/4 cup silvered almonds
 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted Kerrygold Irish butter, at

room temperature

1 cup sugar
 3 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 cup sour cream or crème fraîche
 1/4 cup Irish cider
 Pinch of salt
 Toffee Sauce
 3/4 cup water
 3/4 cup sugar
 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 3/4 cup heavy (whipping) cream

To make the roasted

apples: Preheat the oven to 375 F. Butter a large casserole dish. Cut the apple quarters into two to three wedges each and place in the prepared dish. Sprinkle with the lemon juice and sugar, and dot with the butter. Bake, turning frequently, for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the apples are tender when pierced with the top of a knife. Remove from the oven, drain off the juices, and set the apples aside to cool. Maintain the oven temperature.

To make the cake: Butter a 9- or 10-inch pan and sprinkle the bottom with almonds.

In a medium bowl, sift to-

gether the flour, cinnamon, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream the butter and sugar with an electric mixer until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and continue to beat until the mixture is smooth. With a wooden spoon, fold in the dry ingredients, vanilla, sour cream or crème fraîche, and cider.

Starting in the center, decoratively arrange half of the apples in the bottom of the prepared pan. Roughly chop the remaining apples and stir into the cake batter. Pour the batter into the pan and bake for 70 to 80 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean. Remove the cake from the oven and let cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Release the sides of the pan, invert the cake onto a plate, and remove the base.

To make the toffee sauce: In a medium saucepan, bring the water and sugar to a boil. Stir in the lemon juice. Cook

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To serve, cut the cake into slice and drizzle with toffee sauce.



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4250 N. Clack; Abilene, Texas 79601 until **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 3, 2007** then publicly opened and read. Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from: **Scott Mitchell** Texas Department of Transportation 4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79601 (325) 676-6911 (325) 676-6958- Fax (12-21, 12-28-06)

City of Clyde Seeking Your Ideas On Centennial Celebration in July 2007

The City of Clyde is planning a Centennial Celebration in July of 2007. We are interested in what the citizens of Clyde would like to see for our celebration. On our Web Site, you will find a poll of different activities. Please check this out and see if there is something you would like to vote on. If there is something different you would like to see, please e-mail me and let me know. This event is for the citizens of Clyde. We want to make this a

very fun and special event. Your input is very important to us so get involved in these decisions. Our web site is www.clydecityhall.com to take the poll and the email is clydeh2o@clydecityhall.com. If you do not have Internet access, you may also send your requests for this through the U.S. Mail. Our address is City of Clyde, Attn: Centennial Celebration, P.O. Box 1155, Clyde, Texas 79510. We are looking forward to your input.

Submitted by
Lorrie D. Trammell

Cowboy Heritage Church Open Team Ropings Underway

The Cowboy Heritage Church in Clyde will be hosting open team roping at the Church located north of Interstate 20.

The open ropings will be held every Saturday beginning November 4th. The roping event will begin at 2:00 p.m. until finished.

The cost is \$20 for the no limit/all you want to rope event.

No alcohol is allowed on the premise.

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Cowboy Heritage Church is located north on Hays Rd. approximately 1/2 mile

Obituary

Winnie Russell Favor

CLYDE-Winnie Russell Favor, 92, of Abilene and formerly of Eula, died Friday at a local care Center. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Sunday at the Bailey Funeral Chapel with Rev. Larry Adams officiating. Burial followed in the Eula Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Mrs. Favor was born Sept. 12, 1914 in Buckholts, TX to Charlie and Etta (Durham) Russell. She moved to Callahan at an early age. She

attended schools in Lone Oak and Eula. She was the widow of R.D. "Dick" Favor, Jr., whom she married on September 27, 1930 in Clovis, NM.

She was lifelong resident of Callahan County. Mrs. Favor was a homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church of Eula.

Survivors include two sons, Bob Favor and wife Beth of Clyde and Joe Favor and wife Terry of San Angelo; two sisters, Evelyn Cranfill and husband Garland of Abilene and Peggy Allen and husband John of Eula; one brother, Rayburne Russell and wife Rose of San Antonio; ten grandchildren,

sixteen great grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, R.T. Favor and Buck Favor and two grandchildren.

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2006-07 Calendar Baird I.S.D.

next Teacher Development Workday: December 22
May 25
Staff Development Day: ends Aug. 11

***Compensatory Days: November 21-22 also January 19.**

Bad: Weather Day: May 11.
Students Holidays: Labor Day, September 4

Thanksgiving, November 20-24

Christmas break, December 21-January 7

County Stockshow: January 19.

Spring Break, March 12-16

Easter, April 6

TAKS TESTING days: October 17-20, February 13-15, April 4, April 17-20, May 15

B.H.S. Graduation: May 25, 2007
*****Three staff development waiver days required during the summer or weekends to compensate the 3 days in November and January.**

north of the Interstate 20, Exit 299 mile marker.

Obituaries

Hal Ray Broadfoot

CLYDE-Hal Ray Broadfoot, 72, of Clyde died Thursday at his home.

Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Clyde Church of Christ with Jim Hall and Wayne Berryman officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Hal Ray was born in Dennison, TX on March 10, 1934. He grew up in Clyde and graduated from Clyde High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a B.A. He played football at Tech and was All-Border Conference for two years. He married Charlene Lenker on July 10, 1959, in Abilene. He owned and operated Broadfoot Texaco and the Western Auto Store in Clyde for many years. He served in the U.S. Army and

was a member of the Clyde Church of Christ.

Hal Ray is survived by his wife, Charlene of Clyde, three sons, Tim Broadfoot of Clyde, Ted Broadfoot of Irving, and Terry Broadfoot of Clyde; seven grandchildren, Tyson, Teryl, Trace, Tanner, Tristen and Talon Broadfoot and Addi Wyatt; three great grandchildren, Ty Peyton Broadfoot, Jody Hal Broadfoot and Jake Prew; and two cousins, Beth Barr and Bitsy Berryman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, H.G. and Edna (Brown) Broadfoot.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christian Homes of Abilene, 1202 Estates Drive Abilene, TX 79602 or to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605

Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest

POSTER ENTRIES shall be on standard poster board, cut to half size 22" X 14". Artwork on poster entries should be produced with materials which do not readily smea, crack or chip. If necessary a fixative or lamination may be used. Poster entry artwork should be flat.

Each poster will need an entry form attached to the back of the poster.

Students may choose one of the two themes for this years contest. #1 "Water Wise."

#2 "Celebrate Conservation". Students will be awarded a ribbon for participation by the district. Arrea Winners will be presented with a plaque.

A Digital Photograph will

be required of each winner from the County competition to be published in the local paper and the SWCD newsletter.

The district will choose three winners from the Callahan County School Districts 4th, 5th and 6th grades. These posters will be submitted to the Area 5 competition. If one of these posters is selected it will then be sent to the State competition. All posters must be turned in to Callahan Divide SWCD no later than January 28, 2006. Please contact Judi Winans at Callahan Divide Soil and Water Conservation District, 141, W. 4th Street, Suite B, Baird, TX 79504. 325-854-1349, Ext 3.

BUS SERVICE MINISTRY, Schedule AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BAIRD, December

You Will Be HAPPY to learn that the adventure will continue through our bus ministry! The bus ministry will serve children age three through senior adults, who live within the Baird city limits, and are needing a ride to our Sunday School (Bible Study) and Worship Serv. beginning at 9:45 each Sunday. If you or a child in your neighborhood have been unable to attend Sunday School and Worship Services due to lack of dependable transportation, here is your opportunity!

With August 20 only a couple of weeks away, we

encourage you to contact the church office at 854-1574 to receive important information pertaining to pick-up times and enrollment for this serv.

We will be eagerly anticipating your calls!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Wednesday YOUTH Fellowship 7:00 pm
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Region 14 Education Service Center's Alternative Certification Program ADDS Certification in the Areas of Math and Science

Applications for the Region 14 Education Service Center's 2007-08 Alternative Certification Program for Math and Science teachers will be accepted until **February 16, 2007**. The program allows college graduates wanting to be Math and/or Science teachers to earn certification as they train and teach full-time, serving as interns with mentor teachers in area school districts.

Participants complete training in the spring and summer prior to entering the classroom. During the internship year, training is continued.

Applicants are selected from those meeting the following admission requirements:

Received bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education.

For additional admission requirements, contact Region 14 E.S.C. Alternative Certification Program.

The teaching certificate enables recipients to teach anywhere in Texas. Reciprocity is available in some other states.

For information on Region 14's Math and/or Science or EC-12 Special Education programs Contact:

J. Stevens (325) 675-8603
OR
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Justin English, Baird End-Receiver Makes All State Football Team Cl. A

Junior Baird Varsity Receiver, Justin English, was recently named to the Associated Press Sports Class A All-State Football Team. Justin is a 6 ft. one, 165 lb. End/Receiver who has played for Baird High School.

Justin was named to the First Defense Team for 2006.

The Associated Press Sports bases their list on regular-season performance and was released Monday, as voted on by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

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national average in all of the above areas. High scores were reported in vocabulary, math skills and English language screening. Proficiency in these areas helps preschoolers transition into kindergarten more effectively. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. has a strong emphasis on literacy. Educational programs like Creative Curriculum are used in the classroom to teach children to learn math, science, social studies, arts and technology skills. These subjects are taught with special emphasis on cultural diversity and individual learning styles including children with learning and physical disabilities.

The Head Start National Reporting System ranked Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. with high marks for addressing children with all types of disabilities. These children receive special assistance from a trained professional staff member. Identifying learning disabilities makes

learning easier and more enjoyable for children.

In addition to learning skills, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc., ranked 30% above the national average for employing teachers with a Bachelor's degree or higher. The agency was also above the national average in full day classrooms. These extended hours allow parents that work or attend school to pick up their children at a later time.

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Head Start is a comprehensive child development program that helps children grow mentally, socially, emotionally and physically. They receive meals, snacks, outdoor and indoor play. Assistance with health services is also provided. To schedule an appointment, contact a Head Start center near you.

Callahan Divide SWC Taking Windbreak Tree Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first served basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock, TX. This year's selection of available trees includes five varieties of evergreens. They are Afganistan Pine, Eastern Red Cedar, Italian Stone Pine, Pinyon Pine and Austrian Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for \$5 for \$15.00 or \$65.00 for a box of 30 per species.

We are sorry to announce that we will not be selling the hardwood trees or the wildlife packets this year due to

the Relocation on the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

Tree orders will be taken until January 26th, 2007 or until supplies run out. Whichever comes first. The trees will be delivered to Baird on Saturday February 17th, 2007, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and Noon. All Orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources.

Conservation Service office in Baird, TX or (325) 854-1349, EXT 3.

The office is located in Baird at 141 W. 4th., Suite B.

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Baird P.T.O. Fundraiser 2006

Baird P.T.O. is excited to announce two new ways that everyone in our community can help raise funds or obtain equipment for Baird schools. The exciting part is that everyone can participate, regardless of their income or whether they have school-aged children. All you need to do is save your cash register receipts from any Lawrence Brothers' grocery store and by clipping the "Box Tops for Education" tops from your favorite General Mills, Pillsbury, Yoplait, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, Hamburger Helper, Ziploc, Cottonelle, Hefty and Scott products. Turn them into the school and the PTO will redeem them for

ten cents each. Cash register receipts will be totaled and can be redeemed for equipment such as calculators, art supplies, playground equipment, and even computers.

There is even a way for online shopping aficionados to help out when they shop at any of the following stores: Avon, Barnes & Noble.com, Best Buy.com, Blair, Cabela's, Discovery Channel Store, Expedia.com, JC Penney, KB Toys, Kohl's, Land's End, Nordstrom, Office Depot, Office Max.com, Oriental Trading, Pottery Barn, Sears, Target, Terry's Village, and Wal-Mart.

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The F.S.A. office in Anson is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Meals on Wheels in Need of Volunteers

The Meals on Wheels program in Baird is in need of volunteers. The need is in need of volunteers to help in the delivery of meals.

If this need is not filled, we will have to put a limit on the number of folks that need our help. Please call

the Baird Citizens Center at 854-1937 about when and how many days you will be available to deliver.


4,495 meals have been served in the past 11 months to the folks who eat their lunch at the Baird Center.

Country Cowboy Church

710 N. Seaman Eastland
254-639-2155

Coffee & Donuts.....10:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:30 p.m.

Pastor Chad Gosnell



Christmas Greetings

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Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Experienced, mature woman for home cleaning; Rainbow vacuum cleaning system knowledge helpful. Needed every other week for multiple in-home tasks. Good references required. Please call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to set interview.

For Sale

FOR SALE: Mostly highway-driven, '90 Oldsmobile Full Tank. Cutlass Supreme - V-6—loaded. 69,000 miles. Computer/gauges—Call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to see.

Web Press Time available call 254-629-1707. B52

Family Van For Sale: Designer Conversion big engine, '91 GMC family van, 90,000 actual miles, white exterior/gray plush interior, pretty wood trim inside, garaged, clean, 4 captains, convertible couch, electric windows, TV/cassette, call 254-629-2413 to see after 6 p.m. \$4995.00 firm.

Looking for: responsible Paper Route Delivery for Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains. Contract Call 254-629-1707

Stay informed, Read the Star Flooring for Sale From Old Gym

Baird Independent School District is in the process of refurbishing the old gymnasium. One of the main objectives is to replace the wooden floor because it is not level. The hardwood floor has been removed in sections of about 50 square ft. These sections

are for sale to the public for \$1 per square foot. Proceeds from the sales of flooring will help defray the cost of updating the gym.

If interested in owning a piece of history you may call Scott Cooper at 854-1400 extension, 320.

Ann Williams Real Estate

601 Conrad Hilton Cisco www.annwilliamsrealestate.com
254-442-1880

ACREAGE

5 Acres with cabin combined with a bathroom & shower. Water well, shop, creek, oak trees. **SOLD** \$200,000.

10 Acres Lake Cisco paved road access by Lake Cisco, across from public lake access. \$19,000.

10 Acres Lake Comanche gated Mercers Preserve at Lake Comanche, community lake access. \$24,500.

15 Acres with cabin mostly wooded with oak trees, very large hill for home site, creek, drainage, water line. **SOLD** Eastland School District, lots of wildlife including deer, turkey, hogs. Owner/broker, agent \$48,500.

19 Acres by Lake Leon, creek, hill, paved road frontage, wooded mostly with oaks, overlooks Lake Leon, deer, turkey, hogs, quail.

25 Acres near Cisco, wooded and open, home site potential, \$50,000.

25 Acres with large hill, mostly wooded with red oak and live oak, creek, water line, electricity, excellent home site. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, owner/broker, agent, \$72,800.

40 Acres +/- partially wooded with oaks, 4 ponds, waterline septic system, electricity, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck.

51 Acres mostly wooded with live oaks, pond, one 5-acre field, excellent home site or recreation property. **SOLD** deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,500 per acre.

51 Acres near Lake Cisco mostly wooded with live oak and post oak, two hills overlooking Lake Cisco with a canyon and creek in between the hills, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,800 per acre.

65 Acres mostly wooded with oak trees, elevation changes from hill top down to lower land, paved road. **SOLD** deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.

83 Acres Stephens County, mostly wooded with live oak & mesquite trees, hills, water line, electricity. **SOLD** parts of Lake Daniels, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,195 per acre.

98 Acres with 2-story house, 3 BR, 2 1/2 baths, CH/CA, water well, creek, land is wooded with oaks and fields, creek, \$250,000.

100 Acres with house 3 BR, 2 bath frame home, water well, land is mostly open with coastal and cultivated fields, creek, \$345,000.

120 Acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oaks, 2 ponds, creek, hill, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,495 per acre.

124 Acres with timber with white camper, mostly wooded with oak trees, 2 fields, big hill and other elevation. **SOLD** deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail and duck, 221,555.

130 Acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oaks, pond, hill, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,495 per acre.

157 Acres, 25% open in fields with coastal and other grasses, 25% wooded with oak trees, 3 ponds, 6 acres. **SOLD** includes deer, turkey, dove, quail, \$196,490.

164 Acres, mostly pecan orchard, approximately 80 acres of pecan trees, 60 acres of oak timber, 20 acres. **SOLD** large ponds in a canyon in the oak timber, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$236,000.

191 Acres Stephen Co, wooded with oak & mesquite trees, large hill overlooking river, 2 ponds, next to large ranches, deer, turkeys, hogs, dove, quail, \$248,378.

191 Acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oaks, pond, hill, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$1,495 per acre.

224 Acres mostly wooded with mesquite and oaks, pond, creek, 2 hills, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$373,750.

275 Acres mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, hills, creek, 2 ponds, water well, very nice property. **SOLD** deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$248,625.

321 Acres with home 2-story, in ground swimming pool, large metal barn with pens. **SOLD** creek, mostly wooded.

435 Acres Horse ranch with 2002 built 3 BR, 2 bath, extensive shop, barn, livestock pens, wooded with oaks and various improved grass fields, 9 ponds, lots of extras, \$2,000,000.

COMMERCIAL

Downtown building with approx. 5700 sq. ft. plus more sq. footage upstairs for storage. Call for details.

Approx. 3700 sq. ft. building on 2.11 acres with Interstate 20 frontage. 2 CH/A units. Restaurant eqpt. and furniture can remain. Many possibilities for this large commercial bldg. \$65,000.

2 Story building in downtown Cisco on corner of 6th and Conrad Hilton Ave. Lots of potential. Approx. 3200 sq. ft. per floor per CAD. \$93,000.

HOMES

2 BR, 1 bath home on corner. **SOLD** windows, some wood floors, large trees, attached carport, \$25,000.

Large 2 BR, 1 bath home. Could be arranged for a third BR, separate DR, detached garage with extra. **SOLD** oak trees, 1 1/2 lots, Reduced to \$49,000.

2 BR, 1 bath home with CH/A, large shop on slab, RV carport, corner property.

Remodeled 2 BR, 1 bath home, since May 2005, owners have installed CH/A, vinyl siding, soft and facia, double pane tilt sash windows, steel entry doors, interior doors, water heater, floor coverings, rain gutters, bathroom fixtures, rewired, repainted inside. \$38,500.

3 BR, 2 bath home with separate LR, DR and den, WBFP, CH/A, carport, garage with attached storage room or workshop and carport. \$35,000.

2 BR, 1 1/4 bath home with CH/A, vinyl siding, carport, RV carport, storage bldg., above ground pool, on 4 lots, \$56,000.

Need extra lots for kids or animals? Call about this 3 BR, 2 bath with CH/A on 24 lots. \$38,500.

Very large 3 BR, 2 bath home, separate LR and den, CH/A, WBFP, many cabinets and closets, double garage, storage bldg., oak apple and pecan trees. \$73,000.

Large 3 BR, 2 bath home, (recently built) with 2 family rooms, CH/A, wooden deck, double carport, 2 storage buildings and shop or game room. Feat. 3rd backyard, corner property.

4BR, 2 bath, 2 story home with lots of character and space, separate DR, LR and den, 2 CH/A units, vinyl siding, jacuzzi, double pane tilt sash windows, steel entry doors, water heater, floor coverings, rain gutters, 15' x 270' lot. Also has mobile home hookups.

3 BR, 2 bath brick veneer home with CH/A, large rooms, office, many nice ash cabinets, WBFP, triple carport. **SOLD** trees just outside Cisco city limits.

LAKE CISCO

1 BR, 3/4 bath cabin, 2 storage buildings, dock, many oak trees, lots of water for storage. Call for details.

Must See! Large 4 BR, 1 3/4 bath 2 story home 2 CH/A units, fire place, several extra closets, balcony, **SOLD** oak trees, shop, 47' x 27' carport, covered boat dock.

Great view of Lake Cisco, unique 2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home surrounded by apple trees, attached double garage, **SOLD** in lots, yard, lands and fenced, covered boat dock with 2 boat slips. Call for details.

Ann Williams, Broker Jimmie Williams