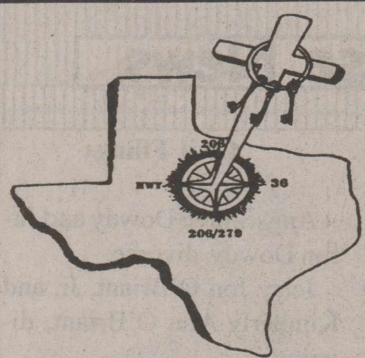


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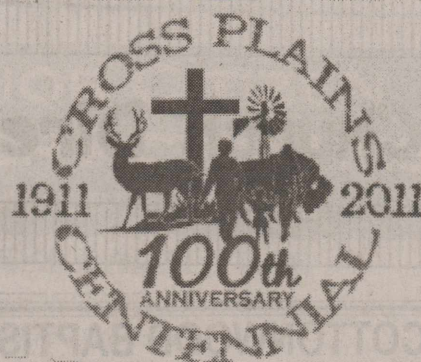
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Time Capsule Planned Attention Business Owners, Churches and Organizations

As previously announced, the Cross Plains Public Library is putting together a time capsule of items to celebrate the conclusion of our centennial year. We are asking local businesses to submit a photo of their storefront with their current employees for the capsule; churches can submit photos of their current building and employees or membership; and civic organizations can submit photos of their membership.

Who knows what Cross Plains will look like in 100 years? Think of how much WE have enjoyed looking at the old photos this past year and imagine how much our future generation will enjoy looking at Cross Plains as it is now. Just bring your photo with a caption identifying your business/church/organization, its location and all the people in it, to the library. You may also include a brief history.

Suggestions for items to be included in the time capsule are

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? _____

Callahan County Tea Party sponsor forum for Sheriff candidates

Mark this date and time on your calendar and come hear what the candidates for Callahan County Sheriff have to say at an open forum in Clyde on February 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the candidates, hear the answers to questions posed by the Tea Party Moderator and at

the conclusion, questions from the audience will be accepted.

The date for the forum is February 9th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Building, Southeast corner, 4th Street and Austin (across from Clyde Church of Christ).

Everyone is invited.

Services Held for Margaret Ann McNeel Friday, January 13th

Margaret A. McNeel, age 81, of Cross Plains, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2012 in the nursing home in Baird. Graveside services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the Cross Plains Cemetery with Burley Taylor officiating assisted by Ronnie B. White.

Visitation was held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at Higginbotham Funeral Home from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Margaret Ann as she was known, was born to Jessie Mae (Adams) and Jeff Clark on January 3, 1931 in Cross Plains. She was enrolled in the Cradle Roll at First Baptist Church upon her birth, and has been a member of First Baptist since 1942.

After graduating from Cross Plains High School in 1948, she married Carl Fred "Pat" McNeel, Jr. on June 3rd of that year. Margaret was not only a wife, but a mother and homemaker and worked with her husband in the McNeel Insurance Agency. She was a past President of the Band Boosters, served on the Crime Stoppers Board, and the United Fund. She was a 55 year member of the CP Chapter #455



Margaret A. McNeel

OES as well as a Past Worthy Matron and an organizer of Project Pride and the Christmas Village.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan A. McNeel and special friend, Don Childers of Cross Plains; grandson, Andrew McNeel and fiancée, Deanna Ward of Spring; daughter-in-law, Debbie McNeel Turnbow and husband Mark of Wichita Falls; brother, Don Clark and wife ImoJeane of Cross Plains; brother-in-law, Joe McNeel of Baird.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Pat, son Fred, and sister Billie.

Below are the results from the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show held January 12th-14th at the County Show Barn in Cross Plains.

Rabbits
Jr. Showmanship - Makenzie Byrd - Cross Plains FFA

Sr. Showmanship - Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA
Breeding Rabbits

White Bucks
1st Place- Taylin McClure - Clyde FFA, 2nd Place- Tyler Jobe - Clyde 4-H

Colored Bucks
1st Place- Lawrence Riley - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place- Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA, 3rd Place- Payton Cauble - Baird FFA, 4th Place- Tara Kinsow - Clyde 4-H, 5th Place- Alexandra Beasley - Eula 4-H
Champion Buck - Lawrence Riley - CROSS PLAINS FFA
Reserve Champion Buck - Taylin McClure - Clyde FFA

White Does
1st Place- Tara Kinsow - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Tara Kinsow - Clyde 4-H

Colored Does
1st Place- Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA, 2nd Place- Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA, 3rd Place- Alexandra Beasley - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Tassaney McClure-Clyde FFA, 5th Place- Taylin McClure - Clyde FFA

Champion Doe - Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA
Reserve Champion Doe - Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA

Market Rabbits
Fryer Pen

1st Place- Makenzie Byrd - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place- Paxton Byrd - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA, 4th Place- Jaden Kennedy - Cross Plains FFA, 5th Place- Ashley Fulcher - Cross Plains FFA

Champion Fryer Pen - Makenzie Byrd - Cross Plains FFA

Reserve Champion Fryer Pen - Paxton Byrd - Cross Plains FFA

Broilers
Jr. Showmanship- Kiley Morgan - Cross Plains FFA
Sr. Showmanship - Katy Jo Morgan - Cross Plains FFA
Pen of Three

1st Place- Katy Jo Morgan - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place- Kiley Morgan - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Brittany Bush - Baird 4-H, 4th Place- Tiffany Bush - Baird 4-H, 5th Place- Kenzie Taff - Cross Plains FFA

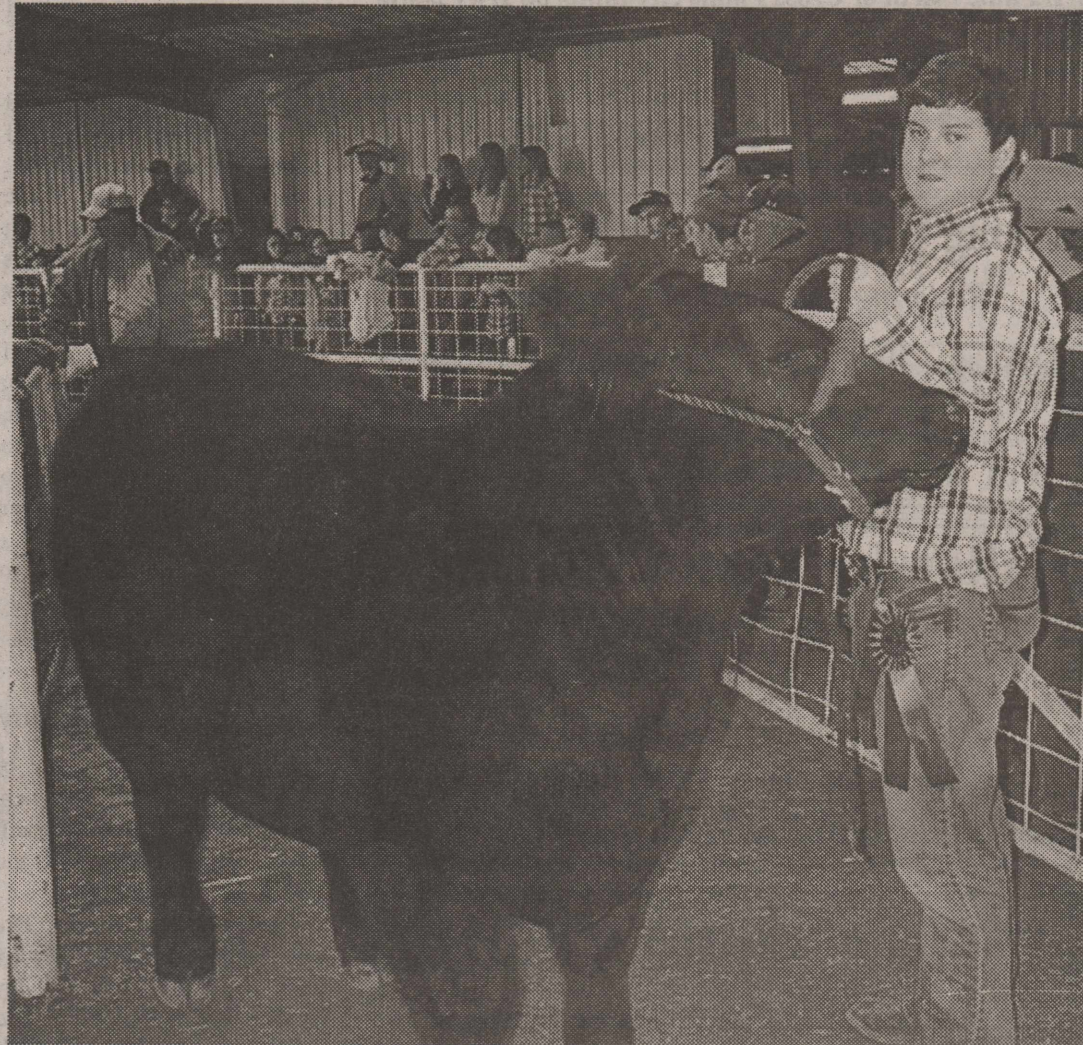
Champion Broiler - Katy Jo Morgan - Cross Plains FFA
Reserve Champion Broiler - Kiley Morgan - Cross Plains FFA

Swine
Jr. Showmanship- Jayme Tennon - Eula FFA
Sr. Showmanship- Skyler Halsel - Cross Plains FFA
Breeding Swine

Cross Gilts
1st Place- Garrett Scott - Eula FFA, 2nd Place- Jayme Tennon - Eula FFA, 3rd Place - Jaseton Atkinson - Clyde 4-H

Ribbon Cutting For Two New Local Business's

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be having a ribbon cutting for two new local business's. Bagley Insurance Inc. and Potter Taxidermy Studio on Thursday, January 19, 2012. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 12:45pm starting at Potter Taxidermy Studio.



GRAND CHAMPION MARKET STEER WAS EXHIBITED BY BRONC DILLARD OF THE CROSS PLAINS FFA.

Duroc Gilts
1st Place- Jody Collier - Clyde 4-H

White OPB
1st Place - Skyler Halsel - Cross Plains FFA

Hamp
1st Place - Jacob Collier - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place - Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains FFA

York
1st Place - Valerie Konecny - Clyde 4-H

Champion Breeding Gilt - Valerie Konecny - Clyde 4-H
Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt - Garrett Scott - Eula 4-H

Market Swine
Light Weight Black OPB

1st Place- Brooke Widener - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Riley Rice - Clyde FFA, 3rd Place- Riley Rice - Clyde FFA, 4th Place- Trendon Rouse - Clyde FFA, 5th Place- Logan Proctor - Cross Plains FFA

Middle Weight Black OPB
1st Place - Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place - Keli Sue Bennett - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place - Cedar Cauble - Baird FFA, 4th Place - Preston McClure - Clyde FFA, 5th Place - Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains FFA

Heavy Weight Black OPB
1st Place- Dylan Neuman - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Trae Earles - Eula FFA, 3rd Place- Dakota Teasdale - Clyde FFA, 4th Place- Corey Proctor - Cross Plains FFA

Champion Black OPB - Brooke Widener - Clyde 4-H
Reserve Champion Black OPB - Riley Rice - Clyde FFA

See Stock Show Results
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Cross Plains Genealogy Society Meets

The CPGS will meet on January 23rd at 1 pm at the Library. Our program will be about researching your Civil War Ancestors. Please bring information on a male ancestor who would have been of age to participate in the Civil War, so that we can look up information in online records. Our group welcomes everyone who is interested in learning more about their family's history!



GRAND CHAMPION MARKET LAMB EXHIBITED BY TEAGAN FORTUNE OF BAIRD 4-H.

Do You Need Your GED?

The Cross Plains Public Library is conducting a survey to see how many of our citizens would be interested in attending classes here at the library to prepare for taking the GED test. Abilene ISD Adult Education has alerted us that in 2014 the new test comes out with some big changes, including much harder math. We are working on a grant for this program, so if you need your GED, now is the time to let us know! We have certified teachers available to instruct you and the study literature, practice tests, etc., will all be furnished, so what's your excuse?

Call the library at 254-725-7722 and give us your name, address, phone number, and whether you prefer daytime/evening/weekend classes.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

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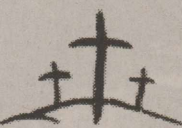
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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Evening Service.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

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Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Pastor Max Evans

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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

Cell 325-220-1717

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Sunday Worship
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1000 North Main Street
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Obituaries

John "Tommy" Bacon

John "Tommy" Bacon, 79, of Cisco, passed away Monday, January 16, 2012. Services will be held Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at 1-20 Church of Christ in Cisco with Tom Merryman officiating. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Summers-Chambers Funeral Home in Cisco.

Tommy was born on August 29, 1932 in Breckenridge, Texas to Billy Bacon Sr. and Nina (Ellard) Bacon. Tommy graduated from Cisco High School. He served in the military. He married Jerry Hendrickson on September 15, 1957 and together they raised their two children.

Tommy was a lifelong rancher. He was a past director and member for over 50 years of Production Credit Association. He was also a member of the Quarter Horse Association.

He is preceded in death by his wife Jerry and one brother, Billy Bacon, Jr.

He is survived by his son, Jeff Bacon; his daughter, Lynda Walls; and his brother, Truman Bacon, all of Cisco. Survivors also include four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and other family members.

Memorials may be made to Alpha Omega Hospice.

Cross Timbers SBC Association Offers Study

A study of the history of Christianity from New Testament times until the present era will focus on the great movements and heresies in Christian history.

Text books include *The Summary of Christian History* by Robert Baker; *Catholicism Today* by Matthew Kohmescher; and *The Anabaptist Story* by William Estep.

Classes will meet in Breckenridge on Thursdays at 6 p.m. for a three hour session starting January 26, 2012 and will conclude in late May. Contact Baylis Pope at 254-725-7749 for more information.

You Could Be "The Business of the Month" Check this out

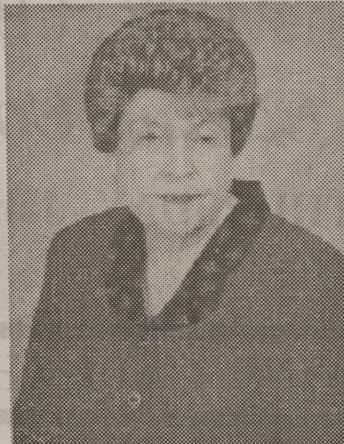
The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is wanting to recognize your business. Starting January 2012 we will select a local business for business of the month!

You will display a plaque in your business for that month and the chamber will advertise and promote you. 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 P.O. Box 233 Cross Plains TX 76443. Reply to this email, or get it ready & we will pick it up.

We will only implement this program to the businesses who are members of the chamber and respond. 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.

When our money is tight, Hometown shopping is just RIGHT!!!



Ardelia G. McMillan

Ardelia G. McMillan, age 95, of Richardson, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2012 on her 95th birthday in the nursing home in Richardson. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, January 16, 2012 with Richard Blair officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Ardelia was born to George and Lottie Ardelia (Mays) Gaskins in Putnam, Texas on January 14, 1917. After the death of her mother, her Dad married Ethel Lorena Clark who reared her. Ardelia was saved at a Methodist revival at the age of 12 years old and then baptized into the Baptist Church in a stock tank as there was no baptistery. During her teen years she was active in Sunday school, GA's and YWA. She attended Draughn's Business school in Abilene.

She married Exal McMillan on May 6, 1937 in Putnam and they had one daughter, Billie Helen, born on January 27, 1939 in Putnam. Ardelia worked with children in Sunday school in Jal, NM. The family moved to Cross Plains in 1950 where she was a member of First Baptist Church and worked with children in Sunday school for 37 years; she was also a member of the choir for a number of years.

Ardelia worked for Higginbotham Funeral Home at one time applying makeup under the direction of funeral director Walker. She also worked for Neal Drug Store for many years. She was a member of the Woodmen of the World Lodge for 50 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Billie Pittman of Richardson; sister-in-law, Johnnie Gaskins of Ft. Worth and numerous nieces and nephews.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers, Ken Gaskins, bill McMillan, Jr., Foster McMillan, Greg McMillan, Bret McMillan and Charles Spradlin.

Ardelia was preceded in death by her parents, stepmother, husband and 4 brothers.

Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Earlena Kaye Fletcher, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Deborah Smith, motion to dismiss to harassment granted for completion of pre-trial diversion.

Nikolaus R. Riedel, order releasing cash bond granted.

Marriage Licenses

Mark Dewayne Reeves and Angel Michelle Martin, both of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Reagan B. Gamble, order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

William George Dugan, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Tonya D. Tarrant, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Kenneth L. Bates, judgment revoking probation granted.

Dale L. Hoover, judgment revoking probation granted.

Travis R. Byram, judgment revoking probation granted.

Walter A. Emmert, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Civil Filings

Amy Shiree Dowdy and Jason Dowdy, divorce.

Jerry Jon O'Briant, Jr. and Kimberly Ann O'Briant, divorce.

Tiffany S. Phillips and Ryan Cary Phillips, divorce.

Sherry Jean McNabb and Joseph Lee McNabb, divorce.

Reuyah Yahdah Hawkins vs. Shirley May Gibson, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Heidi Anne Kitchen as wrongful death beneficiary of Phillip S. Kitchen, deceased, Mary Kitchen as parent and next friend of Phillip Kitchen, Jr., minor and wrongful death beneficiary of Phillip S. Kitchen, deceased, and E. Ray West, III as representative of the estate of Phillip S. Kitchen, deceased vs. Amber Dawn Wilson, 21st Century Insurance Company and American International South Insurance Company, a/k/a Chartis Casualty Company, order granting original petition for interpleader.

Amber Leann Spinks and Michael Christopher Spinks, divorce granted.

Allan Bennett Casey and Nikki Denise Casey, divorce granted.

FIA Card Services, N.A. vs. Linda Ray, order of dismissal without prejudice granted.

Charles Walter Yocum and Shari Lynne Yocum, divorce granted.

Judith Rebekah Hartman and James Lee Tidwell, divorce granted.

Burglars busted in the act, apprehended by Sheriff's Department

At 7:13 a.m., on January 11, 2012, the Callahan County Sheriff's Department dispatch received a report from a landowner who came upon multiple individuals in a green Chevrolet stepside truck taking various items out of a residence he used as storage, near Oplin.

After report, the caller followed the burglars as they fled through pastures and gates, attempting to flee the property. The landowner lost sight at one point, giving the burglars time to unhitch and abandon the trailer they had

been pulling behind the Chevrolet.

Callahan County Sheriff John Windham was pursuing from the North toward Oplin on 604, as Chief Deputy Keith Collum was coming from the West toward Oplin on 604. Three subjects were apprehended approximately 1-1/2 miles West of Oplin on 604, arrested, and transported to the Callahan County Jail. Michael W. Steward of Abilene, Clifton D. Perry of Abilene, and Dedra R. Burns of Abilene were all charged with Burglary of a Building, State Jail Felonies.

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January 19, 2012

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Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

For Callahan County Sheriff

Terry Joy

Political advertisement paid by The Terry Joy for Sheriff Campaign, Lenora Joy-Treasurer, 525 Stella, Baird, Texas 79504.

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, April 3, 2012 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

ROBERT E. McCOOL & MICHAEL PARKER

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First Baptist Church

Sunday School

9:30 am

Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 am

Sunday Evening Worship
6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

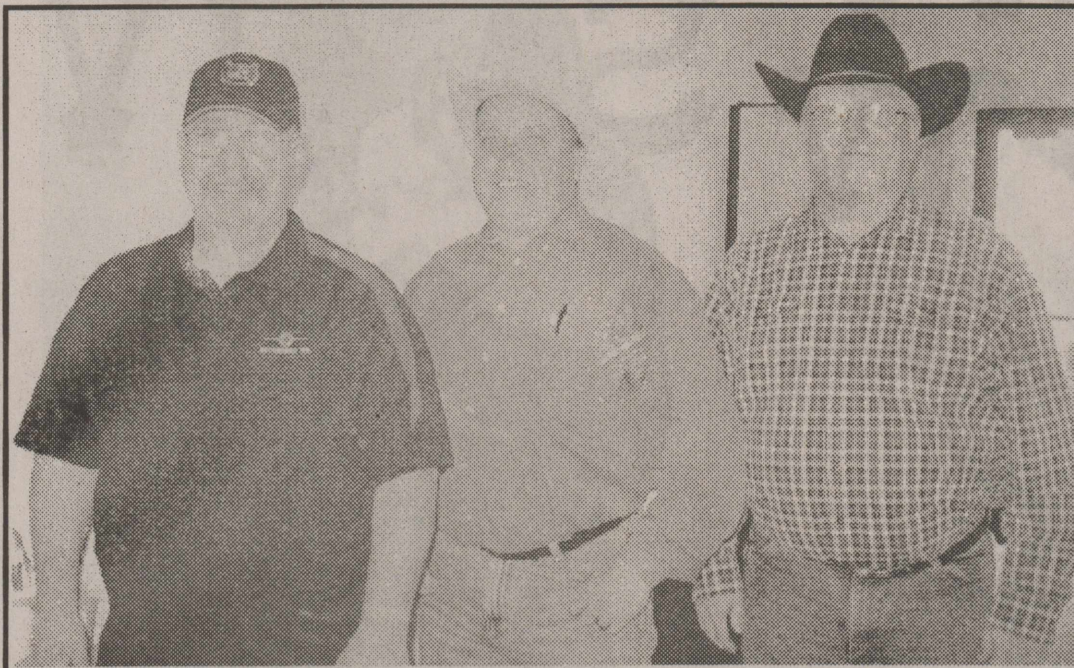
Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Cottonwood Fish Fry A Success — Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Chief Joe Testegge (left to right), visits with Callahan County Sheriff John Windham, and Ronnie Broadus of the Sheriff's Department at the annual Fish Fry.



Ready For Fish — Norma Farmer (left to right), Lavonne Childress, Sue Bennett and Tom Bennett are ready to serve fish, chicken, beans, hushpuppies and fries at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control annual Fish Fry last Saturday night.

Great crowd at the Fish Fry Saturday night!!!! Lots of folks from Cottonwood, Cross Plains, Baird and around the area. It was great to see so many old friends. The Fire Control Group did a wonderful job on the dinner.

Lenora Joy of Baird was the big winner in the Prize Drawing. She won the \$50 Walmart Gift Card, the Laurel Clock and the heater. Other prize winners were Larry Pointer - John Deere Wind Chimes; Weldon Bennett - Wooden Clock; Marilou Sifuentes - Plush throw and wolf-design blanket; Geneva Nelson - Pumpkin Pie Set and scented white chocolate candle; Lavonne Childress - George Foreman quesadilla maker; Tom Melton - lavender bath set; Judy Luter - brisket and fly zapper; Helen Parsons - heart warmer candle; Faye Simons - thermal blanket; Nora Odom - 6-pack of Dublin Dr. Pepper; Jessica Dorsey - sweet chocolate candle; Nora Pointer - Cookware Set; Jammie Fry - Smoker; Kathleen Terstegge - filtrate water pitcher; Tom Windham - Dublin Dr. Pepper Tin; Brennan Trenary - fly zapper; Wendell Draper - Rubbermaid bowl set; and Ava Dodd - dog

bone wrench. If you won an item and haven't received it yet, please call 254-725-7281 and we'll make arrangements to get it to you.

Thanks to everyone who donated an item or helped to make this year's fish fry such a success! And, a special "thank you" to the Cottonwood Baptist for the use of their fellowship hall. Thanks also to Sheryl and David Goble for the use of their propane tank; Mike and Ed's Smokehouse for the use of the cooker; Higginbotham's for the door prize; Lowe's Grocery and Mexico City Cafe.

Many of the men of the community are working on the porch at the Community Center. We thank them for all their hard work.

The Cottonwood volunteer Fire Control Annual Meeting is Saturday, January 28th at 4 p.m. at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center.

The next Cottonwood Musical is Friday, February 3rd. Come out and hear some of the area's best musicians.

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, February 18th. That will be the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Brisket Dinner, in

conjunction with the Battle Creek Coonhunter's Association. Barbecue brisket, chicken and sausage, potato salad, beans and dessert are on the menu. Dinner will be held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center.

There's still a few days to get a bid in on the Cottonwood Quilting Club's beautiful Double Irish Chain Quilt that's up for auction for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The quilt is a king-size Double Irish Chain pattern made from dusky blue prints. You can see it online at rehabauction.org. Search for either item no. 905 or Cottonwood Quilting Club. The auction is Saturday.

Have you seen the **Cross Plains Remembered** book? Teri and the Barbarian Group are working on a second volume to the book and will be scanning your photographs next Thursday night at the Senior Citizens Center from 4 to 7 p.m. This book will also cover the communities surrounding Cross Plains. Write up some family history and grab some photographs so we can get Cottonwood represented in the book! You can email photos to teri@cottonwoodtexas.com.

Library Notes

Library Hours:

Monday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday - 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY

January 9-10, 2012

Patrons: 146
Books Checked Out: 86
Programs: 47
LAP 1
Lapsit 6
Books to Movies 22
Other 18
Copies: 81
Internet Users: 48
Reference: 8

Donations:

City of Cross Plains

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Wallace and Carol Bennett
In Honor of Ed and Carol Walt

Books and Miscellaneous

Donations:
Kathleen Terstegge
Patricia McClosky

Volunteers:

Gene Dillard
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Azalee Womack

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

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Singing with Higher Call

We invite you to join us for uplifting spiritual music, Sunday, January 29th at 10:00 a.m. The group of singers and musicians are from Calvary Baptist in Cisco and includes Tim Hull (who wrote many of their songs), Ginny Witt and April Hearne. We are expecting a great time in worship in song.

Come out to Pleasant Hill (a mile south on 183 then 1 mile east on 2526) and God will bless you. Contact Baylis Pope 254-725-7749 for more information.

Submitted by Baylis Pope

ADVERTISE IN THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 23rd - Spanish Classes 6:00pm
Tuesday, 24th - 10:00am Games
Wednesday, 25th - Blood Pressure Checks by Girling
Thursday, 26th - 10:00am Games
Friday, 27th - Help For Veterans call for information

Would you like to learn Spanish?

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

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

!Calling All Veterans!

If you are a Veteran there is a table set up at the Senior Citizens Center for you to display pictures, memorabilia or anything else related to your time of service. Bring your items to the Center Monday-Friday from 9:00am - 1:00pm.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

APRIL 6, 2012 JULY 4, 2012
MAY 28, 2012 SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 23 - JANUARY 27

MONDAY - Polish Sausage, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Bread/Dessert/Drink
TUESDAY - Chicken & Rice, Black-eyed Peas, Carrots, Bread/Dessert/Drink
WEDNESDAY - Beef Spaghetti, Vegetables, Salad, Bread/Dessert/Drink
THURSDAY - Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Corn, Bread/Dessert/Drink
FRIDAY - Beef Stew, Turnip greens, Bread/Dessert/Drink

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

A Loving Thank You Note

The family of Citanya "Tanner" Scott would like to express our greatest thanks to each and every person throughout the community for all their love and kindness, prayers, food, cards and flowers. It's impossible to get through a time like this without God and a loving and caring community such as Cross Plains. We relay our deepest thanks, which is so inadequate that pen cannot put to paper the pain and sorrow that you have helped us work through. It is so easy to say it will be all right, but this is where your condolences and prayers come in.

A meaningful word to the pallbearers. We know some of you gave up your work time and changed your holiday plans for what we call an honor to serve as pallbearers. A very special thanks to you for the gift you gave towards Tanner's beautiful service. God bless each and everyone—Joseph Dillard, Cliff Waddel, Chris Davis, James Ross, Pete Powell, and Johnny Floyd. God bless you all from the bottom or our hearts. I cannot leave out my two "voices of thunder", Brother Ronnie White and Hoppy Hopkins. What they have done could not have been done better under God's beautiful heaven.

Thanks to Integra Care and the Cross Plains E.M.S. for your help. You are the BEST!

God Bless Each and Everyone,

Charlie Scott, Jess and Rhonda Williamson, Billy and Becca Smoot, Laci Jessup, Shyla Powell and Chris Davis, Steven Willis, Grandpa and Grandma Jackson, Helen "Nemo" Whiteley, and Granpa and Granny Pam Brown.

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School Board Meeting

School Board Pictures at 6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on January 19, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Open Forum
 - A. Hear and Discuss Concern from Parents Concerning Discipline Issues.
2. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - B. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
 - C. Consider Date for Superintendent/Board Relations Training (February 16?)
 - D. Call for School Board Election- May 12, 2012
 - E. Consider Resolution to Have Joint Election with City of Cross Plains
 - F. Consider the Following Election Decisions
 1. Location of Polling Place - Cross Plains

- Community Center
2. Election Judge - John Swift
3. Early Voting Clerk - Debbie Gosnell
4. Early Voting Place - Cross Plains City Hall
3. Personnel
 - A. Consider Resignations
 - B. Perform Superintendent's Appraisal
 - C. Consider Superintendent's Contract Extension
4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. "Cool Schools Grant Award" Back on Track
 - B. February Meeting - Principal's Contract
 - C. Coordinator's Contract - February or March ?
 - D. AEIS Results in Open Forum - February
 - E. Board Election Sign-up (Feb. 4- March 5)
 - F. 15 percent Rule on End-of-Course Exams.
5. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on January 16, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.



GRAND CHAMPION BROILER EXHIBITED BY KATY JO MORGAN OF THE CROSS PLAINS FFA.



GRAND CHAMPION FRYER EXHIBITED BY MCKENZIE BYRD OF THE CROSS PLAINS FFA.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FRYER EXHIBITED BY PAXTON BYRD OF THE CROSS PLAINS FFA.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BROILER EXHIBITED BY KILEY MORGAN OF THE CROSS PLAINS FFA.

Benefit Meal Planned for Friday, January 20th

On Friday, January 20th, the Cross Plains High School basketball teams will be traveling to Santo for a district game. Our community has been invited to attend a benefit meal prior to the games that night.

The proceeds from the meal will benefit Colt Price, a young man whose mother, Carol Ann Price, played basketball for several years for our own Coach Blackburn.

Colt was in a vehicle accident in mid-December and he has a broken neck and back and other

substantial injuries. He is currently in a rehab facility and will require long-term care. Colt was to have graduated from Tarleton on December 18, 2011.

The meal will be furnished by Hard Eight Restaurant in Stephenville and will offer brisket, sausage, all the sides, dessert and tea for a donation of \$10.00. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue until all the food is gone.

Please make plans to arrive early and help out this worthy cause.

HPU to host financial aid seminars

Parents of area junior and senior students in high school are invited to free seminars at Howard Payne University to learn more about financing their children's college education. HPU will host meetings on financial aid and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31st, and Thursday, Feb. 9th, in the university's Paul and Jane Meyer Faith and Life Leadership Center.

Glenda Huff, HPU's director of student aid, will discuss the financial aid process with a special emphasis on the FAFSA, the application used to award loans and grants to students at universities across the nation.

"It is important that senior students begin the financial aid process as soon as possible

after January 1st," Huff said. "Some schools have very early 'priority dates' for awarding financial aid funds."

University representatives will also discuss HPU's Heart of Texas Scholarship Program, designed to benefit students graduating from high schools in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, Mills and San Saba counties. The scholarship awards up to \$13,500 annually to students who meet the requirements.

For more information about the seminars, contact PJ Gramling, director of admission, at (325) 649-8406 or pgramling@hputx.edu. For more information about HPU financial aid, visit www.hputx.edu/financialaid or call (325) 649-8015.

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

JANUARY 23- JANUARY 27

BREAKFAST

- MONDAY- Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
 TUESDAY- Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
 WEDNESDAY- Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
 THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
 FRIDAY- Honey bun, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk

LUNCH

- MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Pudding and Milk
 TUESDAY- Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches and Milk
 WEDNESDAY- Beef & Cheese Nachos, Salad, Pinto Beans, Fruit Crisp and Milk
 THURSDAY - Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit and Milk
 FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Lettuce, tomato, and pickles, Baked wedges, Cookie and Milk

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Light Weight Duroc

1st Place- Cody Cedergren - Clyde FFA, 2nd Place- Megan Scott - Eula FFA, 3rd Place- Dalton Gilliam - Baird 4-H, 4th Place- Preston McClure - Clyde FFA, 5th Place- Trent Tollett - Cross Plains FFA

Middle Weight Duroc

1st Place- Mattox Cauble - Baird FFA, 2nd Place- Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Michael Carpenter - Cross Plains FFA, 4th Place- Keli Sue Bennett - Cross Plains FFA, 5th Place- Logan Proctor - Cross Plains FFA

Heavy Weight Duroc

1st Place- Hunter Owens - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Madison Foster - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Janae Rouse - Clyde FFA, 4th Place- Trendon Rouse - Clyde FFA, 5th Place- Lexie Thompson - Cross Plains FFA

Champion Duroc - Hunter Owens - Clyde 4-H

Reserve Champion Duroc - Mattox Cauble - Baird FFA
 Light Weight Hampshire
 1st Place- Preston McClure - Clyde FFA, 2nd Place- Garrett Scott- Eula FFA, 3rd Place- Sam Green- Baird 4-H, 4th Place- Dalton Gilliam- Baird 4-H, 5th Place- Kayli Greer- Eula FFA

Middle Weight Hampshire

1st Place- Brooke Widener - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Valerie Konecny - Clyde 4-H, 3rd Place- Dakota Carson - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Blake Whitener - Clyde 4-H, 5th Place- Lexie Thompson - Cross Plains FFA

Heavy Weight Hampshire

1st Place- Seth Thompson - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- Paige Goodman - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA, 4th Place- Kailey Hart - Clyde FFA, 5th Place- Valerie Konecny - Clyde 4-H

Champion Hampshire - Seth Thompson - Eula 4-H

Reserve Champion Hampshire - Brooke Widener - Clyde 4-H

Light Weight White OPB

1st Place- Hunter Owens - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Logan Proctor - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Trent Tollett - Cross Plains FFA

Heavy Weight White OPB

1st Place- Janae Rouse - Clyde FFA, 2nd Place- Jake Green - Baird 4-H, 3rd Place- Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains FFA

Champion White OPB - Janae Rouse - Clyde FFA
 Reserve Champion White OPB - Hunter Owens - Clyde 4-H

Light Weight Yorkshire

1st Place- Tyler Hall - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Jayme Tennison - Eula FFA, 3rd Place- Blake Whitener - Clyde 4-H

Heavy Weight Yorkshire

1st Place- Cameron Wilson - Baird FFA, 2nd Place- Corey Proctor - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Tassany McClure - Clyde FFA

Champion Yorkshire - Tyler Hall - Clyde 4-H

Reserve Champion Yorkshire - Cameron Wilson - Baird FFA

Light Weight Cross

1st Place- Raven Ratliff - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Seth Thompson - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA, 4th Place- Madison Foster - Cross Plains FFA, 5th Place- Blake Whitener - Clyde 4-H

Middle Weight Cross

1st Place- Raven Ratliff - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Seth Thompson - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Valerie Konecny - Clyde 4-H, 4th Place- Rylan Rogers - Baird FFA, 5th Place- Jayme Tennison - Eula FFA

Heavy Weight Cross

1st Place- Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA, 2nd Place- Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA, 3rd Place- Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA, 4th Place- Rylan Rogers - Baird FFA, 5th Place- Tyler Hall - Clyde 4-H

Champion Cross - Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA

Reserve Champion Cross - Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA
 Grand Champion Market Swine - Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA

Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine - Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA

Market Lamb
 Jr. Showmanship- Teagan Fortune - Baird 4-H

Sr. Showmanship- Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H

Finewool
 1st Place- Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H, 2nd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H

Champion Finewool - Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H

Reserve Champion Finewool - Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H

Finewool Cross

1st Place- BreeAnn Strickland - Baird 4-H, 2nd Place- Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H, 3rd Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H

Champion Finewool Cross - BreeAnn Strickland - Baird 4-H

Reserve Champion Finewool Cross - Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H

Light Weight Southdown

1st Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- James Rhynes - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place - James Rhynes - Cross Plains FFA

Medium Weight Southdown

1st Place- BreeAnn Strickland - Baird 4-H, 2nd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place - BreeAnn Strickland - Baird 4-H, 4th Place- Johnny Nichols - Eula FFA

Heavy Weight Southdown

1st Place- Teagan Fortune - Baird 4-H, 2nd Place- Meagan Scott - Eula FFA, 3rd Place- Meagan Scott - Eula FFA, 4th Place- BreeAnn Strickland - Baird 4-H

Champion Southdown - Teagan Fortune - Baird 4-H

Reserve Champion Southdown - BreeAnn Strickland - Baird 4-H

Light Weight Medium Wool

1st Place- Teagan Fortune - Baird 4-H, 2nd Place- Sierra Inman - Clyde FFA, 3rd Place- James Rhyne - Cross Plains FFA, 4th Place- James Rhyne - Cross Plains FFA, 5th Place- Zack Inman - Clyde FFA

Light Medium Weight Medium Wool

1st Place- BreeAnn Strickland - Baird 4-H, 2nd Place- Trent Potter - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Kaitlin Potter - Baird 4-H, 4th Place- Mikayla Hughes - Clyde 4-H, 5th Place- James Rhyne - Cross Plains FFA

Heavy Medium Weight Medium Wool

1st Place- Teagan Fortune - Baird 4-H, 2nd Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H, 4th Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H, 5th Place- James Rhyne - Cross Plains FFA

Champion Medium Wool - Teagan Fortune - Baird 4-H

Reserve Champion Medium Wool - Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H

Grand Champion Market Lamb - Teagan Fortune - Baird 4-H

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb - Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H

Goats

Jr. Showmanship- Ashlyn Vogler - Eula 4-H
 Sr. Showmanship- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H

Breeding Goats

Breeding Boer Goats
 1st Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Madilyn Shepard - Cross Plains FFA, 4th Place- Jackilyn Shepard - Cross Plains FFA

Champion Breeding Boer Goat - Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H

Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Goat - Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H

Meat Goat

Class 1

1st Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- Hayley Ancinec - Clyde 4-H, 3rd Place- Brayden Grubbs - Eula FFA, 4th Place- Ashley Carroll - Eula 4-H, 5th Place- Sebastion Wilson - Clyde 4-H

Class 2

1st Place- Nick Darnell - Baird FFA, 2nd Place- Ketch Thomas - Cross Plains FFA, 3rd Place- Dawn Chapman - Clyde FFA, 4th Place- Will Meier - Clyde FFA, 5th Place- Tripp Thomas - Cross Plains FFA

Class 3

1st Place- Ashlyn Vogler - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Jurnee Thomas - Cross Plains FFA, 5th Place- Hayley Ancinec - Clyde 4-H

Class 4

1st Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- Jarrid Tennison - Eula FFA, 3rd Place- Blake Vogler - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Jurnee Thomas - Cross Plains FFA, 5th Place- Piper Winfrey - Cross Plains FFA

Class 5

1st Place- Blake Vogler - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- Brayden Grubbs - Eula FFA, 3rd Place- Ashlyn Vogler - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Jackilann Shepard - Cross Plains FFA, 5th Place- Colton Allcorn - Clyde 4-H

Class 6

1st Place- Jerrid Tennison - Eula FFA, 2nd Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Kinsey Dean - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Blye Mangum - Eula 4-H, 5th Place- Jackilann Shepard - Cross Plains FFA

Class 7

1st Place- Jarrid Tennison - Eula FFA, 2nd Place- Blake Vogler - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Hayley Ancinec - Clyde 4-H, 4th Place- Lorelai Row - Clyde 4-H, 5th Place- Brooklyn Kanady - Clyde FFA



Reserve Grand Champion Heifer—Exhibited by Paxton Byrd of the Cross Plains FFA.

Class 8
 1st Place- Blye Mangum - Eula 4-H, 2nd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H, 3rd Place- Jarrid Tennison - Eula 4-H, 4th Place- Jarrid Tennison - Eula FFA, 5th Place- Jarrid Tennison - Eula FFA
Grand Champion Market Goat - Blye Mangum-Eula 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat - Jarrid Tennison - Eula FFA
Beef Cattle
 Jr. Showmanship- Alicia Black - Clyde 4-H
 Sr. Showmanship- Aaron Lee - Baird FFA
Heifers
American Heifers
 1st Place- Mary Seay - Baird FFA
Champion American Cross Heifer - Mary Seay - Baird 4-H
Class 1 English
 1st Place- Cally Cox - Clyde FFA, 2nd Place- Sam Seay - Baird 4-H
Class 2 English
 1st Place- Barrett Ancinec - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Casey Jeatley - Clyde 4-H
Champion English Heifer - Barrett Ancinec - Clyde 4-H
Reserve Champion English Heifer - Cally Cox - Clyde FFA
Class 1 European Heifer
 1st Place- Barrett Ancinec - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Wade Byrd - Cross Plains FFA
Class 2 European Heifer
 1st Place - Paxton Byrd - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place - Makenzie Byrd - Cross Plains FFA
Champion European Heifer - Barrett Ancinec - Clyde 4-H
Reserve Champion European Heifer - Paxton Byrd - Cross Plains FFA

Grand Champion Heifer - Barrett Ancinec - Clyde 4-H
Reserve Grand Champion Heifer - Paxton Byrd - Cross Plains FFA
Market Steers
Class 1 American Steers
 1st Place- Brandon Black - Clyde 4-H
Class 2 American Steers
 1st Place- Preston Clark - Baird FFA, 2nd Place- Aaron Lee - Baird FFA
Champion American Steer - Preston Clark - Baird FFA
Reserve Champion American Steer - Brandon Black - Clyde 4-H
Class 1 English
 1st Place- Katherine Goode - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place- Grace Goode - Cross Plains FFA
Class 2 English
 1st Place- Aaron Lee - Baird FFA, 2nd Place- Brandon Black - Clyde 4-H
Class 3 English
 1st Place- Kinnia Black - Clyde 4-H, 2nd Place- Lauren Goode - Cross Plains FFA
Class 4 English
 1st Place- Preston Clark - Baird FFA, 2nd Place - Alicia Black - Clyde 4-H, 3rd Place - Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA
Champion English Steer - Preston Clark - Baird FFA
Reserve Champion English Steer - Alicia Black - Clyde 4-H
Class 1 European Steers
 1st Place- Bronc Dillard - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place- Samantha Dickson - Cross Plains FFA
Class 2 European Steers
 1st Place- Bronc Dillard - Cross Plains FFA, 2nd Place- Cally Cox - Clyde FFA

Class 3 European Steers
 1st Place- Peyton Lee - Clyde FFA, 2nd Place- Samantha Dickson - Cross Plains FFA
Champion European Steer - Bronc Dillard - Cross Plains FFA
Reserve Champion European Steer - Peyton Lee - Clyde FFA
Grand Champion Market Steer - Bronc Dillard - Cross Plains FFA
Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer - Peyton Lee - Clyde FFA

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4-H Vet Science Project starts new Year January 23rd

We are beginning a new year in the 4-H Vet Science project with the help of Dr. Monty Ancinec, and the Callahan County Vet Clinic. Our 1st Vet Science meeting of the year is scheduled for **Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00p.m.** The meeting will take place at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. The 4-H vet science project is to teach 4-H members about animal health and behavior, and how modern veterinary practices increase animals' health, comfort, recreation and livestock values. If you have already signed up for 4-H be sure to mark this on your calendars. If you haven't signed up yet, contact the County Extension office at (325) 854-5835 and become a member today.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA - Ag

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

Cross Plains Elementary Accepting Nominations for District's Gifted Education Program

Cross Plains Elementary is accepting nominations for the district's gifted education program. Please study the list of "Characteristics of Gifted Children" listed below. If you believe your child exhibits a preponderance of these characteristics, please nominate your child using the form below. (Teachers and other community members may also nominate students.)

Characteristics of Gifted Children: Very observant; Excellent memory; Well-developed powers of abstraction, conceptualization and synthesis; Quick and easily sees relationships in ideas, objects or facts; Excellent problem solving skills; Learns quickly with less practice; Extremely curious; Long attention span; Intense interests; Excellent reasoning skills; Fluent and flexible thinking; Elaborate and original thinking; and Unusual or vivid imagination. Your nominations will allow your child to participate in the G/T Identification Process. Parents whose children are nominated will be asked to complete a Parent Inventory and give permission for special testing for the program.

To nominate your child, just contact the elementary office. **Nominations should be in by March 19, 2012.** Any interested party may pick up the district *Parent Handbook for Gifted Education* by going by the Elementary Office. Parents whose children are nominated will be sent a copy of the handbook as part of the identification process. Thank you for your time and for allowing us to serve our child.

Submitted by
 Margie Sowell
 Elementary Principal

Cross Plains Secondary School Establishes After School Detention Hall

Beginning Monday, January 16, 2012, Cross Plains Secondary School will implement an after school detention hall. Assignment to D-Hall will be assigned by the office and will be for tardies (4 and over), discipline referrals, and/or excessive absences. **Any student in grades 7-12 who are assigned D-Hall will be required to stay from 3:45-4:15 on their assigned day or days. Parents will be responsible for the transportation of the student.** If they normally ride the bus, parents will have to make other arrangements for transportation. The detention

period will be monitored by a certified teacher and all rules are to be followed by all assignees. Rules for the D-Hall are:
 *Arrive on time with all materials.
 *If you arrive late for D-Hall, an additional day or days will be assigned.
 *No talking during the D-Hall period.
 *No use of electronics during the D-Hall period.
 *No breaks allowed during D-Hall period.
 *Students must be working on assignments or reading during the entire D-Hall period.
 This is an attempt to minimize

students arriving tardy to class and/or missing school and to minimize discipline issues. Together, we can help students become more productive and use their time wisely while they are at school. Thank you in advance to parents and guardians for supporting the after school detention program for grades 7-12.

Submitted by
 Phil Mitchell
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school or at the library, but only one entry is allowed per student. All entries are due at the library by Wednesday, March 28, 2012. The library will award ribbons to the three winners in each participating class. Awards will also go to the three entries chosen as best overall by our qualified judges. All entries will be "blind judged". The library will submit the top three overall winners to the *Cross Plains Review* for publication.

Submitted by
 Judy Luter



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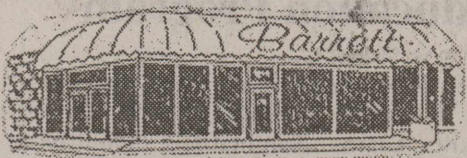
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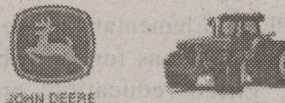
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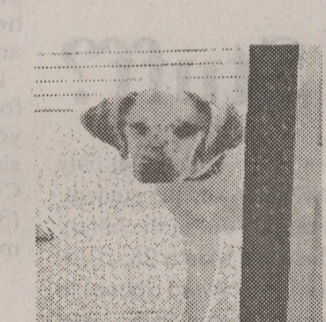
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What to know about Medicare in 2012

The New Year brings improvements and other changes to Medicare. Here's a brief rundown of what to expect in 2012.

Original Medicare covers more preventive services

Screenings for cardiovascular disease and obesity have been added to the preventive services available at no out-of-pocket cost to people with Medicare.

The new benefit covers one doctor visit each year to determine the best way for you to ward off cardiovascular disease. Your physician may screen you for hypertension and discuss how changes in your diet can lower the risk of heart disease or a stroke.

The free screening for obesity includes regular counseling sessions at your doctor's office if you have a body mass index of 30 or higher. Anyone who loses at least six pounds during the first six months qualifies for six more months of counseling.

Generic drugs get a bigger price break in the "doughnut hole."

If you have a Medicare drug plan and reach the coverage gap, you receive a bigger discount on your generic prescriptions - 14 percent in 2012, compared with 7 percent last year. And, like last year, you still get a 50 percent

discount on brand-name drugs in the doughnut hole.

Those price breaks are adding up. More than 2.7 million people have saved more than \$1.5 billion on their prescriptions in the coverage gap - an average of \$569 per person.

Medicare premiums change slightly - sometimes for the better.

The monthly premiums for the part of Medicare that covers doctor visits and outpatient hospital services increase for most people by only \$3.50, to \$99.90, in 2012. If you joined Medicare in the last few years and paid up to \$115.40, your premiums actually fall, to \$99.90, this year.

A small proportion of people with Medicare - about 4 percent - pay extra for their Part B coverage because their annual incomes are higher than \$85,000. They, too, can expect to see their monthly Medicare premiums for doctor visits and outpatient hospital services drop in 2012.

Now's the time to switch from a Medicare Advantage plan to Original Medicare if you're dissatisfied.

If you're unhappy with your private Medicare Advantage health plan, an annual "disenrollment" period allows

you to return to the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program between Jan. 1st and Feb. 14th. You can also select a drug plan to go with your new coverage.

A word of caution here: There are two things you can't do during the six-week disenrollment period. You can't sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan for the first time. And you can't switch from one Advantage plan to another.

Checking out the quality of hospitals and nursing homes becomes easier.

It can be difficult to find hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies and other health care providers that meet your needs. You can now use Medicare's new "Quality Care Finder" at www.Medicare.gov/QualityCareFinder to compare similar kinds of providers.

The improved online tool describes the quality of care at specific facilities - such as how well a hospital protects outpatients from surgical infections and what steps a home health agency takes to manage pain, treat wounds and keep patients safe.

Doctors and hospitals are coordinating your care better.

Medicare has begun to work with "accountable care

organizations" that will promote better coordination between health care providers so that people with chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure get the care they need to stay out of the hospital.

A lack of coordination has sometimes led to unnecessary tests and procedures. Accountable care organizations will encourage primary care physicians, specialists and hospitals to communicate more so that you get the right care, in the right place, at the right time.

If your doctor participates in one of the new groups, you'll be notified. But it's important to remember that your Medicare benefits stay the same. You can still see any doctor who accepts Medicare.

As I said, this is just a quick look at Medicare's more noteworthy changes. The "Medicare and You 2012" handbook you recently received in the mail will have a complete summary. If you need a book, call 1-800-MEDICARE to request a free copy, or visit www.Medicare.gov and download it.

By Bob Moos/Southwest public affairs officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Forage Seminar set for February 7th in Cross Plains

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for February 7th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension Agronomist - San Angelo, Dr. Chris Sansone, AgriLife Extension Entomology Specialist - San Angelo, Ricky Young, Farm Loan Manager & Michelle Kayga, Loan Officer, FSA, Bill Thompson, Extension Economist - San Angelo, Dr. Charles Hart, Extension Range Specialist - Stephenville and Jan Hatler, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Drake will discuss "Wheat varieties for this area & evaluating forage hay quality"; Chris Sansone will discuss "Droughts effects on insects for this years small grains and

forage crops"; Ricky Young and Michelle Kayga will discuss "Financial Assistance available for farmers & ranchers"; Bill Thompson, Extension Economist will discuss "Coming cost/price squeeze on replacement cattle"; Dr. Hart will discuss "Brush Control during drought & herbicide techniques & calibration"; Jan Hatler with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$15 to those that pre-register by February 3rd, after February 3rd there will be a \$20.00 fee to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA AG/NR Texas AgriLife Extension Service Callahan County

Cross Plains Garden Club

Diana Miller

The Cross Plains Garden Club met on Friday, January 13, 2012 for their regularly scheduled January meeting. Members enjoyed the welcoming warmth from within the lovely home of Mary Ella Weaver as all anticipated an afternoon of bird watching and fellowship. Mary Ella blessed the meal and said a special blessing of healing and recovery for Mary Dunn Sandy Lusk and the family of Margaret McNeel. Mary Ella served her famous variation of King Ranch Casserole; salad and dessert were the accompaniments.

Following the delicious meal, the meeting was opened by Vice President Julene Franke. Members present were Jannette Dugger, Julene Franke, Billie Kelly, Diana Miller, Mary Ella Weaver and Marquleta Westbrook. Visitor Judy Castanuela was also present. The meeting began with show and tell. Judy presented lock rocks, pumice stones and arrowheads. Recipes of apple dumplings, cinnamon rolls and peanut brittle followed, while members enjoyed watching the activities of blue jays, cardinals, black cap chickadees, finches, sparrows and titmouse. Mary Ella said she also spots an occasional hawk.

Outstanding club donation commitments were finalized and an Arbor Day donation of two plants to the Robert E. Howard

House project were agreed upon. Discussion about our participation in the Family Consumer Sciences classes for the 2012-2013 school year continued. The garden club will again provide Valentine treats to the Rising Star Nursing Home, pending the state inspection. Valentine/welcome home treat bags will be assembled during the February CPGC meeting. The March after school program was discussed; the CPGC will present a program of transplanting tomato plants and planting potato eyes.

A reminder to the community—The Cross Plains Garden Club will hold their annual Plant Sale on Friday, April 13, 2012. Officers and director appointments were discussed. It was agreed by consensus that positions will remain unchanged for the 2012-2013 year.

Garden Notes: January is the time to begin planting onion sets, which are already out in stores. January is also the time to begin looking for seed potatoes and some members are already beginning their sweet potato starts.

The next meeting of the CPGC will be held on February 10th at 1:00 p.m. New members and visitors are welcome. Please plan to attend our next meeting; contact us at 254-725-7434 or 254-725-9418.

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DISTEMPER ALERT

The Clyde Animal Control has informed the City of Cross Plains that Callahan County is under a Distemper Alert. There have been cases reported of foxes and raccoons with the illness.

The City of Cross Plains is urging everyone to have your dogs vaccinated. Check to be sure your dog's vaccinations are up to date. If not, the dog shouldn't run outside and risk exposure to wildlife, especially raccoons and foxes.

Keep your pet away from other dogs until the vaccine takes effect—2 weeks. Other animals can carry the disease whether they appear well or not. BE SAFE—VACCINATE!!!!

TxDOT begins crack sealing project

ABILENE - The Texas Department of Transportation has started a project to crack seal pavement on various roadways in Jones, Taylor and Callahan Counties. The contractor will begin in Jones County and expects to complete the work in about four weeks, weather permitting. The majority of the work will occur in Taylor County.

Drivers may encounter flaggers where work is being performed, as well as brief, intermittent lane and ramp closures on I-20.

Crack sealing preserves the life of a roadway by applying sealing material directly into the cracks of the pavement to prevent moisture damage. TxDOT's Abilene District usually schedules the work annually during the winter months. The project was awarded to D & M Contractors of Van, Texas for about \$780,000.

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Pioneer Quilting Club

Marquleta Westbrook

Hello, and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Our club met last Tuesday after our month off and we were all glad to see each other and be together again. Olena Ezzell, Glenda Phillips, Barbara Medley, Norma Tucker and I were the members present. Lou Girder was not feeling well and we missed her. I hope she is able to be with us soon. We are finishing a quilt for Lou and we put a new one up for Barbara. It is a very pretty pin-wheel pattern.

Work is still continuing on our community center. We got a "new" door the other day. It is a

donation from Mary Dean and we really appreciate it. We have received some sliding glass doors from various friends and that is great. They make really nice windows. There are plans to work and clean up around the building after the weather warms up.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center is still having their on-line auction and it is so interesting to watch the quilts and the bidding. The last day to bid is January 21. It is amazing to see all the quilts from the area quilt clubs and the individuals who make quilts to donate to the Rehab Center.

There are many hours of work in each quilt and each one is beautiful.

This winter weather is the perfect time to go through all the fabric scraps and piece new quilt tops. There are so many patterns it is hard to choose just one to make. As they say, "So much fabric, so little time!"

You are invited to our club on Tuesdays to quilt with us, or just visit. We love to have company.

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County Commissioners appoint 2012 Salary Grievance Committee

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court, holding a regular meeting on Monday, January 9th, appointed the 2012 Salary Grievance Committee.

The Salary Grievance Committee consists of seven elected county officials and two members from the County Grand Jury Pool.

The county committee officials include County Judge Roger Corn, County Attorney Shane Deel, County Sheriff John Windham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, County Tax Assessor Tammy Walker, District Clerk Sharon Owens, and County Clerk Donna Bell. The members from the County Grand Jury pool were Bonita Clark and John Kevil.

Commissioner Tom Windham made a motion to accept the 2012 Salary Grievance Committee. There was a second to the motion made by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

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

—Under public comments, there were none.

—Appraisal District Chief Don Jones came before the commissioners' court to discuss changes in the oil and gas appraisals.

Jones told the commissioners' court that now, in addition to oil and gas, pipelines, wind turbines, and transmission lines will also be appraised. Jones would like to employ the current appraiser of oil and gas, Morgan Ad Valorem Services from Amarillo, Texas, to also appraise the pipelines, wind turbines, and transmission lines in Callahan County. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to allow Morgan Ad Valorem Services to do the additional appraisals. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Chief Deputy Keith Collum presented the County Sheriff's Report for the month of December. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to appoint Commissioner Farmer as the 2012 Judge Pro-Tem. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Countywide Burn Ban will remain lifted.

—After some discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion for Callahan County to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety. This contract concerns the DPS Drivers License Department, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse in Baird.

Under the Interlocal Cooperation Contract, Callahan County will provide the Department of Public Safety a scheduled Driver License Office. The office will include a lockable, exclusive use complaint room, preferred minimum office size to be 11x13

feet, and other items for telephone, high-speed internet connections and paid utilities.

The Department of Public Safety will provide for the purpose of a scheduled Driver License Office a DPS employee during set business hours, and office equipment to operate the Driver License Office.

The contract term is for two years and there shall be no charge to the Department of Public Safety for the use of the premises.

The office is located on the second floor, just east of the elevator. The office had been closed for a couple of weeks just recently.

Judge Corn said previously, the Driver's License Office in Baird was open the first, third

and fifth Wednesday of every month. Judge Corn said now, the office will now be open every Wednesday. County residents can renew their driver's license at the Baird office.

Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion to enter into the Interlocal Cooperation Contract, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made the motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:17 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for December

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics For December

Month of December 2011
Total Calls Received in Dispatch: 414
Total Arrests Made: Felony 6, Misdemeanor 4.
Citations Written: 12
Agency Assists: 28
Reports: Offense 25, Incident 3.
Business Checks: 207
Traffic Stops: 46
Citizens Assists: 48
Non-Report Calls: 25
Other: 12

12-12-11 7:08 p.m. Deputy Jowers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 5200 block of County Road 223. On arrival, the caller stated their 18-year-old grandson was out of control and they wanted him to leave. Deputy Jowers went to make

contact with the subject and found him unresponsive. EMS was called and subject was transported to the hospital.

In the month of December 2011, information was being gathered on a residence off Union Hill Road. On the 30th day of December, a search warrant was executed at the residence off Union Hill Road for methamphetamine. Three people were arrested at that residence for possession and also one female arrested on outstanding warrants.

In the month of December the Sheriff's Office has responded to 15 calls dealing with cattle issues from being out in the roadway to being under fed to being estray.

Total booked into the Callahan County Jail for month of December 2011: 39



Guest Speaker — Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce President, Connie Kirkham (right), was the recent guest of Karen Lenz at Kiwanis. Connie shared about the plans and new events the chamber has planned. From business of the month to Christmas in Cross Plains and helping draw visitors and assist promoting commerce to Cross Plains businesses. If you have any ideas or would like to help, contact the Chamber office at 235 SW 5th (Hwy 36) St., Connie Kirkham or any board member.

248 Graduates in 70 Fields of Study at Hardin-Simmons University

The following students were among the 248 graduates to receive degrees from Hardin-Simmons University during fall commencement ceremonies held Saturday, December 17, 2011, in Behres Auditorium on the HSU campus:

Hayli-Jo Foster, of Cross Plains, Texas, graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in finance from Kelley College of Business.

Judy McDowell, of Clyde, Texas, graduated with a Master of Education degree in counseling and human development from the Irvin School of Education.

Jeffrey Davis, of Clyde, Texas, graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in economics and mathematics from the Kelley College of Business.

Koy Young, of Clyde, Texas, graduated with a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in history from the Cynthia Ann Parker College of Liberal Arts.

About Hardin-Simmons: HSU has an enrollment of approximately 2,300 undergrad and graduate students from 29 states and 19 countries. HSU has a 13:1 student faculty ratio with a campus that sits on 209 acres. Seventy-nine percent of HSU's

faculty members hold the highest degree in their field.

The university is named by U.S. News and World Reporter as one of the best universities in the western region of the United States and is listed by The Princeton Review as a Top Ten Best in the West University. It is a member of the Colleges of Distinction, and the Chronicle of Higher Education named HSU to its honor roll as a "Great College to Work For."

Seven undergraduate degrees encompass 70 major fields including: athletic training, criminal justice, social work, counseling psychology, molecular biology, biochemistry, environmental science, religion, music, art, teaching, history, communications, English, and sociology.

Ten graduate degrees include the Doctor of Ministry and the Doctor of Physical Therapy.

International study programs include England, Austria, Hong Kong, Spain, and Australia.

Hardin-Simmons University, founded in 1891, is a private Christian institution, and has been affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (Texas Baptists) since 1941.

Barbarian Festival Committee Scanning Photos for Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 Thursday, January 26th

The Barbarian Festival Committee is working on Volume 2 to the book "Cross Plains Remembered". This is your chance to get your family's photos and history in the book! The committee will be set up at the Senior Citizen's from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 26th. The Senior Center will be serving Texas Nachos (also known as Taco Pile up). Bring in your photos and the committee will scan them while

you enjoy dinner and visit with friends.

In addition to your family photos, you may have other photos that would be perfect for Volume 2. Some ideas—photos of Cross Plains businesses from the 40s-80s, Homecoming Floats, Coming Home Queens, Little League Teams, The Christmas Tree in the Middle of the Street, early Barbarian Festivals, Pancake Suppers and other events from the 80s-90s.

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 will also have photos and history from Burkett, Pioneer, Cottonwood, Cross Cut, Atwell, Rowden and other surrounding communities, so bring your photos from those areas, too.

The committee is also looking for yearbooks from 1940-1946 and 1948. If you have one of these, bring it with you and we can scan a few photos from it while you have dinner.

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Cottonwood Country Musical set for February 3rd

The Cottonwood Country Musical is scheduled for Friday night, February 3rd.

In keeping with the theme of Valentine's Day in February, "Sweetheart Stew" will be for sale along with the usual sandwiches, desserts and drinks in the kitchen. You may find a "special" dessert or two as well.

Bring your "Sweetheart" and enjoy good food and great country music on Friday night, February 3rd at Cottonwood, Texas!!

Annual 'TET Reunion' in Abilene Saturday, FEBRUARY 4th

Vietnam Veterans and their families are invited to the 25th "Silver" anniversary of the "TET Reunion" on Saturday, February 4th at the Taylor County Fairgrounds Display Building in Abilene.

This year's reunion honoring Vietnam veterans is open to all veterans and families of veterans beginning at 12:00 noon on Saturday, February 4th. Veterans are asked to bring "in country" memorabilia with them.

The reunion is a day-long event, featuring a great meal, drinks, displays, and a VSO show will also take place during this year's reunion. Most importantly, it's an opportunity for veterans to share common experiences. Last year, about 1,200 people attended the reunion.

The annual reunion is sponsored by the "Abilene Grunts Association." For more information about this year's reunion, call (325) 690-0750, (325) 672-4003, or (325) 676-2291.

It's Tax Time Again! Free help is available

It is that time of year again. This year the Center for Economic Opportunity, North 3rd St, the Abilene downtown Public Library, the North Library on Mockingbird and the JAG office at Dyess AFB will offer free tax preparation and e-filing for all low income and middle income families.

Six days a week and in four locations volunteers will interview and file your income taxes. The CEO, Dyess and AARP Free Tax Help have joined forces to offer this help for Abilene.

Help in Abilene will be available at the North Public Library at 11th and Mockingbird, Fri. and Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Abilene Public Library, Feb. 1-Apr. 12, 2012, Downtown, Second Floor, Wed.-Thurs. 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Center for Economic Opportunity.

January 23-April 18, 2011. Call 211 for appt. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thurs 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Dyess AFB, Open Feb. 1 - April 18, 2011, JAG office Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call for appt. 696-1757.

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AARP Free Tax Help and IRS will sponsor as a public service free income tax return preparation, including e-file.

Fisher County Courthouse in Roby—February 2nd, March 1st and April 5th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sweetwater County/City Library — February 13, March 12, & April 9th -9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Senior Citizen Center on Ave. M in Snyder -February 8th, March 7th and April 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mitchell County Library, 340 Oak Street in Colorado City. February 6th, March 5th and April 2nd from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bring the following: Two forms of identification such as Driver's license and Social Security card/Form SSA-1099/ITIN Card or letter.

Please bring last year's tax return, Dependent's and spouse's Social Security cards and their birth dates including children.

Bring your property tax receipts with you.

There are credits for first-time home buyers.

Bring receipts for Energy efficient appliances or energy improvements to your home.

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I remember road trips we went on,
thank God for the miles,
Trying not to have a care in the world,
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Because we need you, too.

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I love you Citanya Scott,
In peace may your rest,
For our loss is heaven's gain, and
Heaven received the best.

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2012 are 2% lower

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2012 are down two percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, January 11th.

Cross Plains' 2012 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$15,534.17, which is 2.00 percent lower than the \$15,851.61 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2011.

The payment to the city for January 2012 was the same as the yearly total.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today that state sales tax revenue in December was \$1.98 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to December 2010.

"Sales tax revenue continues to grow in almost all major economic categories and revenue has now increased for 21 consecutive months," Combs said. "Sales taxes from retail trade and restaurant activity continue to improve, with tax revenue from the oil and natural gas sector also providing a lift to overall collections."

Combs will send January sales tax allocations totaling \$495 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 9.1 percent compared to January 2011.

Combs distributed \$328.0 million in January 2012 allocations to Texas cities, which is up 8.3 percent from January 2011 and higher by 8.3 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$33.0 million in January 2012 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 15.3 percent compared to January 2011 and higher by 15.3 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$110.2 million in January 2012 sales tax allocations, which is 6.9 percent higher than January 2011 and up 6.9 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$24.0 million in January 2012 allocations, which is 25.1 percent higher than January 2011 and higher by 25.1 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$495.0 million in January 2012, which is 9.1 percent higher than January 2011 and up 9.1 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent sales that occurred in November.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
	2011	2012
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$15,851.61	\$15,534.17
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$1,585.16	\$1,553.42

For details of January sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocation/comsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2012 started the year 0.74 percent lower than the 2011 payments. The city has received \$8,771.65 in 2012, while the 2011 tax payments to the city totalled \$8,837.89.

Baird's monthly payment for January 2012 was the same amount as the yearly total.

—The 2012 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 15.06 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2011. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$35,499.99 in 2012. The 2011 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$30,851.39.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for January 2012 is the same as the yearly total.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2012 payments to the town totalled \$1,112.53, little changed from the 2011 payments to the city in the amount of \$1,112.57.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of January 2012 was the same as the yearly total.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2012 in Callahan County are higher by 7.52 percent compared to the 2011 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2012 amounting to \$60,918.34 while the 2011 payments to the

county towns totalled \$56,653.46.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of January 2012 were the same as the yearly total.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Anson Opera House Country Musical set

The Anson Opera House Country Musical show will be held Saturday, January 21st at 6:00 p.m., at the Anson Opera House located in Anson.

A bar-b-q supper will be held before the musical. Serving will start at 5:00 p.m. Cost will be \$6.00 per plate-includes drink & dessert.

Special guest performers...3 Kord Band. Don't miss this great performance of this fabulous band!

We will have this month's musical if weather permitting, if the weather is bad, please call Marlon Smith at 325-823-3523, to make sure the musical hasn't been cancelled.

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Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge, Burlie W. Taylor was certified at the recent Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held January 8-11, 2012 in Austin, TX. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University-San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as judicial ethics, tenants' remedies, criminal procedure, civil procedure, social media, evictions, legal analysis, enforcement in juvenile cases, default judgments, pretrial motions, commercial motor vehicle offenses, inquests, Rule 12, Technology Fund, contract law, administrative hearings, evidence, traffic law, credit cards, personal injury and property damage, magistration & bond conditions, and traffic safety.

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Federal Court order issued on December 16, 2011 provided a new deadline to send out the new voter cards, known as the Mass Mailout, as required by Section 14.001 of the Texas Election Code, until Feb. 13, 2012. This date could be changed again depending on when the court finalizes the redistricting lines. If voter cards are mailed out before the finalization and changes are made it will require reproduction and re-mailing of the approximate 8500 voter cards, resulting in unnecessary additional burden on already stretched taxpayer dollars.

The Callahan County Voter Registrar is holding the mailing of the new cards until the Federal Court reaches their decision, but says the new yellow cards should be out before the Primary Election. The Primary Election has been changed from March to April 3, 2012 but that date may change again due to the re-districting. In the interim, you may want to check your old blue card to be sure all information is correct. Things to check are name (this can change due to marriage or divorce or court order), your mailing address and your physical address. If anything needs to be updated or corrected, or if you need to register (voters must be registered with the Voter Registrar at least 30 days before an election), please contact your local Voter Registrar. The phone number for Callahan County voters is 325-854-5820.

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