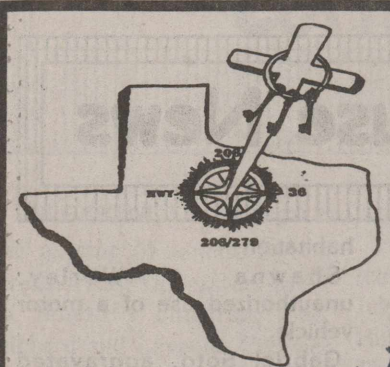


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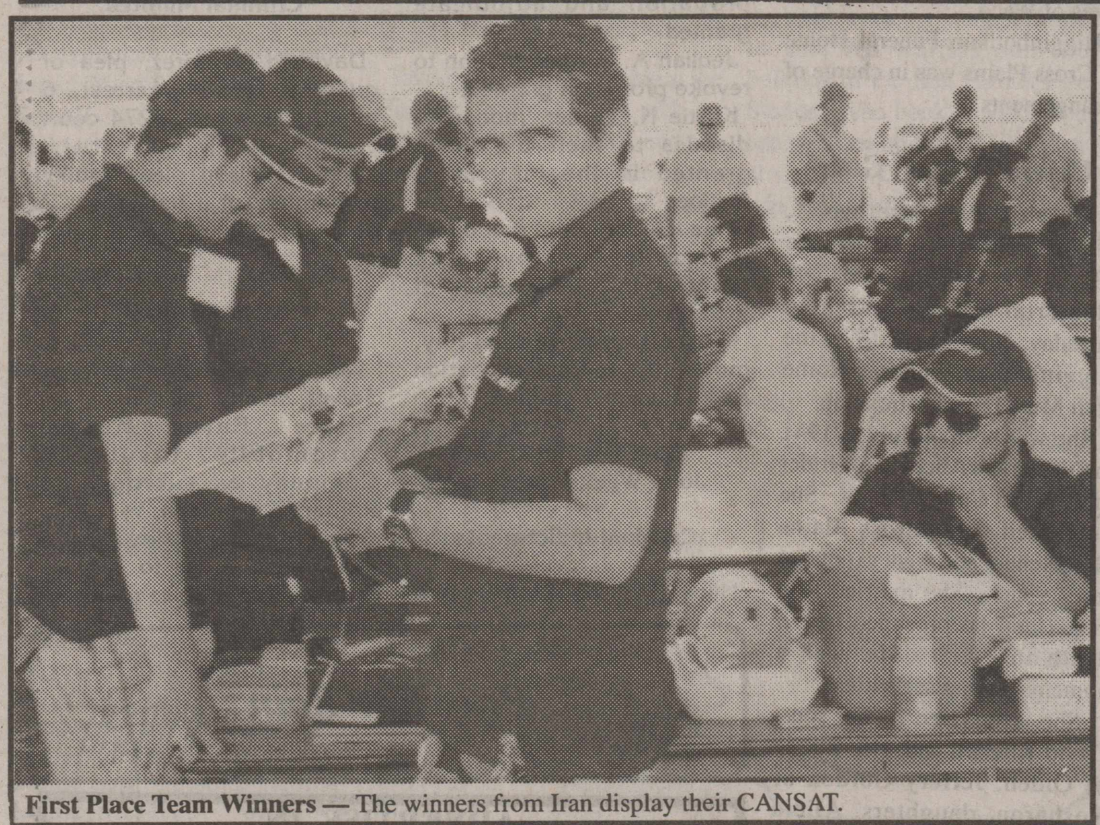
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First Place Team Winners — The winners from Iran display their CANSAT.

## CANSAT Competition International College Winners Announced

An electrical engineering program started by the United States Naval Research Laboratory, and now under the guidance of the American Astronautical Society (AAS) and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) have just completed their 12th annual student design-build-launch competition for space-related topics. Although similar competitions exist for other fields of engineering (robots, radio-control airplanes, racing cars, etc.), most space-related competitions are paper design competitions. While these are worthwhile, they do not give students the satisfaction of being involved with the end-to-end life cycle of a complex engineering project, from conceptual design, through integration and test, actual operation of the system and concluding with a post-mission summary and debrief. This competition fulfills that need!

For the third straight year, the AAS has requested the event be held in the Cross Plains area. Launch Director Pat Gordzelik hosted the event 5 years at a launch site near Amarillo, Texas, and after moving to Cross Plains, persuaded them to relocate to the Washington DC area. This annual competition was open to teams from universities and colleges. Attending the competition were teams from across the world and the United States, with almost 200 students in attendance. The teams had to be able to design and build a space-type system, following the approved competition guide, posted at the website, [WWW.CANSATCOMPETITION.COM](http://WWW.CANSATCOMPETITION.COM), and then compete against each other at the end of two semesters to determine the winners. This year's winners, reported by launch Director Pat Gordzelik, are:

**First Place:** Kapi'olani Community College, Team Mod 6, Hawaii, United States  
**Second Place:** AmirKabir University of Technology, Team EagleSat, Iran  
**Third Place:** Ryerson University, Team Tomahawk, Canada  
**Fourth Place:** University of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Team ASTRAL, India  
**Fifth Place:** SRM University, Team WelkinSat, India  
The AAS and the AIAA wishes a heartfelt thank you to the citizens of Callahan and Coleman counties, with a special thank you to Jim Burkett, who allowed the event to be held on his land near Burkett, Texas.  
The AAS and the AIAA have requested that the event be again held here in 2014, but wish to change the dates to June 13-15 of next year so as not to coincide with the Barbarian Festival.

## Ice Cream with the Methodists on July 4th

"Ice cream, ice cream, we all scream for ice cream!" Such is the premise of the annual ice cream crank-off at the Methodist Church. Like many such events that stem from somebody's off-the-cuff comment, this fun fellowship activity was launched three years ago to coincide with the dedication of the park area adjacent to the church. And then, somebody offered to grill some hot dogs and as is the pattern for any such event anywhere, anytime, people quickly offered to organize the whole thing and to bring everything needed to make it happen. On Thursday, July 4th, the event will be repeated and everybody is invited. The sand volleyball court and the horseshoe pits are ready for action and groups are invited to put together teams to challenge the Methodist team. The hot dogs will be grilled to perfection and ready to eat in the

fellowship hall about 5:00 p.m., so whether you like hot dogs first and then ice cream or just the opposite, either way works. Just do it your way. Those wishing to have their ice cream entered in the competition MUST have their tanks of home-made ice cream in the church kitchen by 4:00 p.m. to be judged and ready to be sampled and judged by the crowd. Entries will be blind judged by a team of highly qualified "flavorologists" who will remain anonymous until the winners are officially announced. From their collective years of eating ice cream, these judges can definitely tell the difference between homemade, Blue Bell and Haagen dazs. There will be a winner, 2nd and 3rd place in each of three categories-- vanilla, fruit and novelty entries. The over-all winners will be determined on a point basis. There will also be 1st,

2nd and 3rd place certificates in the people's choice voting. After all the certificates have been presented, the coveted "Ice Cream Champion Crown" will be awarded to the winner of the officially judged entries. Larry Killgo won the crown the first year and immediately threw down the gauntlet for the next challenge. Edna O'Banion met his challenge and won the crown the second year. Ashley Moses walked away with the crown last year and now it's waiting for a new head. At least, we know where the crown has been living this past year--Ashley thought it best to bring it back to the church for safe-keeping from the little ones. The Methodists invite everybody to join the fun and fellowship of this annual event--a great way to beat the heat and still make it to the city fireworks display.  
Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

## BINGO Items Needed for City's July 4th Celebration

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will have a Bingo table at the City's July 4th Celebration. If you or your business would like to donate items that will be used as prizes please drop them off at the Chamber office located at 225 SW 5th St. (Hwy. 36). More information on the festivities to come. Thank you for your support. For any questions please contact the Chamber office at 254-725-7251.

## Callahan County Tax Office holiday closing dates

The Callahan County Tax Office and the Cross Plains Sub Station will be closed July 4th & 5th for the holiday.

## 93rd Reunion of the Pioneer Ex-Student Association Set for June 29

The 93rd Pioneer School Ex-Student Reunion is planned for Saturday, June 29th at the Cross Plains Community Center beginning with registration/visitation/refreshments at 9 a.m. A business meeting will follow at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will consist of sandwiches, fruit, dessert and drinks at a nominal charge. Bring your family and friends to visit and commemorate your times at Pioneer and the surrounding area. A display of the 92nd reunion attendee photos and other reunion years' photos will be on exhibit. A memorial service for those lost

from May 25, 2012 through June 28, 2013 will be provided. This will be an opportunity for participation of family members/friends. Recognition of attendees: oldest male/female, most family members, and attendee traveling the farthest distance will be noted. A business meeting of the Pioneer Ex-Student Association will be held, including the election of new officers. If you wish to send a note for all or have a family or friend name to add to the memorial service, please call or send them to Bonita Horton at 509 E. 1st Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443; phone 254-725-4642.

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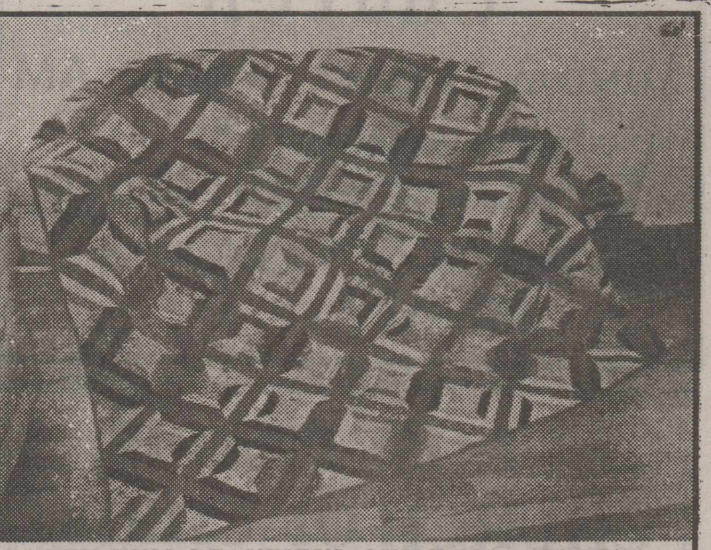


## Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center Donates Bicycle

Do you have a little girl that you know needs a bicycle? The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center has had a Girl's 20" Bicycle and helmet donated. The bicycle will be given away at the 4th of July Celebration at Treadway Park at 7:00 p.m. Silent auction bid sheets will be available at the Center. Monday - Friday 9:00 - 3:00. For more information, please come by 108 N Main St. Cross Plains, Texas or call 254-725-6521.

**Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic in Clyde**  
Wednesday, July 10th  
10-12 & 1:30-3  
First Baptist Church  
216 Austin  
For your Convenience, please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message.  
**Please bring Child's Immunization Records**  
If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

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**!!! WIN THIS BEAUTIFUL QUILT !!!** — The Pioneer Community Club is raffling this quilt to raise money to repair and refurbish our building. It was donated to us by Betty Browning, beloved teacher in Cross Plains for many years, and was pieced by her mother, Della Browning, around 1950. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for 6. They can be purchased at Texas Heritage Bank or the Senior Center in Cross Plains and at the Bombshell Beauty Parlor in Cisco. Drawing will be held July 4th at the Freedom Festival in Rising Star. Need not be present to win.

For more information call Marqueta Westbrook 254-643-3223 or Barbara Jo Medley 254-643-1977

**Justice of the Peace and Motor Vehicle Office CLOSED July 4th and 5th for Holiday**







## School Board Minutes

June 20, 2013

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, High School principal, Elementary Principal and guests Mandy Blaine-Dixon, Elijah Blaine, Albert Dixon, Jocelyn Smoot and Rebecca Smoot.

Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett to recognize Jocelyn Smoot as the Girl Student of the Month and Elijah Blaine as the Boy Student of the Month. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Cowan to approve the minutes as read. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey to approve Budget Amendment #3. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Cowan that we enter an agreement with Allgood Office Systems for a new 3-year buy out of 8 copy machines. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett to approve goals set for 2013-14 and beyond. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard to apply for the TEA Waivers 1.6 early release days 2.3 Staff Development Day

3. Time line for accelerated instruction. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Crockett to accept Borden as the 2013-2014 Milk Provider. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Shepard to

accept PF&E as our 2013-14 fuel provider. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by McWilliams to amend the previous motion to give Phil Mitchell authority to spend up to .064 on electricity. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Shepard to accept Update 97. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Crockett to approve breakfast and lunch prices. For 7 Against 0

**BREAKFAST**  
PK-12 \$1.10  
Reduced .30  
Adult 1.75  
Juice .25

**LUNCH**  
PK-6 \$1.95  
7-12 2.25  
Reduced .40  
Adult 3.00  
Milk/Tea .25

**ADULTALA CARTE PRICES**

Bread \$ .25 per roll  
Dessert .50 per serving  
Veg./Fruit .50 per serving  
Main Dish 1.50 per serving.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams to approve Instructional Material Allotment and TEKS Certification. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett to take no action on bid to repair track. For 7

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan and seconded by Cowan to accept the resignation of Kathy Turner. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Crockett to hire Robbie Stuteville 1/2 time probationary contract. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Shepard to

## Parenting Classes Coming to Cross Plains

Does your child struggle with morning routines, bedtime, interrupting, arguing, temper tantrums, or listening? Would you like to learn summer survival skills? There is proven and effective program to help you in challenges of parenting. Parenting Wisely is coming to Cross Plains Housing Authority. We all need to boost our confidence as parents and yes, parenting is a difficult job! Parenting Wisely can make parenting easier as you invest in your family and future generations. Classes begin

Tuesday, June 25th and will be held every Tuesday from 5 - 6pm throughout the summer. Cross Plains Housing Authority is located at 233 N. Main Street. For more information call the Housing Authority office at 254-725-6116. Parenting Wisely is provided by Family Services Center. You can find more program and service information at [www.familysc.net](http://www.familysc.net) or call 325-646-5939. Family Services Center is funded in part by A Texas Families: Together & Safe TDFPS and United Way Agency.

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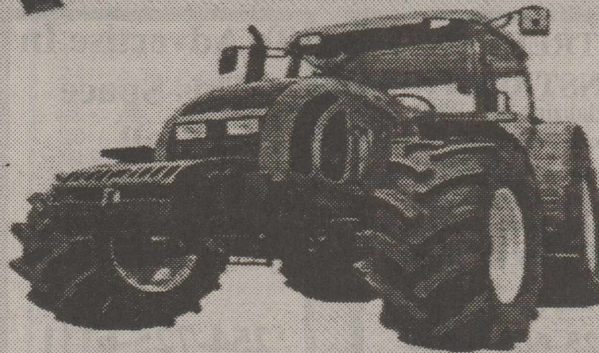
## Athletic Boosters General Meeting

Monday, July 1st at 8 p.m. in the school gym

Officers are elected and we're ready to move forward supporting our kids and the upcoming school year sports programs. We have an awesome group of students representing our town, so let's turn out in big numbers to show them how much we appreciate their dedication and spirit. Anyone interested in lending a hand and voice are invited to attend. Spread the word and bring a friend. See you July 1st!

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## Texas Sales Tax Holiday will be August 9th-11th

The recent passage of Senate Bill 485 (83rd Regular Legislative Session, 2013) changes the dates of the this year's annual Sales Tax Holiday to Friday, August 9th, Saturday, August 10th and Sunday, August 11th, a week earlier than previously scheduled. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8

on every \$100 they spend. Subject to the criteria explained below, all sales of qualifying items made during the holiday period qualify for the exemption, including items sold online, or by telephone or mail. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

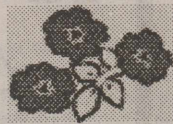
The dates for the sales tax holiday are set by the Legislature.

### Cross Plains Review Wedding Announcement POLICIES

**\$15.00 CHARGE IF YOU DESCRIBE CLOTHING, TABLE/ROOM DECORATIONS, There is NO Charge for Announcements Without Descriptions Call 254-725-6111 For Details**

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Correction of 2013 Cross Plains Elementary Awards

4th Grade

**CALEY BOX** - 3rd Place Solar Systems, 4th Place Ecosystems, Ornatly Organized Award, Math Facts Sensation Award, UIL Art Smart Participant

**RIVER BRADLEY** - 5th Place States of Matter Poster, 4th Place Electrical Circuits, 3rd Place Ecosystems, High Point Girl in Mrs. Lawrence's Home Room 1st Place Team Oral Reading, 3rd Place Individual Oral Reading, Outstanding Achievement Award in PE, Academic Honorable Mention in Math, Honorable Integrity Award, Elementary School Achievement Award, Math Marvel Award





# Rising Star Economic Development Corporation Announces New 2-Day Schedule for July Open-Air Downtown Market

In a weekend interview with Nancy Bostick, EDC President, it was announced that a TWO-DAY schedule for the July Independence Days DOWNTOWN OPEN AIR MARKET will be a special treat for vendors and shoppers alike in Rising Star. Friday and Saturday, July 5 & 6 will be the dates for outdoor shopping on Rising Star's Downtown area; this hasn't been tried before but vendors are enthusiastic about having two days to show their wares, which generally include antiques, collectibles, glassware, guns, ammo, and whatever else they care to market for shoppers in the small town at the intersection of Hwys. 183 and 36 in the "Heart of Texas."

The open air market attracts vendors from Fort Worth to Grandbury to Abilene and surrounding areas, showing their interesting and unusual items for discriminating shoppers for counties around. There will be returning vendors and undoubtedly, vendors who haven't been to Rising Star for this market in the past; this mix should encourage unusual, unique items for shoppers.

In the past months, enthusiasm has been high for this monthly weekend event as most people comment that they did have fun, found bargains, and just generally enjoyed stopping in Rising Star for "something different to do."

Vendors are requested to be set up for business by 9 AM and to be open until 4 PM each day. Sometimes it can be tempting to close down early, but you never know when a new crowd of shoppers may drive down Main Street; we don't want them disappointed if most vendors have gone home already.

It might be advisable to bring a tent or shade to keep out of the sun; trees are at a premium in the downtown area; wish there were more available, but please think ahead and provide some kind of shade for yourself.

Shoppers also must think about the high 90's as far as the temperature goes and don't forget sunscreen, loose and comfy clothing and plenty of water.

The reason for the two day "Shop-a-thon" in Rising Star is because various groups are sponsoring events connected with Independence Day Celebrations for several days, beginning with All-City Garage Sales on Thursday, July 4-6 and ending with activities at the Hwy. 36 Park on Saturday, July 6 and the evening fireworks which are generally some of the "best" in the area. See ya there!

For information regarding being a vendor, call Nancy at 325-203-0311 or 254-641-0320.  
By Ginger Tobin,  
EDC Reporter

**Callahan Rifle Club taking Vendor Applications for State 4-H Shooting Sports Games**

The Callahan County 4-H Rifle Club is currently taking applications for the 2013 State 4-H Shooting Sports Games scheduled for July 22nd-July 27th at the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Range located off FM 18 between Clyde and Baird.

This and went before the State Committee and offered the use of our range facilities. They came up and toured the site and all agreed to move forward with this event. Registration is open at this time and we are hoping to have over 400 or more participants.

During this week shooters from all over Texas will come in hopes of taking top awards at the State Games. There are many events throughout the week. Some shooters will shoot in as many as 21 events during the week-long match. We will begin each day at 7 am and end shooting each day around 6 or 7.

Events range from air rifle and air pistol, to .22 pistol and .22 rifles, high power rifles and black powder rifle and pistol events. These are first class shooters. So take the opportunity to come out and watch the action.

We hope that everyone contacted can help us out in some way. I know our list is long, but in return, this many families coming into our town will indeed put Clyde on the map and turn over some revenue to local businesses. The answer is always NO if you don't ask. Any item large or small will help us out.

We are not asking for items to keep forever- just that we could borrow for this one week. Ex: Generators, speaker systems, bleachers, etc.

Our club hosts two events each year and we have around 21 active shooters this year that we take to matches from Austin, Texas to Grand Island, Nebraska.

The Callahan Rifle Club has had shooters make the national teams for many years. This year attending will be Kailey Hart and Hayley Ancinec - Air Pistol Team. Cody Cedergren will be member of the Smallbore Rifle Team, and Barrett Ancinec will shoot on the .22 Pistol Team.

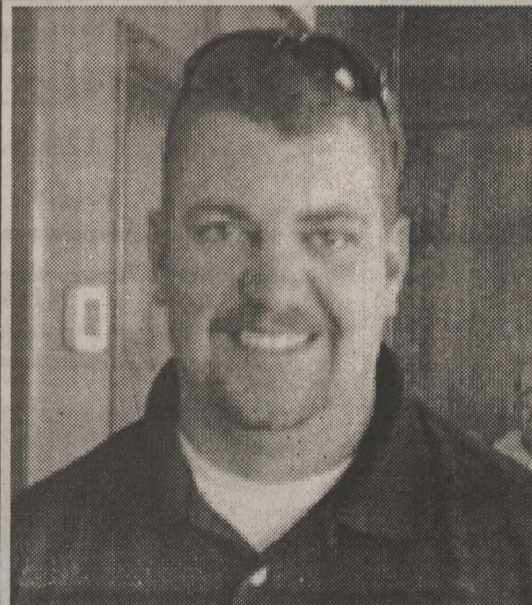
We will be traveling to Grand Island, Nebraska in June along with about 36 other youth from around Texas to compete for the National Title.

**Countdown—** Launching the CANSAT rockets.

**The Gathering —** Many gathered for the CANSAT competition and results.

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**CALLAHAN RIFLE CLUB  
2013 Rifle State Games  
Vendor Contract & Terms**

Callahan Rifle Club Vendor Row Participation  
July 22nd.-27th. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Rain or Shine!

• Spaces are on a first come first serve basis.

Type of Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_ Craft/Artist  
\_\_\_\_\_ Small Home Business

• We ask that there are no food vendors!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to reserve a space (\$50) for the week of July 22-27.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Description of items to be sold:

Please read the following conditions and terms of contract regarding participation as a vendor during the above listed event:

- All spaces are 10x10 outdoor spaces.
- No vendor will be allowed to set up their space without their space fee paid (\$50) and this signed agreement. All fees are due on or before July 15th.
- Vendors must provide their own tables, displays, canopies etc.
- Vendors may set up their space on the morning of Monday July 22nd, starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Vendor hours are 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- There will be no extension cords, generators, animals (except service animals), sexually explicit or profane items, illegal sale items, artificial tobacco items, alcohol, or drugs/drug paraphernalia are allowed. This list may be expanded at the discretion of the Callahan Rifle Club.
- Any vendor found possessing/selling such items or behaving in an inappropriate manner will be asked to vacate the premises immediately and will not be entitled to a refund.
- No vehicles will be used in any display.
- Vendors are expected to act courteously and professionally to all guests and other vendors. No harassment or roaming sales will be tolerated. Any vendor not respecting the rules mentioned above will be allowed to return only after event closing to regain their gear.
- Vendors are responsible for set-up/ break down and storage of goods, displays, equipment etc., each day.
- Callahan Rifle Club will not be held liable for loss, damages of materials and or merchandise equipment, left overnight.

Please make checks payable to:  
Callahan Rifle Club  
Attn: Tiffeny Fulgham  
1741 Elmdale Rd. South  
Abilene, TX. 79602

• Confirmation of application acceptance will be made in a timely manner via phone and or email.

By my signature below I agree to the above terms of participation.

Vending Owner/Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

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CALLAHAN COUNTY WSC

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2012

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

For more information regarding this report contact:

Name Bobbie Spitzer, Manager

Phone 325-893-3841

Este reporte incluye información importante sobre el agua para tomar. Para asistencia en español, favor de llamar al telefono ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

CALLAHAN COUNTY WSC is Purchased Surface Water

## Sources of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pickup substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

You may be more vulnerable than the general population to certain microbial contaminants, such as Cryptosporidium, in drinking water. Infants, some elderly, or immunocompromised persons such as those undergoing chemotherapy for cancer; persons who have undergone organ transplants; those who are undergoing treatment with steroids; and people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, can be particularly at risk from infections. You should seek advice about drinking water from your physician or health care providers. Additional guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

For more information about your sources of water, please refer to the Source Water Assessment Viewer available at the following URL: <http://gis3.tceq.state.tx.us/swav/Controller/Index.jsp?wtrarc=>

Further details about sources and source-water assessments are available in Drinking Water Watch at the following URL: <http://dww.tceq.texas.gov/DWW>

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
SW FROM CITY OF ABILENE AND CLYDE CC FROM TX0300002 CITY OF	SW	2012	Lake Fort Phantom and Clyde Lake
SW FROM CITY OF BAIRD CC FROM TX0300001 CITY OF	SW	2012	Baird Lake

## Public Participation Opportunities

Date: 4th Monday of each month  
 Time: 5:30 P.M.  
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## 2012 Regulated Contaminants Detected

### Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MFL:	million fibers per liter (a measure of asbestos)
na:	not applicable.
NTU:	nephelometric turbidity units (a measure of turbidity)
pCi/L:	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
ppt:	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter (ng/L)
ppq:	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter (pg/L)

### Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Halocetic Acids (HAA5)*	2012	20	0 - 108.2	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2012	128	17.5 - 511	No goal for the total	80	ppb	Y	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2012	1	0.115 - 1.28	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen]	2012	0.055	0 - 0.055	1	1	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

(82) TTHMs (Total Trihalomethanes). Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Callahan County Water Supply Corporation is currently working with TCEQ to alleviate the higher THM's by doing some extra flushing of the water lines.



## USDA authorizes Emergency Grazing of CRP Acres for Callahan County

Baird, TX – June 24, 2013 - Callahan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Robert Frost today announced that Callahan County was authorized for emergency grazing use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for fiscal year (FY) 2013.

Counties become eligible for CRP emergency grazing when they reach the D2 (severe drought) level on the U.S. Drought Monitor. As of May 30, 2013, 192 counties reached the D2 level and are eligible for CRP emergency grazing. It is possible that more counties will reach the D2 level eligibility requirement in coming weeks.

The CRP emergency grazing authorization for fiscal year 2013 begins June 2, 2013 for a 90 day period.

Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency

grazing approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during fiscal year 2011, 2012 or in the fall or winter of fiscal year 2013. FSA's fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency grazing of CRP must request approval before grazing eligible acreage and must obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes grazing provisions," said Frost. "Current provisions allow grazing on 100 percent of a field, up to the 75 percent stocking rate," he said.

Additionally, there will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the

emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. The eligible CRP acreage is limited to acres located within the approved county.

"If a producer chooses to lease eligible CRP acreage, the producer cannot profit on the lease agreement," said Frost. "The amount charged for lease of CRP emergency grazing acres cannot exceed the value of the 25 percent payment reduction," he said.

Texas FSA will review the U.S. Drought Monitor on June 27, 2013 and counties at a D3 (extreme drought) level will be authorized for emergency haying of eligible CRP acres.

For more information and to request approval for emergency grazing use of CRP acres contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2.

## Coleman County Electric Cooperative Returns Over \$1,000,000.00

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one of the most important distinctions that set an electric cooperative apart from a for-profit entity. Unlike other business models that work for Wall Street, a cooperative is locally owned and is concerned about Main Street." Coleman County Electric Cooperative is proudly celebrating its 75th year anniversary.

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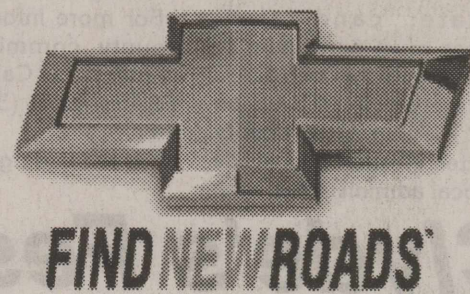
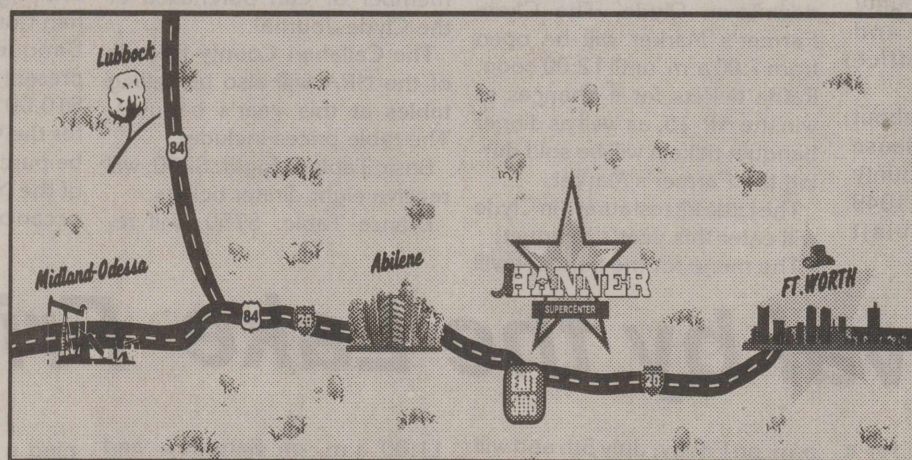
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**Farm Service Agency NAP Coverage available for 2014 Annual Forage Crops**

Baird, TX, June 24, 2013 – Callahan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Robert Frost, announced that Texas FSA will offer Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2014 crops that are planted annually and used for livestock feed or fodder.

Because there is limited time for producers in these states to transition from NAP to the new RMA pilot program, an exception was made that will allow the states to continue offering NAP coverage for 2014. However, NAP coverage will not be available for 2015 annual forage crops.

Eligible producers can apply for 2014 NAP coverage at the Callahan County FSA Office using form CCC-471, Application for Coverage.

Producers must file the application and service fee by the September 1, 2013 deadline. The service fee is the lesser of \$250 per crop or \$750 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Producers who meet the definition of a limited resource farmer or rancher can request a waiver of the service fee.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to normal disasters.

"The easiest way for producers to protect their investment is to purchase an insurance policy," said Frost. "The past few years have proved that natural disasters are unavoidable, and producers can recover if they take the necessary precautions to mitigate risks."

For more information about NAP, please contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2 or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

**USDA seeks applications for grants to improve the quality of rural housing**

Eligible applicants include public agencies, private non-profit organizations, federally recognized indian tribes

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 20, 2013 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help low- and very-low-income rural residents repair their homes. USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. Today's announcement is one part of the Department's efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

"The Obama Administration and USDA are working to ensure that rural homeowners and renters have safe, affordable and sanitary places to live," Vilsack said. "These grant funds will help low- and very-low-income residents in our rural communities maintain and repair their homes and make them more energy-efficient."

"The cost of maintaining a home is challenging for many rural homeowners," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "This funding, available through Rural Development Housing Preservation grants, will help rural property owners make improvements to ensure their homes are decent, safe, sanitary and energy-efficient."

Grants are provided to qualified intermediaries such as town or county governments, public agencies, community organizations, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-profit and faith-based organizations. The grants are then distributed to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents. The grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. In addition, the program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very-low-income persons.

For additional information on eligibility for Housing

Preservation Grants, please see the June 18, 2013 Federal Register.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has a portfolio of programs designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. USDA has made a concerted effort to deliver results for the American people, even as the Department implements sequestration – the across-the-board budget reductions mandated under terms of the Budget Control Act.

USDA has already undertaken historic efforts since 2009 to save more than \$828 million in taxpayer funds through targeted, common-sense budget reductions. These reductions have put USDA in a better position to carry out its mission, while implementing sequester budget reductions in a fair manner that causes as little disruption as possible.

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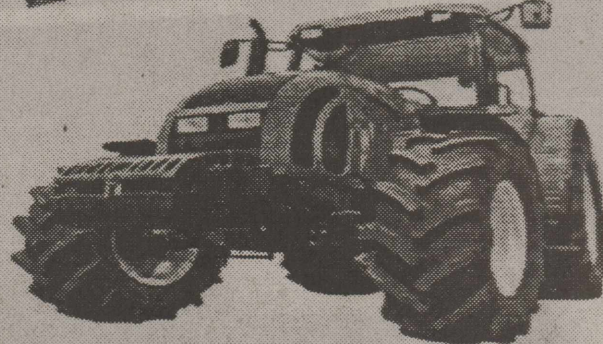
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