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Cross Plains Review

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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443



45 Plus Years of Commitment Recognized — Eva Fleming (left) presented Julene Franke with a liftetime 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), Marquleta Westbrook and Sandy Lusk.

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.

Chili Feed Set

January 7th

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

The local Presbyterian Michael Lawrence.

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

Church will be presenting "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" utilized to emphasize the story located at 200 North Avenue on Sunday, December 18th at for your enjoyment.

The words and music were rediscover the joy, peace and old, old story retold for His composed by Pepper Choplin love of Christmas by joining glory. and instrumentation by them in this special

Power points will also be The Presbyterian Church is D in Cross Plains. Come out 4His Glory invites you to Sunday evening and hear the

ADOPT A SENIOR FOR CHRISTMAS

meal or come to The Cross Plains Senior Center to eat lunch each day. For many, this is the only meal they receive holidays a little more special

Last year, we started a Christmas for Seniors program pare for those a gift basket. but many clients that come to contact the center at 254-725-6521.

Would you or your business wants. Most all wrote they would like like to adopt a Senior for Christmas? There are approximately 100 Seniors that either get a home delivered to bless them with. My point to this is their wants and needs are small but 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.

and/or the only human we would GREATLY APPRECIATE The Senior Citizens Center gifts of fruit, food items that can be would like to make the easily opened by our participants, gift cards to local eateries, toiletries and for those Seniors with your because they felt others needed it worse. I would like to be able to pre-

If you are willing to help, please

Your donation of items can be also. A letter went home with Laura Lawson all home delivered clients and adopt or you may bring them to The

Julene Franke Honored at **Cross Plains Garden Club Meeting**

BBQ. Mary Ella Weaver led President and Treasurer. us with an opening prayer of A regular business meeting was They would like to further their thanksgiving. After enjoying a held following the presentation. involvement with high school delicious meal, the meeting was The treasurer's report was students, and discussed several opened by President Eva presented and accepted. As a programs they would like to Fleming. Members present were special thank you to the bank's for present to students enrolled in the Mary Dean, Janette Dugger, Eva the use of their room, the CPGC Family Consumer Sciences class Fleming, Julene Franke, Sandy is purchasing a child's gift to go during the 2012-2013 school year. Lusk, Diana Miller, Mary Weaver under the bank's Christmas tree. The next meeting of the Cross and Marquleta Westbrook. Guest, Annual donations were discussed Plains Garden Club is scheduled Gina Fleming was also in and finalized. Donations will be for Friday, January 13, 2012

with a lifetime membership to and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Please contact us at (254) 725-Texas Garden Club's, Inc., in Departments, our Cross Plains 7434 or (254) 725-9418. recognition of her 45 plus year EMS, the Senior Citizen's commitment to the community Center and the local Food Bank. and to the garden club. Julene An additional donation will be

The Cross Plains Garden Club joined the Cross Plains Garden made to the Sorority to support met in the conference room of the Club in 1966. She has held the an upcoming spring 2012 Texas Heritage Bank on Friday, position of club president function. December 9, to enjoy a Christmas four times during her tenure. luncheon provided by Bubba's She is currently the club's Vice- annual scholarship to a

The CPGC offers a \$500.00 qualifying graduating senior.

made to the Cross Plains Public at 1:00 p.m. New members Julene Franke was honored Library, the Burkett, Cottonwood and visitors are always welcome.

Diana Miller

Secretary CPVFD they were to list their needs and Center and we can deliver it for you. Methodist Church to Offer Holy Communion at **Candlelight Service Christmas Eve**

on Christmas Eve and businesses Savior. close early, the Methodist Church in the final preparations for

As the world comes to a near halt celebrating the birth of Our individual cups. The celebration

will be opening their doors to the holy birth through scripture we leave the Sanctuary. community for their traditional readings and music, everybody The Methodist Church extends service of scriptures, music and will be invited to share the Lord's a warm invitation to everybody to Holy Communion. Beginning at Table where Communion will be bring visiting family and friends 5:00 p.m. congregants will share offered both by intinction and by to share in this special time.

will close with the singing of Following the story of Christ's "Silent Night" by candlelight as

Candlelight Service Christmas Eve at Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains

The Presbyterian Church would Jesus Christ. celebration and reflection of the Communion will also be served this touching celebration.

birth of our Lord and Saviour and everyone is invited to partake.

The service will be held at 200 like to invite you to a candlelight A timely message will be given North Avenue D, Cross Plains.. service held December 24th at by Pastor Kathy Monroe and 4His Make your Christmas more 4:00 p.m. Join us for a time of Glory will perform special music. meaningful by participating in

Texas

Heritage

Bank

Cottonwood VFCG Bake Sale SATURDAY

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Christmas goodies!

Come by and pick up some Group to pick it up on Friday.

Control Group will hold their If you have a cake, pie or other Annual Holiday Bake Sale this baked good that you'd like to Saturday, December 17th, in front donate for the sale, you can bring of Lowe's/Super S Foods in Cross it by the bake sale on Saturday Plains. The bake sale starts at morning, or call 254-725-7369 to arrange for the Fire Control

Member FDIC

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 or a 2012 wall calendar. with chronic blood diseases.

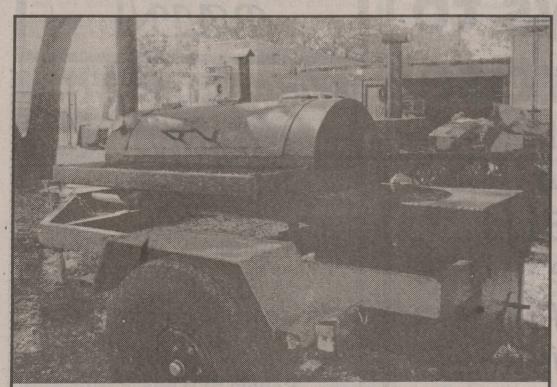
"What better gift to give someone than the gift of life," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center.

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

Presents: "What's Inside"

"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"

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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!

Church Directory

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School. Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM David Braun, Pastor

Church (254) 725-6266

Friendly Church Bible Teaching

Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains (1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)



Al Taylor, Preacher Phone: 254-725-7522 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

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

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

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

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers	Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley
Sunday School	10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship.	11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service	7:00pm

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Cell 325-220-1717 **Sunday Worship** 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street www.crossplainsfumc.org

First Presbyterian Church

9:00 AM SUNDAY SERVICE MUSIC- CONNIE SWIFT & BETTY LEWIS LEAD SINGERS: 4HIS GLORY Pastor Kathy Monroe 208 N. Ave. D 23-tfn

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Obituary

Hazel Rider

Funeral services for Hazel Mildred McKinney Rider, 90, of Coleman was held at 2:00 p.m. at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, with Don Northway and Kelly Crenshaw officiating. Burial followed in Coleman City

She died Tuesday, December 2011, at the Coleman County Medical Center.

Hazel was born March 13, 1921 in Pioneer, Texas to Clay McKinney and Betty Martin McKinney. On November 28, 1942, she married J.C. Rider in Coleman. She was a cook at the Overall-Morris Memorial Hospital in Coleman and caretaker for Bob and Sylvia Edington. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church and the Red Hat Society.

Survivors include her son, J. Rex Rider of Coleman; one brother, Carrol McKinney of Kansas; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-greatgrandchild and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her son, Larry Don Rider; five brothers and three sisters.



Please Continue to Pray for Rain! Our Land is in Desperate Need

of God's Healing

Moisture

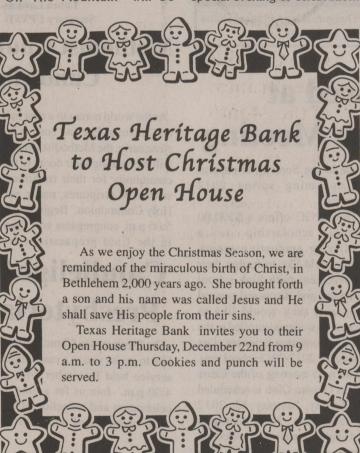
Baird First Presbyterian Church Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The community is invited to the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at First Presbyterian Church of Baird, 104 E. 4th Street. The service begins at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th and is very casual.

The evening will include special music. A performance by vocalist Pat Parker, organist Karen Shelnutt and flutist Alisha Stephenson will offer the Polish carol "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly". An African-American spiritual "Go Tell It On The Mountain" will be

performed by instrumentalists Bill James and Lloyd Ray Hughes. "Words from Mary's Diary" has been a weekly reading each Sunday of Advent and will conclude during the Candlelight Service. The beautiful Christmas story will be read by members of the church family.

Since 1975 First Presbyterian Church of Baird has held the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Church members invite friends and family to join them in the special evening of celebration.



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725-6111 or come by the Cross Plains Review 116 S.E. 1ST STREET

CROSS PLAINS, TX

Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Albert J. Hughes, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Duane L. Napar, DWI. Chad A. Capps, theft by

Janet Lynette Maxwell, theft

by check. Roberto M. Valdez, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Shannon L. Maldonado, order on motion to revoke probation granted.

Erin J. Gann, plea of guilty to theft by check, 9 days in jail, \$274 court costs.

Dakota R. Gonzalez, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted and order amending conditions of probation granted.

Nelda Sue Stewart, motion

and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Glenn Nixon, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Weldon Henson, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other cases and order releasing cash bond granted.

William C. Breithaupt, order releasing cash bond granted.

Marriage Licenses

Jess Harding Williamson and Rhonda Gayle Powell, both of Cross Plains.

Paul Milton Hill and Brenda Lee Puente, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Electric Transmission Texas, LLC vs. Randall R. Stevens and Sherry C. Stevens, order of non-suit granted.

Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for November

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics

Month of November 2011 Total Calls Received in Dispatch: 446

Total Arrests Made: Felony 7, Misdemeanor 4. Citations Written: 19 Agency Assists: 18 Reports: Offense 14, Incident

Business Checks: 165 Traffic Stops: 48 Citizens Assists: 21 Non-Report Calls: 28 Other: 11

11/11/2011 10:27 a.m. call in the 11000 block of County neighbor dogs had his goats under fed to being estray. stated he shot and killed the November 2011: 35

dogs to protect his goats. Deputy Bogart made contact with the owner of the dogs and advised him of the situation.

11/19/2011 1:36 p.m. Deputy Bogart responded to the 4000 block of Private Road 2592 on a break-in of a residence. On arrival, Deputy Bogart made contact with caller who stated someone had pried the front door open and took a stereo and a pair of boots. A beer bottle was found on porch that was possibly left by the suspect. It was bagged for evidence. Report taken and is still under investi-

In the month of November Deputy Bogart responded to a the Sheriff's Office has responded to 31 calls dealing Road 228 on dogs attacking with cattle issues from being caller's goats. Caller advised that out in the roadway to being

Total booked into the Callatrying to attack them. Caller han County Jail for month of

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First Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:30 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday

Sunday **Evening Worship**

6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

(254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443 www.firstbaptistcp.com

Christmas. Colorful lights His blessings. decorate many of the homes in Come and get some Christmas January. honor first responders.

will be held at the Cottonwood like to bake something for the fish, chicken, french fries, hush Baptist Church, Wednesday, sale, you can bring it to the bake puppies, coleslaw and dessert.

at the Cottonwood Baptist 254-725-7369. Church, but no Sunday school.

With the temperatures low and What a wonderful time to bring celebrated the end of the quilting

Cottonwood and the Hinkle's goodies at the bake sale this fence. The Firehouses are Saturday. Or, bring some the Fourth Annual Fish Fry on decorated with a row of blue Christmas goodies to sell at the Saturday, January 14th at the Christmas lights. The blue lights Bake Sale. Cottonwood Family Center of the Cottonwood Christmas Candlelight service Bake Sale starts at 9 a.m. If you'd Group cooks up a great meal of

The Quilting Club members 254-725-7369.

the sky overcast, it's starting to your family and join in the season with lunch at Corina's at feel like Christmas. And, here in fellowship. Unwrap your Lake Brownwood on Tuesday. Cottonwood it's looking a lot like presents, then go to thank God for The Quilters will start back quilting after the first part of

Mark your calendars now for Volunteer Fire Control's Holiday Baptist Church. The Fire Control

sale that morning, or give me a The holidays are coming. If you There will be church services on call and we can have someone have family coming in for the Sunday morning, Christmas Day pick it up from you on Friday. holidays, let me know and we'll mention them in the column.

Marguleta Westbrook

Hello to everyone and happy the internet. holidays to all.

attended the West Texas Rehab food is really good.

auction and they can be seen on we always take December off but Kindness."

As you know, we had an

electrical fire here on December

3rd. We evacuated the building

to the First Baptist Church in

Rising Star where we stayed the

night. On Sunday the residents

were relocated to our sister

facilities in San Saba and

Lampasas. Two residents were

able to go home with their

families. The residents did very

We have the electrician here and

well and are adjusting fine.

we are able to do so.

Rising Star Nursing

This was my third year to go to quilting schedule in January. On December 3rd, Norma the brunch and I always enjoy it. Tucker, Mary Dean, and I The people are so friendly and the donated a sliding glass door to our

brunch in Abilene. We turned in The quilt club had its Annual this. Thank you so much. the quilt that our club made for Christmas party Saturday night. Hopefully we can start working the telethon auction in January. All the ladies contributed to a on our building again after the Area quilters and guilt clubs wonderful meal of smoked first of the year. were represented at the gathering brisket, beans, potato salad and and all the quilts were displayed pecan pie. We all had a good time New Year to everyone and for everyone to see. There are and a good visit together. Since remember, "Friendship is sewn many beautiful quilts for the this holiday is such a busy one, with Love and measured by

we will be up and running as soon

as possible, probably 6 weeks or

so. It will depend on the

electricians and the re-inspection.

that the repairs will be made

quickly and we can get our

Thanks so much to all of those

who helped out. We could not

So, till next time, may God bless

have done it without your.

and keep you.

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By Charles Chesshir

Cross Plains Church of Christ

Good and evil do not change, regardless of how much

Good and Evil

effort our modern culture puts forth to change them. Just

ask any teenager to define good and evil or distinguish

between the two and you get a mixed bag of ideas. To

define and distinguish between good and evil is difficult for

our youth, but their future and ours, depends on whether

Are lying and stealing really acceptable? Can we have

residents home safe and sound.

Please keep us in your prayers

we will resume our regular

The Harold Merrill family club and we are so excited about

Merry Christmas and Happy



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

Fax Any School **Related News** To Us At 254-725-7225

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** December 5-8, 2011

Patrons: 254 **Books Checked Out:** 132 **Programs:** 118 Christmas in C.P. 88 LAP Lapsit 6 ASAP 15 Other 8 Copies: 303 **Internet Users:** 47 Reference: 12

Memorials: Bill and Barbara Robinson In Memory of Don Thornton

Interlibrary Loan:

Don and Nancy Davis In Memory of Don Thornton

Donations:

Bob and Lavonne Childress Larry and Judy Killgo Callahan County

Books and Miscellaneous **Donations:** James and Dora Warlick Jana Hinkle

Volunteers: Sue Bennett Beverly Ross Lavonne Childress Gene Dillard Helen Parson Wilma Lawrence Suzy Stiver-Nash

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, 19th— Spanish classes 6:00pm Tuesday, 20th— 10:00am Games Wednesday, 21st-Bake Sale!! Birthday Celebration, and Free

Foot Care by Girling 12:30pm

Thursday, 22nd— 10:00am Games

Friday, 23rd—Center Closed !!!!Merry Christmas!!!!

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

Shampoo **Body Wash** Conditioner Loofas Notepads Pens Gloves

Scarves

Individually Wrapped Candy Travel Size/Hotel samples Toiletries Individual Coffee, Tea or Hot Chocolate Sugar Free Candy Lotion Tootpaste/Toothbrush

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!

DECEMBER 23, 2011 DECEMBER 26, 2011 JANUARY 2, 1012

APRIL 6, 2012

MAY 28, 2012 JULY 4, 2012 SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 19 -**-DECEMBER 23** MONDAY- Chicken & Rice, THURSDAY- Beef Spaghetti,

Black eyed Peas, Carrots, Bread/ Dessert and Drink TUESDAY- Hamburger Steak,

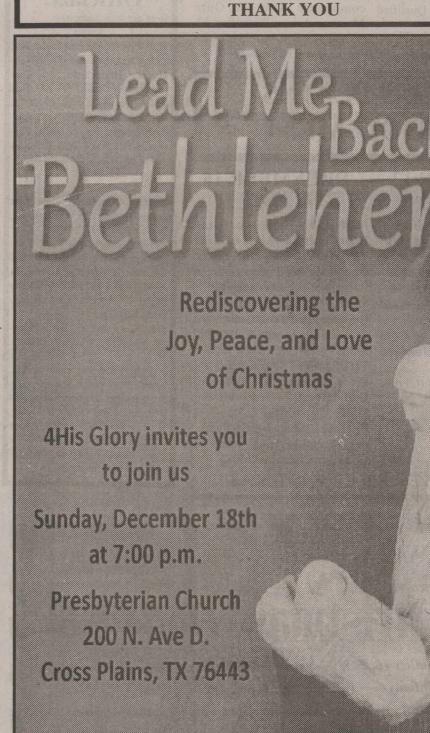
Potatoes, Corn, Dessert and Drink WEDNESDAY - Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread/ Dessert and Drink

Dessert and Drink FRIDAY- Center Closed Merry Christmas!!!

Vegetables, Salad, Bread/

MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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Words and Music by

Instrumentation by

Michael Lawrence

loving and nurturing homes if adultery is now "OK"? There are always many excuses for lying, stealing and adultery but they are ultimately evil and undermine that which is truly good. Goodness is rooted in authority and all authority is ultimately from God. Self-sacrifice for others is always good. Kindness and patience are always good. Keeping promises in marriage, in parenting, in work, and business is always good. Evil is Godless and in rebellion to what is good. Evil attempts to call that which is good; bad. Evil makes excuses like: "They're going to do it anyway, so leave them alone." "Don't be judgmental." "You can't turn back the clock." and "How can it be wrong if it feels good?" by evil. We have all failed at being good. We all have a

There is Good and there is Evil. We are all tempted chance to be forgiven. God provides the way. He CAN turn back the clock and empower you to be good.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

254-725-6117 433 N. Main St. 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.



Local FFA Students Learn That Giving Is Better Than Receiving

Have you ever been able to help fruit and were taken on a tour of prepared lunch, it was time for us ways? On Friday, December 5, 2011, advisor Roy Richey and a few members of Cross Plains FFA Chapter delivered several boxes of fruit to the Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth, Texas. and peel vegetables like we never These members consisted of Megan France, Taryn Estes, vegetables, it had reached time for Morgan Manley, Jurnee Thomas and Kelbi Hyles. The fruit we had the honor of helping serve delivered to the shelter was lunch to around one hundred provided to us by Mary Lowe of Fort Worth, Texas. When we had came for lunch that day. arrived, we helped unload the

other volunteers. As we whipped on our hair nets, aprons, and cutting gloves, we sat down to cut had before. After cutting the shelter to serve lunch. We also homeless men and women who After serving a wonderfully

the homeless in not one, but many the shelter. When the tour was to head back to Cross Plains. I over we had the privilege of think the five of us learned a very helping prepare food with the valuable lesson that day. We tend to take the things we have for granted, and seeing how little these people have makes us realize how thankful we should be. We also learned not to make bad choices in life because the consequences can be detrimental, and a person can lose everything precious to him or her. We would like to thank Mary Lowe for her great support of the Cross Plains FFA Chapter.

> Submitted by: Kelbi Hyles



Appraisal Form

School Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on December 15, 2011, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Call Meeting to Order

- 1. Open Forum 2. New Business
- A. Approve Minutes from **Previous Meeting**
- B. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
- C. Consider Taxing "Goods in Transit"
- D. Consider Update 92 as
- Recommended by TASB
- 3. Superintendent's Report

- B. Superintendent's Appraisal and Contract Consideration
- at January Meeting C. Call for Board Election (January or February)
- D. Stock Show January 12-14th
- E. Christmas Dinner to follow Board Meeting (6:30 p.m. at Methodist Church)
- F. "Cool Schools Grant Award" on Hold?
- G. Sign above the Clock in Gym?
- H. Three Hour Supt./Board Relations Training - Feb.

4. Adjourn. This notice was posted in E. Approve Highly Qualified compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell A. Hand out Superintendent's for the Board of Trustees.

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

DECEMBER 12 — DECEMBER 16 **LUNCH BREAKFAST**

Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk WEDNESDAY -Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice and WEDNESDAY -Fiesta Salad

Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice and Milk

Assorted Juice and Milk



MONDAY - Breakfast Burrito, MONDAY - Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Tater Tots, Apple and Milk TUESDAY - Muffin, Yogurt, TUESDAY - Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches and Milk

(chili beans, corn chips, salad, rice THURSDAY - Hot or Cold & cheese), Pineapple Tidbits and THURSDAY - Spaghetti w/Meat

FRIDAY -Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, sauce, Cheese Stick, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Mixed Fruit and FRIDAY- Submarine Sandwich,

Salad, Pickle Spears, Baked Chips, Ice Cream and Milk

Friday, December 16, 2011 — School will dismiss at 1:00 Buses will run at 1:10 pm

Teachers & Staff — Monday, January 2nd will be a day for Staff Development

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Want to Write **Your Elected** Officials?

Here are their addresses: Austin

Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, Tx 78711. Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative, District 53, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Tx 78768-2910 Phone 512-463-0536.

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Tx 78711 or call (512)463-0124.

Washington Barrack Obama, President of the United States, The White House Washington, D.C. 20500.

Randy Neugebauer, gressman, 19th Tx District, 500 Chestnut St. Suite 819, Abilene, Tr 79602. Phone (325)675-9779. Fo access, go to http:/ email randy.house.gov.

John Cornyn, 517 Hart ate Building, Washington D.C. 20510. Phone 202-224-2934. Fax 202-228-2856. For email access. go to http://Cornyn.Senate.gov. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, 284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202-224-5922. Fax 202-224-0776 For email go to http:// Hutchinson.Senate.gov.

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2011 are 5% higher

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

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

Cross Plains' 2011 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$209,968.03, which is 5.19 percent higher than the \$199,605.46 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2010.

The payment to the city for December 2011 \$18,630.26, which is 10.18 percent higher than the payment in December 2010 of \$16,908.09.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today, Wednesday, December 7th, that state sales tax revenue in No-12.2 percent compared to No- compsum.html. vember 2010. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 20 consecutive months.

"Sales tax revenue in all major economic sectors improved over a year ago," Combs said. "While sales tax receipts associated with oil and natural gas production remains the strongest source of growth, there were strong increases from the consumerdriven sectors of retail trade and restaurants.

sales tax allocations totaling \$478.3 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 9.7 percent compared to December 2010.

Combs distributed \$315.8 million in December 2011 alloca-7.2 percent from December 2010 and higher by 8.6 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$31.3 million in December 2011 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher December 2010 and higher by 13.7 year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$108.7 million in December 2011 sales tax allocations, which is 8.6 percent higher than December 2010 and up 10.2 percent year-to-date.

tricts received \$22.2 million in amount of \$13,436.16. December 2011 allocations, which is 15.6 percent higher than December 2010 and higher by 19.5 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$478.3 million in December 2011, which is 8.3 percent higher than December 2010 and up 9.7 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent sales that occurred in October. For details of December sales **CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS**

2010 2011 Total yearly sales tax \$199,605.46 \$209,968.03 payments Total monthly \$16,908.09 \$18,630.26 sales tax payments

tion Comparison Summary Re- \$792,320.49. ports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments in-

-The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2011 started the year 25.23 percent higher than the 2010 payments. The city has received 2010 tax payments to the city totalled \$106,271.64.

Baird's monthly payment for December 2011 Combs will send December \$9,405.99, which is 9.96 percent ahead of the \$8,553.50 payment made in December

-The 2011 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are payments made to the city in 2010. The sales tax rebates for unteer Fire Department). tions to Texas cities, which is up the City of Clyde have the city during the same payperiod \$473,007.23.

The City of Clyde's monthly by 13.3 percent compared to payment for December 2011 was \$39,809.99, which is 12.52% higher than the to the city in October 2010.

-The City of Putnam reup 23.82 percent from the 2010 Special Purpose Taxing Dispayments to the city in the

month of December 2011 was \$1,229.00, which is 14.57 percent higher than the payment made in December 2010 of \$1,072.65

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2011 in Callahan County are higher by 13.11 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received

tax payments to individual cit- sales tax payments in 2011 ies, counties, transit systems and amounting to \$896,246.51 special purpose districts, locate while the 2010 payments to the 1 the Monthly Sales Tax Alloca- county towns totalled

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of Devember was \$2.07 billion, up taxinfo/allocsum/ cember 2011 were \$69,075.24, up 11.57 percent from the \$61,911.92 in payments made in December 2010.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent \$133,088.35 in 2011, while the sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent 13.43 percent higher than the to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Vol-

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in amounted to \$536,552.19 in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 2011. The 2010 payments to percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for ecowere nomic development in the

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's \$35,377.68 payment reported economic development corpo-

Putnam collects 1.00% in loported the 2011 payments to cal sales tax of which all 1.00 the town totalled \$16,637.94, percent is allocated to the city. All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city Putnam's tax payment for the or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic percent compared to the 2010 development and to reduce property taxes.

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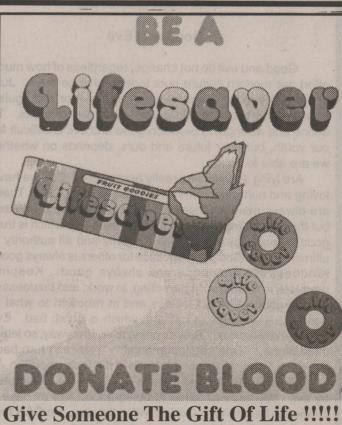


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Students — School will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd at regular time.

Christmas Holidays — December 19th through December 30th

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 yearold 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

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

*Friday - Muddy Creek Band and square dance exhibition

*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.ansoncowboyschristmas

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 Anson with 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.

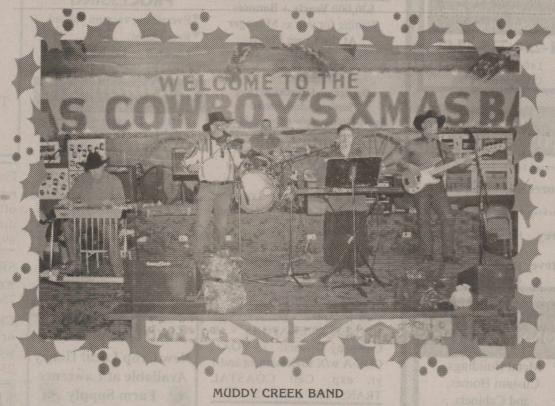
The poem with music was first published in the John Lomax classic book "Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier (Macmillan Company, 1910). The Ball is portrayed in the large 1930s

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MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY AND HIS RIO GRANDE BAND



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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



Callahan County

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

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Abilene, Texas, December 8, note of encouragement. Then 2011 National Collection Week through tracking technology, has wrapped up for the world's donors can "follow" the box to largest Christmas project of its the destination country where it will be hand-delivered.

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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

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.

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

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

• Stop fertilizing trees in early fall to allow them to prepare for

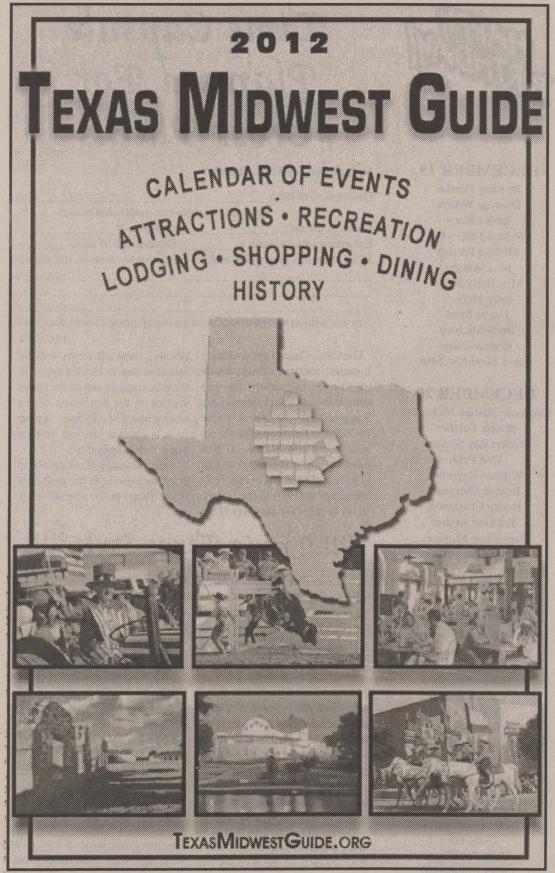
• In case of moderate storm damage, restoring the tree to its former health and beauty

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

a Tree Care Hire 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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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.

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Masonic Lodge #627 in Cross Plains

during the Great Depression, the new building was completed. bottom floor had to be sold to complete the building.

chartered December 16, 1886 with B.N. Hendon, Worshipful Master, W.R. McDermett, Senior sessions there until the new Junior Warden under register and on South Main Street. jurisdiction in Cottonwood. Meetings were first held at East organization that helps the people a wooden building about 16 X 24 feet. Meetings were held Saturday nights on or before the individuals with their Community first new moon of each month. This is where the name Moon Lodge came from. The meetings are: Worshipful Master Bobby 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 Deacon Bobby Aaron; Junior friends, erected a new two-story Deacon Allen Barnett; Tiler Otis wood building, with the upper Ray Purvis; Chaplain Ed Walt; story being the property of the Senior Steward Stan Painter; Lodge. This building was used Junior Steward Johnny Moore; until membership had increased Master of Ceremonies Tom to 54, in 1911.

At this time the lodge was

The Masonic Lodge #627 and permitted to move to the upper the Order of the Eastern Star #455 story of a brick building, in a looked forward to having a new room 25 X 75 feet. The building brick building at the corner of was situated on Lot one of Block North Second and Main. The 44 in the Central Addition of the laying of the cornerstone was in township of Cross Plains and 1926. Due to shortage of money meetings were held there until the

Sometime after the tornado in 1994, the Lodge bought and The Cross Plains Lodge was moved into the Cross Plains Garden Club building on South East Beech Street and held Warden and J. M. Coffman, metal building was built in 2004

The Lodge is a civic-minded Caddo Peak in the upper story of Of Cross Plains by raising funds for the cancer foundation, the local stock Show and recognizing Builder Award.

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Wilcoxen the second week; Miss Nelda Woody and Eugene Wilcoxen 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 Wilcoxen were brothers, who lived in Cottonwood. The unions created lots of double

The Wilcoxen couples celebrated their anniversaries in 1998.



Wedding Announcement



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

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Time Capsule Planned For Cross Plains

Suggestions for Time Capsule:

Description of Item (you may enclose non-returnable photo) Name of Donor Phone # Estimated value of item \$ Dimensions of item What about this item would make it interesting to others in 100 years?

Are you willing to sign a disclosure giving up possession of the item?

now being considered. If you you for its acquisition. have an item that you would like to have included, fill out the form bury the capsule in the park next

Items become the property of the

The Cross Plains Public Library library. Not all items can be is putting together a time capsule included due to limited space in of items to celebrate the the time capsule and all decisions conclusion of our centennial year. will be at the discretion of the Suggestions for items to be library board of directors. If your included in the time capsule are item is chosen, we will contact

Once assembled, plans are to above and return it to the library. to the library under a cement slab.

!!!!! Trivia Texas Style !!!!!

is preparing for their 2nd Annual auction, so those who do not Trivia Contest on Saturday, come out ahead in the Trivia February 25, so mark yourselves contest may still have a chance of as busy that evening on your winning something. The auction calendars.

This year the questions will all will be multiple choice on paper to throw you off! and decided upon by the entire

and fun while learning about our one together for you.



The Cross Plains Public Library year. We are adding a silent will be open to all who attend.

We will also have less strict be about TEXAS! If you didn't rules. We will not require silence attend last year, ask someone who in the room. If you can overhear did. We have confidence they will the answers the next table comes tell you it was a blast. No one up with, feel welcome to use them individual will ever be required but be careful. They may be to give an answer alone. Answers shouting out the wrong answers

Another change is the number of people per team. It will be up The questions will be served up to each team to decide how many with a Bar-B-Que brisket meal. members they have so long as it The cost will be \$15.00 per is no more than 7 and no less than person and that includes the meal 5. You can get your team together and the contest. For any of you & registered now. Seating will be who don't think you are quite up limited, so don't wait too long. If to the trivia challenge, we'll have you would like to play trivia, but a \$10.00 Yankee section where do not have a team, let us know you can come and enjoy the food and we will see if we can't put

To register your team or get There are a few changes this more information, come by the library or call 725-7722.



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