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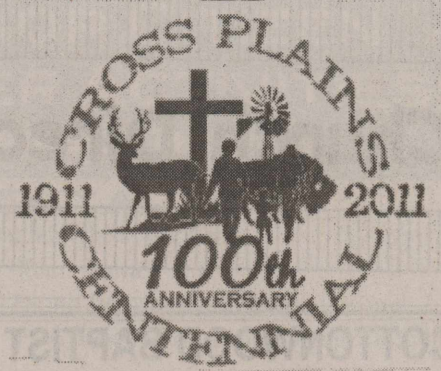
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NUMBER 49

NASA Awards Space Shuttle Tire to Cross Plains

Wow! To think that our town could have a significant piece of American history right here!...Some might think we have little chance of getting a shuttle tire for our small town, but it's people who thought big and didn't take "no" for an answer that brought us to this point, isn't it?— From the opening paragraph of the final proposal for a Space Shuttle Tire from NASA.

After a year of paperwork and proposals, the Cross Plains Public Library is honored to announce that NASA has awarded a main landing gear tire from the Space Shuttle *Columbia* to our community. This tire, which was flown on mission STS-40, will be the centerpiece of a traveling Space Shuttle Tire and Exhibit whose home base will be in the Children's Discovery Center of the library.

Did you see the big double-pup that parked in front of the library last Tuesday? It carried the tire from Abilene—the last leg of its journey from Cape Canaveral, FL, to Manassas, VA to Atlanta, GA to Dallas, TX and then to Abilene. That long journey was paid for by the City of Cross Plains, the Barbarian Festival Committee, the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Project Pride, the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and the Callahan County Historical Commission.

However, this is not the tire's last stop; instead, the exhibit will travel to Cross Plains ISD schools and then to other area schools, libraries and museums in a donated cargo trailer equipped with magnetic signs publicizing the exhibit and giving credit to its sponsors. Currently, the tire is at an undisclosed location until the exhibit is complete; then, there will be a public unveiling with many more details to follow as they unfold.

Library board members Michelle Kaiser and Dr. Charles Rodenberger were instrumental in bringing the tire to our area. "We pulled out all the stops in the final proposal," said Kaiser, "touting all the wonderful features of our community. It's great to live in a town where



Space Shuttle Columbia Tire — Charles Rodenberger (left to right), and Michelle Kaiser are pictured here with a tire from the shuttle.

so many organizations work together on a variety of programs. That made my job (writing the final proposal) so much easier." The proposal cited recent educational events which the exhibit hopes to build on: the gift of math and science books from Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman, the rocket launches hosted by Pat Gordzelik (vice-president of Tri-poli Rocketry Association), and a recent visit by Quentin Wilson, one of the original "Rocket Boys."

Kaiser said their proposal even pointed out the parallels between the towns in "October Sky" and the towns in our area and mentioned the similarities between the Rocket Boys and Cross Plains' own John Hanke. The proposal also cited the many Robert E. Howard fans who visit each year and how they are sure to enjoy and appreciate the Space Shuttle Tire and Exhibit, since they are drawn to Howard's

imagination of the writer who saw frontiers beyond the world he lived in.

Once approval was received, the next hurdle was getting it to Cross Plains. "Although the library did the paperwork and will house the main exhibit, the library board wanted this wonderful gift to be shared by all," stated board president Wilma Lawrence, "so the city and civic organizations in town were contacted to see if they would commit to dividing up the cost of shipping the tire here and then back again, after its loan period ends. We are grateful to them for stepping forward to support this project."

At present, the shuttle tire is on loan from NASA for three years, but may be extended for another three years so that it can visit more locations. Interested libraries, schools and museums that would like to have the exhibit travel to their location should contact the library at 254-725-7722.

Time to File in the General Elections for C.P.I.S.D. Board of Trustees and City of Cross Plains Council

The filing period for the election of Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees and the City of Cross Plains Council are February 4 through March 5, 2012.

The 3 year terms of school board trustees Michael Cowan and Jim Cook are expiring. The 2 year term of Bryan Bennett, who replaced Elvin Goode, Jr. after his resignation, is also ending.

If you would like to seek election for any of the three positions, please go by the Superintendent's Office at the school during their regular working hours and apply.

The mayor and two councilmen's 2-year terms are expiring for the City of Cross Plains. Incumbents Mayor Ray Purvis and Councilmen Jerry Casle and Bob Kirkham have already signed up for re-election.

If anyone desires to seek election in the city election you may apply at the City Hall during their regular hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. They are open through the lunch hour.

Remember the deadline to file your intention to run in either election is MARCH 5, 2012.

Nimrod Baptist Church Youth Hosting Lasagna Dinner as a Fund Raising Project

The youth at the Nimrod Baptist Church will have a Lasagna Dinner on Friday, February 17th, to help raise funds for their future projects.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the church fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted.

For more information call Stacie Kennedy 254-433-1655.



EIGHT EIGHTY EAST

Eight Eighty East to perform at Barbecue Dinner in Cottonwood

Eight Eighty East, composed of local musicians Sid and R. W. Bogue of Cottonwood, will perform at the Barbecue Dinner in Cottonwood this Saturday. The dinner, a benefit for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, will be held in conjunction with the Battle Creek Coonhunter's Association. Saturday, February 18th marks the organizations first coonhunt of the year.

Barbecue brisket, ribs, sausage and chicken - all cooked by Fire Chief Joe of Joe's Barbecue, will be served

with beans, potato salad, iced tea and dessert — all for \$6.00 from 5 until 7:30 pm.

The dinner will held be at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center, located just off of FM 880 on FM 1079 in Cottonwood. Come out early and visit with coonhunters and see the coon dogs at the Cottonwood Firehouse around the corner on CR429 - or stop by after dinner to see the dogs.

Make plans to come out to Cottonwood for a great barbecue dinner, live music and some of the area's best coon dogs.

Cross Plains Ex-Students Association to Meet Monday, February 27th

Cross Plains Ex-Students Association will be meeting at Jean's Feed Barn on Monday, February 27th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Homecoming 2012.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. For further information call Gregg at 254-725-7755 or Connie at 254-725-6500.

Kiwanis Pancake Supper

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains announces "EARLY NOTICE" of their annual Pancake Supper - Thursday night, March 8.

In case you have not attended a Kiwanis Pancake Supper before, you are in for a real treat. And if you have attended before, you

know you don't want to miss it! Please mark your calendar NOW! "All the pancakes you can eat for one low price."

More details will be shared in a couple of weeks but be sure to mark your calendar now for Thursday night, March 8 - and don't miss it!

Cross Plains Remembered - Vol 2 Deadline

The deadline for *Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2* is coming soon. You'll want to get your family included in this 2nd and final book. Gather up your family photos and other photographs and bring them to the Senior Center for our final scanning session on Thursday, February 23. We'll be set up at the center from noon until 8pm., including juring the Jackie Bibby performance and Fish Fry at the center.

You may have some of the photos we're looking for - especially our most requested photo: a photo of the Christmas tree in the middle of the street. Others we'd like to have: Odom's Cafe, Sister's Cafe, the soda fountain at Bryan's Variety, Piggly Wiggly, Souder Station, Lakeway Store and any other gas stations we didn't get into the first volume.

For the school section, we're looking for several CPHS yearbooks and you may have one of them on your bookshelf: 1950, 1951, 1978, 1979, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1997, 1998. If you have one of these, bring it by during the day on the 23rd and

we'll get it scanned and right back to you. Also, we'd like snapshots from school events and homecomings.

In the Veterans section, we need more photos of men and women in uniform. If you'd like your loved one included, be sure you get a photograph to us. And, if you'd like, write up something about their military service.

For the church section, we'd like to get a photo of your pastor and your church, as well as, older photographs, and a history of your church if we didn't get it in the first volume. This includes churches in Rowden, Burkett, Cottonwood and the surrounding areas.

We'd also like to include a photograph of your organization - and a brief write up about your group and any older photographs you might have.

For the business section, we'd like to get a photograph of each business in Cross Plains and a close up of the owner or employees standing outside the business. You can take the photos and bring or send them to us - or we will come and take the picture. We'd like a short history

of your business or building and older photos of your business.

Take a look through your photo albums and shoeboxes and see what you have. You might be surprised at what you find that we can use in the new book!

What about your memories of people and places in Cross Plains? Jot down what you remember, amusing stories or just what it was like to live in Cross Plains in the 1940's, 1950's, etc.

Maybe you've recently moved to Cross Plains or have moved back to Cross Plains, we'd like to use your story of why you moved here (or moved back here).

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 is all about you, your family and Cross Plains. Together we can make another great book, but we need to do it quickly. Find what you can and bring it in Thursday, February 23 from noon to 8pm. at the Senior Center and we'll get it scanned.

If you'd like to mail photos and history, you can mail them to: Barbarian Festival Committee, P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443. If you'd like to email them, send them to teri@cottonwoodtexas.com.

Services for Honored Citizen Troy Crockett, 101 Years Old, held Wednesday, February 15

Darwin "Troy" Crockett, Sr., age 101, of Cross Plains, passed away Sunday, February 12, 2012 in the nursing home in Lampasas. The funeral was held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at Higginbotham Chapel with Bob Pipes officiating, assisted by Charles Chesshir. Burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Troy was born to James Edward and Annie Pearl (McDaniel) Crockett on September 10, 1910 in Callahan County, Texas. He completed high school and attended college for three years. He married Maxine Ford on June 1, 1935 in Granbury. Troy was a farmer and a member of the Church of Christ of Cross Plains. Survivors include his two sons, D.T. Crockett, Jr. and wife Mary of Abilene and Larry Crockett and



Troy Crockett

wife Sandra of Cross Plains; eleven grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, Maxine, two sisters and two great-grandsons, David Jacob Crockett and Ethan Crockett.

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

David Braun, Pastor
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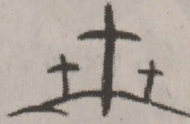
Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains

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Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522

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Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor:

Music Director:

Dwaine Clowers

Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am

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

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

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

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377

Cell 325-220-1717

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10:45 a.m.

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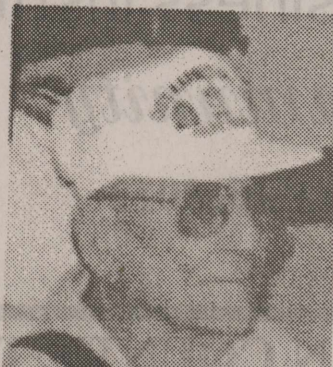
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Obituaries



Eddie Victor "Vick" Nigar

Eddie Victor "Vick" Nigar, 84, of Clyde, died Sunday, February 12, 2012 at an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at Bailey-Howard Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Billy Sellers officiating. Burial followed in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Howard Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mr. Nigar was born June 17, 1927 in Cottonwood, Texas to Eddie and Mary (Brown) Nigar. He attended school in Cedar Bluff. Mr. Nigar served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He was the widower of Edith "Laverne" Bennett whom he married April 17, 1948 in Baird, Texas. They moved to Clyde from May in 1963. He was a truck driver for T&W Trucking in Abilene and Joe South Trucking in Clyde. Mr. Nigar was a Baptist.

Survivors include three sons, Eddie Nigar of Clyde, Mike Nigar and wife Kelly of Baird and Donnie Nigar of Clyde; three daughters, Vicki Stephens and husband Dalton of Oatmill, Texas, Kathy Buster and husband Eddie of North Richland Hills and Sandra Buster and husband Ronald of Clyde; seventeen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Laverne in December 2007, his parents, four sisters, Jeffie "Nig" Bell, Velma Jones, Kathryn Bowen and Pauline Grashem, a brother, Newman "Bud" Nigar, daughter, Mary Torricello and two grandsons, Joseph Wayne Nigar and Steven Stanley Buster.

William A. Placke

William A. Placke, 85, of Odessa, passed away Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Hospice House in Odessa. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Andrews West Cemetery. Services were under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

William was born May 30, 1926 in Lincoln, Texas to Herbert and Amanda Placke. He graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1943. He joined the U.S. Navy June 6, 1944 and served until June 3, 1946.

Mr. Placke worked as a Drilling Superintendent in Alaska for Arco until 1981 when he retired and moved to Odessa. He enjoyed hunting and fishing when he was younger and was a member of the Texas Rifle Association. William loved to work on all kinds of things and could fix just about anything. One of his very favorite events were family gatherings that involved food.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Vernie Underwood.

He is survived by one niece, Linda Morgan of Odessa, and several great-nieces and nephews.

Ash Wednesday Service at Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church will be holding an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. The public is warmly invited to share in this service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins and return to our loving God. We recognize life as a precious gift from God and re-turn our lives towards Jesus Christ. We may make resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. In as Ash Wednesday service, usually the minister will make the sign of the cross on a person's forehead with ashes. The sign of the cross reminds us of the resurrection of Christ.

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. The season is preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation

for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

Also, at 12:00 on Ash Wednesday, the church will be having a short service of the Burning of the Palms in the prayer garden, if weather permits. Otherwise the service will be held in the Sanctuary. The ashes from this meaningful service will be used for making the cross on the foreheads during the evening service. Beginning on Wednesday, February 29, a Lenten Bible Study, led by pastor Kevin Morton, will be held in the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The study will run through April 4 and is a brown bag meal for those who wish to enjoy the study in this way. The study will be based on *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton, a profound look at the day leading to the crucifixion of Christ.

For those wishing more information about these services and study, please contact Pastor Morton at the church, 725-7377.

Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Brandon Lee Howard, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Jeremy E. Johnson, Bryan W. Elrod.

Lenna M. Lowery, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Ann Marie Maher; Cody Mac Ray; Samuel Stewart.

James C. Beam, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for completion of PTD Program.

Colinda L. Simmons, motion to dismiss to theft by check in the interest of justice.

Aaron D. Jiminez, order on motion to revoke granted.

Marriage Licenses

John H. Chappell of Clyde and Nicole Jean Winters of Big Spring.

Coby Chase Kinard and Clea Elise Bybee, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Yrimeo David Flores vs. Stacy Ann Flores, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. trailer, seizure / forfeiture.

Tammy Renee Chance and James Franklin Chance, divorce.

Dale Betcher vs. Tommy Dale Betcher and Connie L. Betcher, debt / contract.

Civil Minutes

Jamie K. Gray and Christopher B. Gray, divorce granted.

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Barbecue Dinner is this Saturday night, February 18th, at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center. Fire Chief Joe is cooking barbecue brisket, chicken, ribs and sausage. There will also be potato salad, beans and dessert—all for \$6.00. Come out and have a great dinner and visit with your friends and neighbors and members of the Fire Control Group. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and runs until about 7:30 p.m.

The Battle Creek Coonhunter's Association will be at the dinner and at the firehouse directly before and after dinner. Stop by the firehouse and visit with

members of this local Cottonwood organization and see the coon dogs.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21st at the firehouse.

The next Cottonwood Musical is on Friday, March 2nd. Musicians from all around the area come out to Cottonwood and perform. Come out and hear them. You'll have a good time.

Louie Raymond Woody, better known as "Buster" Woody, passed away last Friday morning at his home in Belfalls, Texas. He was 89. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 18th

at the Ward Street Church of Christ in Marlin, with burial following at 2:30 p.m. in the cemetery at Oenaville. Visitation is from 4 until 7 p.m. Friday at the Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple. Our prayers go out to his family.

You might remember Buster from guest speaking at the Cottonwood Historical Association meeting a few years ago or from his visits to Cottonwood. Buster was born in Cottonwood and never missed an opportunity to talk about his hometown.

His poem "Cottonwood is My Hometown" appears in the opening pages of the Cottonwood Cookbook. As a tribute to Buster—and all sons and daughters of Cottonwood and to new Cottonwood folks who've come to love our community—we are reprinting Buster's poem.

Cottonwood is My Hometown

By Buster Woody

Many years ago I left my home to seek my fortune grand, I searched the whole world over for a place to make my stand. No matter where I wander, no matter what I found, Cottonwood kept calling: "It's my hometown."

I've travelled and I've rambled all over the USA. When people ask me where I'm from, this what I say. There's a little town in Texas on God's hallowed ground, They call it Cottonwood and it's my hometown.

When in a crowd of people, and I feel so all alone, I just up and tell them of a place that I call home. Then I feel like bragging and a tooting my own horn, Cause I'm a son of Cottonwood that's where I was born.

Now I'm tired and weary of all this running round, I need a place to call my own and to settle down. So, I'm going back to Texas, where my life I'll spend. Cottonwood is my pot of gold at the rainbow's end.

Upcoming Events? Contact

THE CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The CP Chamber of Commerce wants to know what your upcoming event is! We are putting together a community event calendar!

Any upcoming events you know of, please contact us and let us know!
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Fax 254-725-4184
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Keepsake Calendars

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

A huge thank you to Teri Brown who designed the calendar. The calendars are \$10.00 each and are available at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center, the Library, the Bank, Ray's Barber Shop, Connie's, Cross Plains Review and many other places around town. They make a very inexpensive gift that will last all year long and a great keepsake! All proceeds benefit the center. Our deepest apologies to Project Pride as we left them out in the past article. They are a great supporter.

Thank you all so much!!

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

February 6-9, 2012

Patrons: 136
Books Checked Out: 147
Programs: 15
Lapsit 4
Other 11
Copies: 147
Internet Users: 38
Reference: 7

Memorials:

Eddy and Kim (Tatom) Gibson
In Memory of Margaret McNeel

Donnel and Imogene Clark

In Memory of James Alexander

Charles and Nancy Rodenberger
In Memory of James Alexander

Jane Cutbirth Bonner

In Memory of James Alexander and Margaret McNeel

Books and Miscellaneous

Donations:

Bob Carter

Volunteers:

Azalee Womack
Gene Dillard
Sue Bennett

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

Love Fund Established for Citanya Scott at Bank

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank to defray funeral expenses for Citanya Scott. Citanya died unexpectedly during the Christmas holidays and her family is in need of assistance during this very difficult time.

You may make contributions at the local bank during their regular working hours. Your will be greatly appreciated.

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February 16, 2012

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.

John Windham

Political advertisement paid for by John Windham Campaign, Donna Whitlock, Treasurer.

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.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 20th- Spanish Classes 6:30pm
Tuesday, 21th- 10:00am Games
Wednesday, 22th- Blood Pressure Checks by Girling
Thursday, 23th- Fish Fry/Jackie Bibby Program 5:00-8:00PM
Friday, 24th- Help For Veterans-call for appointment

Do You Live In The Cottonwood Area?

The Senior Citizens Center is looking for people who live in the Cottonwood area or anyone who is willing to drive to Cottonwood and deliver meals 5 days a week. If you are interested in volunteering please call Amber at 254-725-6521 or 325-201-3342

Snakes Snakes Snakes

Come see and hear Jackie Bibby and a few of his Snakes!!!!

Fish Fry to benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center
108 North Main

Fish, fries, beans, coleslaw, dessert and drink for only \$8.00!!!!

If you don't want to eat, there will be a \$2.00 charge per person at the door to see Jackie Bibby. All children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult!

Thursday, February 23 5-8pm

Exercise Classes

Classes will consist of ZUMBA and other dance exercise. Starting Tuesday, February 28th, 6:00 - 7:00pm, Doors open at 5:45pm.

Each Tuesday at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center 108 North Main Street. These classes are open to anyone of any age!!! There is no cost to the class but a donation of \$2.00 per session or 3 cans of non perishable food would be greatly appreciated! To sign up or for more information, call Amber Thomas at 254-725-6521 or 325-201-3342.

Silent Auction

The Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center is having a silent auction on a quilt from the 1930's in wonderful condition donated by Era Lee Hanke. The quilt pattern is unknown at this time, but if you know the pattern from the picture, please let us know. Please come by, take a look, and bid on this rare piece! The quilt will be available to view at the Senior Citizens Center, 108 Main Street. The silent auction ends February 23, so please make your bids soon.



SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 24

MONDAY- Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Corn, Bread/Dessert/Drink
TUESDAY- Polish Sausage, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Bread/Dessert/Drink.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken and rice, Blackeyed Peas, carrots, Bread/Dessert/Drink
THURSDAY- Beef Spaghetti, Vegetables, Salad, Bread/Dessert/Drink
FRIDAY- Beef Stew, Turnip Greens, Bread/Dessert/Drink

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

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Chisholm House

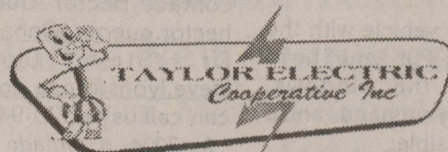
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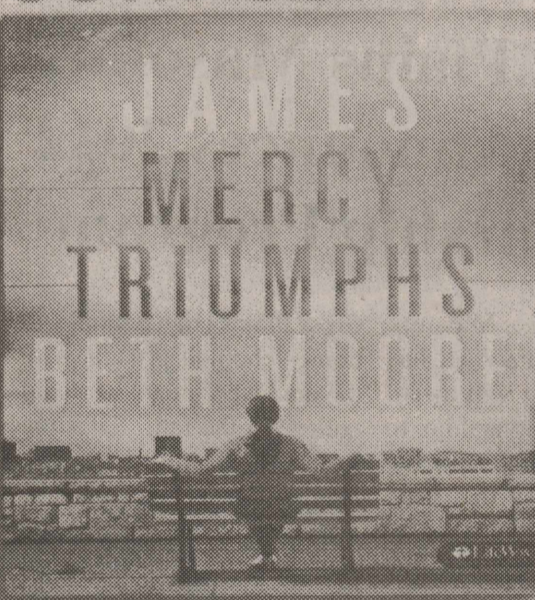
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BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

A Whole New Life

Very few church goers comprehend the truly radical nature of Jesus. He was not a rebellious radical in the sense of a modern 1960's radical. He was simply above nature. The only thing natural about Him was His flesh and blood. His teachings were not natural. No one can naturally love his enemy or bless those who curse them. No one naturally turns the other cheek when physically assaulted. His actions were not natural. No one can heal like He did. No one can walk on water like He did, or still a storm like He did. His actions were not all miraculous unless you count His love and obedience as super natural. He was obedient even in torture and death, forgiving those who drove nails in His hands. What kind of man is this?

Can we grasp this Spirit today? Can we walk this way? We can't with natural strength. This power only comes with resurrection. If we by faith can not embrace a very present resurrected Jesus; we can not die to sin and death and be united with Him into life. When we insist on following a natural way of life, we are dying. When we embrace the living resurrected, beyond nature, Jesus, we live; just like Him.

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433 N. Main St. Worship...6:00p.m. 254-725-6117
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible
Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening
Study...7:00p.m.

School Board Meeting

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees will be in Tier 2 training (Board/Superintendent Training) on **Thursday, February 16, 2012** beginning at **5:00 p.m.** The meeting will take place in the Board Room at Cross Plains High School. **No official business will be conducted.**

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 13, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on February 16, 2012, beginning at 8:00 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. Conduct Public Hearing Concerning the Academic

- Excellence Indicator System (AEIS)
- New Business
 - Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
 - Personnel
 - Resignations
 - Consider H.S. Principal's Contract
 - Consider Boys' Athletic Coordinator's Contract
 - Consider Girl's Athletic Coordinator's Contract
 - Superintendent's Report
 - "Cool Schools Grant Award" Update
 - List of Teachers
 - Board of Election Sign-Up (Feb. 4- March 5)
 - 15% Rule on End-of-Course Exams
 - Adjourn.

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Have you got the "Write" Stuff?

The library is once again sponsoring a writing contest for all students attending, or eligible to attend, the Cross Plains schools. There are three categories: poetry, essay or short story.

Entries will be accepted from grades Pre-K through 12. Home-schooled students may call the library at 254-725-7722, and we'll provide a set of guidelines and entry form. Students in the Cross Plains schools should ask their teachers about the contest. They may enter through the

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 "blind judged". The library will submit the top three overall winners to the *Cross Plains Review* for publication.

Submitted by
Judith Luter

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

FEBRUARY 20- FEBRUARY 24

BREAKFAST

MONDAY- Breakfast Burrito, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
TUESDAY- Sausage-in-blanket, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
WEDNESDAY- French toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk
FRIDAY- Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY- Pizza, Salad, Corn, Rosy-Applesauce and Milk
TUESDAY- Chicken Tenders, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches and Milk
WEDNESDAY- Fiesta Salad (chili beans, cheese, corn chips, rice & salad), Pineapple tidbits and milk
THURSDAY - Vegetable-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Mixed Fruit, and Milk
FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Baked Wedges, Lettuce, tomato & pickles, Cookie and Milk

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed Feb. 19th-25th as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas

Can You Receive a Tornado Warning?

Each year some Texans are surprised by tornadoes or severe thunderstorms. It is vitally important to have more than one way to receive NWS warnings. You can receive NWS warnings from devices such as your cell phone, smart phone, PC, radio, television and NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards. Some communities, universities and private companies are capable of texting or e-mailing NWS warnings to your cell phones or telephones. You can search the internet for these private companies and/or you may contact your university and/or local Emergency Management Office to see if they offer these services in your area.

NOAA All Hazards Radio functions like a smoke detector and warns you anywhere and anytime. This device will automatically alert you of tornadoes, flash floods and severe thunderstorms whether you are asleep or away from your favorite radio station, or TV station, or internet site. You can buy a weather radio at most businesses that sell electronic devices.

TORNADO DRILL ENCOURAGED

The National Weather Service (NWS) in San Angelo encourages all residents and schools across West Central Texas to practice their tornado warning drill on Thursday, February 23rd at 9:30 AM. The NWS in San Angelo will transmit a **Special Message** through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on Thursday February 23rd at 9:30 AM. Because of the test format of this message, it may or may not activate certain NOAA Weather Radios.

TWO SAFETY RULES THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Safety rule number 1- Be sure you can receive warnings from the National Weather Service.

Don't just depend on sirens. Have more than one way to receive your warnings like your cell phone or weather radio.

4-H Photography Project Meeting set for Feb. 29th

The Callahan County 4-H is gearing up for the 2012 4-H Photography Project. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 29th at 6:00 pm at the Callahan County Extension Office. This meeting will be our orientation and kickoff meeting. We will be discussing the rules and guidelines for our County, District and State entries.

We look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

Sirens are used to warn those who are outdoors, and may not be loud enough to awaken you in the middle of the night. NOAA Weather Radio is like a smoke detector that can warn you anytime, both indoors or outdoors. This radio will produce a loud sound when a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service for your area.

Safety rule number 2- Know what to do.

The safest place to survive violent, killer tornadoes is in an approved underground storm shelter or in an above ground storm shelter.

The next safest place is on the lowest floor of your home, school or business in an interior room like a closet, hallway, or bathroom. Stay low to the ground and cover yourself with blankets, pillows, and/or mattresses.

If a tornado approaches and

you live in a mobile home, abandon it for a more substantial shelter. If nothing is available, lie flat in a nearby ditch covering your head and neck.

Tornadoic storms can also produce flash flooding. Watch out when you come to a flooded low water crossing. Always Turn Around, Don't Drown!

In 2007, about 45 Texans drowned when they tried to walk or drive into flooded areas.

When severe weather threatens West Central Texas, your National Weather Service closely coordinates with local emergency managers, volunteer fire fighters, law enforcement officials, SKYWARN storm spotters, storm chasers, and the media to help keep you safe. But you can be your best source for protection when you get a

warning from the National Weather Service if you are "weather ready."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your nearest local emergency manager or you can call us the National Weather Service at 944-9445.

Tornado Drill for Schools on Thursday, February 23rd

February 19th - 25th is **Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week**. Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning. Do you have more than one way to receive a warning including your cell phone?

At approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 23rd, the National Weather Service in San Angelo encourages all schools to practice their tornado drills. We will transmit a special message about the drill through NOAA All Hazards Radio. Some of your local Radio and TV Stations, and Emergency Management offices may also carry this message.

We will transmit the message for the following counties: **Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble, and Mason counties.**

For more information, please contact Hector Guerrero at hector.guerrero@noaa.gov or Dr. Steve Lyons at steve.lyons@noaa.gov or you can call us at 325-944-9445.

In 2004, a tornado drill was conducted on March 3rd by many schools. Then on the following day, March 4th, a severe line of thunderstorms with tornadoes struck west central Texas and even hit a school and produced substantial damage. This drill proved extremely valuable and prepared many schools for this extreme severe weather event.

Tornado Safety Rules

If at home:

If you have a tornado www.fema.gov/mit/saferoom/ %20 safe room or engineered shelter go there immediately.

Go at once to a windowless, interior room; storm cellar; basement; or lowest level of the building.

If there is no basement, go to an inner hallway or a smaller inner room without windows, such as a bathroom or closet.

Get away from the windows.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold on to it.

Use arms to protect your head and neck.

If in a mobile home, get out and find shelter elsewhere.

If at work or school:

Go to the area designated in your tornado plan. The most interior room, on the lowest floor without windows.

Avoid places with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums, cafeterias, large hallways, or shopping malls.

Get under a piece of sturdy furniture such as a workbench or heavy table or desk and hold

on to it.

Get down low with your head against the wall and use your arms to protect head and neck.

If outdoors:

If you are caught outdoors, seek shelter in a basement, shelter or sturdy building.

If you cannot quickly walk to a shelter: Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter.

If in a car:

If flying debris occurs while you are driving, pull over and park. Now you have the following options as a last resort:

Stay in your vehicle with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows, covering with your hands and a blanket if possible.

If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, exit your car, and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding.

Your choice should be driven by your specific circumstances.

Second 4-H Vet Science Meeting set for February 28th

The 2nd 4-H Vet Science meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

The last Vet Science meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27th, so mark your calendar. If you have any questions please call The Extension Office (325) 854-5835.

Hope to see you on February 28th.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA - Ag

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge Announces 2012 Scholarship Program

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627, AF&AM, has announced that it will award three \$1,000 scholarships to deserving graduates in the Cross Plains area this year. Bobby Davis, Worshipful Master of the lodge, said that the amount of the scholarships represents a continuation of last year's successful program and is made possible by generous donations from lodge members that allow accessing matching funds provided by the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas.

The application process will be open to 2012 graduates of

Cross Plains High School and home-schooled graduates in the area who intend to attend college in the fall. Selection will be based upon character, need, demonstrated academic accomplishment and contributions to the community. Applications may be obtained at Cross Plains High School or may be requested via email from crosstexasranch@gmail.com.

All applications must be completed and returned no later than March 31, 2012.

Submitted by
Ed Walt

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Taylor Electric Cooperative offers free trip to Washington, D.C. for three area high school students

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 11-county service area to participate in the annual Government-in-Action - Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital.

The contest and trip to Washington, D.C., is part of a national program that brings together high-achieving students from all over the country for meetings with legislators, social events and educational tours.

Winning essays will address "What are the biggest energy issues for your generation?" Students should write between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the topic.

Essays will be judged by local educators.

The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or will be 16 years of age by this summer and who attends classes in the following school districts: Abilene, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Cross Plains, Eula, Hawley, Highland, Jim Ned, Merkel, Trent, Sweetwater, or Wylie.

Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. leaving June 14, 2012 and returning home June 22, 2012.

The itinerary will include tours to national monuments, the Smithsonian, the FBI, the

Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, the Ford Theater, time for shopping and many more activities.

For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry forms and details can be downloaded online at www.taylorlectric.com.

Click the "Community Connections" tab to learn more about Youth Tour, as well as the Taylor Electric Scholarship program.

The contest deadline is March 1, 2012, when submission entries will close at 5 p.m. For more information, call 325-793-8538.

The Recipe Corner

Peach Pizza

Ingredients

- 1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 9 tablespoons cold butter
- 1 package (8 ounces) reduced-fat cream cheese
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 cup reduced-fat whipped topping
- 4 medium peaches, peeled and diced

Directions

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar and salt. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press onto an ungreased 12-in. pizza pan. Bake at 350° for 15-18 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack.

In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and extract until smooth; fold in whipped topping. Spread over crust. Arrange the peaches on top. Refrigerate leftovers.

Yield: 16 slices.

Nutritional Facts

1 slice equals 180 calories, 10 g fat (7 g saturated fat), 27 mg cholesterol, 142 mg sodium, 20 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 3 g protein.

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

Please refer to Recipe Corner.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs Stresses Importance of Water Management for State's Prosperity

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs released today *The Impact of the 2011 Drought and Beyond* - an analysis of the effects of the severe 2011 drought in Texas, current and future water resources in the state and innovative solutions being used in Texas and elsewhere in the Southwest to solve the water crisis.

"Planning and managing water use will be of utmost importance for the state's growth and prosperity," Combs said. "While recent rains have helped put a dent in drought severity in different parts of the state, we're not out of the woods. Texas is prone to cycles of drought which makes it important for residents, businesses and state and local governments to manage water use. Every Texan has a stake in water issues the state faces."

The Texas Water Development Board's 2012 State Water Plan predicts water demand in Texas will rise by 22 percent by 2060, and estimates that should we experience another "drought of record" like in the 1950s, it

could cost Texas businesses and workers nearly \$116 billion in income by 2060.

The Impact of the 2011 Drought and Beyond looks at innovative water management solutions such as aquifer storage and recovery, used in cities such as San Antonio; the use of treated wastewater for irrigation; and the conversion of brackish groundwater into drinking water (known as desalination).

"We also contacted water planners in cities in New Mexico and Arizona that have grappled with water issues since the 1980s and 1990s. Their strategies range from diversified water portfolios that draw water from different sources, to rebates for landscaping with native, drought-tolerant plants. This water report helps give valuable insight as Texas looks for a broad range of solutions to water issues," Combs said.

The Impact of the 2011 Drought and Beyond can be found online at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/specialrpt/drought/>.

Spring Planting is NEAR Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 FREE Redbud Trees

Here's an ideal way to get into the mood for spring planting: Join the Arbor Day Foundation and receive 10 free trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

Every person from Texas who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in February 2012 will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees.

"Redbuds will add beauty to landscapes across Texas for years to come," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' 73 Tree City USA communities."

For more than 30 years, Tree City USA has supported community forestry across Texas, and planting these lovely redbuds will add to this important tree-planting tradition."

The 10 free Eastern redbud trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, *Arbor Day*, and *The Tree Book*, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29, 2012, or visit arborday.org/ February.

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2012 are 3% lower

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

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, February 8th.

Cross Plains' 2012 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$35,090.42, which is 3.94 percent lower than the \$36,532.52 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2011.

The payment to the city for February 2012 was \$19,556.25, which is 5.43 percent lower than the February 2011 payment of \$20,680.91 to the city.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today, Wednesday, February 8th, that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2 billion, up 9.5 percent compared to January 2011.

"Sales tax revenue continues to grow in almost all major economic categories and revenue has now increased for 22 consecutive months," Combs said. "The recent monthly increase was led by the oil and natural gas-related sectors. Restaurants and services sectors also showed significant gains."

Combs will send February local sales tax allocations totaling \$708.5 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 8.2 percent compared to February 2011.

Combs distributed \$470.1 million in February 2012 allocations to Texas cities, which is up 6.7 percent from February 2011 and higher by 7.4 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$44.0 million in February 2012 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 10.7 percent compared to February 2011 and higher by 12.6 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$160.9 million in February 2012 sales tax allocations, which is 10.2 percent higher than February 2011 and up 8.8 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$33.5 million in February 2012 allocations, which is 16.9 percent higher than February 2011 and higher by 20.1 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$708.5 million in February 2012, which is 8.2 percent higher than February 2011 and up 8.6 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in December as well as sales by businesses that report tax on a quarterly or annual basis.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
	2011	2012
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$36,532.52	\$35,090.42
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$20,680.91	\$19,556.25

For details of February 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/allocsum/compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2012 started the year 14.36 percent lower than the 2011 payments. The city has received \$21,326.27 in 2012, while the 2011 tax payments to the city totalled \$24,903.97.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2012 was \$12,554.62, which is 21.85 percent lower than the \$16,066.08 payment made to the city in February 2011.

—The 2012 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 7.04 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2011. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$93,233.45 in 2012. The 2011 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$87,095.90.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2012 was \$57,733.46, which is higher by 2.64 percent compared to February 2011 in which a payment of \$56,244.51 was received.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2012 payments to the town totalled \$2,352.24, down 3.41 percent from the 2011 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,435.51.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2012 was \$1,239.71, which is 6.29 percent lower than the February 2011 payment of \$1,322.94.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2012 in Callahan County are higher by 0.68 percent compared to the 2011 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received

sales tax payments in 2012 amounting to \$152,002.38 while the 2011 payments to the county towns totalled \$150,967.90.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of February 2012 were \$91,084.04, which is 3.42 percent lower than the February 2011 payment of \$94,314.44.

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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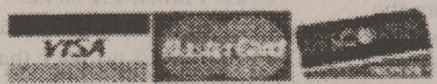
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NOTICE FOR BIDS

The City of Clyde will receive bids for the construction of roadway, water, and sanitary sewer for the Fox Hollow Addition in Clyde, Texas, until 3:00 p.m. on February 29, 2012 at the City Secretary's Office in City Hall, Telephone (325) 893-0068. Physical Address: 222 Oak Street, Clyde, Texas 79510. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1155, Clyde, Texas 79510.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:15 p.m. on February 29 in the Council Chambers.

Bids are invited for several items related to the following:
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 2. Construction of water and sanitary sewer.
 3. Construction of channel for drainage.
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 The City of Clyde reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding.
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 Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: May 10, 2012 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., May 11, 2012 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
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free. Don't put this off any longer as there are harder standards coming in 2014 and any previous tests that were passed will not count and you will have to start all over!

If you have not signed up, then call the library at 254-725-7722.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

Membership Drive Continues for Project Pride

Response has been good for the 2012 membership year for Project Pride with memberships arriving daily. Thus far folks from 8 states have responded and about equal numbers from the local area and from across the state. It is obvious that there is a lot of support for Cross Plains and all it has to offer.

Most of the organization's budget goes into the operation and upkeep of the Robert E. Howard Museum. For an old house built in the early 1900's, this is quite a challenge to say the least. The original part of the house has been restored to what it was when Howard lived there with his parents from 1919 until his death in 1936. An additional room had been added to the house by later owners and this had been made into a gift shop and work area.

Probably 85 percent of the wearing apparel in the shop has been screen printed or embroidered right here locally by Salamander's, with new orders going to the local business. Books that are sold have been made available to Project Pride at an extremely generous agreement with the authors. The afternoon

before the Howard Days officially kick-off in June is pure organized chaos as the authors descend on the Museum to make their donations and arrangements for sales and to immediately buy each others books.

Although the annual Howard Days with its two full days of activities involving the public Library, the school, the community center and local businesses take a lot of time, Project Pride helps with many community events throughout the year.

The group is still accepting memberships and volunteers. Project Pride offers a truly amazing opportunity to promote Cross Plains to the world and to mingle with folks from around the world who make Cross Plains their destination of choice.

Memberships remain at \$3.00 per individual and \$5.00 per family and may be mailed to Project Pride, PO Box 534, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Feel free to call Arlene at 254-725-4993 or Era Lee at 254-725-6562 for more information.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 4, 2012 through February 10, 2012 include:

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DIANA MILLER



Presenting Lifetime Membership Award — Julene Frank (front, from left) gives Eva Fleming the elite honor. Club members, Janette Dugger (back, from left), Mary Ella Weaver, Diana Miller and Billie Kelly look on.



Preparing "Welcome Home" Bags — Cross Plains Garden Club will present residents of the Rising Star Nursing Home with goodies when they return home.

First, thank you ladies for taking care of the Cross Plains Garden Club. We wish you both a beautiful and blessed Valentine's Day!

Thank you God for the Nourishing Snow!

The Cross Plains Garden Club met at the home of Janette Dugger on Friday, February 10, 2012. The day was a whirlwind of activity. Vice-President/Treasurer Julene Franke presented the District VIII Garden Club Life Membership Award to President Eva Fleming in recognition of her years of service to the gardening community. Eva has served as president of the Cross Plains Garden Club from 2005 to date, and continues in that capacity.

Members present for the award were: Janette Dugger, Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Billie Kelly, Diana Miller and Mary Ella

Weaver. Guest Frances Thornton was also present. Members unable to attend were Mary Bean, Norma Farmer, Sandy Lusk, Wanda Martin and Marqueta Westbrook.

Gift bags for the Rising Star Nursing Home were assembled. The CPGC enjoyed a lively afternoon of creativity and fellowship as they filled the bags with fun treats for the homecoming of the Rising Star Nursing Center residents.

Final plans for the After School Program at the Cross Plains Public Library, scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th at 4:00 p.m. were completed. Mary Ella will direct the show and tell of potato and tomato planting techniques. The children will participate in the planting activities. Adults are welcome. Members planned their trip to

Coleman for the District VII convention slated for March 9th and 10th.

Plans for our best ever CPGC plant sale continued. A review of sale plants and materials were conducted. A date of March 23rd was scheduled at the home of Mary Ella to assemble votives and decorative votive holders for the sale. The Annual Cross Plains Garden Club Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 13th. Please mark your calendars now!

No regular meeting is scheduled for March due to the special programs planned for that month. Visitors and new members are welcome to attend the scheduled activities during March or to assist in our April 13th plant sale. Please contact us at (254) P725-7434 or (254) 725-9418 with any questions or comments.



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Valentine Luncheon hosted at Clyde Library

A Valentine luncheon was hosted by the Clyde Public Library Board on Monday, February 13th, for members of the Cross Plains Public Library. A lunch of homemade soups, cornbread, almond tea, and peach cobbler was served by Linda Cavanaugh, Sheila Barrow, Barbara Steph, Jan Smedley, and Rose Ann Kniffen. The Cross Plains guests included Linda Burns, Wilma Lawrence, Bob Childress, Ann Beeler, Kathy Anderson, Wallace Bennett, Helen Parson and Michelle Kaiser.

The group shared on-going projects, such as Clyde's new genealogy and technology seminars, and Cross Plain's author presentations and book-and-movie roundtables for teens. Both sponsor summer reading programs for children, staffed by volunteers. Cross Plains Library plans to share its special space program presentation with interested Clyde patrons next year. A report on circulation statistics showed that all numbers are up. These volunteer board members are very encouraged with the growing use of the

library system in the county, and they will work to ensure that library services continue to offer a wide range of services for all ages. The loss of some state funding for all libraries has hit the smaller libraries the hardest, so both always welcome donations of books, videos, genealogy materials, volunteer time, and suggestions. Clyde Library will be hosting a meeting of the Friends of the Library. Call 893-5315 to join for a small donation.

Submitted by Sheila Barrow

Texas Trivia Contest Postponed

The Cross Plains Public Library Board of Directors regrets to announce that the Texas Trivia Contest scheduled for Saturday, February 25th, has been postponed. At the board's monthly meeting, discussion centered on the upcoming schedule of events for the library and it was decided to forego any further planning for the trivia contest at this time.

According to board president Wilma Lawrence, "We are continually working to provide quality services to the community, but we still need to keep an eye on the bottom line and the resources we have available. Those resources also include people; our board, staff and volunteers are very busy working on current projects and we felt it was best to alleviate the workload by postponing the contest. We are careful in our planning and scheduling, but sometimes events happen that are unexpected."

That unexpected event was the early arrival of a main landing gear tire flown on the Space Shuttle *Columbia* and several other NASA artifacts. "The wheels of government usually turn very slowly," said board member Michelle Kaiser, "but they can speedup when you least expect it. We started the paperwork for these artifacts over a year ago and we didn't expect them to arrive until next month, after the Trivia Contest had

ended. We are excited to finally receive the show pieces for our space exhibit, but now our deadlines have been moved up by a month and our workers have shifted into high gear to have the exhibit completed in time."

In addition to the early arrival of items for the upcoming space exhibit, the much-anticipated GED classes are set to begin March 5th. The library has filed the paperwork to become a satellite of Abilene ISD's Adult Education program and board members Kathy Anderson, Kaiser and Library Director Linda Burns are currently attending classes for instructors and aides. Anderson, who will teach the classes, states that nine students have signed up already.

Among all of this activity, the grants committee team of board members Kaiser, Ginny Hoskins and Colburn Tucker just filed for three Texas Book Festival grants; 1) to add to the adult fiction and non-fiction collections, specifically the Texana collections, books on CDs western paperbacks and current best-sellers; 2) for literacy projects including the aforementioned GED classes, future Book-to-Movie events, LAP and LAPsit supplies and awards for the Lou Rodenberger Student Writing Contest; and 3) to upgrade the computers with Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010, and add a wireless

printer and chromebooks. The committee is also preparing the final report to the Trull Foundation for the "Food For Fines" program and applied last week to be a part of the 2012-2013 National endowment for the Arts program - The Big Read - to promote literacy and increase reading among all ages and reading levels.

Director Burns recently filed the final paperwork for the P.E.A.R.L. grant and will travel to Denton to receive the award in March. She just completed the second teen and adult "Book-to-Movie" events and has announced the selections for the third. Author, historian and board member Ann Beeler is nearly finished with the first stage of the digitization of the town's fire scrapbook and other board members are compiling data for the space exhibit.

Texas Trivia Contest chairman Judy Luter summed it up, saying, "The library strives to bring the best programs to our patrons and our community and sometimes that requires us to make sacrifices."

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have already purchased tickets, please stop by the library or call 254-725-7722 for a full refund.

Submitted by
Cross Plains Public Library
Board of Directors

USDA 2012 DCP & ACRE Sign-up started January 23rd

Callahan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Robert Frost, announced that sign-up for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) Program started on January 23, 2012 and continues through June 1, 2012.

"I encourage producers to make an appointment with our office to sign-up for program benefits," said Frost.

Eligible DCP participants receive a direct payment and/or a counter-cyclical payment. Direct payment rates are established by statute

regardless of market prices. FSA reminds producers that the 2008 Farm Bill does not authorize advance direct payments. Counter-cyclical payments vary depending on market prices, and are issued only when the effective price for a commodity is below its target price (which takes into account the direct payment rate, market price and loan rate).

ACRE protects producers from farm market revenue declines when revenue triggers are met for a commodity at both the state and farm level. Farms that are already enrolled in the Direct and Counter-

Cyclical Program (DCP) for a crop year can elect to switch to ACRE before the end of sign-up.

Both DCP and ACRE participants must sign annual contracts to be eligible for program benefits. All signatures of producers who will receive a share of DCP and ACRE payments must be on file by the June 1, 2012 deadline.

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No Explanation for Pennsylvania's Purple Squirrel

State College, Pa.--February 10, 2012--AccuWeather.com reports a Pennsylvania couple trapped, of all things, a purple squirrel on Sunday. Percy and Connie Emert, of Jersey Shore, PA, caught the unusual animal when trying to keep birds safe from the rodents. "We have bird feeders out in our yard, and the squirrels are constantly into them," said Jersey Shore resident Connie Emert. "My husband traps them and then sets them free elsewhere so they don't get into your bird feeders."

Emert said she had spotted a purple squirrel on her property but no one believed her.

"I kept telling my husband I saw a purple one out in the yard. 'Oh sure you did' he kept telling me," said Emert. "Well, he checked the trap around noon on Sunday and sure enough, there it was."

"The squirrel's been eating peanuts. That's what we used in the trap," she continued. The Emerts do not know why the squirrel is purple.

"We have no idea whatsoever. It's really purple. People think we dyed it, but honestly, we just found it and it was purple."

The Emerts released the squirrel back into the wild on Tuesday. Some AccuWeather.com meteorologists have their own theories. Expert Senior Meteorologist Henry Marquity said, "The squirrel could have been looking for somewhere warm and fallen into a port-a-potty or something similar."

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Senior Meteorologist, Dan Kottowski has a different idea. "Squirrels get into all kinds of stuff. He could have gotten into some purple ink or purple paint at some point."


Purple ink was the theory when people saw a purple squirrel called Pete in the U.K. in 2008. There were no theories when another purple squirrel was spotted in 1997.

Krish Pillai, a professor at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, commented that "This is not good at all. That color looks very much like Tyrian purple. It is a natural organobromide compound seen in molluscs and rarely found in land animals. The squirrel (possibly) has too much bromide in its system."

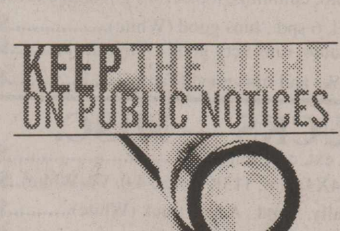
Jeff Moore, another Facebook commenter, suggested that "Someone from PETA threw paint on it."

Ruth Dixon, said that she had a rabbit with purple fur. "I think it's a genetic foul-up. The rabbit had other problems worse than his color."

Local squirrel enthusiast Erik Stewart said, "If it has white hair on it at all, it's probably not dyed. I've had multiple squirrels as pets, though, and I've never seen a purple one. I've seen dark red, light red, gray and brown, but never purple. Also, I've tried to dye my dog before, and trust me it didn't look like this. Though, I've only seen a picture, so your guess is as good as mine."



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The dates for 2012 blood drives are: March 13, May 8, July 3, August 28, October 23 and December 18.

Thank you on behalf of Frances Baker, blood donor supervisor for Meek Blood Center and Helen Parson, local blood drive chairman.

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

now being considered. Currently, we have copies of the *Cross Plains Review*, the books "Footsteps of approaching Thousands" and "Cross Plains Remembered" a 2011 Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a church bulletin from First United Methodist Church's 125th celebration and a picture of their float in the Centennial parade, the frock worn by Conan, the Barber in "Murder at the Barbarian Festival, and photos of the 2005 fire. If you have an item that you would like to have included, fill out this form and return it to the library. Items become the property of the library. Not all items can be included due to limited space in the time capsule, and all decisions will be at the discretion of the library board of directors. If you item is chosen, we will contact you for its acquisition.

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

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ATTENTION: Centurion Landowners

Be Included in "Cross Plains Remembered" Volume 2

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cross Plains, we want to honor the ranchers and farmers who helped grow this wonderful town.

If your family has owned ranching or farming land continually for 100 years or more and you consider Cross Plains your home, please be a part of our display that is housed in the Cross Plains Public Library. Our display includes albums that contain the history and story of the landowners and a large plaque that lists these families and the year their land was purchased.

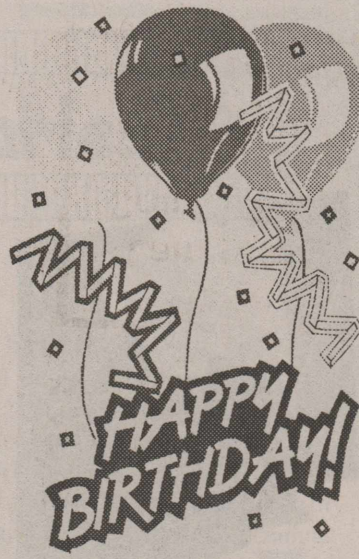
Teri Brown and the Barbarian Committee are in the process of putting together a second volume of "Cross Plains Remembered" that will be published and ready to sell at the 2012 Barbarian Festival and Howard Days celebration. The landowners family history and stories will be a part of the upcoming book.

To be a part of "Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2, we need your information in our albums displayed in the library. For more information and if you have questions, please call **Jean McWilliams 254-725-6455** or **Jane Cutbirth Bonner 254-725-6257**.

Submitted by **Jane Bonner**

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The Anson Opera House Country Musical show will be held Saturday, February 18th 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.

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In Appreciation

When my precious Dad, Bill Gunn, passed away January 27th, I struggled with planning a special service to illustrate what an amazing Dad, Papa, teacher, coach, administrator and friend he was.

The funeral service held at the Baird United Methodist Church Monday, January 30, captured the true essence of Bill Gunn. Pastor Sandra Keith did a wonderful job relating Dad's life story to the crowd. Tommy Varner and Keith Watkins related stories of their lives being touched by my Dad.

The music performed by my son-in-law, Bowdy Thomas, was beautiful. The pallbearers, who carried my Dad to his final resting spot, were each uniquely special to him. Skip and Pat Parker did an amazing job and were such a comfort to us. The United Methodist women lovingly prepared a delicious lunch for our family and Elaine Stephenson created beautiful floral remembrances.

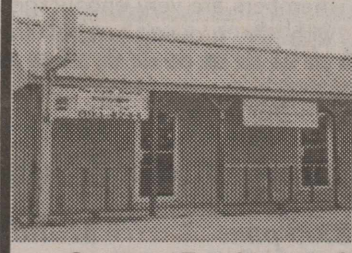
To each of you who called, sent cards and flowers, prepared food and offered up prayers in our behalf, we will be forever grateful.

To the people of Callahan county who quietly watched over Dad before he moved to Goldthwaite and kept him safe as he struggled with Alzheimers, we offer our undying gratitude.

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