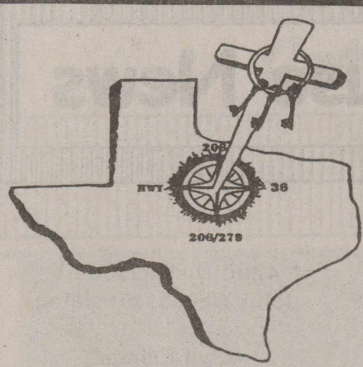


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Rex Tackett, a Former Cross Plains Resident, was Named 2013 Distinguished Citizen

The Boy Scouts of America Texas Trails Council honored Rex Tackett during the 2013 Distinguished Citizen dinner that was held at Coggin Avenue Church last Tuesday evening in Brownwood.

Rex was born in Coleman, Texas on August 28, 1943. His father, Donald Tackett, was fighting in Europe and he and his mother, Loraine, lived in Dressy, Texas and Odessa until his father returned from World War II. Rex's father was a career U.S. Army officer which resulted in them living across the United States, France and Japan before Rex finally moved to live with his grandparents in Cross Plains while in the seventh grade.

Rex was a Cub Scout and later a Boy Scout while living in Japan. He always considers Cross Plains his "hometown." Upon his high school graduation, Rex attended Texas Tech University majoring in Marketing and while there was a member of the Saddle Tramp spirit group.

While growing up in Cross Plain, Rex's jobs spanned from mowing lawns to shoe shine boy to soda jerk at City Drug. He always credited his gift for gab and gaff to those years in Ab Harris Barber Shop, shining shoes and learning way more about life than his tender years required.

In 1969 Rex stumbled into

radio advertising sales at KXYZ-AM in Amarillo. He would have liked to believe it was destiny, but in reality, he just needed a better paying job. Anyway, the rest is history.

Now, forty years later, Rex still has a passion for radio. He believes radio offers a unique opportunity and has an obligation to serve the community as well as serving his listeners, customers and associates.

Rex was elected to the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in 2012.

Rex would be the first to say that without his wife Mariann's love, support and commitment, he would not have received the award. He always said she is both the prettier and smarter. Rex and Mariann were married in Hawaii in 1990. Rex has two children, Teresa and Jim. They have two grandchildren, Chase and Jacob.

Rex acknowledges Mariann for her support, as she works beside him every day at Wendlee Broadcasting. He says she humors him so that he can do what he loves.

Since moving to Brownwood in 2001 Rex has served on the Board of Directors and as President of the Kiwanis Club of Brownwood where he received Kiwanian of the Year in 2007. He has also served on the Boards of the Brown County Youth Fair, Aldersgate Enrichment Center, the Brownwood Area Chamber of

Commerce, and the Texas Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Rex freely lends what he laughingly calls his "talent as an Auctioneer and Master of Ceremony across Texas. He has served as an MC numerous times in the Brownwood area, Early and Coleman Chamber of Commerce Banquets. But he is most sought after for his auctioneering skills having helped raise 100's of thousands of dollars for organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club of Brown County, American Cancer Society, West Texas Rehab, CASA, the Corinne T. Smith Animal Center, Brown County Youth Fair, Brookesmith, Early and Winchell Volunteer Fire Departments, the Wild Turkey Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Quail Forever, Quail Unlimited, the Mule Deer Foundation, Gulf Coast Conservation Association, Any Baby Can, Mission Road Development Center and many more charitable organizations. Helping charities was Rex's motivation for becoming an auctioneer.

He is also "Grand Clown" of the SECRET ROYAL ORDER OF THE CLOWN. Admittedly it's not all that secret or serious, however, he and his fellow "Clowns" are plenty serious about bringing good humor and laughter to most any situation.

Annual Cross Plains Public Library Thanksgiving Bake Sale Set for Wednesday, November 27th

Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here! Are you tired just thinking of all the cooking and baking you have to do for Thanksgiving? Let us do some of the work for you!

The Cross Plains Public Library is holding their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Wednesday, November 27th in the library's conference room from 8:00 a.m. until we are sold out.

Friends of the library will be busy baking lots of treats for your holiday table: pecan pies, pumpkin pies, fudge, divinity, homemade breads, cakes, cookies, and lots more! If you would like to place an order, (e.g., Italian cream cake, pumpkin pies, homemade rolls, fudge, etc.) call the library at 254-725-7722 and reserve your items now! Don't miss out!

Board members will be calling for donations, but if you don't get a call, we still welcome your baked goods, as all proceeds benefit the library. Stop by, shop early and buy extra to freeze for Christmas.

Submitted by
 Michelle Kaiser

Harvest Concert with Holly Tucker, Elliott Park and One Voice coming November 24th

Harvest 2013 is almost here! This year we are pleased to announce that Holly Tucker from NBC's "THE VOICE" will be our featured artist. Elliott Park, songwriter and artist whose hit song "I Loved Her First" in 2006 will also join Holly in Harvest's benefit concert. One Voice, Harvest coordinators, will also appear on the program. This year the benefactor of proceeds from the concert will be Callahan County Meals on Wheels and Clyde Center for the Performing Arts.

Holly Tucker is an artist who knows exactly who she is and what her goals are for the future. She can be a unique, powerful voice in country music that inspires and entertains all different kinds of audiences. Her songs are of family oriented nature and good values. Her story, her positive message, and her voice itself will be the separating factors from all other female singers on radio today.

Elliott Park has had success

with his song "I Loved Her First" when it went to number one on both the R&R and Billboard Country Charts. He's had the blessed opportunity to see his songs performed at the Grande Ole' Opry, Late Night with David Letterman, and CBS's Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson. Elliott is a Clyde native.

Everyone get ready to enjoy a night of sensational music with these three great groups, Holly Tucker, Elliott Park and One Voice! This year Harvest will be in the new Huff Performing Arts Center at Clyde High School and will begin at 6:30. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are available at Clyde Chamber of Commerce, Cross Plains Lawrence Farm and Ranch, and Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union at the Antilley Road address. Doors open at 5:45. Mark your date, Nov. 24th!

Harvest is a non-profit organization which annually gives its proceeds to a charity in our area.

Callahan County 4-H to host a Sheep, Goat & Swine Clinic

Saturday, November 23, 2013
 County Show Barn - Cross Plains

Registration will start at 8:30 a.m.

The clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Sheep & Goat immediately followed by Swine.

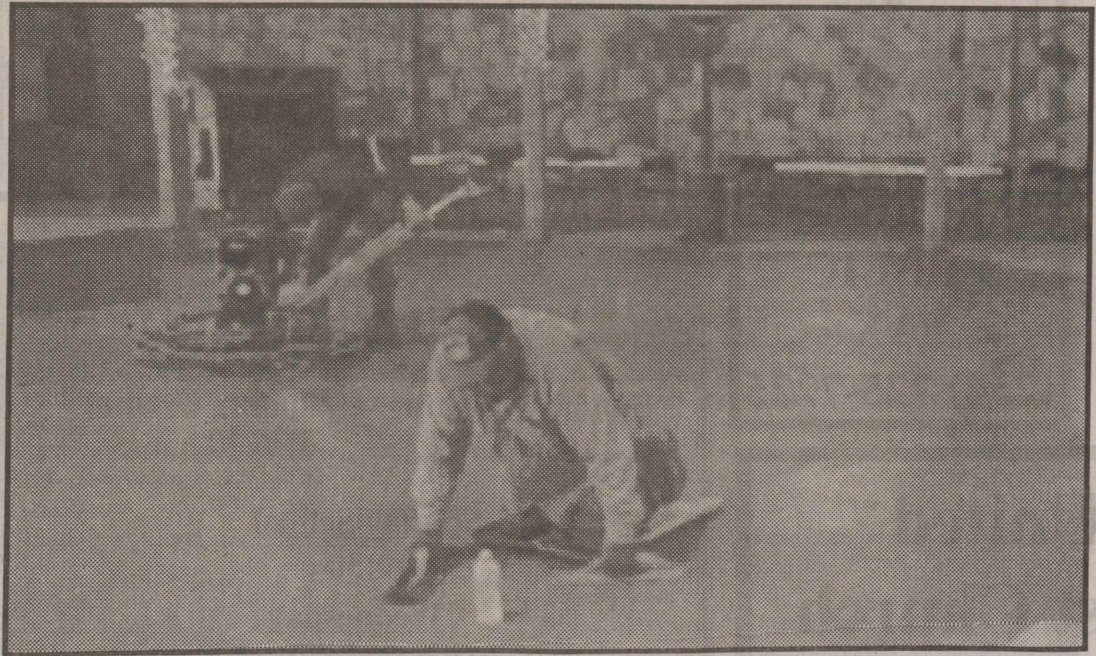
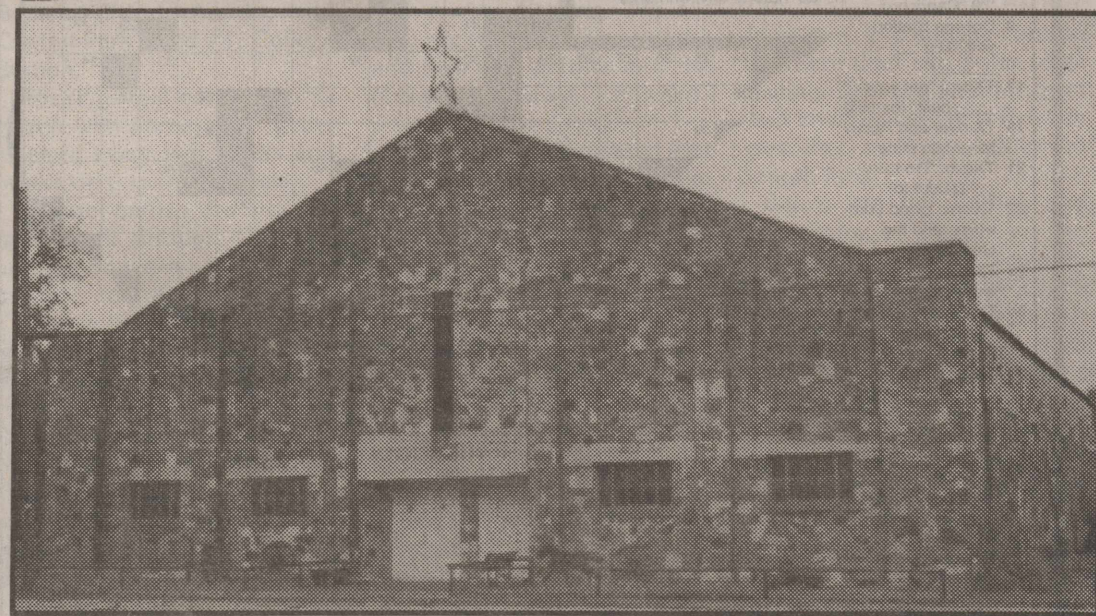
There will not be a fee for this clinic!

This clinic is open to anyone that would like to attend.

At the clinic we will have Bobby Deeds from Cargill Animal Nutrition there to talk about feeding and raising show lambs and goats. Also, from Sunglo Feeds, we will have one of their Show Feed Specialists talk about raising show pigs and show pig nutrition.

Please bring your own animals.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office at (325) 854-5835



Preparing A New Dance Floor in Rising Star

Ms. Jo Sledge is proud to announce that work is being done to "enhance" the dance area of the Market Building in Rising Star.

The work will be completed in plenty time for the upcoming Christmas Dance featuring the band MUDDY CREEK.

The dance will be held on

Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The area being resurfaced is 40X60--all will have color added to add to the overall ambiance of the historic building.

The Market Building is available to schedule just about any event one could imagine. If

has a full kitchen, a pass through window for a snack bar, seating for at least 100 (or more) persons, and of course restrooms.

Ms. Sledge has many more ideas for improvements, which will take time (and money), so let's all help promote the use of this wonderful building.

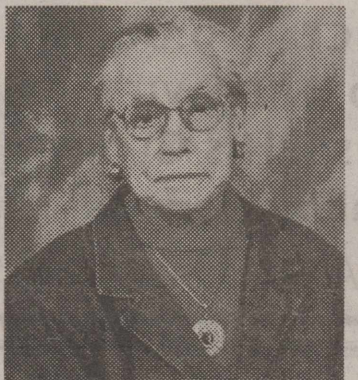
Services Held Wednesday for Joyce (Tabor) Odom

Joyce Fay Tabor Odom, age 99, of Rowden passed away on Sunday, November 17, 2013 in Baird.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2103 at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Ronnie White officiating; burial was in Cross Plains Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday evening from 5-6 p.m. at the funeral home in Cross Plains.

She was born April 2, 1914 in Eula to Maude Bryant and Herbert Roy Tabor. She married Sterling Odom in Cross Plains on December 18, 1935. Joyce was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains and taught Sunday school for 60 plus years and the Ruth Class the last 30 years before her health failed. She spent a lot of time studying scripture, and in prayer.

Joyce was a member of the Cross Plains Garden Club as well as an avid quilter. Some of her first quilts were: Nine Patch, Fan, Dresden Plate, Road to



Joyce Fay Tabor Odom

Oklahoma, Flying Geese, and Friendship.

She is survived by her two daughters and their husbands, Virginia Trevey and husband Ralph of Snyder; Nancy Palmer and husband Charlie of Clyde; sister, Nell Gunderson of Brooklyn Center in Minnesota; grandchildren, David Trevey, Scott Trevey, Michael Palmer, Jennifer Stewart; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, son Ivon, and two sisters.

Callahan County Tax Office Holiday closing times

The Callahan County Tax Office will be closing at 12:00 pm on November 27th and closed November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving holidays.

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 Related News
 To Us At
 254-725-7225

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

American Legion of Cross Plains will be having their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the American Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Legion members and their families are invited.

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
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Pastor: Wayne Lenz
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Bible Study...10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
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Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
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Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

SHERIFF'S CORNER

By Sheriff Terry Joy

Citizens and law enforcement personnel working together recently solved a crime in rural Callahan County.

All Callahan County Officers ask neighbors to watch out for their neighbors; and, to report any unexplainable activity and/or suspicious persons in your neighborhood. You never know when something or someone you are observing will turn out to be the information the officers need to solve a crime.

Most deer camps are set up in secluded areas; far from regular traffic and most of the time difficult to see. Hunters want time away from the busy and noisy work world. Deer camps provide rest and relaxation as well as the hunting experience. Camps contain some comforts of home, hunting equipment, etc. Locks are usually in place; but, often intruders get passed the locks and take and/or use other people's things. This is exactly what happened at the Snyder Ranch.

On October 10, 2013, a report came to the Sheriff's Office of a burglary that had occurred at a hunting lease south of Rowden. The offense was eventually solved because a neighbor was observant; and, the neighbor was able to give a good description of a person he had seen in the

area; a person who does not live in the area of the lease.

Hunters always go to camp prior to hunting season to make sure everything is in order for the big day. This is the exact scenario for the hunters at the Snyder Ranch. They found their camp had been used by an outsider; hand held radios, a television and food were missing. Travel trailers were burglarized and the camp cabin was set up for growing marijuana.

Mr. Snyder alerted the Sheriff's Department of the burglary. All deputies were notified and neighbors were informed of the offense. Later, a neighbor encountered a suspicious person and the neighbor was able to describe the person to law enforcement officers in great detail.

Through radio communication, officers were able to identify the suspect and they were also able to find where the person lived. The suspect was picked up and returned to the site where he was identified as the person who had been in the area. Crime solved.

Sheriff Terry Joy, Callahan County Deputies, Baird City Marshal, Clyde Police Department and Mr. Snyder's neighbor all worked together to solve this crime. Thanks to the citizens of Callahan County for supporting your local law enforcement.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

James Ervin Nolley, theft by check.
Melissa Lou Sweat, theft by check.
Jeffrey Todd Thompson, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Charlotte F. Valentine, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
Joseph L. Williams, affidavit of surety to surrender and issuance of warrant granted.

Marriage Licenses

Thomas Wade Estes of Cross Plains and Bailey Ann Richardson of Snyder.
Zane Gregory Simmons and Virginia K. Fish, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Deere Credit, Inc. vs. David M. McClure III, debt/contract.
Sean Eaton, individually and as next friend of Mykela Eaton vs. Linda Eaton, injury/damage motor vehicle.
Southwest Integrated Enterprises, Inc. vs. Sprint Energy Services L.P. d/b/a Excel Tubular and Tools, debt/contract.
Bridgetex Pipeline Co. vs. Carl P. McCord, eminent domain.
Wayne Boyd vs. Texas Workforce Commission, injury/damages.
Jessica Michael Peters and Kane Gareth Peters, divorce.
Rebecca Mantooth and Charles Mantooth, divorce.
The State of Texas vs. 1994 Ford pickup, seizure/forfeiture.

Criminal Indictments

Joseph Williams, driving while intoxicated, 3rd or more.

Time to Start Getting Christmas Floats Ready!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade on Friday, December 6, 2013. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it!

Parade starts at 6:00 p.m. that evening. This will be a great parade for the family!

Looking for something fun before the parade? Check out the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the

library will be hosting the ornament painting for the children.

Santa will be arriving on a fire truck to take pictures, at the Stew Supper.

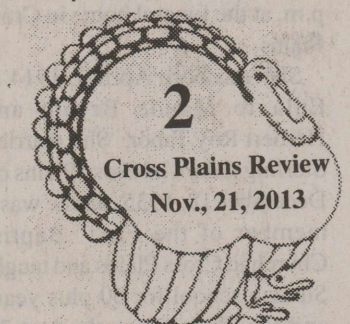
We hope to see you there! For more information or an entry form contact Myleah at the chamber office, 254-725-7251, or Stephanie Bien at 254-725-4554.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from October 19, 2013 through November 15, 2013 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—168
Complaints—113
Driving While License Invalid—1
Fugitive Arrest—2

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



There is NO charge for Announcements Without Descriptions Call 254-725-6111 for Details

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ACROSS

- early TX explorer
- Cabeza de _____
- TX Vikki Carr '88 album: "_____ Hombres"
- Austin botanical event: "Flora _____"
- lunch time
- Galveston-filmed '78 "Capricorn _____"
- College Station yell: "Gig _____"
- TXism: "get your _____ built" (be still)
- TX river and Rocky Mountain state
- TXism: "I'm fixin' _____" (about to)
- TXism: "good Lord willing and the creek don't _____"
- TX Doak Walker alma mater
- TX George Jones' "Things Have Gone to _____"
- TXism: "take _____" (rest)
- TXism: "let _____ rpl"
- buy a TX lotto ticket?
- TX Percy Foreman defended James _____ Ray in the killing of MLK
- TX Tim Brown won the Heisman at _____ Dame
- TXism: "write slow cause he _____"
- march composer John Philip _____
- TX Bobby Fuller's "I Fought _____"
- TXism: "put up _____ shut up"
- "three" so. of the border
- Rockport festival
- grain must to make "red eye"
- Noah's boat
- TXism: "not enough _____ buckle pavement"
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- 55 natural environments
- in Fisher Co. on hwy. 70
- DFW transport
- "I'm _____ in" (fully committed in Texas hold 'em)
- Linda of "Dynasty" (init.)
- putting surfaces
- state where TX Buddy Holly's plane crashed (abbr.)
- company started by TX Ross Perot in '62
- SW of San Antonio on Loop 1604
- TXism: "put _____ a shovel" (bury)
- TXism: "_____ shooting" (certain)
- investigator like "Magnum"
- abbr. for a TX corporation
- TX actress Longoria from 1879 to 1915
- oil prices ranged from 64 to 99 _____ barrel
- White Oak h.s. class
- capable of medical attention
- Cowboys hear the _____ of the crowd
- TX legendary pitcher and current Ranger CEO, Nolan
- TX Ivory Joe Hunter '56 tune: "Since I _____ You Baby"
- _____ Chica State Park near Brownsville
- TX Larry Hagman 1972 film: "Getting Away From _____"

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Visiting with Former Cottonwood Resident Clara McInnis in Mason, Texas — Beverly Brown (left to right), Beverly Brown, Glynn Nickerson, Clara McInnis, Dena Nickerson, Billie Kelly and Mary Ella Weaver. Photo courtesy of Teri Brown

Mary Ella Weaver, Dena Nickerson, Billie Kelly and I traveled down to Mason, Texas last Wednesday, November 13, to visit with our friend and former Cottonwood resident Clara McInnis, who will be turning 100 later this month. Clare has a lovely home in Mason near her daughter Virginia Durst who prepared lunch for us. While there we were joined by Dena's son, Glynn Nickerson of Boerne, who spent the afternoon with us. We had a great time visiting and reminiscing about the old days. Clare is doing just great and is involved in Senior Activities. I had a time keeping up with her walking.

As I mentioned, Clare will turn 100 this month, and you're invited to the party this Saturday, November 23rd at the Richard P. Eckert Civic Center in Mason,

Texas, from 2 until 4:30 in the afternoon. Everyone from the Cottonwood and Cross Plains areas are welcome to come and celebrate with her. If you'd like to send Clare a card, send it to Clara McInnis, P. O. Box 685, Mason, Texas 76856. We wish Clare a very happy birthday.

Thanksgiving is coming up soon - a week from this Thursday. Wishing you a safe journey as you travel to and from your families - and a safe journey for your family members who travel to and from here.

Christmas is coming soon, too. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control is all ready planning the decorations for the firetruck they will drive in the Christmas Parade in Cross Plains on Friday, December 6th. Look for other Cottonwood residents on floats -

Russ and Diana Miller with the Barbarian Festival float and Erik Woodard with the Chamber of Commerce, who is presenting the parade. Our Cottonwood Kiwanis members will be busy that evening - busy making and serving stew at their annual Stew Supper at the Senior Citizens Center. Stew Supper runs from 5-7 p.m. Parade starts at 6 p.m. and Santa Claus is coming to town sometime after the parade. Mark your calendar now. It'll be a fun evening.

Remember, the burn ban is still off. Please exercise caution if you plan to burn. Let the Sheriff's Office and your local fire chief know before you light the match. Here in Cottonwood, call Fire Chief Joe Terstege at 254-725-7281, and the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

TPWD Trout Stocking to begin November 27th

ATHENS—Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's popular rainbow trout stocking program will kick off November 27th with the first deliveries of fish to selected lakes in the Neighborhood Fishin' program. The remaining lakes will be stocked November 29th.

Lakes to be stocked November 27th include Southside Lions Park and Miller's Pond in San Antonio; Buena Vista Park, Waco; Bullfrog Pond, Austin; and Central Park Pond #1, College Station.

Stockings will continue until March with some lakes being stocked every two weeks and others on a monthly basis.

Channel catfish are stocked from April through October, and rainbow trout are stocked in winter months.

"The reason for stocking some lakes on a monthly basis is to reduce losses of fish to resident cormorants," said Dave Terre, TPWD's chief of management and research. "We hope the less-frequent stockings will keep the birds from patterning our stocking activities and make more fish

available for anglers. We will stock the same total number of fish, just less often."

A second change to the program is the addition of Missouri City Community Park Lake in the Houston area. This lake replaces Tom Bass I, which was not being used by many anglers based on recent TPWD surveys. "We are always looking for ways to maximize participation, user satisfaction and cost efficiencies in this program that involves public and private funding. We are very excited to bring a new lake and new city partner into the Neighborhood Fishin' program," Terre said.

A 2012 survey indicated that more than 80,000 people take part in the Neighborhood Fishin' program. Fish for the program are purchased partly with funds from the Texas Bass Classic Foundation (which is supported by the Toyota Texas Bass Classic) and from local partners.

A new local partner this year is Valero, which is sponsoring Miller's Pond in San Antonio.

"Regular stocking is a key component of the Neighborhood Fishin'

program, which helps increase fish-catching opportunities in small city park lakes close to where people live," Terre said. "Providing this opportunity is especially important to our youth and families, who may be new to fishing or just want to have some fun together outdoors. Our surveys show that nearly 50 percent of participants are kids or adults who are new to fishing."

Anyone 17 years or older needs a fishing license to fish at the Neighborhood Fishin' locations, and anglers can use no more than two poles while fishing. The bag limit for trout and channel catfish is five fish per day with no minimum length limit.

Below are the names and locations of lakes in the Neighborhood Fishin' program with the dates they are scheduled to be stocked with trout. Keep in mind that weather or other problems could cause the dates to vary slightly. However, such frequent stocking means the fishing should be good any time you go.

With grim milestone as a reminder, TxDOT urges drivers to stay alert, obey traffic laws in effort to halt fatality trend

AUSTIN —As Texas marks a grim, 13-year string of daily roadway fatalities today, the Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers to stay alert and obey traffic laws in an effort to break the consecutive streak of carnage. To date, more than 45,000 people have been killed on Texas roadways since Nov. 7, 2000.

"Having at least one person killed on a Texas road every single day for 13 years is a sobering reminder that we must drive carefully and do everything in our power to stay focused behind the wheel," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "These people are our spouses, children, friends and neighbors, and losing them to traffic deaths has a profound and permanent impact on their families. This staggering number of fatalities needs to stop increasing every 24 hours, and taking personal re-

sponsibility for our driving habits is the first step."

Texas has not had a fatality-free day since Nov. 7, 2000. Since then, 45,032 motor vehicle traffic deaths have occurred on Texas roadways. Despite a steady decline in traffic fatalities in recent years, Texas saw an 11-percent increase in fatalities from 2011 to 2012.

A leading cause of traffic fatalities continues to be alcohol. To date, 13,544 alcohol-related fatalities have been recorded since Nov. 7, 2000. Distracted driving also is a leading cause of roadway deaths. Since Jan. 1, 2008, there have been 2,719 fatalities caused by distracted driving. There also have been 5,469 unrestrained vehicle occupants killed since Jan. 1, 2008.

To decrease the chances of roadway crashes and fatalities, TxDOT reminds drivers to:

- Pay attention - put phone

down and avoid distractions

- Buckle seatbelt - all passengers need to be buckled
- Drive speed limit - always follow speed limits and drive safer speeds when weather or conditions are present
- Never drink and drive - drunk driving kills; get a sober ride home

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Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 11,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas communities, and being a Best in Class state agency. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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November 11-14, 2013

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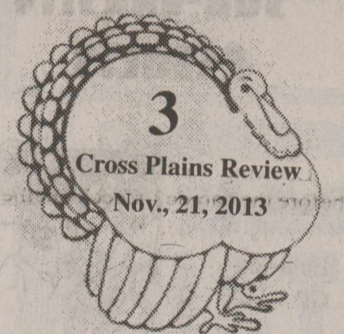
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Mississippi Truck Driver Killed in Fiery I-20 Accident

A Mississippi truck driver was killed in a fiery crash on Interstate 20, one-half mile east of Baird at 5:15 a.m. Thursday morning, November 14th.

Michael D. Merritt, 42, of Winona, Mississippi, was traveling westbound on I-20 in a 2013 Volvo 18-wheel truck/trailer was almost to Baird city limits about 5:15 a.m. when it went off the road, lost control and crashed while catching on fire. The truck was engulfed in flames when emergency responders arrived. The tractor-trailer was completely destroyed by the flames. Merritt was pronounced dead at 5:17 a.m. by Judge Steve Odom. The body was taken to Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

No one else was in the truck, and no other vehicles were involved. Officials suspect the driver fell asleep behind the wheel.

Westbound traffic was detoured onto the access road as law enforcement, fire and transportation officials worked to clear the roadway. The truck came to a stop on top of a bridge over a road that connects access roads, and what was left of the trailer fell onto the road below.

The accident is being investigated by DPS Trooper Lance Parker.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

November 25-29

Monday - Cheeseburgers, (let,tom,onion,pickle), Oven Baked Fries, Jello with Fruit Dessert
Tuesday - Baked Beef Sausage, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Bread, Dessert, Drink
Wednesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, 1/2 Pimento Cheese Sand, Jello, Cookies, Drink

Thursday -Holiday

FRIDAY-Holiday

Happy Thanksgiving



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

Senior Citizens Center Activities

November 25-29

Monday, 25th - Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Encompass

Tuesday, 26th - Exercise 11:00

Wednesday, 27th - Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Girling/Bingo 11:15

Thursday, 28th - Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, 29th - Holiday



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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **November 20, 2013**, beginning at **8:00 p.m.** in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- Open Forum
 - Recognize Elementary Students of the Month
 - Hellas Track Construction
 - New Business
 - Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - Review Bills/Finance Report
 - Consider Highly Qualified Report
 - Consider Votes Toward Callahan County Appraisal District Board of Directors
 - Personnel
 - Consider Naming Leslie Lawrence as Interim Elementary Principal
 - Consider Salary
 - Superintendent's Report

- Board Training Hours
- Review Track Renovation
- Christmas Band Concert--Dec. 19th at 6:00 p.m.
- Board/Teacher Christmas Dinner-- Dec. 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- December Board Meeting--Dec. 18th at 8:00 p.m.

5. Adjourn
If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on November 15, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

Phil Mitchell
Board of Trustees

STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Cross Plains Public Library has made changes in the writing contest. The 2014 entries may be submitted anytime between November 15 and January 10. The contest is still open to all students grades K-12 who are eligible to go to Cross Plains ISD whether in public school or home-school. Contestants can pick up an entry form at school or the library. Only one entry is allowed per student, and there is

a five page limit. As always, writings will be "blind judged." Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each grade. Lou Rodenberger Outstanding Achievement plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall winners. Winners will be awarded during a special program on the afternoon of Sunday, March 23, 2014. Family and friends will be invited to attend.

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU November 25-29

BREAKFAST

Monday - Oatmeal, Blueberry muffin, Fruit or juice, Milk

Tuesday - Cereal, Texas Toast, Fruit or Juice, Milk

No school

LUNCH

Monday -Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Tomato & Cucumber, Apple-pineapple,Milk

Tuesday -PizzaChoice, Crunchy Broccoli Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fresh fruit Bowl, Milk

Happy Thanksgiving

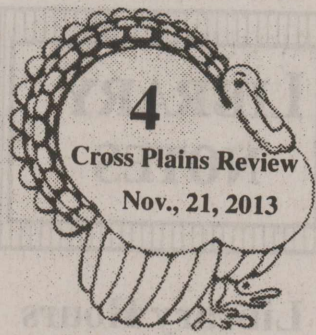
Thanksgiving Holidays:

Early Out Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

NO SCHOOL:

Thursday, November 27th
Thursday, November 28th
Friday, November 29th.

Classes will resume on Monday, December 2, 2013



Gifted / Talented Program

Dear K-6 Parents,

Cross Plains Elementary is now accepting nominations for the Gifter/Talented Program at school.

This program is designed to meet the needs of students who exhibit intellectual or specific subject aptitude skills above those normally exhibited by peers of the same age group.

If you know of such a child, who is advanced beyond his peers, please come by the Elementary Office and nominate that child. It can be your child or another child you know. Parents will be notified if their child is nominated and must give written permission for their child to participate in the identification process.

Any community member or parent may come by the Elementary Office and pick up a Parent Handbook for Gifted Education. This hand book describes the program and the identification process.

We are proud of all of our children at Cross Plains Elementary and want to meet their needs.

Sincerely,
Leslie Lawrence
Elementary Principal

BASKETBALL SUB-VARSITY RESULTS

7th Grade

Eula 46
CP 11

Scoring: Gage Connelly 7,
Paxtyn Byrd 3, Bryce Petree 1

Ranger 6
CP 12

Scoring: Kye Stout 2, Connelly 6, Thomas 4

Winters 44
CP 3

Scoring: Connelly 1, Petree 2

JV Boys

Stephenville JV 35
CP 28

Score by Quarters:
Stephenville B 12 8 11 4 35
CP 6 6 10 6 28

Scoring: Branch 8, Damron 2, Briggs 2, Sanders 5, Senclair 11

Winters 40
CP 16

Score by Quarters:
Winters 17 9 9 5 40
CP 2 2 2 10 16

Scoring:Wright 2, Wyatt 2, Sanders 4, Martinez 8

Jim Ned 34
CP 31

Score by Quarters:
Jim Ned 4 18 11 3 34
CP 6 7 2 15 30

Scoring: Branch 4, Sanders 5, Senclair 11, Burke 10

District Play

8th Grade @ Rising Star-
Monday, November 18

CP 29
Rising Star 16

Scoring: Kaiden Petree 6, Johnathan Agee 2, Dakota Willis 9, Joe Crockett 2, Aaron Willis 2, Creede Goode 8

Cross Plains Elementary "A" Honor Roll 2nd 6 Weeks

1st Grade
Graydon Albrecht
Kadie Carouth
Stryker Dillard
Peyton Gilliam
Katelyn Gregory
Rhianna Lee
Ryan Merryman
Barrett Nickerson
Kade Purvis
Ryder Reed
Katie Sutton
Mackey Taff
Mattie Worley

2nd Grade
Theron Albrecht
Coltyn Barron
Harmony Goble
Addison Long
Abigail Mauricio
Nathan Sandoval
McKenzie Snell
Grace West
Able Wheeler
Brenda Willis
Dusty Wyatt

4th Grade
Beau Barker
Kiley Morgan
Autum Nickerson
Haylee Nickerson
Callie Sutton
Addison Webb

5th Grade
Amber Fidler
Kolby McKinny
Madilynn Shepard

3rd Grade
Logan McDaniell
Ryan Reed
Hailey Mauricio
Abbigale Shepard

6th Grade
Katelynn Parker
Macee Steigleder
Trent Tollett

Cross Plains Elementary "AB" Honor Roll 2nd 6 Weeks

1st Grade
Natalie Allison
Elizabeth Haviland
Nathan Lee
Ryan Merryman

2nd Grade
Kodie Blaine
Jaeden Box
Gage Fortune
Nathaniel Grider
Jolie Hutton
Shyla Lewis
Cadence Nickerson
Alex Parker
Jayden Shank

3rd Grade
Elijah Blaine
Livia Busby
Teresta Hass-Barnett
Hannah McKinney
David Mendieta Jr.
Sarah Sanchez
Jocelyn Smoot

4th Grade
Kashlyn McClure-Hunter
Alaina Potter
Ashton Powell
Jayden Smith
Johnatha Wheeler

5th Grade
Caley Box
River Bradley
Wade Byrd
Lanye Ellis
Amber Fidler
Chelsea Gartman
Hayley Hughes
Braylan Laminack
Jake McMillan
Cody McWilliams
Roby Odum
Austin Rankin
Ketch Thomas
Jody Traweek
Abigail Wheeler

6th Grade
Taylor Busby
Destinee Cooper
Nathan Hernandez
Keegan King
Lexie Thompson
Heather Yates

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Cross Plains Junior High and High School "A" Honor Roll 2nd - 6 Weeks

7th Grade
Jacy Bien
Hannah Crockett
Kenzie Kleiber
Jackilann Shepard

8th Grade
Joe Alexander
Joseph Crockett
Creed Goode
Katy Morgan
Kayla Stoudemire
Larson Walker

9th Grade
Mackenzie Byrd
Hannah Cowan
Grace Goode

10th Grade
Rebekah Crockett
Teagan Fortune
Ashley Fulcher
Zachary Gartman
Shelby McWilliams
Phoenix Sanders
Billy Woodard

11th Grade
Natalie Anderson
Taryn Estes
Megan France
Brenna Kleiber
Morgan Manley
Stephen Saltus
Allanta Wheeler

12th Grade
Michael Carpenter
Nicole Eisenbach
Tyler Henderson
Bridgette Mayfield
Kristin Wright

Cross Plains Junior High and High School "A-B" Honor Roll 2nd - 6 Weeks

7th Grade
Gage Connelly
Hanna Fortune
Brian Morales
Kayden Oskins
Brice Petree
Trenton Potter
Ky Stout
Jevon Tillery

8th Grade
Hannah Blaine
Eddie Calvagna
James McMillan
Kaiden Petree
Riley Potter

9th Grade
Isaiah Guerrero
Cheyenne Hass
Nain Martinez
Ashton Parker
Ag Partin
Logan Phillips
Holden Senclair
Brandon Waggoner
Piper Winfrey
Loralei Woodard
Kersey Wyatt

10th Grade
Darrin Ames
Kelli Bennett
Colton Bradley
Kenzie Halsel
Brayden Kennedy
Rylan Laminack
Billie Pointer
Kaitlyn Potter
Inez Salazar
Charles Thompson
Shyler Tillery
Tyler Wright
Seth Wyatt

11th Grade
Bronc Dillard
Kelbi Hyles
Tucker Isbell
Kaitlyn Koettel
Korbin McLean
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County Commissioners canvass election votes

The Callahan County Commissioners approved the canvass of votes from the 2013 Constitutional Amendment Election for Tuesday, November 5, 2013 during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, November 18th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the Canvass of votes for the November 5, 2013 election.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting was Donna Bell, County Clerk.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to sign a resolution supporting the application to participate in the Secretary of State's Countywide Polling Place Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kirkham, and was approved with a 5-0 vote.

The resolution follows:

CALLAHAN COUNTY RESOLUTION

COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Texas counties may submit an application to the Texas Secretary of State to participate in a program to use countywide polling places for elections as an alternative to

having a polling place located in each election precinct; and WHEREAS, Callahan County having participated in the Countywide Polling Place Program for the November 5, 2013 General Election found it to be very successful; and

WHEREAS, the Callahan County Commissioners' Court finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Callahan County to again apply for inclusion in the Countywide Polling Place Program of the Secretary of State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED THAT:

The County of Callahan Commissioners' Court supports the Application to Participate in the Secretary of State's Countywide Polling Place Program as provided.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of November 2013, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners' Court which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 551.001, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

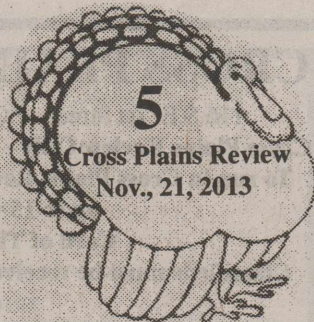
APPROVED:

(s) Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge

ATTEST:

(s) Donna Bell County Clerk
Callahan County, Texas

—Commissioner Hicks made the motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:13 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.



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Commissioners allow two Baird organizations to decorate courthouse tree for Christmas holiday

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to allow the Baird Chamber of Commerce and the Baird Park Project to decorate the large tree on the Callahan County Courthouse lawn at Baird for the upcoming Christmas season.

The commissioners' court took the action Tuesday, November 12th during the regular commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

After some discussion, Judge Roger Corn made a motion to allow the Baird Chamber and the Baird Park Project to decorate the large tree on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Tom Windham seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

—The minutes from the commissioners' court meeting of October 28th were reviewed and signed.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to change fire extinguisher companies to Axis Fire Extinguisher Service. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Under public comments, there were none.

—There was no action taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains lifted.

—Sheriff Terry Joy gave the Sheriff's Monthly Report for October. Also reporting was Deputy Tom Ruffield. Commissioner Windham made the motion to accept the report and a second was made by Commissioner Kirkham. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to put up for bid a Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Judge Corn made a motion to appoint Dr. Raul Calvo as the local Health Authority. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham

made a motion to cast all of Callahan County's 1,180 votes for Jimmie Easter to serve on the Callahan County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2014-2015. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:07 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioners proclaim November as Report Animal Abuse Month

Callahan County November as Report Animal Abuse Month Proclamation

crimes, and 100% of animal hoarders commit repeat offences.

Crimes against animals need to be taken seriously not only to protect the animals in our community but also because national crime surveys show that animal abusers commit 5 times more violent crimes, 4 times more property crimes, and 4 times more drug crimes and that

Now, therefore, We, The Callahan County Commissioners Court do hereby, designate the month of November, 2013 as Report Animal Abuse Month and urge all citizens in Callahan County to report cases of animal abuse to local law enforcement agencies.

70% of violent criminals started with animal abuse,
46% of rapists first abused animals,
70% of victims of domestic violence had their animals abused,
30% of child abuse offenders abused animals,
Kids who abuse animals are twice as likely to commit violent

Signed this the 12th day of November, 2013.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge

(s) Harold Hicks

Commissioner Precinct #1

(s) Bryan Farmer

Commissioner Precinct #2

(s) Tom Windham

Commissioner Precinct #3

(s) Cliff Kirkham

Commissioner Precinct #4

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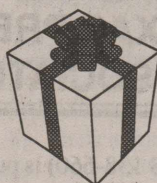
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The Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*) is one of three species of new world vultures that inhabits the United States. This particular species is a common carrion feeding bird that resides in the entire United States (except for the extreme northeast) during the summer months. It migrates south during the colder winter months, with its United States range encompassing southern California eastward along the international border to Texas and eastward to the southeastern United States. It can be observed throughout Texas during the warmer months, while in the winter it can be seen roughly south of I-20 and east of I-35.

This non-descript and rather unattractive species of bird is surprisingly large, with a body length of approximately twenty-eight inches, while the wingspan can be almost six feet. It can weigh up to four pounds. As bland in coloration as it is, the Turkey Vultures, or Buzzard as it is more commonly referred to, is very recognizable. The dorsal (back) coloration is solid black, as is the breast and long tail. The upper wings are black, while the under wings are a black with silver flight feathers, giving it a two-tone combination. The head is distinctively naked, and the skin on the head is bright red. This red head, along with the black body feathers, is where the namesake originated from, as these colors are rather turkey-like in appearance.

Turkey Vultures are most commonly seen while foraging for food while high in the air. It has a slow, methodical, and almost clumsy looking flight pattern of gliding in random circles, teetering in an unsteady rhythm. Occasionally it can be seen perched on low-lying trees, shrubs or fence posts with its wings spread out, particularly in the early mornings, soaking up the rays of the sun.

Turkey Vultures are primarily solitary, except when feeding on



The Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)

prey and the occasional group roosting at night. Pairs are monogamous, and breeding occurs twice annually. The male is the primary incubator of the twelve to sixteen eggs, although at times, many females will lay their eggs in a communal nest, with nests containing over one hundred eggs being documented. The young are tended to after hatching for almost five months by both parents. By that time, the young have obtained their ability to fly and developed their sense of smell, which is the primary way of finding their preferred food items.

The main diet of this new world vulture is carrion, or dead animals. Any and all species are consumed, regardless of the state of the deceased animal's freshness or rottenness. Many Turkey Vultures will eat roadkill, and at times fall victim to auto-

mobiles themselves as they do. However, the numbers of vultures killed in this manner is more than adequately compensated by the amount of animals that succumb to vehicles. With more automobiles than ever on the roads, and with more roadways being paved in rural areas, populations of Turkey Vultures will continue to increase as their food supply increases.

Turkey Vultures are commonly referred to as buzzards, although this name is technically not correct as buzzards are group of Old World species. However, even the most astute naturalist will allow the nickname of buzzard to slip from the tongue from time to time while in the field.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at www.fullprice71@gmail.com.



Texas Winter Weather Awareness Day proclaimed by Commissioners' Court

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court approved a proclamation recognizing Wednesday, November 13, 2013 as Texas Winter Weather Awareness Day in Callahan County.

The commissioners' court took the action Tuesday, November 12th during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and seconded by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court vote 5-0 to proclaim Texas Winter Weather Awareness Day.

The proclamation follows:

In cooperation with The Texas Division of Emergency Management and The Texas Department of Public Safety, Wednesday, November 13, 2013, is designated as Winter Weather Awareness Day in the Lone Star State. Every Texan should take this opportunity to prepare for adverse winter weather.

Have a good plan of action when it comes to winter weather:

- 1) Check the weather forecast before you travel and have a way to receive NWS Winter Storm Warnings
- 2) Monitor temperatures and visibilities
- 3) Drive according to the condition of the highway
- 4) Practice safe fire prevention
- 5) Assemble a disaster kit

Each year Texans die from accidents caused by ice, snow, or fog. The Texas Department of Public Safety urges motorists to slow down to the conditions of the roadway. Motorists should not assume the speed limit is the safe speed. For road conditions, please go to the Texas Department of Transportation's website www.drivetexas.org call 1-800-452-9292. Good winter weather safety tips are also included on the following page.

Information on winter weather safety can be also found at the following links:

- <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/?n=2013winter>
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- When driving in low visibilities due to dense fog or snow, slow down and use your low beams.

- Fully check and winterize your vehicle before you leave.
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

- Avoid traveling alone. Always drive to the conditions of the highway.

- Let someone know your timetable and primary and alternate routes.

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- Extra clothing to keep warm and dry (One change of clothing and shoes per person)
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DALLAS (Nov. 12, 2013) — The season of giving is upon us, and what better way to show you care than to help those in need. Atmos Energy is encouraging customers to help their neighbors in need by participating in the utility's Sharing the Warmth program.

"It's as easy as rounding-up the pennies on your natural gas bill," said Dan Alderson, Atmos Energy director of energy assistance. "That excess change goes straight into our Sharing the Warmth program, which can then be distributed to low-income residents this winter."

Atmos Energy's Sharing the Warmth program is designed to supplement payments made by elderly, disabled or low-income customers who would otherwise be unable to pay the full cost of heating their home.

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Texas SWCDs Wrap up Their 73rd Annual State Meeting

TEMPLE—Approximately 500 soil and water conservation district directors attended the Seventy-third annual state meeting of district directors which was held in Fort Worth October 28th-30th, said Marty Graham, chairman of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).

"The TSSWCB annually holds a meeting of Texas SWCDs for the purpose of sharing information to inform SWCDs of current state and federal legislation or programs that impact conservation efforts at the local level," added Graham.

An array of key state legislative officials including national soil and water conservation leaders highlighted the meeting. Program speakers included State Senators Craig Estes, Wendy Davis and Tommy Williams; Judith Canales, State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency; Earl Garber, President, National Association of Conservation Districts; Heather Harward, Executive Director, H2O4 Texas; Jule Richmond, President, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Tom Christensen, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Acting Associate Chief of Operations, Washington, DC and Salvador Salinas, State Conservationist, USDA NRCS.

The major issue of interest presented by state legislative officials concerned Proposition 6 which Texas voters approved and now enables the state to allocate up to \$2B of the state's Rainy Day fund to develop water projects.

Various concurrent workshops were held giving SWCD directors opportunities to gain updated information on an array of

topics that affect conservation district programs.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board which annually calls a statewide meeting of Texas SWCDs administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. In conjunction with the annual meeting of SWCD directors, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCDs) conducts their annual business meeting.

Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. The TSSWCB also acts to ensure that the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

Current members of the TSSWCB whose purpose is to set policy and establish rules for the administration of the agency's programs are Marty H. Graham of Rocksprings, Chairman; Scott L. Buckles of Stratford, Vice Chairman; Jose Dodier, Jr., of San Antonio; Jerry D. Nichols of Nacogdoches; Barry Mahler of Iowa Park; Joe L. Ward of Telephone and Larry D. Jacobs of Montgomery. Rex Isom of Idalou serves as Executive Director of the TSSWCB.

Changes in Health Services at Big Spring VA Medical Center

The West Texas VA Health Care System will no longer provide acute inpatient services at the Big Spring VA Medical Center as a result of declining need. Instead, Veterans who need inpatient care will obtain the care from other VA hospitals or from community health partners. Veterans are encouraged to contact their health care providers and primary care teams for urgent or emergent care that could require hospitalization.

"We will continue to focus on quality health care to all Veterans within our area, focusing on

becoming a rural health model facility with emphasis on outpatient services," said Andrew Welch, interim director of WTVAHCS.

The declining need for inpatient beds is largely attributed to changes in how health care is delivered with greater emphasis on prevention of illnesses and procedures being done on an outpatient basis. Home telehealth programs and additional transportation programs will be expanded to assist Veterans who live great distances from the facility in Big Spring.

Rising Star To Sponsor Christmas Dance

The Chamber of Commerce of Rising Star will sponsor a CHRISTMAS DANCE, Saturday, December 7, 2013.

Muddy Creek will be the featured band. This band has many followers, many of whom simply enjoy listening to the great music they provide, while others greatly enjoy dancing to the music.

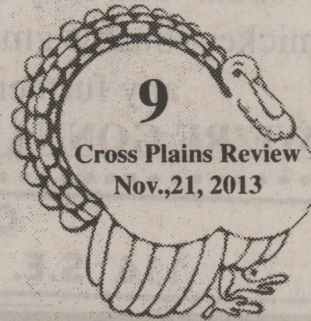
Admission will be \$6 per person, and a snack bar will be

offering BBQ sandwiches with all the fixings. So---come hungry--- and enjoy an evening of music and entertainment.

A newly refurbished dance area inside the Market Building (located at 202 S. Main in Rising Star) will greatly enhance the dancer's experience.

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Local Artists Are Featured In Howard Payne University Art Exhibit

Doakie Day Art Center is hosting an Art Exhibit until December 5th located at the south end of the campus from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday with the exception of the Thanksgiving Holidays. The Art Center was renovated and rededicated in 2009 but was originally built in 1927 as the Coca-Cola Building and was named after a well known artist of that time. Please come and enjoy your visit at the exhibit. There is no charge and all is welcome.



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A Special Thank You

We the Veterans of Cross Plains and the American Legion Post #423 would like to say thank you to all for supporting us on this Veterans Day 2013.

We would like to say thank you to the school children who came and joined us at the program. We would also like to thank Mrs. Leslie Lawrence for the wonderful words that she spoke.

We would also like to thank Mr. Williams and the teachers who allowed the children to come. We truly enjoyed the songs and it is always a blessing to have them there.

So we would just like to say THANK YOU to the community of Cross Plains and its citizens. We truly appreciate all the support you have given us.

Submitted by
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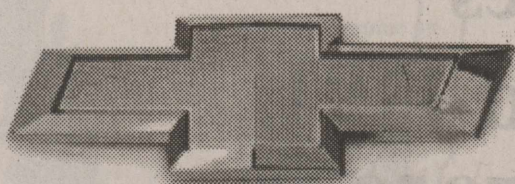
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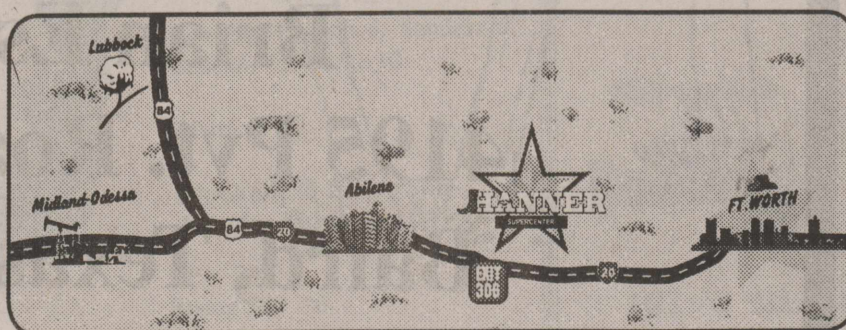
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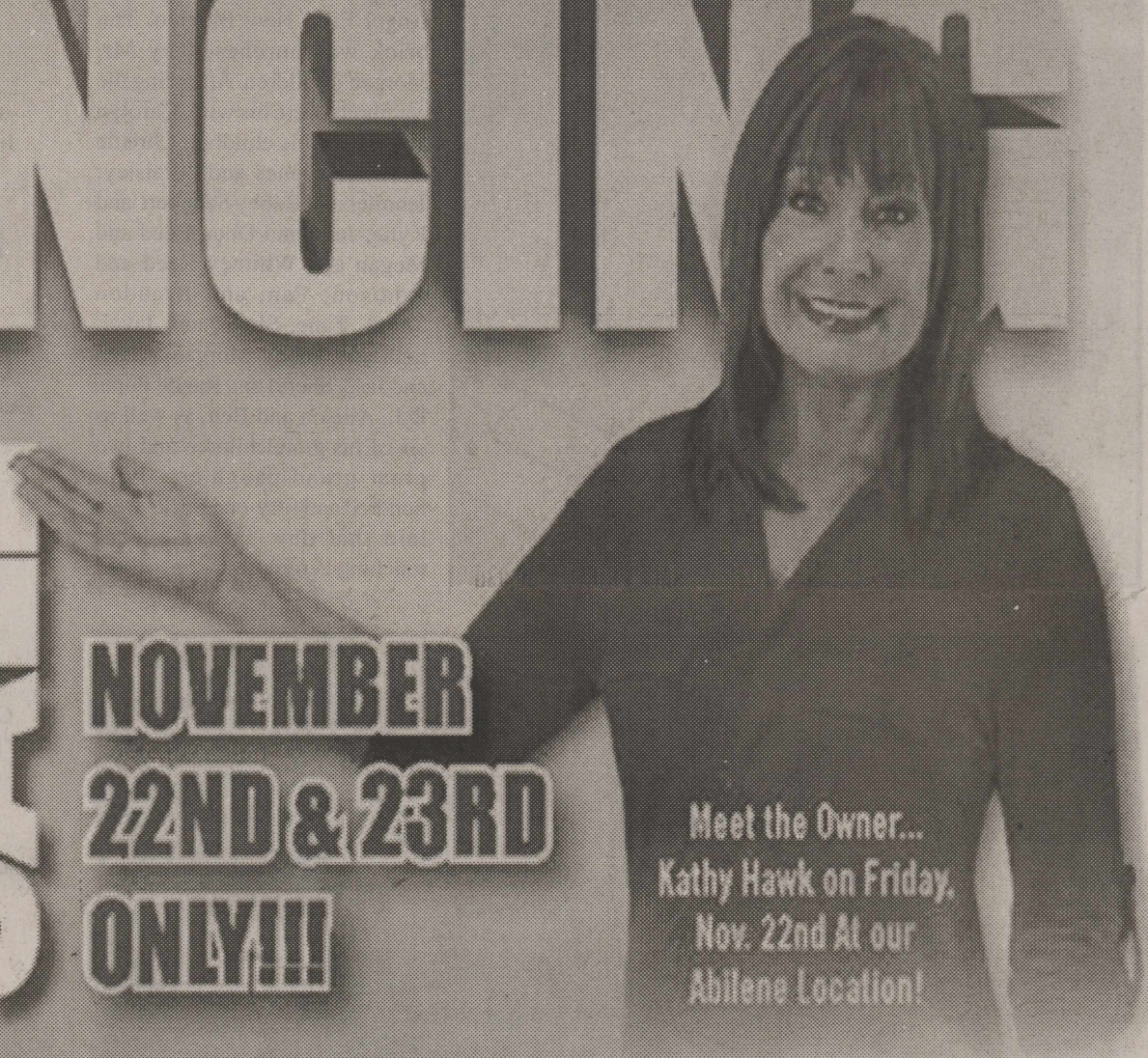
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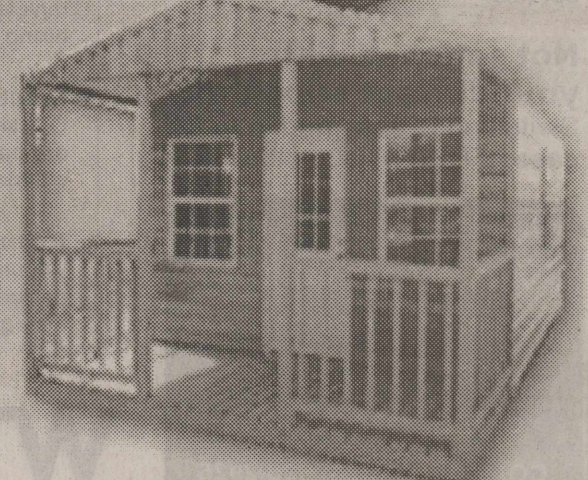
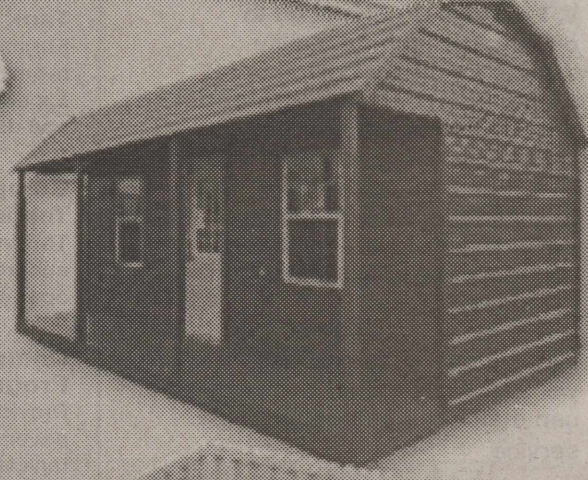
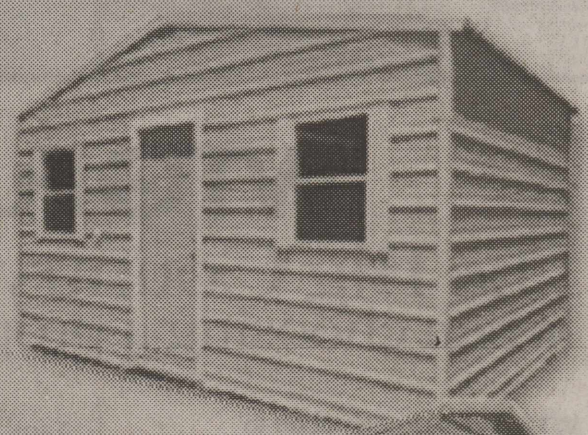
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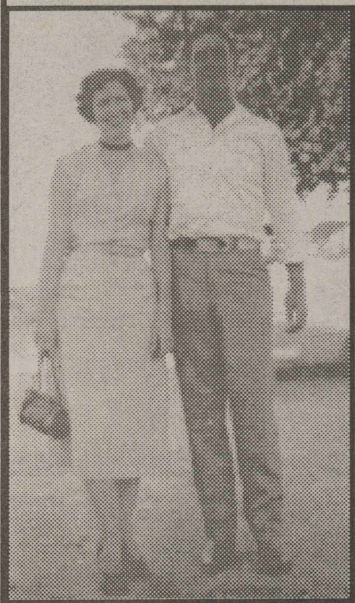
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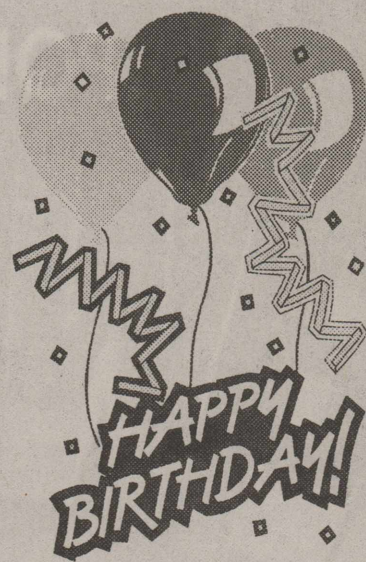
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November 28

Eddie Flippin
Joan Brown
Jody Brown
Roxie Fletcher
Cady Miranda Taylor
Drue Evans
Mary Penninger
Sean Alan Branham
Perry Neal Clyatt
Robert Lawrence
Eddie Smith
Jessie Ellerbe

November 29

Janet Whitley
Charles Payne
Alan Neil Byrd
Mrs. Dora Lilly
Randle Franke
Michael Mobley
Mike Walker
Cody Zane Knowles
John Fred McWilliams

November 30

Donald Hargrove
Julie Watson
Paula Ann (Wright) Winfrey
Mrs. Bill (Nita) Hines
Denise (Flippin) Hubbard
Verette Rhodes
Justin D. Hopkins
Saul Reyes

December 1

Mark Bland
Jerry Whiteside
Craig (Penrod) Rogers
Darrell Lynn Dillard
Pamela McCowen
Stephen Farmer
Wilda Holland
Vanda (Livingston) Robinson
Jennifer Lee
Dustyn Lee

December 2

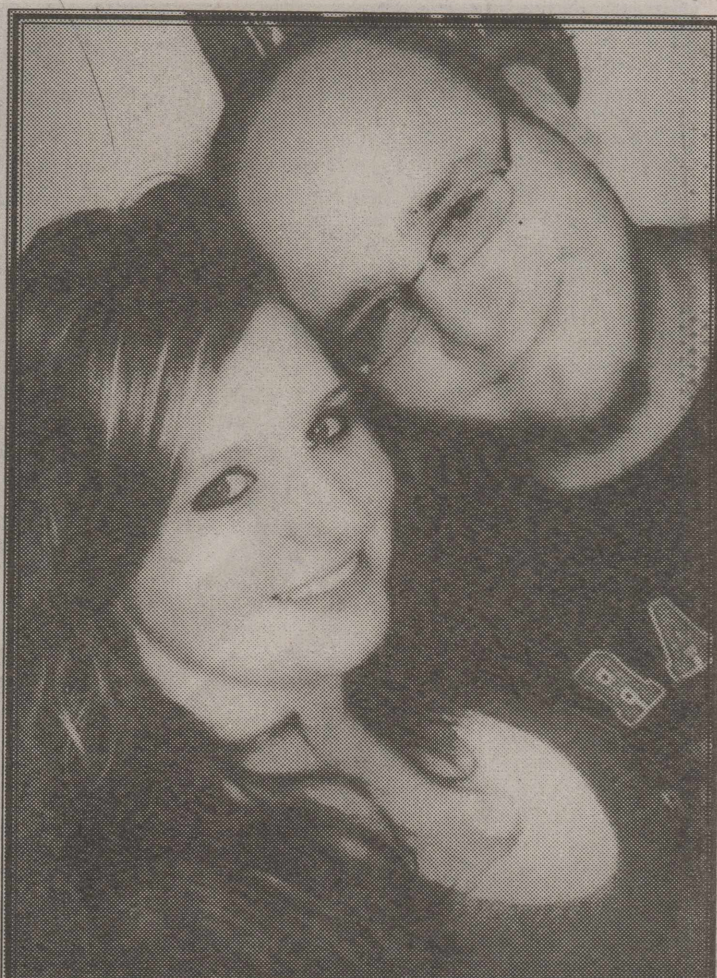
Pat (Vaughn) Phillips
Marilyn Maria Perry
William Johnson
Jessica Hernandez
Rex Lee Beggs
John Long
Benny Callaway
Darrell Collier
Tracy (Erwin) Terrill

December 3

Amanda Dunaway
Jeremy Box
Mary Frances Walker
Dana Jean Dimitri
Mrs. J.D. Moore
Bobby Porter
Darlin Apple
Raymond F. Sifuentes Jr.

December 4

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Kaden Williams and Amanda Chew

Joseph Chew and Amy Isbell would like to announce the upcoming wedding of their daughter, Amanda Chew to Kayden, son of Jim Williams and Brenda Call Williams. Wedding is set to take place on November 30, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Potosi Community Building. Reception will follow. All friends and family are invited. Kaden and Amanda have been together many years and share two sons, Stetsyn and Koltyn. Come and celebrate this wonderful display of love and commitment.

The Mission of Miracles in Baird needs your help!

The Mission of Miracles Food Pantry and Clothes Closet in Baird needs your help!

We are in desperate need of items for the homeless.

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The Mission has been having homeless people, one with children, come in looking for the items above.

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We are also in need of space heaters, blankets, sheets, etc.

We also have a few people that need walking canes and eye

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A Brick For His Service

Bob Morgan was presented a brick for his service in the United States Air Force in Vietnam from 1966 to 1969. The presentation was held August 31 at the Westphall Vietnam Memorial in Angel Fire, New Mexico. The brick was purchased by Mr. Morgan's children. Attending the ceremony were his wife, Carolyn and five of his children, Christie and Larry Jones and Paisley; Jennifer and Bobby Schubert and Kylie; Julie and Doug Reed and Megan and Whitney Reed and Addison; Pam and Brandon Smith, Zane, Shyla, and Jayci; Seth and Shelly Morgan, Aiden and Jase. Sheryl and Randy Pope, R.J., Allison and Ben, as well as six of his grandchildren and two great grand-daughters. Four hundred and fifty-one bricks were laid that day. It was a very touching ceremony.



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