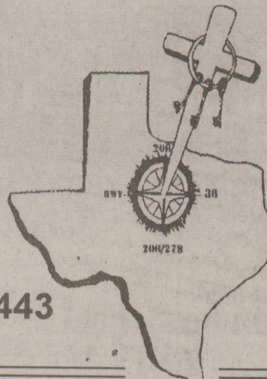


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Cross Plains VFD, Cottonwood VFC and Rising Star VFD fought a grass fire in Cottonwood on Monday afternoon. The fire, located off PVT Road 4290, between CR429 and FM880, was contained to 10 acres.



The Buffaloes saw their playoff dreams come to an end at the hand of the Iraan Braves on Saturday. Thanks for a great season, Buffaloes. We're proud of you. Photos and stats inside.

Santa Claus is Coming! Kiwanis Stew Supper on Thursday, December 7th

Santa Claus is coming to Cross Plains for the Annual Stew Supper & Fund Raiser hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains.

This year the Stew Supper is on Thursday, December 7 and will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 pm with Santa arriving at 6:15 pm! Cost for the stew dinner is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available from any Kiwanis member and at the door.

All children are invited to have their photo taken with Santa and will receive a bag of goodies. The Kiwanis will not have a photographer present, but parents are welcome to take pictures on their personal phones or cameras.

The Senior Center will have an array of deserts available for purchase which will support their various projects. During the evening there will be drawings for turkeys and cash prizes. You must be present to win. So, mark your calendar for December 7th and come

out to support a great local organization! We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship with our community.

The local Kiwanis Club is part of the Kiwanis International, which is a global organization with more than 600,000 members in more than 80 countries from Kiwanis to Key Club. Each community has different needs and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children through local service projects and fundraising. Our local club hosts two primary fundraisers each year; the Pancake Supper in March and the Stew Supper in December. The money raised at these fundraisers is what enables the Kiwanis to serve our community through service projects and donations. This year the Kiwanis has donated to the Cross Plains Public Library, the Angel Tree, Project Graduation, the Cross Plains Livestock Association, and the Jeremiah 29 Project. They



also award the Sophomore of the Year Scholarship and are the parent organization to the Key Club, which helps get local teenagers involved in serving their community. The Kiwanis Club also participates in the Texas Ramp Project, a volunteer organization that helps provide wheel chair ramps to those in need.

Christmas Decorating Contest Underway

It's time to break out the Christmas and Holiday decorations, turn on the lights, inflate the yard decorations, and compete for the title of Best Decorated Home in the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Decorating Contest.

Business's don't feel left out, there is a separate competition just for you. Be sure to crank up the creativity and decorate your windows and store fronts.

The competition is open to all homes and businesses within the Cross Plains city limits. To

enter, please send an email to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com, or call 254-725-7251. Be sure to include your name and address in your message.

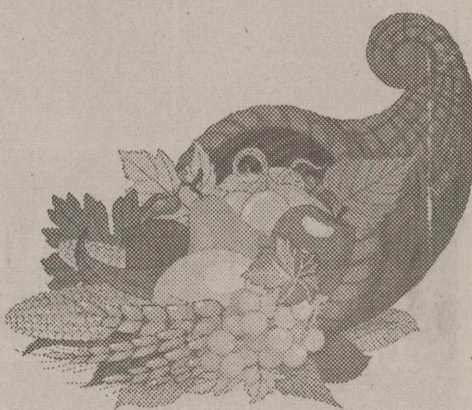
Judging will be held on December 15th.

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- Butcher Block (Thursday)
- Circle R Boutique (Thursday - Saturday)
- Cross Plains Library (Thursday & Friday)
- Cross Plains Schools (Thursday & Friday)
- Cross Plains Senior Center (Thursday & Friday)
- Cross Plains Review (Thursday & Friday)
- Dairy Queen (Thursday)
- Higginbotham Bros (Thursday)



Shop at Home this Saturday - Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday is just around the corner. Be sure to support the stores that have supported us over the last year. Don't fight the chaos and craziness at the malls or the big box stores. Shop locally and you'll support our town. The money you spend locally recirculates back into the town, through the store owner and the employees.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce salutes several of our local businesses that will be open Saturday and having specials. Higginbotham

Brothers is offering door prizes and great deals (check out their ad in this week's paper). Patsy's Flower and Gifts is having a sale, 25% off all gift shop items, except Flower and Plants. Junkin Daze is offering discounted prices on various items, some discounts up to 50%. Be sure and talk with Anthony's Automotive, they'll be set up outside Junkin Daze. It's a great chance to meet one of our local business owners and see how they can help you with your automotive needs

Driver's License Office in Baird Open

The Driver's Office on the second floor in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is Open.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00am until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.



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Craft Fair Coming December

The Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting their annual craft sale on Friday, December 1st, from noon until 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 2nd, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 1000 N. Main, Cross Plains. Local crafters and vendors will

have booths for your shopping enjoyment and the library will again provide FREE gift-wrapping service. Cost for an 8 x10 booth is only \$10 - contact the library at 725-7722 to reserve your spot now! See you there!

Brooke Lynn Bell in Big Country Top Ten; Shana Yates Mentioned

Two Cross Plains Lady Buffs are mentioned in the Big Country Top Ten, published weekly by the Abilene Reporter-News.

Junior forward, Brooke Lynn Bell was listed as Number 10. She had a combined 32 points and 19 rebounds in wins over Dublin (60-49) and Ranger (51-49, OT) last week to help Cross

Plains improve to 3-2. "Brooke Lynn has really stepped up and is working hard for the Lady Buffs," coach Mykia Anderson said.

Shana Yates is on the "Other Top Performers" list. Shana a guard, had a combined 32 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals vs. Ranger and Dublin.

Christmas Parade Thursday, December 7 - Get Your Float Ready

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce's Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, December 7th.

Start thinking about what you and your family will ride in the parade.

Santa will make his grand entrance on one of CPVFD's Firetrucks. Kids, be on the look out for him!

After the parade, Santa will be at the Kiwanis Stew Supper

at Senior Center. You can visit with him and tell him what you want for Christmas.

The parade starts at 6 p.m. Start working on your parade entry and get ready for a fun-filled evening.

For more information call Christine at the chamber office 254-725-7251 or Terrie Parum, Parade Chairman at 325-642-9978.

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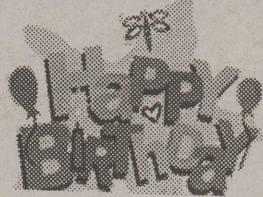
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Teresa (Balkum) Glasscock

November 27

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Hazel Lee

Dr. Weldon Newton

Morris Belew

Sue (Gardner) Bunn

Mrs. Hester Sullens

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November 28

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Joan Brown

Jody Brown

Roxie Fletcher

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Mary Penninger

Sean Alan Branham

Perry Neal Clyatt

Robert Lawrence

Eddie Smith

Jessie Ellerbe

November 29

Janet Whitley

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Mrs. Dora Lilly

Randall Franke

Michael Mobley

Mike Walker

Cody Zane Knowles

John Fred McWilliams

November 30

Donald Hargrove

Julie Watson

Paula Ann(Wright)Winfrey

Denise (Flippin) Hubbard

Vernette Rhodes

Justin D. Hopkins

Saul Reyes

Ashley Broadus

December 1

Jaxson Gaudin

Mark Bland

Jerry Whiteside

Craig (Penrod) Rogers

Darrell Lynn Dillard

Pamela McCowen

Stephen Farmer

Wilda Holland

Vanda(Livingston)Robinson

Jenifer 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

Lake Fork Confirmed with Giant Salvinia

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) this morning released an announcement that Lake Fork, one of the nation's premier bass fishing destinations, has been confirmed with an infestation of giant salvinia, a fast spreading invasive species.

The plant develops dense mats that shade out native aquatic species and reduce dissolved oxygen levels in water. Agricultural water use is impacted as salvinia obstructs intake pipes for irrigation. Recreational fishing and boating is hindered by the dense mats. Twelve to 15 acres have been detected on Lake Fork, the leading producer of trophy largemouth bass in Texas.

Giant salvinia is primarily spread from one lake to another by boat trailers. The principal way to prevent spread is for boaters to Clean, Drain and Dry their boats and trailers before leaving a lake or stream. Transporting giant salvinia or zebra mussels is prohibited and punishable by a fine up to \$500.

The Lake Fork Sportsman's Association is hosting a public meeting with TPWD staff at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at the Emory City Center.

For more information on these dangerous invasive species, visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/giantsalvinia.

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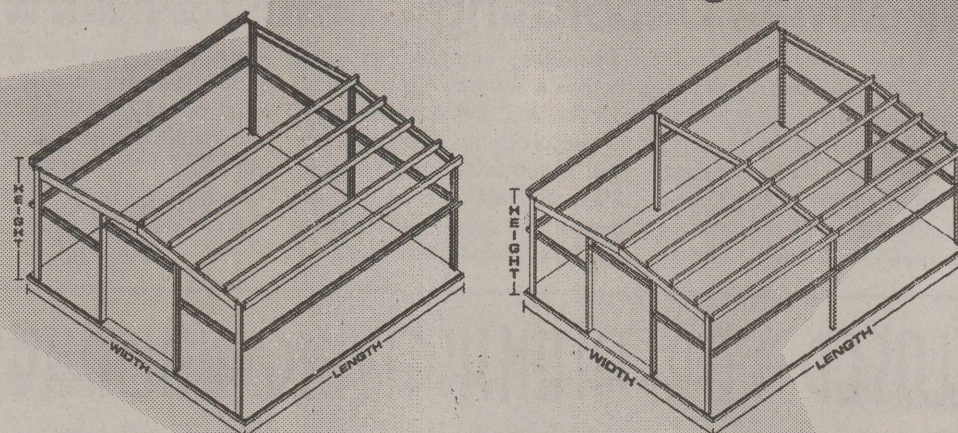
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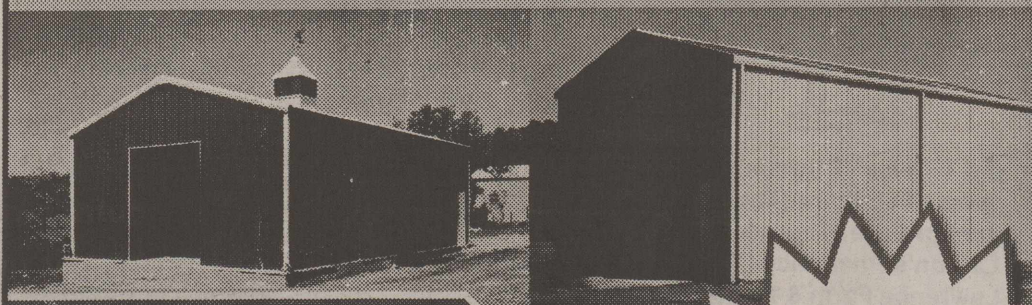
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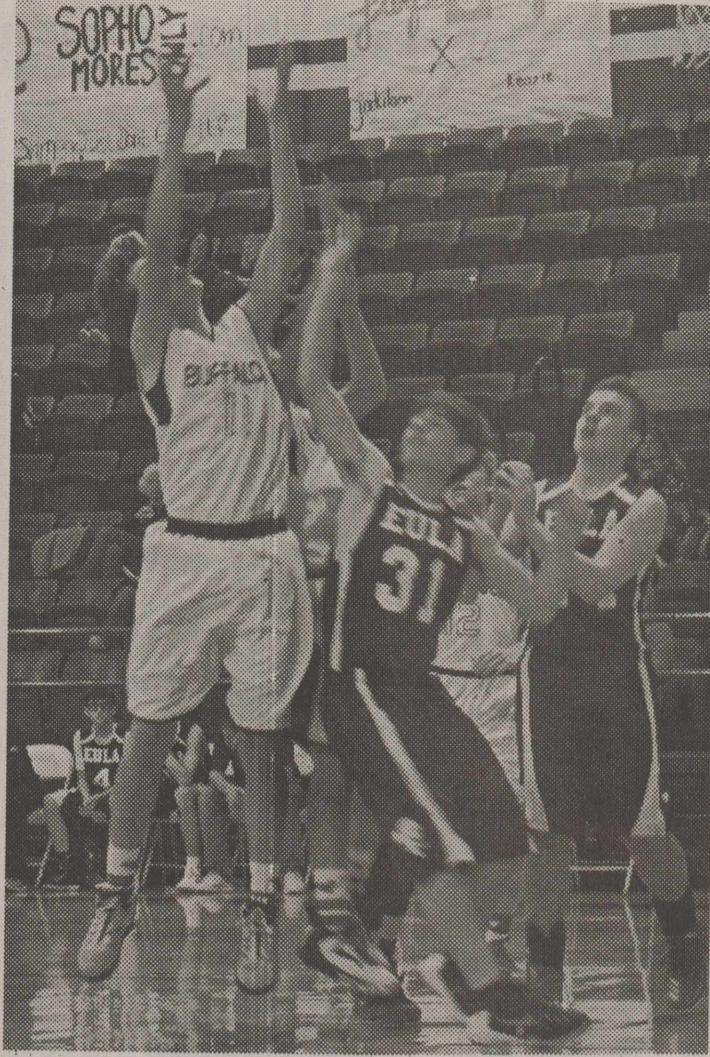
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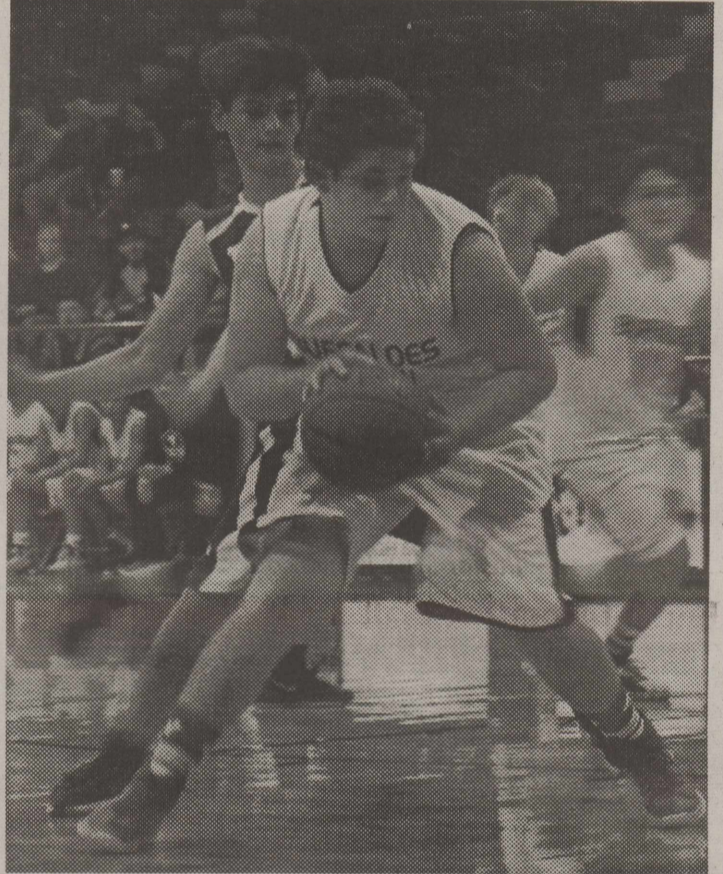
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Junior High Boys and Girls and 9 Boys Basketball Teams Faced off Against Eula Last Monday



Basketball Schedule

November 27, Monday - At Panther Creek. Junior High Girls 8th Grade and Junior High Girls Purple Teams, 6 p.m.
 November 28, Tuesday - Abilene Christian here. Varsity Girls, Varsity Boys, Junior Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Boys, 4 p.m.
 November 30 - December 2 - Brownwood 78 Tournament, Junior High Girls 7th Grade
 November 30 - December 2 - Lometa Tournament, Varsity Boys and Girls
 November 30 - December 2 - Gustine Tournament, Junior High Boys
 December 4, Monday - Rising Star here. Junior High Boys 8th Grade, Junior High Boys Purple, 6 p.m.
 December 4, Monday - TCLA Abilene here, Junior High Girls 7th Grade, Junior High Boys White, 4 p.m.
 December 5, Tuesday - At Eastland. Junior JV Girls, 4 p.m.
 December 5, Tuesday - At Zephyr. Junior Varsity Boys, Varsity Boys and Girls, 5 p.m.
 December 5, Tuesday - At Merkel. 9B Boys, 4 p.m.
 December 7-9, Albany Tournament, Junior Varsity Boys.
 December 7-9, Zephyr Tournament, Junior Varsity Girls, 9B Boys, Varsity Girls.
 December 7-9, Aspermont Tournament, Varsity Boys.



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Cross Plains FFA to Compete in State Leadership Development Events

The Cross Plains FFA competed in the Area IV LDE's on November 20th in Mineral Wells. 26 FFA members competed in 7 different events. The top two teams in each event advance on to the State contest on December 1st and 2nd at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. Cross Plains FFA had 3 teams advance to the state contest this year.

The Results are as follows:
 Jr. Creed- 1st - Kiley Morgan;
 Sr. Creed- 2nd - Katy Jo Morgan;
 Sr. Skills- 2nd - Creed Goode, Joe Crockett, James Rhyne;
 Sr. Chapter Conducting- 5th Larson Walker, Gage Connelly, Kenzie Kleiber, Jackilann Shepard, Trent Potter, Tripp Thomas, Creed Goode, Macee Steigleder, Madilynn Shepard, Jacy Bien
 Jr. Chapter Conducting- 6th Alaina Potter, Kiley Morgan, Autumn Nickerson, Spade Koenig, Kashlyn McClure, Cason Allen, Beau Barker, Aston Powell, Kali Sutton, Bailey Wells, Jonathon Wheeler;
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 Spanish Creed- 7th Brian Morales.



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Buffaloes Football Season Comes to an End

Iraan uses big second half to oust Cross Plains 28-6

By Al Pickett
Special Writer

Iraan scored three unanswered touchdowns in the second half Saturday to oust Cross Plains 28-6 in a Class 2A Division II bi-district playoff game at San Angelo Stadium.

The Buffaloes, who finished the season with a 6-5 record, scored on the final play of the first half on a 14-yard pass from Caleb Hernandez to Theron Allen to pull to within one, 7-6, at intermission.

But the Buffaloes couldn't maintain the momentum. Iraan scored touchdowns on its first three possessions of the second half, and the Braves' defense, which intercepted three passes, shut out Cross Plains the rest of the way.

Brody Myers threw for 101 yards and a pair of touchdown passes to Nick Wright and Kyle O'Bannon to lead Iraan to the victory. The Braves had 187 yards rushing and scored its final two touchdowns on 10-yard runs by Brandon Castaneda and Camden Chaney.

Creed Goode led Cross Plains' offense with 112 yards rushing on 20 carries.

Iraan (7-4) will face unbeaten Muenster (11-0) at 7 p.m. Saturday at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood in an area-round playoff game.

Cross Plains 0 6 0 0-6
Iraan 0 7 7 14-28
SCORING SUMMARY
Second Quarter
Iraan - Nick Wright 28 pass

from Brodey Myers (kick good), 7:58

Cross Plains - Theron Allen 14 pass from Caleb Hernandez, 0:00

Third Quarter
Iraan - Kyle O'Bannon 59 pass from Myers (kick good), 7:22

Fourth Quarter
Iraan - Brandon Castaneda 10 run (kick good), 11:56

Iraan - Camden Chaney 10 run (kick good), 7:59
TEAM STATISTICS

Cross Plains Iraan
First Downs 10 11
Rushes-Yards 42-172 31-187
Passing Yards 70 101
Comp-Att-Int 5-11-3 4-6-0
Fumbles-Lost 1-0-2-1
Punts-Avg. 6-36.3 4-37.5
Penalties-Yards 6-50 1-5
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING - Cross Plains:
Creed Good 20-112, Caleb Hernandez 14-16, Joe Crockett 3-24, Kaiden Petree 5-20.
Iraan: Danny Lopez 1-9, Camden Chaney 2-16, Brodey Myers 12-5, Dylan Kent 3-32, Kyle O'Bannon 8-50, Corley Collins 1-9, Mario DeLuna 1-2, Brandon Castaneda 3-49.

PASSING - Cross Plains:
Caleb Hernandez 5-11-3, 70 yards. Iraan: Brodey Myers 4-6-0, 101 yards.

RECEIVING - Cross Plains:
Theron Allen 1-14, Kaiden Petree 1-1, Lane Patterson 1-11, Creed Goode 1-30, Joe Crockett 1-4. Iraan: Vick Lopez 1-13, Nick Wright 1-28, Corley Collins 1-1, Kyle O'Bannon 1-59.



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B	Muffin	French Toast	Sunrise Sandwich	Oatmeal	Breakfast Bread
R	Yogurt	Sausage	Cereal	Cinnamon Toast	Yogurt
E	Cereal	Cereal	Fruit	Cereal	Cereal
A	Fruit	Fruit	100% fruit juice	Fruit	Fruit
K	100% fruit juice	100% fruit juice	100% fruit juice	100% fruit juice	100% fruit juice
F	Milk variety	Milk variety	Milk variety	Milk variety	Milk variety
A					
S					
T					
L	French Bread Pizza	Steak fingers	Chicken Quesadilla	Popcorn Chicken	Meatball Sub
U	Marinara Sauce	Gravy	Salsa	Roll	Sandwich
N	Garden Salad	Mashed potatoes	Garden salad	Baby carrots	Potato rounds
C	California Blend Veg.	Carrot coins	Black beans	Green beans	Fresh Veggie cup
H	Fruit Cup	Roll	Strawberries & Bananas	Mandarin Oranges	Mixed fruit
	Pudding	Sliced peaches	Milk variety	Brownie	Cookie
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1 to study at the last minute for the exam

5 TXism: "dry" (no oil)

6 TXism: "bien" (good)

7 many TXns fought against the author of "Kampf"

8 TX Perot was a salesman for singer Boons who was in Dallas-filmed "State Fair"

12 TX Ginger won this for film "Kitty Foyle"

17 many TX restaurants have a Tex-Mex

19 TXism: "half out of my wits"

21 TXism: "the bucket" (a little)

22 Cowboys 1993 Super Bowl ring has three of gold

23 tequila-like drink with a worm

28 TXism: "smells like dog"

29 ex-Maverick coach John Mac

30 in Bowie County on U.S. 82

31 TX Janis Joplin album "Thrills" (1968)

35 Boutonniere holder

36 TXism: "you did it"

42 across the bay from Galveston

44 Houston-filmed "Cowboy" loss of reputation

DOWN

1 petro in 1989 killed 23 Phillips workers in Pasadena, TX

2 in Falls County on highway 77

3 bird at Bentsen Rio Grande State Park: oriole

4 TX Orbison's "Woman Blues"

9 TXism: "lead cinch" (certain)

10 TXism: "got" (finger) (nervous)

11 "bear" south of the border

13 types of art by TX Frank Teich

14 old Dublin Dr Pepper plant used pure sugar

15 1990 blast killed 17 at Houston area Chemical Company

16 TX critic Rex

18 TXism: "useless as a saddle on a"

20 ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)

23 Houston cancer center: "Anderson"

24 TXism: "slippery as an"

25 3-hand card game

26 Batman is the "Crusader"

27 actress Smith in film "San Antonio" (1945)

32 "howdy"

33 "for example" abbr.

34 Adolf author of 7-across (init.)

36 Stars arena surface

37 "menu mamma" gratuity

38 ticket remains TX Ginger Rogers 1939 role: "Castle"

40 Aggie marchers without the "A"

41 "piece of cake" George H. W. to George W.

45 2nd div. of Bible

47 TX medalist shot-putter Dennis Brown

48 Bell ice cream is made in Brenham

55 CSA general: Robert



Cross Plains High School UIL Congress Speech Team - Allie Jones, Brian Morales and Jackilann Shepard - Completed at the Regional Contest in Abilene. Jackilann won 3rd Place and qualified for the State Contest in January. Allie was 4th and is the State Alternate.

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Cross Plains VFD and Cottonwood VFC were called out on Saturday to a fire north of Cottonwood where a control burn had gotten out of control. Please be careful out there. The Burn Ban is off, but lately it's been too windy to burn.

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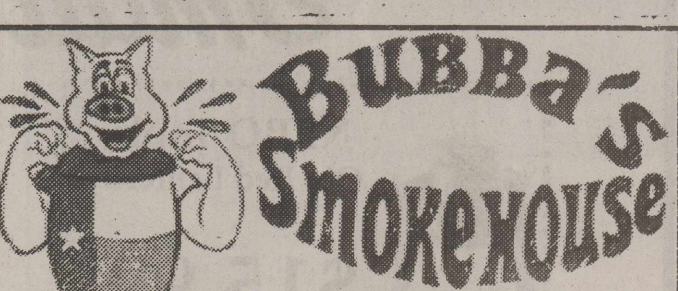
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Part I on Gail Borden--The Man behind Borden's Milk

At Thanksgiving, the Borden's brand is a well-known and essential ingredient in many kitchens across the nation. Gail Borden, the inventor of condensed milk, played an important role in the Texas Revolution before he turned his attention to science and business. Borden's story is how an Indiana farmboy with almost no formal schooling went from being a Texas revolutionary and editor to a celebrated inventor and wildly successful New York factory owner. The calm and curious man nurtured not only a revolution in Texas but a revolution in the food industry.

Gail Borden II was born in Norwich, a remote farming community in southern New York in 1801. As did many farmers of the time, the family set out often in pursuit of greener pastures a number of times. The family settled for a short time in Kentucky before moving to Indiana. He had little formal education save for a few courses in 1816 and 1817 to learn surveying. Many details of his youth are incomplete, but it is apparent that he was very intelligent and very principled.

He and his brother served in the Indiana Militia for a time. In 1822, he was part of a group that saved a freed slave from being lynched. Afterward, he headed south. He ended up in Amite County, Mississippi, on the Louisiana state line. With little formal education, Borden was able to land a job as a school teacher. He later also became county surveyor and a deputy federal surveyor. By 1828, he was married and started a family.

He served as a delegate to the Convention of 1833, which included future Texas presidents Sam Houston and David G. Burnet, which called for separate statehood for Texas from the Mexican state of Coahuila y Texas in order for Texans to more directly address their own affairs.

In 1835, Borden began working with his brother Thomas and Joseph Baker, a Maine native and school teacher, to start a newspaper. The Telegraph and Texas Register saw its first edition on October 10. It rose in prominence, essentially becoming the newspaper of record during the days of the Texas Revolution and the Texas Republic. Its editorials rallied the people of Texas during the revolution and called for aid from the United States. In 1836, the paper printed the Texas Declaration of Independence and one of the first copies of the new constitution for the Texas Republic.

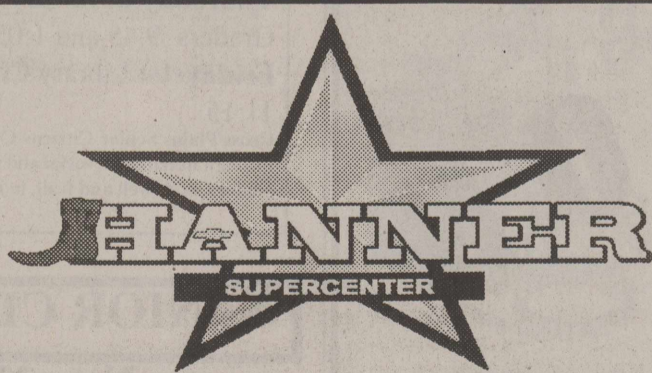
In the meantime, he produced the first topographical map of Texas and became a tax collector for the fledgling Texas Republic. After the end of the Texas Revolution in 1836, he worked with local officials to plan the layout for the City of Houston. He and his brother sold their stakes in the newspaper in 1837.

Borden became the official port collector for Galveston that year and served off and on until 1837. Starting in 1839, he served as an alderman in Galveston and began selling real estate.

Borden was active in church, serving as a Sunday School teacher, a Baptist deacon, and as a missionary to newcomers arriving in Galveston. He also served in the local temperance society and tried to curb gambling in the city.

His wife died in a yellow fever epidemic in 1844. The loss prompted him to find answers to prevent future epidemics. He began experimenting with refrigeration techniques, believing as many did at the time, that temperature and air quality were related to outbreaks of yellow fever and malaria. As he experimented with refrigeration, he began studying the preservation of food. By the late 1840s, he began producing a dehydrated beef biscuit, but it was a poor seller. This prompted his next innovation, condensed milk. The next phase of his life, for which he would be best known, was underway.

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Against	37	47	84 17.18%
#2 Vote For 1			
For	139	209	349 73.01%
Against	45	82	129 26.99%
#3 Vote For 1			
For	161	250	41 84.77%
Against	24	48	74 15.23%
#4 Vote For 1			
For	137	220	358 75.37%
Against	45	70	117 24.63%
#5 Vote For 1			
For	107	148	256 54.47%
Against	75	137	214 45.53%
#6 Vote For 1			
For	143	244	388 80.50%
Against	42	50	94 19.50%
#7 Vote For 1			
For	99	150	250 52.63%
Against	83	140	225 47.37%
Baird City Council Vote For 3			
Tina Holden	34	34	68 13.08%
✓ Sandra Collins	48	58	106 20.38%
✓ Hector Aguirre	63	55	118 22.69%
✓ David Parkhill	78	75	153 29.42%
"Butch" Troy Lee Smith Jr.	46	29	75 14.42%
✓ Winner			
Baird School Board Vote For 2			
Efraim "E" Rodriguez	49	50	99 18.89%
Brad Johnson	31	26	57 10.88%
Tommy Williams	49	47	96 18.32%
✓ Windy Windham Nail	72	50	122 23.28%
✓ Kelley Brown McLaughlin	88	62	150 28.53%
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Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Minutes

November 15, 2017
The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, and Roy Richey. Porcius Potter and Bryan Bennett were absent.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence, Dade Cosby, and guests Patricia Cook, Jim Cook, and Jennifer Gilligan.

Prayer was led by Jack Shepard.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Shepard that we accept previous meeting minutes. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan

and seconded by McWilliams that we take from the table consideration of an architect for new band hall. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard that we accept (PSC) Parkhill Smith & Cooper as the architect for new band hall. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Cowan that we apply for a waiver for student summer meal program due to sparsely populated area. For 5/Against 0

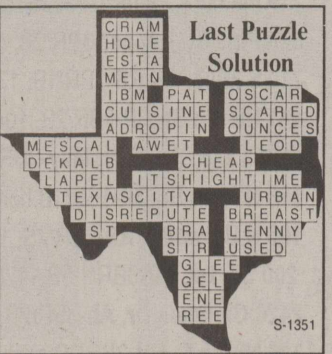
Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Cowan that we accept Policy Update 108 as recommended by TASB. For 5/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we adjourn. For 5/Against 0

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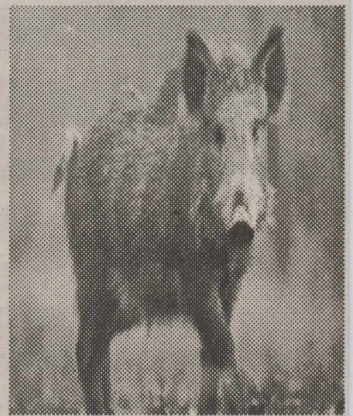


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Callahan County Night Course

Callahan County Extension Office is offering a night course on December 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office in the courthouse. The course will be focusing on feral hogs and ending with a Laws and Regs. Josh Helcelan Extension Associate with Texas A&M Natural Resource Institute (NRI) will be speaking about the history, biology, and the control of feral hogs. Feral hogs have been an issue within our county and across the state. Feral hogs are estimated in causing over 50 million dollars in damage across the state of Texas. This course will be offering 3 CEU (2 general and 1 law and regs). Karl Winge will end the session with Laws and Regs for those that are needing continuing



education for their pesticide license.

The cost for the course will be \$15. There will be snacks and drinks for the course. You can RSVP or questions by calling the extension office at 325-854-5835.

Callahan County Library news

Books new at the library are: The Right Time by Danielle Steel; The Gunslinger and Drawing of the Threes by Stephen King and Rooster Bar by John Grisham.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon Saturday November 11, 1882 Vol. III, No. 32

The county seat of Tom Green county has been removed from Ben Fracklin to San Angelo by a vote of 600 to 75.

Over the State
Dallas complains of hog thieves.

Crops in Montague are the best ever known.

Track laying has commenced on the Houston branch of the Santa Fe.

The largest sheep ranch in the United States is in Dimmitt and Webb counties, Texas. It has 300,000 acres and pastures 300,000 head of sheep.

Sierra Blanco, El Paso county, October 31. - A copper mine of unusual richness has been discovered near this place lately by Messrs. Walton & Smith, who have concluded arrangements with the Pecos and Rio Grande Mining Company, of which Judge Van Horn is president, to develop the mine and reduce the ore. Old miners say they have never seen its equal. As it is, Messrs. Walton & Smith have struck it rich.

The young wheat in fields around town looks very beautiful. No grasshoppers have made their appearance to destroy it, and since we had several north winds, and none passed over it is not likely any will come. The prospect for an extraordinary crop was never more promising. Agriculture is advancing in Coleman county at an extraordinary rate, if the sale of improved agricultural

implements is any indication. -

Coleman Voice
Wichita Falls, Wichita county, October 31. - R. E. Montgomery, trustee of the Town Site Company that owns Wichita Falls has offered the county of Wichita one-six of the proceeds of the sale of all lots in the town made after the location of the county seat, provided it is located here. The proposition at the present value of town property is worth over twenty thousand dollars in cash. The other two places in the race offer one-half of the land selected, but the land without a county seat is not worth over one dollar and a half per acre and only one hundred and forty acres in the plat. This makes the Falls solid.

Cutting Affair
A bad affair took place last Thursday morning at Mr. McIlhany's ranch on the Bayou. It seems that Prof. J. R. Lewis, who is employed there, had been in Baird and went to the ranch early in the morning, being at the time under the influence of liquor. As he stepped into the house a man named Rollin Garth was setting at the breakfast table, Lewis picked up a gun, which stood near and struck him upon the head. Garth asked him what he meant, and Lewis, replied that "no _____ can eat at my table before I do", and told Garth to leave or he would kill him. Garth started to leave but Lewis raised his gun and drew back the hammer as if to fire when Garth caught the gun threw it up and plunged a knife in him; the knife took effect over the left breast above the heart, piercing the left lung. Lewis is not expected to live. The above are the facts as near as we could gather them last night.

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- Monday-27th Exercise 11:00/ Music Jam 6:00
- Tuesday-28th Exercise 11:00
- Wednesday- 29th Exercise 11:00
- Thursday-30th Exercise 11:00/Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 and 1:05
- Friday-1st Library Craft Fair - Exercise 11:00/ Bingo 11:15

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

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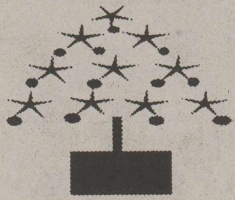
Nov. 27th - Dec. 1st

- Monday 27th-Pinto Beans, Oven Fried Potatoes, Onions, Cornbread, Dessert
- Tuesday 28th Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Corn, Garlic
- Wednesday 29th-Chicken Fried Chicken, Potatoes with Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Bread, Dessert
- Thursday 30th-Enchilada, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Chips and Dessert
- Friday 1st- Tuna Sandwiches with Lettuce and Tomato, Chips, Dessert

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4-H National Shooting Sports Trophy in Callahan County

Morgan Fulgham, a junior from Eula High School, went to compete for Team Texas at the 4-H National Shooting Sports in Grand Island, Nebraska over the summer. Team Texas won the National Trophy in a very close competition. The trophy will be at Eula High School for this week until it moves onto Runnels County next week. Each member of Team Texas gets to have the trophy within their county for a week. This was Morgan's third and last time to compete for Team Texas at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Championship. She competed in 2015 in air rifle, 2016 in muzzleloader and 2017 was small bore rifle. In 2015, she 9th overall in air rifle and in 2016 she was 6th overall in muzzleloader. Team Texas last won the championship in 2014. Team Texas has won

the trophy 15 out of the 18 years. Missouri has won the last two years until this year. Morgan competed in numerous events for Team Texas, winning numerous medals and ribbons for Texas. Morgan ended up being 6th overall in small bore rifle. The contest consisted of muzzle loading, shotgun, rifle, archery, wildlife and other events involving shooting sports. Morgan spent many of hours practicing, going to shooting events and many of miles on the road to compete across the state. Morgan had to send an application in to be a part of Team Texas. She was selected to be a part of Team Texas. We want to congratulate Morgan for her hard work and dedication to Callahan County 4-H shooting sports and Team Texas.



Morgan Fulgham with the 4-H National Shooting Sports Trophy

Cross Plains Community Calendar

~ November ~

November 22-24

- Thanksgiving holidays.

School's out.

November 23 - Thanksgiving.

~ December ~

December 1 and 2 - Friday

and Saturday, Library Craft

Fair, First United Methodist

Church.

December 3 - Sunday,

Christmas Cantata "A Ready

to Sing Christmas," First United

Methodist Church, 4 p.m.

December 7 - Thursday,

Ornament painting at the

Library

December 7 - Thursday,

Santa Claus Comes to Town

& Christmas Parade, Kiwanis

and Cross Plains Chamber of

Commerce.

December 10 - Sunday,

First Baptist Church Christmas

Cantata.

December 14 - Thursday,

CPISD Band Concert, 6 p.m.

December 18-January 1 -

Christmas Holidays, School's

out.

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Wild About Texas

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Red-Winged Blackbird

Most folks are aware of the migratory journey that many species of birds make through Texas; heading south for the winter months and traveling north during the summer months. But some birds apparently like it here in our great state and choose to stay here year-round. One particular species that lives here perpetually is recognizable not only in its appearance, but also due to its high-pitched call. That species is the Red-Winged Blackbird.

At one time or another during the year, the Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) occurs throughout the continental United States. In the northern states, as well as a large portion of Canada, it is a summer resident only, while throughout the remainder of its vast known range it is a permanent resident, including here in Texas.

It appears to prefer to live in and around reedy lakes, irrigation ditches, playa lakes and freshwater marshes, although open farmlands are also inhabited.

This species of black-bird is of moderate size reaching a body length of about 9 1/2 inches, while the wingspan is larger, up to 14 1/2 inches. Adult males are conspicuous and easily identifiable. The body, head (including the bill) and wings are typically jet black, save for a highly contrasting red patch on the wings. This brilliant red patch is outlined along the bottom by a yellow border.

Females are not nearly as colorful, having dusty brown wings and upper bodies with light and dark streaking. The head is dirty brown, and there is a small light patch just behind the eye. The belly is light with a heavy amount of dark streaks.

Red-winged blackbirds are extremely gregarious, living in colonies that are segregated by sex and age during the winter months.

They nest in colonies as well, and the polygynous males mate with several females. Females build the canopied nest out of grass and reeds, often over 2 feet above water in cattails and other vegetation.

The blue-green oval eggs,



Red-winged Blackbird (*Agelaius phoeniceus*)

numbering from three to five, usually are small, measuring 1 inch at the longest point. These eggs are incubated by the female for almost two weeks before the altricial (naked and helpless) young are born, totally dependent on the care they receive from the parents.

Both sexes feed the young, although the female takes the primary lead in this duty. After hatching, the young will stay in the nest for another week and a half before leaving. Females typically will produce two to three broods each year.

The call of the Red-winged Blackbird is a "reedy" konk-la-ree or a simple one syllable tiink.

The diet of this bird is not as specialized as in other species. It is omnivorous, meaning it eats plant material as well as other animals. It feeds on insects, larvae and snails, as well as various grains and

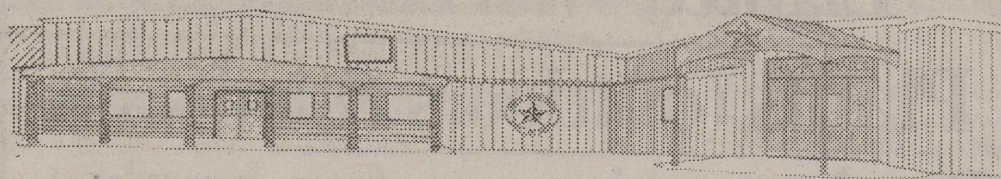
seeds. It often forages for food in large flocks along muddy areas in irrigated fields or along waterways and marshes. It typically runs or hops along the ground and scours the area to obtain its food. It is an extremely territorial and aggressive species, defending its foraging areas and nest by attacking intruders (including humans) with close fly-bys. This is especially true when young are in the nest.

Many bird experts are of the opinion that the red-winged blackbird is the most numerous of all the landbirds of North America. It is vulnerable to loss of habitat due to draining of wetlands, as well as pesticide use. Attract it to the backyard by providing an area of fresh water and a feeder with breadcrumbs and a variety of birdseed.

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

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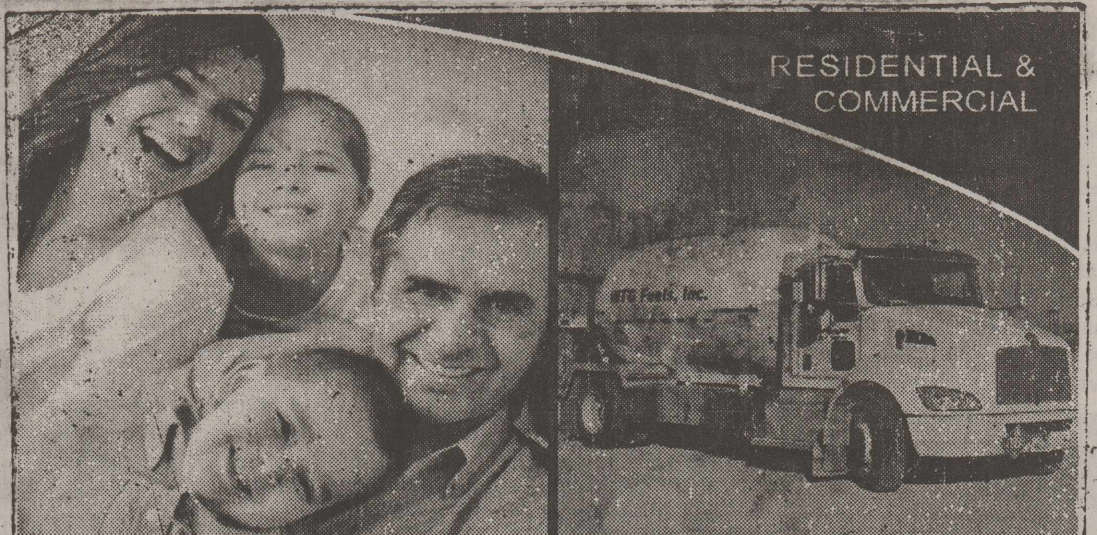
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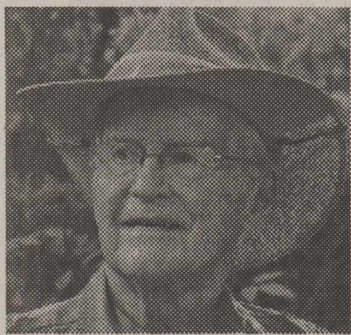


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A FEDERAL CASE

They travel over 2,500 air miles to Texas, so we can see them. The least we can do is drive to Rockport to do it.

I'm talking about the largest "snowbird" that comes to Texas for the winter. Whooping cranes are one of the largest birds in North America, slightly smaller than the California condor -- but much prettier. And they're arriving daily.

They're also the poster-bird for conservation. Down to only 21 birds in 1941, they were placed on the Endangered Species List in 1967. They've since enjoyed life and a major recovery, now numbering 442 big birds in a 2015 survey.

They stand almost five feet tall, and have a 7.5 - foot wingspan. That helps them commute from Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada to Texas each fall, and back in the spring. They're jealously protected by federal and state game wardens, and an ever-increasing cadre of citizens who won't hesitate to call the cops or Operation Game Thief (1-800-792-GAME) if they detect a violation. I've seen it happen.

And whooping crane violations cost more than a slap on the wrist. In the wildlife world, it's high crime. More further down.

An entire cottage industry has sprung up along the Texas coast with visitors coming from all over North America and beyond to see them.

There are several whooping crane tours operated out of Rockport that can take you alongside the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge to see them. Getting out on land is prohibited, but the boats can get you reasonably close. Whoopers are often seen feeding in shallow water of the Intercoastal Waterway.

I talked to Capt. Tommy Moore last week. He's a guide working out of Rockport with whom I've made several trips. They saw 34 cranes, Friday. Of the boats I've been on, the "Skimmer"



The majestic whooping cranes winter on and near the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge from October to early April each year. Photo by John Jefferson.

that Tommy operates is the best, although I haven't been on all of them. It's covered in case of rain, and fast enough to get across open water quickly, allowing more time for birding. It's very comfortable. And Tommy's excellent at identifying birds. Roughly 400 different species winter around the refuge.

His trip costs \$55 a person for three hours, or more. They have restrooms. Kids under age 12 are ill-advised. For reservations, call (877) 892-4737.

Whoopers resemble white pelicans and snow geese -- white with black wing tips -- but with a red head. In flight, their neck and legs extend out noticeably.

Waterfowl hunters, be careful -- identify your target!

Whooping cranes might taste like chicken, but they'll leave a bitter taste. Fines are fierce, and rightly so. The most recent whooper-shooter was a fool near Beaumont who shot two with a rifle. He was convicted, fined \$26,000, placed on five years' probation, and his hunting and fishing privileges were suspended WORLD-WIDE. He was later charged with illegal hunting, again, and his probation was revoked. He's currently serving 11 months in federal prison.

Shooting one makes a federal case out of it!
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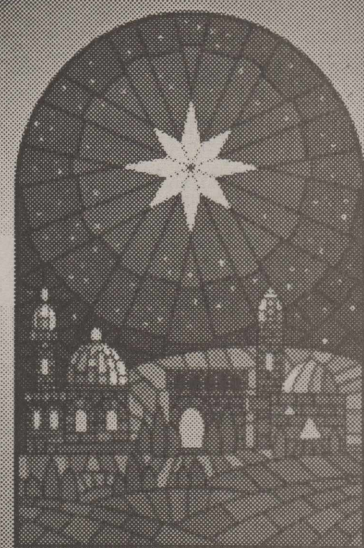
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A READY TO SING CHRISTMAS

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Methodist Church to present annual Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars now for Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 p.m. for the Christmas Cantata to be presented by the regular Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church plus several additional singers from the community. "O Little Town of Bethlehem" composed by the popular Russell Mauldin with songs from Bill and Gloria Gaither, Matt Redman, Mark Harris, and Dave Clark is the traditional story of the birth of Christ. Through music and videos, we are taken back to that quiet, calm night some 2000 years ago to celebrate the humble but miraculous birth that changed the world forever.

The choir, under the direction of Stacy Montgomery, is delighted to introduce Wayne and Bobbie Jo Stewart as the featured soloists for this production. Bobbie Jo is the pianist at FUMC while Wayne is a part of the praise worship team in addition to being in the regular choir.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the musical and the timing is such that folks will still have time to get to evening services at their churches.

Hope to see you there for this first of many special events throughout the Christmas season in our community.



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Texas unemployment rate falls to record low of 3.9%

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"By adding an impressive 71,500 jobs over the past month and 316,100 jobs over the year, Texas employers have once again demonstrated their unmatched innovation and ability to achieve success in our country's premier place to do business," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "This economy provides valuable opportunities for the highly skilled Texas workforce to also achieve success."

Leisure and Hospitality employment rebounded by adding 34,700 jobs in October after experiencing its largest monthly decline in September due to hurricane-affected business closures. Over the year, this industry has gained 41,000 jobs. Trade, Transportation, and Utilities employment grew by 10,300 jobs, and Professional and Business Services expanded by 6,300 jobs.

"Private-sector employers added 64,100 jobs in October and have accounted for the addition of 279,300 positions in Texas over the past year as the state has continued to expand its employment," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "I invite Texas

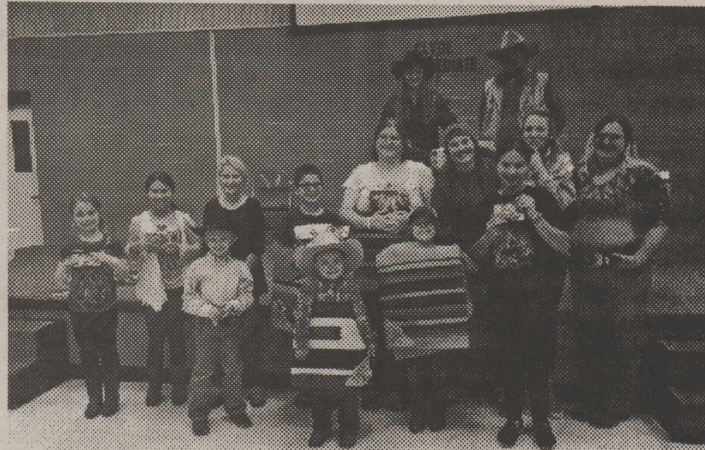
employers to participate in the We Hire Vets recognition program to recognize them for their commitment to hiring our nation's heroes."

The Amarillo and Midland Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA) recorded the month's lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a non-seasonally adjusted rate of 2.4 percent, followed by the College Station-Bryan MSA with a rate of 2.5 percent. The Austin-Round Rock and Lubbock MSAs registered a rate of 2.6 percent for October.

"Several Goods Producing industries are showing strength in Texas, including Construction, which expanded by 4,500 jobs in October," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "In recognition of Texas Apprenticeship Week this week, I encourage our labor force to tap into TWC's apprenticeship training program that can help prepare them for a well-paying career."

Audio downloads with comments from Commissioner Hughs on the latest labor market data are available on the TWC website press release page. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit tracerc2.com.

The Texas Labor Market & Career Information Data for November is scheduled to be released on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. (CDT).



2017 CCRC—Front Row (L-R): Kinley Rodriguez, Addison Rodriguez, Hudson Bounds, Jaxton Seabourn, Savannah Speer, Monica Stillabower Middle Row: Ryll Hollis, Aiden Stillabower, Tracy Davis, Mika Davis, Devyn Speer, Cynthia Jenkins. Back Row: Rachel Lowe, Monte Sheppard, President



HIGH POINT WINNERS—Front Row (L-R): Jaxton Seabourn, Savannah Speer. Middle Row: Aiden Stillabower, Tracy Davis, Mika Davis. Back Row: Rachel Lowe, Monte Sheppard, President.

CCRC Awards Banquet

The Callahan County Riding Club held the annual awards banquet on November 18, 2017. A pot luck meal was served, officers for 2018 were elected, and annual awards were presented. The club greatly appreciates all of the families for participating in the 2017 season.

2018 Officers are as follows: President-Monte Sheppard, Vice President-Ken Stillabower, Secretary/Treasurer-Cynthia Jenkins, and Arena Director-John Seabourn

Board of Directors: Teri Hollis, Krystal Bounds, Shaina Seabourn, Connie Lowe, and Bob Sugden

Award Winners for 2017:

High point winners for 2017 in each age group received a saddle blanket with a leather corner patch. The High Point winner in the Leadline division was Savannah Speer. The High Point winner in the 6 & Under division was Jaxton Seabourn. The High Point winner in the 7-9 division was Aiden Stillabower.

The High Point winner in the 10-11 division was Rachel Lowe. The High Point winner in the 14-17 division was Mika Davis. The High Point winner in the 18 & Over division was Tracy Davis.

The OVERALL High Point Champion of the 2017 season was Rachel Lowe. Rachel received a corriente barrel saddle with tooled lettering.

Buckle recipients were Hudson Bounds, Jaxton Seabourn, Aiden Stillabower, Addison Rodriguez, Kinley Rodriguez, Rachel Lowe, Monica Stillabower, and Tracy Davis.

We would like to thank the following people for donating door prizes: Clyde Farm & Ranch, Steve & Connie Lowe, John & Diana Wasson, Steve & Juanita Hollis, Ken & Ann Stillabower, Wes & Brenda Barr, and Judd & Jessi Speer

We would like to send a special thank you to Steve Lowe for all his hard work as the 2017 Arena Director. He spent many hours



OVERALL HIGH POINT—Rachel Lowe pictured with President Monte Sheppard & Secretary Juanita Hollis.

using his tractor and equipment to keep the arena plowed and prepared for playdays. He also kept the grounds shredded along with doing repairs and maintenance to the fences and arena. A special thank you to John Wasson for mowing around the facilities at the arena. Also thank you to John Dement for repairing the lights at the arena and getting them back to working conditions before our 2017 playday season.

We appreciated all of the volunteers that helped put on the playdays, kept the book work and concession stand running for the season. All of the hard work of the 2017 Officers and Directors was greatly appreciated. We are a family oriented organization and would like to invite anyone to join us for our upcoming 2018 season. Look for the 2018 schedule in the paper next spring.

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Celebration Singers Celebrate 20 years of Christmas concerts with free show at Paramount Theater

Celebration Singers, our Big Country's premier adult show choir of talented vocalists and musicians, will celebrate of its 20th anniversary with a free public concert of secular and sacred holiday music in Abilene's historic Paramount Theater on Friday evening, December 1st. The curtain will open at 7:00 pm for a one-time only performance. No advance reservations or tickets are needed. There is plenty of free, convenient parking available.

For the past 20 years, the group has performed public spring and winter choral concerts with free admission in Abilene. The spring performances have featured many varieties of popular music and the winter shows both secular and sacred holiday music.

The 20th anniversary winter show theme is "CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS FROM 20 YEARS!". The program will feature favorite songs from past winter shows. There will be solos, duets, small groups and, of course, the full show choir lending their voices to the many selections. It will be full of beautiful and memorable songs in different styles and arrangements, including "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year", "Silver Bells", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas", "Old Time Christmas", "Let There Be Peace On Earth", "Santa Clause & Jingle Bell songs, a medley from the movie "White Christmas", a traditional nativity presentation, and many

more.

The late J.G. Martin, PhD, Professor of Music at Hardin-Simmons University, was the Founder and original Director of Celebration Singers. Beloved by the community, Dr. Martin loved music and used creative ways to bring more music to more people in the Abilene area. He directed the first program in December of 1997. It was a huge success and Celebration Singers have been performing for appreciative audiences ever since.

Betty Ann Blackburn succeeded Dr. Martin in 2007 and is the current Director. Ms. Blackburn, a distinguished professional, has appeared in every major US concert hall, including New York's Lincoln Center, and abroad in Paris, Frankfurt and World Trade Fair concerts. She has performed twice for Presidents at the White House, appeared on Broadway with Fiddler on the Roof, toured Europe with legendary international entertainers, made many national television appearances, and performed with the Abilene Philharmonic, Abilene Opera and Abilene Collegiate Opera. Mrs. Blackburn has been staff accompanist with the Hardin-Simmons University vocal department for many years and is music director at Dyess Air Force Base Chapel. She is also named in Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Dr. Larry McGraw, Associate Dean of the Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons

University, is the long-time master of ceremonies. He is also an Abilene radio personality and the public announcer for HSU football, baseball and volleyball.

Celebration Singers, Inc. is a Texas non-profit corporation and IRS 501(c)(3) tax-deductible charitable organization consisting of vocalists and musicians selected by audition or invitation from throughout our Big Country. All are non-paid volunteers who practice weekly and freely contribute their time and talent. In addition to two annual shows at the Paramount, smaller groups perform free programs throughout the year at other venues. Performance expenses are underwritten by state and local grants, concert sponsors, program advertisers and individual donations. All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, please see www.celebrationsingersabilene.com and facebook.com/celebrationsingerstx.

Make plans to attend this special 20th anniversary show. You will be very glad you did. Moreover, you will discover why the Celebration Singers fill the Paramount Theater for every performance. Regular patrons seldom miss a concert and new patrons are always surprised to hear the musical quality, variety and talent presented.

John Comper Baird, TX Celebration Singers, Inc. Board Member



The Recipe Corner

Turkey & Spinach Stuffing Casserole

Prep/Total Time: 25 Minutes

Ingredients:

- * 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- * 3 tablespoons butter
- * 3 cups stuffing mix
- * 3 cups cubed cooked turkey
- * 2 cups fresh baby spinach
- * 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- * 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large saucepan, bring broth and butter to a boil. Remove from heat. Add stuffing mix; stir until moistened. Stir in turkey, spinach and cranberries.
2. Transfer to a greased 11x7-in. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake, uncovered, 10-15 minutes or until cheese is melted. Yield: 4 servings

Moore Texas by Roger Moore
 Texas's first Thanksgiving feast was likely hosted by Spaniard Juan Onate near present day El Paso in 1598.



DPS Urges Drivers to Fill Up on Safety for Thanksgiving

AUSTIN - As Texans prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding motorists to make safety a priority and to enjoy the holiday weekend responsibly.

"Thanksgiving should be a time of celebration with family and friends, and we are encouraging everyone to take some simple but potentially life-saving steps to celebrate responsibly," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS Troopers will also be on the lookout for drivers who needlessly endanger others by disregarding the law. Everyone, especially motorists, has a part to play in keeping our roadways safe, and it is imperative that you take this responsibility seriously."

DPS Troopers, and other Texas law enforcement agencies, will be patrolling around-the-clock during the

holiday weekend looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators, and other motorists who are endangering themselves or the public.

During the Thanksgiving weekend in 2016, DPS troopers issued 51,592 traffic citations and warnings for a variety of violations, including speeding, no insurance and seat belt/child safety seat usage. DPS patrols also resulted in 275 driving while intoxicated arrests, 198 fugitive arrests and 141 felony arrests during the same time period.

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday:

- Do not drink and drive.
- Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices.

• Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.

• Don't drive fatigued - allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

• Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

• Before your trip begins, make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and always double check to make sure all cargo is secure.

• Slow down or move over for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks that are stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

• Monitor weather and road conditions (<https://drivetexas.org>) wherever you are traveling. In the event of inclement weather, use extra caution on roadways.

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From the Cross Plains Review... 22 years ago, October 26, 1995.

Construction is set to begin on new classrooms and gymnasium at Cross Plains Schools.

Kent Graves is the new mechanic at Cliff's Texaco.

The Senior Class of 1996 announces their class officers: DeAnna Besselaar, president; Vice President, Chris Rios; Secretary, Brock Walker; Reporter, Whitney Kirkham; Treasurer, Donnie Dillard. Class Favorites are Jeff Brown and DeAnna Besselaar.

Cross Plains 4-H Elects Officers: Ashley Harris, Lea Jean Wyatt, Kristen Hunter, Amanda Kitchens, Allisha Branham, Tiffany Goains, Tony Mae Wyatt.

Local Karate Students perform in Abilene Tournament: Thomas Dimitri, Marcus Williams, Russell Thomas, Wesley Price, Jordan Pancake, Kevin Wilson, Shannon Davenport, Joseph Dillard, Jake Merryman and Justin Price.

All Around Cowboys and Cowgirls were announced at the Roping Club Playday: All Around Cowboys - Dalton Odell, Bronson Odell, Parker Odell, Lance Gilliam, John Peters, Brandon Gilliam Justin Richey; All Around Cowgirls: Brandi Richey, Kayden McNeil, Lacy Odell.

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