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EXPLAINING ABOUT THE U.S. FLAG—Bill Kirkham (center), Ronnie White (left), and Don Clark (right). (See additional photo on Page 5.)



CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ATTEND WEDNESDAY'S MEMORIAL CEREMONY—Their patriotic songs added to the program.

Veteran's Day Observance Held at Cross Plains Area Memorial Park

The American Legion Post 423 hosted a touching Veteran's Day Observance at the Cross Plains Area Memorial Park last Wednesday.

The colors were posted and Bob Kirkham led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. He also explained the meaning of the colors and symbols on the U.S. Flag.

Ronnie White led the group in singing the National Anthem.

Children from Cross Plains Elementary were present and they sang "American The Beautiful" and "It's A Grand Old Flag" with great enthusiasm.

Superintendent Phil Mitchell addressed the crowd and help the students understand the meaning of "patriotism".

Freddie Tatom completed the program with the benediction and Matt Sowell, band director for Cross Plains I.S.D., played taps on his trumpet.

Honoring our veterans is very important and it is great that our youth are learning to respect and appreciate our soldiers' dedication to keeping America free and safe.

Community Cancer Benefit Nets \$4174 to Help Local Cancer Patients and also Announced "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope"

The Community Cancer Benefit held in October raised \$4174.00, money that will be used to help cancer patients here in the Cross Plains area. A huge "thank you" goes out to the churches, organizations and individuals who set up booths, served food items, prepared balloons and luminaries, helped with Bingo, entertained the children and worked this year's event, to make it a tremendous success.

All of the proceeds from the event will go to help cancer patients here in Cross Plains and the small surrounding communities. Primarily, the fund helps with transportation costs—gas, food and lodging—when local patients travel the distance to and from the hospital for treatments. Your

donations help your friends and neighbors who are struggling with cancer.

On November 27th, the Community Cancer Benefit will light the lights on a new Cross Plains Christmas tradition—the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope". The tree, a 10 foot Afghanistan Pine, donated by Childress Farm, will be planted in the park area next to the Cross Plains Library and lighted with multi-colored bulbs in memory of and in honor of loved ones who have passed on or are fighting in the battle with cancer.

You can help light the tree by purchasing a bulb for each person you'd like to remember or honor. Bulbs are \$2.00 each and are accompanied by a ribbon

signifying "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved one or friend.

The bulbs and ribbons will be added to the tree for you. All you need to do is purchase the bulb at Texas Heritage Bank and give us the names for the "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" ribbon that will go on the tree.

Proceeds from the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" go to help cancer patients in the Cross Plains area. Your donation helps your friends and neighbors.

Help light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope"—and the entire park. Make this a great Christmas Memorial to those who have gone on before and to those who are fighting the battle with cancer.

Cottonwood Baptist Church Announces their "SPECIAL AUCTION" for Pews from the Church this Saturday

Cottonwood Baptist Church has remodeled the sanctuary and removed the wooden pews. The pews with cushions will be available for purchase through a "special auction" on Saturday, November 21 at the Fellowship Hall.

Twenty-five pews are to be auctioned including:

- 1 at 12' 2"
- 17 at 10' 6"
- 5 at 9'
- 2 at 4' 6"

Join us for a brisket lunch at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, November 21, to bid on the pews.

A suggested minimum bid of \$75 each is asked, but how generous you choose to be is up to you.

The pews and cushions are being stored in the old Methodist Church in Cottonwood and must be removed between 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, so bring your truck or trailer.

Thanksgiving Meal at Senior Citizens' Center Set for Tuesday, November 24th

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center will have its annual Thanksgiving Meal on Tuesday, November 24th. Serving time will be from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The meal will consist of turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, dessert and drink.

For adults 60 years and over, a donation of \$3.50 is suggested. Anyone under 60, the cost for the meal is \$5.25.

You must call and make RESERVATIONS no later than Monday, November 23, by noon.

Please call 254-725-6521.

Please plan to attend a wonderful meal with great fellowship!

The Cross Plains EMS will be here that date to distribute smoke detectors, CO2 detectors, fire extinguishers and fans to seniors in the Cross Plains and surrounding area, at no cost to you. Distribution will be from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., so get here early!

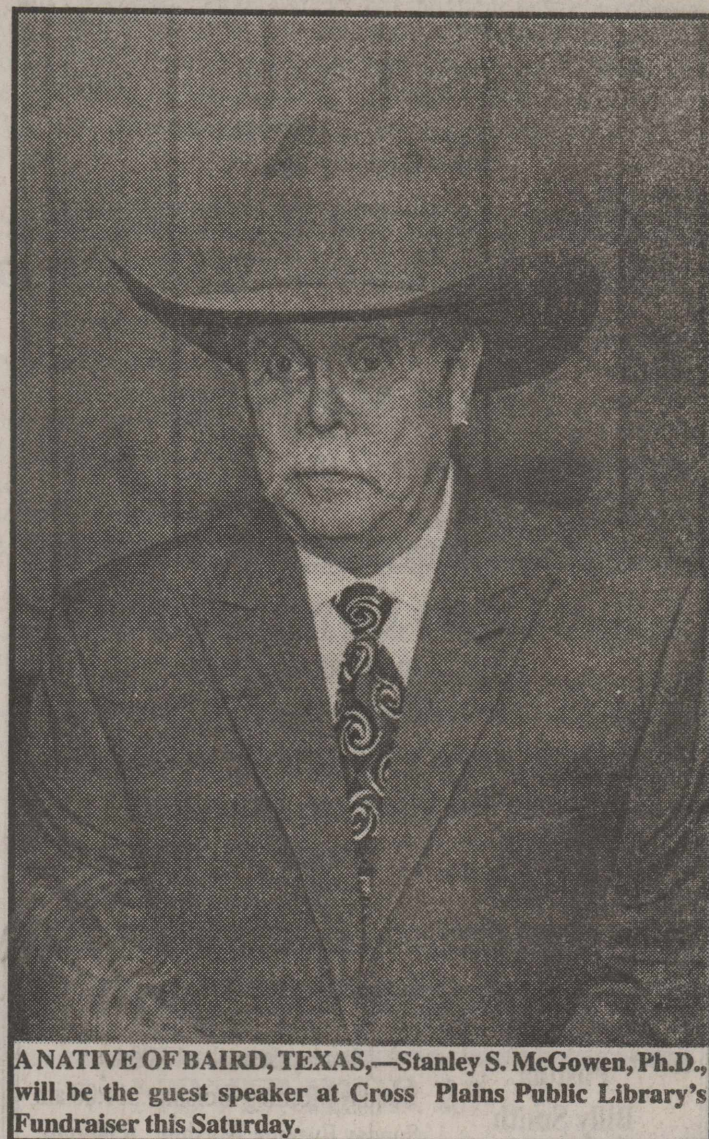
Library to Hold Annual Bake Sale Wednesday, November 25

The time is fast approaching for the Cross Plains Public Library's annual BAKE SALE!!

Traditionally held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, this year boasts a smorgasbord of tasty treats for your holidays.

Patrons and supporters of the library are always generous to share their homemade goodies with us.

Pecan and pumpkin pies, nut breads and cookies, candies and cakes for your Thanksgiving meal, or to freeze and serve later, will go on sale Wednesday,



A NATIVE OF BAIRD, TEXAS—Stanley S. McGowen, Ph.D., will be the guest speaker at Cross Plains Public Library's Fundraiser this Saturday.

Blind Hunter to Speak at Cross Plains Public Library November 21

The Cross Plains Public Library is hosting a fundraising lunch featuring Dr. Stanley S. McGowen as guest speaker on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at noon at First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

Born in Baird, Texas, McGowen attended Baird High School and graduated from Tarleton State College in 1969. He served over 21 years in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division, including postings in Vietnam, Germany and Alaska. His service included assignments in the infantry, military intelligence, and aviation.

After losing his eyesight in a plane crash in 1990, McGowen turned to collegiate life where he earned an MA in History from Tarleton State University and a Ph.D. in American History from Texas Christian University. He has published three books including the award-winning *Horse Sweat and Powder Smoke: The First Texas Cavalry in the Civil War*, and several articles in professional journals in his sub-fields of Spanish Borderlands and military history. After publishing over 30 articles in the historical genre, McGowen shifted his focus to outdoor activities for the disabled. Recently, *Petersen's Hunting*

Magazine, Sports Afield, Game Trails, Quality Whitetails, and Sports N Spokes selected McGowen's articles highlighting disabled hunters for their publications. During the last two years as volunteer Texas Project Coordinator for the Armed Forces Foundation, Dr. McGowen organized hunting, target shooting, and fishing events for over 200 wounded and injured veterans and their families.

Join us for this fascinating journey with Dr. McGowen as he demonstrates the remarkable technology that allows him to hunt big game in Africa as well as dove and deer in Texas. There will be time for questions and his books will be available for purchase that day.

Lunch will consist of beef brisket tacos with all the trimmings, beverage and dessert. Cost for the luncheon is your "generous" donation. Reservations are encouraged. Call 254-725-7722 today! Seating is limited, so advance reservations are encouraged.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

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"What's Inside"

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Sunday School9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM
Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
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Brushy Creek Cowboy Church
112 W. Travis in Putnam
Pastor: Sam Stone
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

Triple Cross Cowboy Church
Every Sunday at 10:30 am
Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)
Al Taylor, Preacher
Phone: 254-725-7522
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Pioneer Baptist Church
Pastor: Billy Smith
254-725-6268
Sunday School....10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH
Pastor: Len Smith
"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you"
JOHN 13:15
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OBITUARIES



James D. "Cootie" Harris

James D. "Cootie" Harris, age 74, of Baird, Texas, passed away Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in the Clyde Nursing Center. Services were held Friday, November 13, 2009, at the Chapel of Parker Funeral Home in Baird. Jerry Palmer officiated. Interment followed with military honors at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene. Parker Funeral Home of Baird was in charge of arrangements.

James was born June 18, 1935 in Galveston, Texas, to William and Louise Richardson Harris. He was reared in Seguin, Texas, and graduated from Seguin High School. He attended the University of Houston and had worked as a radiologist. James served his country as a U. S. Army Paratrooper.

He married Tracey Swafford on February 3, 1995 in Houston, Texas. They moved to Baird from Galveston, Texas six years ago. He was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Clyde, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Tracey Harris of Baird; 2 sons, Jeffrey Harris and Jimmy Harris, both of San Antonio, Texas; a brother-in-law, Stacy Swafford of Merkel, Texas; and 2 grandsons.

He was preceded in death by one brother, William "Dick" Harris.

The family requests memorials to The American Cancer Society or the donor's favorite charity.



Collene Childers Pointer

Collene Childers Pointer was born December 2, 1928 in Flomot, Texas. She was the youngest child of Johnnie and Fannie Childers.

She passed away November 8, 2009, in Lubbock.

She married the love of her life Billy Joe Pointer on December 23, 1944 in Silverton, Texas.

Collene was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 42 years, one brother and one sister, twelve half-brothers and sisters, one child, Betty Collene Brown and two grandchildren.

Survivors include two sisters, Reba Holcomb of Logan, N.M., and Elva Brogden of Cisco; and five children, Gary, Larry, Barry, Billie Finley and Linda Wade; ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Interment was next to her husband at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, November 12, 2009 under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Ball Dec. 4th

The Grand Ole Oplin will hold its Annual Christmas Ball on Friday, December 4, 2009. We invite everyone out to dance to the country tunes of Muddy Creek. Our Christmas Ball will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple. Everyone is asked to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Don't forget to wear Christmas colors (think red!) or your Sunday best.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed. For further information about our Christmas Ball please contact Judy Woodard at 529-3129 or Alice Denunzio at 529-4646.

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

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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Attention Callahan County Voters

Thursday, December 3, 2009 is the first day to file for a place on the **Republican Primary Ballot**. The party chairman will be available to accept candidate filings from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at

8567 C.R. 419
Cisco, Texas 76437
Atwell Area of
Callahan County.

Call 254-725-4168 for directions, questions or make an appointment for an earlier or later

time to file on December 3rd. Call for an appointment to file from December 3, 2009 to January 4, 2010.

No filings may be accepted after 6:00 p.m. January 4, 2010.

Monday, January 4, 2010, 6:00 p.m. is the last day to file for a place on the Republican Primary Ballot.

Submitted by
Reggie Pillans
Republican County Chairman

Commissioners canvass Amendment, Local Option Election results

Callahan County Commissioners voted to canvass the votes from the Tuesday, November 3rd Constitutional Amendment Election in Callahan County on Thursday, November 12th at the County Courthouse in Baird. Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

This meeting was held to canvass the votes from the November 3rd Constitutional Amendment Election and the Local Option Election.

Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the tabulation of the November 3rd Constitutional Amendment Election to be true and correct. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the tabulation of the November 3rd Local Option Election to be true and correct. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Lenna M. Lowery, theft by check.

Ryan H. Owen, criminal mischief.

Richard Goble Jr., criminal mischief.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ervey Ramirez, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Michael Ray Whitmire, motion to revoke probation granted.

Candy D. Faircloth, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Jessie J. Gonzalez Jr., motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Jesus Saucedo, compromise settlement agreement granted.

Glen E. Moore, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Donald L. Stallones, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Lisa Stadelman, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Raven L. Serna, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Michael C. Breske and Leslie E. Neal, both of Baird.
Clay T. Gilmore of Cross Plains and Yvonne P. Bowen of Tuscola.

Michael H. Snowden Jr. and Bucky J. Shouse, both of Baird.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictments

Donna J. Zapata, possession of a controlled substance.
Kim Thomas, theft.

Bryan W. Elrod, burglary of a building.
James E. Barron, Jr., forgery.

Tammy Champagne, possession of a controlled substance.
Jeffrey B. Bethel, possession of a controlled substance.

Civil Filings

Arrowood Indemnity / Tuitiengard vs. Travis L. Bailey and Candice S. Bailey, default on note.

J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, N. A. vs. Fred Childers, default on account.

Douglas Kuykendall vs. Martha Fay Kuykendall, In Re: to declare void the marriage.

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Rev. Harris Worcester

Sunday School 9:30AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45AM

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First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM

Music- Connie Swift & Betty Lewis

Lead Singers: Rhonda Swift
Amanda Sowell

Matt Sowell
Pastor Kathy Monroe

208 N. Ave. D 23-1fn

First Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm
Children Choir 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor
(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

COTTONWOOD NEWS

WALLACE BENNETT

Cottonwood Getting Busy for Holiday Season

The "Holiday Season" seems to be starting earlier each year. With Thanksgiving the next rattle out of the box and Christmas just around the corner, we can already yell, "I'm too busy to do that," whatever "it" is. But the busy season still holds a great amount of satisfaction in looking ahead with expectation and happiness.

Charles Rodenberger had most of his family visit with him this weekend, including his son, Mark and Kathy Rodenberger of Weatherford; Keith and Kathy Wilcox and their daughter, Valeria, of San Antonio; and local members including Ike and Sue (Halsell) Neal of Cross Plains.

They were all fresh in from a celebration at Texas Women's University in Denton that honored Charles' late wife, Lou (Halsell) Rodenberger for her work in research and writing about Texas Women Authors. The Library at TWU has developed a permanent

display in honor of Lou and has located a research center to house her papers and memories. Lou had been a member of the Board of Directors of TWU for several years prior to her death and the family is quite proud of the celebration in her honor and in her accomplishments.

The family attended and participated in the Lord's Acre celebration at the first Methodist Church in Cross Plains last Saturday. Kathy Rodenberger has been a consistent supporter of the Lord's Acre program for years, and this year contributed many items to the country store and purchased many items at the auction. The most unique item was a cranberry scoop. I don't know how it worked since I had never seen one before.

Also, participating in the Lord's Acre festivities were Ronnie and Fran Turpin of Arlington. Fran Turpin bought 3 antique quilts. I don't know why. Ronnie is Carol's brother and Ronnie and Wallace visited in Coleman to see

the Cross Plains Lady Buffs (Emma Bennett) play in a basketball tournament.

Do No Forget Cottonwood's Community Christmas Party No doubt, people in Cottonwood will be traveling great distances over the holidays and/or people from great distance will be coming to visit friends and relatives who live in Cottonwood. I would like to print all this activity in the COTTONWOOD NEWS column. Therefore, please let me know where you go and what people's names are that come to visit you and their points of origin over this holiday season.

I believe the Cottonwood "influence" reaches out much farther than we think. So, please let me know.

(Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood, coming events, or people living in this valley at 254-725-7474, e-mail csb555@dishmail.net. Please remember this, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.)

LIBRARY NOTES

November 9-13, 2009

Patrons: 111
Programs: 23
LAP 7
Lapsit 2
Books Checked Out: 125
Copies: 56
Reference: 10
Internet Users: 48
Interlibrary Loans: 2

Book Donations:

Norma Strahan
Mitzi Strain
Johnnie S. Posuk
Dianne Miller
Trevor Brown
Sheri Bennett
Chad Mitchell
Scarlett Koettel

Volunteers:

Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Sue Bennett
Arlene Stephenson
Ginny Hoskins
Helen Parson

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Cottonwood Volunteer Control to Hold "Snowball" Quilt Drawing at their Fish Fry January 30th

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is holding a drawing for a lovely Texas Sized Snowball Quilt that measures 82" X 90" and was machine pieced by Cody Hounshell and hand-quilted by the ladies of the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

Tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds will benefit the Cottonwood Fire Control Group. Tickets are available by calling 254-725-7281 or mailing a check to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, 13210 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

The drawing will be held at the Second Annual Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fish Fry on January 30.

The quilt is on display at Texas Heritage Bank, at the Cottonwood Christmas Party at the Cottonwood Community Center on Saturday, December 5th, and at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group Bake Sale on December 19th.

death was such a tragedy. A lot of her co-workers from the prison were there.

Jim and Marla Alexander were down to see their parents, James and Jean Alexander, for the day on Friday. It was a short stay but everyone was glad to see them.

Basketball season is on! We are going to have some good teams around the area. The Cross Plains girls played in the Coleman Tournament over the last weekend. The girls came in second, being beat by the AA Bluecats. We are proud of you girls! Rising Star girls were in the tournament, also.

Football isn't over yet, the Cisco Lobos and Albany Lions are still trying to make it to state. We hope they make it all the way!

We need rain again. Let's all pray we get some soon.

Alcoholics Anonymous Changes Meeting Place

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is no longer meeting at the Church of Christ Activity Center. They are meeting at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information contact Wanda at 254-725-7499 or Diana 254-725-4670.

PIONEER NEWS

The quilting ladies had a great day on Tuesday with most of our ladies present. We finished the Rehab quilt, a "Dresden Plate". It, along with two pillows made by Lou Grider, will go to the Rehab next month. We are working on Norma's "Bear Claw" and have Bernice's top in the frame. Glenda will be putting in a top soon. Marqueta volunteered to have our Christmas party at her house this year. She and her husband bought the Bob Grider place. We are so glad to have them in our community.

Allen Phillips took Glenda to Midland last week to see her new great-grandson, Nicholas Zachariah. His grandparents are Glen Dale and Sonja Phillips of Alpine. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. but he really seemed tiny. He was born on Glen Dale's birthday. They visited Vernon's sister and

husband, Nancy and Thomas Wolf while in Midland.

Charlie, Kali and Caleb and their friends, William and daughter, Meigan, were down over the weekend. Charlie, William and Meigan went deer hunting. Everyone had a delicious lunch at Allen and Janice's house on Sunday. Glenda said Caleb was growing faster than a weed and that he looked like a football player. Maybe he will be one, his daddy, Charlie, was a really good football player for the Buffaloes.

Howard was in for the weekend from Shreveport. His son, Blake, and wife Susan, from Stephenville came in with him two weeks ago. Howard comes in every weekend. He said they leave out o La, on Friday.

Our sympathy goes out to Lanitta Sturgill's family. Her

Cottonwood Community Christmas Party Slated for Saturday, December 5

The Cottonwood community and friends will gather at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th, at the Cottonwood Community Center for the annual Cottonwood Community Christmas Party. Come and visit with friends and neighbors—old and new.

If you're new to the community and haven't had a chance to meet folks yet, this is a good time to get to know your neighbors. And, if you've lives in the community

a long time, it's a good time to come out and see your old friends.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will have the Texas Size Snowball Quilt on display and tickets will be available for purchase. Members of the Cottonwood Quilting Club and the Cottonwood Historical Association will also be at the party.

Bring a finger food and your best holiday spirit!

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By Bob Pipes
Cross Plains Church of Christ
433 N. Main
(254) 725-6117



A group of 4-8 year old kids were asked to state in a few words "what love is." One answered this way: "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

When you read what God had Paul write about love in 1 Corinthians 13, you have to agree with the youngster. "Love...is kind...does not behave rudely...thinks no evil...rejoices in the truth...never fails." These are a few things from versus 4-8a.

Listen to others - and yourself. Check and see how others say your name, or the name of others. Check and see how you say other people's names. Is their name "safe in your mouth" - coming out of your mouth?

How do you think God feels when He hears His name coming out of someone's mouth in a fit of rage? - or in vain, with no intention of praising Him or loving Him? Jesus said, "...by your words you will be justified...or condemned," Matthew 12:37. I wonder if it's not also true in regard to the tone of our words, and the way we say another person's name?

I encourage you to share in times of Bible study and worship with us as we strive to "sign our lives with the excellence of God."

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

3-Cross Plains Review November 19, 2009

Punchy Princess Christmas Trunk Show!

Jewelry * Purses * Belts * Bible Covers
Cowhide Flip Flops

Thursday, November 19, 2009
Hospitality Room—Texas Heritage Bank
Cross Plains

Come and Go! 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Refreshments Served!
Drawing will be held!

Bring a Friend!

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday 23rd - Movie Day @ 10:00 am; Cokes & Popcorn. Coke Floats @ 12:30
Tuesday 24th - Exercise Class @ 11:00 am.
Wednesday 25th - Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30
Thursday 26th - Center Closed, No Meal Served, Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday 27th - Center Closed, No Meal Served, Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving From the Senior Citizens Center!

Do You Know Someone Who Would Benefit From a Home Delivered Meal?

The Cross Plains Senior Center would always like to know if you or someone you know would benefit from a Home Delivered Meal. The meals are delivered Monday-Friday from 11:45-12:45 pm. A

hot, nutritious, and delicious meal is available for those who qualify. Please feel free to call the Center Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm to see if we can help. 254.725.6521.

Senior Citizens Center Will Have More Computer Classes Starting in December

The Senior Center has 6 computers available to any senior to use. You may use the internet, play computer games, make a document or even setup an email account. They are available Monday-Friday from 9:00am - 2:00pm. If you would like to

attend a computer class please call the Center. They will begin Tuesday, December 1st at 10:00 am. The Biggerstaffs will be focusing on spreadsheets during December. Please come by and give the computers a try! They don't bite! Hope to see you there.

Coupon Corner at the Senior Center

Do you have coupons that you do not use? A sweet lady from the community, Geneva Nelson has started a Coupon Corner at the Center for the seniors in the community! There is a table with baskets to sort coupons for the seniors to use. With the economy like it is what a great way to save

money by using coupons. This really helps our seniors, since so many are on a fixed income. So if you have coupons from the Sunday paper, and don't plan on using them, drop them by the Center and we can put them to use!

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

NOVEMBER 23-27

MONDAY-Chef Salad w/turkey, Ham, Cheese, Egg and Tomato Wedges, Crackers & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
TUESDAY-Turkey and Dressing, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
WEDNESDAY-Sloppy Joes, Shoe Peg Salad, Fruit & Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee
THURSDAY-Center Closed, No Meal Served, Happy Thanksgiving!
FRIDAY-Center Closed, No Meal Served, Happy Thanksgiving!

Dominoes 2nd Tuesday of Each Month

C.P. GARDEN CLUB NEWS

By JOYCE ODOM

The Cross Plains Garden Club met November 13th at 1:00 p.m. at Julene Franke's office. Eva Fleming led the group in repeating the "Conservation Pledge".

Joyce Odom conducted the roll call with each one's "show and tell". Eva had rust colored mums; Julene—an umbrella plant; Mary Ella Weaver—Sanseveria; Sandy Lusk—Succulent; and Joyce—a piece of drift wood mounted on a base.

Sandy won the door prize conducted by Joyce.

Our thanks to Judy Porter for the enlarged pictures taken September 11, 2009 at the Methodist Parsonage.

Eva gave a brief report on attending the District VIII Convention in Coleman that she, Julene and Mary Ella attended October 30-31. Cross Plains Garden Club was a co-hostess for the event.

Treasurer Julene Franke gave a report and spoke of some upcoming financial matters.

Several cans of food were brought for the Cross Plains Food Bank.

Refreshments were brought by each member and were enjoyed by all.

The meeting adjourned to reconvene the 2nd Friday in December.

You are invited to join us in celebrating our mother's 80th Birthday!

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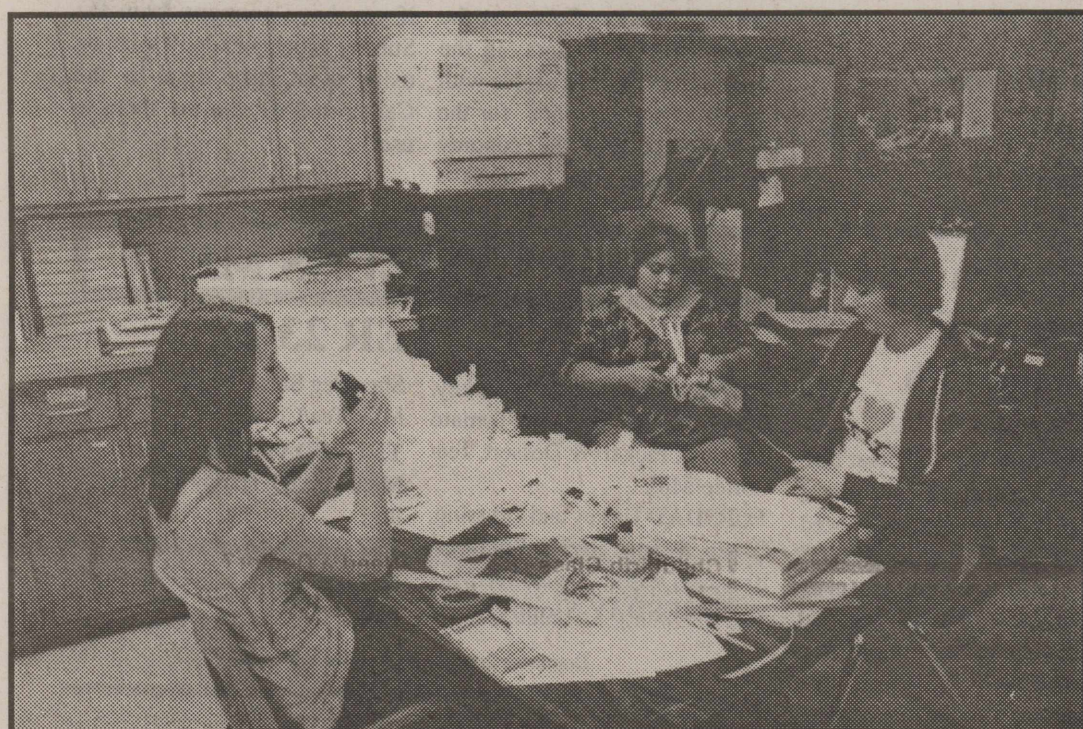
REGIONAL RUNNERS—Coach Bullock (from left), Miranda Williams, Shelby Ames, Lauren Goode, Zoie Walker, Samantha Dickson, Katharine Goode, and Amanda Dunaway.

Cross Plains Cross Country Ladies Place 5th at Regional

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs Cross Country team proved that their district was one of the best in the state this past weekend at Vandergriff Park in Arlington as they finished in fifth place out of the 26 teams in attendance. Three of the top five teams were out of our district which proves that we competed at a very high level this year. Seymour was regional champion followed by Hamlin our district champion, then Guthrie, next was Haskell our district runner up, and rounding out the top five was the Cross

Plains Lady Buffs. I am extremely proud of the way these ladies have competed and improved this year. This is a huge plus in our confidence going into everything else that we have to compete in this year. Next year looks bright already as we only lose one senior off the team in place, and are ready to pick up a top notch runner in Shelby Thomas who was 2nd in district overall in Junior High. Thank You's go out to all the parents for all their support of the girls, and cheering them on, and most of all for

getting them out of bed on those early mornings this fall. Members of your regional qualifying team are in order of their finish at the regional meet—Shelby Ames-Soph, Lauren Goode-Soph, Zoie Walker-Soph, Samantha Dickson-Soph, Miranda Williams-Jr, Katharine Goode-Fresh, and Amanda Dunaway-Sr. Alternates were Emma Bennett, Rosa Salazar, and Maci Whitson. Good job Lady Buffs! Thanks for a good season! **Submitted by Coach Shawn Bullock**



STUDENTS CRAFTING YELLOW RIBBONS—which were displayed on trees all over the Cross Plains campus in honor of Veteran's Day.



C. P. ELEMENTARY STUDENTS—presenting the banner they made to honor our veterans.

Students and Faculty Celebrate Veterans Day at Cross Plains School

Students and faculty at Cross Plains honored Veterans for their service to our Nation this past Veterans Day. Band director, Matt Sowell, led elementary students as they sang patriotic songs for community members attending the downtown ceremony. Mrs. Killgo's classes made yellow ribbons for high school students to attach to trees on the campus and pay tribute to our soldiers. Elementary students created a big banner along with their won yellow ribbons to show their patriotic pride. Students met for

an assembly later that day where members of the American Legion Post 423 began the program by presenting the flags. Members present were Commander Bob Kirkham, Vice Commander Don Clark, Treasurer Audrey Purvis, and Weldon Strain. Retired Marine and Cross Plains resident, J.D. Huddleston, spoke to students about his experiences in the Marines and what Veterans Day meant to him. Superintendent, Phil Mitchell, also spoke to students at both the downtown ceremony and at the

school assembly. Mr. Mitchell's speeches motivated students to thank veterans for the freedoms that they enjoy. Matt Sowell ended the assembly with a beautiful playing of "Taps" on his trumpet. School principals, Diana Dobbins and Margie Sowell, hope students gained an appreciation for the sacrifices that veterans have made for the freedoms they enjoy. Plans are in the making for students to write cards and letters to send to veterans on Valentine's Day.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

NOVEMBER 23-27

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
TUESDAY-Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
WEDNESDAY-Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

THURSDAY-Thanksgiving Holiday

FRIDAY-Thanksgiving Holiday

LUNCH

MONDAY-Hot Dog, Chili & Cheese, Tater Tots, Apple, Milk
TUESDAY-Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Roll, Honey, Milk

WEDNESDAY-Meat and Bean Chalupa, Salad, Pineapples, Milk

THURSDAY-Thanksgiving Holiday

FRIDAY-Thanksgiving Holiday

Have a Great Thanksgiving!

PTO Expresses Appreciation for Fundraiser Support

PTO would like to say "thanks" to all who participated and put in lots of hard work for this year's fundraiser. It was a great success!

In addition our appreciation to Tim's Floral; Pancake's Home Stitchin'; Higginbotham's; Subway and Cross Plains Parts Plus for all the door prizes donated for the recent fall PTO meeting.

It was a good meeting and the little ones did a great job in their patriotism and support for our veterans.

Don't forget Dads, this **Thursday November 19th** at 7:15 a.m. in the Elementary Foyer we have **Dads and Donuts**.

If you would like to **volunteer in the 4th grade reading program**, please call Sarah at 254-725-4469. Volunteers come in every Wednesday from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. to listen to them read and to help them improve their reading skills.

Pee Wee Football Season Deemed a Great Success

October 24th Cross Plains Pee-Wee football team finished their football season against the Mineral Wells Miners in Cross Plains. In front of a large hometown crowd the Buffaloes played a hard fought game. The boys have played their hearts out all year. Being their first year to play tackle football there was much improvement in every game. They can't wait until next year!

Both flay football teams played Saturday with one more game to go in Cisco. These boys are holding their own against more experienced Cisco teams, winning several games.

The cheerleaders danced at halftime and showed lots of spirit. Leading everybody with their cheers and keeping everybody fired up during the games. The football players also wore pink ribbon stickers for breast cancer awareness on their helmets.

Saturday was an exciting day for all. Everybody received medals and gift bags. Mothers had a bake sale to raise money so that someday we can purchase our own equipment.

A special thanks to the coaches for giving their time, patience, and their weekends to help put the football teams together and getting a youth football program started in Cross Plains. Cheerleading sponsors need a big pat on the back for their time and help also. Parents, thank you for shuttling kids back and forth to practice and traveling to Cisco, Breckenridge, and Mineral Wells. It was a great season!

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Thank You From the Cross Plains Dairy Products Team

The Cross Plains Dairy Products Team consisting of Tiffany Holland, Emma Bennett, Terrah Augustine and Zach Snell would like to give a special thanks to the community. The words of wisdom, donations and support has not gone unnoticed.

Without all the support, we would not have been able to have a successful trip to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Knowing that our community was supporting us 100 percent gave us confidence to compete and inspired us to bring home a top placing spot.

Again, thank you so much for your support in the Cross Plains Agricultural program and Cross Plains I.S.D.

Submitted by Tiffany Holland

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on November 19, 2009, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the high school library. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Open Forum
2. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - B. Review and Approve Payment of Bills/Finance Report
 - C. Consider Budget Amendment #1
 - D. Consider Members to Serve on a SHAC (School Health Advisory Council) Committee
 - E. Consider Reducing the Credit Required to Graduate on the Minimum Degree Plan from 26 Credits to 24, Beginning with the 2010-11 School Year. The Recommended and Distinguished Degree Plans will Remain at the Current 26 Credits.
 - F. Consider Bids on a Security Camera System
 - G. Consider Bids on a Small

- 4-door Car
- H. Consider Changing Policy DEC (Local) Leaves and Absences - by adding a "Sick Leave Pool"

3. Personnel

- A. Consider Resignation of Peims Coordinator
- B. Consider Salary Increase for New Peims Coordinator (Current Employee)
4. Principal's Report - Highly Qualified Teacher Report
5. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Rock Walls Around School
 - B. Appraisal Instrument for Evaluation of Superintendent
 - C. Bonuses
 - D. Janitorial Staff/Teaching Staff
 - E. AlertNOW—Parent Communication Device
 - F. Cross Plains Varsity Tournament - Dec. 10,11,12
 - G. JH/Elementary UIL Academic Meet - Dec. 10
 - H. Thanksgiving Holidays - Nov. 26 and 27
6. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on November 16, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.

BOARD TRAINING

The Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be in **Board Training** on November 19, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board Room. Rhonda Crass with Henslee and Schwartz Law Firm will deliver the training. No official business will be

conducted that this time. The Regular Board Meeting will convene at or about 8:00 p.m.

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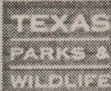
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Junior High Girls Basketball Report

After 3 weeks of intense basketball practice, the Junior High Girls opened their season. The girls were both nervous and excited at the same time and the first few minutes of the game proved that. They loaded the bus last Monday and traveled to Eula.

The girls warmed up, won the opening tip and their season started. They fell behind 4-0, then rallied to take a 9-4 first quarter lead. They kept up the pressure on defense and scored 11 points

to take a 20-5 half-time lead. The tempo of the game slowed in the 2nd half with Cross Plains scoring 9 points and Eula 8, to make the final score Cross Plains 29 Eula 13.

The Junior High Girls will play Albany next Monday. A 7th and 8th Grade Girls game will be played and one boys game.

Playing the Junior High Lady Buffs were Kelbi Hyles, Megan Pointer 4 points; Brenna Kleiber, Nicole Eisenbach - 13 points;

Shelby Thomas - 2 points; Bridgette Mayfield; Karey Campbell; Allanta Wheeler - 1 point; Megan France; Texas Sanders - 2 points; Jurnee Thomas - 7 points.

Remember the J.V. and Junior High Girls and Boys Tournament at Cross Plains is this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

See you at the games!!!

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley

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Meets monthly each 3rd Sunday from 2:30-3:30pm in Classroom 2 of BRMC. Moderator Joan Countess addresses the group on a variety of ostomy related issues. For more information contact Joan at 325.649.3313.

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Alzheimer's Support Group

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Senior Circle meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 11:15am at the hospital meeting room or a local restaurant. Educational programs are provided at each meeting along with fun and fellowship. Please call 325.649.3392 to find out the location of the monthly meeting. Bingo follows each month at the hospital meeting room.

Need a Doctor?

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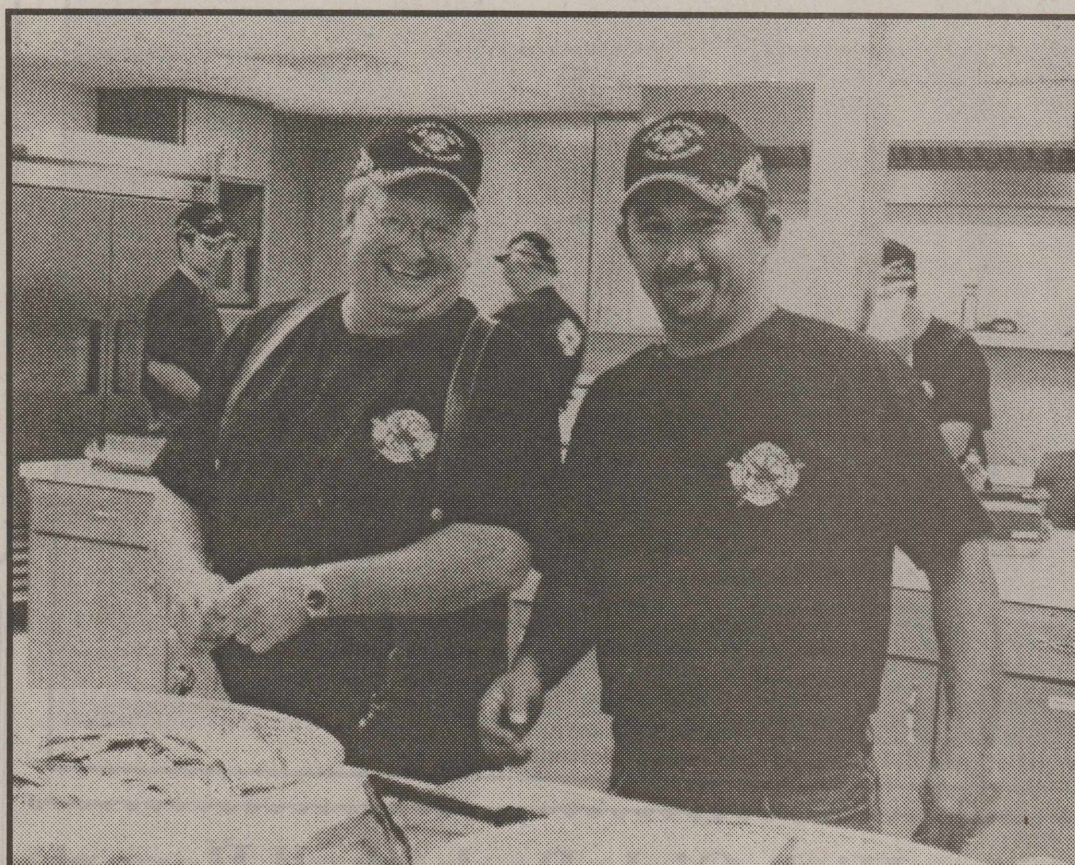
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The Doctors Prescription for Health

Column written by Albert M. Kincheloe DO Medical Director Cross Plains Community Health Center, 200 N. Main St., Cross Plains, TX 76443. 254-725-4311

Allergies or a Virus?

During the current season, we often see patients who are having a number of symptoms that are often confusing to them. Runny nose, nasal congestion, cough, sinus pressure, and a host of other symptoms often visit many folks at the same time.

Being the Fall season, we know that the weeds are out in abundance. Weed pollen, of which the ragweeds are the most prevalent, starts in about September each year and remains active until a really good freeze occurs. If the Summer was a wet one, the abundance of weed pollen certainly accelerates. Since Fall is the time of year that we will often see an early occurrence of viral infections, the cause of one's unpleasant feelings can certainly be a confusing situation. Is it an allergy or is it a virus?

When a virus occurs, one of the most common types that is seen is the rhinovirus. This fellow comes to town with his friends; nasal congestion, runny nose, sinus pressure, and often, cough and post-nasal drip. Unlike an allergy problem, the rhinovirus is usually gone in five to seven days, whereas the allergy symptoms will persist until the pollen has pretty much disappeared from the air. Additionally, the typical antihistamine medicines will rarely do much for a true viral infection, whereas they will

usually relieve much of the symptoms produced from allergies to pollen.

As a rule, unless a true secondary bacterial infection occurs, an allergic cause of the symptoms will rarely produce any fever above the upper 90's Fahrenheit. However, a viral infection, depending on the virus, can produce fevers well over 101 degrees F.

How do we lessen the occurrence of symptoms due to allergies?

Be sure and routinely change your filter in the heating and cooling unit of your home. Otherwise, when the filter becomes overlaid with pollen and other particles, the air from it will begin to send them back for you to breathe. Thus, when the filter is dirty, you may experience allergic symptoms after the pollen has left the outside air.

Once the symptoms occur, be sure to not sleep with the temperature too hot at night. This hot air circulating will dry out the mucus membranes of you nasal cavity, and thus produce nasal stuffiness. The result will be more congestion and cough, as a rule.

The old timers believed that milk products would cause more mucus that was also thicker, thereby increasing one's symptoms from allergies. Personally, this is my belief. However, many in the field of medicine would

disagree with me.

Eating lots of fruits and vegetables has been shown to increase the ability of your immune system to resist allergies as well as infection. Additionally, getting adequate sleep is likewise important.

Many nutritional supplements are believed to be beneficial in affording assistance to your immune system. In Europe, many studies have done that back up this belief. Vitamins C and D, quercetin, and a host of other supplements have been shown to be useful in this situation.

Overall, keep in mind that the trees are out in Spring, the grasses in the Summer, and the weeds in the Fall. Oh, and don't forget cedar in November through January or February. Also, anytime we get a dust storm, or a rainy period, the molds show up in full force. By watching the pollen count on the nightly weather, or going to The Weather Channel on the web, it will be much easier to see what might be the offending agent in your case. Until next time.

To you health, happiness, and peace.

"Success is the maximum utilization of the ability that you have."

Zig Ziglar

"By humility and fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life."

Proverbs 22:4

Lord's Acre, A Resounding Success

Thanks to the on-going support of the community, the Methodist Church enjoyed a wonderful Lord's Acre celebration for about the 46th time. The weather cooperated and even with conflicting basketball games, etc., the turkey dinners were moving in all directions at the same time.

Jean McWilliams, as long time chair of the event, was directing traffic like the pro she is. Thirty-eight meals for the Rising Star Nursing Home were going out the kitchen door, as a constant request for drive through orders was coming in through the north doors of the Fellowship Hall and early diners were coming down the hall from the center doors.

Bobby Golson was in great form as the live auction swung into action with several hand-made quilts, an original watercolor picture and lots of interesting smaller items keeping bidders on their toes.

We knew "tradition" had collided with "technology" when the auction stalled out as an

I-phone was pulled out to check dates on the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas. Call was completed and the bidding continued on the donated tickets for seats behind the bucking chutes.

As with any festival of this nature and with everybody in the church involved, the behind the scenes action gets pretty interesting in itself.

Betcha' didn't know that one delivery driver got lost and drove all over southern Callahan County, western Eastland County and northern Brown County before "HE" called back to the church for additional directions.

Or that one turkey forgot to thaw out HIS turkey and had to track down a fresh one to cook. No names mentioned, but it was a good rescue.

A first time cake donor was duly initiated into reality when one of her cakes went south and she showed up with only one. Haven't we all been there a time or two?

The sound of shattering glass

certainly caught everybody's attention. If a broken mirror means 7 years of bad luck, does that translate to a broken glass tray bringing 3 1/2 years of bad luck?

Every kitchen crew needs a Kindergarten teacher in the food line. When a carry-out tray full of steaming hot dinner took a nose dive off of the counter, and left a trail of debris all the way to the floor, she just whipped into action and had the mess cleaned up in the wink of an eye, almost before the next tray reached her station.

But the sweetest and most promising activities involved two young elementary girls who carry on the traditions of the festival. Katy Jo making her grandmother's auction cake and Shelby following in her aunt's footsteps of finishing her project just ahead of the auction kick-off.

All in all, it was a fun-filled night and we thank you for your support of our mission programs.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

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Santa Is Coming to Cross Plains!

Early Notice! The Annual Cross Plains Kiwanis Christmas Program is Friday night, December 4. Santa anticipates meeting all the children and adults at the Senior Citizens' Center. Every child will be able to visit with Santa and have his/her picture taken with him.

There will also be a **Stew Supper Fund-Raiser** and a **Dessert Fund-Raiser** sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and Senior Citizens' Center respectively.

The Kiwanis Club will be giving away some free turkeys and gift certificates from a drawing of those attending the stew supper and the kids who have their pictures made with Santa.

More details will be in next week's paper. The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to plan to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains.

Remember—Mark your calendar—**Friday night, December 4, beginning at 5 p.m.**

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Cross Plains' retail sales now 6% higher than 2008

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2009 are now running over six percent higher compared to 2008 sales tax payments, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Monday, November 16th.

Cross Plains' 2009 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$178,172.49, which is 6.14 percent higher than the \$167,852.66 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2008.

The payment to the city for November 2009 was \$21,189.56, which is 14.32 percent higher than the \$18,534.54 payment made to the city in November 2008.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs says the state collected \$1.52 billion in sales tax revenue in October, down 12.8 percent compared to October 2008.

"Declining sales tax collections, which began in February, have continued with October's collections," Combs said. "Tax collections are down in major sectors of the economy, including retail trade, oil and natural gas and construction."

Today, Combs distributed \$500.7 million in November sales tax rebates to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are down 8.7 percent compared to November 2008.

Combs sent Texas cities \$342.6 million in sales tax allocations, down 8.3 percent compared to November 2008. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are down 4.2 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties received November sales tax allocations of \$28.2 million, down 14.5 percent compared to one year ago. For the calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are running 3.7 percent below 2008 revenues.

The 153 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$19.4 million in sales tax, down 5.2 percent compared to last November. Ten local transit systems received \$110.4 million in November sales tax rebates, down 8.7 percent compared to a year ago.

November sales tax allocations to local governments represent September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported to the Comptroller in October by quarterly tax filers.

For details of November sales tax payments to individual cit-

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2008	2009
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$167,852.66	\$178,172.49
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$18,534.54	\$21,189.56

ies, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Dec. 11th

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2009 started the year 3.36 percent lower than the 2008 payments. The city has received \$93,988.43 in 2009, while the 2008 tax payments to the city totalled \$97,259.54.

Baird's monthly payment for November 2009 was \$10,365.72, up 0.88 percent from the \$10,274.63 payment made to the city in November 2008.

—The 2009 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 10.03 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2008. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$411,824.92 in 2009. The 2008 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$457,760.44.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for November 2009 was \$46,646.60, down 33.86 percent from the \$70,528.03 payment made to the city in November 2008.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2009 payments to the town totalled \$15,468.24, up 16.07 percent from the 2008 payments to the city in the amount of \$13,326.43.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of November 2009 was \$1,936.94, up 69.19 percent from the \$1,144.81 payment made to the community in November 2008.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2009 in Callahan County are down 4.99 percent compared to the 2008 pay-

ments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2009 amounting to \$699,454.08 while the 2008 payments to the county towns totalled \$736,199.07.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of November 2009 were \$80,138.82, down 20.24 percent compared to the \$100,482.01 payment made to Callahan County in November 2008.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00 percent, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one-half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department.)

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

Dr. Lou Halsell Rodenberger Honored by Texas Woman's University Library

November 4, 2009 Texas Woman's University formally dedicated the Woman's Collection in the University Library to the memory of Dr. Lou Halsell Rodenberger, who was a Regent of the University at the time of her death, April 9, 2009.

Attending the dedication were her sister, Sue Neal and her husband Ike, her daughter Kathy Wilcox with her daughter Valerie Wilcox, her son Mark Rodenberger with his wife Kathy and his daughter Ashley Pagenkopf and Charles Rodenberger her husband.

Dr. Ann Stuart made the dedication. Dr. Phyllis Bridges, English Professor and friend of Lou, told about Lou's honors as former president of the Texas Folklore Society and the West Texas Historical Society and honored as one of the first

Fellows of both societies as well as a Fellow of the Texas Historical Society.

She was an officer and member of the Texas Institute of Letters and the Western Writers of America as well as a member of other professional societies.

Lou was recognized as a Distinguished Alumnae of TWU, Professor Emeritus of McMurry University where she was recognized twice as most distinguished faculty member.

She received two Stirrup Awards from the Western Writers of America for the best article in their journal, *The Roundup*. Dr. Dawn Letson, Woman's Collection Librarian told about the contribution of Women's books from her collection, all of her papers and correspondence, even letters from home when she was a 16 year old Freshman at

TWO then TSCW.

Letson had many of Lou's awards and books for both a permanent and rotating displays in the Library. She took the family to the archives where 15 boxes of papers are being made ready for researchers and some have already started looking at her work. Her personal library of books written by Texas women writers are being cataloged to be shelved in the collection. Kathy Wilcox gave a response thanking the Library for the family.

After the dedication ceremony the family members were treated to lunch with Kevin Moriarty, Director of the Dallas Theater who was the featured speaker for the Joyce Thompson Lecture that afternoon. Lou had supported the Lecture and attended most of them.

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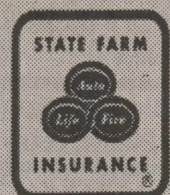
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Cross Plains Quilters Finish Apple Quilt (Quilters Welcome to Join the Club)

The Cross Plains Quilters met Tuesday, November 10th, to finish a quilt for Cindy Clark. The Stack 'N Whack quilt features a red apple fabric, with no two block being the same.

Another quilt of Polly Beeler's that has appliqued butterflies is in a frame and already being quilted.

We are always glad to have new quilters join our group. Experience is not required, we

will be glad to teach you. We meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays at the American Legion Building.

Attending Tuesday were Lena Gage, Azalee Womack, Kathy Anderson, Wilma Lawrence, Joyce Odom, Nicole Clark, Cindy Clark, Polly Beeler and Helen Parson.

Submitted by Helen Parson

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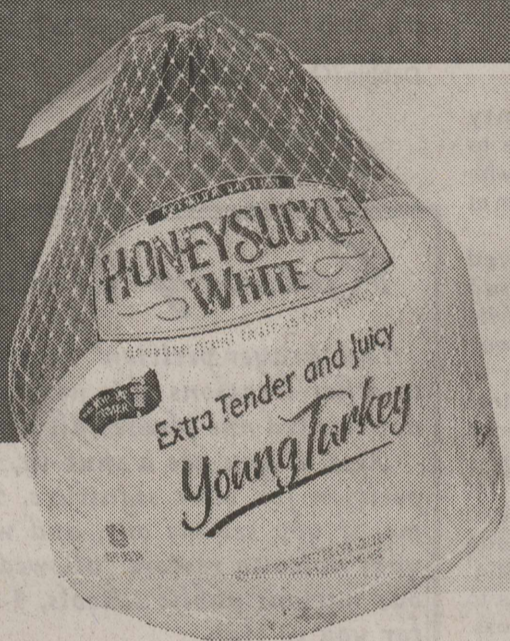
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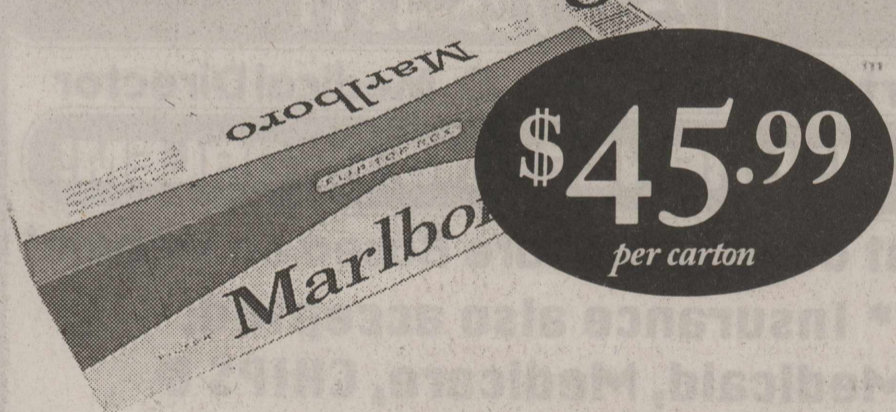
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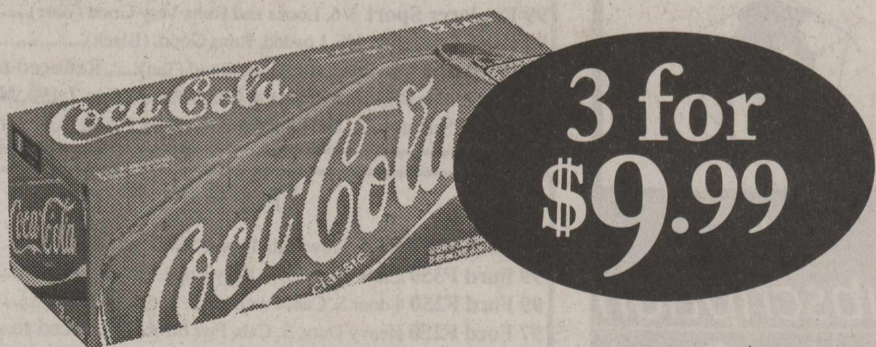


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FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT HOWARD MUSEUM—Peggy White of Artesia, N.M. and LaHoma Bowen of Abilene both grew up in the Cross Plains area and recently returned for a visit of their old haunts along with Peggy's son, Keith, also of Artesia. They share an interest in Robert E. Howard's writings and the Howard Family. Peggy shared the story that she had always been told that Dr. Howard was the attending physician when she was born.

Peggy has been the Pastor of the Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Artesia for a number of years, and Keith is a professional musician as a guitar player and LaHoma maintains that she is "just" a homemaker.

The group at dinner at the Senior Center, along with Project Pride members, Era Lee Hanke and Tom Stephenson.



CALIFORNIA VISITOR STOPS AT HOWARD MUSEUM—The most recent visitor at the Robert E. Howard Museum was Monique Bozeman, enroute from California to Lafayette, LA. The head of her own marketing consultant firm, she has traveled the world, working with companies to develop the most effective software to operate their call centers. Her primary connection to Cross Plains was an interest in the relationship Novalyn Price has with Robert Howard when Price was a young teacher in the local school system. Bozeman had studied high school English under Price-Ellis in Lafayette; the exact same department that spawned Michael Scott Myers, the screenwriter for "One Who Walked Alone."

Even more fascinating is the fact that Bozeman lives in the same neighborhood in Oakland, CA as local graduate, John Hanke, who now works for Google.

**Callahan County
DPS Report**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 8, 2009 through November 14, 2009 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings—99
- Complaints—37
- Possession of Marijuana—1
- Possession of a Controlled Substance—1
- Fugitive Arrest-Probation Violation—1
- Driving While License Invalid—1
- Vehicle Accidents
- There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

**Callahan County
Sheriff's Office
Thank you**

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office would like to thank everyone involved with the celebration of Halloween at the county jail.

County Trustees carved pumpkins and set up decorations all month. There was a variety of costumes seen this year from spiderman to scary ghouls and goblins. Candy treat cups were handed out with little prizes in them.

Thanks to Larry Lemon for the use of his 1996 Cadillac Hearse and a homemade wooden toe pincher coffin. Also a very special thanks to our "walking dead" Clay Doss, Dillon McMahan, Brad Wills and Taylor Estes from the Clyde Key Club. The Key Club really made the night a Scream. We hope next year will be even better. Don't forget to come by and see our Christmas decorations.

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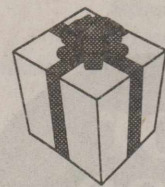
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