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DOWN HOME

"First Winter Storm Arrived"

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The first storm of winter hit with a blast—on Thanksgiving Day at that! Sleet, flurries of snow and rain fell during the day. I went with Kye to feed cattle and it was COLD!!! I have sympathy for animals who have to withstand that kind of weather.

Saturday evening, November 24th, rain fell all night and it was wonderful. The long needed precipitation was quickly soaked up by the thirsty land.

Sunday afternoon the snow started falling. It was light at first, but became really heavy. The flakes were huge and fluffy and it snowed for over two hours, until everything was covered with a glistening white layer. The trees were coated with ice and laced with snow—it was so beautiful.

There was about three inches of snow in our area. It was beautiful as it fell so peacefully.

I didn't get outside all day Sunday. Just watching the white flakes from the warmth of being inside was enough. The remainder of some snowmen was evidence of the fun some enjoyed playing in the snow.

My grandsons were not home this weekend. It would have been difficult to keep them out of the snow. They would have loved it.

The weather played havoc with many satellite dishes. The snow stacked up and interfered with reception.

My son stood on a step-stool and swept the snow off our satellite dish so we could watch television. On his way outside he said, "This could be like the movie 'Christmas Vacation' trying to stand on this stool in the snow." He didn't slide down, but all the snow from the dish fell on his head and down the neck of his coat.

Thank you God for answering the prayers for rain. Everyone appreciates the moisture with all its nutrients that will replenish the land.

Collision in Eastland County Claims the life of a Cross Plains Woman last Sunday

An automobile accident in Eastland County claimed the life of Laura Chastain, 46, of Cross Plains, Sunday, November 26, 2007, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Trooper Buddy Wise of Eastland stated that Todd Perry of Rising Star was driving a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice when he lost control of the car and moved into the oncoming lane 6.3 miles west of Rising Star.

Perry's vehicle crashed into the 1999 Mercury Marquis driven by

Wilfred Dacus of Abilene who had his 13 year old son as a passenger.

Trooper Wise reported Perry, Dacus and his son were all injured and were transported to Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Laura Chastain, the passenger in the Perry vehicle, was pronounced deceased at the scene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 28th, at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains.

Drawing and Chili Luncheon Benefitting Senior Citizens Center December 5th

By Vanda Anderson
Editor

The drawing for the three Academy Sports & Outdoor gift cards valued at \$500 each will be held Wednesday, December 5th around 12 noon. Troy Crockett will be drawing for the winners.

You do not have to be present to win, but you don't want to miss the All You Can Eat Chili Luncheon at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center that same day. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Dana Hall of Dana's BBQ will be donating the chili while many

local residents are providing cornbread, cheese, crackers and condiments.

All proceeds from the gift card drawings and chili luncheon will benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Renovation Fund Raiser. Volunteers are striving to raise funds to rejuvenate the existing Senior Citizens Center. Hats off to Teri Coburn for her dedication to the project.

Tickets for the gift cards are still on sale for \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00, until the time of the drawing. For tickets contact Connie Kirkham at 254-725-6500

or 254-725-6318; Kathy Anderson 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center 254-725-6521; Cross Plains Grain & Peanut 254-725-7345; or see Gene Dillard. You may make a donation in Memory or Honor of a Loved One.

Imagine how much fun it would be to win a \$500 gift card that could enable you to do a one-stop Christmas shop. It could be your LUCKY DAY!

Come by and eat chili with the local senior citizens and see who the winners will be. You can have a great time while benefiting a worthy cause!!!!



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY—The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Cross Plains Community Clinic as a great asset to our city and surrounding area. (Photos courtesy of Editor Vanda Anderson. More photos on page 5.)



SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF MANY—The Director of Cross Plains EDC Debbie Gosnell (from left), Executive Director Susan Jones, Medical Director Dr. Penny Jeffery, and 2-1-1 Community Resource Director Mary Cooksey.

Candidate filing for Democratic Primary begins December 3rd

POLITICAL NOTICE

Candidates wishing to file for a place on the ballot for the Democratic Primary may pick up an application at the home office of Jon E. Hardwick, 609 Cherry in

Baird. First day applications may be accepted in December 3, 2007, and the last day for filing is January 2, 2008.

Jon E. Hardwick
County Democratic Chair

Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Dessert Fund-Raiser Friday, December 7th

The Senior Citizens of Cross Plains will have a Dessert Fund-Raiser on Friday night, December 7, at their Center, in conjunction with the Kiwanis Christmas Program and Stew Supper. There will be cakes, pies and other desserts available to buy by the piece or by the entire pie, cake, etc. Those participating in the Kiwanis Stew Supper may want to buy dessert to go along with their meal.

The Kiwanis Club and the Senior Citizens encourage

everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. There is no general registration this year for the drawings so the only recipients of tickets will be the children who visit Santa and those who attend the stew supper. You must remain and be present during the drawing in order to be eligible for the prizes. Come early and eat, stay afterwards and visit. Remember, Friday night, December 7, beginning at 5 p.m. Submitted by Bob Pipes

Local Kiwanis Stew Supper Fund-Raiser

The Kiwanis Club is combining a Stew Supper Fund-Raiser on Friday night, 5 p.m., December 7th, with the Christmas Program again this year.

This is one of the club's annual fund-raisers each year to help with programs of the area, especially the children. The club really needs your help in order to have enough to meet all the

worthy requests and needs there are. The stew supper begins at 5 p.m. — \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under (very young children who eat from their parents' bowl are free.) Those who eat will receive one ticket each for the drawings for the turkeys and cash. Submitted by Bob Pipes

Santa Comes to Town Friday, December 7th

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains' annual Christmas Program is just one week away. Santa will be arriving at the Senior Citizens' Center on the CPVFD's First Truck at 6 p.m. on Friday night, December 7th. He will want to see all the children of Cross Plains and the surrounding area as he arrives.

Every child will be able to visit with Santa, personally, and get a free picture taken with him. (Additional photographs may

be purchased for \$1 each.) In addition to the free photograph, each child will receive a sack of candy and one (1) number for the drawings at the end of the program. The drawings will be for twelve (12) frozen turkeys and eight (8) gifts of \$25 each. Drawings will begin immediately after the children are finished visiting and taking pictures with Santa. Submitted by Bob Pipes

Cross Plains Cemetery Association Board Directors Meeting Monday December 3rd 5:30 p.m. City Hall

Santa at the Bank 2007

Come enjoy the season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information. Please return your gifts to the bank by Friday, December 14th. They will be wrapped and delivered by the Key Club the next week. Also, this year the Teen Leadership Class will be collecting toys.

A reasonable price to spend on the gift is \$20-\$25. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories,

perfume, sweater, hats, gloves and purses for older girls, and video games, sports related items, jewelry, backpacks, or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might like legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc. Christmas is a time for giving and kindness so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year.

If you know of any children in need please call Pat Stephens with your information, home 254-725-6819, school 725-6123. Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you much all so for helping the children of our community.

IT IS TIME AGAIN TO WRITE YOUR SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on December 12th.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole.

Watch for publication in the December 21st issue.

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 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
Rufus Wilson Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
 254-725-7574 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

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 Sunday10:00 am Thursday7:00 pm
Pastor Max Evans
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Interim Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARY

Laura Jean Chastain



Laura Jean Chastain, age 46, of Cross Plains, passed away Sunday, November 25, 2007 from injuries sustained in an auto accident. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at Higginbotham Chapel with John Swift officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Park in Cross Plains, Texas. She was born October 25, 1961 in Burley, Idaho to Doyle Eugene and Billie (Livingston) Chastain. She lived most of her life in

Woodcrest, CA. She married Carl Grubb in August 1980 and they had two children, Amanda and Clinton. She worked for over 20 years in the Home Health profession, and for Colonial Oaks, Ranger Care Center and Rising Star Nursing Center. Everyone will remember "Lori" as she was known by her friends and family, for her warmth, kindness and generosity. She will be greatly missed. Laura was preceded in death by a brother, Chuck.

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Billie and Robert Stubblefield of Cross Plains; father, Doyle Eugene Chastain of AZ; son, Clinton Grubbs of May; daughter, Amanda Grubbs of AZ; grandson, Trenton of AZ; brothers, Darrell Chastain and wife Cheryl of Cross Plains, Donald Chastain and wife Marilou of Coleman, and Richard Chastain of AZ; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District Now 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 serve basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Idalou, Texas. This year's selection of available trees includes four varieties of evergreens. They are Live Oak, Afghanistan Pine, Eastern Redcedar, and Italian Stone Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for \$12.50 or \$65.00 for a box of 30 per species.

In addition to the Evergreens, several varieties of bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are being offered this year. The list includes Bur Oak, Shumard Oak, Sawtooth Oak, Lacebark Elm and Pecan. These hardwood seedlings are offered in bundles of 10 for \$12.00 per species. We are also introducing two wildlife packets this year. Each

packet comes with four different species of trees. The packets include (100 trees) 25 of each type of tree. Packets are for Deer and Squirrel. Contact the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District in Baird for information on which trees are included in a certain packet. Wildlife packets sell for \$95.00 per deer packet and \$100.00 for squirrel.

Tree orders will be taken until January 25th, 2008 or until supplies run out, whichever comes first. The trees will be delivered to Baird on February 16, 2008. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Ext 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th - Suite B.



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COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Cable Neff, plea of guilty to interference with public duties, 30 days in jail, \$331 court costs.
 Robert Munoz Jr., motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Mark Rener, order amending condition of probation granted.
 Juan L. Losoya, plea of guilty to no driver's license, \$91 fine, \$159 court costs.
 Ronnie Dale Walker, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Randall Franklin Green, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Thomas Lee Johnson, order extending probation granted.
 Amy Cox, motion to revoke probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Aaron P. Johnson of Abilene and Crystal F. Wade of Clyde.

The Joshua Harrell in the courthouse news charged with driving while intoxicated with child passenger is not Joshua Harrell formerly of Cross Plains.

CALLAHAN COUNTY DPS REPORT

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 18, 2007 through November 24, 2007 include:
Cases Investigated
 Warnings—131
 Complaints—74

DWI—1
 Fugitive Arrest-Failure to Appear—1

Vehicle Accidents
 There were 15 vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

The Redeemed has new CD available

They are here. The CDs are finally made. The Redeemed have their CD finished and they are ready to release. The new CD features the Rain Song. The songs are all registered with BMI so they can be played on the radio stations.

Their CD will also be published through Dee Light Music in Nashville, Tennessee. The CD could not have made it at a better time.

Redeemed was voted featured group of the month in the South Texas Gospel Music Association. The Group is now members of the STGMA, GMM and 4 State GMA. This means they will be able to travel and perform

in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. You can pick up a copy of the CD by contacting one of the Redeemed members. They are checking into getting their CDs in the Wal-Mart Stores.

If you are planning an anniversary service, revival, camp meeting, banquet, or would just like to have special music, call the Redeemed. The group would like to come and sing for your church. God has furnished them with a lot of talent in music and singing.

To order a CD send \$15.00 to Tim Elmore / Redeemed P.O. Box 1, Eastland, Texas 76448 or call 325-518-8792.

PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Roundup
Cottonwood neighbors are looking forward to the Christmas season, some will be expecting family members, some will be traveling, and all will be enjoying the Christmas spirit. Tom and Sue Bennett are expecting their daughter, Dena, who works for Disney Land in California, to spend four (4) days in Cottonwood starting on December 13th.

The other Bennett's will be expecting at least two of their out-of-town sons to spend a few days at home in Cottonwood. And others will be visiting their family.

Cottonwood Annual Christmas Party
The Annual Cottonwood Christmas Party will be staged on December 8, 2007, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy an evening of light refreshments, meeting neighbors and getting

into the Christmas Spirit. Bring your favorite finger foods.

Cottonwood Quilting Club Ready To Deliver 51st Annual Rehab Quilt
The Quilting Club of Cottonwood will finish its 51st Annual Rehab Quilt today and be ready to deliver it to Abilene before January 1, 2008, according to Sue Bennett, President of the Club.

The annual luncheon for the all the quilting clubs that turn in a quilt will be on December 5, 2007.

Snowfall Brings Winter Wonderland To Cottonwood
The snowfall in Cottonwood had some good effects on most people of the Community. It was of brief duration and brought back some good memories.

The quiet way it fell was very peaceful and beautiful. Usually by this time of the year, families had gotten in all the

crops and gathered enough fire wood for the winter. And, sitting behind the kitchen stove on the firewood box was snug and comfortable.

Cookbook Revision Draws To A Close
The biggest news is the latest news of the Cottonwood Cookbook Committee. December is the date the committee is shooting for. So if you are expecting to submit something for this newest edition of the Cookbook.

Please call Beverly Brown at 254-725-7369 if you need further information.

(For news items or personal items about Cottonwood, please contact, Wallace Bennett, at 254-725-7474, e-mail at csb5@airmail.net, or snail mail at 11093 CR 440, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

Just in Time for the Holidays!!!! Thank a Soldier for their Service

Xerox is doing something wonderful and we can participate. If you go to this web site: www.LetsSayThanks.com you can pick out a 'Thank-you' card and Xerox will print it and send it to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq.

You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services. The art work you can choose from was drawn by students in Public Schools across America.

How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! This is a great site. Please send a card. It is FREE and it only takes a second. You don't have to submit your email address, just your name, city and state.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our guys and gals over there need to know we are behind them, especially at this time of year.

God Bless and Protect our Troops and Please Continue to Bless and Protect America!

Submitted by Deborah Lowitzer

No Genealogy Meetings at Local Library in the Month of December

The Genealogy group will not meet at the Cross Plains Library in December. Our meetings will resume on January 4, 2008 at the Library at 1:00 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month. The topic for our January 4th

meeting will be "Cemetery Research". Anyone interested in genealogy and family history is invited to join us.

Submitted by Sylvia Lacy Kling Reporter

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Enjoy Your Fire

It is time again for the fire place. I wrote an article "Come Sit By My Laughing Fire." As I sit and watch the flames leap and dance, I could think of them as laughing.

A well-laid fire is a matter of expertise. First, we have to decide what kind of wood we are going to burn. Locally, the choices would be oak or mesquite. Then, the question of using a commercial fire starter or not. If fire starter is not used, kindling becomes necessary. I prefer to use a commercial fire starter. Lay in some smaller pieces of firewood on top of your fire starter and then top with some larger logs until you have the amount you want. Light the fire starter, sit back and enjoy.

As in the fire wood, there are different types of fire starters available. There is a block of material that lights easily and burns rather slowly. There is also a liquid type that contains alco-

hol that lights very quickly and is dangerous to use. You have to be sure there are no coals in the firebox or it may flash back on you. I don't care to use it.

Oh yes, the wood is not ordered as "some wood." It is ordered by the "cord." Then the men will talk about whether they got a "full" cord or not.

The crucial thing to enjoying the fire place should be safety. Fire starting liquid can be dangerous if used wrong. Also children have been known to drink it so anything of that type should be put away. We use little bricks and keep them in a heavy iron pot with a heavy lid. Poco (no, our dog, has not learned to lift a lid. Fire screens should be closed so sparks can't fly out. Toddlers should be carefully watched around a fireplace.

I hope that you have enjoyed a fire during this "cold snap." Warm weather will probably be back but I have enjoyed the change and my laughing fire.

BHW

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWS

BY NIKKI PEREZ

Hello again everyone! Hope everyone had a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. The snow was nice but it sure was cold. Speaking of cold, Christmas is just around the corner. Wow!

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, we had a few people bake some stuff for us, and bring us little goodie baskets. I would like to thank Joyce Cottrell for the delicious cookies she made for us. That was wonderful. And also thanks to Best Med for providing the goodie baskets for our staff. We appreciate it very much.

The Cross Plains Ladies will be here Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

We will also be having some Christmas time activities going on in December. More on what will be going on at a later date.

Margaret Chupp was in the hospital over the holidays, but she is back with us and doing well.

We have some very sad news to share with you all. Our very beloved employee, Laura Chastain, passed away on Sunday. Laura was a sweet person and a

wonderful aide. She always made the residents laugh and smile. She joked around with everyone and she always hid Linda's keys. She was real fun to be around. When your day wasn't going too good she always seemed to find a way to make it better. She will be greatly missed. On behalf of the residents and staff of the Rising Star Nursing Center "We love you Laura and we will miss you!"

Thank you all for reading this edition. Until next time, take care and God Bless!

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November 29, 2007

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 3 - 7

MONDAY - Chicken & w/Meatsauce, Ital. Veg., Tossed Dumplings, Steamed Peas, Salad, Spice Cake, Garlic Bread
BRUSSEL SPROUTS, MIXED FRUIT, BREAD
TUESDAY - Pepper Steak w/ Gravy, Buttered Rice, Carrots, Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Gelatin, Roll
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti Raisins, Apricots
THURSDAY - Chicken Salad, Potato Salad, Waldorf Salad, Chocolate Cookie, Crackers
FRIDAY - Chili Cheese Dog on Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Raisins, Apricots
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C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

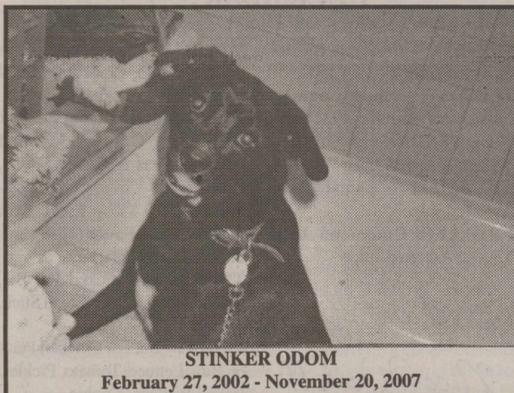
By JOYCE ODOM

On November 18, 2007, Cross Plains Garden Club members Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Barbara Powell and Joyce Odom, along with guests, Mary Jones and Mardell Harnes, went to Abilene to see the ballet "The Nutcracker" performed at the historic

Paramount Theatre.

The performance was outstanding and the costuming was beautiful. Afterward they ate at a Sonic drive-in.

It was a memorable event and enjoyed by all.



STINKER ODOM
February 27, 2002 - November 20, 2007

Tribute to Woman's Best Friend

By Joyce Odom

He was 5 years and 9 months of age, and on the tag attached to his collar read "Stinker Odom". He was adopted by my son, Ivon Odom, Jr., as a gift for me. Ivon got him at one of the animal shelters in Abilene.

At that time, Stinker was small enough he could be held in your hands. He was black and had the most soulful brown eyes.

I loved him and gave him a

good home. In time, he became my shadow, learning every routine. When the phone rang, he beat me to it.

Stinker died November 20, 2007, and is at rest alongside "Spot", another beloved dog. Both lie between a native cedar and redbud tree in the my back yard.

Stinker fully fulfilled his purpose in the love and devotion and untold pleasure he gave me. He will be sorely missed.

FREE TREES AVAILABLE to Cross Plains Fire Victims through C.P. Garden Club

The Texas Garden Clubs Inc. has offered FREE trees to the residents of Cross Plains, who lost trees in the 2005 fire.

To obtain these trees, please call Julene Franke at 254-725-7712 or 725-7434.

You may fill out the form below and we will get back to you with the information about the trees.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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The "Country Preacher" says: "They say yesterday is experience, and tomorrow is hope. I guess today is getting from one to the other as best we can."

I feel a little like that in regard to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays — about "getting from one to the other as best we can." It is such a busy time of the year! Patsy and I enjoyed Thanksgiving Day with our daughter and family in Missouri — but the next day began quite early for most who had gathered as they hit the stores to get in on the sales that began. It was an all-day affair for all of them as they "shopped until they (almost) dropped"! We all gathered Friday evening at a very favorite restaurant of us all in Springfield to eat together, then for most of them, it was off to shop again! And as we were leaving Saturday morning to return home, they were planning on another day of shopping that day...

I'm not being critical; I say all of this to say that the days between "yesterday and tomorrow" — Thanksgiving and Christmas — can be pretty hectic if we're not careful. And if we aren't careful, they will not turn out to be "as best we can." While "the Preacher" said, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10), another preacher, Paul, said, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17).

Let us use the days between "yesterday and tomorrow," "signing our lives with the excellence of God."

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

AG BOOSTERS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
5:00 PM

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Just a reminder if you haven't paid the \$20.00 per family dues they need to be paid at this meeting. Hope to see you there.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

EARLY OUT AT 12:00 NOON
BUSES WILL RUN AT 12:10 P.M.

FOR JUNIOR HIGH
U.I.L ACADEMIC MEET

CLASSES WILL RESUME ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
AT REGULAR TIME

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY
2007-2008 "A" HONOR ROLL
2ND SIX WEEKS

First Grade: Jacy Bien, Hannah Crockett, Kenzie Kleiber, Mallory McCready, Jackilann Shepard

Second Grade: Wesley Alexander, Joseph Crockett, Brittany Crouch, Creed Goode, Ashlyn Kirby, Katy Morgan, Kayla Stoudemire, Larson Walker

Third Grade: Andy Byerly, Mackenzie Byrd, Hannah Cowan, Grace Goode, Madeline Loyless, Kylan McGhee

Fourth Grade: None

Fifth Grade: Cameron Sides

Sixth Grade: Megan Pointer

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY
2007-2008 "AB" HONOR ROLL
2ND SIX WEEKS

First Grade: Paxton Byrd, Hanna Fortune, Brian Morales, Kayden Oskins, Wayne Snell, Kyler Stout, Jevon Tillery

Second Grade: Riley Potter, Sydney Revoir, Caleb Townson, Sunbeam Wahl, Nakadah Walker, Aaron Willis, Cory Yates, Shana Yates

Third Grade: Hannah Brown, Alexander French, Isaiah Guerrero, Bryce Hamlin, Alexis Mauricio, Devin Perez, Logan Phillips, Joseph Revoir, Alicia Sanchez, Jatou Wootton, Kersey Wyatt

Fourth Grade: Kelli Bennett, Colton Bradley, Brittany Bush, Caden Creach, Rebekah Crockett, Teagan Fortune, Michael Foster, Zachary Gartman, Brayden Kennedy, Shelby McWilliams, Kaitlyn Potter, Chance Thompson, Charles Thompson

Fifth Grade: Cheyenne Bomar, Thaddeus Carter, Bronc Dillard, Taryn Estes, Brenna Kleiber, Morgan Manley, Kaylee Potter, Blake Self, Jumee Thomas, Mikera Walker, Allanta Wheeler

Sixth Grade: Christa Potter, Meagan Roberts, Texas Sanders, Reagan Sides, Shelby Thomas

Leadership Toy Drive

Help the 7th grade Team Leadership Class have a successful Toy Drive by bringing a new unwrapped toy to the high school office by Friday, December 14th.

All toys donated will be given to Cross Plains children in need. You could be one of those who will light up a child's face.

Submitted by Mrs. O'Brian

Next Library After School Program to discuss decorating trees for the Holidays

While listening to traditional Christmas carols, children will be painting and decorating a Christmas ornament for the library tree for the next monthly ASAP, or After School Adventure Program, at the Cross Plains Public Library.

There will also be a discussion about the custom and practice of

decorating trees for the holiday season. In addition, the children will decorate a second ornament to take home to hang on their family tree. We hope you will be able to attend Wednesday, December 5th at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Burns, Librarian

Drawing for Cash, Gift Cards

Could you use a little extra cash or gift cards this holiday season? The sophomore class will make that happen for two lucky winners on December 21st.

The class is hosting the drawing to raise money for next year's Fall Festival and prom. A registration table will be set up in the gym foyer during home varsity basketball games for anyone who would like to purchase a chance to win. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

Two prizes will be given away during the last home games before Christmas on December 21st. One name will be drawn for the gift cards at halftime of the girls' game, and another name for the \$100.00 cash prize during halftime of the boys' game. Winners do not have to be present to claim their prizes. Come out and support our basketball teams and the sophomore class. The lucky winner could be YOU!!

Submitted by Rhonda Hinten, Class Sponsor

Cross Plains FFA Competes at Area IV Leadership Contest

The Cross Plains FFA Senior Chapter Conducting team participated at the Area IV Leadership Contest held at Tarleton State University on Saturday, November 17th. The top two teams in each contest advanced to the State Leadership Contest.

The team from Cross Plains did

an excellent job, but came up just short of qualifying for state finishing third in the contest. The team consisted of Zach Snell, Tiffany Holland, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Melissa Black, Cody Sliger, Mandy Rose, Kayla Lawrence, Shasta Bacon, and Emma Bennett.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

DECEMBER 3 - 7

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted Juice

TUESDAY - Pancake, Sausage Link, Assorted Juice

WEDNESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

THURSDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice

FRIDAY - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY - Burrito w/Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Mixed Fruit

TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Peaches

WEDNESDAY - Fiest Stix w/Cheese Sauce, Salad, Strawberries & Bananas

THURSDAY - Chicken Pot Pie, Meadow Blend Veg., Bread Stick, Apricots

FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Wedges, Cookie

Have A
Nice Week!!

Jr. High Buffaloes Stampede the Baird Bears, 35 to 28

The Junior High Boys also played host to Baird Monday. The final score was CP 35, Baird 28.

This game was nip and tuck the whole game. First quarter Baird lead 8 to 6. In the second quarter we scored 17 points to take a 26 to 16 lead. In the third quarter Baird scored 10 points to be just three points behind. In the fourth

quarter we outscored Baird 6 to 2 to win the ball game. Scoring and playing were: Justin Hass 7pts; Blake Hutchins 2pts; Cody Self 12pts; and Garrett Moenning 13pts; Also playing were Shawn Muniain, Dakota Gilliam, and Payton Porter. The boys next action is also at Albany next Monday.

Submitted By Coach Atchley

Junior High Girls Compete Against Baird

This past Monday, the Junior High girls played host to Baird. The Purple Team played first and the final score was Baird 14, CP 10.

The first half ended with Cross Plains leading 9 to 5. In the third quarter Baird outscored us, 8 to 0 and in the last quarter both teams scored just one (1) point each. The girls had plenty of open shots they just didn't fall in. Playing and scoring for the Purple Team were: Katharine Goode 4pts; Hunter Moreno 3pts; Chelsea Branch 2pts; and Megan Brown 1pt. Also playing was Maci Whitson, Renee Salazar, Sammie Tollett, Victoria Creamer, Kenzie Taff, Shahala Trammell, and Dania Gonzalez.

In the second game, the girls lost to Baird, final score 26 to 21. At half the game was tied 13 each, at the end of the third

quarter the score was CP 20, Baird 17. In the fourth quarter Baird outscored us, 8 to 1 to pull out the victory.

Again this game was Physical and intense. Cross Plains committed 23 fouls and Baird 11. If either team could make their free throws, the score would of been much higher. Cross Plains was 6 of 13 and Baird was 6 of 22 on their free throws. Playing and scoring were: Samantha Dickson 4pts; Shelby Thomas 2pts; Cheyenne Cowan 5pts; Lauren Goode 9pts; and Rachelle Allen 1pt. Also playing were Lana Gary, Rosa Salazar, Tori Robertson, Zoie Walker, and Charleen Avants.

The girls next action is Monday in Albany.

Submitted by Coach Atchley

Public Education in Texas is at Risk Changes Needed in System

By: Bill Hammond

In 1983 the National Commission on Excellence in Education issued a report on the quality of education in the United States, stating, "If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might have viewed it as an act of war. As it stands, we have allowed this to happen to ourselves." Unfortunately, the same could be said of Texas today, and state government has only compounded the situation with a series of ineffective accountability measures.

As a result, Texas high school graduates remain ill prepared for either college or the workforce. And while Texas employers require a higher level of skills due to advanced technology and increased competition, our educational system is embracing mediocrity rather than raising the bar. It's this dichotomy that is putting Texas at risk.

For instance, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) reports that the dropout rate for high school students is 3.7 percent, but anyone with an interest in education knows this is a dangerously misleading number. An even more troubling statistic comes from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, which maintains that only 29 percent of 4th graders in Texas are proficient in reading, while Texas assessments put the number at 79 percent—a 50 percent disparity.

But this only begins to scratch the surface of the problem.

For example, Texas claims that approximately 97 percent of Texas schools are considered "academically acceptable" or better. By categorizing a school as "academically acceptable," the state is saying that it is acceptable for 60 percent of any one ethnic group to fail the science section of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test and 55 percent of any one group to fail the math portion of the test. Further reducing the credibility of the TAKS test are reports of rampant cheating.

If Texas is going to create a system that helps prepare our children for their future and at

the same time meet the needs of Texas employers, there is much work to be done. The first step should be to create measures that are real and easily understood by students, parents and taxpayers.

For instance, the number of dropouts should be tracked under a simple system that counts the total number of students in a freshman class on October 1st and compare that number four years later to the total number of pupils who receive a diploma. Regarding cheating, questions on the TAKS test should be given in random order.

Up-to-date, essential knowledge and skills standards should drive a testing standard that is honest about what is needed for Texas students to compete post-

high school, whether it's in community college, a four-year university or some other sort of post-secondary education. This is fundamental to creating a workforce that ensures our ability to compete in a world economy.

Put simply, Texas students are not prepared to further their education. In fact 60 percent of first-year students in either two- or four-year colleges are required to take remedial courses.

Obviously, this is not a problem we can solve overnight, but the first step in creating a public education system that meets the needs of everyone involved is an honest diagnosis of where we stand. Perhaps TEA should admit that at least 10 percent of schools are not meeting the needs of Texas students and 10 to 30 percent or even 40 percent of schools need improvement.

Texas is at risk, and the Texas Association of Business is prepared to do our part to support substantive repairs at the state level. But until Texas "educrats" are honest about where the present status of our education system is today, the types of changes we need will not be forthcoming.

Bill Hammond is president of the Texas Association of Business. Founded in 1922, the Texas Association of Business is a broad-based, bipartisan organization representing more than 140,000 small and large Texas employers and 200 local chambers of commerce.

\$1,200 sign-on bonus offered to new deputies

Callahan County Commissioners voted to offer a sign-on bonus of \$1,200 to Sheriff's Department deputies after County Sheriff Eddie Curtis reported a difficulty in hiring deputies at the county's stated salary.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, November 26th during the regular monthly meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Sheriff Curtis discussed with the court the difficulties he is having in hiring a deputy with the salary he has to offer.

The Sheriff's Department is currently two deputies short. Judge Roger Com reported the Sheriff's Department has not yet filled the vacant position after the sudden death of Chief Deputy Willie Cheek. Judge Com also reported a second sheriff's deputy resigned recently to accept the vacant position of the jail administrator. Judge Com also stated the County Jail is also currently two jailers short of full staff.

Callahan County currently offers \$26,000, or \$12.50 an hour, annual to a beginning sheriff's deputy and the annual salary increase to \$27,185.60, or \$13.07, after a length of service. The annual salary for a county jailer is \$23,774.40, or \$11.43 hourly. The county's chief deputy is paid \$28,371 annually.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to offer a sign-on bonus to be paid for a year's service to any sheriff's deputy. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

—Judge Com called the com-

missioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Present included Judge Com, Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

—There were no public comments received.

—Reggie Pillans came before the commissioners' court to discuss County Road 419. No action was taken.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to transfer ownership of the T&P Depot from the county to the City of Baird upon the approval of Komatsu Architecture. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham and approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay all the approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and it passed with a 5-0 vote.

County burn band lifted

Callahan County Judge Roger Com announced the lifting of the Burn Ban in Callahan County effective on November 26th.

Aren't the holidays
delicious?

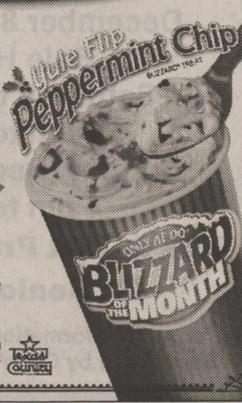
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NFL tax: Do dollars matter more than the fans?

By C. Bruce Deramus

Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones is at it again, trying to fatten his own wallet by reaching into the pockets of us common folk. More unfortunately, some of our elected officials are now trying to help him.

Jones is heading up the NFL Network Committee, serving as the loud and strident voice of the network as it negotiates to be carried by cable systems in Texas and across the country. According to Jones, fans will suffer if cable operators don't put the NFL Network on their basic tier instead of the premium sports tier, as they have proposed.

Instead, fan and non-fan alike will suffer by losing more of their hard earned money if Jones and the NFL Network prevail.

The NFL Network wants to charge cable operators hundreds of millions of dollars for only eight games of the more than 250 being played all season. While the NFL Network wants all cable customers - fan or not - to pick up this cost, cable operators rightly argue that only those who actually want to watch the games should pay for them.

Now two state lawmakers have gotten involved, threatening legislation against the cable companies if they don't bend to the NFL Network's wishes.

Jones is the perfect choice as the spokesperson for corporate greed. Those in the Dallas/Fort Worth area will recall that Concerned Taxpayers of Arlington and others fought the "Jones Tax" when the Cowboys owner unveiled his plan to use public funds, through a variety of consumer taxes, to pay for about a third of his new stadium.

Jones spent millions wooing city leaders and voters to get his way. As a result, Arlington residents and visitors are paying higher sales, car rental and hotel taxes. While we pay, Jones already is reaping the benefits - the new stadium has made the Dallas Cowboys organization the

most valuable sports franchise in the world, worth \$1.5 billion, according to Forbes magazine in September 2007.

Attending a game already is too expensive for many working families. Now fans are going to find it more difficult to catch a game on television, especially if their budgets do not allow them to subscribe to cable or satellite.

Here's an example of how the NFL Network's plan would deny fans of the Dallas Cowboys, who play in two of the eight games set on the network. Anyone with access to the NFL Network would get the game, and fans in the Dallas/Fort Worth area could still pick it up for free on a local broadcast station (subject to local blackout rules).

But fans in San Antonio, the Valley, El Paso, Austin and elsewhere in Texas no longer would be able to turn on their television and catch the game on a local station. That means the real losers in this deal are the more than 1 million Texans who watch TV with an antenna, either by choice or economic necessity.

Jones and his NFL Network are like a reverse Robin Hood - they are robbing from the poor to benefit the rich, in this case wealthy NFL team owners.

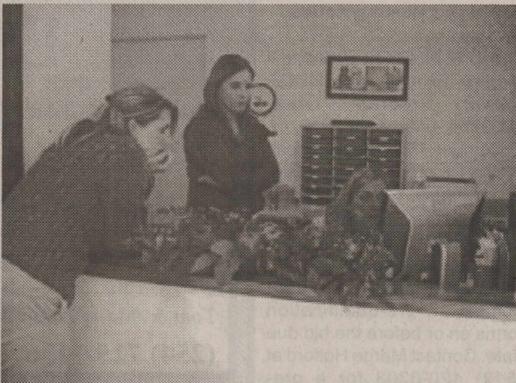
Instead of continuing to work out a deal at the negotiating table, Jones and the NFL are calling on city council members and state legislators from across the state - and even the governor - to put the squeeze on Time Warner and other cable companies to bend to the will of the NFL Network.

Wisely, most of the officials we elected seem to recognize there are more pressing needs facing our state, and that there are Texans more in need of their assistance than billionaire Jerry Jones.

C. Bruce Deramus of Arlington is chairman of Concerned Taxpayers of Arlington, www.concernedtaxpayers-ofarlington.com.



LOCAL RESIDENTS EMPLOYED AT NEW CLINIC—Clinic Manager Mandy Curry (from left), CFO Meagan Marshall, and Executive Director Susan Jones are pictured.



THIS OFFICE TO BE LOCATION OF PHARMACY—Clinic Manager Mandy Curry (from left), CFO Meagan Marshall, and Executive Director Susan Jones are pictured.



KID FRIENDLY PATIENT ROOM—Computer Tech Bonnie Glover (left) and LVN Amy Folsom show off the newly decorated room with the "Cars" theme.

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HOST OF LOCAL RESIDENTS ATTEND GRAND OPENING—Justice of the Peace Burlie Taylor (from left), City Councillman Audrey Purvis, Jewel Purvis, Jeri Taylor, Debbie Gosnell and Chamber of Commerce Board Member Karen Lenz.



GOOD CROWD IN ATTENDANCE—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, Board of Director for the clinic, also spoke on the positive attributes of the clinic.



CALLAHAN COUNTY OFFICIAL SPEAKS OUT—Commissioner Cliff Kirkham (center) voiced everyone's approval of the local clinic.

Ag chemical products collection event in Roby December 11th

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will hold six free collection events, including two in the Big Country area, for unwanted pesticides or used motor oil disposal.

The events are open to all Texas residents who apply pesticides or other agricultural chemicals for the production of agricultural products in Texas and who currently have banned or unwanted agricultural chemicals.

There will be no wastes accepted from chemical dealers, school chemistry or biology labs, or franchise pesticide applicators certified by the Texas Structural Pest Control Board.

The collection hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at each location.

Those two collection events in the Big Country area include one December 11th at the Texas Department of Transportation office located at 299 U.S. Highway 180, 1.7 miles west of Roby. Contact Fisher County Extension Agent Steven Estes at 325-776-3259 for more information.

The second event will be held on December 12th at the Concho Valley Commodities located at 5759 U.S. 87, in Wall. Contact Tom Greene County Extension Agent Steve Sturtz at 325-659-6524 for more information.

Other collections sites include on December 4th in Uvalde, December 5th in Floresville,

December 6th in Robstown, and December 13th in Fredericksburg.

Items the free collection sites can take include agricultural chemicals such as pesticides, herbicides, oil, oil filters, grease, transmission fluid, diesel fuel, power steering fluid, paint, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, lead-acid batteries and brake fluid. Other items include properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers. There is a limit of two 55-gallon drums per participant for oil filters recycling. Oil and filters will not be accepted from businesses that change oil for a fee.

The collection sites cannot accept: tires, radioactive materials, explosives, household materials, compressed gas cylinders, herbicides containing 2, 4, 5-T, or 2, 4, 5-TP (Silvex), pesticides or wood preservative containing pentachlorophenol, and nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures.

For large quantities of pesticide containers, please contact U.S. AgRecycling at 1-800-654-3145 to arrange free pickup.

For more information about any of these free collection events, contact your local County Extension Agent, or call the TCEQ at 512-239-3143 or visit www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/schedule.html.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

T. J. Burks Takes A Wife

The first time I went to church after my return from Texas, I met Miss Evah M. Lassiter who became my wife on Dec. 23, 1856 and we have lived happily together since our marriage. We were married at her father's house. Many people celebrated our marriage by presenting themselves at the supper table, which was excellently furnished and served nicely.

My sister Lydia, who raised me, gave us a most magnificent affair. She invited many beside the wedding crowd.

During that year I bought a small farm. In moving to the farm we had to cross two creeks that had washed away by high water. Despite all our difficulties, we were a proud set when we got on the land. Wet and cold, we went to RO Seaburys and got dry clothes and supper

and spent the night. The men we left with the six oxen each mounted an ox and came out singing a corn shucking song. We made good crops and were prosperous and happy until the Civil War which I will not include here.

Children, I have written a brief biography by your request. I hope you will all live honestly, truthfully, and punctual. Those that have friends must show themselves friendly, live a life that you can say "I have lit a bright candle that my children can walk in the light thereof. Give them good advice. Set them good examples. Control them well and when you get old they will be of great comfort to you. I hope the Lord will be your stay, guide, and comfort in Passing through the Valley and lastly receive you all to Himself in glory. Your loving Father and Mother. T.J. and E.M. Burks

Deer present unique challenges to area drivers

Meriden, CT—October through December is the high season for car crashes with deer. Each year, car collisions with deer account for more than 150 human and nearly one and a half million deer fatalities. Experts attribute it to the combination of deer mating and migration habits and shortened daylight hours.

"More drivers are on the road at dawn and dusk, the very time of day when deer are most active," cautioned Ray Palermo, director of public relations for Response Insurance, a national car insurer. "A car striking a 200-pound adult deer can not only result in the death of the deer, but also incur an average of two thousand dollars in damage to the vehicle." Palermo suggested a few basic cautions for drivers.

- Scan a wide swath of the roadside. Slow down when approaching a deer standing near the side of a road and be prepared. If startled, the deer can bolt onto the road and into your path. If necessary, honk your horn and flash your lights to try to scare it away.

- Be alert for more deer than you may see at that moment. Where there is one deer, there

are often more nearby. In many instances, it is best not to swerve around the deer since the deer may move in the same direction. You may also inadvertently hit another vehicle, or go off onto a dangerous shoulder. Unless certain of those road factors, it is often best to simply brake and continue in your lane of traffic.

- Be particularly careful at dawn and dusk and when driving either over a hill or around a curve, where visibility is limited. Use your high beams to give you a greater area of visibility and allow you to see the deer's eyes sooner.

- Deer whistles or ultrasonic deer avoidance systems attached to vehicles have never been proven to work by independent studies and may give drivers a false sense of security.
- Take deer crossing signs seriously, particularly those installed specifically for this time of year. Be particularly cautious in wooded and agricultural areas where there is little distance between the road and the woods.

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Local 4-H Members compete at District Food Show

Area 4-Hers showed off their culinary skills during the annual District 7 Extension 4-H Food Show November 18th. The show was held in Abilene's Taylor County Expo Center. The event attracted 200 entries from across the 23 counties in Texas Cooperative Extension's District 7.

Winners were named in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories. In the Senior division, Paige Galindo of Eula 4-H placed 4th in the Bread and Cereals category. Hannah Capra of Eula 4-H placed 1st with her senior food and nutrition exhibit titled "Seasons of Safety".

In the Intermediate division, Kaylee Voigts of Baird 4-H brought home a 3rd place in the

Main Dish category, Mary Seay of the Clyde 4-H participated in the Nutritious Snacks & Desserts, and Kayla Caffey of Clyde 4-H participated in the Breads and Cereals category.

In the Junior division, Allison Watson of Clyde 4-H placed 4th in the Fruits and Vegetables category, Sam Seay of Clyde 4-H completed in the Breads and Cereals category, Alaina Huggins of Clyde 4-H participated in the Main Dish category and Kaylee Wyatt of Baird 4-H participated in the Nutritious Snacks & Desserts category.

Each of these 4-H members qualified for District earlier in the Callahan County Food Show. These young gourmets

were judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation principles, and the quality of their food entry. The District 7 Food Show is the culmination of the Food and Nutrition Project taught annually. Trained volunteer adults and teen leaders conduct the projects for hundreds of 4-H members during the year. Senior level winners will represent the district at the State 4-H Food Show during Texas 4-H Roundup in June 2008 on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station. Congratulations to all the 4-H members that participated at this show. They did a wonderful job representing Callahan County.

Remember to Give to the 'Full Bowls' Pet Program this Holiday Season

Let's all put on our jolly Santa hats and remember to add the "Full Bowls" pet program to our gift giving list for Christmas.

"Full Bowls" is a local organization that collects monetary donations and/or donated pet food for the senior citizens of our community that need help caring for their companions. We have volunteers that sack the food monthly and it is delivered weekly with the Meals on Wheels program.

Monetary donations can be mailed to Full Bowls, P.O. Box 340, Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or you may deliver sacks of donated food to the Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street before 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will pick up the donated food at Village Market, Dollar General, Lawrence Farm and Ranch and Cross Plains Grain & Peanut on a regular basis.

A big THANK YOU to all who have given to this worth while program in 2007 and we ask for your continued support in 2008. Remember YOUR GIFTS keep our program helping our SENIORS AND THEIR COMPANIONS!

For more information about OUR BEST FRIEND'S FULL BOWLS contact Connie Kirkham, 254-725-6500 or 725-6318 or Jane Bonner 254-725-6257.

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Tips on how to stay healthy this flu season

Vaccination is not the only way to help prevent the flu. Here are steps you and your family can take to stay healthy this winter.

Perhaps the simplest and most effective way is to wash your hands often— with soap and warm water. Rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Wash for at least 20 seconds. (Tip: have your children sing the "ABC" song while washing- don't stop washing until the song is over.) It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs. Using regular soap is adequate- anti-bacterial soap is fine but hands will get clean using regular soap.

When soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using a gel, rub the gel in your hands until they are dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in the gel kills germs that cause colds and the flu. However,

alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers do not remove dirt.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when people touch something that is contaminated with germs and then touch their eyes, nose or mouth. Germs can live for a long time (some can live for 2 hours or more) on surfaces like doorknobs, desks and tables. Viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs cause illnesses like the flu (influenza). The flu usually spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes and the droplets from the cough or sneeze move through the air and are deposited on the mouth or nose of people nearby. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and then throw the tissue away. Always wash your hands every time you cough or sneeze.

If you feel ill, stay home from work. Keep sick children home from school or daycare.

Workers' Compensation Educational Session Offered in Abilene on December 14th

AUSTIN—The Abilene Field Office of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI) is hosting a brown bag educational session for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claim adjusters, case managers and employee organizations on Friday, December 14, 2007. The topics are the Change of Treating Doctor Process and House Bill 724 (Medical Dispute Resolution, Death Benefits and Sub-claimant Reimbursement). This free session will be held from 11:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the West Texas Health and Human Services Complex, Room K-101, 4601 South 1st Street in Abilene. This session is an open forum in which participants can ask questions and give input on topics to discuss at future brown bag sessions.

For more information, contact the TDI Public Information Office or Joanne Wilson of the Abilene Field Office at 325-695-4992 or e-mail: Joanne.Wilson@tdi.state.tx.us.

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