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## Texas Dairy Queen Donation-Texas Rangers-Shannon Stone Family "Meet the Author" Features Al Pickett

Monday, July 11th, the Texas Dairy Queen Operator's Council announced it is donating \$33,834 to Shannon Stone Memorial fund set up by the Texas Rangers after Stone's death Thursday, Stone, a Brownwood firefighter died July 7, 2011 after a fall from the left field stands at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington while attempting to catch a baseball for his 6-year-old son.

On Saturday, the TDQOC officials announced that they would donate \$1 for each person in attendance at Sunday's game between the Texas Rangers and the Oakland Athletics to help support Stone's family. The attendance at Sunday's game was 33,834.

"Like the rest of the country, we were extremely saddened by the accident that took Shannon Stone's life and wanted to do what we could to help Mr. Stone's family," said TDQOC President Larry Newell in a news release. "Dairy Queen, like the game of

baseball, is a family destination and both are part of virtually every community in Texas. When something like this happens, the family needs the help of their community more than ever. As a Brownwood firefighter, Mr. Stone spent 18 years selflessly serving his community and as part of that extended community, we want to give something back to his family."

The Dairy Queen restaurants in Texas are represented by the Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council, which includes approximately 200 franchisees who own nearly 600 restaurants throughout the state. The council provides guidance and support for the owners.

Local Dairy Queen owner Doris Richeson presently sits on the Texas Dairy Queen Operators' Council, and it is not her first term. In 1977, she became the first woman to serve on the council and, in the 1980s, her leadership marshaled enough

strength, in true Texas fashion, to keep marketing dollars in Texas for a Texas advertising campaign, and the right to keep the TDQ food system, which is unlike that of the American Dairy Queen system.

Based in Graham, Texas, Richeson Management Corp. owns and operates 51 Dairy Queen locations across the state, which has a positive effect on all 48 city economies where the stores are located. Ms. Richeson's first storefront was purchased in 1969.

Seasonally, Richeson Dairy Queens employ up to 800 across the state. Richeson DQ's yearly grocery list consists of almost one million pounds of potatoes, half a million pounds of American beef and a quarter of a million gallons of dessert mix.

Submitted by  
Lisa McCool  
Image Relations,  
Richeson Group

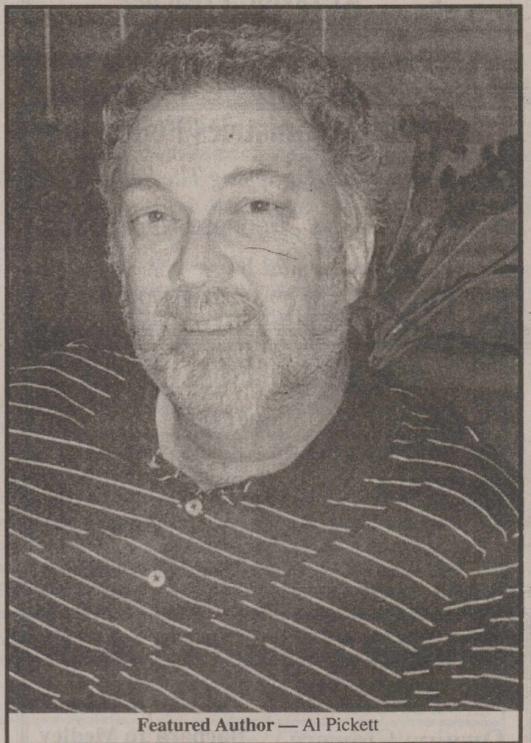
Al Pickett, the host of "Let's Talk Sports with Al Pickett" on KWKC 1340 AM in Abilene and the play-by-play voice for Abilene High, Cooper and Hardin-Simmons athletics on the radio, will be featured at the Cross Plains Public Library's "Meet the Author" on July 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the library's conference room.

Since his appearance at our "Meet the Author" in October of 2009, Pickett has authored two more books, "Wishbone Wisdom: Emory Bellard Texas Football Visionary" an autobiography of Coach Emory Bellard, who invented the wishbone offense.

Bellard coached at Breckenridge, San Angelo, the University of Texas and Texas A&M during his remarkable career. Coach Bellard was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease during the time he and Pickett were traveling the state doing book-signings, and sadly passed away in February.

Pickett also co-authored "Brother's Keeper: The Story of the 2009 Abilene High State Championship" with team chaplain Chad Mitchell. It is a behind-the-scenes story about how the Abilene High Eagles bonded as a team en route to a 15-0 season and a state championship in 2009. Pickett will be available to autograph his books, which will be available for purchase that evening.

Pickett is also a freelance writer and owns his own business, Pickett Publications and Sales. He owns the West Central Oil Activity Index, which is a daily and weekly publication of Texas Railroad Commission reports for oil-related businesses. And he is still involved in sports coverage. He is a regular contributor to "Dave Campbell's Texas Football" magazine, "Red Raider Sports" magazine, the "Permian Basin Oil and Gas" magazine, and the "American Oil and Gas



Featured Author — Al Pickett

Reporter" magazine.

He also still covers area high school sporting events for state newspapers, including the *Dallas Morning News*. He was named the recipient for the Outstanding Media Service Award from the American Southwest Conference in 2004.

Pickett began his career by spending eight years as a radio sportscaster and play-by-play announcer at radio stations in Kansas and Arkansas before going into the newspaper business.

Pickett is a native of Council Grove, Kansas, and a graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in journalism and mass communications. He and his wife Carole have two grown sons and

three grandchildren. He is an active member of the community. He serves on the mission/evangelism board at Zion Lutheran Church. He is chairman of the Big Country Sports Hall of Fame and serves on the selection committee for the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Pickett has also written "Team of the Century", which chronicles the seven years that Chuck Moser spent as the head football coach at Abilene High, and "The Greatest Texas Sports Stories You've Never Heard".

Be sure to join us for an informative and entertaining evening.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

## CPEMS TO BEGIN AN ECA CLASS SOON!!!

The Cross Plains Emergency Medical Service is very close to beginning an Emergency Care Attendant Class around the middle of August. Hopefully, all those who have expressed an interest in taking the course, then serving have been notified of the details.

If we have missed anyone, please let us know. Or if you have not yet expressed an interest in serving as an attendant or a driver,

please let us know ASAP.

Thanks to all who have "stepped up to the plate!"

The ECA class will be an 80 hour, two-month long, series of classes on Tuesday and Thursday nights, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m., and three Saturdays from 9:00am - 3:00pm. It will be a satellite class from TSTC, the first of its kind, and the teacher will be from Baird under the direction of TSTC.

As soon as we know more, we will inform you. If you desire to begin driving, please get in touch with me (325-665-1983) or one of our coordinators Verna Matthews (325-660-8279) or Kathie Murphree (254-433-0155), and /or be at our next monthly meeting on August 1st. We will have a meal at 6:30pm, with our meeting to follow.

Submitted by Bob Pipes

## Cross Plains Public Library Announces New Hours

Beginning August 23rd, a new schedule will be implemented at the Cross Plains Public Library due to public appeal. New hours will be:

- Monday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 7 p.m.
  - Wednesday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - Friday - CLOSED ALL DAY.
- In the recent PEARL

(Promoting and Enhancing the Advancement of Rural Libraries) surveys, which were distributed to the public in March and April, our citizens asked for more convenient hours, specifically to be open over the lunch hour and to be open in the evening.

Since the library can only be open 20 hours a week, the board

of directors decided to adjust the hours on Tuesday to accommodate these needs and to close on Friday. "Friday is typically our slowest day, so we borrowed those hours and extended our Tuesdays," says Linda Burns, Library Director.

Patrons, be sure to mark your calendars for the new hours!

## Centennial Planning Committee Announces Centennial Parade

Mark your calendars for the biggest parade of the century—Saturday, September 24, 10:00 in the morning. Being organized by the Centennial Planning Committee, the parade promises to be an exciting part of the day-long culmination of the year-long Centennial of Cross Plains on the existing site.

For the past six and half months, our community has celebrated our history of faith, education, business, agri-business and cultural pursuits—all under a Centennial slogan of **Cross Plains, community of faith, hope and pride**.

We've enjoyed trivia contests, old-fashioned days at church, numerous meals, quilt shows, performances by the Centennial Singers and Players, special programs at the library; we've

produced special books and displays, bought dozens of nifty commemorative t-shirts to wear and we've made lots of trips down memory lanes.

Yet to come is the dinner theatre revolving around a fictitious murder in a fictitious setting—all produced by the Cross Plains Public Library and the mystery picture contest sponsored by Project Pride.

Now it's time to start planning for a slam bang finish—with all the creative hoopla we can collectively think up. Already committed to being in the parade is the Cisco College and the family living class at CPHS; we know of a bright burnt orange Corvette coming from Dallas and a fancy horse-drawn wagon coming from Abilene.

There will be lots and lots of

room for all kinds of safe entries. We invite all riding groups, bands, dance groups, singing groups, special interest groups, old cars, motorcycles and tractors, clowns, Scouts, 4-wheelers, go-carts and bicycles of all sizes.

Just think about all those riding lawn mowers that have been inactive all summer—sounds like the makings of a very unique "drill team".

We know there are some absolutely delightful "red hat ladies" in the area who would really add a touch of class to the day!!

When we remember our past, think about our present and dream about our future—we can really put together the "Parade of the Century".

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

## Project Pride to Sponsor Centennial Mystery Picture Contest

A fun (and profitable) contest highlighting historical views around town in being sponsored by Project Pride as another Centennial celebration activity. Each week, beginning July 28 and ending September 1, a picture will be published in the *Review*, along with an entry form for identifying the close-up picture. All pictures will be of public buildings and will be totally visible from a primary street or

busy alley.

Entry forms will be available in the *Review* and may be mailed to Project Pride at PO Box 534, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or the same information may be e-mailed to: ProjPride@yahoo.com

The deadline for each picture will be two weeks after the picture first appears in the *Review*. Correct entries will be listed in

the *Review* and will then go into a drawing to be held at the Centennial Banquet on Saturday, September 24. One name will be drawn from all the correct entries and will be presented with \$100 from Project Pride.

So, the more times you enter the correct identification, the more you increase your chances to win the big bucks.

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

## Callahan County Predator Control Association Meeting

The Callahan County Predator Control Association Members and interested county landowners are invited to attend a Predator Control Association meeting on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom located on the 3rd floor of the County Courthouse in Baird.

This meeting will be held to discuss the progress made by the Association in reducing the number of feral hogs and other predators that cause extensive

damage to crops, fences and wildlife throughout the county. A representative with the USDA Wildlife Services will be on hand to discuss progress made as well as future programs and expectations.

We are all aware that controlling feral hogs and other predators is not a onetime effort but with continued efforts we can reduce some of the damages that are incurred.

Sincerely, Tom Windham  
Association President

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## Church Directory

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School ..... 9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship..... 11:00 AM  
 Evening Service..... 6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time..... 7:00 PM

David Braun, Pastor  
 Church (254) 725-6266

Friendly Church

Bible Teaching

### Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am

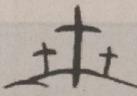
Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains

(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)

Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522

Cell Phone: 325-370-6680



### 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

### Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor:

Music Director:

Dwaine Clowers

Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am

Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm

Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

## First Presbyterian Church

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## OBITUARIES



PATRICIA BARNHILL DYER

### Patricia Barnhill Dyer

Patricia Barnhill Dyer went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on July 12, 2011. A memorial service was held Friday, July 15, 2011, at the First Baptist Church in Baird. The service was officiated by Rev. Bobby Broyles and directed by Parker Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Bob Shelton, Larry Shelton, Wes Shelton, James Barnhill, Devin Welch, Seth Goldsmith, Chase Goldsmith, Ethan Brookey, and John Louis Dyer.

Patricia Jane Barnhill was born Nov. 7, 1934, to L.G. "T-Bone" Barnhill and Wanda "Ted" Hutchinson in Baird, Texas. She attended grade school and high school in Baird, and married A.E. "Colonel" Dyer in Clyde, Texas, on Oct. 30, 1958. The couple had four children: Cathy, Cindy, Trey, and John. Trish, as she was known to her friends, was active for many years in the Methodist Church. She loved to sing in the choir, cook, and sew. She was also an avid golfer for many years, a ham radio operator, and a supporter of the Baird Bear Baseball team. But most of all, Mother loved the Lord, and her faith in God was her greatest lesson to her children. She led

many people to Christ while sitting at her kitchen table.

She was preceded in death by Colonel on June 25, 1991. He was the love of her life. Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Womack of Baird, and Cindy Brookey of Lueders; two sons, Trey Dyer and John Dyer, both of Baird; two sisters, Lavetta Garvin of Albany, and Jerry Welch of Baird, one brother, Robert Barnhill of Brady; seven grandsons: Seth Goldsmith, Chase Goldsmith, Ethan Brookey, Joshua Dyer, John Louis Dyer, Christopher Dyer, and Thomas Dyer; one granddaughter, Hunter Dyer; one great-granddaughter, Tatum Doyal; and many nieces and nephews.

We would like to express our many thanks to Ms. Barbara Hayes of Home Instead Senior Care for her love and devotion to Mother. We also, wish to say a special Thank You to Shelley Drennen at Home Instead for her constant help and support, to special friends Jeraldeen Brumbaugh and Michelle Crow, to Big Country Health, and to the wonderful personnel and nurses of Hospice of the Big Country.

Mother always had a special place in her heart for the youth ministry. In lieu of flowers, we encourage you to donate to the youth ministry of your choice.

#### Don Perryman

Don Perryman, age 57, of Fort Worth, passed away July 15, 2011, in the Universal Hospice in Fort Worth. Graveside services were held Monday, July 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Atwell Cemetery with Russell Woolbright officiating.

Don was born December 10, 1953 to Donald and Peggy Jo (Lieb) Perryman in Borger, Texas. He was a car salesman. Don married Mitzi Miller on June 29, 1974 in Big Spring, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Mitzi of N. Richland Hills; sons, Waylon Perryman and wife Stephanie of Watauga and Stephen Dwayne Perryman of Abilene; parents Donald and Peggy Perryman of Fredericksburg; a sister, Kathy Hefflefinger of Plano; grandchildren, Brooklyn and Layla; and mother-in-law Nona Belote of Cross Plains.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David.

### Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 10, 2011 through July 16, 2011 include:

Cases Investigated  
 Warnings—180  
 Complaints—49  
 Driving While License Invalid—6  
 Possession of Marijuana—1  
 Possession of Controlled Substance—1

Vehicle Accidents  
 There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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### J.W. Harle to be guest speaker at First Presbyterian Church Sunday

First Presbyterian Church of Baird will welcome J.W. Harle as guest speaker on Sunday, July 24th. Church members extend an invitation to county residents to join them for the worship service at 10:00 Sunday morning and especially hope that classmates and friends of J.W. will attend to hear his message.

A native of Baird, J.W. will be speaking at the church in which he grew up. He is a 1995 graduate of Baird High School. In 2002 J.W. completed his Master of Physical Therapy degree at Texas Tech University. He is currently employed as a physical therapist for Home Care with Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas. In May of this year he completed his Master of Theology (Th.M) at Dallas Theological Seminary. In addition to receiving the four-year Master's degree, he was named Outstanding Student in the Department of Old Testament Studies and received the Merrill F. Unger Award in Old Testament.

Dr. Mark Waters will conduct the service on Sunday and introduce J.W. to give the



J.W. HARLE

sermon. Dr. Waters, Assistant Professor of Servant Leadership and Director of the Servant Leadership Center at McMurry University will continue as guest pastor at the church for the upcoming months.

For more information contact one of the church elders: Harold Hass, 854-1662; Evelyn Hughes, 854-1119; Rob Harle, 893-5500; Violet Wood, 893-4199 or Tom Hart, 669-8808

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

### CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

#### Roger Corn, Presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Martye S. Williams, theft by check.

Joe B. Powers, theft by check.

John T. O'Bannon, theft by check.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Avin Whiteley, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$100 fine, \$306 court costs, \$100 restitution.

John M. Kinkade, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation.

Order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication: Jonathan R. Galinak; Kelly Glen Killpatrick; Ryan H. Owen.

Nathaniel J. Hawkins, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$424 court costs.

Patricio F. Ramos, plea of guilty to terroristic threat, 30 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$364 court costs.

Caleb A. Chapman, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 60 days in jail, \$354 court costs.

Caleb A. Chapman, plea of guilty to making a false report to a peace officer, 60 days in jail, \$364 court costs.

Danielle E. Eppard, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$424 court costs.

Dakota R. Gonzalez, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$600 fine, \$324 court costs.

Garrett R. Belshe, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year proba-

tion, \$200 fine, \$424 court costs.

James Maxwell, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 6 month probation, \$800 fine, \$324 court costs.

James J. Gemberling, plea of guilty to unlawful carrying of weapon, 90 days in jail, \$264 court costs.

#### Marriage Licenses

Clint E. Hicks of Clyde and Virginia C. Padgett of Brownwood.

Alfred V. Wolfram and Claudia M. Kail, both of Clyde.

#### 42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

#### Criminal Minutes

Gregory J. Robertson, judgment revoking probation granted.

Zachary A. McMorris, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Lindsie Leanne Parker, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jack Boehlein, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Cody Toler, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Zachary Meehan, order amending conditions of probation granted.

#### Civil Filings

Nikea Deann Clark vs. Richard David Clark, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Yahdiah Channah Fountain and Al-Yahnai Fountain Ben Yisrayl Hawkins, divorce

Melissa A. McMahan and Willis McMahan, divorce granted.

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## First United Methodist Church

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Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Parsonage 725-7694

Sunday Worship

10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street  
[www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/](http://www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/)

## 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

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

Beverly Brown

Bible School is going on at Cottonwood Baptist Church. This year's event is "Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You". It's for kids from 4 years until 5th grade. Bible School runs from 6 to 8:15 p.m. with a meal served at 5 p.m. For more information, call 725-6819 or 725-6266.

Quite a few folks from Cottonwood were down at the Senior Center in Cross Plains Thursday night for Cheeseburger Night. Sid and R.W. did a great job performing.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is quilting on the "Rehab Quilt". This is the quilt that the quilters donate each year to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for their auction in January. This year's quilt is an Irish Chain pattern in several shades of blue.

They quilt every Tuesday morning from 8 a.m. until noon during the summer.

Friday, August is the next Cottonwood Musical. Lots of musicians performing a variety of music—mostly the kind of songs you'd love to listen to. A lot of really great musicians from around the area come out and play. Everyone has a good time. The musical starts at 5:30 p.m. Doors and the kitchen open at 5 p.m. We can always use help in the kitchen and/or donations of sandwiches, pie or dessert.

There's a Brisket Dinner on Saturday, August 13th, when the Coonhunters return to the Community Center. Joe's cooking brisket and setting up all the trimmings. Last time the brisket and potato salad and beans went

real fast, so Fire Chief Joe has upped the order so there will be plenty of food. The dogs will be there around 5 p.m. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Eight Eighty East (Sid and R.W. Bogue) will start performing around 6 or 6:30 p.m. Come out to the Cottonwood Community Center and see the hunting dogs, eat dinner and have a great time!

The summer's going fast! It won't be long now before it's Turkey Supper Night. October will be here soon.

We are sad to hear of the death of Gerry Ramey of Oregon. His parents, Dorothy Thompson Ramey and the late Grady Ramey, were raised in Cottonwood and were well known here. Our prayers go out to Dorothy and the rest of the family.

## LIBRARY NOTES

July 11-15, 2011

Patrons:	210
Books Checked Out:	194
Programs:	69
SRP	62
Others	7
Copies:	70
Internet Users:	66
Reference:	12
Interlibrary Loans:	1

### Donations:

Texas Heritage Bank  
Curt and Ginny Hoskins  
Roy and Susan Hunter

### Living Tributes:

Wallace and Carol Bennett  
In Honor of Claire Edwards

### Book and Miscellaneous

#### Donations:

Billye Sinclair  
Sandy Doss  
Jim Isbell  
Edith Jones  
Cross Plains Senior Center  
Sue Bennett  
Ginny Hoskins  
Mr. Bickle  
Mr. Clark

#### Volunteers:

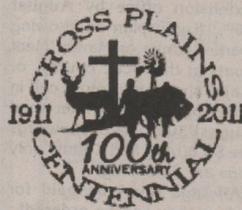
Rolan Jones  
Sue Bennett  
Shelby Thomas  
Sunbeam Wahl  
Rachelle Allen  
Ashleigh Dugger  
Suzy Stiver-Nash  
Wilma Lawrence

## Centennial Corner

With all the horrible things happening to our little ones around the country in recent times, an event in San Francisco, CA back in 1919 that actually made the front page of *The Review* seems pretty mundane.

A 14 year old girl and an eight year old boy had eloped and were gone for 16 hours before they returned home to wait for "a more favorable opportunity." The adventure had been financed by \$8.00 that the girl had taken from her home and the plan that the boy would get a job as a newspaper vendor. If our kids could be "that" safe again.

Ever wonder why we have gone through so many different words that refer to the exact same item? Some of us might remember the 29 cent "zombies" that evolved into the \$1.00 "thong" that we had to wear in public showers to prevent the spread of athletes foot and now we have the "flip-flop" that comes in every color and material and price.



T-Shirts For Sale — \$15 or 2 for \$25

T-Shirts available Monday - Friday at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center and Cross Plains City Hall. All proceeds from the sale of t-shirts benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

WILL BE TAKING A SUMMER BREAK

For additional information Call 325-201-2006 or 254-725-6226

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## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Monday, 25th-** Movie Monday 10:00am. Cokes and Popcorn, Computer Classes.  
**Tuesday, 26th-** Mexican Train Dominoes at 10:00am, Exercise Class 11:00 and Computer Classes.  
**Wednesday, 27th-** Blood Pressure Checks by Girling  
**Thursday, 28th-** 11:00am Exercise Class, Computer Classes  
**Friday, 29th-** No activities planned

### Would you like to learn Spanish?

The Cross Plains Senior Center will be offering Spanish Classes on Monday evenings. This is a basic Spanish class and is available to Adults in the Cross Plains area and surrounding community. If you are interested, please call the Center to sign up. 254-725-6521

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

## Quilting Clubs Needed

A quilt top pieced by Lavonn Childress and Norma Farmer has been donated to the Cross Plains Senior Center. Donna Wagner and Sally Whitely donated the batting and liner and Shirley Thompson has loaned The Center her quilting frame. The Cottonwood quilting ladies donated the fabric for the quilt. The Center now needs for volunteers to quilt! Please come Monday thru Friday to quilt and visit with some great ladies!

## THANK YOU

Eight Eighty East and Cheeseburger Night was a huge success! Thanks to all that helped. Paul Clark, Rick Eudy, Bob Kirkham for grilling the burgers. The American Legion for donating the grill. Debbie Eudy, Jewel Purvis, Bob Carter, Delores Carter and Therennie McCrohan who helped take money, wash dishes, helped with drinks, and the dessert Auction. Bob Golson for being an entertaining Auctioneer! A big thank you for the Desserts for the auctions. They were provided by Peggy Winfrey, Jean Wilson, Barbara Dillard, Connie Kirkham, Jean McWilliams, Ashley Moses, Betse Rossom, Wilma Lawrence, Lucille Koenig, Lavonne Childress, Donna Wagner, Babs Sherrell and Betty Weiss. Thanks to Barbara Cook and Vivian Wooten for all the extra work it takes to make this fundraiser a success. And a special Thank you to Sid and R.W. Bogue for the wonderful entertainment for the evening.

Needs Of The Senior Citizens Center  
Muffin Tins, Bundt Pans and Egg Cartons

## Brandin' Wall

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center has plans to make the north outside wall of the Center into a Brandin' Wall. The wall will be painted and then brands will be made out of metal art and attached to the wall. If you or your family has a brand and would like to have it on the wall, you may purchase them for \$100 for the first brand, \$75 for each additional brand. The brand will measure approximately 2 foot by 2 foot and will be powder coated black. In addition to the wall, there will be a Brand Book that will tell who the brands belong to. Stay tuned for more information about the book! Please bring your brand by the CP Senior Center and be one of the first to be a part of Cross Plains history! The following ranches have already reserved their space: Richard and Sharon Parr, Rusty and Debbie Reed, Randy and Judy Foster, Cliff and Connie Kirkham and the Fleming Family (Neil & Jo Veda Fleming Bush,) and Tommy and Ann Rone. Call Amber if you have any questions, 254-725-6521.

Do you or your loved ones take multiple medications?

Then put those medications into a brown bag and bring them to the Brown Bag Medication Checkup for a free consultation with a pharmacist.

Tuesday, August 9th  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

### Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

Dr. Angelina Tucker, Pharmacist, Immunizer and Diabetic Educator will provide:

- \* Private, personal consultations
- \* Professional evaluation of your perscription medications, over-the-counter medications and herbal supplements
- \* Tips for safe and effective medication use
- \* Answers to your questions about medications

For more information Call the Cross Plains Senior

Citizens Center site manager Amber Thomas  
The Brown Bag Medication Checkup is a public service provided by Walgreens Pharmacy and the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

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**TUESDAY-** Sweet and Sour Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread/ Dessert/Drink  
**WEDNESDAY -** Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Black eyed Peas, Bread/ Dessert/Drink

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Who Will Give Me Another Bid? — Bob Golson helped sell lots of beautiful cakes and desserts.



Performing at the Cheeseburger Supper — Sid and R.W. Bogue (Eight Eighty East)

## Cottonwood Community Center is in Need of Porch REPAIR MATERIALS

Repairs are needed on the porch floor at the Cottonwood Community Center. If anyone has concrete reinforcement bar, wire mesh, and/or lumber suitable for concrete forms and would like to donate them to the project, please call Cottonwood Community Center Committee members Bob Robinson at 325-660-5771 or Bryan Bennett at 325-669-4280.

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To deny the truth about ourselves is to distance ourselves from God. The truth about us is not good news. We are inherently selfish, self seeking, greedy, etc. When left to ourselves, our competing self-interest often destroys and ultimately condemns us. All of our individual and mutual problems originate at the core of our existence or with our spirit. Further bad news is that we are powerless to change, renew, or transform ourselves. When we get so caught up in the external or physical concerns of life that we ignore the need for spiritual renewal, we begin to live a lie while denying the truth about ourselves.

We can know God. We can admit the truth about ourselves and be loved in spite of that truth. We can know forgiveness at our core and be transformed by our Creator's will. The choice is ours. Today, will you turn to God or keep your distance from Him?

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Worship.....6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible  
Sunday Morning Bible Class..9:45a.m. Sunday Evening  
Study...7:00p.m.



**Little Readers** — The Summer Reading Program at the Cross Plains Public Library continues to be exciting and fun. Miss Sue's Little Readers learned all about "Diggin' Critters" with stories, songs, and crafts. Next week, at 1:00pm, Miss Sue's theme will be "Can you dig it," about dancing and exercise. The 2:00 program will be a tour to the old Methodist Church building, which now houses J's Art and Soul.



**Teens and Tweens** — Shelby Thomas' Teens and 'Tweens had a great time making homemade ice cream! Yum, Yum!!! Shelby's Teens and 'Tweens will meet next week at 3:00pm. They will be meeting for some more exciting activities. Come join us!



**Gardening From The Old Days** — Special guest Rolan Jones talked to the attending children, students, and parents about how gardening was done in the old days. He first learned from his grandmother the guidelines of gardening, and as he studied further he added different methods and techniques to the organic mixtures he uses for fertilizing, mulching, and pest control. Rolan shared so many beneficial tips on gardening healthy and nutritious food without the use of chemicals. The pictures he displayed of his skills, knowledge, and hard work.

**Athletic Booster Club Meeting**  
in Gym Foyer  
**Thursday, July 21st**  
at 7 p.m.  
**Electing New Officers**

**Texas Education Agency Division of Career and Technical Education**

Cross Plains ISD offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture Science, Family Career Education, and Computer Technology. Admission to these programs is based on interest and age appropriateness.

It is the policy of Cross Plains ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of

1973, as amended. The District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Margie Sowell, at 700 N. Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is 254-725-6121. The Section 504 Coordinator is Phil Mitchell at 700 No Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is 254-725-6121,

**Cross Plains Little League**

CP Little League will be having a meeting on Monday, July 25th at 7pm at the First Baptist Church. We will be discussing the upcoming football season. You can register your child at the meeting or send your form to Cross Plains Little League, P.O. Box 441, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Contact Jaci Ellerbe at 725-6746 for more information.

**Callahan County 4-H Sheep & Goat Tag Orders Due**

Callahan County Sheep & Goat Tag orders are due to the Extension office by **August 30th**. If you plan on showing Market lambs or Market Meat goats at the local, county, or Major shows you must call in your tag order no later than **August 30th**. Major show tags are \$8.00/tag and County only tags are \$4.00/tag.

All tags must be paid for before they can be ordered! Swine tag orders are also being taken at this time. The deadline isn't set yet for Swine tags but start planning now!

Please order the tags that you need because late tag orders will cost you \$20 a piece! Contact The Callahan County Extension Office to place your tag orders (325) 854-5835.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

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**POWERLIFTING RESULTS**

Local father/daughter powerlifting duo, Jessie and Madilyn Ellerbe, recently competed in the Natural Athlete Strength Association's South Texas Championships held in Alvin, Texas. Both, competing unequipped or free from traditional powerlifting supportive gear, finished the day with their names in the record books.

Madilyn set four Texas State records in the Women's High School 114 pound weight division with a 127 pound Squat, 72 pound Bench Press, and 176 pound Deadlift for a 375 pound Total.

Jessie competing in the 181 pound weight division set one Texas State record with a 171 pound Curl and three National records with a 546 pound Squat, 325 pound Bench Press and 1416 Total.

**School Board Minutes**

July 13, 2011

Purvis, Kathy Turner, Dade Cosby.

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Jim Cook, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Elvan Goode and Hoyt Foster.

The following administrators superintendent, high school principal and guests, Daniel

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Cowan to accept the resignations of Dusty Nauman, Amy Ramsey, Chris Fambro and Brian Ramsey. For 7 Against 0

The board took no action on personnel needs. Motion was made by Ames and seconded by McWilliams to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

**School Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on July 21, 2011, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. 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 Meetings
  - B. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
  - C. Consider Bids on an Electricity Carrier for the 2011-12 School Year
  - D. Consider Bids on Fuel for the 2011-12 School Year
  - E. Consider Bids on Milk for 2011-12
  - F. Approve Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2011-12
  - G. Approve Student Handbook and Student Code of Conduct
  - H. Approve Employee Handbook
  - I. Consider Request from Tax Payers to Waive Penalty and Interest on Properties

J. Consider Three Year Agreement with Cam Gully - Certified Public Accountant to Perform Annual Audit

K. Approve Resolution Committing Fund Balance in Accordance with GASB 54 Including Designations Thereto

3. Personnel
  - A. Approve Resignations (if any)
  - B. Approve Recommendations for Employment
  - C. Approve Revised Coaching Stipend Pay Scale
  - D. Approve 2011-12 Salaries for all employees
  - E. Consider Paying Level I Health Insurance for all Employees
4. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Review Teaching Schedule
  - B. New Board Member Training- Open Meeting and Public Information Act
5. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on July 18, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. by Superintendent Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.

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## Molly Goodnight: The Darling of the Plains

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn  
Known as the "Mother of the Panhandle," this month marks 141 years since the marriage of Mary Ann "Molly" Dyer to one of Texas' most famous ranchers, Charles Goodnight. Married on July 26, 1870, the couple spent a seven-year stint ranching in Pueblo, Colorado, before a number of unfavorable conditions resulted in their relocation to the Palo Duro Canyon. According to historical accounts, Molly, as she would be regarded by cowhands throughout the years, considered Texas to be much more civilized than Colorado and was particularly disturbed when two men were found hanged to death on a telegraph pole nearby. This lack of civility, coupled with the ensuing drought and the Panic of 1873, resulted in the Goodnights relocating to the Palo Duro Canyon in the Texas Panhandle.

Charles found a financial backer in John George Adair, a wealthy Irish landowner, and the two men and their wives started the JA Ranch in the Palo Duro Canyon. The Goodnights convinced the Adairs to select this location because of the plentiful grass for grazing, a steady water supply, and protection for the cattle during the winter by the canyon walls.

The group moved a herd of 100 Durham bulls and four wagons stocked with provisions to the site in May of

1877 and built a two-room cabin. Soon the Adairs left the management of the ranch to Charles and Molly, signing a five-year contract that guaranteed Charles one-third of the ranch's interest and a \$2,500 annual salary. Charles began what would become an 11-year career with the JA Ranch, growing the herd and expanding the ranch, which at its peak spanned 1,325,000 acres. Faithfully by his side was Molly, who not only carried out the duties of homemaker but also served as his helpmate on the ranch. Charles designed a two-horned saddle to make it easier for Molly to navigate the ranch on horseback. She quickly learned the ins and outs of ranch life, including the often long and lonely periods when few visitors would cross their path and the nearest neighbors lived 75 miles away. It's said that when a cowboy gave the Goodnights three chickens as a token of appreciation-intended for a Sunday supper-Molly made the chickens her personal pets to help pass the time.

Over the years, Molly earned the respect and admiration of the cattlemen for the compassion she showed them and the natural remedies she developed for wounds and fevers. She often gave parties for the cowboys, mended their clothes, and taught a number of them how to read. For this, she was soon regarded as the "Mother of the Panhandle" or the "Darling of the Plains."

Molly also extended her compassion to orphaned buffalo calves who were left to die after commercial hunters killed their mothers on the range. By rescuing the orphaned buffalo and bottle-feeding them, Molly established an impressive buffalo herd, soon known around the world as the Goodnight Herd. Many credit her efforts with helping to prevent the extinction of the southern buffalo.

As the Panhandle became more populated, Molly donated her time to various philanthropic efforts. In 1898, she and Charles helped establish Goodnight College through the donation of 340 acres. Molly passed away in April 1926. A fitting tribute to her life, her gravestone was inscribed: "Mary Ann Dyer Goodnight One who spent her whole life in the service of others."

Today, visitors can catch a glimpse of Molly Goodnight's life in various exhibits at the Armstrong County Museum in Claude, Texas. The museum is also working to restore the Goodnight home, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, and develop the Charles Goodnight Historical Center. To learn more, visit: <http://armstrongcountymuseum.com/>. Sources: Texas State Historical Association; Armstrong County Museum; Southwestern Historical Quarterly

## Library to Reinstate "Food For Fines" Program with Trull Foundation Grant

Do you have an overdue book fine at the Cross Plains Public Library? Beginning August 1st, you can pay your fine in canned goods and help our local Food Pantry.

Last fall we initiated "Food For Fines" whereby each item of non-perishable food brought to the library was good for \$1 toward your fine. Now, we have received a grant from the Trull Foundation which will reimburse the library with dollars for the

amount of each fine collected with food.

Pay your fine, earn \$\$\$ for the library and help out those in need in your community, all at the same time!

The pantry is in need of canned goods and staples, but all items are accepted. Of course, if you don't have any fine, you can still bring your non-perishable items to the library and help this worthy cause.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

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## USDA Authorizes Emergency Haying of CRP Acres for 73 Texas Counties

(BAIRD, TX) - July 14, 2011 - In response to drought conditions, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) authorized emergency haying use of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for 73 Texas counties.

The following counties are approved for emergency CRP haying: Armstrong, Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Briscoe, Callahan, Carson, Castro, Cochran, Coke, Coleman, Collingsworth, Concho, Cottle, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Duval, Ellis, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Haskell, Hemphill, Hill, Hidalgo, Hockley, Howard, Jones, Kent, King, Kinney, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lynn, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Mitchell, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Sherman, Starr,

Stonewall, Swisher, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Tom Green, Uvalde, Wheeler, Wilbarger and Yoakum Counties. Haying authorization will end on August 31, 2011.

"Eligible producers who are interested in emergency haying of CRP must request approval before haying eligible acreage," said Robert Frost, Executive Director of the Callahan County FSA Office. "It is also important for producers to obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service that includes haying requirements," he said.

Upon approval of emergency haying, producers must leave at least 50 percent of each field or contiguous field unharmed for wildlife. For those counties that are eligible for emergency haying and grazing, the same CRP acreage cannot be both hayed and/or grazed at the

same time. For example, if 50 percent of a field or contiguous field is hayed, the remaining unharmed 50 percent cannot be grazed; it must remain unharmed and ungrazed for wildlife.

In addition, participants are limited to one hay cutting and are not permitted to sell any of the hay. There will be a 25 percent CRP payment reduction depending on the number of acres actually hayed.

To take advantage of the emergency haying provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage for the purpose of haying.

For more information on and to request approval for emergency haying of CRP acres contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2.



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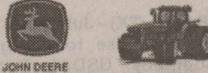
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These are some points to remember:

- Scratching and itching can be year-round problems for many cats, dogs and birds, but skin diseases often get an extra boost about the time summer starts.

- Some animals are affected more seriously than others. For example, fleas can be devastating to some very young dogs and cats, while other animals don't exhibit symptoms until after they mature. Also, warm weather plant growth can revive allergies, particularly in humid climates, and parasites can make the allergies animals have even more miserable.

Since scratching and itching are so common, why should you be especially concerned?

First, your suffering animal friend can become grouchy from the constant irritation. Gradually, it may become unhappy and foul smelling, a very unpleasant version of that

friendly pet which was once so easy to love.

Second, many skin diseases can become virtually impossible to treat successfully if you don't get professional help before the problem reaches an advanced stage.

Third, painful skin lesions—often called "hot spots" occur when your pet continues to lick and chew any part of its body that is itching and burning. If allowed to go untreated, large areas (sometimes, the width of two hands) may quickly develop that can eventually require drying lotions and antibiotics and even sedation and restraining devices to stop the agony your pet will experience.

What can you do to help your pet avoid suffering needlessly while also avoiding big bills for you?

Begin by watching carefully for any symptom or pattern (such as scratching or irritability which may be caused by lack of sleep due to continuous itching). Your watchfulness can help pinpoint the professional diagnosis that's a must for an early, effective and low cost treatment.

Another step to take is to control parasites which create the trouble. Products are available which are effective in killing ticks, fleas and other pests. Since some work better than others, get professional advice on products and usage before you spend your money.

Remember, de-fleaing or de-ticking your pet once or twice a season, or on a regular basis, isn't enough. The only real solution is to remove the pests from your home and yard. The good news is that once the insect population is under control, it's fairly easy to maintain a pest free environment.

Be sure to keep your animals vaccinated for rabies. Callahan County has had at least 10 confirmed cases of rabies this year.

The wildlife are becoming more concentrated while looking for food and water. The likelihood of disease transmission between animals is much greater under these dry conditions. The likelihood of wildlife coming in contact with domestic animals and humans is also much greater. Be aware of our current rabies problem.

# Cross Plains' retail sales in 2011 are 4% higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2011 are up by over four percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Thursday, July 7th.

Cross Plains' 2011 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$116,629.46, which is 4.58 percent higher than the \$111,520.00 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2010.

The payment to the city for July 2011 was \$16,196.51, which is 0.33 percent higher than the payment in July 2010 of \$16,142.60.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Thursday, July 7th, that state sales tax revenue in June was \$1.72 billion, up 7.2 percent compared to June 2010.

"The state's sales tax revenue has now increased for 15 months in a row," said Combs. "Strong business spending boosted sales tax revenue in sectors such as the oil and gas industry and manufacturing, and the retail sector continued to show growth."

On July 11th, Combs sent sales tax allocations totaling \$474.5 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 7.2 percent compared to June 2010.

Texas cities will receive \$315.5 million, up 6.2 percent compared to June 2010. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 6.3 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties can anticipate sales tax payments of \$29.7 million, up 10 percent compared to last June. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are running 12.4 percent ahead of this point in 2010.

Combs sent \$20.8 million to 177 special purpose taxing districts, up 13.3 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems will get \$108.3 million in sales tax allocations, up 8.2 percent compared to a year ago.

July sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in May.

For details of June sales tax payments or individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the *Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports* on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/alloscum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/alloscum/compsum.html).

The Comptroller's next sales

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
	2010	2011
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$111,520.00	\$116,629.46
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$16,142.60	\$16,196.51

tax allocation will be made on Friday, August 12th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2011 started the year 23.73 percent higher than the 2010 payments. The city has received \$72,280.02 in 2011, while the 2010 tax payments to the city totalled \$58,414.29.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2011 was \$8,367.94, which is 36.24 percent ahead of the \$6,141.74 payment made in July 2010.

—The 2011 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 11.75 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2010. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$303,095.01 in 2011. The 2010 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$271,220.81.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for July 2011 was \$48,828.80, which is 533.01% higher than the \$7,713.64 payment reported to the city in July 2010.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2011 payments to the town totalled \$8,410.43, up 2.47 percent from the 2010 payments to the city in the amount of \$8,207.42.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of July 2011 was \$1,057.01, which is 0.82 percent higher than the payment made in July 2010 of \$1,048.31.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2011 in Callahan County are higher by 11.36 percent compared to the 2010 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2011 amounting to \$500,414.92 while the 2010 payments to the

county towns totalled \$449,362.52.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of July 2011 were \$74,450.26, up 139.80 percent from the \$31,046.29 in payments made in July 2010.

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%, 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 of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

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## Old Folks and Cowpokes

James Nichols

## Catherine

Cherokee Indian Catherine Martin, O'Neal, Forbes, Lovett survived the infamous "Trail of Tears". Catherine's grave marker in Pioneer Cemetery boasts the Cherokee Nation emblem, a seven-pointed star symbolizing the heritage that Catherine was proud of. "It is something we're doing as much for my mother as for Catherine," said Thomas "Tom" Flippin, Catherine's great-grandson. "My mother died young and Catherine helped to raise her and they were very close."

The inscription tells of Catherine's birth in northern Georgia in 1828 and how, at the age of 10, was forcefully removed, along with most of the Cherokee Nation, by the U.S. Government to the Indian Territories on what is known as the Trail of Tears.

It also tells how her family settled in northeast Arkansas and her subsequent marriage to Hosea O'Neal in 1850. After fleeing the carnage of the Civil War, the couple settled two miles southwest of Pioneer and had six children. Catherine became very sick and one of her sisters, abiding by Indian custom, came to tend ailing Catherine and perform "the wifely duties". Unfortunately for Catherine, some of those duties bloomed into a torrid romance.

After Hosea left Catherine and their brood, she divorced him in 1881. She married another man named Forbes. He was a Baptist preacher down in Pioneer.

Tom stated, "One of his church members (a lady) got up in church and confessed she had a child by him while he was still married to Catherine. The church kicked him out of course. Forbes fled the community, only to marry a another woman before his divorce from Catherine was final."

Little is known about what happened to Forbes or Hosea. It was pretty well thought by the family that Hosea fell off the face of the earth. However, before he did, his subsequent marriage to the infamous sister-in-law reportedly produced a line that included a grandson named Dan Blocker, famous for playing Hoss on "Bonanza".

Catherine finally met a good man, Elias Lovett. She stated, "He was the only decent man I ever met."

Although Catherine saw other family tragedies, including the accidental shooting of one son and the drowning of another, she remained a figure of much reverence in the town of Pioneer, right up to her death in October 1919 in De Leon on the eve of the big Pioneer oil boom. Her body was brought back on the train for burial at Pioneer.

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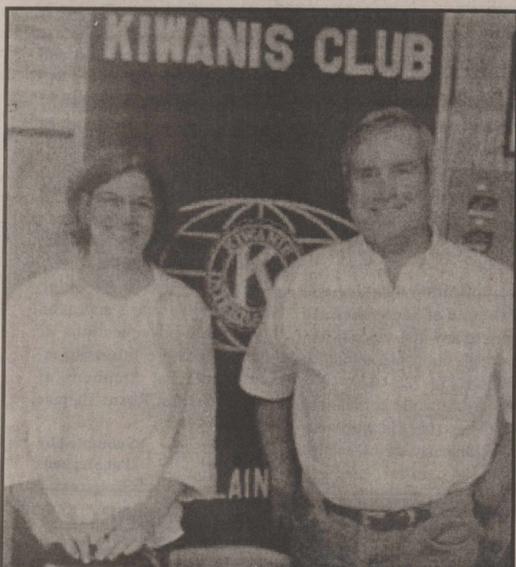
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**Guest Speaker David Estes** — Dale Bishop (right), introduced David Estes (left) as his program at Kiwanis July 12th. David reported on the mission trip he and his wife, Mindy, took to Romania to help young women who are mistreated when they are forced into prostitution by their fathers or boy friends. Estes' group were 13 men and women from Cross Plains and Alabama who worked on building and painting projects and provided support for the young women. They had visited last year and renewed some acquaintances and made some new ones as the women are helped and new ones come in. He described how the women have scars from abuse and the main effort of the ministry is to bring them back to productive lives by sharing that God loves them and showing love from those on the mission trip.



**The Reason I Love Kiwanis** — It is a great learning program. Last week was one that everyone could have profited from. Adrian Allen's program was a power-point presentation on growing wine grapes by Fran Pontasch. She is with the Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service and her team of three people provide advice for growing wine grapes in Texas. She gave the history of how T.V. Munson, the Texan who developed disease resistant grapes, saved the French wine industry in the 1880's when disease wiped out all of their grape plants. His Texas disease resistant stock restored the industry in France where he is honored and that stock is now used all over the world for wine production. There are over 200 wineries in Texas and more than 3200 acres in wine grape production. Table grapes are not cost effective in Texas so you need a grape vine in your garden for table grapes. If you want to know more go to her web site: [www.winegrapes.tamu.edu](http://www.winegrapes.tamu.edu). She helped the wine grape growers in Cottonwood with their vineyards.

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This group is designed for patients, caregivers, family and friends affected by cancer in anyway. In a supportive and interactive environment, this group will focus on the practical, emotional and physical aspects of living with cancer.

Topics will vary each week. Week 1: Telling your Story; Week 2: Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Week 3: Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer diagnosis; Week 4: Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Week 5: Communicating with your Medical Team; and Week 6: Coping with Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, social worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Colley has fourteen years' experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling 325-672-0040 or via Aimee Colley's e-mail [acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org](mailto:acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org). This program is made possible by a grant from the Discretionary Grant Cycle of the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Cancer Service Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

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**Barb's Cues**

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

**Pass On The Positive**

My newest granddaughter, who is eight months old, visited me recently. I was intrigued by the videos her parents brought for her to watch. They are called "Baby Einstein". These are marvelously put together and the baby was mesmerized. They are a combination of sound (classical music) lights, shapes and colors. The movement is superbly synchronized with the music. I never saw a young child give such attention. I was further impressed with the learning possibilities. I wish they had been available when my children were little. They are advised for ages 0 to 36 months.

The thought occurred to me that we should be alert to our own ideas. How many times does a new invention appear which uses a concept which we have followed for years. We may be smarter than we think.

I have friends whose son invented an electric car. He had a patent pending when he died suddenly. Now it sits in storage and sometime it will be "invented" again. When this happens, remember that Jack Anderson did it years ago.

I suggest we capture our random thoughts and ideas. Keep a pen and small spiral notebook handy at all times, in our car, purse or desk. Just a small spiral notebook is easy. The when we

wonder, "where I wrote that down" we can remember that we put it all in the spiral notebook. Date your current notebook by year and number as 2003 #1. If you get in the habit of putting it all down in the notebook you will be amazed at the ease of finding things and the value of the info. Take a minute to jot down the day you bought that tire, etc. Instead of jotting a telephone number on a scrap of paper, which usually gets lost at my house, if it goes in my notebook I can easily retrieve it a week later. Since no one need see your notebook, it does not need a certain order or correctness.

I like to pass along things that impress me. People may not enjoy my information as much as I do but it is free, and they can always discard if it is not useful. If I feel useful in sharing something at least one person (myself) has gained. We all live in this world and if we help to make things better for each other, the living will be more fun.

Another thing we can share which enhances our world is appreciation. We should never ASSUME that someone knows we appreciate them. If they do know it, I can almost guarantee that they will not mind being told again. That is much better than the regret if we wait too late. All of us want to be of value and many do not know how valued

they are. I am trying not to leave anything undone that is really important. It is surprising what turns out to be important. I may not mop my floors as often as I should, but I do hope I have mopped and cleaned any hurtful thing I may have said. (A note on this), people may not respond to your efforts but if your conscience is clear, that is a peaceful feeling. I guess what I am trying to say is "be nice." If we are as nice and kind and helpful as we know how to be, we will have helped to make the world a better place because we have lived.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.** I repeat. Be nice, kind and helpful. It will probably not cost much and you will leave riches.  
 BHW

**Roadrunner Eggs**

- 3 or 4 jalapeno peppers per person
- 1 16 ounce box cream cheese
- 1 t. horseradish (optional)
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup milk

Remove stems from peppers. Cut a slit halfway down the side of each pepper. Remove seeds. Soften and mix cream cheese and horseradish. Fill each pepper with cheese mixture to its original shape. Dip in milk and roll in flour to cover. Deep fry until golden brown and peppers float. Drain and serve.  
 Jim Worcester

*When you get something for nothing, you are probably paying the highest price possible for it.*

**Next Cottonwood Musical Set for August 5**

After a brief break the Cottonwood Musical will be in full swing again Friday, August 5th. Come on out and get a bite to eat, visit with neighbors and enjoy the variety of music played by area musicians.  
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**BARB'S CUES**

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**Your Gifts Within You**

With the mundane routines of daily life, we sometimes forget how special we truly are. We don't remember our gifts and talents and we believe the lie that we are on this Earth merely existing. What we should do is bring into remembrance what God says about us. He calls us special, unique, original, blessed, inspired, lifted up and the apple of His eye. The Lord sees us much more highly than we sometimes see ourselves and we need to be reminded of how special we really are to Him. No matter the discouragements that come our way, we can learn the lesson, rise up from it and become better than we were before. (Zechariah 2:8) (Jeremiah 29:11)

By learning from the lessons of life, we can use what we've learned to better our life, to remain strong in the midst of other trials, and to realize that God will not bring us to a situation unless He already knew that we were strong enough to overcome it. Be encouraged to see how loved you truly are. You are a strong individual who is well able to rise up again, be all that God made you to be and accomplish all that is within your heart. Believe in yourself as God believes in you and you will accomplish great things in this life. (Isaiah 54:17) (Ephesians 6:10)

I hope this message encourages and challenges your heart to believe in yourself again. See how special you are. Revive the gifts within you to bless your life as well as the lives of those around you.

Dwayne Savaya  
From the Internet

**Super Bean Pot  
(Barbecued Beans)**

- 4 T. fat
- Garlic (optional)
- 3 medium onions
- 1 can Pork N Beans
- 1 Can Kidney Beans
- 1 can Lima Beans
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1 t. mustard
- 1/2 t. salt
- black pepper to taste

Saute onions and garlic in fat. (4 slices regular bacon may be used for the fat and added to the pot) Combine with remaining ingredients. Bake at 350° for 45-60 minutes.

For use in crock pot, saute onions and add other ingredients in saute pan (except beans). Heat about four hours on low (in crock pot).

Priscilla Riggs

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**Texas Hunters for the Hungry Nears Nine Million Servings**

This year, the Texas Hunters for the Hungry program provided 178,662 pounds of venison to more than 100 organizations that serve low income people across Texas. The program administered by the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc. (TACAA), has exceeded two million pounds of venison donated over the last two decades.

According to the USDA, Texas has the second highest rate of food insecurity in the nation, with one in six households struggling to afford food. In a survey of its food bank members, Feeding America stated that over half of the clients served reported having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.

In a time when food banks and pantries are seeing an increase in the demand for emergency food assistance, deer donations through Hunters for the Hungry are providing invaluable in adding meat to food insecure households while stretching agency and household budgets.

Hunters for the Hungry thanks the hunters and participating meat processors for helping alleviate hunger in their local communities and dishing up almost nine million servings since the program's inception.

Hunters take their legally harvested deer to a participating meat processor, pay a nominal fee to cover basic processing costs, and the meat processor does the

rest. Donations are ground into burger, packaged, and stored for local food assistance providers to pick up. All meat donated to the program is distributed to families and individuals in need through local food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens.

Qualified meat processors are needed to process deer donations for the 2011-2012 season. Hunters for the Hungry provides everything needed to package donations, including a list of agencies to call when donations are available. Interested processors and hunters may call 1-800-992-9767, ext. 506, or visit [www.tacaa.org/hunters-for-the-hungry](http://www.tacaa.org/hunters-for-the-hungry) to find out more.

**"Murder at the Barbarian Festival" Unveils More "Good Guys"**

Last week, we introduced half of the good guys in Cross Plains Public Library's murder mystery supper theatre, "Murder at the Barbarian Festival". Here now are the rest of our characters, who are NOT the murderer(s): The Announcer (played by Wallace Bennett), Sheriff Danny Dozenell (played by H.D. Weaver), and Deputy James Rook (played by

Jack Shepard. Announcer serves as a guide and will alert the audience to any new bulletins. He also introduces our suspects.

Danny Dozenell and James Rook are the sheriff and deputy who ride on white horses to investigate the murder.

In addition, our Peanut, Balloon, Popcorn and Cotton

Candy Vendors will add to the festival atmosphere.

Join us on Saturday, September 17, 2011 in the Community Center to find out. Supper is being prepared by Connie Kirkham and her crew and will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale in August.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

**Applications Needed for Helping Hearts and Hands**

If you are a homeowner and your home is in need of minor repairs: painting, plumbing, insulation and caulking. The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative would like to extend a hand to assist you.

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Applications are available now

at the Senior Citizens Center, Texas Heritage Bank and the City Hall.

The application deadline will be at the end of September and if you need any assistance filling out the application, please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819.

This is a worthwhile community project that has been in actio since 1998. Volunteers will be needed

once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of the year.

We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819 or Roxie Thomas 254-725-6141.

Submitted by Pat Stephens



**Kathy Chesshir and Robert Eubanks** — We had a great program last Tuesday with God's help according to Kathy Chesshir who was helping the Worcester's because they were at a school in Arlington. Harris called to say his program had fallen through when Kathy found Professor Robert Eubank in Jean's getting ready to leave for Houston. She bought his meal and persuaded him to speak. He gave an excellent short talk based on a recent speech he made at a graduation of home-bound students in Houston. He told how the Christianity religion grew enormously in the first 300 years and how it was Christianity that provided the humanity of the Western world in the new American continent. He specifically related the history of the movement to end the slave trade in England showing the influence of the artist Wedgwood who created a painting of a black man on his knees saying that he was a human not a brute, as they were called before the movement, that was printed on all tobacco cans in England. The Cross Plains Kiwanis meet every Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn and the public is always invited.



**Don't Mess with Texas Unveils 25th Anniversary Litterbag, Design Winner**

AUSTIN, Texas—Two hundred thousand 25th anniversary Don't Mess with Texas litterbags will feature a new design - red, white and blue litter in the shape of Texas designed by McKinney resident Jenifer Ostler.

Texans across the state submitted original art for the chance for their design to appear on the special-edition litterbags as part of the Texas Department of Transportation's Don't Mess with Texas Design A Litterbag contest. Nearly 300,000 combined votes were made by Texans for the top 10 designs, with the opportunity to rank each design a one through five. Judges then scored the top 10 designs based on contest criteria, making Ostler the winner with her "Not in Our State" design.

"I'm really excited," said Ostler. "I had all my friends and family voting. Being good to the environment is important, and I wanted to encourage people to do that." Litterbags help keep trash off

Texas roadways and are available for free to Texans at [DontMessWithTexas.org](http://DontMessWithTexas.org). The 200,000 special-edition litterbags will be printed later this month courtesy of A Bag's Life, a partner for the Design A Litterbag contest.

"Don't Mess with Texas litterbags serve an important purpose, and we look forward to printing this new design on the anniversary litterbags," said Texas Retailers Association president and CEO, Ronnie Volkening, who represents over 2,000 Texas retail locations participating in the Texas A Bag's Life plastic bag recycling campaign. "We extend a big congratulations to the winner."

"It's rewarding to see creativity coupled with something that benefits our state - keeping litter off Texas roads," said Brenda Flores-Dollar, program administrator for TxDOT's Travel Information Division. "We appreciate all of the entrants who took time to create a litterbag design."

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**Round Rock Couple Visit Howard Museum** — Alisha Ard and Michael Walker recently planned a day trip from their home near Austin just to visit the Robert E. Howard Museum. Both are very creative in their own ways and share an interest in historic sites. Michael, an aspiring writer who has been deeply influenced by Howard's mastery of so many genres, was especially interested to see where Howard's writings all happened. Alisha is a great painter in a most unusual way. She had joined a painting group and was encouraged to paint something from around her house every day. Somewhat on a fluke, she painted a picture of her little girl's black patent leather shoes and immediately knew she had found her niche. Suddenly friends started sending her shoes of their children to be made into hand painted pictures and a fascinating career was under way. Her work can be seen at [www.lifefootsteps.com](http://www.lifefootsteps.com) and Michael's blog their journey to Cross Plains. Rising Star and Brownwood can be found on [www.want2bwriter.com](http://www.want2bwriter.com). The couple was very impressed with the new Art Gallery, the Veteran's Memorial, the local cuisine and our downtown area.



**Father and Son Visit Museum** — Henry Gibbons, Sr. of Annapolis, MA was recently visiting his son, Henry, Jr., who is stationed at Dyess AFB, when they discovered that the Robert E. Howard Museum was so close to Abilene. A quick phone call to a Project Pride member and they were on their way over for a memorable visit. Like so many readers of Howard's writing, Henry, Sr. had "come in" through the Conan stories and gradually expand to several of Howard's other genres. His admiration of the Texas writer had been passed on to his son and both were delightful to find so many of the stories available in the gift shop. The father is a network systems administrator for the Charmer Sunbelt Group, which is one of the nation's leading distributors of fine wines, spirits, and other beverages. A group of privately held companies, CSG operates local distributor and/or brokerage houses throughout 15 states. The son represents another first to visit the Museum - one who makes and loads bombs on the planes stationed at Dyess. We've had a fellow from France who diffuses land mines, but never one who builds bombs. Each day - a new adventure!

## Baird Fall Fest Schedule Announced

Come join the celebration! On September 10, 2011, the Baird Chamber of Commerce and the T&P Railway Depot Museum are celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the T&P Railway Depot. The event promises something for everyone.

**Fall Fest Schedule**  
 7:00 a.m.—5K run/Fun Run  
 9am-5pm—Museum open at 100 Market Street—no admission. Museum Gift Shop: Old Baird photos, DVD's, T-shirts, train prints, engineer caps, train whistles, Callahan County History books.  
 9:00 a.m.—Entries in Antique Car Show/Motorcycle Show.  
 9am-5pm—Market Street Vendors/car show/ Wild West re-enactors/12th Armored Division Museum Show. Children's Train Ride.  
 10:00 a.m.—Flag Ceremony in the Courthouse Lawn. Victory Fly-over by the Commemorative Air Force. Tour of Historical Markers on Courthouse Lawn.  
 10:30 a.m.—Car show judging.  
 11:00-2:30 p.m.—Baird Volunteer Fire Department-hamburger feed.  
 2:12 p.m.—100th Anniversary Ceremony in front

of T&P Depot, followed by refreshments and museum tours.  
 2:30-5pm—Museum Tours.  
 4:00 p.m.—Wildfire Blues Fest begins at The Arches (100 block of Market Street) featuring the Blues Slobbs Band. No admission. Coolers are allowed (no glass containers). Bring your lawn chairs.  
 5:00 p.m.—Chili supper sponsored by Baird Chamber of Commerce. Uncle T's famous chili, crackers and orange soda. 112 Market Street.  
 5:30-7pm—Railroad Employees and Families Reception-Baird Activity Center (200 block of Walnut). Steve Goen program on the Texas & Pacific.  
 6:30 p.m.—Ice Cream Supper (during intermission of Steve Goen Program).  
 7:30 p.m.—Wildfire Blues Fest presents Ray Reed, superstar of Dialtone Records.  
 9:30 p.m.—Blues Jam Session from 9:30 p.m. to "when the last note is played".  
 More events are still being added! Make plans to attend this fun day. For information on how you or your group can have a booth and be part of the festivities, please call Nan at 854-1150.

## Spirit to Spirit

Geneva Nelson

1. Things that seem impossible, can seem twice as possible, tomorrow!
2. The deepest love, that will ever embrace you, comes from arms you can't see.
3. Loneliness doesn't just fill the heart, it fills the house, visit those alone!
4. Widows are not just in God's care, they are in God's care, through you!
5. All the problems in our world become a drop in the bucket, when God is holding that bucket.
6. Quit fighting against your life, you have to live it, not just look at it!
7. Don't drag your baggage into eternity!
8. We have many blessing, we just don't always name them aloud.
9. Death is the end of life...not the end of a relationship! Jack Lemmon "Tuesdays With Morrie"
10. God still listens...but do we still ask?
11. The word "but" should never be used, when it comes to God.
12. The best kind of birthday to have, is the one that comes from spiritual rebirth.

### The Old Cherokee Story

An old Cherokee told his grandson, "My son, there's a battle between two wolves inside us all. One is EVIL. It's anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, lies and ego. The other is GOOD. It's joy, peace, love, humility, kindness, empathy and truth."

The grandson thought about it and asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

### Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

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**Troy Fraser**, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Bos 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512-463-0124.

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**Barack Obama**, President of the United States, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20500 or call 202-456-1111. [www.whitehouse.com](http://www.whitehouse.com)

**Randy Neugebauer**, Congressman, 19th Texas District, 429 Cannon HOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. Phone 325-675-9779 or 325-675-5038 for Fax. For email access, go to <http://www.house.gov/neugebauer> and click on the appropriate link.

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## College Credit for Heroes Assists Veterans Returning to the Classroom

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry officially launched the College Credit for Heroes program on Thursday at a bill signing ceremony held at St. Philip's College in San Antonio. Administered by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), the \$3 million workforce development initiative is designed to recognize the exceptional knowledge and skills gained by military service members and award them college credits for their military experience, allowing these veterans to more easily re-enter the workforce.

SB 1736, authored by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, seeks to maximize academic credit awarded by higher education institutions to veterans and military service members. Experience, education and training obtained during military service will be evaluated for college credit in order to expedite the entry of veterans and military service members into the workforce. "The knowledge and skills our veterans bring back from service are an important, and all too often untapped, resource for our communities," said Gov. Perry. "While we can never fully thank them for their service to our nation, I am proud of the steps we took this session, which will help veterans and military service members transition to civilian life by applying their skills and experience to help them graduate more quickly and save money on tuition."

Seven community colleges were selected to participate in the College Credit for Heroes program. The colleges will provide models for awarding college credit by evaluating military training, including testing and prior learning assessments which other Texas colleges may replicate. There will be a focus on allied health careers, and the initiative will partner with the Military Education Training Center (METC) in San Antonio to provide current active duty

service members with an accelerated degree plan.

"Approximately 25,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans separate from the service and return to Texas every year," said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. "These young men and women have answered our country's call under very difficult circumstances and they deserve the best support we can provide to help them make a successful transition to the civilian world."

According to the Texas Veterans Commission, Texas is home to 1.8 million veterans, including 450,000 who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. College Credit for Heroes helps address high unemployment rates seen in veterans who served on active duty after September 2001.

"Service men and women are highly skilled, experienced individuals who have a tremendous amount to offer their communities when they return home after serving their country," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "College Credit for Heroes will ultimately give our returning veterans faster employment opportunities and help fulfill the workforce needs in Texas."

College Credit for Heroes also builds on the Texas Veterans Leadership Program, a TWC initiative that connects veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with the tools they need to assimilate into civilian life by providing employment and training services, resources and referrals. Together these programs help prepare veterans for academic and professional success.

"The colleges participating in the College Credit for Heroes program were specifically chosen to serve areas with high veteran populations," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "This program will maximize the college credit that can be granted to these heroes for their military training

and occupational experience."

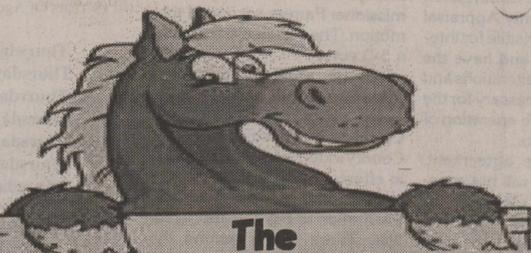
As part of the College Credit for Heroes initiative, each of the seven participating community colleges will develop curriculum models that streamline the award of college credits:

- Alamo Colleges, San Antonio, Texas: \$412,000 was dedicated through College Credit for Heroes to partner with METC to develop an Associate in Applied Sciences (AAS) degree in health professions. This will streamline transferable credits and accelerate service members' and veterans' attainment of the degree for those who already are certified in a health profession. Alamo Colleges will also develop a Career Mobility Registered Nursing program to enable veterans and service members who were combat medics or corpsmen to become qualified as registered nurses.

- Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas: \$1,053,000 was dedicated through College Credit for Heroes to develop a web-based application and database for veterans and service members to receive additional college credit hours. The initiative will standardize evaluations of military training and experience to ensure that maximum credit hours are awarded across Texas institutions attended.

- Lone Star College System (LSCS), Greater Houston area, Texas: \$544,000 was dedicated through the program to convene and organize the Texas Inter-College Council on Veterans, which will be comprised of representatives from the seven colleges participating in College.

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Wendell and Vanda Draper



Dean and Delphine Draper



Don Draper and future wife Vicci

## Commissioners approve Courthouse Annex improvements

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to approve remodeling improvements to the Courthouse Annex (old hospital building) for the Texas Health & Human Services Commission during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, July 11th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Judge Roger Corn sent a letter dated July 7th to Terry A. Smith with the Texas Health & Human Services Commission that Callahan County had received a request to install new vinyl composition tile (VCT) in the hallway and clerical area at the county-owned Courthouse Annex building located at 124 West 4th Street in Baird.

Under the Texas Health & Human Services Commission lease agreement with Callahan County, which is effective through May 31, 2015, the Occupying Agencies (Texas Health & Human Services Commission and Callahan County Appraisal District) are responsible for interior maintenance and have the authority to make alterations and improvements necessary for the continued effective operation of assigned programs.

Under the lease agreement, Callahan County will not manage, pay for or otherwise be involved in this project. The State will procure, manage and monitor all work being done.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the improvements to the Courthouse Annex made and paid for by the Texas Health & Human Services Commission.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

—The commissioners' court meeting minutes from the previous meeting were signed.

—Nancy Johnson with Tommy Morris Insurance Agency met with the commissioners' court to discuss the 2011-2012 Renewal Notice and Benefit Confirmation of the County Group Health Insurance. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the Insurance Renewal and Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Under public comments, there were none.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Countywide Burn Ban remains in effect.

—Commissioner Farmer made the motion to pay the approved bills. There was a second by Commissioner Kirkham and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.



### JULY 26

Kaylee Meador  
Maxine Kellar  
Jerry Erwin  
Ricky Potter  
R.B. Dillard Jr.  
J.H. Byrd  
Lauretta Bomar  
Vivian Franke Lewis  
Oneitta Fortenberry  
R.H. Wooten  
Zachary Alan Hinkle  
Tammy (Guill) Brown

### JULY 27

Betty Golson  
Mrs. David Gray  
Neva Davis  
Ronnie Smith  
Mrs. Quinn Harris  
James Montgomery  
Beverly Havner  
Edie Ann Switzer

### JULY 28

Valeta Edington Brown  
Jeff Worley  
David Clark Rodgers  
Debbie Jan McNeel  
Ethel Collier  
Nicole Peterson  
Lori (Erwin) Crisp  
K-Trina Sue Meador  
David Ingram White  
Dewanna Darlene Wyatt  
Lone Rutledge  
Mrs. Lon Duncan  
Michael Klinger  
Kelley Rene Harris  
Carrie Ferrel (Kay) Green

### JULY 29

Shannon Nichols  
Lastyn Winfrey  
David Gray  
Corrine Barnett  
Linda Joyce Gambill  
Eula Covington  
Linda (Gould) Brady  
Ashlee (Hutchins) Matthews  
Wesley Kyle Scott

### JULY 30

Cheryle Marie Toothaker  
Chris Strength  
Betty King Lichty  
Emily (Horan) Williams  
Roy Stambaugh  
Chris Sims  
Randy Walker  
Randy Pancake  
Gary Odum  
Rev. Jimmy Mobley  
Larry Crockett  
Sheryl Ann White  
Mary Coggin  
Robert C. Walton  
Tommy Burrhus

### JULY 31

Shari Watson  
Jon Newton  
John Chesshir  
Karman (Key) Ellis  
Wendy Rose  
Melinda Richardson

### JULY 25

Coleman Pillans  
Debra Green  
Wendell Smith  
Traci Dianne Woody  
Sandra McKeegan  
Mrs. Ross McGary  
Billy E. Pope  
Ronnie Edington  
Sherri Townson  
Randy Montgomery  
Martha Duncan  
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## West Texas Fair just around the corner

The West Texas Fair is just around the corner. Now is the time to start getting those 4-H projects ready to enter. There are a lot of different divisions you can enter. They include: Animals, Clothing and Textiles, Photography, Food and Nutrition, Crafts and many more. You can find the entry information and rules on the Taylor County Expo Center Website, [www.taylorcountyexpo.com](http://www.taylorcountyexpo.com).

If you plan to enter a 4-H project in the West Texas Fair, please come by or call the Extension Office so that we will know who plans to participate. All livestock entries are due in the Extension Office by August 15th.

If you have any questions please contact The Extension Office. (325) 854-5835  
Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag/NR

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## Emma Bennett Makes Distinguished Student List at Tarleton State University

Emma Bennett of Cross Plains was recently named to Tarleton State University's Distinguished Students List for the spring 2011 semester, one of the highest honors the university confers on students.

Students on the list include freshman and sophomores who have a minimum 3.25 grade point ratio (GPR) and no grade lower than a 'C' and juniors and seniors who have a minimum 3.5 GPR with no grade lower than a 'C'.

All must be in good standing with the university.

This distinction is the University's way of honoring academic achievements and recognizing student's importance on campus. The faculty and administration salutes these students and look forward to their continued success.

Emma is the daughter of Debi Bennett and Bryan Bennett, of Cross Plains.

## Callahan County Sheriff's Office warns citizens to Beware of Scams

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office, along with all County Law Enforcement and Officials, would like to take this opportunity to warn the public of scams working this area. Several residents have called in reporting a prominent magazine telling them by phone or mail that they have won money in their contest. They receive a letter, or sometimes a check, and it tells

them to sent in \$800 for taxes and their prize money will be deposited into their account. **DO NOT DO THIS!! Do not forward any money or give them your personal information, including social security numbers, bank or bank card numbers.** You should never have to pay up front for money won in a contest. Remember if it sounds too good to be true it usually is.

## Love Fund Established for Lavon Haney

A Love Fund has been established for Lavon Haney of Cross Plains at the Texas Heritage Bank.

Lavon has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease in December and is in need of assistance with medical expenses. She has no medical insurance to help with this devastating disease.

If you would like to help, please make donations at the Texas Heritage Bank or send them to:

**Texas Heritage Bank**  
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