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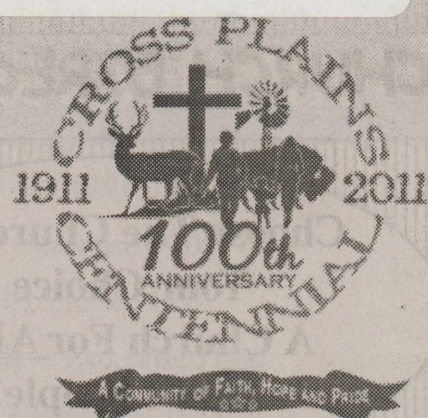
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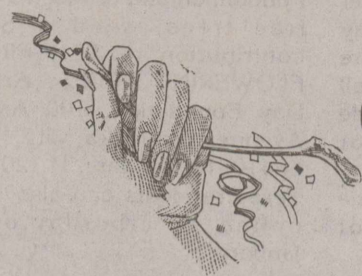
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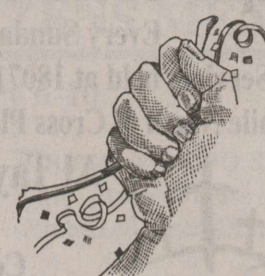
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Happy New Year 2014



Winner of Christmas Quilt — Dr. Carolyn Aks, of Texas Oncology in Abilene, was the winner of the Christmas quilt raffled by the Cross Plains chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Aks (on left), proudly displays the quilt which was delivered by her patient, who is also Beta Sigma Phi's treasurer, Michelle Kaiser (on right).



Senior Adult Singers Woo The Crowd At The Senior Center — What a blessing it was to be able to share the TRUE Christmas story with those present at the Cross Plains Senior Center this past Thursday, December 19th. The Cross Plains Senior Adult Singers sang the musical cantata, "Bethlehem Morning" that included familiar favorites such as, "Joy to the World!" "O Little Town of Bethlehem", and "O Come, All Ye Faithful", but also included some new songs that featured soloists Jacque Childress, Charla White, Ronnie White, and Tim Tolosa, and Linda Tolosa as Narrator. This choir is made up of members age 55 and over, and is open to anyone in that age group who loves to sing and glorify the Lord, so if you are interested in joining, please come join us at 9:30 a.m. the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month in the Choir Room of First Baptist Church. We have a great time singing, laughing, caring, and sharing as we serve God and community together. The Senior Adult Singers also presented this musical at the Rising Star Nursing Home on December 12th, and during the morning service at First Baptist Church of Cross Plains, December 22nd. I hope that you will take time this Christmas season to reflect on the true "REASON for the SEASON". As the cantata said, "We are the reason He came. And He is the reason we are here and the reason we can't help but celebrate. Worship! Rejoice! Give glory to God! Jesus is Born!" Merry Christmas!! -----Tim Tolosa, Director.

Cross Plains Review Will Be CLOSED Tuesday and Wednesday
for New Year's ---Re-open Thursday, January 2nd
Ads and Articles Must be Sent Before Noon Friday, January 3rd

Clyde Livestock Show to be held in Cross Plains on January 4th

It's almost stock show season again and with that a few updates from the Clyde FFA regarding the local stock show. It was voted on Sunday night at a meeting of the Clyde Jr. Livestock Association that this year the local show will be held in Cross Plains at the county show barn. We understand this is not the ideal situation, however, with all of the positive growth our chapter has experienced and the construction projects scheduled to take place after Thanksgiving we felt the county barn in Cross Plains would be the best fit.

This year's Clyde FFA Community Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the County Livestock Show Barn in Cross Plains. This year's show will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with the weigh-in of animals beginning at 9:00 a.m.

With that being said our school is building a new addition to the field house, as well as, a new feeding barn for our FFA students. We as members of the faculty at Clyde High School felt it was in the best interest of all the students involved to accommodate for these times of growth

by allowing access to one side of our Ag Building for use by the athletic department.

This is only a temporary move and once these construction projects are complete the local show will again be held in Clyde. It is our hope that the community will understand this decision and continue to show their support for the young people in Clyde by attending the show in Cross Plains.

Also, this year's local livestock show will again have silent auction items to bid on all day during the show. Be sure and place your bids on various items being offered.

Texas Department of State Health Services Flu/Immunization Clinic in Clyde

Wednesday, January 8th
First Baptist Church
216 Austin
Time 10-12
&
1:30-3

For your Convenience, please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message.
Please bring Child's Immunization Records
If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

HOW IMPORTANT IS YOUR LIBRARY?

The holidays are a time of year when we think a lot about what is important and valued— family, friends, and the simple joys in life. Well, the folks at the Pew Internet & American Life Project are also taking a look at what people value— about public libraries! The Pew Internet & American Life Project is an initiative of the Pew Research Center, a nonprofit "fact tank" that provides information on the issues, attitudes, and trends shaping America. The Pew Internet Project explores the impact of the internet on children, families, and communities.

Per the latest Pew report *How Americans Value Public Libraries in Their Communities*, Americans strongly value the role of public libraries, both for providing access to materials and resources and for promoting literacy and improving the overall quality of life. Most Americans say they have only had positive experiences at public libraries, and value a range of library resources and services.

Additionally, the majority of Americans ages 16 and older say

that public libraries play an important role in their communities:

*95% of Americans ages 16 and older agree that the materials and resources available at public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed;

*95% say that public libraries are important because they promote literacy and a love of reading;

*94% say that having a public library improves the quality of life in a community;

*81% say that public libraries provide many services people would have a hard time finding elsewhere.

The report also looks at the services that are seen as most important to the public, how often library services are used, and shows users awareness levels about library services. Visit their website for a summary of findings, and for links to the full report.

submitted by Michelle Kaiser

LOVE FUND

A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

"Meet The Author" to Feature Western Writer Denzel Holmes

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold a "Meet the Author" on Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library conference room, featuring western writer Denzel Holmes.

Holmes has just published his 7th book, *Concho*, and brings much of his own rural

upbringing into his books.

His book *Last Race* is based on the history of Belton, TX, where he now resides.

The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and Holmes will be available to autograph his books. Mark your calendars!

Grand Ole Oplin New Year's Eve Dance

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out to their Annual New Year's Eve celebration. MUDDY CREEK will be joining us to help ring in the New Year playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

Our New Year's Eve dance begins at 8:00 p.m. and ends shortly after midnight. Admission will be \$8.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. The Oplin Community Center

will serve black-eye peas and cornbread in hopes of bringing a little good luck for the coming new year.

Alcohol and smoking are not allowed.

So gather your family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

We wish everyone a safe and Happy New Year's!!

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OBITUARY

John Robert Ross

John Robert Ross, age 60, of Brownsville, TX, passed from this life on Monday, December 16, 2013 at Valley Baptist Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2013 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Brownsville with Rev. Karl Kessler officiating. Burial was at Guillen Community Cemetery in Brownsville.

John was born on September 20, 1953, in San Antonio, TX, to James Robert and Mabel (Elkins) Ross.

John was a 1972 graduate of Jefferson High School in San Antonio. He attended San Antonio College, Angelo State University, and finally Elkins Institute in Dallas, where his studies led to a lifelong career in radio and television broadcasting. During his lifetime, he worked as a disc jockey at radio stations KBER and KBUC in San Antonio, and as chief engineer at television stations in Corpus Christi, Jacksonville, Florida, Houston, and Brownsville. At the time of his death, he was self-employed as a broadcasting engineer consultant.

John was a member of the National Association of Broadcasters, Texas Association of Broadcasters, and Portway Baptist Church in Brownsville.

He married Marta Villalobos on July 3, 1993 in Brownsville.

John is survived by his wife, Marta Ross; four sons, James Robert Ross, John William Ross, Joseph Thomas Ross, and Jacob Daniel Ross, all of the home; two step-daughters, Anysia Hervert and Aurora Maldonado, both of Brownsville; mother, Mabel Ross of San Antonio; five brothers, Gerald Ross and wife Charlene, Larry Ross and wife Brenda, and Steven Ross, all of San Antonio, Charles Ross and wife Beverly of Cross Plains, and David Ross and wife Jeanette of Comanche; eight step grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his father, James Robert Ross.

Pallbearers were his sons, James, John, Joseph, and Jacob Ross, nephew James Neil Ross, Hiram Cavazos.

Thank You

Thank you for all the visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and especially your prayers concerning the death of Charlie's brother, John Ross. We are grateful to live in a caring community.

Charlie and Beverly Ross

Love Fund

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

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Resolve to cut spending on your daily expenses

StatePoint—At the start of a new year, many American families begin looking for ways to cut spending in order to pay bills accrued during the holidays.

Some helpful advice from the discount experts at Dollar General can help you save money to allocate toward credit card payments at the start of 2014, and set you on a path to save all year long.

Switch and Save

For the items used most such as laundry detergent, health and beauty supplies, paper towels and more, switch to retailers' private brands, which offer great quality at much more affordable prices.

Chances are, the quality is as good as its national brand competitor, and the savings to your wallet can be great.

Grocery Savings

While you can dramatically limit spending in areas like entertainment, certain expenses, such as groceries, are a must. Make sure your dollars are well spent.

Look for brands that carry a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee. For example, Clover Valley, available exclusively at Dollar General stores throughout the country, offers a complete refund if you aren't fully satisfied with the product quality. That means you can try new things without worrying about whether your family will like them, and save even more on items like coffee, cereal, potato chips, pasta and more.

Digital Coupons and Offers

Digital coupons are becoming increasingly popular with retailers. Sign up to receive coupons and special online offers via text message, or look in smartphone application stores for retailers' apps.

You can also search for and print coupons online to use in stores. For example, the Dollar General Coupon Center at www.DollarGeneral.com can help save you more money, providing numerous coupons to use in addition to its everyday low prices.

For social media users, also look for exclusive deals available online through Facebook and Twitter pages.

With these easy tips, you can save money this New Year without sacrificing quality on your daily and weekly needs.

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First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

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Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Parsonage

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Sunday Worship

10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/

Celebrate the New Year in Texas with 10 free flowering trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Texas can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2014.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two Sargent crabapple, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns, three white flowering dogwoods.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Texas lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1st and May 31st, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2014. Texas residents can also join online at arborday.org/january.

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse annual meeting set for January 13th

The annual membership meeting of the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse will be held at 6pm, Monday, January 13th, in the rodeo arena clubhouse at 221 US Highway 80 East, Baird, TX 79504.

Officers and Directors for 2014 will be elected and other CCSP business transacted,

including plans for a ranch rodeo on April 26th in conjunction with Bankhead Highway Days.

All CCSP members are encouraged to attend as well as those who are interested in supporting, joining or participating in the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse.

Cross Plains American Legion Post #423 Welcomes New Members

The Cross Plains American Legion Post #423 has experienced a recent growth in membership and would like to encourage all local and area Veterans to join their organization. The group meets the last Thursday of each month

at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on N.E. 1st Street and Beech Street in Cross Plains.

Wives of veterans are welcome to attend and a meal is served at each meeting.

All veterans are cordially invited to attend.

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Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

9:30

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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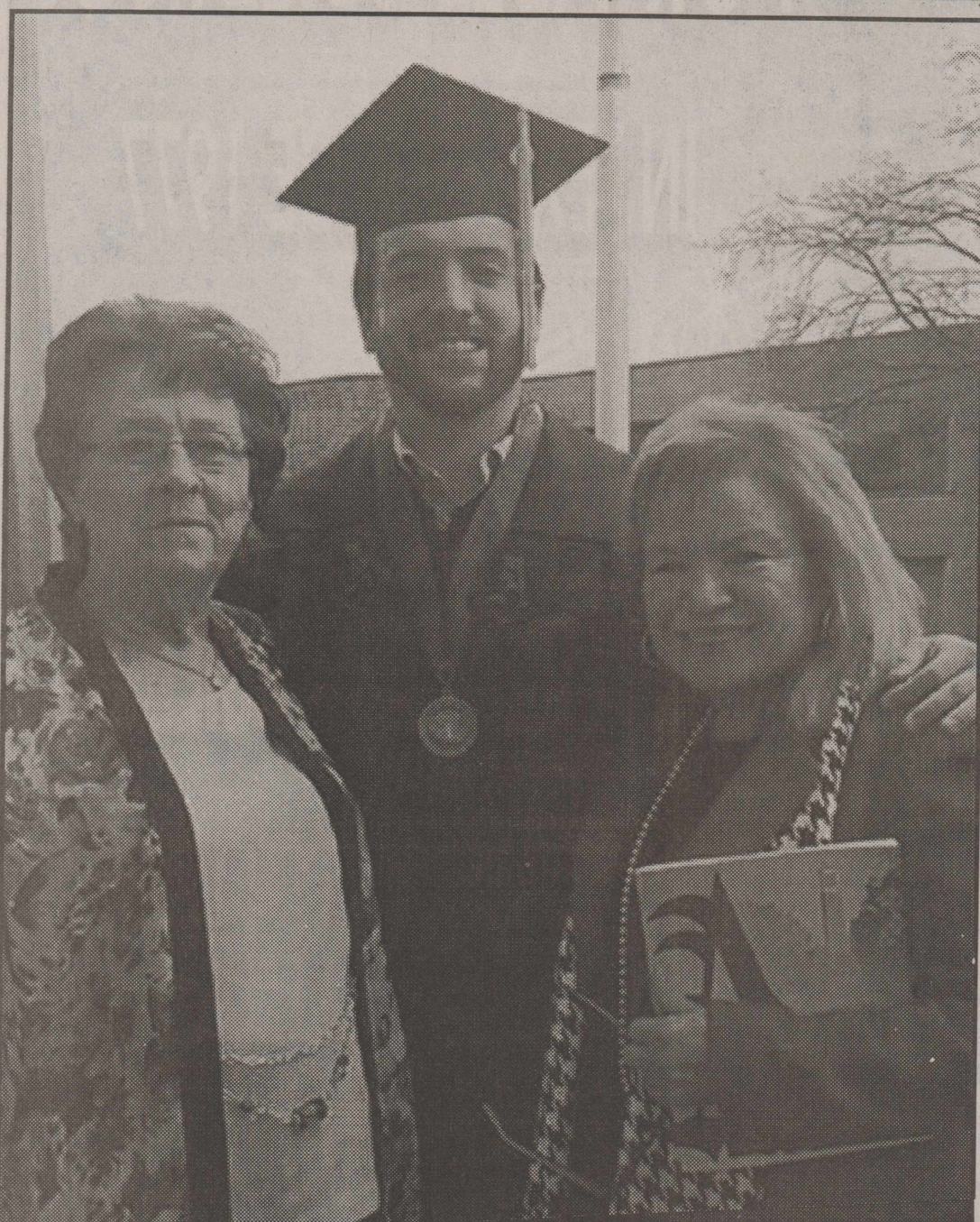
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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Congratulations — Chase Nickerson, center, along with his grandmother, Dena Nickerson of Cottonwood (left) and his mother, Terry Delgado. Chase graduated from the University of Alabama on December 14th. He is also the son of Glynn Nickerson of Boerne. Congratulations, Chase!

Happy New Year to everyone! 2 to 2 1/2 inches of rain was reported in Cottonwood right before Christmas.

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Bake Sale. We appreciate those who baked for us - and Louise, Jim, Deana, Teri, Sue, Tom and Fred who came and helped out at the sale. Your donations keep our fire group going. Proceeds from the bake sale go towards gas and maintenance on the firetrucks.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold a meeting on Friday, January 3, at 5 p.m. to plan out the upcoming Fish Fry. All Fire Control Members are urged to attend the meeting.

David Weaver of Corpus Christi was here for Christmas visiting his mother, Mary Ella Weaver.

Brandon and Ethan Maxwell are here visiting with their grandparents, Joe and Deana Terstegge over the holidays.

Teri and Gilbert spent Christmas Day with her mother, Beverly Brown. We wheeled Gilbert into the basement and brought Christmas dinner downstairs, so that we could share the holiday meal together. Jennifer Brown Ka'aikala, who lives in Lanai, Hawaii, called and surprised Aunt Beverly for Christmas. Jenny and her family lived in Cottonwood when she was about 6 or 7 years old.

Her mother, Valetta Brown, passed away in Indiana earlier in December.

Did you have family here for the holidays? Let me know and we'll mention them in next weeks column, when we round up the holiday news. Give me a call at 254-725-73369 or email your new to Teri. Teri@CottonwoodTexas.com.

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

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Cross Plains School Menu

January 6-10

BREAKFAST

Monday-French Toast Sticks, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Scrambles Eggs, Biscuit, Gravy, Fruit or Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY- P.B. & J. Sandwich, Fruit or Juice, Milk

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

Friday -Breakfast Burrito, Fruit or Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday -Cheese Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Broccoli, Salsa, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk

TUESDAY- Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, Black-Eyed Peas, Pears, Milk

WEDNESDAY- Grilled Cheese, Vegetable Soup, Baby Carrots, Fruit Cup, Milk

THURSDAY- Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Apple Slices, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk

FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Hamburger Garnish, Seasoned Corn, Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Senior Citizens Center Activities

January 6-10

Monday, 6th - Exercise 11:00

Tuesday, 7th- Exercise 11:00

Wednesday, 8th - Exercise 11:00

Thursday, 9th - Exercise 11:00

Friday, 10th - Exercise 11:00

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

January 6-10

Monday - Chicken Salad Sandwich/Chips/Jello/Cookie/Drink

Tuesday -Vegetable Beef Soup/ Crackers/Fruit Cup Dessert/Drink

Wednesday- Hamburger Steak/Gravy/Potatoes/Carrots/ Bread/Dessert/Drink

Thursday - BBQ Sausage/ Pinto Beans/Potato Salad/ Cornbread/Dessert/Drink

FRIDAY - Meatloaf/Potatoes/ Spinach/Bread/Dessert/Drink

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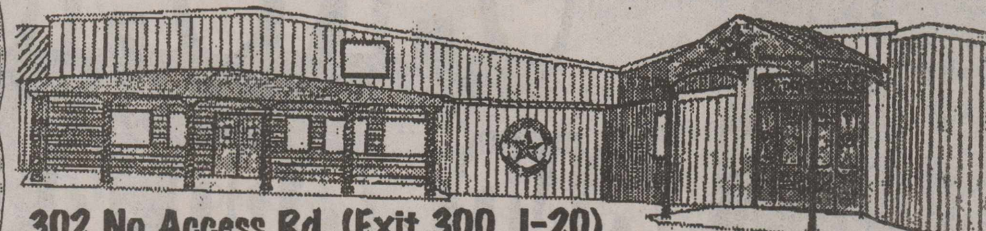
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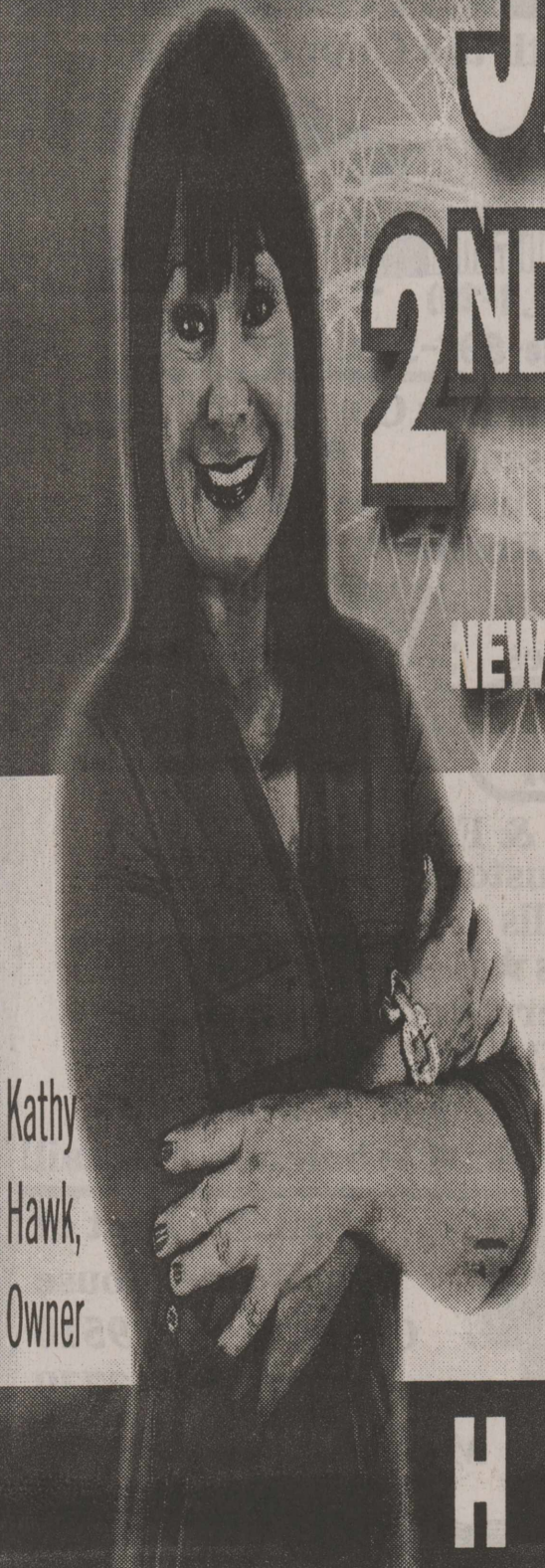
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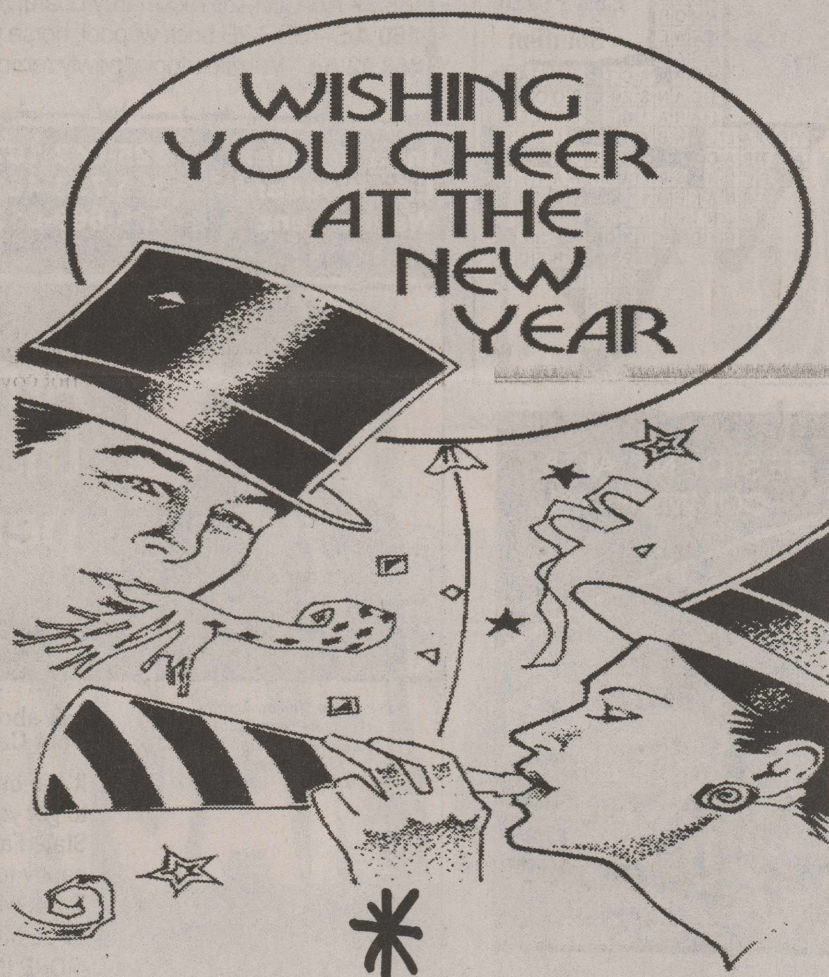
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Tree Pruning to ANSI Standards

You and your landscape trees have made it through another season - drought, insects, or early leaf drop might have been the battles you had to fight for months ... at least as far as your trees are concerned. You may think that because the now dormant, leafless trees have made it this far into the calendar, you can now breathe easy. Think again! With winter storms approaching, hazards in trees should be removed now - before they damage property or the tree.

Winter is a great time to examine the stability and health of your trees, say tree care experts. Why? With the leaves off, cracks, defects and deadwood are easier to see. "Most trees can be pruned year-round, if pruned properly," says Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP* and staff arborist for the Tree Care Industry Association. "And certain operations are easier to do in the winter, if the ground is frozen or the tree is not actively growing."

Some homeowners worry that arborists will not be able to determine deadwood on a tree when the leaves are off. "On the contrary," says Andersen. "This is the best time for an arborist to locate deadwood by looking for changes in branch color, fungus growth, cracks, and other symptoms that can help them make this determination. Since the leaves are off, the view of the entire tree's architecture is clear and a thorough check can be performed."

"Pruning is much more than the simple act of sawing off limbs. Proper pruning is an art based on scientific principles of plant physiology. At its most basic level, pruning trees involves removing damaged, dead or structurally weak limbs, which will improve a tree's health and reduce the chances of personal or property damage caused by falling limbs. More advanced pruning methods aid in improving the tree's structure and long-term health."

Proper pruning encourages growth, increases flower and fruit production, improves plant health, and removes damaged limbs, all which give aesthetic appeal to a tree. Pruning at the right time and in the right way is critical, since it is possible to kill a tree through neglect or over-pruning.

How can a homeowner know if an arborist will prune a tree correctly?

Ask the arborist if they prune according to the American National Standards Institute standard for tree pruning, which is called ANSI A300," says Andersen. This standard recommends, and in some cases requires, that the use of certain tools, cutting techniques and pruning methods be followed, and sets the standard definitions for terms the arborist will use in your estimate. Properly written work estimates for tree pruning should be written in accordance with ANSI A300 standards. In addition to the information given on the work estimate, ANSI A300 sets some guidelines for basic pruning practices that arborists should follow.

Arborists adhering to the ANSI A300 pruning standard will:

- not leave branch stubs
- make few or no heading cuts
- not cut off the branch collar (not make a flush cut)
- not top or lion's tail trees (stripping a branch from the inside leaving foliage just at the ends)
- not remove more than 25 percent of the foliage of a single branch
- not remove more than 25 percent of the total tree foliage in a single year
- not damage other parts of the tree during pruning
- not use wound paint
- not prune without a good reason
- * not climb the tree with climbing spikes.

Find a professional (A professional arborist can assess your

landscape and work with you to determine the best trees and shrubs to plant for your existing landscape.

Contact the Tree Care Industry Association, a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org. *Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Treecare Safety Professional. TCIA arborists, safety and business professionals are also available as sources for tree related articles and issues: 1-800-733-2622 or andersen@tcia.org.

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DPS Graduates 102 State Troopers in Austin

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw and Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon today were joined by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott as the department commissioned 102 men and women as Highway Patrol troopers during the recruit graduation ceremony. Attorney General Abbott was the keynote speaker during the ceremony, which was held at Great Hills Baptist Church.

"After persevering through months of intensive training, these recruits have demonstrated the character to meet - and master - the daily challenges that face a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper," said Attorney General Abbott. "My thanks go out to all of these brave men and women for taking the oath to serve and protect their fellow Texans."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

"Thank you to all the recruits here today for the hard work and dedication you've shown during the past six months - what you have accomplished is no small feat," said Chair Leon. "I encourage you to take a moment and realize how far you've come, be proud of yourself and who you've become. You are among the select few who have what it takes to carry on the esteemed tradition of this department."

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in July. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received

training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"Today you will take your place on the front lines, protecting Texas from a multitude of threats," said Director McCraw. "As a Texas State Trooper, the dangers you now face are more varied than what many of your predecessors encountered, and the intense and specialized training you possess will be indispensable as you join the fight against the organized, transnational and covert criminal enterprises that threaten this state on a daily basis."

Individuals interested in joining the Texas Highway Patrol and becoming a state trooper can visit the DPS website, www.joindps.com, for more information.

New Report: Under Electric Deregulation, Texans Pay Less Than National Average; Outside Deregulation, Texans Get Even Better Deals

AUSTIN, Texas— Residential electricity prices in areas of Texas with deregulated electricity service have dipped below the national average for the first time in a decade, according to a new report from the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power.

The lower prices in 2012 represent the fourth consecutive year of declining prices for Texans under electric deregulation. The improving prices parallel a recent decline in electricity-related complaints in Texas.

However, the news is not all good for Texans under deregulation. The new TCAP analysis also shows that Texans in deregulated areas have continued paying significantly more, on average, than Texans outside deregulation. Texans in deregulated areas would have saved more than \$22 billion collectively since 2002 had average residential electric prices under deregulation matched average prices outside deregulation, the report shows.

"This is another good news-bad news story for electricity consumers in Texas," said Dr. Randy Moravec, executive director for the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power. "Residential electricity prices under deregu-

lation continue trending in the right direction. But those prices are still higher than what power customers pay in areas of Texas not subject to deregulation. This analysis shows there's still plenty of room for improvement under our deregulation law."

The findings are part of a new "Snapshot" report from the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power. It was released Thursday on the TCAP website, www.tcaptx.com.

Under electric deregulation, retail electric providers in approximately 85 percent of the state can compete for customers. The analysis examines residential pricing data in those areas, and compares it with pricing data in areas of Texas outside deregulation (such as areas served by municipally-owned utilities and electric cooperatives). The analysis includes data for all years from 2002 - the first year of deregulation - through 2012. The report does not cover 2013 because the data needed for the pricing analysis is not yet available for that year.

The report shows that average residential electricity prices in deregulated areas of Texas have been as much as 46 percent

higher than those in areas of Texas outside deregulation. Had Texans under deregulation paid the same average prices as Texans exempt from deregulation, Texans under deregulation collectively would have saved \$1.5 billion in 2012, according to the report.

A typical customer paying average electricity prices charged by deregulated retail electric providers would have saved more than \$280 in 2012 if that customer instead had paid the average electricity prices paid by Texans in areas outside deregulation. Over the course of deregulation, the computed savings for such a customer would have exceeded \$4,500, according to the report.

ABOUT the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power

Unlike the sponsors of other reports about the state's deregulated power market, TCAP derives no profit from selling electricity. Instead, the 168 cities and other political subdivisions that comprise TCAP purchase electricity for their own governmental needs. TCAP wants what all Texans want: an affordable and reliable supply of power and a vibrant economy.

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New funds approved for critical repairs to damaged roads in booming energy areas experiencing unprecedented growth

AUSTIN - Recognizing a growing traffic safety concern in the state's energy-production areas, the Texas Transportation Commission today, Thursday, December 19th, awarded a \$150 million contract to Austin-Angel, JV (Austin Bridge & Road and Angel Brothers) for much-needed road work resulting from the state's oil and gas boom. The funding, part of the \$225 million provided by the Legislature through House Bill 1025 for energy sector road improvements, will allow the Texas Department of Transportation to begin repairing and rehabilitating roadways damaged by heavy trucks and increased traffic in these regions.

"The energy sector provides a tremendous economic boost to the state of Texas, but it must be supported in a manner that is safe to everyone on our roadways," said Texas Transportation Commissioner Fred Underwood. "Our decision today will get much-needed work started so that we can improve travel for drivers on these roads."

In 2012, crashes in Texas' five energy sectors (Eagle Ford Shale, Permian Basin, Barnett Shale, Granite Wash and

Haynesville/Bossier), rose by 6 percent over the previous year, while fatalities rose 13 percent.

"While increased energy exploration and production activities are yielding tremendous economic benefits for Texas, the unprecedented volumes of heavy traffic are contributing to crashes and fatalities," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "We are pleased that our commission agreed to fund some of these safety-focused rehabilitation and repair projects."

Overall, the \$150 million project, set to begin in spring of 2014, will improve mobility and address safety concerns by widening damaged roadways to better accommodate the increased volume of heavy vehicles. Focused on the Corpus Christi, Laredo, San Antonio and Yoakum districts, Austin-Angel, JV will reconstruct or resurface 27 roadways and bridges in most need of restoration.

Today's \$150 million award follows September's \$75 million dollar allocation that allowed repairs to begin in the Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, Odessa and San Angelo districts. With this action, all \$225 million pro-

vide by House Bill 1025 has been awarded to construction projects.

More about roadway needs in energy sector

As the Texas oil and gas industries help move the United States toward energy independence, the state has identified more than \$400 million in immediate roadway safety needs such as repairs to severe edge damage on narrow roadways, deep rutting and pavement damage caused by the increased traffic associated with these activities. Estimates show an additional \$1 billion per year is needed to restore roadways heavily impacted by energy development to "good" or "better" conditions.

With more than 80,000 miles of highway, Texas has the largest highway system in the nation. In addition to the booming energy industry, Texas grows by more than 1,000 new people each day, further crowding the state's aging transportation system. The increasing number of vehicles combined with the state's aging highways will continue to require a balanced program of preventative maintenance, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

Painting is an easy way to spruce up your home for the holidays

With year-end holidays fast approaching, it won't be long before friends and family are at your door. Worried that your home isn't company-ready? Don't panic. . .paint, advises Debbie Zimmer, paint and color expert at the Paint Quality Institute.

Adding a fresh paint color scheme is a great way to beautify a home quickly and inexpensively says Zimmer. And with several weekends left before company arrives, there's still plenty of time to do some interior painting before finishing your holiday preparations.

Interior painting has always been regarded as an effective, hurry-up way to enhance the

appearance of a home. But Zimmer says that today, interior painting can be done faster and more easily than ever before using one of the new paint-and-primer coatings.

As the name implies, these products work as both primer and paint in a single coat, so they're ideal for time-pressed do-it-yourselfers, says Zimmer.

Like interior primers, these new products do a great job of hiding the existing paint color and marks on the walls - and, like high-end paints, they impart a beautiful, easy-to-maintain finish that resists stains and is easily washable.

Getting the performance of both a primer and a paint in a

single can lets you short-circuit the normal painting regimen, says Zimmer. Rather than applying a coat of primer and two or more coats of paint, you can simply apply two coats of a paint-and-primer product and eliminate the third application, saving a lot of time.

If you think a holiday home makeover may be in your future, Zimmer offers some tips:

- Concentrate on painting the rooms where your company will spend the most time that will provide the best return on your investment.
- In very large rooms (or, if

you wait until the last minute), consider painting just one accent wall in an attractive new color. It will give the entire room a fresh appearance for the holidays, and if you want, you can paint the other walls later on.

• If it suits your taste, select a holiday paint color. Coincidentally, red is one of the best colors for a dining room; and green and silver-grey, both holiday hues, are projected to be among the hottest interior paint colors next year.

• Should the weather be mild, think about repainting the front door to help create a great first impression of your home. For the same reason, consider painting your foyer.

• To get the most durable paint job, use a quality paint containing 100% acrylic latex, ideally in a higher sheen level. Should your holiday revelers get reckless, you'll appreciate the easy-to-clean finish on your new paint job.

Zimmer offers one last reason to put interior painting on your holiday to-do list:

While lights, decorations, and ornaments will all come down in January, a fresh new interior paint job will bring joy throughout the year and for many holiday seasons to come, she says.

For more information about paint, painting, and color selection, visit the Paint Quality Institute blog at blog.paint-quality.com.

Take a pass on high gas. Don't Roam...Shop at Home!

Cross Plains Yearbooks

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Hair Sheep Reserve Champion: James Brady - Lubbock, TX
Breeder: Roeder Brothers - Fredericksburg, TX
Grand Champion Lamb: Aaricka Thomas - Eden, TX
Breeder: Fred Chandler - Ozona, TX
Reserve Grand Champion Lamb: Lexi Hogan - Trent, TX
Breeder: 2WF Club Lambs, New Home, TX
Junior Showman: Ashland

Vogler - Abilene, TX, Stoney Cooley - Tuscola
Senior Showman: Lexi Hogan - Trent, TX, Aaricka Thomas - Eden, TX
Prize Winners:
Clippers-Colby McGonagill - Baird, TX
Blocking Table-Abbie Mullen - Aspermont, TX
Showbox-Thomas Mullen - Aspermont, TX
GOATS:
Champion Lightweight Division: Aaricka Thomas - Eden, TX
Breeder: Glynn Hutto - Eldorado, TX
Reserve Champion Lightweight Division: Shae Nicholson - Abilene, TX
Breeder: Dr. Gary Vannoy - Abilene, TX
Champion Middleweight Division: Ashley Hamilton - Lubbock, TX
Breeder: Hugh & Ann Schafer - Big Spring, TX
Reserve Champion Middleweight Division: Briley Banks - Rotan, TX
Breeder: Edward & Vanessa Vaughan - Baird, TX
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Breeder: Hugh & Ann Schafer - Big Spring, TX
Reserve Champion Heavyweight Division: Lexi Hogan - Trent, TX
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Breeder: Hugh & Ann Schafer - Big Spring, TX
Reserve Champion Goat: Ashley Hamilton - Lubbock, TX
Breeder: Hugh & Ann Schafer - Big Spring, TX
Junior Showman: Cooper

Mascorro - Abilene, TX, Shae Nicholson - Abilene, TX
Senior Showman: Rachel Everheart - Bronte, TX, Aaricka Thomas - Eden, TX
Prize Winners:
Clippers-Landyn Young - Big Spring, TX
Blocking Table-Shae Nicholson - Abilene, TX
Showbox-Kenna Mark Munden - Merkel, TX
HOGS:
Black OPB Champion: Aiden Richburg - Roscoe, TX
Breeder: Levi Canales - Amarillo, TX
Black OPB Reserve Champion: Scott Hemwall - Clyde, TX
Breeder: Ryan Koltermann - St. Hedwig, TX
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Breeder: Clarence & Barbara Schafer - Rowena, TX
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Breeder: Rafter 9 H - Cross Plains, TX
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Hampshire Reserve Champion: Tess Campbell - Hermleigh, TX
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Berk Champion: Kutter Peyton - Seminole, TX
Breeder: Logan & Laura Thomas - Brazil, IN
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Breeder: Carl Pyron - Tuscola, TX
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Ricky Wayne Waddell
Ellen Brown
Lila Payne
Eddie Eddington
J.T. Isbell

JANUARY 11

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Terry Dewbre
Barbara Johnson
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Angie Sanders

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JANUARY 13

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Five Most Intelligent Breeds of Dogs

Think your dog deserves to sit at the head of the class? If your pooch is one of these breeds, you're probably right! We surveyed 122 veterinary professionals to learn which dog breeds are the smartest, and the five listed below garnered the most votes.



BORDER COLLIE

No. 1: Border Collie
The Border Collie is an intense, hardworking, highly energetic dog whose ability to impose his will upon sheep is legendary. In fact, he's so good, he just might impose his will on you, too. He has astounding focus, which is a real plus in the field, but if he's left without a job to do, that focus can be a problem.

Still doubt this dog's smarts? Check out Chaser, the Border Collie who learned over a thousand words!



GERMAN SHEPHERD

No. 2: German Shepherd
The German Shepherd is an adaptable, fearless dog who's

a natural protector, making him a great fit for military and police work.

However, even if you don't carry a badge, he's still a loyal, energetic companion. He loves spending time with his family, especially if that time is spent playing, running, hiking, working or doing something else that uses up some of that boundless energy.



POODLE PUPPY

No. 3: Poodle
Don't judge the Poodle by his fancy fur and pretty face. This dog has beauty and brains, along with a serious sense of humor. Poodles are far from prissy; they're active dogs who thrive on learning and attention from those they love. Poodles are fabulous choices for agility and obedience competitions - but keep in mind that even though he's not a froufrou show dog, your Poodle will still need intense grooming.



AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD

No. 4: Australian Shepherd
The Australian Shepherd is one devoted dog, and he's not afraid to show his love by leaning on your leg, sitting on your foot or finding a way into your lap (never mind the fact that he might weigh as much as 65 pounds). But he's not just a snuggle bug; he's a total braniac who excels in just about anything he puts his sharp mind to - obedience, agility, flying disc competitions, herding trials, you name it.



GOLDEN RETRIEVER

No. 5: Golden Retriever
The gentle Golden Retriever is a people pleaser, to be sure, but this sweet face has a big brain behind it. Originally developed to hunt, today's Golden Retrievers are fiercely devoted family dogs who need plenty of exercise in order to keep destructive tendencies at bay. Like the other smarties on this list, he's a good choice for activities that utilize his mind and body, so go ahead and sign him up for that dock diving or fly dog competition. As long as you're willing to put in the work to teach him, he'll do the rest.

REMEMBER the Library's Student Writing Contest

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

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

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ACROSS

- TXism: "nuff"
- "love" south of the border
- Boerne event: "Kid" Fiber Fair
- TXism: "quick on the"
- TXism: "the shoots from the"
- TXism: "play possum"
- imperfection (2 wds.)
- TX Nash's "Clearly Now"
- TXism: "your barn open" (unzipped fly)
- Stephens of Cowboy cheerleader movies
- "Texas Troubadour" Tubb
- words yankees think TXns say
- Midland-Odessa FM radio
- TX Roy Orbison ballad
- WWII military track vehicle that moved on land or water
- TX Duane Allen's "Oak Boys"
- TXism: "enough to pucker a pig"
- kid area at "Six Flags Fiesta Texas"
- "Springs"
- TXism: "aggressive as salesman"
- Rivers, TX
- TV ratings co.

DOWN

- in the winter, you can see one at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge (2 wds.)
- title for TXns Phyllis George & Shirley Cothran
- in Wichita Co. on Hwy. 370
- this Cowboy Pearson caught the "Hail Mary"
- many TXns fought in Southeast
- TXism: "more than liars in Texas"
- TXism: "charge hell with a bucket of water" (fearless)
- apt call letters for a Red River radio station?
- TXism: "abouts"
- relaxation tub
- TXism: "mad as eyed cow"
- destruction
- co. that TX Perot founded (abbr.)
- TXism: "old as drunkard"
- major Dallas artery ending with "way"
- golf peg
- citrus drink
- TXism: "hell bent (determined)"
- "The Ranger"
- Denton's 940 code
- UT famed formation: "bone"
- seize a crook
- Dublin celebrates Patrick's Day
- TXism: "how doing?"
- Gov. Roberts (1878-82)
- San Antonio university (abbr.)
- Switzerland tourist resort town
- NASA event in Space Shuttle era
- TXism: "the rodeo over" (finished)
- TX singer Henley who wrote & sang "Dirty Laundry" (init.)
- 43rd president: TX Bush (2001-09)
- TXism: "take a look"
- Livingston is seat of this county
- series of items
- TX Mickey Gilley sang "I've Said It Again"
- an Astro or a Ranger messed up
- Aransas Pass festival: "Shrimpo"
- "Billy the"
- ex-Cowboy RB (init.)
- silent film? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "lower a snake's navel"
- TXism: "ain't"

Resolve to Tread Texas State Park Trails in 2014

AUSTIN — Vow to battle the post-holiday letdown and shed those unwanted pounds by pounding a Texas State Park trail, beginning Jan. 1st, at more than 60 organized **First Day Hikes** that will kick off the New Year as part of a growing nationwide tradition. Remember, too, that most Texas state parks host hiking events of various lengths and degrees of difficulty throughout the year.

Last year, 1,100 dedicated souls gave their soles a workout in less than ideal weather during **First Day Hike** events held in 57 Texas State Parks. It was the second year for state parks throughout Texas to host a New Year's Day walk, hike or run as part of the national program begun by the National Association of State Parks Directors. Last year, 720 first-day hikes in state parks throughout the nation drew 22,000 park visitors who hiked 43,000 miles.

"First Day Hikes has become an established signature park event that helps Texas families create traditions they can follow year after year to get them outdoors in our state parks to share camaraderie and a renewed sense of adventure," says Karen Blizzard, Texas State Parks First Day Hikes coordinator. "We are expecting even more Texas State Parks, many of which offer guided and interpretive walks, to join in the fun this year."

The Maryland Park Service is coordinating the nation's 2014 events under the auspices of the National Association of State

Parks Directors. This year, a NASPD affiliate member, the **American Hiking Society**, has joined to support the First Day Hikes around the country.

Hiking in Texas state parks offer many health benefits that help combat childhood diabetes and adolescent obesity, provide a source of Vitamin D from sunshine and help burn off unwanted pounds. Did you know a 163-pound woman can burn nine calories a minute during a brisk one-hour walk, or about 555 calories, and a 190-pound man roughly 646 calories during a brisk, one-hour hike?

Mother Neff State Park near Moody recorded 115 first-day hikers to lead the Texas State Park system turnout this past Jan. 1, followed by **Franklin Mountains State Park** in El Paso that hosted 78 visitors to the Chihuahuan Desert high country. Mother Neff will offer a guided hike over four miles of trails, starting at 2 p.m., while West Texas hikers up for more of a challenge can test their endurance in the **Peak Fitness Challenge** by climbing 1,000 feet in elevation on a 3.5 mile round-trip trek to Munday's Gap in the Franklin Mountains. Like most First Day events, there is no charge, but park entry fees apply.

First Day Hikes vary in difficulty and required fitness levels, ranging from short, leisurely nature walks through forested trails, the beach and along boardwalks to special bird watching and interpretive cultural/

natural history hikes. **Fort Richardson State Park & Historic Site** in Jacksboro, for example, is hosting a one-half mile nature hike on the medium difficulty-rated Kicking Bird Trail. Participants are encouraged to bring a camera, binoculars, water and snacks.

Recent on-site Texas State Park visitor surveys revealed that hiking trails were the most sought-after park amenity. As a result, a number of state parks have added new trails or extended existing trails to accommodate the growing demand from hikers and bikers.

Blizzard reminds Texans that any time is a good time to go for a nature walk, short hike or longer backpacking trek in a Texas state park. A number of parks will be hosting guided hikes this winter suitable for families and many trails are paved and wheelchair-accessible.

Hiking trails run the gamut from short, flat nature trails with interpretive signage at many sites to the challenging Lighthouse Trail at **Palo Duro Canyon State Park** and overnight backpacking trails at **Dinosaur Valley State Park** and **Lost Maples and Dinosaur Valley** state natural areas. Those seeking a true desert "wilderness" experience can head to **Big Bend Ranch State Park's** 19-mile Rancherías Loop that takes hikers from the Rio Grande flatlands near Lajitas into rugged canyon terrain featuring desert seeps and springs, rugged canyons and scenic overlooks.

Missing Clyde lady found following Christmas day search

92 year old Ruby Lester of Clyde was reported missing on Christmas Day.

Her daughter Margie and son-in-law Garland Wade spoke with Ruby on Christmas Eve and made plans to spend a part of Christmas day with her.

The Wade's said when they arrived at Ruby's house on Christmas day the front door was unlocked, but no one was inside.

On closer examination of her home, located on CR 120 & FM 604, nothing appeared to be missing from the home, only Ruby, her night gown and house shoes.

Her son-in-law Garland said Ruby had occasionally shown signs of dementia, so when they arrived and did not find her at home the family reported her missing, fearing she had walked outside in the cold and gotten lost.

The Callahan County Sheriff's Department, the Clyde Police Department and many friends and neighbors searched for Ruby on Christmas Day, but it was at about 8:30 a.m. on Thursday morning that helicopter pilot Dustin Johnson, hovering above the



RUBY MAXINE LESTER

property spotted the small lady's body about 100 yards northeast of her home.

Ruby's husband of 68 years, Carson "CL" Lester died about 4 years ago. Ruby continued to stay on in the family home and tend to her garden, fruit trees, and flowers. Ruby will be remembered for her wonderful cooking (pecan pies were her speciality) and sweet personality. If she had anything extra, she gave it away to friends and neighbors, Wade said, mostly cantaloupes and tomatoes.

A graveside service for Ruby Maxine Lester was held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2013, in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, Abilene.

Ruby was born June 25, 1921 to Jessie Terrel McCord and Sarah Alice McDougal in Jacksboro, Texas. She married Carson Lester on October 5, 1941. Ruby was a homemaker; loved gardening, playing cards, and cooking for her family. She enjoyed camping in Colorado. Ruby was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carson Lester; two sisters; and three brothers.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Dennis and husband, Bob, of Colorado City, Texas and Margie Wade and husband, Garland of Abilene; grandchildren, Tammy Midwell, Scott Jaco, Eddie Midwell, Gaylene Carpenter, Chuck Wade, and Kevin Wade; seven great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Resolutions for a Peaceful New Year

How you, and your children, can start to create peace and harmony this year

BY: Naomi Drew

The joy and hope of this new year are tempered by heaviness in our hearts as conflict rages abroad, and young lives are lost daily. Regardless of our religious, ethnic, or political orientation, we each feel the pain of this loss, and have great compassion for families whose loved ones are fighting abroad. May we take care not to get so swept up in the busy-ness of our lives that we lose touch with the heartache that many in our midst are enduring. Now, more than ever, it's essential that we bring the spirit of peace, love, and goodwill toward each other into the new year. May this be a time of healing, compassion, and reaching out—a time to transcend our differences, and strengthen our human connections.

How do we stay in touch with and convey to our children spirit and meaning peace, love, and good will? How can we embody each of these in our actions? What follows are some answers to these questions.

1. Speak from the heart.
Let people know either by your spoken words, or through notes you send, how much you

love and care about them. Avoid the superficial and inauthentic. Reach deep into your heart and soul, and speak from these when you connect with others. Encourage your children to do the same.

2. Forgive someone.
Think of one person, past or present, toward whom you have ill feelings. Be it a parent, a sibling, a spouse, child, or someone who was once your friend, ask yourself if you can find it in your heart to grant them forgiveness. Sit down and write a note of forgiveness to this person. This note is just for you. When you're finished, ask yourself if you're ready to make a phone call or send an actual note that helps mend fences. Talk to your children about your process and see if they have someone they need to forgive. Let them know that forgiving is one of the greatest gestures of generosity we can make.

3. Listen with compassion.
So often conversation tends toward the mundane. We go through the motions of talking and listening while our internal conversations ramble on. This year, try listening with an open heart even if you disagree. Listening compassionately simply means that you're

making an effort to understand. Try putting yourself in the other person's place as you listen, and see what you can learn. Encourage your children to do this as well. Compassionate listening is another gesture of true magnanimity.

4. Stop and notice.
The rush-rush nature of life often compels us to engage in back-to-back activities without soaking in what we're experiencing. Stop, notice, and take in the small moments: the look in your child's eyes as you admire a drawing she made for you in school; the feel of your mother's arms around you after having been apart; the sound of your friend's voice a thousand miles away. Then, later, reflect. Take some time to write about subtle observations and emotions that you experienced just by stopping and noticing. Resist getting swept up in the swirl. Instead, stay present to the richness of each moment.

5. Make a difference for someone in need.
What can you do to make a difference in someone's life? My sister has a wonderful ritual of taking her children to a home for the aged each New Year's. She and her girls give

homemade gifts to elderly people who have no families to visit them. My sister has shared many stories with me about the tears and hugs of the people she and her children have connected with. The small handmade gifts and shared conversation are priceless to the elderly people who would otherwise be alone during this time. Think of things you and your family can do to reach out to others.

6. Continue several of the above suggestions all year long.
If we each made the conscious decision to live in the spirit of peace, love, and goodwill every single day, our world would slowly start to change. For this new year, and all year long, remind yourself and your children that this essential change in our world begins with each of you. We can each be the candle that helps to light the world.

For those of you who have loved ones serving overseas, deepest prayers go to you and to those you love. May they be well wherever they are, and may, someday soon, we find a way to live in peace.

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TxDot work to prevent drunk driving this holiday season

AUSTIN—The Texas Hospitality Association has partnered with the Texas Department of Transportation to prevent drunk driving this holiday season. The P.A.S.S. (Person Appointed to Stay Sober) campaign encourages Texans to enjoy the season safely by giving the gift of a sober ride home and by making it easier for sober drivers to enjoy holiday festivities.

"A safe, sober ride home is always a great present to give or receive," said Ricky Knox, president of THA. The Texas Hospitality Association encourages Texans to give the gift of a sober ride to their family and friends, or to designate a sober driver in advance if they know they will be drinking."

To help remind Texans to drink responsibly, THA will distribute over 3 million bottle tags to businesses that sell adult beverages and over half a million bill inserts for restaurants, bars and clubs to include with a patron's tab. Individuals can visit the association website at www.TexasHospitalityAssociation.com to print off their own sober driver "gift certificate" to include with alcoholic gifts. The campaign also encourages people to support sober drivers by offering non-alcoholic beverages at all holiday functions.

Texans can also use the TxDOT website www.SoberRides.org to find a safe ride home. It provides users with information on nearby cabs,

public transportation, limo services, and pedicabs, along with walking maps, help phoning a friend, and more.

"Even small amounts of alcohol can impair a person's ability to drive," Knox said. "A sober driver is someone who has had no alcohol at all, so make sure your guests have non-alcoholic options to enjoy at your parties."

Holiday drinking and driving is serious threat for all holiday travelers. During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2012 to Jan. 1, 2013), there were 776 DWI-alcohol-related crashes in Texas, resulting in 239 serious injuries and 78 fatalities — a 21.8 percent increase in fatalities compared with the previous holiday season. Law enforcement officers throughout the state will work thousands of additional hours this holiday season to crack down on drunk driving, including implementing no-refusal procedures in many metropolitan areas.

For more information on the Holiday P.A.S.S. campaign, contact THA at (512) 638-0270, or TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

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