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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 38

Commissioners decline request to open County Jail Commissary

The Callahan County Commissioners declined a request to start a County Jail Commissary after a motion failed to receive a second.

The commissioners' court met Monday, November 21st at the County Courthouse in Baird with Desma Cantine of the Callahan County Sheriff's Department. Cantine submitted a request to the commissioners' court to start a Jail Commissary.

At the commissioners' court meeting on Monday, November 14th, discussion occurred between Sheriff Windham and the commissioners' court about opening a Commissary Account. At that meeting, the commissioners' court voted to table the matter until the November 21st meeting.

At the November 21st meeting, Judge Roger Corn made a motion to accept the request to start a Jail Commissary, however the motion failed due to the lack of a second.

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

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks arrived at the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Present at the

meeting were Deputy County Clerk Laurie Tollett, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter. Also in attendance at the commissioners' court meeting was Desma Cantine with the Callahan County Sheriff's Department.

—Two bids received for hauling off scrap metal included \$100.00 from John Chesser, and \$247.00 from K.D. Griffin. One bid was received for air-conditioner window units—Precinct #3, from K.D. Griffin for \$20.00. Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept both bids from K.D. Griffin. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to reinstate the Countywide Burn Ban. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Votes from the November 8th Constitutional Amendment election were canvassed. Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept the votes. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Appreciation Dinner Scheduled

Pork Roast, Brisket, Turkey and Ham are all on the menu for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Appreciation Dinner Set for Thursday, December 1st at the Family Center of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

The dinner is the Fire Control Group's way of saying "Thank You" to the folks of Cottonwood, Cross Plains and the surrounding areas for all of their support.

Serving starts at 5 p.m. and runs until the food runs out. Come and have a free dinner and visit with friends.



Methodist Church to Host Community Sing-along

The Methodist Church extends a warm invitation to the entire community to enjoy a time of singing the old Christmas carols that are sometimes missed in our regular worship services as we celebrate the Advent Season. The fun sing-along will be held in the Sanctuary, starting at 4:30 on Sunday, December 4.

Led by Bobbie Jo Sims at the piano, the Chancel and the Bell Choirs, the sing-along will take us down memory lane as we sing all the favorites of our

childhoods. Other folks are invited to bring their talents to share; be it poetry, instrumental music, a solo, duet, trio, quartet or a bunch of singers. It's planned to be a fun and flexible time to enjoy a special part of our musical heritage.

And in typical Methodist fashion, refreshments will be served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

Another special time of worship will be offered on Christmas Eve at 5:00 when the traditional candlelight and Service of Holy Community will be celebrated.

Country Christmas Musical at Cottonwood Community Center Friday, December 2

There will be a Country Christmas Musical at the Cottonwood Community Center Friday night, December 2nd, at 5:00 p.m.

A community donated and decorated tree will be set up in the foyer. Anyone wishing to make an elderly person's Christmas special may put a wrapped gift under the tree. Please specify if the gift is for a male or a female. The gifts will be distributed to the elderly in the area. For more information or gift suggestions, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771

The musicians will be singing and playing Christmas songs along with the regular program. All are welcome to sing along.

The famous Bryan Bennett chili, along with beans and cornbread, will be for sale in addition to the regular entrees in the kitchen beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the musical commencing at 5:30 p.m. We now have propane heat in the

auditorium. If it is cold, we will be warm and cozy.

Y'all come and join in the "Christmas Spirit" at Cottonwood, Texas.

Submitted by
Cookie Robinson

Santa Comes to Town this Friday, December 2nd



The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains' annual Christmas Program is this Friday, December 2, at the Senior Citizens Center, beginning with a Stew Supper Fund-Raiser at 5 p.m.

The Kiwanis Club's Stew Supper is one of the club's fund-raisers each year to help with programs of the area, especially the children. The club really needs your help in order to have enough to meet all the worthy requests and needs there are.

The stew supper begins at 5 p.m.—\$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under (very young children who eat from their parent's bowl are free.) Those who eat will receive one ticket each for the drawings for the turkeys and cash. The Senior Citizens Center will be selling desserts to add to the evening meal to raise money for their projects.

Santa will be arriving out front at the Senior Citizens Center on the Fire Truck at 6 p.m. and he will want to see all the children of Cross Plains and the surrounding area as he arrives.

Every child will be able to visit with Santa, inside, and have their picture taken with him.

Those who have a camera (or a phone with camera) are asked to take their own picture(s) in order to speed up that part of the program. Each child will receive a sack of candy and one ticket for the drawings at the end of the program.

The drawing will be for twelve (12) frozen turkeys and eight (8) gifts of \$25 each. Drawings will begin immediately after the children are finished visiting and taking pictures with Santa.

The Kiwanis Club encourages everyone to attend, participate and enjoy Santa's visit to Cross Plains. There is no general registration for the drawings so the only recipients of tickets will be the children who visit Santa and those who attend the stew supper. You must remain and be present during the drawing in order to be eligible for the prizes.

Come early and eat, stay afterwards and visit. Remember this Friday night, December 2, beginning at 5 p.m.

Submitted by
Bob Pipes

"Christmas in Cross Plains"

On December 2nd the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to Christmas in Cross Plains. The Kiwanis will be having their annual Christmas Program, Stew Supper and Santa Come to Town starting at 5:00 p.m.

There will be booths set up along the sidewalks in the downtown area and businesses will be open late with some having specials and door prizes and some serving refreshments.

The Cross Plains Public Library will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. and will have ornaments for kids to make and hang on a tree in the children's area. They will also have Christmas books available for parents to come in and read to their children.

Our other confirmed participants to be open late are Johnson's Dry Goods, Salamander's, Tim's Floral, Bagley Insurance Agency (serving wassail),

Connie's Cuts & Curls and Higginbothams.

J's Art & Soul will be having drawings for door prize giveaways. Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones will be open late, having discounts and drawings for door prizes. Kaleidoscope will be having an Open House from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. They will have refreshments and door prize drawings throughout the day and something on sale for everyone on your Christmas list! Heavenly Hands will be selling gift certificates for messages and Addi Cakes, a little girl's boutique, will be selling items at Susan Schaefer's CPA office.

The First United Methodist Church will have a hot cocoa booth set up under the Dal-Mar awning on the corner of 1st and Main Street. The Presbyterian Church will have their Live Nativity Scene set up on the corner of NE 2nd and Avenue D.

There will also be Hay Rides going around town for a tour of Christmas lights and decorations so be ready to hop on board.

If you are a business interested in being open late of having a special for Christmas in Cross Plains, please let us know at the Chamber of Commerce office 254-725-7251 or call Shana Hinyard 325-660-5719 and we will get your information included. If you are an individual or civic group interested in participating in our Christmas in Cross Plains festivities, let us know so we can get you set up and scheduled for a booth. Also, please let us know if you plan to have your home or business decorated by December 2nd so we can put your address on the Tour of Lights.

Submitted by
Myleah McNutt
Administrative Assistant
C.P. Chamber of Commerce

Santa at the Bank



Enjoy the Season of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information, then return your gifts to the bank by Wednesday, December 14, 2011. The gifts will be picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A reasonable amount to spend on the gift is \$25-30. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls and

video games, sports related items, sweaters, and hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might enjoy legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc. Christmas is a time for giving and kindness so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need, please call Pat Stephens with your information. (Home 725-6819 or School 725-6123). Also, Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you so much to all for helping the children of our community.

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Happy Retirement — Joe Boles, UPS Driver for 36 years in the Cross Plains area retired in November 2011. Joe has brought so many smiles and jokes into our homes and businesses over the years. Local residence and participating businesses put together a bucket full of love and appreciation and presented this to him as a thank you for his many years of service. We will all miss him dearly.

Church Directory

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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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: Dwaine Clowers
 Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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Obituaries

Judge Scott Bailey

Retired Eastland County Judge Scott Bailey, 81, passed away at Hendrick Medical Center on November 27, 2011.

Judge Bailey was a native of Cisco. He attended Cisco High School and Cisco Junior College before earning a bachelor's degree in history from North Texas State University. After graduating college, Judge Bailey served overseas with the United States Army in the Korean War in the famed "Buffalo" Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division. After the war he taught high school government and history in Seymour for three years.

Judge Bailey served a term in the Texas House of Representatives representing Eastland, Callahan and Shackelford Counties. Afterwards, he served as Eastland County Judge for 36 years. At the time of his retirement from the bench, Judge Bailey was the longest serving county judge in Texas. The Texas Legislature recognized his accomplishments in a concurrent resolution that it adopted in 1999. During his service as County Judge he was admitted to the State Bar of Texas as a licensed attorney. After retirement, he remained active by working as an attorney in private practice. He was also honored to serve as a field representative for State Representative Jim Keffer of Eastland.

Judge Bailey served many years as the chairperson of the Citizens Advisory Council to the Texas Department of Aging. Serving with other officials from across the State, he worked on the ground level in the development of services supporting the State's elder population, including the creation of the Silver-Haired Senior Nutrition Program. Judge Bailey was known throughout the State as both an advocate and expert on issues involving senior citizens.

Judge Bailey was a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a native of Carbon; his daughter, Melissa Bailey of Abilene; and his son, John Bailey and his wife Sarah Adams of Cisco; two sisters, Carolyn Bahler Hautzenroeder of Saint Jo, Missouri and Kathleen Himmelsbach of Baker, Oregon; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Cisco, with burial in Oakwood Cemetery under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home in Cisco. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Cisco Food Pantry, 700 East 21st Street, Cisco, TX 76437.

Billy D. Higgins

Billy D. Higgins, age 57, of Cross Plains, passed away Thursday, November 24, 2011 in Baird. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the graveside in the Admiral Cemetery in Callahan County.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from November 19, 2011 through November 25, 2011 include:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings—184
 Complaints—38
 DWI—3
 Driving While License Invalid—3
 Possession of Marijuana—1
 Vehicle Accidents
 There were four vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Aaron D. Jimenez, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Michael J. Jacobs, DWI.
 John A. Maxwell, failure to identify.
 Dolly Hubert, DWI.
 Thomas C. Corriveau, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Robin K. Jasso; Weldon H. Brooks;
 John Edward Hunt, order amending conditions of probation granted.
 End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Jimmy New, Jr.; Jerry H. Whitt; William Dean Harris, Jr.

Aaron Casey Phillips, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Michael Bolton, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Dakota R. Gonzalez, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate grante.

Chance Zimmerman, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Albert Sell, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 6 days in jail, \$314 court costs.

Nancy C. Gonzales, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jessica N. Rifenburgh, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jessica Rifenburgh, plea of guilty to furnishing alcohol to a minor, 18 months probation, \$300 fine, \$264 court costs.

Michael W. Brown, plea of guilty to unlawful carrying of a weapon, 120 days in jail, \$239 court costs.

William Wade Howard, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Thomas W. Corriveau, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 15 days in jail, \$299 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Amine Attalah and Diane Lynn Wilkins-Vinson, both of Clyde.

Mitchell Wayne Atchley and Rhonda Jackson Hinten, both of Cross Plains.

Edward Jones

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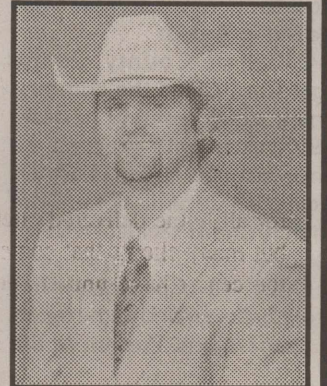
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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

Happy Holidays everyone!
The burn ban is back on!
 Thanks to the good Samaritan who discovered the fire in the tree Saturday night on CR 429 and called it in to the Sheriff's Department. Out on these country roads at night, we're fortunate someone saw it. The Cottonwood firefighters came out and quickly put out the fire. It was just across from the end of my lane.

Wild hogs and large bobcats have been spotted in Cottonwood over the past several days.

Tonight (for those of you getting your paper on Thursday), **December 1st is the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Appreciation Dinner** beginning at 5 p.m. at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center.

Then, **Friday night—there's the Christmas Musical** at the Community Center. Doors and the kitchen opens at 5 p.m. Music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Also tomorrow night, many of the Cottonwood folks who are involved with the **Kiwanis group**

will be serving stew at the Senior Center downtown. The library also has some Christmas goings-on and will be open late, too.

On Sunday, the **Cottonwood Baptist Church** will hold their **holiday fellowship dinner** after church. Bring a covered dish for the meal.

Since last week, when I mentioned the **new propane heaters** in the auditorium of the Cottonwood Community Center, I've received several calls about the wood burning stoves. **Rest assure, the stoves are still in the**

Community Center and they are not for sale. Many folks can remember being a kid and carrying in wood and lighting the stoves in the school house on a cold morning, and how Harry S. Varner, the schoolmaster, was the last one to leave, making sure all the stoves were out before he headed home. For years the stoves were lit on Turkey Supper Night so the Quilting Club Ladies had the Community Center toasty-warm for the diners. Those stoves have been in the

community for years—and will probably out live many of us.

David Weaver of Corpus Christi was here visiting his mother, Mary Ella Weaver, over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Louise Weaver, the wife of the former late Cottonwood resident Floyd Weaver and well known to many in the community, passed away November 12. Funeral services were held November 16 at Earthman Resthaven Cemetery in Houston. Shirley Byrd of Keller and Dena Nickerson of Cottonwood attended the services.

Members of the **E.E. Weaver family celebrating their annual Thanksgiving Dinner** with their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Max Byrd in Keller, were: Dena Nickerson, Mary Ella Weaver, Billie Kelly, all of Cottonwood, and David Weaver from Corpus Christi.

Steve Bitsko and Mark Bitsko of Cross Plains, Joe and Deana Terstegge and Kathleen spent **Thanksgiving dinner with Teri and Gilbert and me.** Everyone enjoyed dinner and football.

YOU Could BE The Business of the Month

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is wanting to recognize your business. Starting January 2012 we will select a local business of the month! You will display a plaque in your business for that month and the chamber will advertise and promote your business.

We need a history of your business, how many employees, how long you have been in business, products you sell, etc. If you would mail this info to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 233, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or get it ready and we will pick it up. We will only implement this program to the local businesses who respond.

You **DO** have to be a member of the chamber to receive this honor. This was an oversight of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce in the last publication. You must be a member of the chamber to qualify. Please respond ASAP, as January is just around the corner and we would like to be ready.

Thank you for your attention to this. The chamber appreciates your support. For any questions contact the Cross Plains Chamber at 254-725-7251 or email crossplainschamber@yahoo.com. Our physical location is 225 SW 5th Street (Hwy 36).

Submitted by
Myleah McNutt
 Administrative Assistant
 Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce

Project Pride To Meet

The monthly meeting of Project Pride will be Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 in the Public Library conference room. A portion of the special features on the new Conan DVD will be viewed as frequent visitors to Cross Plains, Paul Sammon and Rob Roehm, discuss the making of the movie. Numerous pictures of Cross Plains are included in this portion of the DVD.

All who are interested in being a part of this active group are warmly invited to attend. General plans for 2012 will also be discussed with the election of officers coming up in January.

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ADOPT A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS

Would you or your business like to adopt a Senior for Christmas? There are approximately 100 Seniors that either get a home delivered meal or come to The Cross Plains Senior Center to eat lunch each day. For many, this is the only meal they receive and/or the only human connection they have each day. The Senior Citizens Center would like to make the holidays a little more special for those Seniors with your help.

Last year, we started a Christmas for Seniors program for all home delivered clients but many clients that come to the center have unmet needs also. A letter went home with all home delivered clients and they were to list their needs and

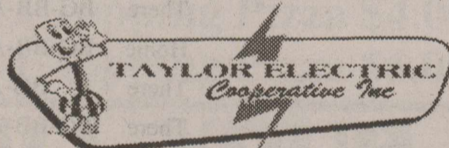
wants. Most all wrote they would like items like cat/dog food, shoes or socks. Only one big item was requested and it was a heater which a family was able to bless them with. My point to this is their wants and needs are small but they get very lonely this time of year. If they know that SOMEONE cares for them it can really help their spirits.

In addition to the Wish List items, we would GREATLY APPRECIATE gifts of fruit, food items that can be easily opened by our participants, gift cards to local eateries, toiletries and etc.. Many do NOT ask for a thing because they felt others needed it worse. I would like to be able to prepare for those a gift basket.

If you are willing to help, please contact the center at 254-725-6521.

Your donation of items can be delivered to the person you wish to adopt or you may bring them to The Center and we can deliver it for you.

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BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
 Cross Plains Church of Christ

Faith Defined

No one lives without faith. Faith may be in self, things, people, or God, but it is an essential motive for action. Within our human ability to think, plan, reason, and act, we need faith as the primary ingredient for a meaningful life.

Faith allows you to accept and receive love from another being. Without faith in that person you see and feel no need for their love. When you loose faith in a person, you no longer accept their love. People often betray the faith others have placed in them. Parents often disappoint their children, or vice versa. Faith in things is destined to be temporary as we easily tire of them or simply realize our need for something deeper. Faith in self has an equally fatal flaw. It is called death. No honest person can find permanent faith in self. Our will power, our intellect and our physical body, all three, leave us doubting.

The universe, (with its infinite space, resources and power) points to an infinite Creator, which we call God. His love transcends generations and fills each soul that chooses to believe in Him. He elevates human existence well beyond our temporary feelings and misplaced faiths. His loving, reconciling, forgiving, accepting, and totally just nature calls each of us to real faith for all of our days. We can believe in a Power greater than ourselves; then direct our thinking, planning, reasoning, and action toward His eternal purposes.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus
 433 N. Main St. 254-725-6117
 Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:45 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

Library Notes

New Hours for the Library

Monday 1-5 p.m.
 Tuesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Wednesday 1-5 p.m.
 Thursday 1-5 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY
 November 21-23, 2011

Patrons: 118
 Books Checked Out: 72
 Programs: 4
 Copies: 31
 Internet Users: 33
 Reference: 10

Memorials:

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In Memory of Marie Stambaugh

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In Memory of Marie Stambaugh

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 Ginny Hoskins
 Colburn Tucker

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

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 5th— Spanish classes 6:00pm
 Tuesday, 6th— 10:00am Games
 Wednesday, 7th—Nutrition Education
 Thursday, 8th— 10:00am Games
 Friday, 9th— No Activities Scheduled

Senior Center is collecting the following during the month of December:

Shampoo	Individually Wrapped Candy
Body Wash	Travel Size/Hotel samples Toiletries
Conditioner	Individual Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate
Loofas	Sugar Free Candy
Notepads	Lotion
Pens	Tootpaste/Toothbrush
Gloves	Pet Food
Scarves	

If you, your business or local organization would like to collect these items, please drop off at the Senior Citizens Center or Call Amber Thomas at 254-725-6521 or 325-201-3342

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

Holiday Schedule

Listed below are the holidays the Center will be closed. NO MEALS OR ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE!

NOVEMBER 12, 2011	APRIL 6, 2012
NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 2011	MAY 28, 2012
DECEMBER 23, 2011	JULY 4, 2012
DECEMBER 26, 2011	SEPTEMBER 3, 2012
JANUARY 2, 2012	

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 5—DECEMBER 9

MONDAY- Soft Taco, Spanish Rice, Broccoli, Bread/Dessert and Drink	THURSDAY- Pizza, Corn Salad, Dessert and Drink
TUESDAY- Chicken Spaghetti, Carrots, Salad, Bread/Dessert and Drink	FRIDAY- Chef Salad w/turkey, ham,tom.,egg wedges, crackers, Dessert and Drink
WEDNESDAY - Salisbury Steak, Diced Potatoes, English Peas, Bread/Dessert and Drink	

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All District Football Picks 2011



District 9-A, Division 11 All-District Team - Following a 3-8 Season, and ending a 10 year playoff drought, the Cross Plains Buffaloes football team continues to add to its season accolades as the District 9-A, Division 11, All District Team was released.

District MVP: BJ Ramirez-Gorman (JR)
 Offensive MVP: Blake Hutchins- Cross Plains (JR)
 Zach Carlton-Gorman (SOPH)
 Defensive MVP: Chad Crawford-Meridian (SOPH)
 Newcomer Of The Year: Jordan Wright-Meridian (SOPH)
 Coaching Staff: Gorman

Cross Plains Buffaloes All-District Representatives:

1st Team Offense
 Running Back: Ryder Foster (SR)
 Tight End: Cody Self (SR)
 Guard: Justin Pope (SR)
 Tackle: Michael Carpenter (SOPH)

1st Team Defense
 All Purpose: Cody Self (SR)
 Defensive Tackle: Sheldon Libey (JR)
 Defensive End: Ryder Foster (SR)
 Inside Linebacker: Justin Pope (SR)
 Outside Linebacker: Blake Hutchins (JR)
 Defensive Back: Colton McWilliams (SOPH)

2nd Team Offense
 Tight End: Chance Senclair (SR)
 Guard: Justin Willis (SOPH)
 Tackle: Payton Porter (SR)

2nd Team Defense
 Outside Linebacker: Chance Senclair (SR)
 Defensive Back: Christopher French (JR)
 Punter: Ryder Foster (SR)

Academic All-District Team

Cody Self — Senior
 Chance Senclair — Senior
 Christopher French — Junior
 Riley Lawrence — Junior
 Tristen Stephenson — Sophomore
 Michael Carpenter — Sophomore



***** The Academic All-District Team requires that athletes maintain a 90 or above average in all classes in the first two 6 weeks of the school year.**



Basketball Season



Cross Plains 2011-2012 Basketball Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAMS
11/8	5:00 p	Coleman	Home	JVG-VG
11/10-12	TBA	Coleman Tournament		JVG-VG
11/15	5:00 p	Comanche	There	JVG-VG
11/17,19	TBA	Cross Plains JH/JV Tourney		JHG-JVG
11/18	6:00 p	Roscoe	There	VG
11/21	5:00 p	Rising Star	There	JVB-VG-VB
11/22	6:30 p	Gordon	Home	VG-VB
12/1-3	TBA	Dublin Dr. Pepper Tourney		VG-VB
12/6	5:00 p	Zephyr	There	JVG-VG-VB
12/8-10	TBA	Cross Plains Tournament	There	JVG-VG
12/13	6:00 p	Santa Anna	There	VG
12/16	6:00 p	Roscoe	Home	JVG-VG
12/29	TBA			
12/30	1:00 p	Aspermont	There	JVG-VG
1/3	6:30 p	Rotan (JVG@Panther Creek)	There	JVG-VG
1/6	6:00 p	*Ranger	Home	JVG-VG
1/10	5:00 p	*Albany	There	JVG-VG-VB
1/14	5:00 p	*Eula	Home	JVG-VG-VB
1/17	5:00 p	*DeLeon	Home	JVG-VG-VB
1/17,19	TBA	Winters JV Tourney		JVG-VB
1/20	5:00 p	*Santo	There	JVG-VG-VB
1/24	5:00 p	*Ranger	There	JVG-VG-VB
1/27	5:00 p	*Albany	Home	JVG-VG-VB
1/31	5:00 p	*Eula	There	JVG-VG-VB
2/3	5:00 p	*DeLeon	There	JVG-VG-VB
2/7	5:00 p	*Santo	Home	JVG-VG-VB

Boys Coach Daniel Purvis

Boys Coach Mitchell Atchley

Girls Coach Jo Jo Morgan

Girls Coach Jeff Blackburn

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 5 — DECEMBER 9
BREAKFAST LUNCH

MONDAY - Sausage-n-Blanket, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
 TUESDAY - French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
 WEDNESDAY - Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice and Milk
 THURSDAY - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
 FRIDAY - Honey bun, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk

MONDAY - Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pudding and Milk
 TUESDAY - Sloppy joe on bun, Baked chips, Carrots w/ranch, Pears and Milk
 WEDNESDAY - Turkey and Dressing, Gravy, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Roll, Fruit Cup and Milk
 THURSDAY - Vegetable-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Peaches and Milk
 FRIDAY - Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, lett./tom./pickles, Baked Wedges, Cookie and Milk



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Immunization Clinics Announced in Callahan County

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding Immunization Clinics in Callahan County. Flu vaccine will be available.
 The schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 12th
Cross Plains Housing Authority
 233 North Main
 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Wednesday, December 14th
Clyde First Baptist Church
 216 Austin
 10 a.m. - 12 noon
 and
 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records. If you child has Medicaid or CHIP please bring their card.
 For more information call
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Cross Plains Junior High Boys-Girls 2011-2012 Basketball Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAM(S)
11/7	5:00 p	Santa Anna	There	AG
11/14	5:00 p	Ranger	Home	BG-AG-AB
11/17&19	TBA	Cross Plains Turney	Home	AG-AB
11/21	5:00 p	Albany (Two Gyms)	There	BG-AG-BB-AB
11/28	5:00 p	Eula	Home	BG-AG-AB
12/5	5:00 p	DeLeon	Home	BG-BB-AG-AB
12/12	5:00p	Santo	There	BG-BB-AG-AB
1/5,7	TBA	Gordon JH Tourney	There	AG-AB
1/9	5:00p	Ranger	There	BG-BB-AG-AB
1/16	5:00 p	Albany	Home	BG-BB-AG-AB
1/23	5:00 p	Eula	There	BG-AG-AB
1/30	5:00 p	DeLeon	There	BG-BB-AG-AB
2/6	5:00 p	Santo	Home	BG-BB-AG-AB

Local Library to Hold ASAP on Wednesday, December 7th

The Cross Plains Public Library's December After School Adventure Program (ASAP) will be held Wednesday, December 7th.

We will be making Christmas cards and Christmas ornaments

for the Senior Center Meals on Wheels recipients. There will be a large variety of supplies available for students to choose from to make these special items to be distributed to our senior friends for the holidays.

We will start making our projects at 4:00 p.m., come join us!

Submitted by
 Linda Burns
 Library Director

THIS WAY TO

Christmas Holidays!

Friday, December 16, 2011 — School will dismiss at 1:00 Buses will run at 1:10 pm
 Christmas Holidays — December 19th through December 30th
 Teachers & Staff — Monday, January 2nd will be a day for Staff Development
 Students — School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd at regular time.

Thursday, January 12, 2012 — School will dismiss at 1:00 Buses will run at 1:10
 Friday, January 13, 2012 — Stock Show — Student Holiday
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2011 Abilene Area Pecan Show to be held Dec. 6th

Texas AgriLife Extension Service is proud to announce that the 2011 Abilene Area Pecan Show will be held December 6, 2011. Residents of Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Fisher and Taylor Counties are invited to submit their pecans for competition and judging.

To enter the 2011 Abilene Area Pecan Show, submit 42 nuts of each pecan variety in a resealable, plastic bag to the Taylor County Extension Office. Entries will be accepted beginning Monday, November 28th; however, all entries are due to the Taylor County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2nd.

Don't worry if you are not sure of the pecan varieties that you have. All entries will be classified before they are judged. Pecans will be cracked and shelled on Monday, December 5th and then judged

on Tuesday, December 6th. Our judge for this year's competition is John Begnaud, retired Extension Horticulturalist from San Angelo, Texas.

All entries will then be on display at the Extension office on Tuesday, December 6th until 6:00 p.m. We will have a special Pecan Clinic and Awards Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Topic of the seminar will be focused around pecan tree care and pecan nutrition. We will wrap up the clinic by recognizing the participants in the pecan show. All entries must be picked up from the Taylor County Extension Office following the clinic. Entries not picked up become the property of the Taylor County Extension Service.

For more information, contact the Taylor County Extension office at 325-672-6048.



A Simple Christmas Wish From Project Pride

'Twas a few weeks before Christmas and all through the store, Higgle's was full of gifts, from ceiling down to the floor. Some tools were wrapped and tied with a bow, While shovels and wheelbarrows were ready to go. Then Vernon and Debbie at each other did look, "We've got to get decorated by hook or by crook, We don't have time for tinsel or lights, It'll look all a'clutter if we don't get it right." Then in through the door, Project Pride came with a bound, With ideas and energy, enough to go around. With nary a word? Yeah right! But straight to work they did go Hanging baubles and balls, soon the windows were aglow. Tools and house wares, bird feeders and paint Became a simple Christmas, old fashioned and quaint. "It's our gift to y'all," Pride members did say, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good day."

With literary apologies to Clement Moore from Arlene Stephenson

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Striped Skunk

The striped skunk (mephitis) has a black body with a white stripe along each side of its back. Sometimes the white stripe runs together to form only one stripe.

The two white stripes join together at the nap of the neck. Its forehead has a narrow white stripe. Being about the size of a house cat, it weighs 2.5 to 14 pounds with the average weight being 6 to 8 pounds; with a body length, excluding its tail, of 13 to 18 inches.

Males may be 10 percent larger than females. Its bushy tail is 7 to 10 inches long, sometimes with a white tip at the end.

The striped skunk diet consists mostly of insects such as beetles, grasshoppers and crickets. It also eats earthworms, mice, moles, rats, squirrels and bird eggs. In

the way of plant matter, they eat blackberries, raspberries, black cherries, blueberries, grains, corn and oats. They will go through the garbage and eat dog and cat food.

Skunks are one of the primary predators of the honey bee. Relying on their thick fur to protect them from the bee sting, it scratches at the front of the bee hive and eats the guard bees that come out to investigate. Mother skunks teach this to their young. The Great Horned Owl is the skunks only serious predator.

Skunks breed once a year in mid-February to mid-April. The young are born in May or earlier.

They are hairless, but with the stripe pattern. After eight weeks, the litter will start hunting with their mother.

Alzheimer's Association to offer free workshop in Abilene

Abilene, TX - November 28, 2011 - The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "THE BASICS: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease," on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105, in Abilene.

This workshop is designed for anyone who would like to know more about the difference between the changes that can accompany normal aging and Alzheimer's

disease and related dementias.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

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Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 6.1% in October

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped six-tenths of one percent to 6.1% in October 2011, according to jobless figures released Friday, November 18th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in October 2010 was 5.5 percent.

Of the 6,705 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,299 were employed during October 2011, and 406 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 6.1%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 6.7% in September, 2011. Of the 6,808 civilian labor force in the county during September, 6,353 had jobs while 455 or 6.7% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 6.9% in August 2011, 7.4% in July, 7.8% in June, 6.5% in May, 5.9% in April, 6.3% in March, 6.9% in February, 6.3% in January 2011, 5.8% in December 2010, and 6.1% in November, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for October 2011 include: Brown, 7.6%; Coleman, 7.5%; Eastland, 7.1%; Jones, 8.8%; Runnels, 7.9%; Shackelford, 4.0%; Stephens, 7.6%; and Taylor County, 6.6%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 6.8% in October, 2011, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 78,800. There were 73,400 employed during October 2011, while 5,400 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 6.8%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 80,100 in September, 2011. Total employment of 74,400 was reported in September 2011, while 5,700, or 7.1% were unemployed in September 2011.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for October, 2010 was 6.4%. The total workforce was reported at 83,100, with 77,800 employed and 5,300 unemployed in October, 2010.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of October, 2011 was 8.0 percent. Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 8.4 percent. The state's unemployment rate in October of 2010 was 7.9 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for October, 2011 was 8.5 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of September, 2011 was 8.8%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Sept. 6.7%	Oct. 6.1%
Total Labor Force	6,808	6,705
Total Employed	6,353	6,299
Total Unemployed	455	406

October, 2010 was 9.0%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate moved down in October by four-tenths of a percentage point to 8.0 percent. From year-ago levels, the unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point. Since January 2011, the unemployment rate has declined five-tenths of a percentage point. The national unemployment rate decreased by three-tenths of a percentage point to 8.5 percent. For 52 months, the Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national unemployment rate.

- The Civilian Labor Force contracted this month by 4,500 people for an estimated level of 12,367,000 Texans. Over the year, the Civilian Labor Force grew by 195,000 persons. Since the beginning of the year, the Civilian Labor Force has added 216,400 individuals.

- The number of jobholders reached a new all-time high this month at an estimated level of 11,378,100 Texans. The monthly increase of 47,800 persons marked the largest September-to-October change seen since 2006. Since January 2011, Texas has added 263,000 individuals into the ranks of the employed population. Those seeking job opportunities declined by 52,300 people for an estimated level of 988,900 Texans. This September-to-October change was the sharpest decline seen since 1983.

- The number of individuals continuing to seek out unemployment insurance benefits declined by 1,200 persons over the month for a count of 138,400 recipients. Since October 2010, those continuing to file for unemployment insurance benefits dropped by 15,600 people. At the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) level, 16 MSAs displayed an increased number of claimants while nine showed a decrease in claimants. The

McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA, the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, and the Houston-Sugarland-Baytown MSA had the sharpest over-the-month declines in the rate of persons receiving unemployment benefits among the MSAs at 8.2 percent, 7.5 percent, and 3.7 percent, respectively.

- All 25 MSAs showed declines in their unemployment rates. The unemployment rates for the Beaumont/Port Arthur MSA and the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the steepest declines among the MSAs as they fell by six-tenths of a percentage point each. The Midland MSA, at 4.5 percent, had the lowest unemployment rate among the MSAs.

"HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE"

Three Walmarts Open in Corpus Christi

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX (Corpus Christi Caller-Times—Mike D. Smith)—Three new Walmarts opened in Corpus Christi, bringing 470 jobs to the area. The South Staples Street location opened officially at 7:30 a.m. on October 26, featuring an 182,000-square-foot, \$8.6 million store at the former Parkdale Plaza location. This Walmart plans to hire 85 employees. At 8:30 a.m., the Southside's Walmart opened, with the 155,000-square-foot store on Saratoga Blvd., a \$9.4-million facility planning to hire 300 staff. The final Walmart opening was at Flour Bluff Drive. The \$7.8 million dollar, 155,000-square-foot facility expects to hire 85 employees.

The openings, all one hour apart, marked the first time the retail chain has opened three locations in one city on the same day, according to regional manager Julie Martin. "Texas is growing, so we're adapting to the market we find ourselves in and that's an expanding economy," Martin said.

Annual Grand Ole Oplin Christmas Ball set for December 9th

The Oplin Community Center and the Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out to their Annual Christmas Ball on December 9, 2011. TEXAS CRUDE will be on hand playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes. Our dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$8.00 per person. Snacks will be available during the band's break. Dress code for the evening will be dressy-dress (think red) or comfortable casual (think red some more).

The GRAND OLE OPLIN is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol or smoking is not allowed at any of our functions.

We can't think of a better way to get into the Christmas Spirit and get ready for the holiday season. So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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Hometown Country Christmas

Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Downtown merchants will sponsor **Hometown Country Christmas** on Saturday, December 3rd from 11 am to 4 pm in downtown Rising Star. There will be Christmas carolers, sidewalk

food vendors, The Christmas Story at 11 and 2 pm, Christmas karaoke all day and **Santa Claus** will arrive at 10 am! Fabulous Fun for the Entire Family! Vendor space is available! Call Nancy @ 325-203-0311.

Grand Ole Oplin December Line-up

The Oplin Community Center invites everyone out to the GRAND OLE OPLIN each Friday night for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On Friday, December 2nd MUDDY CREEK will be joining us playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes. On December 9th TEXAS CRUDE will be here to spread some Christmas cheer at our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL. Admission to our Christmas Ball will be \$8.00 per person and snacks will be provided. On December 16th JERRY BEAIRD & TEXAS TRADITION will join us playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance. There will be no dance on December 23rd or December 30th, but we hope everyone will join us to bring in the New Year on December 31st. Our Annual New Year's Eve dance will feature MUDDY

CREEK. Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$8.00 and the music will begin at 8:00 p.m. and end at midnight. Corn bread and black-eyed peas will be served during the band's break.

The GRAND OLE OPLIN is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Admission to our regular Friday night dance is \$5.00 (unless otherwise stated). Our regular Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Please go to www.grandoleoplin.com for further information.

The GRAND OLE OPLIN wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very safe holiday.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

Scranton Musical set for December 3rd

The Scranton Musical will be Saturday, December 3rd at the Scranton Community Center.

The kitchen will begin serving at 5:30 p.m., and the music begins at 6:00 p.m. There will be a special, sandwiches and homemade pies.

Buddy Johnson is the emcee and has a great program of musicians to play. All area musicians are welcome to attend. Last month there were over 80 people attending for a great musical so hope you will join us this month.

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Baird Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service Announced

Members of First Presbyterian Church of Baird invite the community to their annual Candlelight Service, Dec. 24th at 6:00 p.m. The church is located at 104 E. 4th Street in Baird.

The service lead by Dr. Mark Waters will include special music, "Words from Mary" and the beautiful Christmas Story read by members of the church family.

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USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign up for 2010 Crop Losses

(BAIRD, TX) - November 25, 2011 - Callahan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Robert Frost today announced that the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins November 14, 2011.

"Producers across the state experienced several natural disasters during the 2010 crop year that caused hardship and financial losses to many agricultural operations," said Frost. "The SURE program provides assistance to producers when disaster strikes, so I strongly encourage producers with 2010 crop losses to contact the Callahan County FSA office to learn more about the program," he said.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2010 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 percent of the normal production on the farm.

The following counties received a disaster designation during 2010: Anderson,

Angelina, Aransas, Archer, Austin, Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Bowie, Brazoria, Brazos, Brooks, Brown, Burleson, Burnet, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Childress, Clay, Coke, Coleman, Collin, Collingsworth, Comal, Comanche, Concho, Cooke, Coryell, Cottle, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dallam, Dallas, Dawson, Delta, Denton, Dickens, Eastland, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Freestone, Galveston, Garza, Gillespie, Glasscock, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Hale, Hamilton, Hansford, Hardeman, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Hartley, Hays, Hemphill, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hockley, Hood, Hopkins, Houston, Howard, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jack, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Kaufman, Kendall, Kenedy, Kent, Kerr, Kimble, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Lipscomb, Llano, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, McCulloch, McLennan, Madison, Marion, Martin, Mason, Matagorda, Menard, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Moore, Morris, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Newton, Nolan, Ochiltree, Orange, Palo Pinto, Panola, Parker, Polk, Rains,

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To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, if available, from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2 or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

Holidays Are a Time for Giving

It's that time of year again when everyone gets in the holiday spirit and we all are busy buying gifts for family and friends. Why not remember strangers who are less fortunate than you this year?

The Cross Plains Food Pantry is here all year long helping our neighbors feed their families. The winter months are especially hard for some of our folks and the pantry is always in need of items.

Why not help them AND help the Cross Plains Public Library by bringing non-perishable food to

the library during the holidays? Do you have an overdue book fine at the Cross Plains Public Library? Pay your fine, earn \$\$ for the library and help out those in need in your community, all at the same time by paying your fine in canned goods.

Each item of non-perishable food brought to the library is good for \$1 toward your fine. Thanks to the Trull Foundation, the library will be reimbursed with dollars for the amount of each fine collected with food. The pantry

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

In October we collected 84.5 pounds of food, representing \$56.75 in fines. November's featured items need at the pantry are black-eyed peas and canned tuna.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

Christmas 2011—Birth of a New Tradition

When you shop at home your community benefits!

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods—merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. **YES there is!**

It's time to think outside the box, people. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper? Everyone—yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber?

Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the Benjamin's on a Chinese made flat-screen?

Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are a bazillion owner-run restaurants—all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint.

Remember folks, this isn't about big National chains—this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the service of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings

at local owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre.

Musicians need love, too, so find a venue showcasing local bands.

Honestly, people, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of lights, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US, encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine. **THIS is the new American Christmas tradition.**

This is a revolution of caring about each other, and isn't that what Christmas is about?

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The Recipe Corner

Sweet & Spicy Nuts



Ingredients
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
 1/4 teaspoon ground chipotle powder
 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 1 cup shelled walnuts
 1 cup pecan halves
 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 1 tablespoon water
 1-1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
 Dash Louisiana-style hot sauce

Directions
 In a small bowl, combine the salt and spices; set aside. In a large heavy skillet, melt butter. Add walnuts and pecans; cook over medium heat until nuts are toasted, about 4 minutes. Sprinkle with spice mixture. Add the brown sugar, water, Worcestershire and hot sauce. Cook and stir for 1-2 minutes or until sugar is melted. Spread on foil to cool. Store in an airtight container. **Yield:** 2 cups.

If you would like to submit a recipe for consideration you can bring it by the Journal office at 312 N. 1st - Clyde; e-mail to: clydejournal@earthlink.net; mail to: P.O. Box 979, Clyde, TX 79510 or Fax to: 325-893-2780. Please refer to Recipe Corner.

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Cross Plains Public Library to Sponsor Second "Book to Movie" Event

The Cross Plains Public Library is sponsoring its second Book to Movie event. We have chosen "Rocket Boys", a true story of Homer Hickam, a coal miner's son. He becomes fascinated with rocket science when he sees Sputnik I race across the sky. After experimenting and nearly blowing himself up, he manages to launch his own rocket to the

amazement of the entire town, and more importantly, to the reluctant approval of his father. Quentin Wilson, one of four of the original "Rocket Boys" toured the Cross Plains Library recently and he brought to mind what a great book and movie this is to share with you! The cost of the book is \$10.00. Sign up now so we can order the

books by December 5th. If you prefer, you may order a book on your own, but please let us know if you want to be a part of this group. The Teens will meet on Tuesday, January 10th to watch the movie, and the Adults will meet Thursday, January 12th. Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to *The Cross Plains Review*, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

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Female English Setter

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Thumbelina as a pup

Thumbelina is white with brown ticking, has brown and white ears and lots of freckles on her nose. She is medium to large in size (weighs about 55 lbs.) She could have lost her collar and is most likely hiding in an abandoned building.

254-725-7174 (H) or 817-897-4654 (C)
Loved family pet that likes to swim and chase bugs, so could have traveled long distance.
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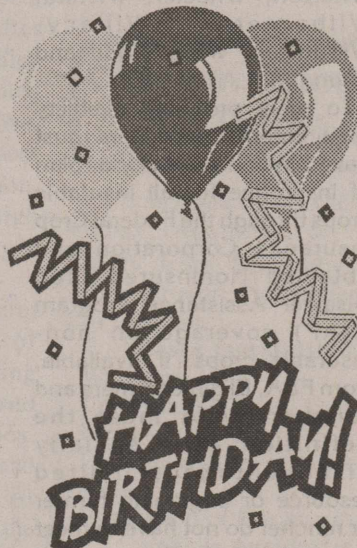
Cross Plains Public Library Joining "Christmas in Cross Plains"

The Cross Plains Public Library will join the businesses in downtown Cross Plains to celebrate "Christmas in Cross Plains". We will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 2nd. We are looking forward to having the children of our community decorate the tree in the Children's Discovery Center. An assortment of craft supplies will be made available for them to make their personally designed Christmas ornaments to hang on the tree. There will be enough supplies for each child to make a second ornament to take home to decorate their family tree. Christmas books will be available for parents to come and read to their children, or check out their favorite stories to take home. Submitted by Linda Burns Library Director

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DECEMBER 5

R.T. Peevy
Christy Rene Spooner
Bobby Harris
Darwin Breeding
Annette Roberts
Kathy Sohns
Jenna Kay Teague
Cheryl (Franke) Hollis
Jimmy Glenn Kelly
Mary Ann Reed
Mindy Melissa Watson
Jeffery Calhoun
Delany Ames
Britton Dukes

DECEMBER 6

Brian Couch
Joe Wyatt, Jr.
Debbie Jean (Potter) Gosnell
Phillip Perry
Frances Mote
Katerina Ring
Shawn Weathermon
Christi Burrhus
Dana Miller

DECEMBER 7

Mamie Webb
Imo Jean Clark
Mrs. Anne Burris
Michael Dean Wilson
Roy Richey
Estaline Gilmore
Allan Clark
Glen Lawrence
Mimmie Reynolds
Lovey Nichols
Christopher Michael Wheeler
Ann Marshal Burns
Frankie Hyles

DECEMBER 8

Johnny Glen Clay II
Judy (Gibbs) Steele
Neva Joyce Dillard
Elmer Casey
Garrett Stephens
Juanita Smith

DECEMBER 9

Bill Gunn
Rhonda (Jackson) Hinten
Bud McCorkle
Gerald Holcomb
Darlene Dillard
Gaye Archer
Dale Hunt
John Ingram
Bruce Region
Mrs. A.H. Ringhoffer
Tiffany Brush

DECEMBER 10

Kelli Sue Bennett
Jimmy McCowen
Debbie Edington
Jessie (Foster) Raben
Jimmy Gilmore
Joe Dean Nunn
Mickie (Archer) Holmans
Wayne Newton
Sheri Lyn Bassett
Dustin Meiron

DECEMBER 11

Tommy Cavanaugh Waggoner
Jill (Richardson) Betts
Pee Wee Pickett
Stuart Sowell
Peggy Purvis
Andrew Mark Young
Kay Horan
Shirley (Freeman) Bassett
Tammy Wolford

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The true meaning of Christmas seems to be forgotten. People seem to be forgetting December 25th is the time to celebrate the birth of our Lord Christ Jesus. It's a time to take a moment and remember His birth, remember He is the true gift.

Xmas—what's that? Where's Christ in that? Christmas is about Christ our Lord and Savior not the myth and gifts. Jesus is the magic! Jesus is the reason we are

able to give our children a Christmas even when we can't afford it. It's the gift He put in all of us, love and compassion for one another.

This year our family would like to take a moment and say "Happy Birthday Lord Jesus Christ and Thank You for all the blessings You bestowed upon us all year."

Return the holiday to Christ Jesus and Merry Christ-mas to Cross Plains!

Dee Gartman and Family

James L. Wages Presents "Sincerely Elvis" To Benefit Diabetes Association

James L. Wages will be presenting "Sincerely Elvis" on December 9th, sponsored by the Lake Brownwood Lions Club. Wages is a well-known Elvis impersonator in this area and has a great following.

There will be a barbecue sandwich meal from 6 to 7 pm. and the show is from 7 to 9 pm.

Tickets are \$10 at the door for adults and \$5 for children.

The Lake Brownwood Lions Club invites you to come out and enjoy the event that will benefit the Diabetes Association. They are located at 6751 North Highway 279. For additional information, contact Jean 325-213-0344.



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