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NUMBER 6

Cross Plains EMS Monthly Report for March 2009

Sign Up for 3 Month EMT/ECA Course Offered in June

The Cross Plains EMS Volunteers were called for twenty 911 EMS ambulance runs for March. They drove, attended and served 112.25 volunteer hours providing professional services as trained and qualified Emergency Medical Technicians, Attendants and drivers.

Many realize that to meaningfully provide this Cross Plains area community with Emergency Medical service, our 25 trained and qualified active members personally have to be committed to be scheduled on-call as 3 person crews, for 12 hour shifts for every day of the month.

This on-call scheduling required over 2,232 hours of duty to fulfill this community service for March. For a better

perspective, at a modest rate of \$10 per hour, they donated services of \$22,320 for March.

Do you realize that though our volunteers are not paid, EMS services are not free? Professional equipment, ambulances, training, maintenance, electricity, insurances and fuel are costly. Thus, in keeping with the American tradition of personal responsibility and readiness for the next 911 call, each patient or their insurance companies is properly billed for their call.

Thus, though our volunteers donate their time, there is a cost for each ambulance call. The advantage of the volunteer system is not only does each call cost less, Cross Plains had professional Emergency Medical Service! And, that is a biggie.

A 3 month Professional EMT/ECA Course (Emergency Medical Technician/Emergency Care Attendant) will begin in June. Classes will be conducted at the EMS bay Tuesday and Thursday nights from about 6:30 to 10 each day. This book and practical training equips and prepares each for the EMT or ECA national designation and state licensing!

We need your name NOW! Please call John Swift 254-725-6443 — leave a message) or David Holmes 254-725-7141 as soon as possible to apply for this excellent training and service opportunity. If you commit to serving a minimum of 2 years with the Cross Plains service, the EMS pays for the education.

Community Wide Yard Sale Is This Saturday, April 25th

The Beta Sigma Phi sale is the place to start, as early as 8:00 a.m. and open until 2:00 p.m. at the Robert E. Howard Pavilion. There will be a list of all the other sales (20 at this writing) in town with addresses and map. Many, if not most of them, will be open all day.

So visit all the yard and garage sales on this Saturday, April 25, and you may find that special "thing" you need.

If you have decided at the last minute to have a sale, call Wanda Merryman 254-725-4492 by Thursday (today) to see if you can still get on the list.

I know that an antique sofa and an oil painting will be for sale by BSP. There are usually good

surprises, including good books everywhere for 50 cents or a dollar or two. Gently used curtains, linens, glassware, pictures, frames, and many other odds and ends, kitchen utensils, baby "stuff", toys and games, much more, all for re-cycling and re-use.

Maybe that soon-to-be graduated son or daughter is moving into an apartment and needs start-up dishes and pans. This coming weekend will be the perfect time to find what you need at the Community Wide Yard Sale.

Personally, I have changed sizes again and several of us will have

nice clothes on the clothes rack.

By the way, the primary reason the sorority sponsors these sales is to raise money for scholarships we provide to local students. We hope you will support us this coming Saturday.

We are very thankful to those in the community who have supported us with donations to help pay for all the newspaper advertisements in area newspapers. Please look for the ad in today's Cross Plains Review to see who they are.

We are always indebted to the Cross Plains Review for their wonderful cooperation in publicity.

Submitted by
Carol Bennett

Early Voting Begins Monday April 27th

Early voting for the general election for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Trustees and the City Council will begin Monday, April 27th at the Cross Plains City Hall, 201 South Main Street, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.,

and will end May 5, 2009.

Two full term school board members for 3 years (Burlie Taylor and Kim Crockett) and one board member of a one year term (Michael Cowan) are up for election.

Three council seats for the City of Cross Plains are also up for grabs, that of Edwin Weiss, Audrey Purvis and Peg Terrell.

Remember to get out and VOTE for the candidate of your choice!!!!

Turkey Creek Cook-Off and Bull Bash Update

The phones are ringing and we're taking a lot of entries for the Cook-Off and Bull Bash. We are getting some great weather for preparations and working outside.

Thanks to Jones Real Estate for adding money to the Cook-Off. This will contribute to the excitement for everyone.

Categories include brisket, ribs, chicken, chili, bean and a jackpot cobbler.

Other awards will be People's Choice, Showmanship and Friendliest Cook. The cost is \$75 to enter all five. It is \$10 to enter the jackpot cobbler. Contact Lorna at 325-280-5496 for information or to enter.

Call Dana at 325-280-0271 or Jason at 928-897-1135 to enter the bullridding.

The books on the Bull Bash are already over half full, so if you haven't entered you need to do so. We've got a great surprise Bonus Bull this year and awesome stock contractors including Gregg Willingham, Jason Marks, Jerry

Lindley, Riley Samford, Mark Huff, Mike King, Dee Bland and Heath Hoertz.

We will have three professional bull fighters to handle these top notch bulls. They are Josh Hudspeth of Goldthwaite, Aaron Bostic of Houston and Brandon Ortega of Odessa.

Russell Huffman, with Wrangler Photography, will catch all the action and have photos for sale.

Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones will have some one of a kind rodeo apparel and unique items for sale.

Ruff Stock Western will have kid and rodeo items, also.

Thanks to all the Sponsors big or small, they help make this all possible.

Next week I will give an update on the bullriders and believe me they are pretty impressive, and they love our town.

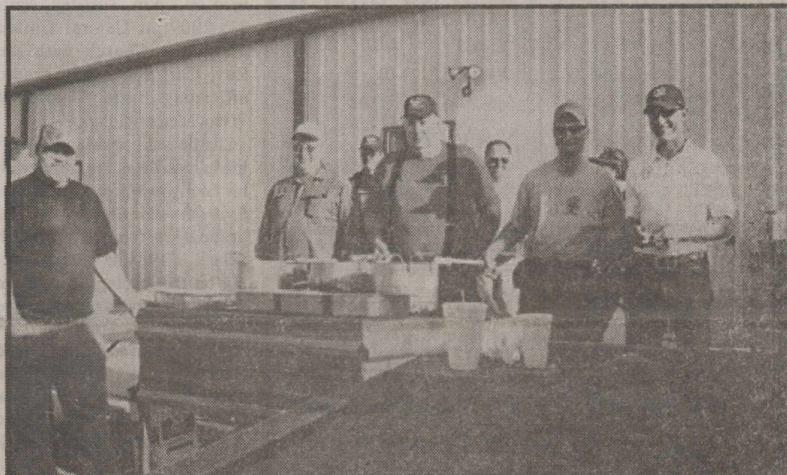
Submitted by
Dana Hall

Ex-Students to meet April 27th

Cross Plains Homecoming meeting for ex-students Monday, April 27th at Cliff and Connie Kirkham's house (20235 FM 2707 Cross Plains). We will be discussing invitations. All ex-students are invited.

Volunteers Needed at Senior Center Citizens Sale

The Cross Plains Senior Center will have a huge sale on Saturday, April 25th beginning at 8:00 am and we need your HELP!! After lunch on Friday, April 24th we need help putting all of the sale items on tables and then working the sale on Saturday. We will open at 8:00 am, so please plan on helping as long as possible. Even if you are able to help for an hour, all will be appreciated!! Please call the center at 254-725-6521 or just show up!



FRYING FISH/CHICKEN AND FRENCH FRIES— Local firemen prepared the tasty food outside the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.



FISH FRY WAS A BIG SUCCESS— The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department had a great turn out last Friday evening for the fund-raiser. Folks are being served the delicious catfish or chicken and trimmings. The local firefighters appreciate the support of the community and area citizens.

BASEBALL PARADE
Saturday, April 25th
9:00 A.M.
Players Meet at Lot Next to
the Dollar General
at 8:30 A.M.
Opening Season
Ceremony
Little League Field
Games to Begin Directly

Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center Recognizes Volunteers and Supporters

The following people have volunteered at the Senior Center during the months of February and March: Lexi Bagley; Linda Burns; Don Davis; Debbie Edington; Michelle Kaiser; Wilma Lawrence; Bobby Jack McCowen; Del and Sharon Pope; Bob and Delores Carter; Diane Woods; Inga Brennan; Karen Lenz; Bill Ray; Roxie Thomas; Rising Star Nursing Center; Lucille Koenig; Dannes Turner; Donna McIntire; Johnnie Elliott; Rachel Riley; Lori Osborne; and Janette Dugger.

Please call the Senior Center if your name was left off. We do want to show appreciation to each one who has given their precious time to the seniors of this community.

The following people and businesses have made a donation to the Senior Center during the months of February and March: James Nichols; Paul Clark; Era Lee Hanke; John Adams; Bill Ray; Royce and Bernice Newman; Cody Hounshell; Mike and Karen Mazanec; Wayne and Joy Mooney; Audrey and Jewel Purvis; Bob and Delores Carer; Ron and Sherlyn Bell; Sally Whiteley; Ray and Kathy Purvis; Virginia Payne and the late Jimmie Payne; Burlie and Jerri Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mettepenningen; Custom Tile; Pancakes Home Stitchin; Avon-Linda Slaymaker; Tim's Floral; Childress Farms; Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply; Johnson's Dry Goods; Higginbotham's;

Connie's Cuts and Curls; Liveoak Land and Real Estate; Texas Heritage Bank; Cross Plains Library; Bobby Jack McCowen; Lena Gage; Oliver Robertson in Honor of Rena Robertson; Wanda Merryman; Joyce Odom Honoring her daughters, Virginia Trevey and Nancy Palmer; Barbara Cook; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ash Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Creager; Glenda Louise Ash; Diane Ring; Rufus and Lou Wilson; Taste of Texas; Cross Plains Frozen Food; Doug and Dawn Dugger; Janette Dugger. Please call the Senior Center if your name or business was left off, as we do appreciate your gracious sharing.

Submitted by
Amber Thomas

Texas Heritage Bank
"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"
Member FDIC
Presents: "What's Inside"
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

832 Ave. E Cross Plains, TX

Pastor: Walter Pope
 Sunday Morning Bible Study ...10:00 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Night Bible Study...6:00 PM



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Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599

Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

Brushy Creek Cowboy Church

112 W. Travis in Putnam

Pastor: Sam Stone

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
 Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Join Us On Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.
 16075 CR 459 Cross Plains, Texas

Pastor: LEN SMITH

For Information
 Call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514

COME AS YOU ARE!



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Every Sunday at 10:30 am

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 (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)

Al Taylor, Preacher



Phone: 254-725-7522
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Rufus Wilson
 Sunday School.....10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 254-725-4589 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley 254-725-4589

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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OBITUARIES

William "Bill" Maurice Holland

William "Bill" Maurice Holland, 51, of Pilot Point, passed away on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. He was born on February 16, 1958 in Los Angeles, CA to Orville M. and Wilda (Weber) Holland. He married Marie Pilkinton on December 16, 2007 in Pilot Point, Texas. He was a sales engineer for M.E. Associates.

A funeral service was held Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Slay Memorial Funeral Center, with burial following at Belew Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Holland of Pilot Point; four sons, William Holland of Louisville, KY, Daniel Chiniewicz, Jacob Petrea and Joseph Petrea, all of Pilot Point; and three daughters, Adreane Ferguson of Glen Rose, Mearny Evans of Haltom City and Shannon Brown of San Antonio. He is also survived by his parents, Orville and Wilda Holland of Cross Plains; one brother, Joe Holland of Cross Plains; and one sister, Susan Glynn of Midland; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Mary Holland of Aubrey.

Charles "Charlie" William Dickenson

Charles "Charlie" William Dickenson, 90, beloved father and loving husband, passed away April 16, 2009. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at Central United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carl and Linda Freeto officiating. Burial followed at Waco Memorial Park.

Charlie was born May 12, 1918 in Melissa, Texas. He moved with his family to Waco, when he was 6 months old. Shortly after his graduation from Waco High School in 1938 he started working on the loading dock of the shipping/receiving department at Waco Hardware Company.

Charlie served in the United States Army as a Sergeant in the 436th Signal Battalion in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Australia during World War II, 1942-1945.

Charlie played semi pro baseball for a few years and loved the sport. As a young boy he met Babe Ruth who gave him one of his bats after an exhibition game. In later years, he loved working outdoors in his yard and prided himself on his perfectly manicured lawn and shrubs. And yard work wasn't complete without his Dr. Pepper.

He volunteered in the community by working with Caritas for fifteen years and served on the Board for six of those years. He also served and delivered meals with Meals on Wheels for twenty years.

Charlie was active in the Methodist Church for over 80 years. For the past twenty, he was a charter member of Central United Methodist Church and over time held every elected office in the church. For the last ten, he was the first person greeting people at the door. Many people said that he was the reason they joined the church because of his

gracious personality and warm smile. He was known as the "official hugger" of the church.

He was known for his honesty, hard work, intelligence, commitment to excellence in all tasks, dedication to family and friends, sense of humor, and kindness. He never met a stranger and was loved by everyone who knew him.

Charlie always noticed special qualities in others and coined a unique nickname to depict those qualities in each person. In his own way he valued and honored others and in return he was loved and respected by all. He was a remarkable and memorable individual. We will miss our Charlie (Papa, Peepaw, Grandpa, Doll) dearly and we will never forget him. He will forever be in our hearts.

He was preceded in death by his

first wife, Bertha Irene Geldmeier Dickenson, his mother and father, Nancy Maude and Charley Thornton Dickenson, and brother, Leo Rae Dickenson.

Survivors include his loving wife, Marjorie Meadows Dickenson; his daughter, Nancy Katherine Dickenson Glass; his son Lonnie Alston and wife Johnnie; his step-daughter Jody Hagan and husband Lance; and his brother Homer Dickenson and wife Margaret.

He is also survived by five grandchildren, Delton Arlin Dickenson Glass and wife Michelle, Charles Alston, Steven Alston and wife Stephanie, Scarlett Koettel and husband Darren, one step-grandchild, Courtney Teesdale; and five great-grandchildren. They all loved and respected him very much.

Pallbearers were Delton Arlin Dickenson Glass, Charles Alston, Stephen Alston, Dale Dickenson, Lance Hagan and Bob Waller.

Maxine (Strong) "Oma" Newton

Maxine (Strong) "Oma" Newton, age 91, passed away April 17, 2009 at her residence in Dublin.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church of Dublin with Rev. Cathy Mordecial officiating. Graveside was at 2:30 p.m. in the Cross Cut Cemetery.

Maxine was born September 4, 1927 in Ranger, Texas to Houston Strong and Sarena Estelle McLeroy Strong. She married Lewis Ferrell (Opa) Newton on January 24, 1947 and he preceded her in death on December 2, 2001. She was a homemaker a member of the 20th Century Sunday School Class at the First United Methodist Church of Dublin. She was a member of the Quilting Guild, Town and Country Quilting Guild and Bullock Quilting Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, Robert Lewis Newton, and a granddaughter Bethlanda Newton.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Michael Haley, Brenda and Joe Horn, Lisa and Pat Leatherwood, all of Dublin; a son and daughter-in-law, David Ferrell and Sylvia Newton of League; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson; a sister-in-law, Imogene Haun of Eastland; three brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joe and Anita Lane of Stephenville, Weldon and Cynthia Newton of Stephenville, J.W. and Madeline Newton of Weatherford; special friends, Darla Ivie and Hilda Underwood; and numerous other relatives.

Pallbearers were her daughters and sons-in-law and her son and daughter-in-law.

Memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church of Dublin or Dublin Goodfellows.

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D.J. Allen Memorial Sponsorship Fund

The D.J. Allen Memorial Fund has been established to help talented young bullriders advance in their careers. As most of you know, it takes money to get Pro Cards, enter big events, etc.

We will carefully select the recipients, as there is so much talent out there!

Ty Murry and a lot of other great bullriders know this could make a big difference in their lives and future.

The fund is set up at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains.

Submitted by
 Dana Hall and Jason Marks

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Bobby C. Dye, theft by check.

Pamala Laurence, theft by check.

Amy E. Lopez, theft by check.

Vera Parrila, theft by check.

Sheralyn M. Smoot, theft by check.

Teodoro Melchor, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Nicholaus G. Richman, possession of marijuana, class B.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Kathy A. Springer, plea of guilty to theft by check, 1 year probation, \$50 fine, \$293 court costs, \$981.40 restitution.

Jessie J. Gonzalez Jr., trans-

fer request from Callahan Co. to Dallas Co. and order amending conditions of probation granted.

Christopher P. Carrion, plea of guilty to DWI, 45 days in jail, \$385 court costs.

Robert T. Davis, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Sean Alan Branham, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Marriage Licenses

Carlton Williams of Monroe, Louisiana and Sandra B. Lewis of Arlington.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Stephen B. Deakins vs. Maynard Gulley, damages.

It's Playday Time Again

Playdays at Cowboy Heritage Church in Clyde are now in full swing. The events are fun for contestants and spectators as well.

There are 3 events each week with a free fun event at the end of each playday. Every age is welcome to attend and participate from 6 & under to 60 & over.

There are 15 playdays, if the participant rides 3 paid events in 10 playdays they receive a buckle, and from age 6 & under through age 17 the boy and girl with the best average receives a saddle.

Our next playday will be Saturday, April 25th. Our books open at 4:30 p.m.

trainers at 5:00 p.m. and playday starts at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per event and \$3.00 per trainer. (Anyone under the age of 18 participating at Cowboy Heritage Church playdays for the first time must be accompanied by a parent or guardian).

We have a great concession stand to meet all your needs and great fellowship. Come out and join the folks at Cowboy Heritage Church for a night of fun and excitement.

Directions: Take exit 299 off of I-20, and go north. The church is a tan building with a red roof.

For more information call 338-4287.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Roundup

I heard from Rhonda Crawford of Austin last week. She is the daughter of Nelda (Woody) Wilcoxon of Abilene. She said she and her mother and aunt, Dorothy Woody of Clyde, visited in Cottonwood recently. They visited former homesteads of the Woody family and the two cemeteries and found the graves of family members.

Dorothy said she and Nelda are coming to the Historical Association meeting May 2nd. I talked to Dorothy Ramey recently, and she said she and Grady are planning to come to the meeting.

The annual membership meet-

ing will start on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and trimmings, to allow time for folks to get together and renew old friendships and make new ones.

For the meal, each family is asked to bring a covered dish, dessert, or vegetable. The meat, beans, bread and drinks will be supplied by the association.

The Old Methodist Episcopal Church building and the Old Post Office are expected to be open for visitors to explore. Both are also expected to have new entrances in place by the time of the meeting.

If you have not received a letter from the Historical Associa-

tion about the annual meeting, it may be that the address on record in the Association's office is incorrect. Word has been received that some of the newsletters that were mailed in the post office have been returned, so, make sure we have the correct address while you are here.

(Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local items about Cottonwood or people living in Cottonwood, concerning personal or local business. My telephone number is 254-725-7474, e-mail address is csb555@dishmail.net. Please remember, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.)

LIBRARY NOTES

April 13-17, 2009

Patrons:	126
Books Checked Out:	129
Programs:	18
LAP	12
Other	6
Copies:	187
Reference:	10
Internet Users:	70
Interlibrary Loans:	1

Book/Garage Sale Donations:

Melinda Dixon
Barbara Callaway
Ann Beeler
Gary Moses
Janet Swanson

Donations:
Cross Plains Garden Club
City of Cross Plains
Jeannie and Kenneth Foller
Melinda Dixon
Betty J. Browning
Kim and Chad Cunningham
Loren Little
Ethel Ames

Memorials
In Memory of Joan McCowen
Wilma Lawrence
Tom and Anne Rone
Charlene Chesshir and Family
Dorothy Petty
Curt and Ginny Hoskins

In Memory of
Marjorie Middleton
Curt and Ginny Hoskins
Dorothy Petty

In Memory of
Lou Rodenberger
Charles Rodenberger
Wilma Lawrence
Vonnie (Foller) Rutherford
John and Helen Williams
Ray and Azalee Womack
Silverbrook Ranch
Charlene Chesshir and Family
Dr. J. Lynn Lawhon
Dorothy Petty
Ricardo and Judith Catanuela
Amanda Taylor

Volunteers:
Azalee Womack
Ginny Hoskins
Helen Parson
Arlene Stephenson
Lavonne Childress
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Bobbie Hinkle
Wilma Lawrence

PIONEER COMMUNITY NEWS

The quilting ladies had a great day quilting on Tuesday. We are working on Laverne's "Ship" top; Lou Wilson's "Star" top; and we should get the "Dutch Doll" top out this week.

The Hutton Ranch received some much needed rain with prospects of more, of which we are so thankful. On April the 4th Laverne and Sandy traveled to Lipan to help one of Laverne's longtime friends Charlene O'Kelly celebrate her 80th birthday. On the way there, Sandy and Laverne stopped at Thurber for lunch and enjoyed a visit to a little art shop that has just opened there. It was such a beautiful drive down Highway 4 to Lipan.

Last Friday evening the Huttons enjoyed a fish fry at J.D. and Sandy's. Randy Bullard from Houston furnished and cooked the fish and shrimp. He made an um-um good salad, too. They all really are glad to see Randy come this way!

James and Jean Alexander enjoyed their grandsons, Jack and Will from Dallas, this weekend. The boys even cooked out for them!

D.P. and May enjoyed a trip to Corpus Christi over the Easter weekend. They visited their son Skip and family and their grandson, Pate. They got to play with our youngest grandson, Brandon. May visited with her

niece Starr and Ken Appleton while in Corpus.

The wildflowers are finally blooming. If you haven't been between Rising Star and May you ought to go. There are so many bluebonnets and paintbrushes along the road. It continues on to Brownwood but not quit as pretty. We have a lot of wild phlox, along the road around Pioneer. The rain came just in time. We all are so thankful for all the rain we have gotten. Let's all pray for more and give thanks for what we got.

The softball and baseball games are winding down this week. Track is already going into the area and states meets. All the kids have done a super job!



BINGO AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER— Is gaining a reputation of being a hit. Attendents have expressed their enjoyment of the prizes, potluck, and fun. Over forty people attended a recent Bingo game. Pictured is Mona Dyer (from left), Logan, Susan McNeel, Roxie & Jackie Thomas, Margaret McNeel, Sally Whiteley and Kandy.



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BREAKTHRU

By Don Davis
Cross Plains Church of Christ
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WHO IS KING

The lion was proud of his mastery of the animal kingdom. One day he decided to make sure all the other animals knew he was king of the jungle. He was so confident that he bypassed the smaller animals and went straight to the bear. "Who is the king of the jungle?" the lion asked. The bear replied "Why you are of course." The lion roared his approval.

Next he asked the tiger, "Who is king of the jungle?" The tiger quickly responded, "Everyone knows you are mighty lion."

Next on the list was the elephant. The lion faced the elephant and addressed his question: "Who is king of the jungle?" The elephant immediately grabbed the lion with his trunk, and slammed him into a tree. Then he pounced him on the ground several times, dunked him under the water in a nearby lakes, and finally threw him on the shore. The lion beaten, bruised and battered struggled to his feet. He looked that the elephant through sad eyes and said, "Look, just because you don't know the answer is no reason for you to get mean about it!"

"Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall." Proverbs 16:18

I encourage you to share in time of Bible study and worship with us this Sunday at the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

Pool Tournament to be Tuesday, May 12th

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center is hosting a Pool Tournament at 108 N. Main street on Tuesday May 12th. The door opens at 4:00 pm for practice! Potluck meal begins at 5:30 pm and the tournament begins at 6:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish and your own pool stick if you choose. The winner will receive a prize!!

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 12, 2009 through April 18, 2009 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—87
Complaints—41
DWI—1
Possession of Marijuana—1
Vehicle Accidents

There were seven vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 27 - MAY 1

MONDAY-Roast Beef, Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

TUESDAY-Cheeseburgers, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Onions/Pickles, Pork & Beans, Tator Tots, Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee

WEDNESDAY-Chicken & Dressing, Green Beans, Yams, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

THURSDAY-Beef Stew, Pears, Cottage Cheese, Cornbread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

FRIDAY-Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Pickles/Lettuce, Tomatoes/Onions, Black Bean Salad, Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee

2nd & 4th Tuesdays Domino Night (42 & 84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

By AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 27th- Movie Day at 10:00 am
Tuesday, 28th- Exercise Classes- 11:00 am/ FREE Manicures @ 12:15pm/ **Game Night/Potluck 4-8:00pm**
Wednesday, 29th- Spring Craft
Thursday, 30th-Exercise Classes- 11:00am: "Chair Tai-Chi"
Friday, 1st- No activities planned

Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center is now selling pies!

Each pie is homemade and made to order.		
Pies available are:		
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Chocolate Cream	Chocolate Chip	Peach
Coconut Cream	Pineapple	Cherry
Pecan Cream	Lemon	
\$15.00 Each		\$20.00 Each

Please call 254-725-6521 at least 3 days in advance to place an order.



GIRLING HEALTHCARE STAFF— Donnie Dillard (from left), LVN Donna Warren, RN Rosa Cervantez (Girling Director), RN Shelly Knight, Sherri Johnson (Public Relations).



AWW, THIS IS GREAT!— Therennie McCrohan (from left) and Sally Whiteley enjoying the good life at the center.

Foot Care Clinic by Girling was a Success

On Wednesday, April 15th ever had what most call a pedicure. It was a very special for one lady who never had her toenails painted and she is seventy-two years of age. This just goes to show how special Girling Healthcare and the Senior Center is to the community. Services and activities are provided free of charge! **The next Foot Care Clinic is scheduled for May 20th, beginning at 12:30 pm. Please call to sign up, it takes approximately 30 minutes.**

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Tuesday-Saturday

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SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES/CALLED MEETING

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Bryan Bennett, Michael Cowan, Donnie Dillard and Kim Crockett.

The following administrators, Superintendent, High School Principal, and Elementary Principal were present, along with guests Phil Mitchell, Jim Cook, Patricia Cook, Judy Luter, Tonja Walker, Nora Odom, Annette Nickerson, Mark A. Ring and Cliffadean Hargrove.

Prayer was led by Burlie Taylor.

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Ames to accept the minutes as corrected. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Ames that they fix charter bus #1 and sell charter bus #2 at auction. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by V. Dillard and seconded by D. Dillard to approve the service fee structure for C.P.I.S.D. from Region 14 ESC. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Ames to approve W.G. McCoy purchasing tax lots, Block 11, Lots 9,10, 11 and 12 Central Addition Callahan County. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Taylor to approve letters of assurance for Secretaries and Aides as follows: Krisi Reed - H.S. Office; Suzi Pillans - Elementary Office; Lurene McNutt - Superintendent

Office; and Cliffadean Hargrove - Superintendent; Educational Aides - Tammie Tension; Elem. Library/Summer Maintenance; Amber Kleiber - Elem. Comp Special Education Aide; Carolyn Morgan - Elem S/E Aide; Brenda Montgomery Elem S/E Aide; Debra Childers Elem S/E Aide; Jarrah Hutchins - Elem S/E Aide; Beverly Pope Elem S/E Aide; Evelyn Harris - H.S. Library; Sheila Hamlin - H.S. S/E Aide; Shana Reed - H.S. S/E Aide; Sissy Wyatt (Leslie Manicchia) PEIMS/Attendance Clerk; and Mack Taff - Technology Coordinator. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by V. Dillard to approve letters of assurance for Auxiliary Personnel as follows:

Custodian-Maintenance - Terri Mize - Elem.; Gaynelle Callaway - Primary; Billy Bell - H.S.; Homer Parson - Maintenance - all campuses; Sunday Sanders - Gym

Cafeteria - Barbara Barnett; Deborah Thomas; Inez King and Lorna Muniain

Bus Mechanic - Clarence Tension

Bus Drivers - Tammie Tension; Fred St. Peter; Mitchell Atchley (a.m. route); Clarence Tension (p.m. route); Homer Parson and Bud Dillard.

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by D. Dillard to approve bills and financial report. For 7 Against 0

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

Attention High School Seniors!

Applications from Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) area available to any senior who is interested in applying for a scholarship to an accredited technical or academic college or university. The deadline is approaching May 1, so act soon!

This annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by the local chapter BSP.

Qualifications to be considered

will be community, school and organizational involvement, volunteer activities, academic standing and completion of the application questionnaire. Application forms are now in the offices of Mrs. Warlick or Mrs. Isbell.

You may call Wanda Merryman at 725-4492 to request that an application be mailed to you.

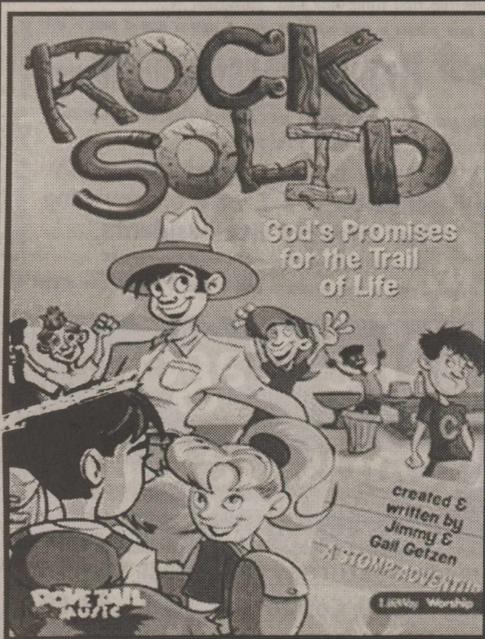
Submitted by
Carol Bennett

4-H Horse Validation Date Announced as May 1st

Attention Callahan County 4-H members! ALL HORSES THAT WILL BE USED AT THE DISTRICT AND STATE HORSE SHOWS MUST BE VALIDATED ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2009. HORSES NOT VALIDATED WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO

BE EXHIBITED! If you are planning to compete at the district or state level, you need to contact the Extension office at 325-854-5835 to make arrangements to get your animal validated.

Submitted by:
Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag



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7th Grade: Michael Carpenter, Daniel Horito, Megan Pointer, Christa Potter, Texas Sanders, Tristen Stephenson, Shelby Thomas

8th Grade: Chelsea Branch, Cheyenne Cowan, Victoria Creamer, Danja Gonzalez, Katherine Goode, Joe Holland

Freshman: Shelby Ames, Lauren Goode, Rosa Salazar, Cody Self, Zoie Walker

Sophomore: TJ Warren

Junior: Melissa Black, Amanda Carpenter, Shera Gary, Tiffany Holland, Kayla Lawrence, Amber Parker, Cody Sliger, Zach Snell

Senior: Terrah Augustine, Jake Estes, Emily Harris, Krista Phillips, Acaila Radle, Mandy Rose

CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 2008-2009 "AB" HONOR ROLL 5TH SIX WEEKS

7th Grade: Lindsey Ames, Ashia Chambers, Nicole Eisenbach, Colton McWilliams, Taylor Parker, Alyssa Wheeler, Justin Willis

8th Grade: Megan Brown, Nathan Craft, Michelle Drew, Ashleigh Dugger, Christopher French, Daniel Higgins, Riley Lawrence, Preston Posuk, Kassie Smith, Maci Whitson

Freshman: Rachele Allen, Jayten Ames, Samantha Dickson, Ryder Foster, Justin Simons, Kenzie Taff, Kristen Willis

Sophomore: Tru Avants, Justin Golsen, Shawna Lewis, Savana Wyatt

Junior: Shasta Bacon, Emma Bennett, Kimberly Case, Nathan Creamer, Amanda Dunaway, Emily Foster, Cody Knight, Esmeralda Sanchez, Ben Schaefer

Senior: Sheena Apple, Tawni Nichols, Steven Reynolds

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2008-2009 "A" HONOR ROLL 5TH SIX WEEKS

1st Grade: Cole Bryant, Elizabeth Pitcher, Jaxon Wootton

2nd Grade: Ashley Anderson, Jacy Bien, Hannah Crockett, Kenzie Kleiber, Jackiann Shepard

3rd Grade: Joseph Crockett, Brittany Crouch, Creed Goode, Madilyn Kuykendall, Katy Jo Morgan, Kayla Stoudemire, Larson Walker

4th Grade: Hannah Cowan, Mackenzie Byrd

5th Grade: Rebekah Crockett, Teagan Fortune

6th Grade: Taryn Estes, Morgan Manley, Stephen Saltus

CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2008-2009 "AB" HONOR ROLL 5TH SIX WEEKS

1st Grade: Jared Armer, Destinee Cooper, Monika Essary, Keegan King, Tyler King, Tyler Nichols, Savannah Perez, Kaydence Smoot, Alexis Thompson, Trent Tollett, Josh Wilson

2nd Grade: Paxton Byrd, Ashley Cochran, Alexis Dawkins, Hanna Fortune, Mallory McCready, Ashlyn Millican, Noah Millican, Zachary Millican, Brian Morales, Kayden Oskins, Trenton Potter, Wayne Snell, Kyler Stout, Sterling Switzer, Tripp Thomas, Jevon Tillery, Jyles Wootton

3rd Grade: Wesley Alexander, Andrew Craft, Kaylynn Hearitige, Ashlyn Kirby, Sydney Revoir, Caleb Townson, Aaron Willis

4th Grade: Dylan Bryant, Grace Goode, Joseph Revior, Kersey Wyatt

5th Grade: Darrin Ames, Kelli Bennett, Colton Bradley, Ashley Fulcher, Zachary Gartman, Shelby McWilliams, Meghan O' Briant, Kaitlyn Potter, Inez Salazar, Kristin Savell, Hunter Thomas, Justin Whiteley

6th Grade: Natalie Anderson, Cheyenne Bomar, Bronc Dillard, Megan France, Kelbi Hyles, Brenna Kleiber, Kaitlyn Koettel, Caitlyn Morrow, Kaylee Potter, Blake Self, Kiefer Steinle, Jurnee Thomas, Allanta Wheeler

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

APRIL 27 - MAY 1

BREAKFAST

MONDAY -Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

TUESDAY-Pancakes, Sausage Link, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY-Sausage-n-blanket, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

FRIDAY- Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY- Burrito w/ Chili & Cheese, Salad, Crackers, Peach

Slices, Milk

TUESDAY-Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Roll

Honey, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Soft Tacos, Salad, Refried Beans, Spice Cake, Milk

THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Cheese, Broccoli, Bread Stick, Diced Peas, Milk

FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickles, Baked Wedges, Cookie

Have a great week!

Find Scholarships on Cross Plains ISD School Website

Cross Plains ISD has constructed a webpage to help all students and parents search for college and technical school scholarships. Scholarships are listed by submission date and there are multiple links to local colleges and websites where scholarship forms can be obtained. Below are three pages that contain beneficial information for preparing for career and college choices.

Scholarships by Date (Updated Weekly) <http://www.crossplains.esc14.net/senior-scholarships.htm>

Student Information Page (College & Career Preparation) http://www.crossplains.esc14.net/student_pages.htm

Counselor's Page (School code College Info and More) http://www.crossplains.esc14.net/counselors_page.htm

Students can also find available scholarships at www.fastweb.com one of many

sites that provide multiple scholarship listings. Students and parents can set up an account that filters through a national database for scholarships specific to a student's chosen degree of study.

Cross Plains Review Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

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PTO Meeting Slated for Thursday, April 23rd

There will be a PTO Meeting for all PTO members on Thursday, April 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cross Plains Elementary Auditorium.

They will be electing officers for the 2009-2010 school year at this meeting. Please come and cast your vote! They will also discuss upcoming events.

HEADS UP!! It's Time for MOMS and MUFFINS

Moms and Muffins will be held Friday, April 24th at 7:15 a.m. in the Elementary Foyer. All

students and their mothers are welcome to attend and enjoy a muffin, drink and a good time.

Title I Planning Meeting Thursday, April 23rd

There will be a Title I Planning Meeting on Thursday, April 23, in the Distance Learning Lab of the Cross Plains Elementary School.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will address planning requirements for the 2009-2010 school year. Parents are requested

to attend and aid in the development of the Cross Plains I.S.D. Title I Plan.

Also the participants will be revising the parent involvement policy as needed. If you cannot attend the meeting and would like to provide input, please call Margie Sowell at 254-725-6123.

Leifton Hunter Scholarship Fund Available for Graduating Seniors

The Leifton Hunter Scholarship Fund was established by Leonard Wilson in memory of Leifton Hunter, a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. A graduating senior will be awarded a \$250.00 scholarship to assist with tuition, books, and/or fees to further his or her education.

Requirements:

1. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior who has enrolled or plans to enroll in a college, university, vocational, or technical school.

2. Please write a one-page essay about one of the following topics:

- A. Explain how a particular individual has significantly influenced your life.
- B. Fully describe this sentence. "I am a ___ year old male/

female growing up in the U.S. in 2009 and I am most hopeful/pessimistic about...."

C. Describe a challenge that you have successfully overcome and how it has affected your life. What challenges do you anticipate facing after graduation?

Selections:

Selections will be based on school and community involvement, financial need, and completion of a brief essay.

Application Deadline:

The application deadline is May 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Please return the application with the essay attached to Debbie Edington at Texas Heritage Bank.

Deadline Nears to Nominate Texas "Teacher of the Year"

Meriden, CT—Nominate for the Texas 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year (TOTY) are being accepted through April 30, 2009 at www.teachers.com. The TOTY Award is a recognition of excellence in teaching sponsored by Teachers' Insurance Plan, a car insurance program exclusively for members of the educational community.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Teachers, administrators, students and parents can nominate

any of the state's more than 315,000 accredited teachers.

Nomination forms are available online at www.teachers.com. To nominate an educator, explain in 250 words or less why this teacher should be the **Teacher of the Year**. Nominees will be judged on their ability to motivate students, their special talents, and their contribution to their school, students or educational community.

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Meet Callahan County Sheriff's Department Dispatcher and Jailer Arlinda Williams

Arlinda Williams has been employed with the Callahan County Sheriff's Department for 17 years, working as Dispatcher and Jailer. When I began my term as Sheriff, on January 1, 2009, Arlinda was transferred to Administrative Assistant. In that position, Arlinda embraced the challenge and transition of a new Sheriff in the Department. A good Administrative Assistant is very knowledgeable about everything that pertains to the Office. They must be acutely aware and thoroughly familiar with day to day operations and the vast functions that encompass a Department. I feel our Department is extremely honored to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable Administrative Assistant, such as Arlinda Williams.

Mrs. Williams with the assistance of the telecommunicators have plans to have a Crime Prevention and Kids Education booth at the Barbarian Festival in Cross Plains in June, the Trades Days in Baird in June



ARLINDA WILLIAMS

and at the Fourth of July Celebration at Clyde Lake in July. They will have a 911 simulator to teach kids how to call 911, and lots of information on crime prevention to hand out. They will also have several "freebies"

for both adults and the kids. Mrs. Williams also has ID kits to help identify your children, if you want or need any of these, please contact her at the Sheriff's Office, Monday through Friday, 8AM till 4PM or call 325-854-1444.

THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH

DR. ALBERT KINCHELOE

The Methusala Factor

Would anyone like to know how to live longer, be healthier and greatly decrease the odds of needing chronic medical care and medications?

Most folks that I know would just as soon not have to go to the doctor. Many younger people are concerned about whether they will even be able to afford medical care as they get older. Well, just as the farmer plants seeds to reap a harvest, we must plant health seeds to reap a healthy harvest as we grow older.

So, what can we do? Is it expensive? How do I plant healthy seeds for a harvest of good health? Let us examine some simple approaches to good health as we grow older.

Whether we like it or not, we must look at obesity. The statistics tell us that in 1998, we saw that 9.1 percent total U.S. expenditures were attributed to obesity. In 2002, dollars that was \$92.6 billion U.S. dollars. The good news is this. The majority of things increasing our health future will usually lead to a significant decrease in obesity. What all is obesity known to play a causal role in?

Obesity is an important factor in predicting the development of coronary artery disease, type 2 diabetes, elevated cholesterol and triglycerides, cancer (uterine, breast and colon), high blood pressure, sleep apnea, liver and gallbladder disease, stroke and of course, osteoarthritis.

So, what will help fight obesity

and also decrease our odds of needing lifelong medication and treatment for chronic health problems?

To the extent that one is physical able, exercise for 30 to 45 minutes for 3 or more days per week has some significant positive results. And the 30 to 45 minutes of exercise does not have to be all at once. Studies have proven that 10 minutes of exercise three times per day is just as good as one 30 minute episode.

So, swimming, a brisk walk or riding a bicycle are all excellent methods of accomplishing the goal.

Through physical activity and healthy eating, type 2 diabetes' onset was reduced by 58 percent in folks at risk of developing this disease. By comparison, the drug Metformin reduced the onset of type 2 diabetes by 31 percent.

By walking for 30 minutes most days of the week, lowers the risks of smoking diseases by 20 percent, and the risk of cardiovascular disease similarity. Interestingly, the small amount of exercise we are talking about lowers the risk of cancer by 36 percent. High blood pressure is also reduced.

So, we see that exercise does not have to be complicated or expensive. What about how we eat?

One can find as many diets out there as there are people. therefore, for anyone to eat a proper diet, we know this must be

simple, easy, not too expensive, and perhaps most of all, not too complicated.

The Mediterranean diet consists of fruit, vegetables, whole grain breads, cereal, beans, nuts, seeds, fish, poultry, a minimum amount of beef, and pork, and olive oil as the source of fat. These make up the major components of the Mediterranean diet.

The resulting decreasing in disease and death is attributable to the Mediterranean diet is phenomenal.

Death due to all causes was decreased by more than 50 percent. Coronary artery disease deaths were reduced by 39 percent. Cancer related deaths were reduced by 39 percent.

Stroke was reduced by 6 percent for each serving of fruits/vegetables eaten per day, A 3-5 oz. serving of fish, 1-3 times per week reduced the incident of stroke in men by 43 percent.

All of the tremendous decrease in these diseases occurred without medicine.

Knowing how significant that proper eating and exercise is to predict one's future health state is great. Now, in a sense you become your own doctor. By writing yourself this "prescription" for a healthy way of living, your visits to the doctor's office and pharmacy will likely be greatly diminished in the not so distant future.

Be a good "doctor" to yourself. You will be glad you did.

Albert M. Kincheloe is the Medical Director

Cross Plains Community Health Center, 200 North Main Telephone 254-725-4311

Countywide Burn Ban still in effect

Callahan County Commissioners took no action on the Countywide Burn Ban in Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, April 13th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

After discussion of the Burn Ban and no action taken, the Countywide Burn Ban is still in force.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Present were Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, there was none.

—The commissioners' court took no action on the Disaster Declaration on the recent wildfires in Callahan County.

—No action was taken on the updated list of sites for the Disaster Relief Project. Judge Corn said this was from the flooding in Callahan County in the Spring of 2008.

—On a motion by Commissioner Hicks and a second by Commissioner Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to table signing of a resolution regarding the Texas Department of Transportation and FM 604.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay all the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made by Commissioner Hicks and seconded

by Commissioner Windham to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:40 a.m. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Judge Corn asks Callahan County be declared a disaster area following wildfires

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has sent a letter to Texas Governor Rick Perry requesting Callahan County be declared a disaster area following the wildfires which destroyed homes and property on Tuesday, April 7th north of Eula.

The County Judge sent the letter to Governor Perry one day after the wildfires destroyed numerous homes, damaged one home and destroyed several outbuildings.

The letter to Governor Perry follows:

April 8, 2009
The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 7811-2428

Dear Governor Perry:
As the result of wildfires in the County of Callahan on April 7, 2009, we have had widespread damage to about 230 acres that destroyed 6 homes and damaged 1 other home as well as burning 2 outbuildings with damage to several others. Also numerous round bales of hay and coastal fields were destroyed by the fire. The extent of damage to crops being lost and fences lost or damaged are unknown at this time.

Therefore, I am requesting that Callahan County be declared a disaster area hereby asking for financial assistance to the County and its residents.

Callahan County is currently under a Burn Ban and will issue citations for violations.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this emergency matter.

Sincerely,
(s) Roger Corn
County Judge

DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Callahan on the 7th day of April 2009 and continuing, has suffered widespread damage, loss of property and economic loss resulting from numerous wildfires throughout Callahan County, and

WHEREAS, the Judge of the County of Callahan has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

1. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for County of Callahan.

2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.

3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioners Court of County of Callahan.

4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 8th day of April 2009.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge

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Heart of Texas Wildflower Exhibit and Plant Sale

The Brownwood Garden Club is sponsoring a wildflower exhibit and plant sale on Friday and Saturday, April 24-25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be held at the Activity Center of First Baptist Church, Brownwood located at the corner of Center and Depot across from the post office.

Specimens of wildflowers from Brown and surrounding counties will be displayed and identified by common and scientific names. The following programs will be

presented:

Friday 1 p.m. - Joyce Nuckels
"Native Plants Special to Texas History"

Friday 3 p.m. - Novella Newman
"Lasagna Gardening"

Saturday 1 p.m. - Billy Kniffen
Water Resource Specialist
Tx AgrLife Extension Service
"Harvesting Rain Water"

Admission is FREE! There will be a plant sale by the Garden Club members.



NEW VISITORS AT THE HOWARD HOUSE— Brad Harris, Austin, Texas (from left); Lt. Trent Raymond, Elgin, Arizona; Jamie Holm, Vancouver, Washington were recent visitors to the Robert E. Howard Museum.

Visitors during Easter at the Robert E. Howard Museum

Lt. Holm and Lt. Raymond, both in the U.S. Army, had received transfers from Ft. Still, Oklahoma to Ft. Bliss in El Paso and called to make an appointment to tour the Howard Museum enroute. Lt. Holm, a long time Howard fan and collector, was especially anxious to tour the home where Howard had lived and written.

Brad Harris, an Austin attorney, who grew up in Cross Plains was in town visiting relatives and friends for the holiday weekend, noticed the museum open and

stopped in. Brand was impressed with the restoration of the Howard home and stated he has recently began to research his own family's history and hopes to put something in writing.

Members of Project Pride are busy preparing for the annual Howard Days celebration to be held in Cross Plains on June 12th and June 13th. Fans from all across the nation are expected to gather. For more information you may call 254-725-4993 or 254-725-6562.

Seniors May Qualify for a Power Wheelchair

Medicare's regulations now make it easier for seniors and others with debilitating conditions such as arthritis, stroke, heart and breathing problems, or diabetes, to obtain a power wheelchair at little or no cost.

Miracle on Wheels is trying to increase public awareness about the assistance options that allow seniors and the disabled to remain independent in their own homes rather than undergo difficult surgery or other expensive treatment, or resort to moving into a nursing home.

These assistance options are

available to anyone with problems getting around their home, or who are in danger of falling due to their medical condition.

But brand choices may become more limited in the near future, since Medicare has cut the amount they will allow for power chairs by 9.5 (or approximately 10 percent) percent next year.

So those who are suffering from any condition that severely limits their mobility should call **Miracle on Wheels** at 1-866-200-6924 toll free to learn about qualifying now for a power wheelchair at little or no cost.

Texas EQIP Funding Process Underway

Arlington, Texas, March 30, 2009 - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) accepts Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications year-round through a continuous sign-up process. Applicants that are interested should sign up now in order to be considered for the 2009 funding period.

Farmers and ranchers eligible for the program will have the opportunity to incorporate conservation practices which are part of a comprehensive conservation plan developed to treat all resource concerns on their land.

"In 2008, NRCS partnered with farmers and ranchers to achieve a banner year for conservation in Texas," said Texas State Conservationist Don Gohmert. "NRCS provided over \$94 million for conservation programs that were matched by producers in Texas."

The EQIP program, authorized by The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act

of 2008 (new 2008 Farm Bill), provides voluntary conservation programs for private landowners and producers promoting agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals, optimize environmental benefits, as well as helps to meet Federal, State, Tribal, and local environmental regulations.

NRCS in Texas encourages producers to contact their local USDA-NRCS service center in their county to develop a conservation plan as a first step in the application process. The district conservationist in each service center can assist landowners and producers with technical assistance for their conservation plan and EQIP information.

For more information about the NRCS Texas EQIP program, call the USDA-NRCS service center in your county, or access the information on the NRCS Texas Web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov"](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov)

Parks and Wildlife looking for additional Dove leases

AUSTIN, Texas—Attention landowners: Looking for some extra money and got a weedy field not in production or being rested this fall?

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Public Dove Hunting Program is not only an opportunity for hunters, but it is also an opportunity for landowners to make some extra money by leasing the hunting rights for dove and other small game to TPWD.

This is a short termed lease usually for 45 to 60 days in length - the equivalent of the first split of the dove season.

Revenue from the sale of hunting licenses and the annual public hunting permit enable TPWD to expand public hunting opportunities through private land lease programs.

"We are looking for properties that are at least 50 or more acres where hunting is legal, with access, food, water and cover to attract dove," said Kelly Edmiston with TPWD's public hunting program. "Ideal sites have a good food source such as grain crops; sunflowers, croton (goat weeds), water or that have become recently fallowed."

Additionally, each tract must have a public access point where hunters can park their vehicles, from which they will

walk to the hunting area.

Temporary signs will clearly identify property boundaries. Game wardens and other departmental staff will monitor the units to ensure compliance with all regulations. Edmiston said most entrance points are designated for parking to protect the private property and reserve the maximum acreage for actual hunting activities.

"We expect our public hunters to respect the land and the landowners who have been so generous. We want to maintain a good relationship for the future," Edmiston said.

This is a short termed lease usually for 45 to 60 days in length - the equivalent of the first split of the dove season. Not everyone with a hunting license is allowed legal access to these short-term lease lands. Only those hunters who purchase the \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit (approximately 31,000 are sold annually statewide) from TPWD are allowed to hunt and only at times the area is open to hunting under the terms of the contract.

Price per acre is dependent on size, habitat, game species and hunt dates included. Location is also very important. We would like to find areas that are along the corridors of interstates 35, 45, 10 and 20 within about 100 miles of major urban areas.

"However if a property is located in other areas and you are interested, give us a call anyway," Edmiston said. "We try to find a good hunting opportunity, which means that we don't lease all properties that are offered due to limited funding and not meeting the criteria we are looking for. If you know your local wildlife biologist or game warden you can also contact them."

More information about this program, locating your local wildlife biologist or game warden can be found by visiting: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/landwater/land/private/hunt/small_game/ or calling Wildlife Information at 512/389-4505.

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Delivery Volunteer Needed for Angel Food Ministries

Many Cross Plains residents benefit from the availability of Angel Food Ministries. You can make arrangements for the groceries locally at Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones and pay at this location, however you must drive to Cisco to the First Baptist Church to pick up the food.

More families could benefit from this money saving program if the food could be picked up at Cross Plains.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering to drive to Cisco once a month and bring back all the food orders, they could be

picked up at Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones. Perhaps someone who participates in the program every month would like to provide this service. If more than one volunteered, it would be even better. A vehicle appropriate to carry the boxes will be necessary.

The food could be picked up at Cisco between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and then be distributed between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Cross Plains.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Cross Plains, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 5:00pm on Monday, April 27, 2009 in the City Hall, 201 S. Main St, regarding submission of a grant application to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department's (TPW) Recreational Trails Grant Program (Program).
 Topics to be discussed include the application for funds to construct or improve a public park to benefit the entire City of Cross Plains, the amount of Program funding available, all Program eligible activities, and Program match requirements.

The application will be submitted to TPW no later than May 1, 2009. The application will be available for review at the City Hall after the hearing date. Written public comment regarding the application will be accepted at the Cross Plains City Hall until Thursday, April 30, 2009.

Disabled individuals who wish to attend the hearing and who need special assistance should contact City Manager Debbie Gosnell at (254)-725-6661 by 12pm on the day before the meeting.

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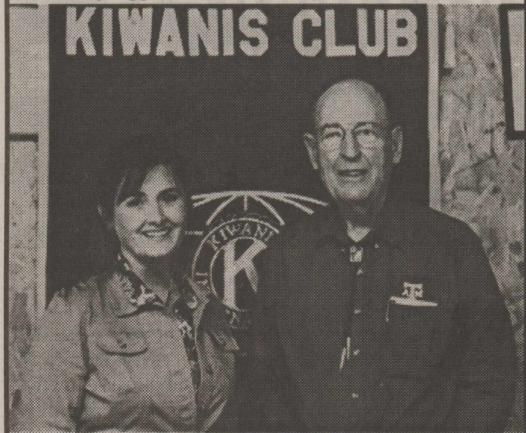
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JOHN SWIFT WAS A RECENT GUEST AT THE KIWANIS PROGRAM— He shared about the EMS and especially the new auto-plus: Automatic chest compressions. Our EMS is blessed with two of these at the cost of \$15,000.00 each. He shared that a grant was received for one of these and community support and fund-raising for the remainder.



CHARLES RODENBERGER WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE KIWANIS PROGRAM THIS WEEK— Charles shared with us about his wife Lou and what her life meant to so many people. Lou touched so many lives during her walk here on earth and those who were privileged to know her agree that she has many jewels in her crown as she is celebrating with our Lord and Savior. Thank you Charles for sharing!

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House Address and Street Number Visibility is Vital in Case of Emergencies

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office wants to know, can we find you in an emergency? Help us help you!

Why is it necessary to post my street number? Firefighters, police, and other emergency vehicles may need to find your home quickly should an emergency occur. It is difficult for emergency vehicles as well as, utility trucks and postal and delivery trucks to find homes and businesses with address numbers that are not properly posted.

What are the requirements for posting street numbers? The address must be "visible from the street." This basically leaves it up to the resident on size, color, etc.

Recommended guidelines:

- House numbers should be no less than 4" tall.
- Numbers should be in a contrasting color to the color scheme of the building.
- House numbers should be visible up to 150 feet, from all angles.

- Be sure house numbers can be seen at night.

- Keep house numbers clearly visible throughout the year. Plant growth during certain seasons can hide numbers.

- Remember that fire vehicles sit up higher than automobiles. Low hanging limbs can obstruct the view that would normally be visible to others.

Although street numbers may not seem to be that important, they can be critical in the event of a fire, sudden illness or other emergency.

You can help make sure your 9-1-1 address is correct. The phone company's information for your 9-1-1 address is what will display on the 9-1-1 center's equipment. You can check with your phone company to make certain your correct physical address is listed in their records. If you are unsure of your correct 9-1-1 address, contact your local 9-1-1 addressing coordinator, city hall, or county judge's office.

CALLING 911

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office wants to remind you that 9-1-1 is the phone number to call to report an emergency.

When reporting an emergency, you must remember to remain calm. It is very important to talk with a clear and controlled voice so the operator can process your call without delay. Also, remember that the operator is attempting to visualize what you are describing in an effort to dispatch the appropriate emergency units.

When reporting a police, fire or medical emergency, remain on the line until the operator tells you it is ok to hang up. The operator will ask you the following series of questions:

- What is the address of the emergency or incident?

- You should always have your street address posted on or near your telephone.

- Familiarize yourself with your city boundaries and street names in the vicinity.

- Is this a house or an apartment? What is your telephone number? What is your emergency?

- As soon as this information has been obtained, the appropriate units will be dispatched.

Additional questions that the operator may ask:

- Medical Emergency
- Is the person awake?
- Is the person breathing?
- What are the symptoms? (Vomiting, bleeding, convulsions)
- Auto Accident

- Is it a two car, pedestrian-car, or a rollover accident? Be specific.

- Is the roadway blocked?

- Fire Emergency
- What is burning? (Structure, brush, trash, car, etc.)
- What do you see? (Smoke, flames)
- What color is the smoke?

If your house is on fire, leave your house immediately. Call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's phone.

Cell Phone Safety Tips

Please Keep the following tips in mind when using your wireless phone:

- Pull over when making a wireless phone call. DO NOT put yourself or others at risk to make a call.

- Know your location. When giving directions, use county and city names, cross streets, mile markers, and landmarks.

- Briefly state your emergency. Seconds count! You may need to be transferred to the appropriate responding agency.

- Be ready to give details, confirm information and follow instructions that could save a life.

- Never hang up unless the 9-1-1 call taker instructs you to hang up. If your 9-1-1 call is disconnected, dial 9-1-1 again and let them know you were disconnected. Don't wait for the 9-1-1 call taker to return your call.

- Stop accidental calls! Keep your keypad locked. Always remove batteries from old cell phones before giving them to children to use as a toy.

Local Farm Bureau leaders visit Nation's Capital

David and Troyce Williams of the Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau were among more than 130 local leaders of the Texas Farm Bureau who traveled to the nation's capital on March 31st-April 3rd for discussions on agricultural issues.

"Seeing this first hand and actually talking to our elected officials is vital," said Williams. "This is a critical time for America and for the agricultural industry."

Williams said the implementation of the farm bill, reopening Cuba as a full fledged market for U.S. products, addressing the increasing regulation of agriculture, and the Columbia and Panama Free Trade agreements were all on the visiting farmers' and ranchers' agenda.

"We believe Congress and the

new administration made a mistake by eliminating the pilot program that allows Mexican trucks to operate on this side of the border because it technically puts the U.S. in violation of NAFTA," Williams said.

That program, recently terminated, caused Mexico to impose more than \$2 billion in tariffs on a wide range of products, including some agricultural goods.

"Mexico is Texas' number one trade partner, and we think it's just bad business to risk a trade war in this fragile economy," Williams said. "This was a good time to be in Washington for discussions on this and other important agricultural issues."

The Farm Bureau group represented every region and many of the crops produced in the Lone Star State.

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Callahan County Sheriff's Office telecommunicators say "Thanks"

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the job we do. Thank you too, to the Sheriff and Deputies for all the small gifts, the ice cream social and all the things done to show how much you appreciate us. Thank you for your continued support, now and in the future.

Callahan County Sheriff's Office Activity Report

Activity report for the week of April 12-18, for the Callahan County Sheriff's Office is as follows:

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received 98 calls

for service this week. Thirty one calls for the Sheriff's Office, twenty emergency ambulance calls, one grass fire, and forty six police calls for other agencies. This resulted in 9 arrests.

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Callahan County Riding Club Play Days and 2009 Schedule

The 2009 Callahan County Riding Club season will kick off on Saturday May 2nd at the arena on FM 603 in Eula. At 6 pm there will be a membership drive so that everyone can get the required Coggins papers filed and membership dues paid. The play day will begin at 7 pm with a grand entry and fun for everyone. The concession stand will be up and running. We encourage anyone that has a love for horses or riding to come out and be apart of the fun.

The schedule for the 2009 Season is below. All regularly scheduled play days will begin

with trainers/exhibitions at 6:30 and the events beginning at 7:00 pm. check us out on the web for updates at HYPERLINK "http://www.callahancountyridingclub.com" http://www.callahancountyridingclub.com

MAY DATES
Saturday, May 2nd; Saturday, May 16th; Saturday, May 30th; Sunday, May 31st NBHA (National Barrel Horse Association using arena)

JUNE DATES
Saturday, June 6th; Sunday, June 14th (NBHA); Saturday, June 20th; Saturday, June 27th; Sunday, June 28th (NBHA)

JULY DATES
Saturday, July 11th; Saturday, July 18th; Saturday, July 25th

AUGUST DATES
Saturday, August 8th; Saturday, August 15th; Saturday, August 22nd; Saturday, August 29th

Any rain-outs or make-up days will be held on the open weekend or on Fridays or Sundays, depending on weather and options of membership. If you have questions call Sue Underwood at 325-669-9411.

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Even through our blessings are sometimes interwoven with adversity, we in Cross Plains definitely have many reasons to be thankful that we live in this great City. However, it is more important than ever to face the future with a proactive mindset. The five councilmen and mayor you elect must LEAD rather than sitting back passively and waiting for outside forces to dictate our fate.

The is opportunity to make many more positive changes for the City, and I would like to continue to use my business skills and assertiveness to be part of that. Your vote will be appreciated.

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The Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service has its first "second generation" attendant. Ever since Betty Matthews became a young teenager, she had looked forward to serving on the ambulance service along with her mother and dad. George and Verna Matthews have been on the service for several years, so Betty came by her dream "honestly". She longed to turn 18 so she could take the ECA course and be certified. She began the course before was 18, then waited until she "came of age" so she could test and be a certified attendant. She passed with "flying colors" and has been serving on weekends for a while now.

One night last week when a call came in for the ambulance, Betty

came to the bay and asked if she could go on the run also. She had been scheduled to serve on the day shift that day but due to a job conflict, her mother had filled in for her. There had been three runs that day and Betty had felt like she had been "cheated: of not being able to serve, so she showed up just before midnight to ask if she go as a third attendant.

As an observing driver of the ambulance, I am here to testify that Betty conducted herself as a seasoned pro! Even during the trip, I listened intently as she drew needed information from the patient in a most professional and wise way. I cannot express in words sufficiently how impressed I was with her cool and calm professionalism!

Back at the bay, she said it was

the best birthday present she could have received! In probing her, concerning her remark, she said her 19th birthday was the next day - actually just minutes away from the time we returned to the ambulance bay. She said she could not wait to call her dad and tell him about the "birthday present" she had received!

Needless to say, we need more "second generation" ones to serve on the ambulance service - along with any others who would be willing to take the course and become attendants. A special thanks to George & Verna Matthews for rearing a daughter so intent on being a public servant!

Submitted by
Bob Pipes

Program provides valuable on-the-job training TxDOT seeks student help during annual summer hire recruitment

AUSTIN - As the school year begins to wind down, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will begin filling summer jobs for maintenance, engineering and technical positions.

The summer employment program gives high school and college students valuable on-the-job training. The program helps students establish career credentials, while enhancing their professional growth. Working side by side with experienced professionals in the transportation field enables students to learn the latest techniques of the industry. The program also provides students with salaried positions to help supplement educational expenses.

TxDOT's summer employment program began in the 1950s. Approximately 47,837 students have spent their summers working for the department and to-

day, more than 1,900 former student employees hold positions at TxDOT.

This year, TxDOT is looking to hire about 340 students. Summer positions are available from May 1 through August 15. To qualify for the program, students must:

- * be at least 17 years old,
- * be eligible to work in the U.S.,
- * submit a completed state employment application, and
- * be enrolled as a full-time student at a high school, technical school, college or university the spring semester before the summer work period OR be currently accepted for enrollment at an institution of higher learning.

For more information about summer job positions or other job postings, visit us online.

TxDOT can also be found on Facebook (search for "Texas Department of Transportation") and Twitter.

The Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining nearly 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 15,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and preserving the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at www.txdot.gov.

County Commissioners sign resolution in support of electronics recycling program

The Callahan County Commissioners Court voted to adopt a resolution in support of the passage of state legislation requiring producers of televisions and other electronics to participate in Producer Takeback Recycling Programs to eliminate toxic materials being dumped in Texas landfills.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, April 13th during the court's regular monthly meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to sign the resolution as such. The resolution follows:

A Resolution of County Government of Callahan County, Texas authorizing the County of Callahan to support the passage of State legislation requiring producers of televisions and other electronics to participate in Producer Takeback Recycling Programs, and providing for an effective date.

Whereas, discarded electronic products, including televisions, computers and cell phones can contain toxic materials that can pose hazards to human health; and

Whereas, the State of Texas passed electronics takeback legislation in 2007 that cover computers but does not include televisions or other electronic products; and

Whereas, the federally man-

dated switch from analog to digital television signal on June 12, 2009 is expected to render millions of analog televisions obsolete; and

Whereas, millions of obsolete televisions containing millions of pounds of lead and other heavy metal making their way to Texas landfills could prove environmentally unsafe and fiscally unsound; and

Whereas, television recycling is an unregulated business and nonworking televisions are often exported to developing countries wherein they are illegally dumped or disassembled by unprotected workers directly exposed to toxic materials; and

Whereas, the cost incurred by the County of Callahan for disposal of products that contain toxic material and are not easily recyclable, particularly electronics, are in effect taking away funding that could easily be spent on other recycling programs; and

Whereas, efforts to educate the general public about producer takeback recycling programs should not fall solely on municipal and county governments;

Whereas, requiring electronics producers to implement takeback recycling programs will shift the burden of disposal cost for electronic products from local ratepayers back to the producers, internalize the cost associated such a program, and give producers a market incentive to design products that are more durable, less toxic and

recyclable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY OF CALLAHAN OF TEXAS, THAT:

Section I: Callahan County will continue to promote recycling collection programs until there is an acceptable solution that will protect public health and the environment.

Section II: Callahan County supports the passage of HB 1189, HB 1355 and SB 761 to extend the electronics takeback law to cover televisions and other electronic products; HB 1355 to expand the range of covered consumers to include schools, local governments, non-profits and small businesses; HB 2826 and HB 2922 to assist in public education efforts surrounding electronics recycling programs in Texas; and HB 284 to increase transparency and date security for Texas consumers in cases of e-waste export to developing nations.

Section III: Callahan County encourages other Texas municipalities and counties to express their view that the ingenuity of the high tech sector should be directed to solving the e-waste crisis following the digital switch and thereafter.

Section IV: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of April, 2009.

(s) Roger Corn
Callahan County Judge

Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings Change Location and Add Extra Meeting Day

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are now being held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Church of Christ Activity Center on East Highway 36.

For additional information, contact Claude at 254-725-4496 or Diana at 254-725-4670.

Cottonwood Historical Association Annual Meeting Slated for Saturday, May 2

Cottonwood history, old friends and good food come together on Saturday, May 2nd, when the Cottonwood Historical Association holds its Annual Meeting at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood.

Everyone in the area with an interest in Cottonwood—past and

present—is invited.

Coffee and visiting begins at 9 a.m. The meeting starts at 10 a.m., followed by lunch. Bring a covered dish: a vegetable, salad or desert. Brisket, sausage and chicken, as well as beans, bread, iced tea and coffee, will be furnished by the association.

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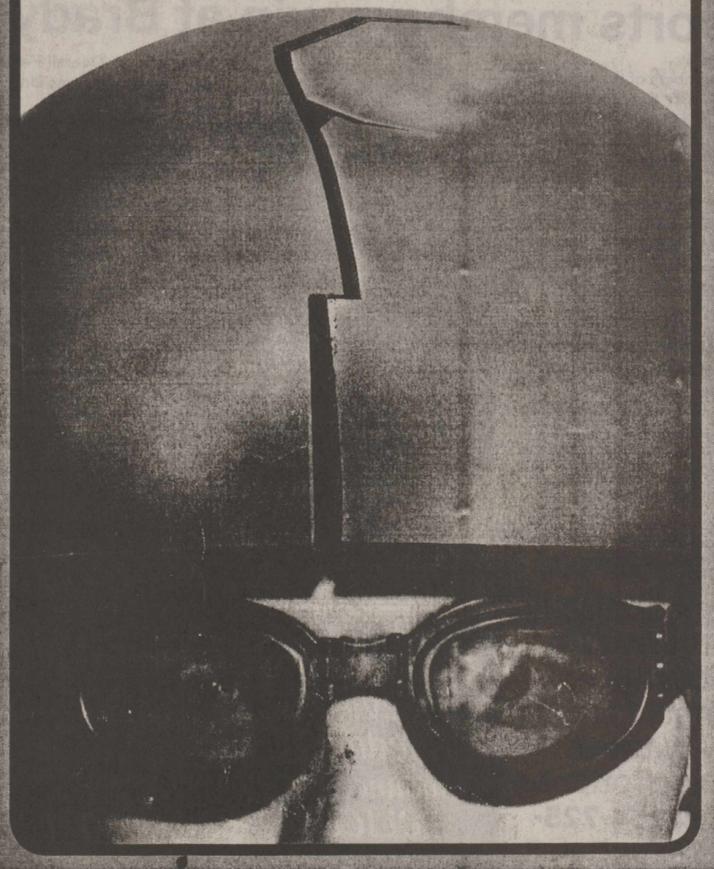
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I would like to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me. My name is Lewis Fortune and I have lived in Cross Plains all of my life. I raised my family here and my children attended Cross Plains Schools. I currently have a granddaughter teaching at Cross Plains Elementary. I served on the Cross Plains School Board for two terms in the early 70's. I was very active in the lives of children, coaching Little League for several years. I believe in the future of our children and that parents should take an active role in their lives.

A thriving community must have proactive leaders with a vision for the future. Both the City and School are vital to the community and must stay up with the growing times. In this economy a person must be prudent with city funds yet able to provide the citizens with service needed for a good quality of life.

I would like to ask for your vote in the May 9, 2009 City Councilman's election. If elected I pledge to work for the betterment of the community and for all citizens.

(Early Voting begins April 27 - May 5th)

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Cattle Theft Bill Passes Texas State Senate

Fort Worth, Texas -The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association today applauded the Texas State Senate for passing SB 1163, a bill to increase the penalty for cattle theft in Texas. The bill, introduced by Senator Kel Seliger (R-Amarillo), passed the Senate by a vote of 28-2.

"Cattle theft is very active in Texas, especially during tough economic times," Larry Gray, TSCRA executive director of law enforcement said. "In 2007, 2,400 head of cattle were reported stolen to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. In 2008, that number jumped to 6,404. Under current law theft of less than 10 head of cattle, horses or exotic wildlife is a state jail felony. SB 1163 would change current law to allow for a third degree felony."

TSCRA has 29 Special Rangers stationed strategically throughout Texas and Oklahoma who have in-depth knowledge of the cattle industry and are trained in all facets of law enforcement. All are commissioned as Special Rangers by the Texas Department of Public Safety and/or the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. TSCRA Special Rangers' primary responsibility is to investigate livestock theft; however, they work alongside local law enforcement agents across the state on numerous criminal cases.

"Thieves are drawn to cattle because of the potential return," Gray continued. "While stealing a car or television will get a thief pennies on the dollar, stealing cattle can return actual market value within hours. A thief can steal one cow, take it to the auction the same day and receive the value of that

animal. The crime is attractive, and in Texas we need a stronger penalty"

According to TSCRA Special Ranger Scott Williamson, most apprehended thieves are repeat offenders. However, because livestock thieves are sophisticated and knowledgeable of the Penal Code, they rarely steal more than ten head at a time. "The increase in cattle theft is one of the most important issues to TSCRA members," said TSCRA President Dave Scott. "We want to thank Senator Seliger for introducing this critical legislation and working to get it passed in the Senate."

Oklahoma, New Mexico and Louisiana all recognize the significant adverse impact that livestock theft imposes and have enacted stricter penalties for livestock theft. Thieves know the laws are lax in the number one cattle producing state in the nation, and not surprisingly, cross over state lines to target Texas producers. This poses a significant threat to Texas' \$15 billion a year cattle industry, not to mention the impact on the horse, dairy cattle, sheep, goat, swine and exotic wildlife industries.

Prior to 1993, livestock theft was classified as a third degree felony. In 1993 the Texas Legislature created the State Jail Felony category, also known as a fourth degree felony. Livestock theft has risen since the law was changed in 1993, largely due to the number of repeat offenders who are let out on state jail felony probation.

Now that the bill has passed the State Senate, it will go to the State House for consideration.

Old Mill Trade Day Downtown Begins May 2nd in POST Check it Out!!!!!!

The Trade Day experience is back in Post! The Post City Merchants and the Post Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring "Old Mill Trade Day Downtown" the first Saturday each month beginning Saturday, May 2nd. Visitors to Post's Main Street can shop in one of the dozen shops as well as with vendors who will display their products in booths along the street.

"Many people in the region remember the great experience of shopping in Post. Now we'll have the combination of our unique downtown shops alongside vendors offering a variety of merchandise," said Janice Plummer, Chamber Manager. "The Chamber office receives inquiries every week about Old Mill Trade Days. We are delighted to continue the trade day tradition in Post in this setting."

Vendors will pay a set up fee of \$25 for outdoor space. For more information or to reserve vendor space, contact Darla Frazier, President of the Post City Merchants at 806-495-0609 or the Chamber office, 806-495-3461.

"We are keeping our operating expense to a minimum. The vendor fee will be invested in advertising for the next event," Plummer concluded.



IVY LEAGUE-BOUND—Whitehouse senior Heath Mayo (front, center) is set to attend Brown University & play baseball. Attending the ceremony April 9th were (front row, from left) Heath's mother Staci Mayo, Edston Mayo & father Keith Mayo; (second row) high school coach Danny Robey, Landry Mayo, grandmother Glenda Weiss, select coach Bill Ever; (third row) athletic director Randy McFarlin, coach Bill Luce, grandfather Wilburn Weiss & pitching coach Tony Dorsey.

Mayo Headed to Brown For Baseball and Politics

Heath Mayo was born in Brownwood, and will soon enroll in Brown University. He's spent most of his life in Whitehouse, and hope to someday occupy the White House.

On Wednesday morning, the ambitious high school senior signed a national letter of intent with Brown. He plans to play baseball at the Ivy League School, but seek better understanding of the world through academics - instead of curves and changeups. "I've never been exposed to the liberal argument, the liberal mindset," said Mayo, an 18-year-old fiscal and social conservative who voted for John McCain in last fall's presidential election. "I'm really looking forward to that...I'm not ever one to leave a challenging situation."

Mayo, a pitcher and outfielder, plans to triple major in econom-

ics, political science and history. He then plans to possibly attend either Yale or Harvard law school, practice law in a corporate setting and then later enter politics.

The office to which he ultimately hopes to ascend: President of the United States, of course.

"What do I need to do to maximize my opportunity?" Mayo has contemplated. "I have the opportunity to use what God has given me in a way of academic talent and judgment to directly help this world."

On the baseball field, Mayo has been gearing toward an Ivy League playing career for some time. Other schools he considered were Yale, Harvard, and Rice, the Lone State's version of Ivy League.

But it was Brown that he won over, and vice versa. The resume

that got him into the Providence, R.I., institution included a third-round appearance on American Idol, in which he performed before Simon, Randy and Paula two years ago.

At Brown, Mayo will get to face some of the best college baseball competition in the nation. Among the destinations the Bears will visit next season include Baton Rouge, La., home of national-power LSU, in the season opener.

The Bears will also travel to the West Coast to face UCLA, Stanford and Pepperdine, Mayo said.

"When some people think Ivy League schools, they don't think Division I," Mayo said. "But they can go to the College World Series...It's going to be the full baseball experience."

Academic experience, too.

Texas drought site launched

What: A new multi-agency, comprehensive Texas drought information Web site, <http://agrillife.tamu.edu/drought/>

Who: The Drought Joint Information Center is a group of state and federal agency public information officers, led by Texas AgriLife Communications, who were activated by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

Participating agencies include: Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Water Development Board, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Texas Forest Service, Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Why: We provide a central clearing house of drought-related public information and education to help each of the participating agencies perform their designated public service roles. We also provide timely and consistent drought-related news including historic and forecasted National Weather Service rainfall information, water updates from state water authorities, and agricultural drought damage assessment updates as provided by the

U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Services Agency, state agricultural economists and other recognized experts.

All information on the Web site is public information and is available for producers, industry groups, county officials, the media and anyone needing credible, consistent Texas drought-related information.

How: This Web site is designed to be a no-frills information center that's activated during times of prolonged and widespread drought in Texas. The Drought Joint Information Center and its Web site operate at the discretion of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management.

The Web site is divided into two distinct areas: "Resources on Drought" provides static and changing information on drought ranging from stream flow data and weather information to links provided by the participating agencies; and "News Updates/Situational Reports" features the latest items provided by the participating agencies.

Contact: Steve Byrns, AgriLife Communications media relations specialist and Drought Joint Information Center leader at: sbyrns@tamu.edu

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FIRST 4-H SHOTGUN COMPETITION OF THE SEASON—Six members of the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Team participated in the McCulloch County 4-H Whiz Bang last Saturday at Brady. Approximately 110 4-H members competed in the all-day event held near Brady Lake. Pictured above are (l-r): Kevin Meier-coach, Ted Pitzer, Will Meier, Brandon Hobbs, Anthony Koch, Drucilla Meier, and David Pitzer-coach. Not pictured is Landon Brackett.

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports members win at Brady

Six members of the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Team participated in the first 4-H shotgun competition of the season. The members competed at the McCulloch County 4-H "Whiz Bang" last Saturday at Brady. Approximately 110 4-H members competed in the all-day event held near Brady Lake.

Four of the Callahan County team members scored personal bests in at least one event.

In the Junior division, Anthony Koch won 1st place in skeet, 2nd place in 5-stand and 3rd place in trap, shooting his first ever perfect round (25 straight!) in skeet!!



DRUCILLA MEIER—HIGH OVERALL FEMALE.

Winning High Overall Female of the entire event was Drucilla Meier.

Drucilla has participated in the 4-H Shotgun Project since the age of 8. She was presented with a beautiful sterling silver buckle bracelet.

Drucilla is the daughter of Kevin and Mendy Meier of Clyde and the granddaughter of David and Melba Miller, also of Clyde and Allen Meier of Rule.

The Callahan County team received special recognition during the awards ceremony for their outstanding sportsmanship and exhibition of the 4-H spirit.

This is the first of many competitions to be attended by the Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Team in the coming weeks.



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Cross Plains City Council Official Minutes from April 14, 2009

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Audrey Purvis, Bob Kirkham and Peg Terrell.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Don Gosnell, Teresa Kennedy, Doug Dugger, Stuart Sowell, Jarrod Potter, Chris Bisbee, Jan Yeager and Amber Thomas.

Members of the public meeting were James Nichols, Era Lee Hanke, Lewis Fortune, Kerry Mann, Judy Luter and Ginny Hoskins.

Mayor Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. By general consent the council approved the minutes as read. By general consent the council approved the police and judge's report as presented.

Bob Kirkham moved to pay the bills. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

The Cross Plains Public Library submitted a contract between the City of Cross Plains and the Library. Kirkham moved to approve contract as presented. Audrey Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Peg Terrell moved to appoint Joyce McCoy as the 2009 City election Judge. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Audrey Purvis moved to have a joint election with the Cross Plains I.S.D. Terrell seconded and motion carried.

Kirkham moved to begin the preliminary engineering work on the pivot system for the Wastewater Treatment. A. Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Terrell moved to allow Gosnell, along with the wastewater employees, to research and purchase a generator for "backup power" for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Gosnell discussed the City's zoning ordinance and the need for updating. She advised the

council that the Planning Committee had agreed to serve as the Planning and Zoning Commission if the council so desired. At that point, Gosnell asked Kerry Mann, Planning Chairman, to discuss some of the zoning needs. Mann advised the council that the City's Comprehensive Plan was done in 1980 through 2000. He acknowledged that the plan was a good plan but was too long. He stated that the new plan should be a 10 year plan with a 6 year capital improvement plan. He commented that the Commission would actually do most of the work and present to the council for final approval. He also discussed the need for a Board of Adjusters to settle variances or arguments. He suggested that the Board of Adjusters include a council member and a planning member as well as local citizens. Mann asked the council to consider a line item in the yearly budget for costs that will be incurred by the Planning and Zoning Board.

He advised that the costs of putting together a new Comprehensive Plan would include the services of the City's Consulting Engineers and fees associated with their services as well as postage for notices to land owners and other miscellaneous costs.

By general consent the council agreed to look into putting something in the annual budget. This item was tabled until a later date. Peg Terrell moved to change the Planning Committee to the "Planning and Zoning Commission". Kirkham seconded and motion carried. Judy Luter requested that notices be posted in the paper before the council acted on any item brought before them by the Commission. The council explained that both the Planning Commission and the

Council would have to have a public hearing and both would have to be published in the paper before the council could act on a particular item.

By general consent the council agreed for Gosnell to get prices on a new pickup for the Maintenance Department.

Bob Kirkham moved to accept the Peddler's Ordinance as presented. Peg Terrell seconded and the motion carried.

Discussion was held at length concerning the animal control issues. It was noted that the animal control officer has hauled several dogs the last month and citizens are still allowing their animals to run at large. It was discussed that the Animal Control Officer at Clyde suggested updating the City's ordinance to include registration of each dog. Also discussed was the need to have a rabies vaccination clinic and Jarrod Potter is to talk to the new Vet about setting up a clinic and registering the dogs at the same time.

Terrell moved to increase the rates on the Community Center from \$75.00 per day to \$100.00 per day and to increase the hourly rate from \$7.50 per hour to \$10.00 per hour with a two hour minimum. One half day is increased to \$50.00 and a \$100.00 deposit and \$20 key deposit is required on all reservations. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

A. Purvis moved to go into executive session at 7:35 p.m. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Personnel evaluations. Kirkham moved to return to open meeting at 9:50 p.m. Terrell seconded and motion carried.

Kirkham moved to adjourn. Purvis seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
ATTEST: Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

Multi-County Wheat Tour Set for Friday, May 1st in Abilene

The annual Multi-County Wheat Tour will be held on Friday, May 1st beginning at the Taylor County Demonstrations Plots at their new location off Highway 351 on CR 521 (Mesquite Lane) northeast of Abilene. The tour will then travel to the Callahan County Plots located north of Eula on CR 250. The field day is scheduled to begin at 8:30 A.M.

Producers will have the opportunity to view the variety plots, and receive the latest update on the current wheat crop situation. In addition to the viewing of the variety plots, Dr. Gaylon Morgan, Assistant Professor and State Extension Small Grains Specialist from College Station will discuss the topic of weed & wild oat control. Agri-Pro will also be on hand to discuss variety information and availability of seed wheat for next year. Dr. Mark Welch, Extension Grain Marketing Specialist from College Station will be on hand that morning to discuss the overall economic situation of the wheat markets.

Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist from San Angelo will be on hand to give an overview of insect pest and their control. Dr. Gaylon Morgan will also discuss freeze injury the potential for it to be avoided.

The tour will conclude with an industry-sponsored lunch at the Eula Lions Club. At this location Texas Department of Agriculture will give an update on Texas Herbicide Laws and Regulations and Texas Wheat Producers Board will give an industry update. Bill Thompson, Extension Economist from San Angelo will give overview of the ACRE program and Dr. Mark Welch will give a presentation, "Hedging Production and Price Risk". TxRisk is risk management simulation software that producers can use to analyze their farm's risk profile. It is designed to show how various risk management tools (crop insurance, forward contracts, futures, and options) can be used to manage risk and helps them select the best combination of risk management instruments to hedge production and price risk. It allows producers and their partners to evaluate risk management decisions based on their individual situation and risk bearing capacity.

Three CEU's will be awarded to holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture Applicators License.

If attending, contact the Extension Office in Taylor County (672-6048), Callahan County (854-5835), Shackelford County (762-2232) or Jones County (823-2432).

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Some Good Advice

Be kinder than necessary because everyone you meet might be fighting some kind of battle. A sharp tongue can cut your own throat.

If you want your dreams to come true, you mustn't oversleep.

Of all things you wear, your expression is the most important.

The best vitamin for making friends is B1.

The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.

The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge.

One thing you can give and still keep is your word.

You lie the loudest when you lie to yourself.

If you lack the courage to start, you have already finished.

One thing you cannot recycle is wasted time.

Ideas won't work unless you do.

Your mind is like a parachute. It will not function unless opened.

The pursuit of happiness is the chase of a lifetime. It is never too late to become what you might have been.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

Friends are like balloons. Once you let them go, you may never get them back. Sometimes we get so busy with our own lives and problems that we may not even notice that we let them fly

away. Sometimes we are so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that we forget what's right and what's wrong. Sometimes we forget what real friendship means until it is too late.

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours. They probably need it.

We don't get a second chance to make a good "first impression."

From the Internet.

Squash Casserole

2 t. butter
2 t. flour
1 cup milk
1 egg
dash pepper
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. onion or onion salt
3/4 cup cheese
2 cups cooked squash

Mix and bake in greased dish at 300° for 45 minutes. Bread crumbs may be added to top or Ritz crackers.

Priscilla Jordan
Brenda Robinson

Squash Fritters

2 cups cooked and mashed yellow squash
1 small onion, chopped
1/2 cup cracker crumbs
2 eggs, beaten
salt and pepper to taste
hot salad oil

Combine squash, eggs, onion, seasonings, cracker crumbs, mix well. Drop mixture by tablespoonfuls into hot oil, fry until golden brown, turning once. Yield: 6 servings.

Brenda Robinson

Big Country Area Health Education hosts camps for health care students

The Big Country Area Health Education is proud to announce that we will be hosting two summer camps for high school students interested in a future health career. The Abilene Health Matters Summer Camp will be held June 8th through the 12th. Campers will stay in the dorms at McMurry University and will tour Cisco Junior College Respiratory Therapy Program, Texas Tech School of Pharmacy, Hardin Simmons University Physical Therapy Program, Abilene Christian University Exercise Science Program, New Horizons Audrey Grace House, Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing, and attend the Abilene Ruff Riders indoor football team practice and meet with the athletic trainers. In addition, we will spend a day in Lubbock touring the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

The Stephenville Health Matters Summer Camp will be held June 23rd through the 25th.

Campers will stay in the dorms at Tarleton State University and tour the pre-health programs at TSU as well as visit with health care professionals at several rural clinics and hospitals. We will also spend a day touring the University of Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth.

Not only will the campers get a first hand look at the health sciences programs each of these institutions offers but they will also see the benefits of continuing their education in and around their home community. Both camps are designed to enlighten campers to the future health careers that await them. The cost for each camp is \$50 which includes dorm fees, meals and transportation. Scholarships are available. To obtain a camp brochure, application and teacher recommendation form, go to http://wctcog.org/wctcog/ahec_activities.php or contact us at (325) 793-8484.

The mission of the Health Matters Summer Camp mirrors that of Big Country AHEC to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce.

The Health Matters Summer Camp is made possible through the support of the Hodges Foundation, the Allensworth-Kenner Family and Junior League of Abilene. Opportunities like the Health Matters Summer Camp are the result of partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and the Big Country Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The Big Country AHEC is a service of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

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I'm a 13 year resident of Cross Plains, moving here from Plano, TX, desiring to raise my children in a small town atmosphere and be close to family. Growing up I frequented Cross Plains visiting my grandparents, Ted Rogers, Jewel & Leo Thompson and always enjoying my visits with them and people of the community.

I am grateful to Cross Plains, a very special community, for many reasons. I'm grateful this was home to my grandparents and a part of my childhood. I am grateful my children could have this small-town experience to grow socially, mentally, and spiritually. My desire for this community is for it to continue to grow and strive to be a place we are proud to call home & where our children will be proud to say they are from. I now offer my time, experience, and concern for our community to be your servant on the city council.

To foster economic development in our city, if elected, I will work hard with citizens & city council members to evaluate and implement the tools necessary for us to succeed. I believe there are workable solutions to the foundational needs in our community. We can all work together to further the success and growth of Cross Plains, benefit the families, businesses and utilize the available sources to accomplish these goals.

I currently serve as a board member for the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, a board member of the Cross Plains Planning & Zoning Commission and the Brownwood MLS board (which services the real estate needs of the surrounding communities including Cross Plains). I believe these experiences have and are equipping me to serve as a city council member for Cross Plains.

If elected, I will always listen to the needs of the citizens and work to meet those needs in a way that will benefit our whole community.

Cast your Vote for Karen Lenz - May 9, 2009.

Early voting begins April 27 - May 5, 2009.

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Mother's Day Luncheon Planned for May 9th

A successful event prompts repetition! Last year's luncheon honoring mothers was such a success that the sisters of Beta Sigma Phi are bringing out the recipes, making cherry blossom decorations, coordinating the fashion show, and making all the plans to replicate and outdo last year's event.

This year there will be special entertainment as well, which may remain a secret for awhile, until we can't hold it any longer.

You must think of that special friend to invite as your guest, either your mother or someone else's mother. Honor someone from your church or invite a special high school senior and her

mother. Sons and fathers are welcome, too!

Tickets are \$10 each, a hefty price, but oh so worth it! Special salads, bread, luscious dessert, tea and coffee, lovely door prizes, plus all the entertainment, with a sit-down lunch and BSP ladies to serve all the guests. We promise it will be a special experience.

You may buy tickets from any BSP member or call Wanda Merryman at 725-4492 to make reservations.

Time and Place? This year it will be at the First United Methodist Church at 11:45 a.m.

Submitted by
Carol Bennett

The 11th Annual Barbarian Festival Requesting Sponsors

The 11th Annual Barbarian Festival is Saturday, June 13, 2009 on the lot north of Dollar General. Sponsorship money goes towards the purchase of awards for the Tractor Show, Car Show, advertising, T-shirts, etc. Partial proceeds of the festival sponsors the Terry Jane Wyatt Memorial Scholarship.

The **Barbarian Sponsor**, donation of \$100 or more, includes your name on the back of the T-shirt, name of all advertising, name, photo and e-mail address on barbarianfestival.net and a free T-shirt. T-shirts are given to all car show entries and may be purchased at the festival.

The **Warrior Sponsor**, any donations less than \$100, includes your name on all advertising and on barbarianfestival.net.

The deadline to become a sponsor is May 22, 2009.

2009 Sponsors to date are:
Barbarian: Reed Construction/Box R; AAA Stowaway Storage; Turner Landscaping; Main Street

Pool House & Surf Shop; Higginbotham Funeral Home; Cross Plains Review; Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestone; Callahan Furniture; Taste of Texas; City of Cross Plains; Pancakes Home Stitches; Cross Plains EDC; Texas Heritage Bank; Rocky Oaks Ranch - Stan and Jimmie Jernigan; 7-11; J & L Sales; Childress Farms; Snippets, Cunningham Ranch and Big Country Subs.

Warrior: Tim's Floral and Gifts and Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact **Kandy Jones 254-725-4458; Susan McNeel 254-725-6498** or **Cindy Payne 254-725-6692** or mail to **P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443**. Be sure to check www.barbarianfestival.net for more information.

The Festival Committee would like to thank the sponsors for their continued support.

Barbarian Festival Talent Contest NEEDS ENTRIES the Deadline is April 30th —Call and Enter NOW

Only a few days left to get your registration in for the Barbarian Festival Talent Show. The deadline is Thursday, April 30. You could perform on stage at the Barbarian Festival on June 13th—but only if you get your registration form in by the deadline.

Don't have a form? You can get it on line at barbarianfestival.net or call **Talent Show Coordinator Mary Dunn at 254-725-7136**.

The Talent Contest, the first held at the Barbarian Festival, will be a completion between Solo and Duet Vocalists and Small Groups that can perform with CD or acoustic guitar accompaniment. No electric guitars, equipment or amplifiers. The top finalists will perform live on the stage at the

Barbarian Festival.

Contest participants will be judged in two categories "14 to Adult" and "13 and Under". Registration fee is \$25.00 and goes toward the prize money awarded to the contest winners.

The Barbarian Festival, held the second Saturday each June in conjunction with Project Pride and Robert Howard Days, features a Car Show, Antique Tractor Show, Games, Kids Booths, Craft Booths, Antiques and Collectibles, Food, Petting Zoo, Live Music and other family attractions.

This year's festival will be held at a new location—on the large lot immediately north of the Dollar General store. The new location provides ample space for all the booths and events.

Admiral Cemetery Association Annual Membership Meeting

The Admiral Cemetery Association will conduct its annual membership meeting and workday at the cemetery on Saturday, May 2nd. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at noon.

Families with loved ones buried in the cemetery are asked to come out and help remove trash, trim trees and bushes, and fill-in graves that have settled.

The business meeting will include a financial report and an election to fill the expiring term

on the board of directors currently held by Ralph Cummings.

The Admiral Cemetery Association is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas for the purpose of improving and maintaining this historic site.

All donations to the Admiral Cemetery Association's Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at any branch of the First National Bank of Baird or may be mailed to 7257 CR 474, Baird, TX 79504.

Buy-In Waiver Extension Approved for Disaster Assistance Programs

USDA Extending Buy-In Waiver for Those Impacted by Natural Disasters

Baird, TX, April 13, 2009 – Robert Frost, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Callahan County announced today that producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

"Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster," said Frost.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18, 2009:

Pay a \$100 "buy-in" fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, per producer, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan

of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

In the case of each noninsurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose to "buy in" under this provision will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price. For noninsurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

For more information regarding the disaster assistance buy-in waiver and other FSA programs, please contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2 or visit the national website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Sparks-Reed Announce May 2nd Wedding

Seraphia G. Sparks and Spc. David L. Reed, both of Cross Plains, would like to announce their wedding on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at Camp Bowie in Brownwood at 5:00 p.m.

Seraphia is the daughter of Coolidge H. Sparks, Jr. and Valeria D. Sparks of Groesbeck, Texas. She is the stepdaughter of Opal Lynn Sparks. Her grandparents are James Croom Sr. and Virginia Croom of Muscle Shoals, AL and Coolidge H. Sparks Sr and Ginnette Sparks also of Muscle Shoals, AL.

David is the proud father of Dustin James Reed of Greenville. He is the son of Bill Reed, Jr. of

Illinois and Linda J. Reed of Cross Plains. Rev. Bill Reed Sr. of Lake Brownwood and Sharon Reed of Cross Plains are his grandparents. Spc. Reed is currently employed with the Texas National Guard stationed at Stephenville, TX FSC, 11th Eng. Bn.

A military wedding will be held outside at the flag pole, if weather permits. The couple is looking forward to their life together and would like for everyone who can to attend and help celebrate their special occasion.

Please R.S.V.P. by calling 325-514-4091 or 254-315-8263.

Texas unemployment rate up slightly to 6.7% Texas Rate Nearly Two Percentage Points Below the U.S. Rate

AUSTIN — Texas' unemployment rate continues to trend well below the national rate. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 6.7 percent in March, while the U.S. unemployment rate climbed to 8.5 percent. The Texas unemployment rate is up from 6.5 percent in February and 4.6 percent in March 2008.

Texas' seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment fell by 47,100 in March, following a loss of 52,400 jobs in February. Texas recorded a net loss of 106,500 jobs in the past 12 months, compared with job losses of 4.8 million nationwide during the same period.

"The Texas unemployment rate remained well below that of the nation, although Texas suffered a net loss of jobs in March," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "While the national recession continues to have an impact, TWC is focused on helping Texans find employment and weather these challenging economic times."

Trade, Transportation and Utilities added 5,800 jobs in March, and the Financial Services industry grew by 3,100 jobs. Education and Health Services gained 300 jobs in March for an increase of 59,600 jobs over the year reflecting a strong job growth

rate of 4.7 percent. Industry losses hit Construction and Manufacturing the hardest, down 18,800 and 11,900 jobs, respectively.

"TWC has allocated millions in federal stimulus dollars to support training and to help Texans find jobs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

"Workforce centers across the state are ready to help job seekers with work search, skills training and other services."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 4.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo and Lubbock MSAs tied for second at 4.4 percent.

"The rising unemployment rate is cause for concern, although Texas remained nearly two percentage points below the national unemployment rate of 8.5 percent," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "Job losses in many industry sectors in March draw attention to the broad-based effect of the national economic situation."

Texas Workforce Commission 512-463-8942 <http://www.texasworkforce.org> Equal Opportunity Employer Relay Texas 1-800-735-2989 (TDD) 1-800-735-2988 (Voice).

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325-624-5439 • 325-625-3941 •

325-214-0258

Or call Sheriff's Department in

Coleman:

325-625-3506

Any Information can be kept confidential.

Mesquite Fuels & Agriculture Inc. will clear mesquite and cedar at no cost to the land owner for a limited time. 500 acre minimum required.

If you missed our Town Meeting on April 9th you can still obtain information on the clearing program by calling the numbers below: www.mesquitefuels.com

Call branch office at 325-854-5952 — Corporate office at 972-871-2111



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02 Mercury Sable, V6, Nice Car.....(white).....	\$3,950
02 Taurus SE, Looks, Runs good.....(black).....	\$3,750
98 Ford Contour, V6, Looks, Runs Good.....(green).....	\$2,350
95 Mercury Cougar XR7, Very Nice Car.....	\$2,450
94 Mercury Cougar XR7, Loaded, 4.6 V8, Looks, Runs good.....	\$2,450
94 Chev. Caprice, V8, In good condition.....	\$1,850
93 Mercury Cougar, XR7, Runs good ..(Green).....(Reduced to).....	\$2,250
91 Buick La Saber, 4 door, Looks Runs good (White).....	\$1,795
97 T-Bird, V6, Looks, Runs Good (Red).....	\$2,450
94 Honda Accord, 4 cyl, 5spd, Good fuel mileage, runs good.....	\$1,850

VANS & SUV's

00 Ford Explorer, V6, Auto, 4DR (Red) Very Good.....Special.....	\$5,250
97 Ford Explorer, Fully Loaded and Nice (Black).....Special.....	\$3,750
97 Ford Explorer, V6, Auto, Looks runs good(White).....	\$3,495
90 Ford Bronco, V6, Very nice inside & out.....Reduced to.....	\$2,250
98 Ford Windstar, V6, Van, Automatic.....	\$2,695
97 Ford Aerostar, V6, van, 3 Seats, Looks Runs good (Green).....	\$2,150
96 Windstar, V6, 3 seats, very nice inside & out (Gold).....	\$2,650

DIESELS

98 Dodge Cummins, Diesel, 1 Ton Dually, Flat Bed, Cold Air, Automatic, Heavy Duty, Looks, Runs Good, (White).....	\$5,500
01 Ford F350 XL 4x4, Diesel Dually, Flat Bed, Auto, Pwr Stke.....	\$6,950
00 Ford F250 XLT, Crew Cab, 6 spd, Pwr stroke, (Silver) Nice Truck.....	\$6,250
00 Ford F250 XLT, 6 spd., Crew Cab, Automatic, (Silver).....	\$6,750
01 Ford F350, XL, Super Duty, 6 spd. Pwr. Stroke, Crew Cab.....	\$6,250
99 Ford F250, Crew cab, 6 spd, Super Duty, 4x4, Pwr Strike, Nice.....	\$6,950
01 Ford F250 XLT, Super Duty, 4 dr., Super Cab, 6 spd.....	\$6,950
99 Ford F350, Crew Cab, Super Duty, 6 spd.....	\$6,495
99 Ford F250, Super Duty, 4 dr. Super cab, 6 spd., Power Stroke.....	\$5,750
97 Ford F250, Heavy Duty, Super Cab, Power Stroke.....	\$4,950
95 Ford F250, Power Stroke, Super Cab, 5 spd., Runs good.....	\$3,995
94 Ford F350, Crew Cab, Turbo Diesel, A nice truck.....	\$4,500
94 Chev. Diesel, Crew Cab, Runs good, Bad Paint, Automatic.....	\$1,950
89 F250, Reg. Cab, 7.3 Diesel, Looks, Runs very good.....	\$1,950
93 Ford F350, Crew Cab, 7.3 Diesel, Runs good, Rough body.....	\$1,500
95 Ford F350, Power Stroke, Crew Cab, Dually, (Red).....	\$3,500
90 Ford F350 4x4, Turbo Diesel, Flat Bed, (Red).....	\$3,250

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00 Ranger, Super Cab, XLT, V6, Automatic, very good trk. (blue).....	\$4,850
00 Ford Ranger XLT, SuperCab, 4 dr., auto., V6, Stepside, Very nice.....	\$5,195
02 Ford Ranger XLT, Super Cab, 5 spd, looks, runs good.....	\$5,450
99 Ford Ranger, Super Crew cab, V6, w/90 Day Warranty, A good buy.....	\$4,850
98 Chev. S-10, 4 Cyl., Automatic, Looks, Runs good.....(green).....	\$3,950
97 Ford F250, Crew cab, V8, Auto, Nice Truck.....(white).....Special.....	\$3,995
85 Ford 4x4 F250, Wrecker Truck, Everything works good.....	\$1,995
96 Chev. S-10, 4 cyl., very nice truck, (tan).....	\$3,500
97 Ford F150, Super Cab, V6, 5spd. looks runs good (tan).....	\$2,750
83 Chev. 3/4 Ton, V8, Looks, Runs Good.....	\$1,595
04 Tandem Gooseneck, 2 Cartower, Very good condition.....	\$5,250