

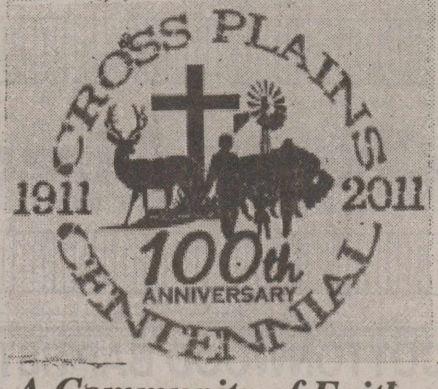
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45 Plus Years of Commitment Recognized — Eva Fleming (left) presented Julene Franke with a lifetime membership award. Congratulations.



Garden Club Members Meet — Eva Fleming (left to right), Janette Dugger, Julene Franke, Diana Miller, Mary Ella Weaver. Mary Dean (back row), Marqueta Westbrook and Sandy Lusk.

Julene Franke Honored at Cross Plains Garden Club Meeting

The Cross Plains Garden Club met in the conference room of the Texas Heritage Bank on Friday, December 9, to enjoy a Christmas luncheon provided by Bubba's BBQ. Mary Ella Weaver led us with an opening prayer of thanksgiving. After enjoying a delicious meal, the meeting was opened by President Eva Fleming. Members present were Mary Dean, Janette Dugger, Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Sandy Lusk, Diana Miller, Mary Weaver and Marqueta Westbrook. Guest, Gina Fleming was also in attendance.

Julene Franke was honored with a lifetime membership to Texas Garden Club's, Inc., in recognition of her 45 plus year commitment to the community and to the garden club. Julene

joined the Cross Plains Garden Club in 1966. She has held the position of club president four times during her tenure. She is currently the club's Vice-President and Treasurer.

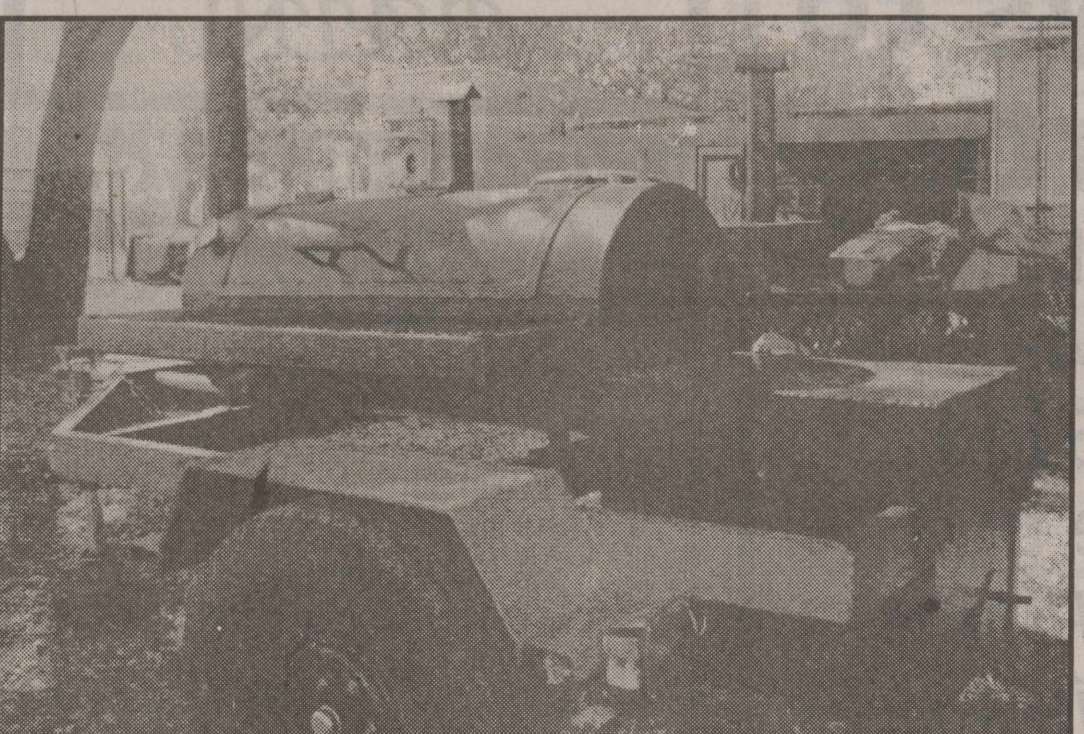
A regular business meeting was held following the presentation. The treasurer's report was presented and accepted. As a special thank you to the bank's for the use of their room, the CPGC is purchasing a child's gift to go under the bank's Christmas tree. Annual donations were discussed and finalized. Donations will be made to the Cross Plains Public Library, the Burkett, Cottonwood and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Departments, our Cross Plains EMS, the Senior Citizen's Center and the local Food Bank. An additional donation will be

made to the Sorority to support an upcoming spring 2012 function.

The CPGC offers a \$500.00 annual scholarship to a qualifying graduating senior. They would like to further their involvement with high school students, and discussed several programs they would like to present to students enrolled in the Family Consumer Sciences class during the 2012-2013 school year.

The next meeting of the Cross Plains Garden Club is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. New members and visitors are always welcome. Please contact us at (254) 725-7434 or (254) 725-9418.

Submitted by
Diana Miller



Win This Awesome Smoker — Cross Plains FFA Booster Club will be holding a drawing at the Junior Livestock Show on December 14th for a chance to win a smoker. Tickets are on sale now for \$1 or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased by Ag instructors, Joe Holland or Rickey Trammell at 254-725-6104 or you may purchase your tickets at the Cross Plains Superintendents Office. Don't miss out!

Presbyterian Church to Present "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" Sunday, Dec. 7th

The local Presbyterian Church will be presenting "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

The words and music were composed by Pepper Choplin and instrumentation by

Michael Lawrence. Power points will also be utilized to emphasize the story for your enjoyment.

4His Glory invites you to rediscover the joy, peace and love of Christmas by joining them in this special

performance. The Presbyterian Church is located at 200 North Avenue D in Cross Plains. Come out Sunday evening and hear the old, old story retold for His glory.

Chili Feed Set January 7th

It is that of year again! Mark your calendars for the CPVFD annual Chili Feed on Saturday, January 7, 2012. Bring your family and meet your friends and neighbors at the First Baptist Family Life Center in Cross Plains to enjoy a bowl of fireman's homemade chili with all the fixings from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. For your convenience, take-outs will be available.

All proceeds from this fundraiser goes to fire fighting equipment, the upkeep of all fire trucks, including the conversion of the four military trucks into serviceable fire trucks, and training for our firefighters.

Your support is appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, January 7th.

Submitted by
Laura Lawson
Secretary CPVFD

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.

Methodist Church to Offer Holy Communion at Candlelight Service Christmas Eve

As the world comes to a near halt on Christmas Eve and businesses close early, the Methodist Church will be opening their doors to the community for their traditional service of scriptures, music and Holy Communion. Beginning at 5:00 p.m., congregants will share in the final preparations for

celebrating the birth of Our Savior.

Following the story of Christ's holy birth through scripture readings and music, everybody will be invited to share the Lord's Table where Communion will be offered both by intinction and by

individual cups. The celebration will close with the singing of "Silent Night" by candlelight as we leave the Sanctuary.

The Methodist Church extends a warm invitation to everybody to bring visiting family and friends to share in this special time.

Candlelight Service Christmas Eve at Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains

The Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to a candlelight service held December 24th at 4:00 p.m. Join us for a time of celebration and reflection of the birth of our Lord and Saviour

Jesus Christ.

A timely message will be given by Pastor Kathy Monroe and 4His Glory will perform special music. Communion will also be served and everyone is invited to partake.

The service will be held at 200 North Avenue D, Cross Plains. Make your Christmas more meaningful by participating in this touching celebration.

Cottonwood VFCG Bake Sale SATURDAY

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Holiday Bake Sale this Saturday, December 17th, in front of Lowe's/Super S Foods in Cross Plains. The bake sale starts at 9:00 a.m.

Come by and pick up some

Christmas goodies!

If you have a cake, pie or other baked good that you'd like to donate for the sale, you can bring it by the bake sale on Saturday morning, or call 254-725-7369 to arrange for the Fire Control Group to pick it up on Friday.

Holiday Blood Drive on Tuesday, December 20

A holiday blood drive will take place on Tuesday, December 20. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at 18 hospitals in this area.

Blood donations tend to drop during the holiday season, but usage remains steady. Blood is needed 365 days a year to treat cancer patients, surgical patients, premature babies, new mothers following childbirth and those with chronic blood diseases.

"What better gift to give someone than the gift of life," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (age 16 with signed parental consent), weigh a minimum of 120 pounds and in general good health. All donors must present a photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call Meek Blood Center at 325-670-2798 or visit the website at www.meekbloodcenter.org. Each donor will receive a T-shirt or a 2012 wall calendar.

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Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball set for December 15th-17th in Anson

WHAT—Annual re-enactment of the original 1885 Ball that honored area cowboys, their ladies and families. 126 year-old family holiday celebration with traditional western music, dancing, listening, refreshments and fellowship. Open to the public.

WHEN—8pm to 12 midnight, December 15, 16 & 17, 2011 (always the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before December 25th).

***Thursday**—Michael Martin Murphey and his Rio Grande Band (\$15).

***Friday**—Muddy Creek Band and square dance exhibition (\$5).

***Saturday**—Muddy Creek Band and Texas Santa with candy for the kids (\$5).

WHERE—Historic Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, Texas 79501.

INFORMATION & TICKETS—Please contact Suanne Holtman, suanneholtman@yahoo.com, (325-537-2589) or Nettie Lee (325-823-2159). See musical website at www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com

HISTORY—The first Ball was held in 1885 at Anson's Star Hotel that was later destroyed by fire. The Anson High School old gymnasium hosted the Ball for several years thereafter. Pioneer Hall was built for the Ball in 1938 and construction started in 1938 and completed in 1940. The Ball has been there ever since.

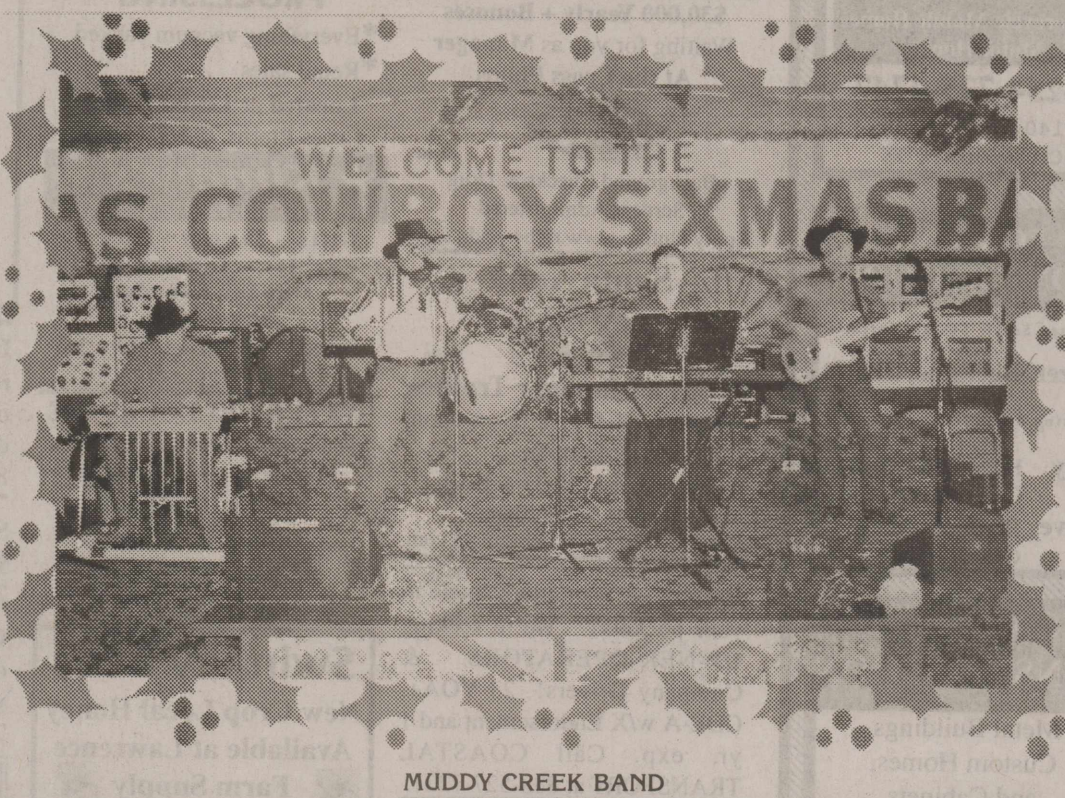
The legendary Ball and historic Hall are designated as an official state historical event and site by the Texas Historical Commission to promote historic preservation and celebrate Texas history.

The Ball is memorialized by the famous Larry Chittenden poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press/New York, 1893). The poem was put to music by Colorado cowboy folklorist Gordon Graham who sang it at the 1946 Ball.

The poem with music was first published in the John Lomax classic book "Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads" (Macmillan Company, 1910). The Ball is portrayed in the large 1930s mural in the US Post Office at



MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY AND HIS RIO GRANDE BAND



MUDDY CREEK BAND

Anson and the 1936 water color painting by Maxine Walker Perini on permanent display at Abilene's Grace Museum. It is also the acknowledged genesis for the annual "Cowboy Christmas" concerts held throughout the US by America's #1 Cowboy Singer Michael Martin Murphey. Murphey and his Rio Grande Band have played the Ball for the past 18 years.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association owns as well as maintains Pioneer Hall and conducts the annual 3 day Ball. It is a non-profit Texas corporation organized in 1937, an IRS 501(3)(c) tax exempt public educational charity, and composed of non-paid members who contribute their time, service and resources. The Ball was copyrighted in

1937 and remains the exclusive property of the Association.

1885 Ball rules remain in effect today. Ladies are required to wear dresses on the dance floor. Gentlemen are required to check in hats, guns and spurs. No drinking, fighting, cussing or spitting is allowed in the Hall.

John Compere, Baird Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association

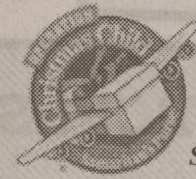
Donate Your Old Car to the Boys and Girls Club

With only a few weeks left, people may want to donate a car to the Boys and Girls Clubs in time for the upcoming tax season. Got an old piece of junk....? We will take it!

The Boys and Girls Club will accept any car in any condition providing it has a title. The scrap

metal market has never been so high, even cars in terrible condition are welcome.

The cars are sold at auction and the funds generated can support your local club. People seeking to donate their car, or for more information, call 800-246-0493.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A Project of Samaritan's Purse, Franklin Graham, President

Shoe Boxes In Abilene Bound for Hurting Kids in 100 Countries

Abilene, Texas, December 8, 2011 National Collection Week has wrapped up for the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. Operation Christmas Child, where participants fill empty shoe boxes with items for kids suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, famine and poverty. Soon, these shoe boxes will be delivered to 8.5 million kids worldwide.

For families who haven't yet packed their gift of hope, it's not too late. Many local families are choosing to pack shoe box gifts virtually through Build a Box, an online giving tool. It's a simple, quick, yet meaningful way to impact a child in need. Volunteers can visit the project's website at www.samaritanpurse.org/occ, select a child's age and gender, shop through an online selection of gifts, pack them in an empty shoe box, and finish it off with a

note of encouragement. Then through tracking technology, donors can "follow" the box to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, uses simple gift-filled shoe boxes to let hurting children know they are loved and not forgotten. For many of these children, the simple shoe box will be the first gift they have ever received.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has hand-delivered more than 86 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in more than 130 countries.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (817) 595-2230 or visit www.samaritanpurse.org/occ.

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Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 3, 2011 through December 9, 2011 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—152
Complaints—34
Driving While License Invalid—2
Fugitive Arrest-Delivery of a Controlled Substance—1
Vehicle Accidents

There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

John Compere, Baird
Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association

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**ResourceCare
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The Big Country's largest combined provider of medical and dental health services is opening its newest and most advanced clinic on Interstate 20, Exit 301 (Cherry Lane) in Clyde—just East of Abilene.

Resource Care will be hiring the medical industry's best professionals. Just after the start of the New Year, the clinic will be serving clients 12 hours per day. The following employment opportunities exist: Physicians, Clinic Manager (PA/FNP is preferred), RNs and LVNs, Front Desk professionals and Billing Specialists.

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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.
PLEASE HELP US FIND HER!!!



December ASAP Program Makes Christmas Cards — Fifteen students met for the December After School Adventure Program (ASAP) last Wednesday afternoon at the Cross Plains Public Library. They enthusiastically made Christmas cards for our Senior citizen Meals on Wheels recipients. The Target grant the library received furnished supplies, and the very talented students provided the creativeness in designing the cards. It was good that they were not participating in a contest, because the artistic quality was outstanding for each card made.



Cross Plains Review
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Looking for a Stocking Stuffer? Try Classic Books on CD

The Cross Plains Public Library is selling classic books on CD featuring 34 titles from *Listener's Digest*. Each CED is \$5 or 6 for \$25. The list of titles are: *Around the World in Eighty Days*; *Favorite Tales for Children*; *Frankenstein*; *My Antonia*; *Peter the Great*; *Silas Marner*; *Tales of Beatrix Potter*; *The Call of the Wild*; *Hans Christian Andersen Classic Fairy Tales*; *O. Henry's Christmas Stories*; *Riders of the Purple Sage*; *Tales of Oscar Wilde Children Stories*; *The Last of the Mohicans*; *The Open Boat*; *The Private History of a Campaign that Failed*; *This Side of Paradise*; *Anna Karenina*; *Black Beauty*; *The Fall of the House of Usher*; *The Invisible Man*; *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*; *The Moon and Sixpence*; *The Red Badge of Courage*; *Nicholas and Alexandria War and Peace*; *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*; and these Sherlock Holmes adventures: *Silver Blaze*, *The Crooked Man*, *The Final Problem*, *The Red Circle*, *The Second Stain* and *The Priory School*.

Think of those hours you spend in the car traveling with the kids over the holidays. Instead of them watching a DVD, they can be entertained by a classic! Stop by the library and buy some today.

Submitted by
 Michelle Kaiser

USDA Farm Service Agency Reminds Producers of Livestock Disaster Program Deadlines

(Baird, TX), December 13, 2011 - Callahan County (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Executive Director Robert Frost reminds eligible ranchers and livestock producers who had livestock losses or grazing losses during the 2011 crop year that the deadline for applying for benefits under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) is Jan. 30, 2012.

"It is imperative that producers meet the deadline for disaster assistance as there are no late file provisions for LFP and ELAP," said Frost. "To insure a smooth application process, producers should have all required supporting documentation with them at the time they apply for benefits," he said.

Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP):
 LFP provides payments to eligible livestock producers who have suffered livestock grazing losses due to qualifying drought or fire that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. Fire losses apply only to federally managed rangeland. Eligible livestock under LFP include beef cattle, alpacas,

buffalo, beefalo, dairy cattle, deer, elk, emus, equine, goats, llamas, poultry, reindeer, sheep and swine.

During the 2011 crop year, all Texas counties met the LFP trigger requirements for a three-month payment for native pasture, improved pasture and forage sorghum. Eligible ranchers and livestock producers have until Jan. 30, 2012, to apply for LFP benefits.

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP):

ELAP provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish who have losses due to disease, adverse weather or other conditions, including losses due to blizzards and wildfires that occurred before Oct. 1, 2011. ELAP assistance is for losses not covered under other disaster assistance programs established by the 2008 Farm Bill.

Producers who experienced livestock death losses must file a notice of loss 30 days after the loss is apparent, but no later than Dec. 29, 2011. Producers who suffered livestock grazing and feed losses must have filed a notice

of loss no later than Oct. 31, 2011, and have until Jan. 30, 2012, to submit an application for payment for livestock death losses and livestock grazing and feed losses.

Program Requirements:
 In order to qualify for LFP and ELAP, the applicant must have purchased insurance coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance-Rainfall Index for Grazing (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Producers who meet the requirements of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource, or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR).

Program applicants should note that certain payment limitation and adjusted gross income eligibility requirements must be met in order to qualify for LFP and ELAP.

For more information on FSA's livestock disaster assistance programs, please contact the Callahan County USDA Service Center at (325) 854-1049 ext 2. Information can also be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

Looking for a Unique Gift? Try "Footsteps of Approaching Thousands"

Looking for a unique Christmas gift? The second printing of Ann Beeler's book, *Footsteps of Approaching Thousands*, a history of the early days of Cross Plains, is nearly sold out. A third printing is now available at area locations.

Beeler has gathered together items and photos collected for

years into an extensive coverage of the founding of the town, the names of people who formed many of the first organizations here and mention of a great many of the businesses through the years.

Send a book for only \$15 plus \$3.00 postage and handling. We'll even gift-wrap it for you!

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Submitted by
 Michelle Kaiser

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Winter Stresses on Trees and Shrubs

Winter's heavy snow and ice, as well as frozen soil conditions, can damage cherished trees and shrubs in suburban landscapes. Even areas without major snowfall experience high winds and huge fluctuations in temperatures during winter. But homeowners can lessen the adverse effects of winter weather with preventive maintenance.

What can happen in winter, and how you can avoid it?

"Branches of trees can break due to the excessive weight of ice or snow," says Tchukki Andersen, staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Proper pruning encourages the formation of the strongest possible branches and branch attachments. When pruning alone isn't enough, properly installed cables and rigid braces can add support to a weakened part of the tree."

Winter winds cause evergreens to lose moisture from their needles. Even some deciduous trees suffer from winter drying. If water is not available as moisture is drawn from living cells, permanent damage will result. The best prevention consists of planting only hardy species in areas of prolonged exposure, watering plants adequately in the fall, and mulching to insulate the soil and roots from severe cold.

On sunny days in winter, the tree's trunk and main limbs can warm to 15 degrees higher than the air temperature. As soon as the sun's rays stop reaching the stem, its temperature plummets, causing injury or permanent damage to the bark. The two

main types of injury are known as sun scald and frost cracking. The effects of sun scald and frost cracking can be reduced by sound arboricultural practices to maintain overall health, and also by covering the trunks of young, susceptible trees with a suitable tree wrap.

Winter is a good time to prune

"Most skilled arborists prefer pruning when trees are dormant," says Andersen. "With no leaves on the tree, the arborist is better able to evaluate its architecture and spot dead or diseased branches. In addition, since the ground is frozen damage to the turf underneath the tree due to falling limbs and tire tracks is negligible. This is also a good time to check trees for diseases and other damage."

Here are some other ways the Tree Care Industry Association recommends to improve the health of your living landscape:

- Aeration around trees helps improve water and air movement in the soil. This strengthens the tree's root system and reduces soil compaction.
- When planting, choose hardy trees available in your area as they have better chances for survival in severe weather conditions. Choosing the best location and following proper planting procedures should be your highest priorities.
- Stop fertilizing trees in early fall to allow them to prepare for winter.
- In case of moderate storm damage, restoring the tree to its former health and beauty

may take some time, but it generally can make a full recovery. Broken, hazardous limbs should be removed immediately. Pruning to remove broken stubs and restore the balance of the crown can be put off a little while, but shouldn't be delayed more than one growing season.

Hire a Tree Care Professional:

The best advice is to hire a tree care professional with the experience, expertise and equipment to safely take down or prune damaged trees. Require proof of liability insurance and check to see if the cost of the work is covered by your insurance company. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org.

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Cross Plains' Centennial Merited the Cover of the Texas Midwest Guide

Cross Plains is one of 42 communities featured in the 2012 Texas Midwest Guide. The 17th edition of the annual publication is now in circulation and showcases quality of life and points of interest in the region. Participation in the regional marketing guide is sponsored by the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation. The Texas Midwest Guide

includes community information, attractions, recreation, lodging, regional calendar of events, unique shopping and dining opportunities and much more information about the Texas Midwest region. Distribution of 70,000 copies goes to Texas Travel Information Centers along the State's borders, chambers of commerce, CVBs, hotels & motels and

advertisers throughout the region.

An online turn-the-page version of the guide is at texasmidwestguide.org. All websites on community pages and ad spaces have hot links from the online version.

For more information about Texas Midwest Community Network, visit the website www.texasmidwest.org

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2012 Keepsake Calendars On Sale At Several Locations

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center has 2012 Centennial calendars for sale. The sponsors of the calendars were The City of Cross Plains, Reed Construction, Cross Plains Review, Resource Care, Barbarian Festival, Linda Slaymaker-Watkins Products, Avon and Stanley Home Products, Dal-Mar Energy, Inc., Higginbothams, Texas Heritage Bank, Chamber of Commerce, and J's Art and Soul.

A huge thank you to Teri Brown who designed the calendar. The calendars are \$10.00 each and are available at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center, the Library, the Bank, Ray's barber shop, Connies, Cross Plains Review and many other places around town. They make a very inexpensive Christmas gift that will last all year long and a great keepsake! All proceeds benefit the center.

OLD FOLKS AND COWPOKES

JAMES NICHOLS

Masonic Lodge #627 in Cross Plains

The Masonic Lodge #627 and the Order of the Eastern Star #455 looked forward to having a new brick building at the corner of North Second and Main. The laying of the cornerstone was in 1926. Due to shortage of money during the Great Depression, the bottom floor had to be sold to complete the building.

The Cross Plains Lodge was chartered December 16, 1886 with B.N. Hendon, Worshipful Master, W.R. McDermott, Senior Warden and J. M. Coffman, Junior Warden under register and jurisdiction in Cottonwood. Meetings were first held at East Caddo Peak in the upper story of a wooden building about 16 X 24 feet. Meetings were held Saturday nights on or before the first new moon of each month. This is where the name Moon Lodge came from. The meetings were held in small buildings in all kinds of weather until about 1888.

At this time W.B. Farmer, E. Roberts, J.D. Moore and J.M. Coffman, with the help of a few friends, erected a new two-story wood building, with the upper story being the property of the Lodge. This building was used until membership had increased to 54, in 1911.

At this time the lodge was

permitted to move to the upper story of a brick building, in a room 25 X 75 feet. The building was situated on Lot one of Block 44 in the Central Addition of the township of Cross Plains and meetings were held there until the new building was completed.

Sometime after the tornado in 1994, the Lodge bought and moved into the Cross Plains Garden Club building on South East Beech Street and held sessions there until the new metal building was built in 2004 on South Main Street.

The Lodge is a civic-minded organization that helps the people of Cross Plains by raising funds for the cancer foundation, the local stock Show and recognizing individuals with their Community Builder Award.

The officers of the current Lodge are: Worshipful Master Bobby Don Davis; Senior Warden Phillip Strength; Junior Warden Billy D. Bell; Secretary Dale Aaron; Treasurer R.L. Barnett; Senior Deacon Bobby Aaron; Junior Deacon Allen Barnett; Tiler Otis Ray Purvis; Chaplain Ed Walt; Senior Steward Stan Painter; Junior Steward Johnny Moore; Master of Ceremonies Tom Melton and Marshal Ron Wooten.

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Unique Series of Marriages Took Place at Atwell Back in 1948

Four couples who lived near the Atwell community were married during four weeks of December in 1948.

The late Melvin Wilcoxon had reported the unusual series of weddings in that community with a wedding each week.

Miss Joyce Strickland and James Hill were married the first week in December; Miss Claudine Stanley and Melvin Wilcoxon the second week; Miss Nelda Woody and Eugene Wilcoxon the third week; and Miss Neoma Stanley and Allie Joe Strickland the fourth week.

Joyce and Joe Strickland were brothers and sisters, who formerly lived in Burkett. Claudine and Neoma (Stanley) were sisters from Byrds Store; and Melvin and Eugene Wilcoxon were brothers, who lived in Cottonwood. The unions created lots of double cousins.

The Wilcoxon couples celebrated their 50th anniversaries in 1998.

Wedding Announcement
Mitchell Wayne Atchley and Rhonda Jackson Hinten
 will be united in marriage
Saturday, December 17, 2011
4:00 pm
First Baptist Church
Cross Plains, TX
 (All Are Invited)



The Recipe Corner

Cinnamon-Roasted Almonds

Ingredients

- 1 egg white
- 1 teaspoon cold water
- 4 cups whole almonds
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees F (120 degrees C). Lightly grease a 10x15 inch jellyroll pan.
2. Lightly beat the egg white; add water, and beat until frothy but not stiff. Add the nuts, and stir until well coated. Mix the sugar, salt, and cinnamon, and sprinkle over the nuts. Toss to coat, and spread evenly on the prepared pan.
3. Bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven, stirring occasionally, until golden. Allow to cool, then store nuts in airtight containers.

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: clydejourn@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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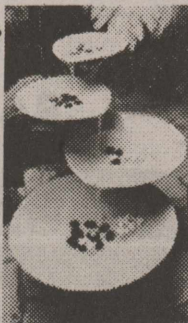
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 yes or no

The Cross Plains Public Library is putting together a time capsule of items to celebrate the conclusion of our centennial year. Suggestions for items to be included in the time capsule are now being considered. If you have an item that you would like to have included, fill out the form above and return it to the library. Items become the property of the

library. Not all items can be included due to limited space in the time capsule and all decisions will be at the discretion of the library board of directors. If your item is chosen, we will contact you for its acquisition.

Once assembled, plans are to bury the capsule in the park next to the library under a cement slab.

!!!! Trivia Texas Style !!!!

The Cross Plains Public Library is preparing for their 2nd Annual Trivia Contest on Saturday, February 25, so mark yourselves as busy that evening on your calendars.

This year the questions will all be about TEXAS! If you didn't attend last year, ask someone who did. We have confidence they will tell you it was a blast. No one individual will ever be required to give an answer alone. Answers will be multiple choice on paper and decided upon by the entire team.

The questions will be served up with a Bar-B-Que brisket meal. The cost will be \$15.00 per person and that includes the meal and the contest. For any of you who don't think you are quite up to the trivia challenge, we'll have a \$10.00 Yankee section where you can come and enjoy the food and fun while learning about our great state.

There are a few changes this

year. We are adding a silent auction, so those who do not come out ahead in the Trivia contest may still have a chance of winning something. The auction will be open to all who attend.

We will also have less strict rules. We will not require silence in the room. If you can overhear the answers the next table comes up with, feel welcome to use them but be careful. They may be shouting out the wrong answers to throw you off!

Another change is the number of people per team. It will be up to each team to decide how many members they have so long as it is no more than 7 and no less than 5. You can get your team together & registered now. Seating will be limited, so don't wait too long. If you would like to play trivia, but do not have a team, let us know and we will see if we can't put one together for you.

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 Karen Scott McClure

DECEMBER 20

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