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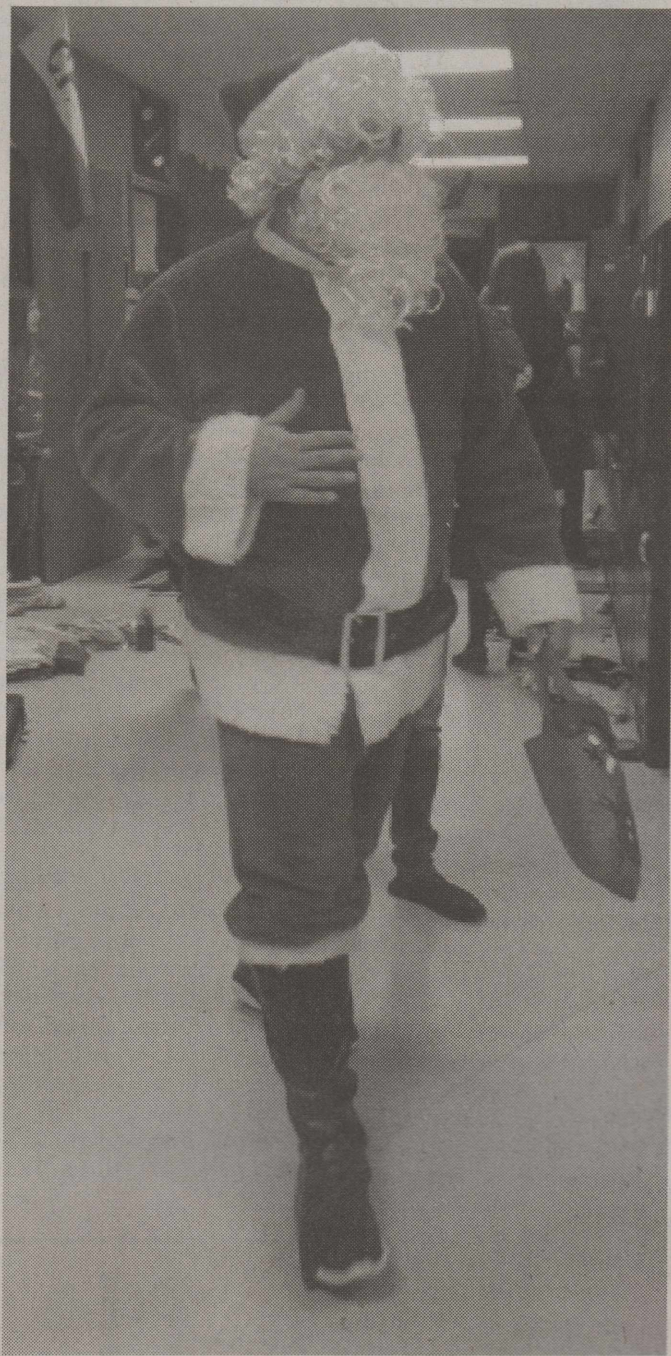


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Santa Strolls the Halls of Cross Plains Elementary looking for good little boys and girls. See more photos of his Friday visit to school on page 12

Happy New Year!

## Cross Plains Community Calendar

- December 31 - Monday  
- New Year's Eve Party, Games and Food, 6 p.m., Cross Plains Senior Center
- January 10 - Friday  
- School's out for the Callahan County Livestock Show
- January 10-12 - Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show
- January 22 - Forage Seminar, First Baptist Church. Registration 8:30 a.m., Program 9:00 a.m.

Happy New Year!



Library Board Members Look On While Michelle Kaiser talks about the new statue at Library Park. Photos from the dedication on page 15.



Seniors Celebrated their Birthdays and Christmas at the Senior Center on Wednesday. Seniors with December Birthdays are, from left to right, Wanda Bryant, Linda Wilson, Marsha Ossowski, Betty Wyatt, and Mona Brooks. Seniors receive a cake from Barr Fabrication. Photos from the Christmas Party on page 8.

## Happy New Year!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce wants to let you know who is open and who is closed during the New Year's Holiday.

### Monday, December 31st - New Year's Eve

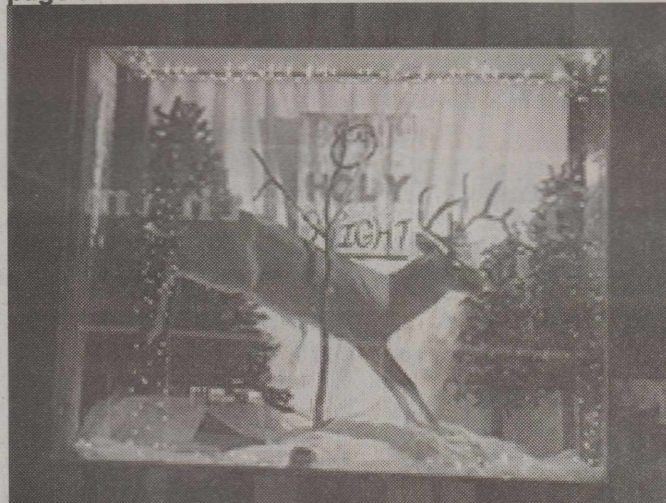
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| • Bubba's Smokehouse - Closes at 6 p.m.                                       | • Lawrence Farm and Ranch - Closed   |
| • Bullock's Beer Barn - Open 10 am-11 pm                                      | • Parts Plus - Open                  |
| • City of Cross Plains - Closed   | • Patsy's Flowers - Closes at noon   |
| • Cross Plains ISD - Closed   | • Paws-tively Stylish - Closed       |
| • Dollar General - Open   | • Post Office - Open                 |
| • Donna's Southern Roots - Open   | • Senior Center - Open               |
| • Food Plaza - Open   | • Sparks Insurance - Open            |
| • Hardwicks - Closes at 4 p.m.  | • Staghorn Cafe - Closed             |
| • Higginbotham's Funeral - Closes at noon<br>(Can be reached for emergencies) | • Susan Schaefer - Close at noon     |
| • Higginbotham's - Closes at 4 p.m.   | • T & K Tire - Open                  |
| • Hutton Automotive - Closed<br>(Can be reached for emergencies)              | • Texas Heritage Bank - Open         |
| • Junkin Daze - Closed  | • The Butcher Block - Open           |
| • Larson's Pharmacy - Closes at 1 p.m.  | • Trinity Land Ranch - Closing early |

### Tuesday, January 1st - New Year's Day

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| • Bubba's Smokehouse - Closes at 6 pm                                 | • Lawrence Farm and Ranch - Closed   |
| • Bullock's Beer Barn - Open 10 am-9 pm                               | • Lowe's Market - Open               |
| • City of Cross Plains - Closed                                       | • Parts Plus - Open at 10 a.m.       |
| • Cross Plains ISD - Closed   | • Patsy's Flowers - Open             |
| • Dollar General - Open   | • Paws-tively Stylish - Closed       |
| • Donna's Southern Roots - Closed                                     | • Post Office - Closed               |
| • Food Plaza - Open   | • Resource Care - Closed             |
| • Hardwicks - Open  | • Salamanders - Closed               |
| • Higginbotham's Funeral - Closed<br>(Can be reached for emergencies) | • Senior Center - Closed             |
| • Higginbotham's - Closed   | • Sparks Insurance - Closed          |
| • Hutton Automotive - Closed<br>(Can be reached for emergencies)      | • Staghorn Cafe - Closed             |
| • J & L Sales - Closed  | • Strength Paint and Body - Closed   |
| • Jean's Feedbarn - Open  | • Susan Schaefer - Closed            |
| • Junkin Daze - Closed  | • T & K Tire - Closed                |
| • Justice of the Peace Office - Closed                                | • Texas Heritage Bank - Closed       |
| • Larson's Pharmacy - Closed  | • The Butcher Block - Closed         |
|   | • Trinity Land Ranch - Closed        |
|   | • Wildlife Nutrition Center - Closed |

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce wishes you a safe and wonderful holiday, and wants to remind you to shop locally and support the businesses in our area.

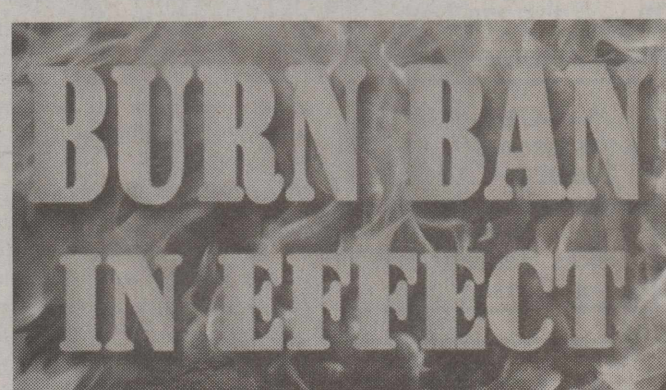
Happy New Year!



Most Unique Business Decoration - at Shana Hinyard's Johnson's Store Front. Cross Plains is all lit up for the Christmas Decorating Contest. Who won? See the business and home winners and honorable mentions on page 16



Senior Class Christmas Party Held at Shawn and Christin Bullock's Home. Photos on page 9



The Burn Ban is in Effect for Callahan County. If you have questions, call the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

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Presents:

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Believer's Fellowship Church

Preaching The Full Gospel From Genesis To Revelation  
Come as you are. Come Join us.  
**Pastor: Martin Robinette**  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:00 am  
Bible Study Thursdays 6:00 pm  
Phone 254-259-2223 Cell 254-631-3722  
13185 E Hwy 36 Cross Plains, Texas

## Rowden Baptist Church

**Pastor: Wayne Lenz**  
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods  
Bible Study...10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

## COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM  
Thomas Estes, Pastor  
Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor  
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

## Living Water Ministries Fellow-

*Restoring And Equipping The Saints*  
Sunday...10:00 am Wednesday...7:00 pm  
Pastor Max Evans  
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

## CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443  
Minister: RICK AUSTIN  
SUNDAY:  
Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.  
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.  
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.  
Ladies Class - Wednesday:  
10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)  
Office: (254-725-6117)  
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

## First United Methodist Church

A Stephen Ministry Church  
**Kevin Morton, Pastor**  
Office 254-725-7377 Parsonage 254-725-7694  
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Praise Worship-10:15 a.m.  
Worship- 10:45 a.m.  
1000 North Main Street  
www.crossplainsfumc.org  
fumccrossplains@gmail.com

## Triple Cross Cowboy

Every Sunday at 10:30 am  
Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains  
(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)  
**Al Taylor, Preacher**  
Phone: 254-725-7522  
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

**A Love Fund**  
Has been set up for  
**Barbara Sowell**  
for medical expenses  
at the  
Texas Heritage Bank  
in Cross Plains

**A Love Fund**  
Has been set up for  
**Debra Childers**  
for medical expenses  
at the  
Texas Heritage Bank  
in Cross Plains

Happy Holidays!

## Pioneer Baptist Church

**Pastor: Dwaine Clowers** **Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley**  
Phone: 254-725-7574  
Sunday School.....10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

## First Baptist Church

**Sunday Morning** **Sunday Evening**  
10:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m.  
**Sunday School 9:30**  
**Wednesday**  
6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.  
**Kenneth Reiter, Pastor**  
(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main,  
Cross Plains, TX  
www.firstbaptistcp.com

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## Oplin Dance Hall Schedule

Schedule for the Oplin Dance Hall:  
• Cash at the door-8:00-1:00  
• Doors open at 7:30  
• Bring food if you Like!  
• No Outside Drinks.  
• Every Saturday night DJ Night! \$5. Cash  
• Bring your friends!  
• Free Party room available  
• Facebook: Oplin Dancehall@westtexasdancing.  
• Dance Lessons

## Death Notice

### Gerald G. Bane

Gerald G. Bane, 76, of Brownwood, Texas went to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 in Brownwood, Texas. Memorial arrangements are being made by family with the assistance of Higginbotham Funeral Home and will be announced at a later date.

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## Windbreak Seedlings Are Now Available Through Your Local SWCD

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for evergreen and hardwood seedlings. Landowners are encouraged to purchase these one-year-old seedlings for windbreak plantings before preferred stock is sold out.

Each year thousands of regionally adapted seedlings are grown from seed by West Texas Nursery-Texas A&M Forest Service in Idalou. The agency's primary objective is to produce and sell quality seedlings at an affordable price for landowners, allowing them to plant large quantities of trees for windbreaks.

You may be asking yourself, "What is a windbreak?" A windbreak consists of trees and shrubs systematically planted adjacent to fields, homesteads, or feedlots as a barrier to reduce erosion, and increase land value and aesthetics. They are established where production ends and homesteads begin and they also act as protection for a residence, which increases the heating and cooling efficiency of a homestead.

Farmstead windbreaks block the hot, dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter. Multiple row windbreaks add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead and act as a sound barrier to highway

or farm road traffic, as well as protect the soil, increase land value and enhance crop yields.

Livestock windbreaks are very beneficial during the winter and summer months. Cattle hidden in an "L" or "U" shaped multiple row windbreak are allowed to utilize their energy to continue gaining weight rather than use it to keep warm, as a result, the amount of feed afforded by the producer is reduced. These windbreaks also reduce the risk of mortality during harsh winter months, such as Winter Storm Goliath in 2015. They also provide shade during the hot summer months and help keep the dust down when used around feedlots.

The following container seedlings are sold in bundles of 25 for \$100.00-Afghanistan Pine, Austrian Pine, Catalpa and Green Ash. These species are also available at 5 for \$25.00.

In addition, bare root species available are Bur Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Pecan and Shumard Oak for 25 for \$65.00 or 5 for \$20.00.

Delivery will be February 21, 2019. For further information call Callahan Divide SWCD 325- 854-1049 ex4. All orders must be pre-paid by check or money order.

# Obituaries



Jennifer Morgan Schubert

## Jennifer Morgan Schubert

Jennifer Ann Morgan Schubert, age 50, went to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, December 17th 2018 at Ruston Regional Specialty Hospital in Ruston, Louisiana. She was born on November 16th, 1968 to Judy Melton in Lubbock, TX. When Jennifer was 11 months old, Judy married Robert (Bob) Morgan in Holy Matrimony and he became her daddy.

She was a 1987 graduate of Wheeler High School in Wheeler, TX where she made many life-long friends. At the age of 16, Jennifer became a mom to her first-born daughter Casandra (Cassie) Morgan Sliger. When Cassie was 4 years old, Jennifer met and married Roger Dale Galloway to whom she was married for 16 years and to whom she gave her next two children, Ashleigh Shantelle Galloway of Tye and Colton Sage Galloway also of Tye.

Many years later, she would be reunited with the love of her life Bobby Keith Schubert, to whom she was married for the past 9 years until her death. When they married, she was blessed to gain two more children, Christopher David Schubert of Tyler and Kylie Jo Schubert Brown of Amarillo. She is survived by her children, sons-in-law Chris

Sliger of Clyde and Kyler Brown of Amarillo, parents Bob and Carolyn Morgan of Cross Plains and John and Georgeann Leonard of Nacogdoches, three grand girls Kirstin (11), McKenna (7), and KellyAnn (5) of Clyde, three sisters Julie Morgan Reed and husband Doug of Wheeler, Pam Glover Smith and husband Brandon of Stephenville, Sheryl Glover Pope and husband Randy of Grand Prairie, brother Seth Andrew Morgan and wife Shelly of Amarillo, plus a multitude of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her mother Judy Melton Morgan of Wheeler, maternal grandparents William and Christine Melton, paternal grandparents Harold and Destene Morgan of Cross Plains, and uncle David Melton of Amarillo.

Her family, whom Jennifer held so dear, is eternally grateful for all of the love and prayers they have received throughout her sickness battle. We are at peace knowing that she is no longer suffering but she will be horribly missed until we are reunited with her in heaven. Like she always said, "This is not goodbye, only see you later".

Funeral service will be held Friday, December 21, 2018 at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas with Ronnie White officiating and Rodney Watson assisting. Burial will follow at Atwell Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas with Kenneth Reiter officiating. The family will have a time of visitation at the funeral home on Thursday, December 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm.



Higginbotham Funeral Home  
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## Railroad Commission of Texas 2018 Year in Review

AUSTIN -The Railroad Commission of Texas today released its 2018 Year in Review highlighting the regulatory agency's accomplishments during the past year. The Year in Review reflects significant milestones, exciting changes and a continuing commitment to protecting public safety and our natural resources while maintaining a strong regulatory environment.

During 2018, the Commission conducted hundreds of thousands of inspections, assessed more than \$9.2 million in fines on 3,475 enforcement docket, continued Information Technology modernization

efforts, surpassed key legislative performance measures and increased staff training. The 2018 Year in Review details these accomplishments and includes video, photos, infographics and links to additional information. The Year in Review can be found here.

The Commission regulates oil and gas exploration and production, pipeline safety, surface mining, natural gas utilities and alternative fuels.

The Railroad Commission encourages everyone to share the 2018 Year in Review using the hashtag #TxRRC.

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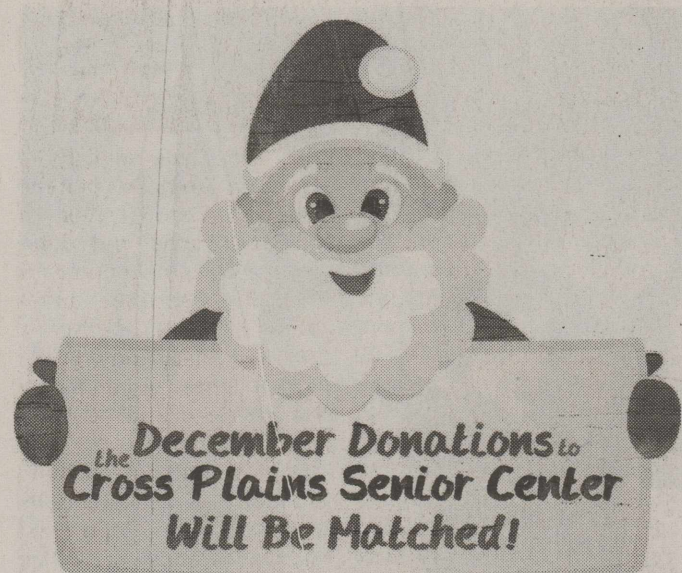
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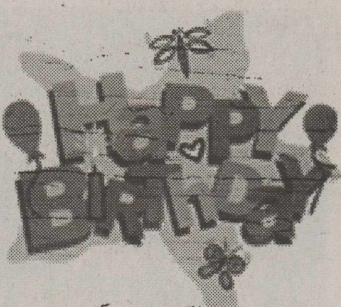


## December Donations to the Senior Center will be Matched Dollar for Dollar

With the season of giving upon us, the Cross Plains Senior Center has the chance to benefit twice from any donation received in December up to a total of \$6,000.

The Teri L. Coburn and Family Ranch will match any contributions up to a total of \$6,000 in loving memory of Clara McDermott Coburn. Just like the miracles of Christmas, \$6,000 becomes

\$12,000. These gifts will be used to expand programs and the continued opportunity to offer nutritious meals to those 60 and over and the disabled each weekday, no matter the ability to pay. Please send your donations to P O Box 144 Cross Plains, Texas 76443 or come by the Center and let us show you around our facility at 108 N Main St. Cross Plains.



- December 30**  
Keith Hopson  
Billy Gene Spoon  
Carol Bartes  
Mrs. Bob Dean  
Christopher Hamer  
Gertrude Jennings  
Wanda Jennings  
Milton Bates  
Billy King  
Joseph L. Hopkins  
Nancy Sheppard  
Randy Duncan  
Sambo Fleming

- December 31**  
Jesse Norris  
Kimberly (Ratliff) Stover  
Royce Lawrence  
Rodney Gene Gregory  
Austin Walker  
Seth Wyatt  
Kathy Denny  
Johnny Combs  
Shirley Emmons  
Mrs. Noreen Farr  
Danielle Webster  
George Randall Dickey  
Vickie (Hickman) Walker

- January 1**  
John Bagley  
Henry Wellmaker  
Joyce Williams

- January 2**  
Tami Hall  
Lessa Higginbotham  
Jimmy Harris  
Patsy Letney  
Cherilyn Fleming  
Linda Reed  
Camron Cobb

- January 3**  
Sandy (Bailey) Low  
Teck Whitney  
Cookie Robinson  
Kathy Pippins  
Mrs. Donald Baird  
Billy Joe Lofton  
Eddie Wade Dillard  
Jane Womack  
R. C. Allen

- January 4**  
Shana (Bagley) Hinyard  
Myrna Mitchell  
Jim Forbes  
Armando Sifuentes  
Danny Myrick  
Micheal Chase Childers  
Nicholas Meador  
Troy Stone  
George Hoover  
Brian Odum  
Ronald Allen Steele  
Kayla (Cupit) Rogers  
Lowell Clark  
Douglas Bowden  
Michell Munson

- January 5**  
Sawyer James Hamilton  
Peggy Hilburn  
Donald Rhodes  
Ronald Rhodes  
Clara Smith  
Tye A. Flippin  
Vernon H. Simpson  
Debbie Sheppard

- January 6**  
Brenna Michelle Kleiber  
Mrs. Bob Henderson  
Kathy Parrish Cole  
Betsy Bowden  
Troy Shane Knowles  
Betty Holland  
Mrs. Jerry Whiteside  
Melissa (Clark) Mauricio  
Jessica Sue Hall

- January 7**  
Randall Kyle Foster  
Mrs. Roy Thornton  
Dick Koenig  
Glenda Lane  
Deloras Stover  
Karen (Ringhoffer) Combs  
Bobby Oliver  
Ricky Purvis  
Mrs. Carl King  
James Crowley  
Betty Strength  
Bridgette Allen  
Shae Connelly

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

December 31st-January 4th

- Monday-31st** New Year's Eve Party, Games and Food, 6 pm.  
**Tuesday-1st** Center Closed  
**Wednesday-2nd** Exercise 11 a.m.  
**Thursday-3rd** Manicures, Kindred at Home of Eastland  
**Friday-4th** Bingo 11:15, Rising Star Nursing Home

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.

### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 31st-January 4th

- Monday 31st-** Butter Beans with Ham, Grilled Cabbage, Cornbread, Dessert  
**Thursday 3rd-** Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Corn Chips, Fruit, Cookie

**Tuesday 1st-Center Closed**



**Wednesday 2nd-** Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes w/gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert

**Friday 4th-** Chicken Broccoli, Cheese Rice Casserole, Salad, Crackers, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizens Center

## Winners in the Barr Fabrication Christmas Coloring Contest

PreK - 2nd Grade Winners: 1st Place: Easton Whisenhunt; 2nd Place (tie) Jenna Letney and Annabelle Mauricio; 3rd Place (tie) Riley Atchley and Bristol Clark.

3rd-4th Grade Winners: 1st Place: McKenna Podlevsky; 2nd Place (tie) Harper Dillard and Landry Barron; 3rd place (tie) Kylie Davis and Abby Jones.

5th-6th Grade Winners: 1st place: Daniel Mauricio; 2nd Place (tie); Delainey Massey and Hannah Shipman; 3rd place (tie); Abigail Bisbee and Kacelyn Smoot. Thanks to everyone who entered the coloring contest.



Winners the Pre-K to 2nd Grade Division with their prizes from Barr Fabrication.



Winners the 3rd-4th Grade Division with their prizes from Barr Fabrication.



Winners the 5th-6th Division with their prizes from Barr Fabrication.

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## Chamber Chatter

The Christmas presents have been opened and I'm sure the kids have toys and wrapping paper wall to wall. Time to stop in at Higginbothams and pick up some totes to keep things organized.

Turkey and stuffing leftovers will start to get tiring soon. The Butcher Block has a cooler with steaks, sausage, and chicken just waiting for you to take them home.

Stock show isn't too far off. Do you have your finishing feeds? Ordered in your bedding? Has your show stick seen better days? Lawrence Farm and Ranch has just what you need to get ready for show season.

Your Business is an asset to the Cross Plains, let the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce be an asset to you. For more information about the Chamber and what it has to offer, send an email to [crossplainschamber@yahoo.com](mailto:crossplainschamber@yahoo.com), or call at 254-725-7251.

Office Supplies  
Paper, Pens,  
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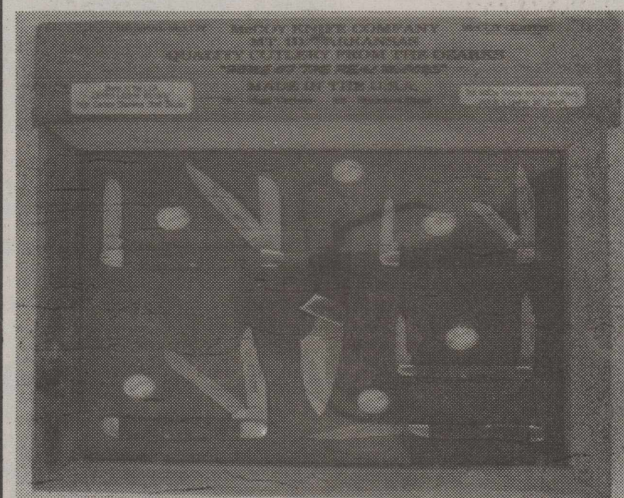
All Cross Plains District Games for both the Cross Plains Buffaloes and the Lady Buffs Basketball Games will be broadcast on [katxradio.com](http://katxradio.com).

All Playoff Games will be also be included!

If you can't attend the Games in person. Be sure to listen to the action on the Radio!!



## Come & See Our New McCoy



McCoy Skinner

Includes Leather Belt Sheath, \$49.95

Real McCoy

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McCoy Classic

Walnut Handle, 3 blade, \$32.95

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Rosewood Handle, 2 blade, \$34.95

Little McCoy

Walnut Handle, 2 blade, \$26.95

McCoy Pony \$22.95

Rosewood Handle, 1 blade, \$22.95

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# Cross Plains ISD Christmas Concert



## Perfect Attendance

### Cross Plains Elementary Perfect Attendance for the Third Six Weeks Period

Pre-K: Lena Neighbors, Abigail Cody, Branson Gilliam, Colt Hardee, Anslee McNutt, Andrew Rose  
 Kindergarten: Hayden Bisbee, Elizabeth Bogue, Gunner Dickson, Landyn Lee, Tatym Mackey, Delilah Vasquez, Bazlen Wilkerson  
 First Grade: Josey Elrod, Richard Griffin, Eva Lara, Caylee Mathews, Castyn McCutt, Camila Vasquez-Morales  
 Second Grade: Bethany Gilliam, Eli Hart, Connor Mathews, Anabelle Mauricio, Jasmine Sanchez de la Paz, Poppy-Anny Wheeler  
 Third Grade: Landry Barron, Kinsley Bilbrey, Tyler Bogue, Tristan Callaway, Harper Dillard, Mason Gilliam, Jensen Hull, Dustyn Lee, Kutter Reed, Rylen Reed, Stryder Rutland, Stormy Stephens, Dylan Strickland, Travis Sutton  
 Fourth Grade: Victoria

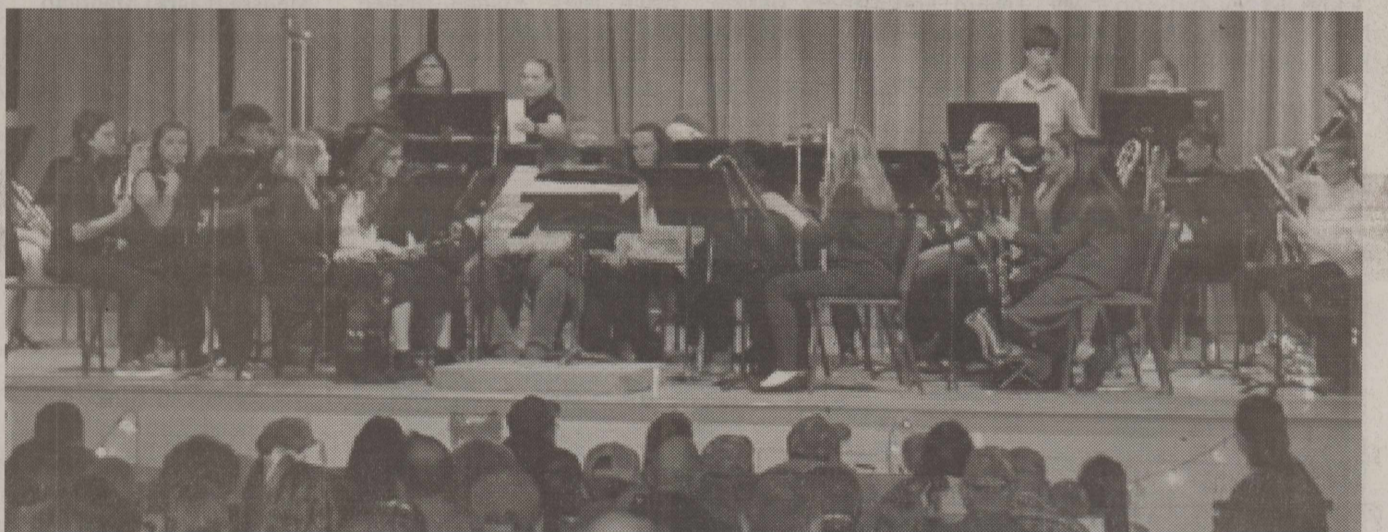
Bradley, Chloe Cox, Kevin Hopkins, Anson Long, Claire Moses, Autumn Parker, McKenna Podlevsky, Langly Potter, Arleth Sanchez de la Paz, Jeremy Santos, Jeffery Yates

Fifth Grade: Abigail Bisbee, Josue Dominguez, Eva Farley, Greenly Johnson, Brookelynn Lackey, Zoie Lee, Tyler Mackey, Toni Roberts, Hahhah Shipman, Gracie Strickland

Sixth Grade: Graydon Albrecht, Kadie Carouth, Dylan Fulcher, Peyton Gilliam, Emmerson Hughes, Nathan Lee, Rhianna Lee, Ryder Reed, Sterling Rutland, Katie Sutton, Chloe Tillery

### Cross Plains Elementary Perfect Attendance for the First Semester

Landry Barron, Elizabeth Bague, Kadie Carouth, Gunner Dickson, Josue Dominguez, Josey Elrod, Richard Griffin, Eli Hart, Jensen Hull, Brooklynn Lackey, Rhianna Lee, Anson Long, Tyler Mackey,



Caylee Mathews, Clair Moses, Kutter Reed, Ryler Reed, Rytlen Reed, Sterling Rutland, Stryder Rutland, Arleth Sanchez de la Paz, Jasmine Sanchez de la Paz, Jeremy Santos, Hannah Shipman, Dylan Strickland, Gracie Strickland, Katie Sutton, Travis Sutton, Camila Vasquez-Morales, Bazlen Wilkerson, Jeffery Yates.

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### Rowden Store---

*Guns, Knives, Targets, Fishing Tackle, Rods & Reels, Bait, & Accessories!!*

Hours: Open Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9 am- 5 pm or by Appointment!

Lyn's Garden & Gifts  
 2990 Hwy 36 E. @ Rowden  
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Kris Sparks and Jennifer Turner Whisenhunt



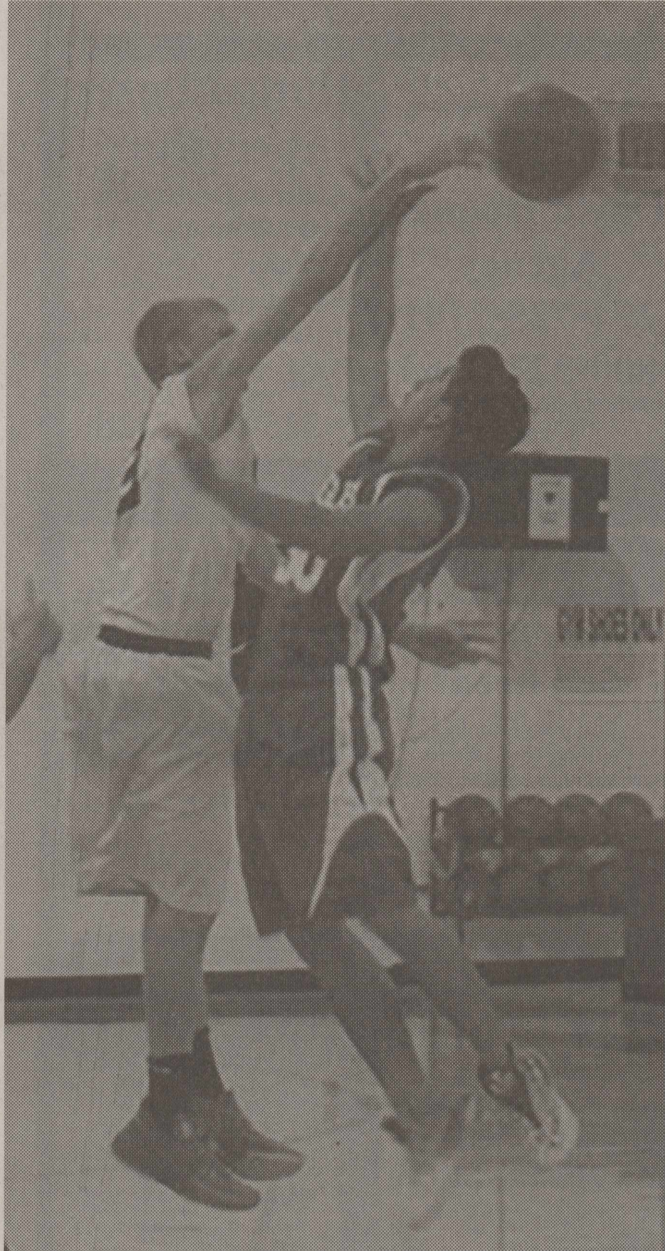
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 Cross Plains

254-725-6100

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email kris@sparksia.com

# Junior High Buffs and Lady Buffs on the Court



## Junior High Girls Basketball Schedule

December 15 - Saturday, Cross Plains B Tournament, JHB  
 December 17 - Monday, May here. 7HA 5 p.m.  
 January 10 - Thursday, at Stamford. 7HB 6:00; 7HA 7:00.  
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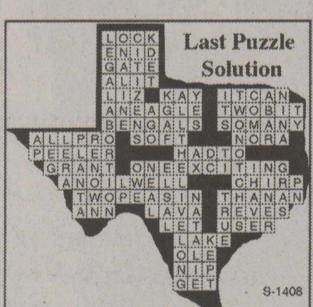


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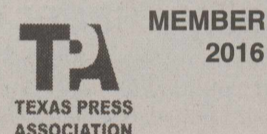
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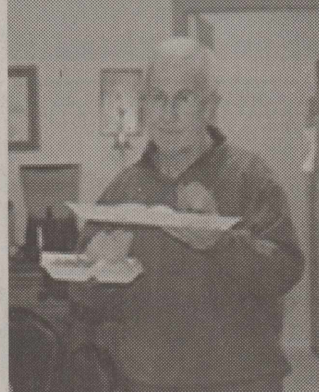
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The Texas Rangers became an important force for order in a time when very little was to be seen across Texas. It slowly evolved from a reconnaissance unit in the Texas Revolution to a military and police force by the time of statehood. One of the earliest leaders of the Rangers was Tennessee native Jack Hays. Hays became famous for his bravery in battle and respected for his fairness in diplomacy and peace, helping to cement the legendary reputation of the force.

John Coffee Hays was born in January 1817 in Wilson County in central Tennessee, one of three children to a farm family. He was born into a family with a taste for adventure who often ended up on the front row to the historic events of the times. In 1804, Hays's grandfather sold his expansive estate, the Hermitage, near Nashville to Andrew Jackson, then an up-and-coming judge as well as Jack Hays's distant great-uncle. Hays's father fought with Jackson during the War of 1812.

His charmed boyhood came to a tragic end in 1833 when his father died. He lived briefly with an uncle in Mississippi, working as a surveyor for a short time. By 1836, with revolution sweeping across Texas, Hays went to join the cause. He brought a letter of recommendation from Jackson, by this time the president, to Sam Houston, who knew Jackson and the Hays Family well. Houston named Hays to a Ranger unit, serving with Erastus "Deaf" Smith and Henry Karnes. Hays came to Texas in the midst of chaos and spent much of his time with reconnaissance work in those maddening weeks as

Texas settlers pulled away from the advancing Mexican Army.

After the Texas Revolution, Hays was appointed deputy surveyor for the Bexar District, the sparsely settled but intensely challenged areas west of San Antonio. The Comanches controlled the Panhandle and much of West Texas and were determined not to let that control slip to anyone else. Other tribes contested these lands, and Texas settlers moved steadily toward it. The intense back-and-forth fighting between tribes and settlers was a feature of the frontier for many years. It was in these years after independence that the Texas Rangers began to emerge initially as a military force separate from the regular army. As Hays surveyed land claims, he and other Rangers found themselves repelling tribal raids.

By 1840, he had risen to the rank of captain. But Texas was at its weakest, with sparse ability to even defend itself. The Rangers had the backbone of frontier defense for the republic. In 1841, Mexico had stabilized just enough to launch a punitive raid into South Texas. Hays in response staged an assault on Laredo, a town claimed by Mexico in the disputed territory between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande. He returned the horses the Rangers had seized in the raid, promising that the raid was a warning. He would lead another raid against Mexico later that year.

After years of fighting largely on their own turf, Comanches decided to even the score and launch a surprise raid deep into Texas, stunning the populace. The 1841 Comanche raid brought

them all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, spaces as different from their familiar plains and patches of western desert as any land in Texas could be. Hays led a force at the Battle of Plum Creek to push them back to the plains.

The Rangers did not have the force to confront the Comanches themselves for a sustained period. The Apaches shared a long enmity with the Comanches, and through careful negotiation, Hays convinced the skeptical Apaches to help them, or at least stay neutral for the time being. He then led a punitive expedition with the aid of an Apache chief, Flacco. With Hays and Flacco at each others' side, they often charged forward in one battle after another, leading their combined forces against the Comanches, sometimes outmanned four-to-one. In the process, Comanche power over the arid lands of the West weakened. The Comanches continued to be a major force in the area for some time; and Hays won the admiration of the Comanches, Apaches, and Texans for his daring.

By the time Texas became a state in 1845, the Texas Rangers were a respected force on the frontier, and Jack Hays was one of their most important leaders. However, the price of statehood increasingly meant the possibility of war with Mexico. In the battles to come, Hays would distinguish himself once again, which the holiday was born.

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# Seniors Celebrate Christmas at Bullock's Home



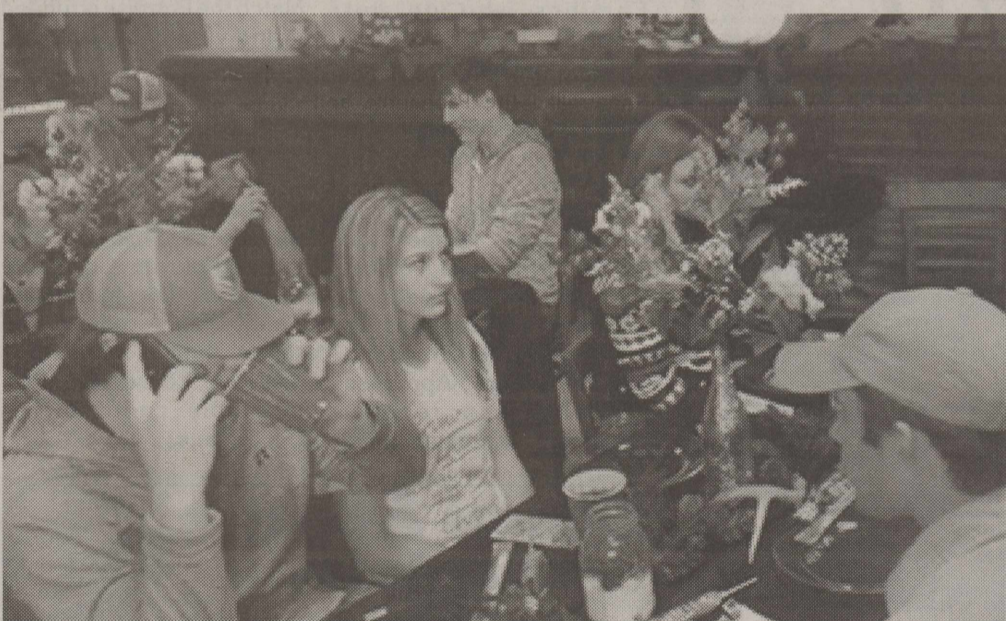
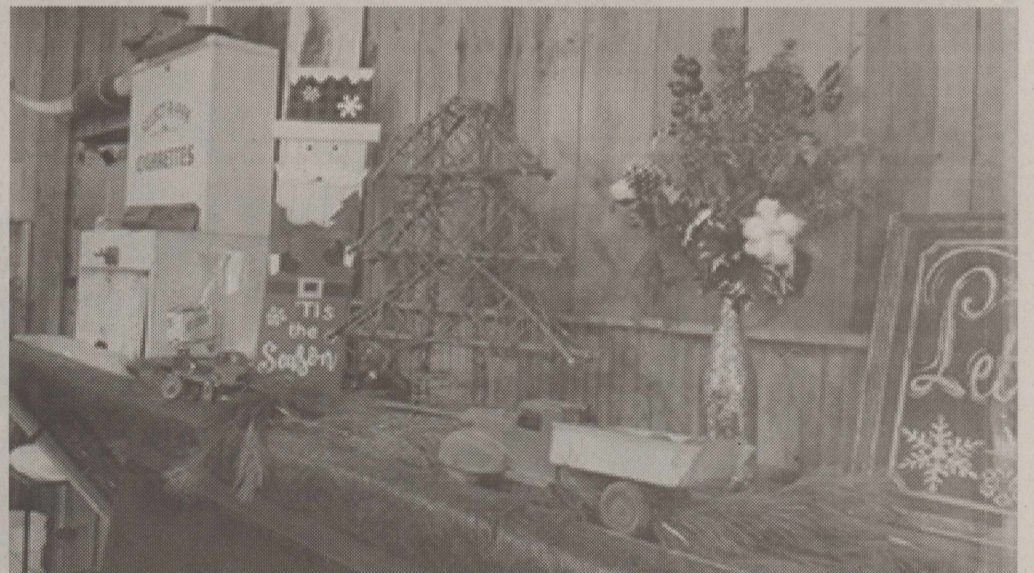
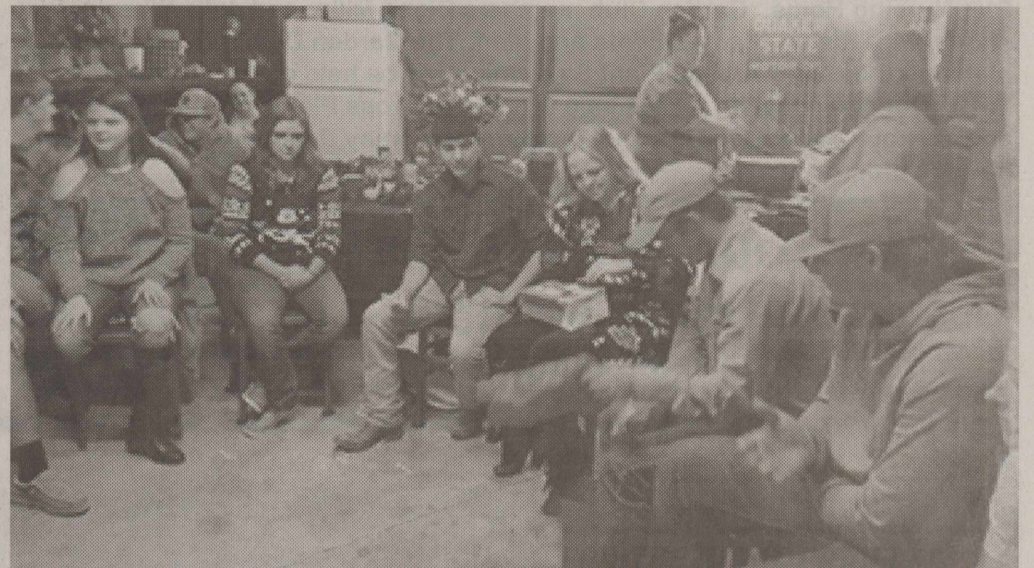
The Senior Class celebrated their Christmas Party at Event Room at the Bullock's Home (and not at the Bullock's Beer Barn) at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 17th.

The Seniors enjoyed a steak dinner and exchanged gifts in the in Bullock's decorated event room used for birthday parties and other events.

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## DPS: Pack safety on your holiday road trip

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging drivers to pack safety on their holiday road trips by staying sober and following traffic laws throughout the Christmas and New Year's holidays. In an effort to increase safety on Texas roadways, DPS Troopers will conduct traffic patrols throughout the holiday weekends — Dec. 23-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 — looking for drunk drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other dangerous drivers. Many local law enforcement agencies will also increase enforcement efforts over the holidays.

"The holidays are a wonderful time of year, and it's up to each and every Texan to be responsible behind the wheel so that everyone makes it home safely to their family during the holidays," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Along with other law enforcement partners across the state, DPS will be out in force to identify and remove dangerous drivers from Texas roadways this holiday season."

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, DPS Troopers issued more than 86,000 citations and warnings for a variety of violations, including speeding, no

insurance and seat belt/child safety seat usage. DPS enforcement efforts also resulted in 400 DWI arrests, 359 fugitive arrests and 277 felony arrests.

DPS wants to remind all Texans it is everyone's responsibility to help protect those working on the side of the road this holiday season by following the law: Move over or slow down for police, fire, EMS, Texas Department of Transportation vehicles and tow trucks stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated. Also, show the same courtesy to fellow drivers stopped along the road.

Winter weather threats may also be a factor during holiday travel. Texans can prepare their vehicles for winter by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire pressure, tire tread and fluid levels, as well as taking time to lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. Additional tips to prepare for winter weather can be found on the DPS website.

DPS offers the following additional tips for safe travel during the holidays:

- Do not drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol.
- Slow down — especially in bad weather, construction

areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.

- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices. Texas law prohibits using a portable wireless device to read, write or send an electronic message unless the vehicle is stopped.

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

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

- Don't drive fatigued — allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- If you see a road hazard or if you observe anything suspicious, report it to the nearest law enforcement agency.

- On multi-lane roadways, use the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, Texas law requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted).

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

- Monitor weather and road conditions wherever you are traveling. For road conditions/closings in Texas, visit <https://drivetexas.org>.

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ stock and barrel"
- OK town
- Alpine is the "\_\_\_ way" to the Big Bend Country"
- got off the horse
- famous UT grad columnist, Smith
- Addison is home to Mary \_\_\_, Inc.
- TXism: "just \_\_\_ cause a chicken has wings don't mean \_\_\_ fly"
- TXism: "if a hog had wings he'd be \_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ nag" (poor horse)
- Texas AFC foe from Cincinnati
- TXism: "\_\_\_ you couldn't stir 'em with a stick"
- Ezekiel Elliott was first team \_\_\_ in 2016 by AP
- TXism: "\_\_\_ as a baby's bottom"
- this Linares was the first director of the TX Lottery
- potato skinner?
- TX Ginger film: "It \_\_\_ Be You"
- this Hugh started with TX Zallweger in 2004 "Bridget Jones" film
- Super Bowl week is \_\_\_ week!
- TXism: "if it ain't true there ain't \_\_\_ in Texas"
- bird talk
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a pod" (alike)
- TXism: "he's wound tighter \_\_\_ eight-day clock"
- Gov. Richards (1991-95)
- tough soap
- TX-raised philanthropist, Wendy
- TXism: "\_\_\_ it be"
- manipulator
- Grapevine
- TX Hamblen's "This \_\_\_ House"
- small drink of liquor
- TXism: "\_\_\_ the lead out"
- TX Stills tune: "For What \_\_\_ Worth"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ full" (ate a lot)
- "\_\_\_ esta?"
- TXism: "busy as \_\_\_ tender on payday"
- Columbus ship in the past
- TX Tommy Lee Jones "Cobb" role
- news wrangler
- TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind \_\_\_"
- Center AM radio
- Gainesville AM
- "The eyes of TX are upon you \_\_\_ day"
- "si" in Mexico
- acclaimed
- TXism: "got an \_\_\_ to grind"
- TX George W.'s former workplace (abbr.)
- TXism: "crooked as a dog's hind \_\_\_"
- TX electronics co. indebted
- actress Patricia of TX-based "Hud"
- "Lake \_\_\_ del Rey," salt lake in Hidalgo County
- best \_\_\_ secret

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**Cross Plains Garden Club** - Members of the Cross Plains Garden Club assembled personalized Christmas gift bags for the residents of the Rising Star Nursing Home. Garden Club members Diana Miller and Julia Wheeler are shown with Rising Star residents and staff. The Garden Club has been busy planning their 2019 Annual Plant Sale which will be held on Friday, April 12, 2019. Our new location for the sale will be the Cross Plains Community Center and we hope our supporters and shoppers will enjoy the convenience of our new location.

## Governor's statement on School Finance Commission Report

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued the following statement after the School Finance Commission Report passed unanimously:

"This session, we have an opportunity to solve one of Texas' most pressing challenges by reforming our broken school finance system and developing a model that creates a brighter and more promising future for our children. Texans expect and deserve for their leaders to solve this critical issue. Today's school finance commission report made clear that the state must reform the broken Robin Hood system and allocate more state funding to education. This session, we will do just that."

## Forage Seminar in Cross Plains on January 22nd

CROSS PLAINS - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a tri-county forage seminar Jan. 22 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program will start at 9 a.m.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

The AgriLife Extension offices conducting the program are from Callahan, Coleman, and Brown counties.

"This annual event has become one of the premier educational programs concerning forage production and hay in our region," said Karl Winge, AgriLife Extension agent

in Callahan County. "Our goal is to help producers maximize their profits and forage quality by investing their production dollars wisely."

Topics will include: Control of weeds in Forages, Labels, Importance of a Healthy Soil, Control of Sugar Cane Aphid in Sudan Grasses, Wild Pigs Ecology and Management, and TDA Laws and Reg.

Individual preregistration is \$20 by Jan. 17 and \$25 thereafter. Preregister by calling any of the cooperating AgriLife Extension offices: Callahan County, 325-854-5835; Coleman County, 325-625-4519; or Brown County, 325-646-0386. Fees are due upon arrival and include a catered noon meal.

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## Match the Promise Scholarship Applications Taken Through December 31st

(AUSTIN) - Comptroller Glenn Hegar today reminded Texans that the application deadline for Texas Match the Promise Foundation® scholarship awards is Dec. 31, 2018.

Match the Promise scholarship awards are available for fifth through ninth graders:

- who are beneficiaries of a Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (TTPF) account, the state's prepaid college tuition plan;
- whose families have an annual income of \$100,000 or less; and
- who are Texas residents and the dependents, for tax purposes, of Texas residents.

Families who do not currently have a TTPF account can find information about establishing one at [MatchThePromise.org](http://MatchThePromise.org), or they can call 800-531-5441, ext. 3-7570.

The Match the Promise Foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, offers these competitive matching scholarships to encourage Texas families to save for college. Approved recipients can receive scholarships of tuition units

worth up to \$1,000 at today's prices, while top-scoring recipients also can receive one-time grants of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices.

"Eligible families across the state can apply for Match the Promise scholarships," Hegar said. "And the prepaid college tuition plan could be a great way to help families save for their children's higher education."

To be considered for a scholarship, students must write a career essay and meet other requirements. If approved, recipients will have until Aug. 31, 2019, to meet the contribution requirements of the scholarship program.

Match the Promise is funded by individuals who have donated the cash value of property held in the state's unclaimed property program, as well as by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations and by state employees through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions from Texans.



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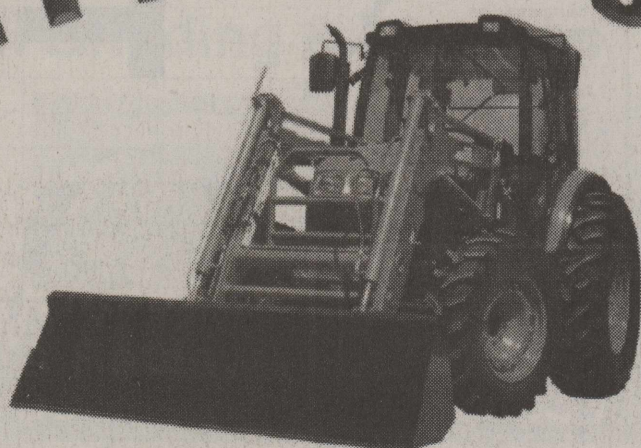
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# Fourth Graders Fill Shelves at Food Pantry

The Cross Plains Elementary School 4th Graders conducted their annual canned food drive for the Cross Plains Food Bank. The Food Bank will use the food collected to make holiday boxes for families in the community who are in need. This year our excited 4th graders collected 869 cans.

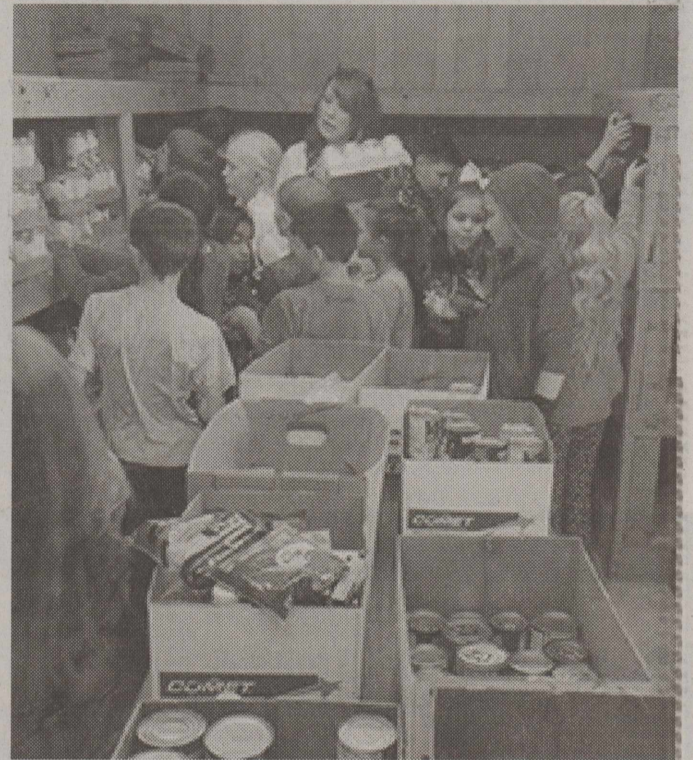
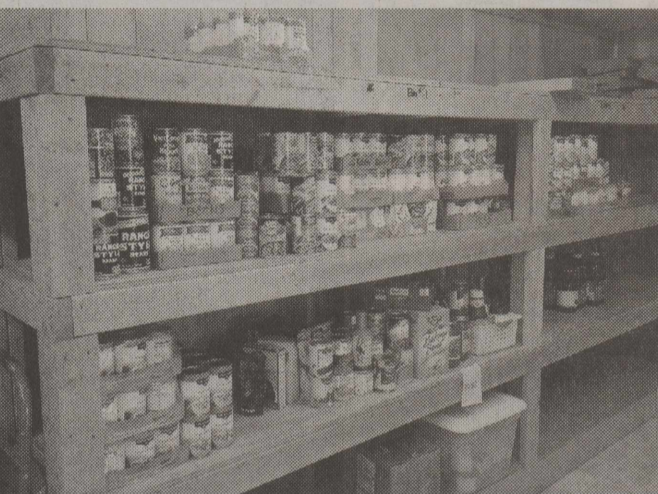
This was a friendly competition between grade levels to see which grade can bring the most food items. Primary through high school. In conjunction with the Data Analysis unit for 4th grade mathematics, students learned to be more compassionate, empathetic, kind, and considerate while helping others in need. Thank you for supporting Cross Plains Elementary and Cross Plains Food Bank.

traveling to the Cross Plains food bank distribution center and shelving all the items collected before their Christmas break.

The history of this wonderful event was started in the fall of 2000 with now principal Leslie Lawrence, who was teaching third grade at that time. The can food collection eventually moved to 4th grade during the Christmas season where the tradition continues.

Collecting canned food present the children with a positive model for helping other in in our community. This helpful event teaches our students to be more compassionate, empathetic, kind, and considerate while helping others in need.

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The shelves before the fourth graders came.

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- May your churches be full and your pews just right!
- May you become a wife!
- May, this year, the Golden Rule we re-ignite!
- May your hair be perfect and your stomach flat.
- May the new memories of 2019 bring you much joy!!
- May this year be the one we've had enough of that.
- May you find a new movie that melts your heart into!

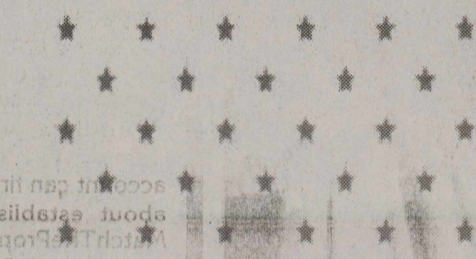
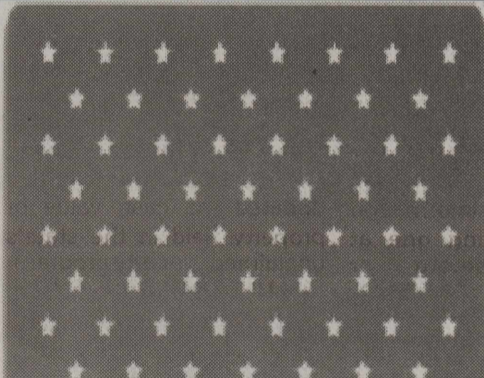
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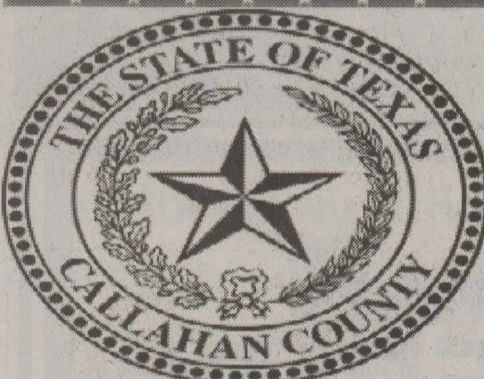
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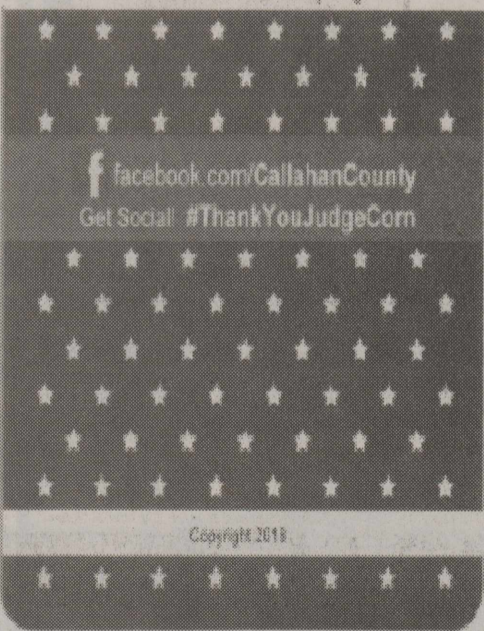


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December 19, 2018  
The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Porcius Potter, Brian Allen, Michael Cowan, and Roy Richey. Bryan Bennett was absent. The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Dade Cosby, Elem. Principal

Leslie Lawrence, and guest Cam Gully. Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we approve 2017-18 financial audit. For 5/Against 0 Motion was made by Allen and seconded by Shepard that we approve minutes. For 4/Against 0 Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Allen that we appoint John

Fred McWilliams for the open school board position. For 5/Against 0 The board went into executive session in order to discuss personnel at 9:00 p.m. and returned at 10:05 p.m. Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Cowan that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

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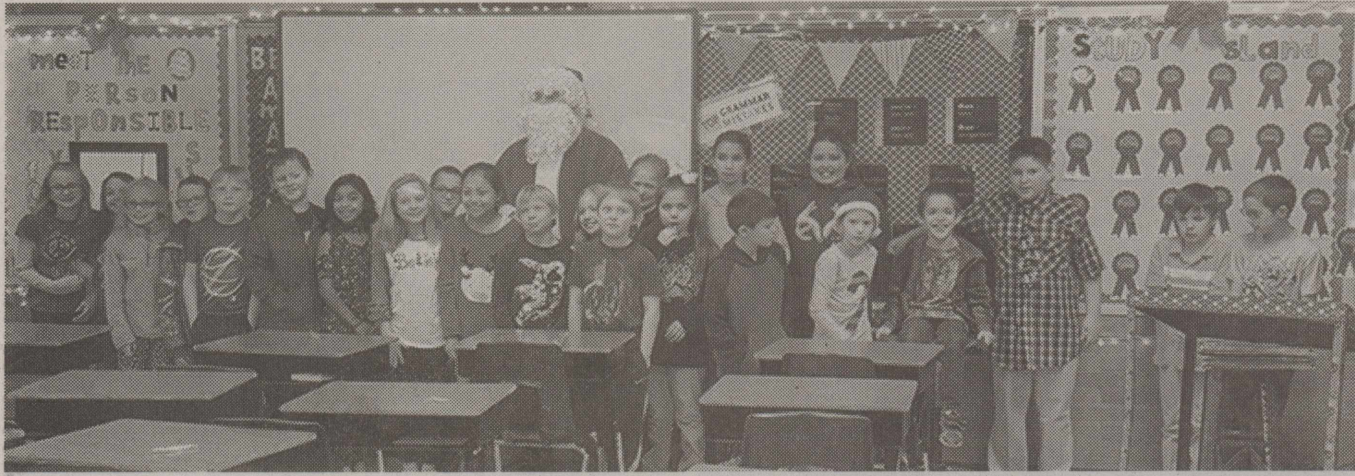
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### RAIN DIDN'T HELP

One year, an article in the TPW Outdoor Annual about quail was entitled "Just Add Water." Much of Texas' quail range lies in south and west Texas -- areas often hard hit by infamous Texas droughts. Those areas usually need rain. Add some, and they often have quail.

Much of these areas caught good rains during the fall. So, did that bring on a bountiful quail hatch?

No!

That surprised me, too. The rains came a little late to spur the pairing and breeding that quail usually go through if rain hits in the spring or summer. The population was already drought-depleted when the rain began. Robert Perez, TPWD's top quail man, said there was some pairing after the nourishing rains refreshed the range in the fall, but the rains were more a detriment than a salvation. Many quail that didn't drown in the high water failed to survive the cold weather that arrived a little early this winter. Another reminder that man does not control the weather.

Perez did have a couple of positive things to say about quail. First, he said that the sandy lands in Brooks County either side of Hwy. 281 and stretching to the coast were productive. He then added that there was no public land in that area, since it was mostly privately owned. Unless hunters have leases there, they don't have access.

The other part of his quail outlook was that hunting was so non-productive that many hunters were self-regulating their harvest. That meant they limited their harvest, themselves -- not shooting as many. That's a good thing.

"The winter harvest could be intentionally low," Perez said, "but those birds still on the ground in January and February are carryover brood stock for next season. We need to save them."

Deeper into South Texas, Whitney Gann, manager of the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area, said



Getting outta the rain! The fall rains fell a little too late to improve breeding conditions for most quail, and probably even washed any downstream caught in the floods. Then early cold fronts struck, further affecting the birds. The bobwhite pictured wisely hopped onto a liveoak limb to get out of danger from rising water. Photo by John Jefferson.

and what I was working on. She rattled off low numbers only took 15 quail, total. She said the rains stimulated for production, and even if they had quail, hunters couldn't see them!

Trans-Pecos quail populations in West Texas were also low due to dry conditions.

Easing up the map to the upper Rolling Plains and the Panhandle, the two large wildlife management areas, there -- the Matador and the Gene Howe -- also reported grim prospects. Diana Mayo answered the phone at the Matador and asked if she could help. I told her who I was

and what I was working on. She rattled off low numbers only took 15 quail, total. She said the rains stimulated for production, and even if they had quail, hunters couldn't see them!

"Hunters are bagging about one-third the quail they normally do," she told me. "So far this season, 152 hunters on the Matador have only harvested 64 quail in 187 hunter-days." Astonished at the quick response, I told her she sounded like she was reading from a report. She admitted she was looking at a chalk board that had a running tally. "We get a lot of calls," she explained. So, wait until next year ... and hope!

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# Callahan County's Jobless Rate Rises to 3.3% in November

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose one-tenth of one percent to 3.3% in November 2018, according to jobless figures released Friday, December 21st by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in November 2017 was 3.4 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.3% in November, 2018. Callahan County's labor force in November was reported at 5,978. Callahan County had 5,783 employed in December, while 195 or 3.3% were unemployed. October's total labor force in Callahan County was 5,940, while 5,751 were employed and 189 or 3.2% were unemployed in the County in October.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.2% in October, 3.9% in September, 3.5% in August, July 3.8%, June 4.0%, May 4.0%, 3.8% in

April, 3.8% in March, 3.8% in February, and 3.8% in January 2017, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for November 2017 include: Brown, 3.3%; Coleman, 3.8%; Eastland, 3.1%; Jones, 4.5%; Runnels, 2.9%; Shackelford, 2.2%; Stephens, 3.2%; and Taylor County, 2.9%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.1% in November, 2018, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 77,278. There were 74,903 employed during November 2018, while 2,375 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.1%.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of No-

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	Oct.	Nov.
	3.2%	3.3%

ember, 2018 was 3.5 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,936,886 in November 2018. The total number of Texans employed is 13,454,274. The total number of unemployed Texans was 482,612 in November 2018.

### Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Employment increased in 11 out of 26 areas over the month in November for a net gain of 18,900 jobs. The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA led all areas with 8,900 jobs added.

• In percentage terms, the

Midland MSA has led in annual growth for 20 consecutive months. In November the annual growth rate was 6.0 percent.

• The Tyler MSA had the second highest annual growth rate at 4.2 percent. The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land and Sherman-Denison MSAs followed with annual growth reaching 3.8 percent, each.

• The San Antonio MSA came in second in monthly job gains with 6,800, the largest such increase in that area since October 2014.

• Twelve of the 26 areas saw employment grow at a rate of at least 2.0 percent over the year.

• Twenty-four out of 26 areas in Texas have grown annually. The Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA declined by 0.2 percent, while employment in the Victoria MSA fell by 1.0 percent.

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

#### Job Gains Sixth Largest Company Relocates to Texas

**Dallas Morning News**  
DALLAS, TX—McKesson Corporation, the nation's largest pharmaceutical distributor, announced it will relocate its headquarters from San Francisco to Irving in April. The company has more than 75,000 employees globally. It ranks sixth on the Fortune 500 list. With the move, McKesson will become the second-largest by revenue to be based in North Texas, surpassing AT&T Inc. The largest, Exxon Mobil, is also headquartered in Irving. McKesson began setting the stage for its relo-

cation last spring. It opened a North Texas campus in Las Colinas and relocated U.S. Pharmaceuticals Group, its largest business unit and biggest revenue driver. When its campus opened, it brought about 1,000 jobs to Dallas-Fort Worth. Since then, it has grown to about 1,600 jobs at the campus. With the headquarters relocation, McKesson's top executives will be based in North Texas. Company officials say the relocation will bring additional jobs in divisions such as human resources, finance and accounting and corporate strategy, but it did not specify a number. The company has about 500 jobs in San Francisco, and most of those will move to Irving or another company hub by 2021.

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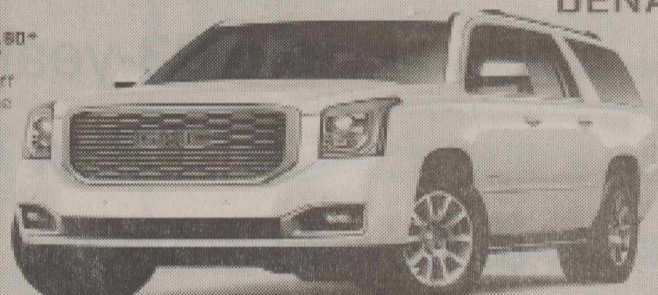
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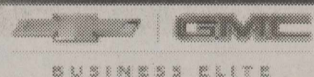
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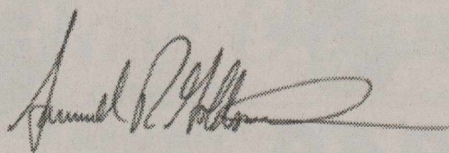
You have seen this county through countless challenges,  
and you have met each with steady **Leadership**,  
unwavering **Commitment**,  
and a servant's **Heart**.

**Callahan County is better today  
because of your Service!**

I personally will always be appreciative  
of the opportunity you gave  
to a 23-year-old kid who walked into  
your office with an idea  
of how to save the county money and improve the  
services the county provides to its citizens.

That idea was recognized by the State of Texas  
as a "Best Practice" in County Government,  
but that idea only became a reality because of you.

**We pause to Honor Your 20 Years of Service.**



Samuel R. Goldsmith

**Goldsmith**  
S O L U T I O N S

# Statue Dedication at the Library Park



Cross Plains folks turned out for the unveiling of "Two Kids on a Bench," by Max Turner. The statue was placed in the Library Park. Library board members Michelle Kaiser and Christine

Evans spoke to the crowd. The bronze statue, funded by memorials and donations commemorated on an adjacent plaque, will be a lovely addition to the park.

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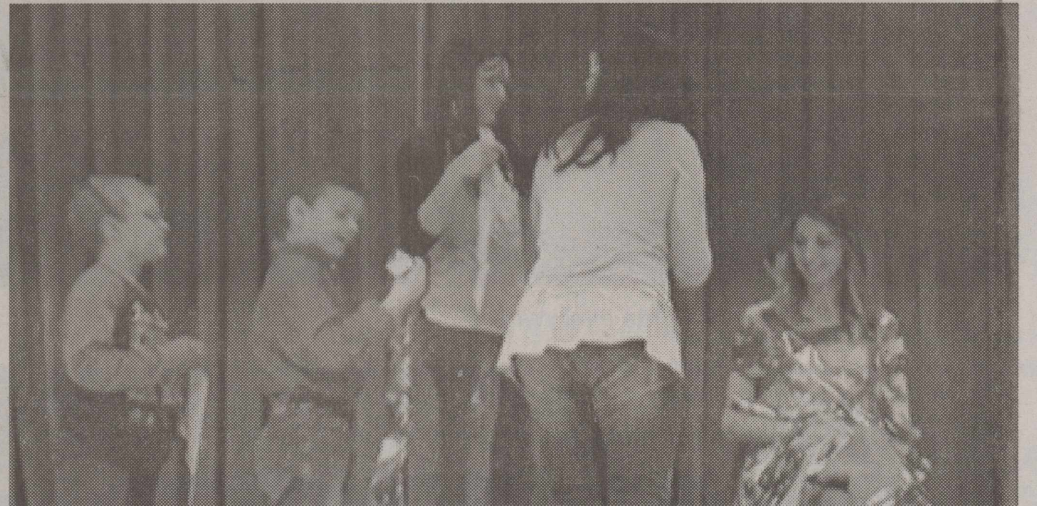
## Wrap the Teacher

Students and teachers "wrapped" First Grade Teacher Cyndi Beggs in the Annual Wrap the Teacher. The proceeds from "Wrap the Teacher" benefit the Cross Plains ISD P. T. O.



## Kingdom's Door Closed for December

Kingdom's Door and Attic will be closed will be closed each Saturday during the month of December due to other commitments of the workers. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but if anyone needs anything during this time, please call First Baptist Church. You may also call 325-669-7960 and someone can meet you there. Please leave a message if no answer.



### CROSS PLAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY "Two Kids on a Bench" by Max Turner ERECTED 2018

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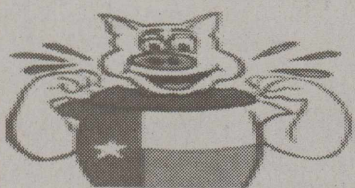
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The plaque with the list of memorials and donations.



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Dear Santa:

### Santa

Sorry my letter is a little late, but the ladies at the Cross Plains Review misplaced my first one....but my Mimi promised me you would find me anyway....and you Did!

So here is my letter, the way I wrote it to you last week!



Dear Santa.  
Hello, my name is NataLee and I am 3 years old. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like some new clothes, muddy puddle boots, and a horse, but Mimi said it can't live in the house. Please remember my brothers Bentley and Ryan and my cousin Wyatt! Please don't forget Mimi and Pop Pop. I love you Santa!

Love  
NataLee Grace Bomar

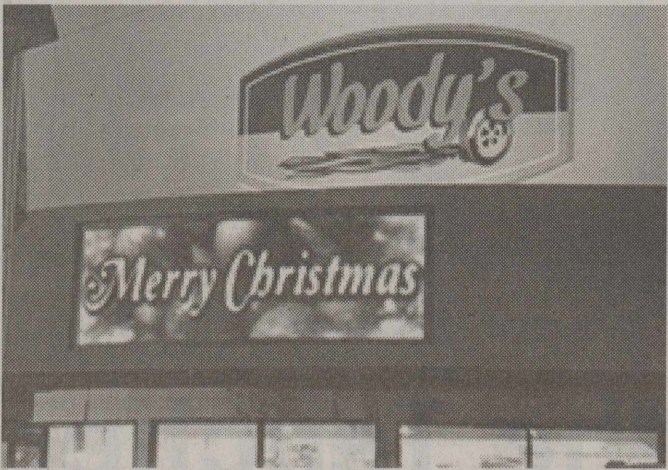
P.S. I'll leave you some tea!  
I know you will be tired of Milk.



Lights and Decorations in the window at Staghorn Cafe



A Winter Wonderland at Potter Game Tables



And the Sign Lights Up - At Woody's Museum the sign changes to "Merry Christmas" which becomes brighter and brighter.

## Cross Plains Lights Up for Christmas, Decorating Contest Winners Told

Businesses and homes dressed up for the Holidays, so much so that the judges for the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Decorating Contest had a difficult - if not impossible

- time trying to decide the winners.

The business windows and light displays were outstanding.

The judges loved the windows at Higginbothams, Junkin Daze, and the light up sign with Merry Christmas at Woody's Museum.

Honorable Mentions go out to Staghorn Cafe, the Cross Plains Review, The Cross Plains Library and City Hall.

The prize for "Most Unique" goes to Shana Hinyard and the Johnson's Store front for the deer in the window.

The overall business winner was Potter Game Tables with the snowmen, Santa Claus and lots of Christmas snow.

Judging the homes was equally hard, as there were lots of residences with lights and decorations.

The prize for "Most Unique"

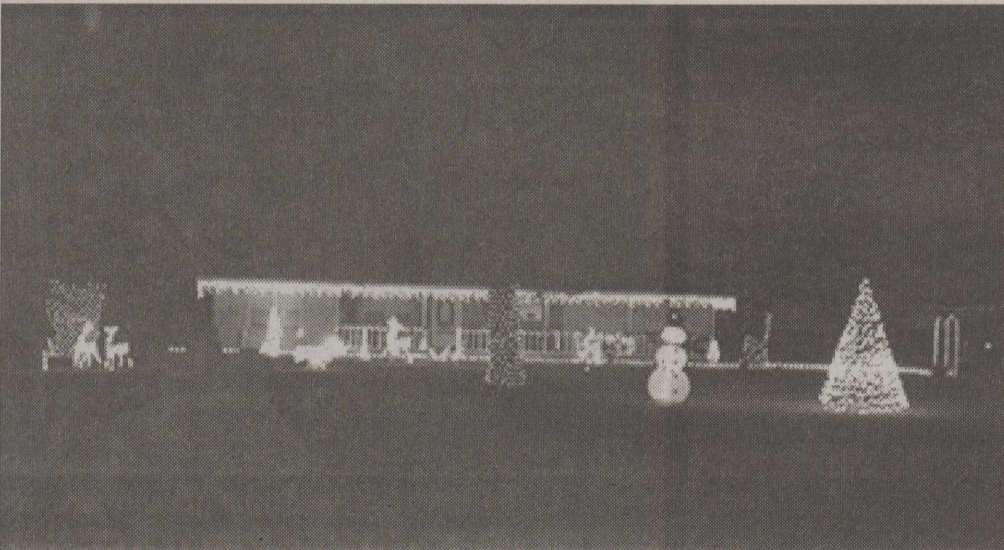
goes to the Parker Home for Santa's reindeer pulling a muscle car.

The Judges just couldn't decide between two homes that were decked out for the holiday, so we have a tie for first place. The Dickson home on Hwy 36 and the Gosnell home. Both had colorful light displays and

lots of light up snowmen, deer, trees and other holiday elements.

Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who decorated and entered the contest.

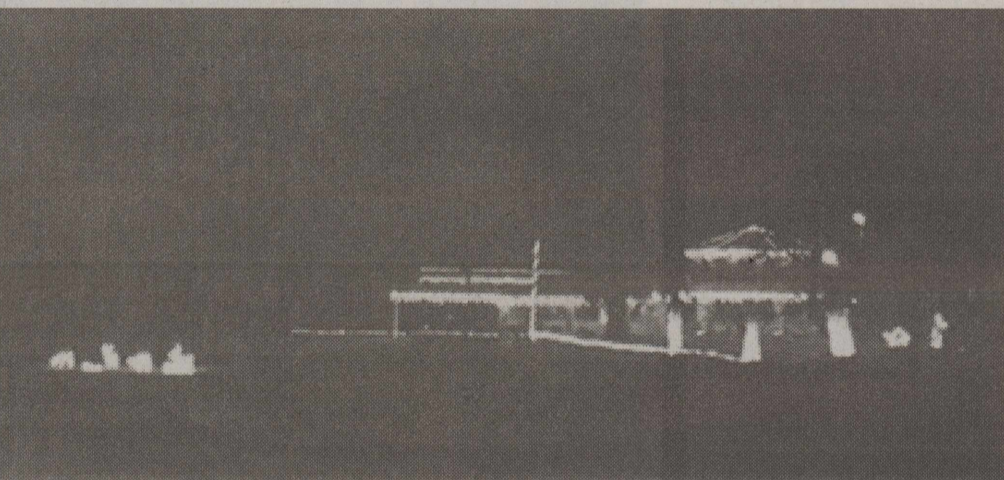
Be sure you get a chance to see these holiday light displays.



The Gosnell home decorated for Christmas



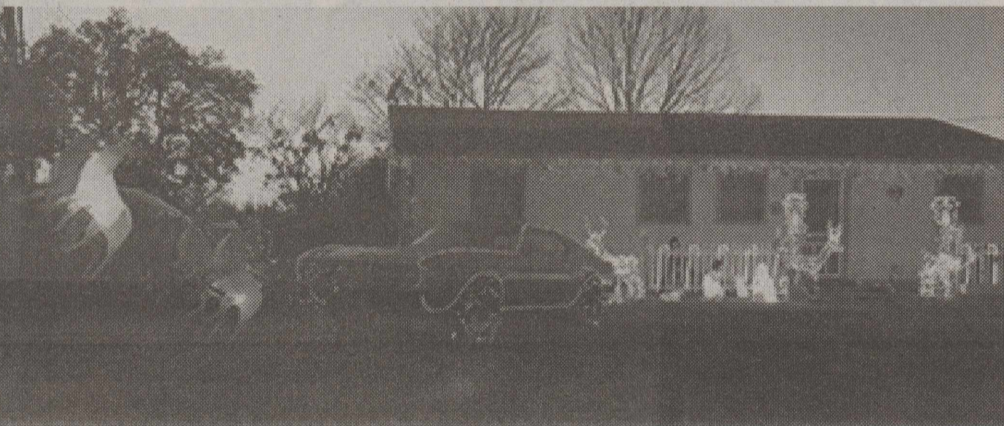
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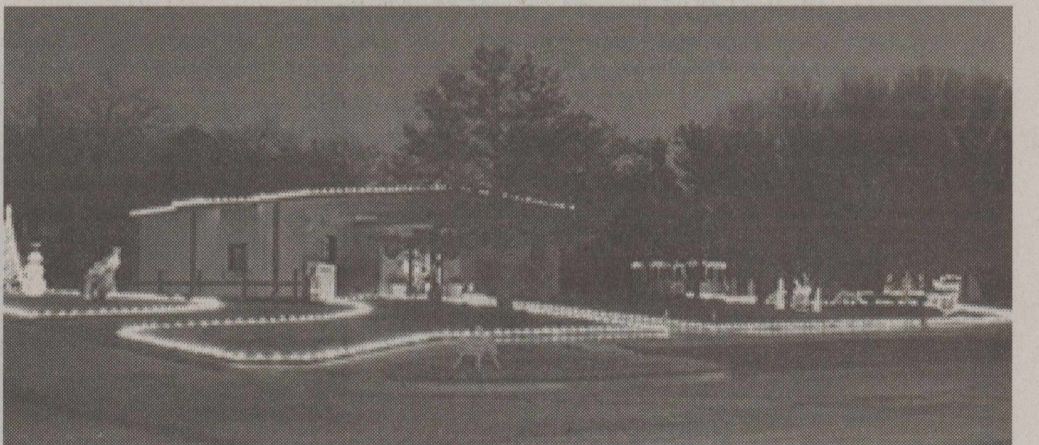
The Dickson home with lights everywhere



Whoville at the Cross Plains Library



Most Unique - the Parker Home on Chestnut - Santa's reindeers are pulling a muscle car



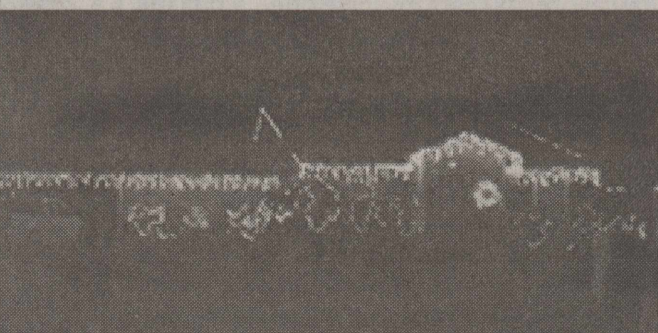
The Lights Around City Hall



Project Pride Light Display



One of Higginbothams Windows decorated by Project Pride



Another Higginbotham's window



Lots of lights in the window at Junkin Daze

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