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Tiffany McCaghren Recognized for Volunteer Service

Tiffany McCaghren, of Cross Plains, has been honored for her exemplary volunteer service with a President's Volunteer Service Award.

The award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of President Barack Obama. Tiffany participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Cross Plains High School in Cross Plains where she is a student.

Tiffany is among a select group of talented and dedicated young people who volunteer and serve their community. "We are fortunate to have a student body who recognizes the value of serving others and who willingly support our school and community," said Tiffany's principal, Mrs. Diana Dobbins.

Sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NAASP), The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program recognizes young people across America for outstanding community service activities. More than 345,000 young people across America have been considered for these awards since the program began in 1995.

"The recipients of these awards vividly demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities," said John R. Strangfeld, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial. "In



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recognizing these students and placing a spotlight on their volunteer service activities, we hope to motivate others to consider how they can also contribute to their community."

"Demonstrating civic responsibility through community volunteerism is an important part of life," said NAASP Executive Director JoAnn Bartoletti. "These Honorees practice a lesson we hope all young people, as well as adults, will emulate."

Program applications were distributed last September through all public and private middle level and high schools, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapter, YMCAs, and affiliates of HandsOn Network. After Local Honorees were named, state-level judges selected

State Honorees, Distinguished Finalists and Certificate of Excellence recipients. Volunteer activities were judged on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth.

NAASP, based in Reston, Va., is the preeminent organization of and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals and aspiring school leaders from across the United States and more than 45 countries around the world. Prudential Financial, based in Newark, N.J., provides more than 50 million individual and institutional customers worldwide with life insurance, annuities, retirement-related services, mutual funds, investment management, and real estate services.

Vehicle Accident Claims Cross Plains Resident

Shana Trashell Reed, 25 of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, February 24, 2012, when the 2011 GMC SUV she was riding in headed westbound on Texas Highway 36 attempted to turn south onto County Road 459 (near West Caddo Peak).

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported Cody Leon Reed, 29, turned in front of an eastbound 2004 Ford pickup driven by Rikki-Ann Bennett France. The pickup struck the SUV in the passenger side at 6:14 p.m. the report stated.

Shana Reed was transported to Hendrick Medical Center where she was pronounced dead at 7:30 p.m. by Taylor County Justice of the Peace Brian Smith.

Friday night's trip to Abilene was a caravan of family members (several vehicles) who were en route to a celebration of Shana and her twin sister Christin's birthday.

Shana was five months pregnant with a baby girl, the couple had already named Kennedy Raelynn

Reed. The crash also resulted in injuries to her husband Cody Reed, son 2 year old Kutter Reed, Rikki-Ann France and her husband David France. The injured were taken to Hendrick Medical Center and listed in good condition.

A Hendrick Medical Center spokesperson said 2 year old Kutter Reed was discharged on Friday, while Cody Reed, Rikki-Ann France and David France were discharged on Saturday.

Everyone involved in the accident were from Cross Plains.

Services were Held for Shana (Hyles) Reed Monday, February 27th

Shana Trashell (Hyles) Reed, age 25, passed from this life into the presence of her heavenly Father on February 24, 2012 in Abilene at Hendrick Medical Center. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 27th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie White officiating. Burial followed in the Family Cemetery, FM 2287, Cross Plains.

She was born on February 25, 1986 in Comanche, Texas. Shana married Cody Reed on April 28, 2007 in Callahan County, Texas. The couple were blessed with a son, Kutter, and they were expecting a daughter in the summer. She was employed as a teacher's aide in the Special Ed Department in the Cross Plains High School.

Survivors include her husband and son, Cody Reed and Kutter of the home; parents Frankie Hyles and wife Kelli; mother Shelly Allred; sisters Christin Bullock and husband Shawn,



Shana (Hyles) Reed

Mykea Mackey and husband Scott, and Kelbi Hyles; brother Cody Hyles; father and mother-in-law Rusty and Debbie Reed; brother-in-law Matt Reed and wife Krisi, all of Cross Plains; grandparents Jim Hargrove and wife Cliffadean of Cross Plains, Carl and Joan Daves, James and Carol Hyles and Mickey and Priscilla Rutherford; nephews Jordan, Ryan, Ryder, Rylen, Tanner Trampas and Tyler.

Local Student/Athlete Named to 2012 FCA All-Star Squad

Abilene—Lauren Goode of Cross Plains High School has been chosen as part of the girl's basketball squad to participate in the 13th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic, to be held Saturday, June 2, 2012 in Abilene.

Lauren is the daughter of Elvan and Mariah Goode. She was one of 134 area student athletes selected for the game

which benefits the Big Country Area Office of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Representing approximately 50 area schools, the rosters for the North and South squads were announced at a press conference on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at Beltway Park Baptist Church in Abilene.

The young All-Stars were nominated by their head coaches for the game, which features

schools from an approximate 100-mile radius of Abilene covering 36 counties.

Representatives from Class A-5A make up the squads. They will report for two-a-day workouts on Wednesday, May 30, 2012. There will be lots of activities that they will be involved in during that time and will be honored at a Victory Banquet on April 22nd, at the Abilene Civic Center.

Annual Strategic Planning Session

The City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation is holding their annual Strategic Planning Session on March 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 N. Beech Street.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and express their suggestions as to the direction they would like to see Cross Plains moving. Speaker for the evening is Charlotte Parrack. Ms. Parrack

is from Brownwood and is versed in the area of community development and is a very talented motivation speaker. For more information contact City Hall at 254-725-6114.

Cottonwood Musical Set for Friday, March 2

The next Cottonwood musical will be March 2, 2012. In keeping with the March theme of St. Patrick's Day, Shepherd's Pie and Soda bread will on the menu, along with the sandwiches, drinks and desserts. The kitchen opens at 5:00 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Also Cottonwood T-shirts will be on sale at the musical.

For musical information or Cottonwood T-shirt details, contact Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

Come to the Cottonwood Community Center March 2nd and be prepared for a night of good food and great entertainment!

Submitted by
Cookie Robinson

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NO NEW Filings in the Local Elections

There are no new candidate filings in the Cross Plains School Board Trustee or the City Council elections. Time is running out, as **March 5, 2012** is the deadline to announce your intentions.

The 3 year term of school board trustees Michael Cowan and Jim Cook and the 2 year term of Bryan Bennett are ending. Only Bennett has filed for re-election to the 2 year position.

You may file for the trustee race

at the Superintendent's office during their regular hours.

Mayor Ray Purvis and councilmen Jerry Cassle and Bob Kirkham are ending their 2 year terms. All three incumbents have filed for re-election.

File for city council positions at the City Hall during their regular hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They are open through the lunch hour for your convenience.

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 DEADLINE is FRIDAY, March 2nd

Only a few days are left to get your family, your friends and your organization into the new *Cross Plains Remembered—Volume 2* book. The deadline is Friday, March 2nd.

Bring your old photographs, newspaper clippings and whatever you think we can use to the Senior Center for one last scanning date from noon until 5 p.m. on Friday. There will be two scanners set up and we'll scan as much as we can for the book.

What kind of items are we looking for to put into Volume 2? Photos of businesses; parade and parade floats; school events and teachers; church groups; organizations; quilting clubs; civic groups, etc.; your parents,

grandparents and your family. Bring in what you have and we'll try to use it in the book. The most requested photos: The Christmas tree in the middle of the street and the soda fountain at Bryan's Variety. You might have just the photos we've been looking for.

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 will have photos from Burkett, Pioneer, Cross Cut, Atwell, Cottonwood and the surrounding areas. If you have photos of people and places from one of these areas, please get them to us for the book.

We'd also like to get current photos of the businesses and organizations. Teresa Koenig

will be by to take a picture of the building and employees for the book. You might want to write up a short history of your business, or find some old photos of your business to go with the current photo.

Thanks so much to everyone who responded with a yearbook. If you'd like, you can mail your photos, information and history to Barbarian Festival Committee, P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443—but do it quick. To send photos by email, send them to: teri@cottonwoodtexas.com.

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 is coming together quickly, you won't want to miss this opportunity to get your family in the book!

Church Directory

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

David Braun, Pastor
 Church (254) 725-6266

Friendly Church Bible Teaching

Triple Cross Cowboy Church

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

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

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints
 Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
 Pastor Max Evans
 For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

Pioneer Baptist Church

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

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 Cell 325-220-1717
 Sunday School Sunday Worship
 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street
www.crossplainsfumc.org

First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM
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County Jail passes another annual inspection

Callahan County Jail in Baird, one of the oldest operating jails in the state, passed its annual inspection on Tuesday, February 21st, according to County Sheriff John Windham.

According to the inspection report, there were no deficiencies noted and the facility was found to be in compliance.

The inspection was performed by Jimmy Barton, Texas Commission of Jail Standards Inspector. In a letter to the Sheriff Windham, Barton said the facility was inspected on February 21st. State law requires periodic inspections of county jail facilities in Texas be performed by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The inspection took three and one-half hours to complete.

On the inspection date, the County Jail in Baird had four prisoners. The jail has a capacity of 10. The County Jail has an average daily population of 6.12 prisoners. According to the report, Callahan County had another seven prisoners housed at Taylor County in Abilene and another two prisoners housed at the Eastland County Jail.

During the Commissioners' Court meeting on Monday, February 27th, the commissioners voted to approve the annual jail inspection. Judge Roger Corn and the county commissioners commended Sheriff Windham and the rest of the Sheriff's Department staff for the good inspection report. On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court approved the inspection by 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 9:33 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 minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, there were none.

—Michelle Kiser representing the Cross Plains Public Library discussed with the commissioners' court a new exhibit featuring a main landing gear tire from the Space Shuttle Columbia. This will be the centerpiece of a traveling exhibit. Ms. Kiser was

offering a sponsorship to Callahan County for a cost of \$50.00. This will aid in the cost of shipping the tire to Cross Plains and sending it back at the end of the three year loan. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to give the Cross Plains Public Library \$50.00 now and look at putting in the budget for 2012-2013 another \$50.00 to be awarded later. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The ban remains lifted in Callahan County.

—After discussion, Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign a Depository Agreement with First National Bank of Baird. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the new members of the Callahan County Historical Commission. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Callahan County Historical Commission members include: Lee Abernathy, Abilene; Sheila Barrow, Clyde; Virginia Beard, Baird; Billy Beard, Baird; Donna Bell, Baird; Wallace Bennett, Cross Plains; Carol Bennett, Cross Plains; Sue Blair, Clyde; Donnell Clark, Cross Plains; Bill Coots, Clyde; Jane Coots, Clyde; Roger Corn, Baird; Barbara Corn, Baird; Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon; Hubert Donaway, Putnam; Marlene Donaway, Putnam; John Estes, Abilene; Tom Ivey, Baird; Rolan Jones, Cross Plains; Mike Konczak, Baird; Jan Loper, Abilene; Judy Luter, Cross Plains; Barbara Manion, Baird; Felix Manion, Baird; Susan McNeel (Emeritus), Cross Plains; Joanne Moomaw, Baird; Ted Moomaw, Baird; Bob Robinson, Baird; Cookie Robinson, Baird; Beverly Ross, Cross Plains; Elnora Scott, Clyde; Jamie Turner, Clyde; Dana Voigts, Baird; Paula Windham, Clyde; Allen Wright, San Angelo; and Georgia Yawn, Abilene.

—Commissioner Farmer made the motion to pay the approved bills and Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:24 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which then carried with a 5-0 vote.

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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 for 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.

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 11, 2012 through February 17, 2012 include:

Cases Investigated
 Warnings—336
 Complaints—64
 DWI—1
 Possession of Marijuana—1
 Fugitive Arrest—1

Vehicle Accidents
 There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Mark Douglas Manning, assault.

Grenviel D. Tutt, possession of marijuana.

Veronica Sterling, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Gilbert D. McGough, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

David J. Lucas, order on motion to revoke pending.

Leslie E. Cordes, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of jus-

tice.
 Zachary W. Meehan, plea of guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$314 court costs, \$2682.70 restitution.

Marriage Licenses

Zoie Daniell Wagley and Alyssa Suzanne Johnson, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

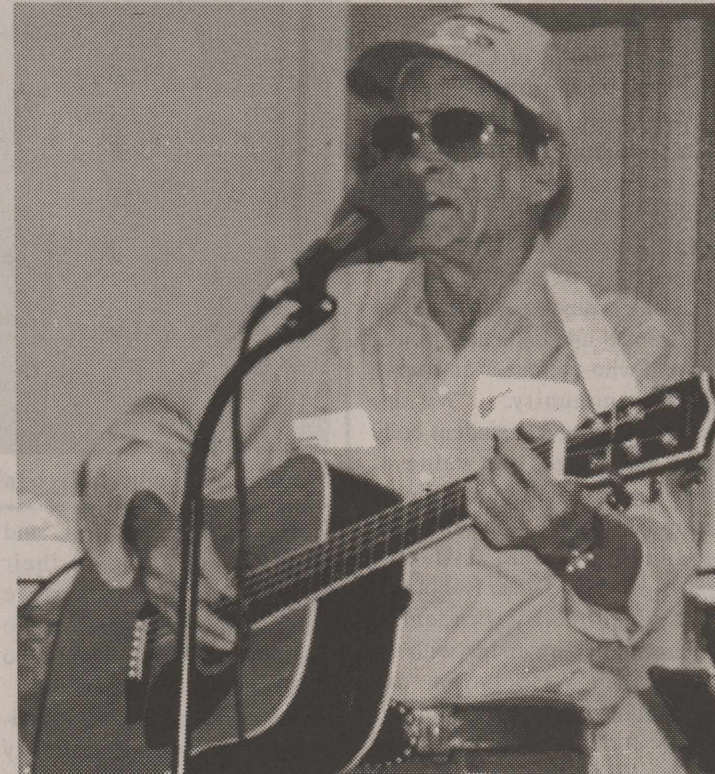
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Information & Complaints

Melodie Y. Walton, possession of controlled substance.

Sidney D. Walton, possession of controlled substance.

Grenviel D. Tutt, possession of controlled substance.



CHUCK PATRICK PICTURED WITH HIS GUITAR.

Chuck Patrick featured musician for March Cottonwood Musical

Charles O'Malley Patrick (his real name is Chuck Patrick) is the featured musician for the month of March 2012 at the Cottonwood Musical!

When we first asked Chuck Patrick to emcee the Cottonwood musicals, little did we know, we had found our gold at the end of the rainbow! He does a wonderful job keeping the musicals flowing smoothly. His kindness shows in his dealings with the musicians and audiences alike.

Chuck and his wife Lynn live east of Cross Plains near the community of Pioneer. During his childhood, Chuck lived in Sweetwater, Texas.

Chuck first developed an interest in playing a musical instrument when he was about six years old and his dad gave him a guitar with Gene Autry's picture on it. (What young man of that age could resist Gene Autry "the singing cowboy".)

After Chuck had learned three chords, his dad entered him in a talent contest and when he heard the applause from the audience, he was hooked on becoming a

musician. Chuck is very multi-talented and now plays an electric bass, the harmonica, and the guitar. His favorite music to play is Country Gospel and he never fails to sing "How Great Thou Art" sometime during the night, at each musical.

His favorite Country artist is Don Williams, although he does a great job with Johnny Cash's songs and does a fantastic rendition of Johnny Horton's "Whispering Pines". Yet, he says Jimmy Wakely and George Morgan influenced him the most in his musical career.

One of the funniest incidents which Chuck recalls happened on stage when he was playing a Worlitzer guitar and the amplifier started smoking. His little brother jumped up started fanning the smoke and said, "I told you that Chuck was a hot guitarist!"

Thank you, Chuck for helping make the musicals at Cottonwood, Texas enjoyable and memorable for everyone.

The next musical is Friday night, March 2nd.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School

Sunday 9:30 am Sunday
 Morning Worship Evening Worship
 10:45 am 6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
 Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm
 Children's Activities 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

This Friday night is Musical Night. Come out to the Community Center and enjoy some of the area's best musicians. Chuck Patrick will emcee the group. Everyone always has a good time at the musical. Music starts at 5:30. Kitchen opens at 5:00.

Despite the rain, the last Coonhunt was a great success. The Battle Creek Coonhunters report that Mitch Hall from Hamlin won the event with 350 plus points. Ricky Culling won in the Registered category with 50 plus points. Local Cottonwood resident, Ray Dodd is president of the group. The next Coonhunt

and dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 7. That is the day before Easter, so if you have family coming in from out of town, be sure to bring them by to see the coondogs.

This Friday is the deadline for the Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 book which will feature sections on Burkett, Pioneer, Atwell, Cross Cut--and Cottonwood. If you have something that you'd like to see in the book--school photos, family photos, etc., they will be scanning photos this Friday from noon until 5 p.m. at the Senior Center. Or you can email photos, history, etc. to Teri at teri@cottonwoodtexas.com.

Update on Rising Star Nursing Home

We're almost back! We had a preliminary survey on February 15th and it was determined that our project constitutes New Construction and as a result we will need to add even more electrical outlets, higher lumen overbed tables, night light in every room, and several other changes.

The good news is that we have already started on the work and we can admit our residents as soon as the plans for the work are approved in the Life Safety Code

Abilene office.

We are in touch with our residents who are currently in other nursing facilities and the report from them is that they are anxious to "come home" and we are most anxious to have them back. As soon as we get the approval from the office in Abilene, we will begin to bring everyone back to a facility that is bigger, better, stronger than ever.

Submitted by
Johnnie Elliott
Administrator

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Local Garden Club to Present After School Adventure Program

The Cross Plains Garden Club will present the next After School Adventure Program (ASAP) at the Cross Plains Public Library. Members of the club will demonstrate planting tomatoes and potatoes to the attending children. They will be giving great tips on gardening and answering questions about tending and maintaining gardens.

The Garden Club extends the invitation to all ages in the community who are interested in gardening to join us on Wednesday, March 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Scranton Musical this Saturday

The Scranton Musical will be held at the Scranton Community Center Saturday, March 3rd. The kitchen begins serving at 5:30 p.m.

Angela David of Cisco is the hostess this month. A special will be offered of King Ranch Casserole, green beans and hot roll. Sandwiches and homemade pie is also available.

The music starts at 6:00 with Buddy Johnson as emcee. Buddy has a great line up planned. All area musicians are welcome to play. Our crowds have been in the eighties and nineties the last couple of months.

Plan to come out to enjoy a good meal and entertainment for the evening.

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Contact the Review office at 254-725-6111 for details.

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Lenora Joy Treasurer, 525 Stella, Baird, Tx. 79504

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 21-23, 2012

Patrons: 130
Books Checked Out: 143
Programs: 15
Lapsit 9
Other 6
Copies: 120
Internet Users: 39
Reference: 9

Memorials:

Bobbie Hinkle
In Memory of Margaret McNeel and Tommie Bacon

Don and Nancy Davis
In Memory of DeVerl Goode

Cross Plains Class of 1946
In Memory of Troy Crockett

Kenneth and Ann Beeler
In Memory of Tom Andrew Vestal, Jr. and In Memory of Harold Claiborne

Cottonwood Baptist Church
In Memory of Polly Lawson and In Memory of Bill Kelly

Jack and Jan Waggoner
In Memory of James Alexander
In Memory of Starr Alexander Appleton
In Memory of Ray Womack

Books and Miscellaneous Donations:

Curt and Ginny Hoskins

Volunteers:

Gene Dillard

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

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!

Phone 254-725-7251
Fax 254-725-4184
Location 225 SW 5th Street
www.crossplainschamberofcommerce.com

Cross Plains Review Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 5th- Spanish Classes 6:30pm
Tuesday, 6th- 10:00am Games
Wednesday, 7th- Blood Pressure Checks by Girling
Thursday, 8th- ZUMBA 5:00pm
Friday, 9th- 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

Thank You

The CP Senior Center would like to thank everyone who made the Fish Fry Fundraiser a huge success. A very special Thank You to Jackie Bibby who gave his time and shared his snakes and snake tales! Jackie brought many to the fundraiser that the center had never seen before. Thank you to Johnny Rosson, Paul Clark and Bob Kirkham for cooking the fish. Thank you to Eddie McCarty, Wayne Odum, Johnny Rosson, and Lee Thomas for purchasing the fish. Thank you to each of the ladies that baked a dessert for the meal; Connie Kirkham, Lexi Bagley, Era Lee Hanke, Ophelia Merrill, Jewel Purvis, Wilma Lawrence, Lucille Koenig, Geneva Nelson, Sissy Worley, Charla White, Tonya Foster, Cliffadean Hargrove, Jamie Bell and Amber Thomas. Thank you Estier Kerr, Doris Grider, Therennie McCrohan, Bonita Horton, Francis Thorton and Connie Phillips for helping at the door and with clean up. And last but not least Thank You to Vivian Wooten and Cliffadean Hargrove for the many extra hours put in to make all of the fundraisers a success. Thank you each and everyone who came to eat and made a donation.

The winning bid on the beautiful quilt donated by Era Lee Hanke was won by Alton and Jamie Bell. A huge thank you to Era Lee Hanke and The Bells. This was a great fundraiser for the center.

A few weeks ago Jordon Collier, the daughter of Jason and Becky Collier, had her 13th birthday. Instead of presents from her friends and family, Jordon requested that food be donated to the center to help the seniors. An entire table of food was donated in her honor. What an absolutely selfless act of kindness Jordan displayed to the seniors of Cross Plains. Thank you to Jordon and her parents for raising a wonderful child. The center is ever so grateful for the youth today to think about the seniors.

The Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center was honored with a Texas flag flown over the state capital in Austin on January 12, 2011 by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority of Cross Plains. The flag was given to the City of Cross Plains in celebration of the Centennial, and will be displayed at the center. Thank you to Wanda Meryman who made this possible and to all the ladies who donated their time and food to the seniors throughout the entire year.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 5 - MARCH 9

MONDAY- Chicken Tenders, Greens, Bread/Dessert/Drink
TUESDAY- Soft Taco, Spanish Rice, Broccoli, Bread/Dessert/Drink
WEDNESDAY - Macaroni/Beef/Tom., Lima Beans, Bread/Dessert/Drink
THURSDAY- Stuffed Potato w/ Meat, Butter & Cheese, Salad, Bread/Dessert/Drink
FRIDAY- Pizza, Corn, Salad, Dessert/Drink

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

GED Classes Begin Monday, March 5th

The Cross Plains Public Library has completed the paperwork to become a satellite of the Abilene ISD Adult Education program and is now offering GED classes. Have you been waiting for just the right time to get your GED? Did you take classes before but were unable to pass all of the tests?

Well, now is the time to get it done! GED classes will be held on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., beginning March 5th at the library. All books and materials used in the

class are free. Don't put this off any longer, as there are harder standards coming in 2014 and previous tests that were passed will not count and you will have to start all over! Can't make it both nights or can't be here by five? That's okay; we'll accommodate your schedule. If you have not signed up, then call the library at 254-725-7722.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

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Illusion and Reality

Our favorite magician is the one who demonstrates the magic trick to entertain us and then carefully shows us step by step how the illusion occurred. There seems to be something unsettling about not knowing how you were tricked and realizing that children may leave the show believing in an illusion. There is always danger involved when people put faith in magic or other types of superstition.

Illusions come in many forms and often replace reality. When folks pass judgment on others believing they have all the facts, they ignore reality and embrace an illusion. Our modern culture confuses the illusion of religious ritual with genuine faith. What the world rejects as faith is usually not genuine faith but religious ritual. Morality is seen as a repression of freedom. This too is an illusion. When one engages in adultery, promiscuity, or any illicit sensual pursuit, he or she undermines the very freedom they worry about repressing. The same principle applies to other moral issues such as stealing and lying. To see morality as a repression of freedom or rights is an illusion.

God's will and God's way not only leads to real freedom (not trickery) but to genuine life. Genuine trust in Him is no illusion.

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Sara Bien
Breanna Boswell
Zane Fleming
Teresta Hass
Brayden Kidd
Hailey Mauricio
Logan McDaniel
David Mendieta
Noah Moses
Gus Nickerson
Layni Potter
Ryan Reed
Sarah Sanchez
Abbigale Shepard
Jocelyn Smoot

2nd Grade

Jordin Boswell
Torie Forbus
Autum Nickerson
Haylee Nickerson
Callie Sutton

3rd Grade

Kaylee Baas
River Bradley
Lanye Ellis
Chelsea Gartman
Madilynn Shepard

4th Grade

Trent Tollett
Brandi Wipff
Bryana Wipff

5th Grade

Jacy Bien
Kenzie Kleiber
Jackilann Shepard

6th Grade

Katy Jo Morgan
Larson Walker

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March 5th — JH Track Meet @ Cross Plains



March 8th — HS Track Meet @ Cross Plains

Cross Plains Elementary "A-B" Honor Roll for 4th - 6 Weeks

1st Grade

Tanner Mackey
Memphis McGough
Hannah McKinney
Guadalupe Morales

2nd Grade

Jody Collier
Peter Craft
Kashlyn Hunter
Makayla Massey
Kiley Morgan
Alaina Potter
Ashton Powell
Victoria Rodriguez
Hanna Simons
Rylan Sperry
Addison Webb
Rebecca Willis
Lastyn Winfrey

3rd Grade

Caley Box
Wade Byrd
Jordan Hampton
Samuel Horan
Hayley Hughes
Kinlee Mathews
Kolby McKinney
Cody McWilliams
Kylie O'Briant
Roby Odom
Strait Oskins
Corbin Partin
Austin Rankin
Reese Sperry
Abigail Wheeler

4th Grade

Baker Butler
Chloe Hollis
Cody McCoy
Katelynn Parker
Corey Proctor
Lexie Thompson
Josh Wilson
Heather Yates

5th Grade

Ashley Cochran
Hannah Crockett
Ashlyn Millican
TJ Tuley

6th Grade

Wesley Alexander
Sarah Baas
Jordan Collier
Joseph Crockett
Creed Goode
Kaiden Petree
Riley Potter
Sydney Revoir
Edwin Ruiz
Sunbean Wahl
Dakota Willis
Shana Yates

Cross Plains Junior High and High School "A" Honor Roll 4th - 6 Weeks

7th Grade

Hannah Cowan
Grace Goode
Mackenzie Byrd

8th Grade

Rebekah Crockett

9th Grade

Taryn Estes
Megan France
Morgan Manley
Stephen Saltus
Jurnee Thomas
Allanta Wheeler

10th Grade

Michael Carpenter
Nicole Eisenbach
Shelby Thomas

11th Grade

Brandon Roby
Erica Barron
Cheyenne Cowan
Victoria Creamer
Dania Delgadillo
Christopher French
Joe Holland
Katherine Goode
Riley Lawrence
Sheldon Libey

12th Grade

Jayten Ames
Samantha Dickson
Ryder Foster
Lauren Goode
Skyler Halsel
Mitul Patel
Hayley Phillips
Rosa Salazar
Robbie Saltus
Cody Self
Chance Senclair
James Sullivan
Zoie Walker

Cross Plains Junior High and High School "A-B" Honor Roll 4th - 6 Weeks

7th Grade

Nain Martinez
Alexis Mauricio
Ashton Parker
Tristan Potter-Hargrove
Alicia Sanchez
Brandon Waggoner
Loralei Woodard
Kersey Wyatt

8th Grade

Darrin Ames
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Ashley Fulcher
Shelby McWilliams
Landon Posuk
Phoenix Sanders
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Billy Woodard

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Bronc Dillard
Kelbi Hyles
Brenna Kleiber
Kaitlyn Koettel
Bridgette Mayfield
Ariel Sneed

10th Grade

Jaden Kennedy
Cutter Halsel
Colton McWilliams

11th Grade

Ashleigh Dugger
Dakota Gilliam
Blake Hutchins
Kaycee Long
Hayley Megarity
Maci Whitson

12th Grade

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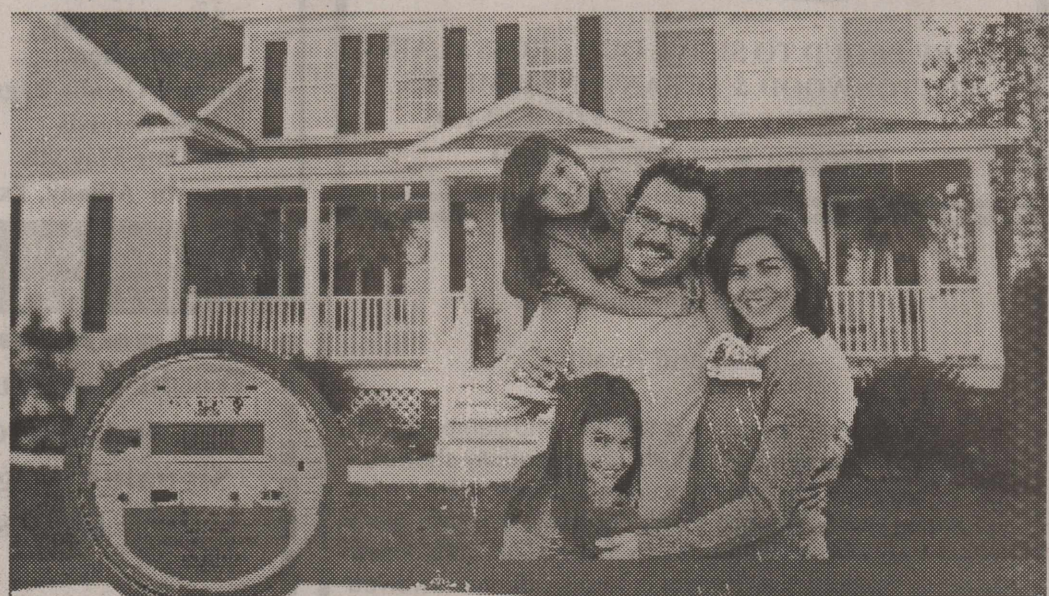
March 30th — AG JUDGING CONTEST @ Cross Plains

April 3, 2012 for UIL Academic Meet being held at Cross Plains I.S.D.

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All-Star Rosters Announce For 2012 FCA All-Star Classic

Who: 2012 North and South All-Stars

What: Player check-in and introductory press conference for the 13th Annual FCA Greathouse All-Star Classic

When: Sunday, Feb. 19th, 2 p.m.

Where: Beltway Park Baptist Church, 4009 Beltway South

The 133 athletes and cheerleaders who will make up the allstar class for the 13th Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic will be announced Sunday.

The 2012 All-Star Classic, a basketball-football doubleheader, is scheduled for Saturday, June 2. The girl's basketball game at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum will tip off at noon followed by the football game at 7 p.m. at Shotwell Stadium.

All proceeds benefit the Big Country Chapter of the FCA. On Sunday, 109 players, 24 cheerleaders and the coaching staffs will be introduced to the media and then attend orientation meetings with organizers and coaches. All participants will be honored again at the All-Star Classic Induction Banquet on April 22nd at the Abilene Civic Center. Teams, cheerleaders and coaches report for two-day practices in Abilene on Wednesday, May 30th.

Information about the Big Country Chapter of the FCA can also be found at www.bigcountryfca.org.

SOUTH FOOTBALL
Jose Escamilla, 5'10", 230, Center/OL, Abilene Cooper; Cody Kluge, 6'3", 220, RT/OL, Abilene Cooper; Steven Lugo, 5'10", 215, LB/FB, Abilene Cooper; Wesley Polk, 6'1", 185, Kicker, Abilene Cooper; Garrison Railsback, 6'2", 225, DE, Abilene Cooper; Jordan Stevenson, 6', 270, RG/OL, Abilene Cooper; Lane Carter, 6'2, 160, REC/FS, Ballinger; Taylor Roberts, 6'2", 220, LB/FB, Bangs; Blake Stembbridge, 6'4", 245, Center, Bangs; Kyle Andrews, 6'3", 220, TE/DE, Brady; Beau

Grigg, 6'0", 245, OL/DL, Bronte; Stehl Ratliff, 6'0", 210, RB, OLB, Brownwood; Gus Chipman 5'9", 185, FB/C DL/LB, Christoval; Wayne Worsham, 6'1", 225, Center/DT, Coleman; James Ross, 6'2", 270, OL/DL, Comanche; Brandon Kramer, 6'3", 255, OL/DL, Early; Ricky Ciuba, 6'4", 265, OL/DL, Irion County; Tyler Hastings 6'3", 210, TE/WR, QB, OL, Irion County; Tyler Williamson, 6'2", 230, OL/DL, Jim Ned; Jordan Keeton, 6'2", 240, OL/DE, Junction; David Mora, 5'7", 165, RB/DB, Mason; Korey Zavala, 6'3", 250, OL/DL, Mason; Fabian Perez, 5'11", 170, LB, Menard; Rileigh Davis, 5'10", 150, Slot Rec., SA Central; Cole Fielder, 6'1", 175, Wide Rec., SA Central; Darius Long, 5'11", 170, Slot Rec., SA Central; Romario Napoles, 6'2", 230, DE, SA Central; Nolan Osmanski, 6'5", 255, OT, SA Central; Logan Sawyer, 6'1", 170, QB, SA Central; Sterling Strickland, 5'10", 220, DT, SA Central; Stefan Fields, 6'0", 173, Corner, SA Central; Hayden Vinson, 6'6", 290, OT, SA Central; Ryan Pannell, 6'4", 180, QB/Safety, San Saba; Imoni Cross, 5'9", 175, Safety/Rec/RB, Sonora; Dallas Payne, 6'0", 175, Safety/Rec., Sonora; Word Hudson, 6'1", 175, Rec./CB, Sonora; Landon Meek, 5'11", 180, OL/FB, Wall; Blaine Mikulik, 6'0", 185, MLB, Wall; Riley Ripley, 6'2", 160, QB/DB, Winters; Richard Bloomer, 6'5", 205, WR-FS, Wylie; Kelvin James, 6'0", 170, CB, Wylie; Dylan West, 6'4", 220, LB, Wylie; Zach Childress, 6'3", 180, SS-WR, Wylie;

SOUTH FOOTBALL Coaches—
Head coach: Bob Shipley, Brownwood
Assistants: Conon Emmons, Menard; Brian Hastings, Irion County; Stephen Hermesmeyer, Winters; Donnie Jackson, Christoval

SOUTH LADIES BASKETBALL
Sterling Sanders, 5'10", Post, Ballinger; Keirstin Williams, 5'6", Guard, Bangs; Kristyn

Jacoby, 5'7", Guard, Brady; Sara Byrd, 5'10", FWD, Brownwood; Lauren Goode, 5'9", Guard/FWD, Cross Plains; Katie Isom, 5'11", FWD, Early; Brianna Childs, 5'11", FWD, Early; Lindsey Doherty, 5'5", Guard, Jim Ned; Meagan O'Dell, 5'11", Guard, Jim Ned; Brianah Creek, 5'4", Guard, Sonora; Hannah Holik, 6'1", FWD, Wall;

South Basketball Coaches—
Head Coach: Will Corley, Eula; Jerry McSherry, Brady

SOUTH CHEERLEADERS
Taylor Gray, Abilene Cooper; Morgan Pentecost, Abilene Cooper; Kayla Pitts, Abilene Cooper; Keelee Allen, Bangs; Lauren Burns, Bronte; Becca Kirkham, Christoval; Amanda Grove, Early; Dyllan Brown, Jim Ned; Kelsey Tutt, Jim Ned; Jenna McSherry, Menard; Caitlin Kurtz, Winters; Savannah Barrington, Wylie; Sydney Hymer, Wylie; Allison Keenum, Wylie.

South Cheer Coach—Ann Hurst

NORTH FOOTBALL
Paxton Grayer, 5'9", 180, RB, Abilene High; Lorenzo Martinez, 5'10", 255, OG, Abilene High; Peter Zeller, 6'2", 200, TE, Abilene High; Josh Hudman, 5'11", 185, RB/LB, Albany; Cody Petree, 6'2", 210, DE/TE, Albany; Cristian Garcia, 5'10", 180, QB/WR/DB, Anson; Aaron Allen, 6'2", 275, OL/DL, Baird; Tyler White, 5'10", 165, QB/DB/LB, Baird; Sawyer Roberts, 6'4", 320, Center, Big Spring; Toby Rodgers, 5'11", 175, WR, Big Spring; Scotty Roberson, 6'0", 208, LB/RB, Breckenridge; Jacob Avery, 6'1", 250, DL/OL, Cisco; Isaac Hamilton, 5'10", 165, DB/WR, Cisco; Hayden Lewis, 5'7", 170, RB/LB, Cisco; Justin Coker, 5'8", 160, RB/LB, Coahoma; Derek Gainey, 5'7", 150, QB/DB, Colorado City; Ryan Rivera, 6'1", 215, Guard/DE, Colorado City; Trent Brittain, 6'2", 180, QB/OLB, Eastland; Phillip Gosnell, 5'11", 220, LB, Eastland; Caleb Hullum, 5'9", 180, WR/DB, Eastland; Patrick Robles,

5'9", 180, LB, Forsan; Brian Sides, 5'10", 165, FS/RB, Graham; Ryne Lucas, 5'9", 225, OL/DE, Hamlin; Garrett Brueggeman, 5'9", 195, Guard/DT, Haskell; Jacob New, 6'2", 200, OL/DL, Hawley; Bryce Devore, 5'9", 155, RB/DB, Hawley; KJ McFadden, 5'10", 250, DT/OL, Merkel; Blanford Paul, 6', 250, OL/DL, Munday; Andrew Serrato, 5'10", 175, LB, Munday; Zane Schrader, 5'6", 148, LB/RB S/REC, Olney HS; Austin Grant, 5'9", 215, FB/LB, Roby; Corey Hatcher, 6'0", 230, OG/DT, Roscoe; Tyler Billingsley, 5'10", 175, OLB, DB, Rec., Snyder; Chris Garza, 6'2", 200, Center, Snyder; Keon Ward, 5'11", 190, QB, RB, DB, Snyder; Jacob Muehlstein, 6'3", 210, OT/DE, Stamford; Jessie Ramos, 5'10", 150, WR/Corner, Stamford; Hunter Bernays, 6'3", 185, WR, Stephenville; Brayden Coverdale, 6'2", 200, S S/OLB, Stephenville; Holton Westbrook, 6', 205, LB, S, Stephenville; Taylor Jones 5'7", 165, QB (WR), DB, Sweetwater; Sam Nemir, 5'8", 175, FB, LB, Sweetwater.

North Football Coaches—
Head coach: Brad Schoonmaker, Hawley
Assistants: Cameron Cox, Anson; Brody Deaver, Ranger; Trey Gardner, Coahoma; Nick Dickson, Roby.

NORTH LADIES BASKETBALL
Paige Galindo, 5'7", Guard, Abilene Lady Hawks; Diamond Mayes, 6'0", Post, Big Spring; Bethany Harris, 5'5", Guard, Clyde; Carae Hilcher, 5'10", Post, Clyde; Courtney Carlton, 5'10", Guard, Eastland; Bonni Peeks, 5'8", Guard, Graham; Chelsea Rodgers, 5'9", Guard/Fwd, Hamlin; Cali Booth, 5'6", Pt Guard, Merkel; Chera Chaney, 5'10", Wing, Merkel; Jacinda Morales, 5'6", Guard, Roscoe; Jentri Driggers, 5'6", Guard/Fwd, Snyder; Macy Miles, 5'8", Guard, Stamford.

North Basketball Coaches—
Head Coach: Trent Lankford, Graham
Assistant: Clay Barnett, Merkel

NORTH CHEERLEADERS
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North Cheer Coach—Christin Etter-McLain

The Big Country: Home Of Champions

Next month (March 30th), Abilene will host the 13th annual Champion for Children Conference – an event geared toward increasing awareness and spotlighting current issues in the area of child abuse. Last year, over 70,000 children were confirmed victims of abuse in Texas. In order to fight these senseless trends, the Champion for Children Conference offers educational seminars and teambuilding activities on subjects ranging from racial issues to suicide trends. There is even time dedicated to deciphering lyrics in popular music and their connotations with youth. Guest speakers like Dr. Gregory Williams, a psychiatrist from Dyess AFB, will discuss appropriate use of psychotropic medications with children and adolescents, while Melissa Rosales and Lyndsay Mathews will present research findings on transitional youth in Abilene. Presentations on gang-related issues and drug endangered children are also on the schedule to address dangers within our own community. These are merely a sampling of topics and forums for the Champion for Children event – young performers will also showcase their talents in a performance by the award-winning Craig Middle School Orchestra during the luncheon.

The event itself is a fantastic way to spend time increasing your own awareness of child abuse and related issues with Big Country youth. Each year the event features a special keynote

speaker, and this year Marc Fomby, a specialist in youth development, will address Abilene champions on a variety of issues geared to empower and improve our community. The theme for this year's conference is 'Doing More with Less,' and will focus on just that – coming together as a community (even when the economy may be suffering) to work effectively and efficiently toward a common goal.

And finally, what would the Champion for Children Conference be without our own community champions? Nominations for community champions are open to the public through www.championforchildren.net nominate someone you know who has truly championed awareness of child abuse and prevention. Then join the Big Country in a great day of learning about and enriching the lives of our children – after all, they are our future! To sign up for this event or for more information, visit our website or find us on facebook!

Kristi Le is the Prevention Resource Center Coordinator for the Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, she is also on the champion for children committee.

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Come play Bingo at the Baird Activity Center March 12th

It's Bingo time again! The Callahan County Nutrition Project will be holding Bingo games on March 12th. The event is held at the Baird Activity Center, 228 Walnut St. We are shooting for 100 people to attend this event, so come on out and join us for a night of fun!
The first number will be called at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. Prizes will be decided by

the number of people who will be playing.
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456 feral hogs taken in Callahan County grant program

Callahan County Extension Agent Jerry Warren updated the Callahan County Commissioners on the Callahan County Hog Out Grant Program during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, February 27th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County was awarded a grant of \$7,500.00 by the Texas Department of Agriculture to be used towards the eradication of feral hogs in Callahan County.

Warren reported 456 feral hogs were taken in Callahan County. There are 538 participating landowners in the educational program.

Of the 21 Texas counties participating in the Hog Out County Grant Challenge, Callahan County ranked fourth based on a total score of 766, which included a score of 228 for the number of hogs taken and a score of 538 for the number of participants.

In the 21 counties, a total of 12,632 feral hogs were reported taken.

Callahan County Extension Agent Jerry Warren also presented the quarterly report of the Callahan County Extension office to Callahan County Commissioners during the commissioners' court meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the Extension Agent's quarterly report. The report follows:

Agriculture & Natural Resources

The Callahan County Extension Executive Board held an Agriculture & Natural Resource Ag. Field Day On October 18, 2011. One hundred and seventy-one fifth graders from Baird, Eula, Cross Plains and Clyde attended the Field Day. The Field Day is designed to teach Callahan County 5th graders the importance of some of the agricultural products produced in Callahan County and how important agriculture is to the economy of the county.

The County Extension office held a 3 CEU Night-course on December 12, 2011. The program was held at the Callahan County Courthouse. Many producers that have a pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) for recertification of their license. The Texas Department of Agriculture approved the program for 1 Hour in Laws and Regulation, 1 Hour in Integrated Pest Management, and 1 Hour in General. These hours apply to Commercial, Non-Commercial, and Private Applicators' license holders.

Family & Consumer Sciences

In the months of October, and November Callahan County 4-H members attended weekly Food Quiz Bowl and Food Chal-

lenge Training. The training was held in the County Extension Office.

4-H and Youth Development

On October 8, 2011 Callahan County 4-H members participated in the One Day 4-H Community project. Callahan County 4-H participated in the Pecan Fest held in Clyde. Callahan County 4-H had a float in the parade, a booth at the festival, members handed out information about 4-H, and helped with cleanup after the festival.

On October 22, 2011 the Callahan County Extension office hosted a Sheep & Goat Clinic for 4-H members. The Dean family from Eula were the speakers.

On November 5, 2011 Callahan County 4-H held its County Food Show. The top 3 places advanced to the District Show.

On November 19, 2011 the top 3 participants from the County Food Show competed in the District 7 4-H Food Show in Taylor County.

On December 1, 2011 a team of 5 Junior Callahan County 4-H members participated in the Food Challenge in Coleman.

On December 3, 2011 the Callahan County Extension office hosted a Swine Clinic for 4-H members.

On December 8, 2011 the Callahan County 4-H Livestock Judging team participated in the District 7 4-H Livestock Judging competition in San Angelo.

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- 216 NW 3rd - 3BR-1B completely remodeled in 2006, open floor plan, **REDUCED 62,000**
- 260 Edgewood - 3BR-2B adorable home with good size rooms and covered front porch. **67,500**
- 524 SE 1st - Rental Income! Cute home with new roof. 3BR-1B, central heat/air. **33,900**
- 633 NE 3rd - Great starter home or rental income! 3BR-1B, central h/a. New roof! **41,000**
- 731 N. Ave E - 3BR-2B newly constructed home on corner lot, ceramic tile in kitchen & baths. **REDUCED 67,500**
- 366 Bayou St. - Burkett - 2BR-2B home w/garage, 2 carports, extra storage **REDUCED 40,000**
- 211 Lakeview - Coleman, 2BR-2B mobile home, lakefront w/carport for boat **REDUCED 62,000**
- 1205 Mancil - Cisco, 2BR-1B quaint cottage, backyard, good rental income **27,500**

HOME WITH ACREAGE

- 3 Ac. - 2BR-1B quair **UNDER CONTRACT** barn w/ 4 stalls, well, pond. **REDUCED 85,000**
- 5 Ac. - Rising Star, 3BR-2B rock home, central heat/air, & horse barn w/stalls. **129,900**
- 5.6 Ac. - 2BR-1.5B 1,276 sq. ft. home, storage shed, & metal barn w/stalls and wash area **115,000**
- 9.727 Ac. - 2BR-1.75B 24x40 mobile home w/ 2 car carport, enclosed porch, 50x60 metal shop. **110,000**
- 11 Ac. - 3BR-2.5B Custom-built rock home, 2-car garage, 1 tank, cross-fencing, great location! **279,900**
- 16.33 Ac. - Adorable 1BR-1B cabin, beautiful trees, & seasonal creek, perfect place to build your home! **79,900**
- 19.26 Ac. - 2BR-1 **UNDER CONTRACT** floor arena, solid round pen, several sheds **180,000**
- 20.21 Ac. - 2BR-1B Rustic home with small acreage. Property is fenced. **REDUCED 92,500**
- 40 Ac. - 2BR-2B brick home, 2 wells, 30x30 metal garage, 20x40 barn, 10x40 insulated trailer. **199,500**
- 40 Ac. - 2BR-1.5B brick home, 2 wells, 30x40 metal garage, small orchard, rail car for extra storage **210,000**
- 59 Ac. - 1BR-2B metal bldg w/1250 sq. ft. shop, garage, carport, covered rv parking, tank, good hunting. **299,000**
- 79.47 Ac. - 3BR-2B brick home, 30x40 metal bldg w/concrete slab, great hunting **357,000**
- 116.719 Ac. - 3BR-2B two story brick home with beautiful views. 40x60 workshop, cabin & 3 ponds. **599,000**
- 161.75 Ac. - 3BR-2B brick home, city water, new roof, 550 sq. ft hunter's cabin, 40'x80' barn. **323,500**
- 242.77 Ac. - 3BR-2.5B 3,700+ sq. ft. 2-story ranch house, excellent hay production **465,000**
- 498.78 Ac. - 3BR-2B 1,700+ sq. ft. brick home, 40x80 barn, hunter's cabin, creek, 3 tanks **897,494**

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- 30+/- Ac. - Great mix of pasture and woods, has water well and electric to a small bunkhouse. **REDUCED 57,000**
- 40+/- Ac. - Gently rolling terrain, beautiful views, owner financing available for qualified buyers **104,000**
- 44 Ac. - Mix of pasture, cultivation & woods, large oak trees, great wildlife cover, well with windmill, **132,000**
- 44+/- Ac. - Klein & coastal, & native grasses, rural water available, beautiful home sites **103,400**
- 55 Ac. - Thick oak cover, electric & city water available, home sites w/awesome Texas hill views **154,000**
- 75.842 Ac. - Planted in wheat, coastal & Tifton 85, with scattered trees, 1 tank. 60 add'l ac. coastal available. **170,645**
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- 96.93 Ac. - Great for hunting! Ek **SOLD** 196s, good cover, old caliche pit, views, & hunting cabin. **240,000**
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- 125+/- Ac. - 2 stock tanks, rural water available, cross fencing, one set of cattle pens. **REDUCED 256,250**
- 148 Ac. - Slightly rolling terrain boasting great views, 1 large & 1 small tank, wet weather creek **288,620**
- 153 Ac. - Barn, covered campsite parking, 2 ponds, seasonal creek, excellent hunting **422,300**
- 160 Ac. - Wildlife abounds on this versatile property w/2 tanks, sandy soil, perfect for hunts. **192,000**
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- 225+/- Ac. - Great property for livestock, 4 stock tanks, seasonal creek, 2 wells, 2 sets cattle pens **461,250**
- 331.25 Ac. - 3 stock tanks, native grasses, great for livestock, crops, or recreation **627,719**
- 337.038 Ac. - Combination of fertile farmland & heavily wooded pastures, great homesites! **640,372**
- 350 +/- Ac. - 7 stock tanks, 2 wells, 3 sets of cattle pens, Klein & coastal **REDUCED 717,500**
- 500+/- Ac. - Rolling terrain with strong elevation changes, thick tree cover, seasonal creek. **1,147,500**
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Southall Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic to open in Baird, March 1, 2012

Thursday, March 1, 2012, the Southall Chiropractic and Acupuncture Clinic will be opening at 425 Market in downtown Baird.

Dr. Belinda Harris Southall, a Baird High School graduate, is excited to bring her services to her hometown community.

The clinic will offer traditional chiropractic, acupuncture, animal chiropractic, and

nutrition/weight loss counseling services.

Dr. Southall practices full time in Abilene, therefore the clinic's hours of operation will be Monday 5 pm to 8 pm, Thursday 1 pm to 6pm, and varied Saturday mornings.

Scheduling is by appointment only at (325)854-2724 or you can stop by, while the clinic is open

to make an appointment. Some insurances and Medicare are accepted.

The office's grand opening is planned for later in the spring. Dr. Southall looks forward to serving Baird and the surrounding communities.

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It's imperative for the Sheriff to have jail knowledge to properly manage the hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars assigned per year.

For example, a Sheriff not versed in Jail Standards may have arbitrary ideas like installing elevators and automatic flushing toilets. However, a Sheriff with knowledge and experience knows that the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, the State regulatory agency for County Jails, prohibits any

new construction unless the entire circa 1898 facility is completely renovated. These impractical ideas, as suggested by one candidate, could easily cost close to a million taxpayer dollars.

Prior to Sheriff Windham taking office, the County Jail had recently failed its annual Jail Inspection by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS). When in non-compliance with TCJS and having the jail closed, a Sheriff can create an enormous burden on taxpayers by having to pay other Jails to hold all prisoners. Since beginning his term, Sheriff Windham and staff have never failed a Jail Inspection.

Sheriff Windham has worked in or around County Jails for nineteen of the twenty-one years he's been in Law Enforcement.

Early in his career he worked as a Correctional Officer for the Nolan County Jail. During his six years as Chief Deputy at the Callahan County Sheriffs Office, he was tasked with not only overseeing the Patrol Division, but also held several special administrative

positions within the Jail itself.

Sheriff Windham knows the enormous liability issues on the County and taxpayers, deriving from the County Jail. He is a member of the Texas Jail Association and attends semi-annual conferences keeping informed on the latest Jail issues and requirements.

TJA travels the State partnering with TCJS and the Texas Association of Counties instructing Law Enforcement and Correctional Officers on Jail Standards and liabilities. By networking with colleagues and attending training, Sheriff Windham keeps abreast of problematic issues and current trends in lawsuits on both a state-wide and national basis.

In addition to his Law Enforcement background, he is the only candidate qualified in the County Jail, fifty percent of the job description as Sheriff!

When millions of your tax dollars are at stake, choose the only candidate who has the knowledge and experience for the duties of Sheriff!

Pol. Ad. Pd. for by Donna Whitlock, Treasurer, Re-elect Sheriff John Windham Committee, 4093 Pvt. Rd 1195, Baird, Tx.

USDA accepting applications for payments to use and produce Bioenergy

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the availability of funds for Fiscal Year 2012 for two key programs to encourage the use of renewable biomass and production of advanced biofuels. About \$25 million will be made available through each program.

"President Obama, with support from USDA and our partners has taken unprecedented action to build the foundation for a clean energy economy, tackle the issue of climate change, and protect our environment. These programs authorize payments to help biorefineries use biomass as a replacement fuel source for fossil fuels and they support advanced biofuel producers as they expand production," Vilsack said.

The Repowering Assistance Program provides funding to biorefineries that have been in existence on or before June 18, 2008. The purpose of the program is to provide a financial incentive to biorefineries to use renewable biomass in place of fossil fuels used to produce heat or power. By providing this assistance, USDA is helping these facilities install new systems that use renewable biomass.

The amount of the payment will be based on (1) the cost effectiveness of the renewable biomass system; and (2) the percentage reduction in fossil fuels used by that biorefinery. The maximum amount an individual biorefinery can receive under the Notice is 50 percent of total eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$10 million.

Eligible costs must be related to construction or repowering improvements, such as engineering design, equipment

installation and professional fees. The application deadline for this program to receive funds for Fiscal Year 2012 is June 1, 2012. For additional details, please see pages 5232 through 5234 of the February 2, 2012, Federal Register, or go to <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-02/pdf/2012-2244.pdf>.

USDA also announced the availability of up to \$25 million to make payments to advanced biofuels producers who expect to produce eligible advanced biofuels at any time during Fiscal Year 2012. To be eligible for these funds, advanced biofuels producers must have enrolled in the program by October 31, 2011, even if the producer has an existing contract with the Agency.

Payments will be made to producers of advanced biofuels derived from renewable biomass, other than corn kernel starch. These include cellulose, sugar and starch, crop residue, vegetative waste material, animal waste, food and yard waste, vegetable oil, animal fat, and biogas.

Contract payments will be made quarterly. For additional details, please see page 5229 of the February 2, 2012 Federal Register, or go to <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-02/pdf/2012-2240.pdf>. For application assistance or further information, please contact Billy Curb, billy.curb@tx.usda.gov in the Business and Industry department of USDA Rural Development, Texas.

The Obama Administration is working to promote domestic production of renewable

energy, create jobs, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, combat global warming, and build a stronger rural economy. Today, Americans import just over half of our transportation fuels - down from 60 percent when President Obama took office - but we can do more to meet the President's goal of reducing our net fuel imports by one-third by 2025. At Secretary Vilsack's direction, USDA is working to develop the national biofuels industry, producing energy from non-food sources in every region of the country. We are conducting and encouraging research into innovative new energy technologies and processes, helping companies build biorefineries - including the first ever commercial-scale cellulosic ethanol facilities - and supporting farmers, ranchers, and businesses taking risks to pursue new opportunities in biofuels. Along with Federal partners, we're establishing an aviation biofuels economy, and have expedited rules and efforts to promote production and commercialization of biofuels.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$165 billion in affordable loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

Casa Navarro State Historic Site to reopen soon

SAN ANTONIO, Texas-- Casa Navarro State Historic Site will host a "Grand Reopening and Jos Antonio Navarro Birthday Celebration" on Saturday, February 25th, beginning at 10 a.m. The recently restored historic property was the 1850s adobe and limestone homestead, store, and office of Texas hero and leader Jos Antonio Navarro. The property has been closed for more than a year, undergoing much needed preservation and interpretive exhibit improvements.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC), which owns and manages Casa Navarro along with 19 other historic sites around the state, contracted with a team of architects, construction contractors, and museum exhibit designers for this major project.

The project included accessibility improvements, upgrades in electrical systems, installation of LED interior lighting, an energy efficient ductless split HVAC system, repairs to plastered walls and wood, and interior and exterior painting and whitewash throughout. New exterior steps and a ramp were added to the Mercantile Building, and second story windows and first

floor doors were replaced to match their earliest known appearance. The first floor will serve as the visitor center for admissions, with a welcoming video, museum book store, and gift shop. The front gate, walkways, and courtyards in the site were rebuilt to meet accessibility needs. The non-historic restrooms and maintenance building were removed and rebuilt, consolidating the two into a single new building.

During renovations in the main house, it was discovered that most of the original interior walls were constructed of adobe brick and covered over by plaster and whitewashed, one of few such original adobe structures left standing in San Antonio. New coats of whitewash were added using the traditional natural method for the mixture consisting of lime from limestone, water, and prickly pear or "nopalita" cactus juice.

The THC also contracted with Pony Allen Studios, Inc., for a combined team of designers, researchers, videographers, fabricators, installation experts, and artists to create new educational exhibits at the site that will highlight Navarro's important role in Texas history. The

architectural materials of the site, and the history of daily life in the old neighborhood of "Laredito" where Navarro lived, will also be featured.

The exhibits are being changed from a traditional house museum to an open gallery format to allow more room to tell the story and more space for visiting groups. The displays include hands-on and interactive installations. A highlight of the project will be the installation of a newly designed, hand-glazed tile mural by San Antonio's renowned artist, Jesse Trevino.

The San Antonio firm of Fisher Heck Architects was the project architect, developing plans for preservation and rehabilitation work on the three historic structures, grounds, and new restrooms and workshop buildings under the direction of the THC. MJ Boyle General Contractors, Inc. served as the general contractor for the project.

The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m. and continues through the afternoon with activities, food vendors, and music. The event is free and open to the public. For more information visit www.visitcasanavarro.com or call 210.226.4801.

The Recipe Corner

Asparagus Casserole

Submitted by: Dorothy Zinn, Clyde

Ingredients
 1/2 lb. Ritz crackers, crushed
 2 (14-16oz.) cans of Whole Spear Asparagus
 1 can cream of mushroom soup
 3 hard boiled eggs, sliced
 1/4 to 1/2 lb. mild cheese, grated
 3 to 4 T Butter
 pepper

Instructions
 Put a thin layer of crumbs in a buttered casserole dish. Place asparagus and eggs in layers with cheese and soup. Top with cracker crumbs. Bake at 375° for 30 to 40 minutes.

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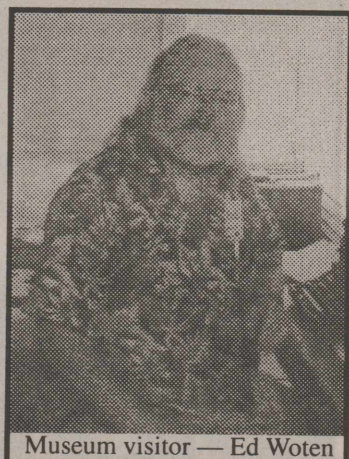
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REH Museum Hosts New Mexico Visitor

Ed Woten from Cloudfroft, NM was in town last week to visit both the Robert Howard Museum and the Cross Plains Public Library. Having been a fan of Howard's writings since he was a teen-ager, he was especially appreciative of the Texas reception he received at both locations and to see the extent of resources available to the public.

Woten is retired from a career in public education, having taught at both the Elementary and Jr. High levels. He now writes a special feature column for the *Mountain Monthly Newspaper* in Cloudfroft. It's a definite eclectic array of reading materials, from children's fiction to history to regional to fantasy, along with the arts featuring the New Mexico area.

Woten proudly shared that he was on his way to Tyler to pick up his son who was completing the program at the Youth With a Mission Center. YWAM is in the heart of east Texas and is one of



Museum visitor — Ed Woten

the largest training centers around the world. During their time at the centers, thousands of people have developed a more personal and intimate relation with God and have launched into global ministry. As a result of their training, may have also played a vital role in enhancing ministry in their home churches.

Every day is a new adventure at the Museum.

Kiwanis Pancake Supper, March 8th

Just one week away, on Thursday night, March 8th - YES, March 8th!!!! is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year - the Kiwanis Pancake Supper! It is the night for great food and great fellowship. The "suggested donation" for so much eating and fellowship is only \$5 per person, \$3 for those 12 and under. That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with tea, coffee or water. Where can you get an eating deal like that?! A serendipity is that you can take part in helping the Kiwanis with their many programs of help during the year, too numerous to list but including, providing a Christmas program for the kids and the kids at heart each December. Members of the Key Club of Cross Plains High School will be joining the Kiwanis in serving, helping to meet your every need!

The date, again, for the Pancake Supper is Thursday night, March 8th, beginning at 5 p.m., continuing until 7 p.m. The place is at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet, be sure and see a Kiwanis member and buy them now. Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two—maybe give one to someone whose budget is stretched too thin already. If you wait to pay at the door, you just might be talked into paying more and/or making a donation (in addition to the ticket) toward the projects that the Kiwanis Club helps toward throughout the year.

The Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains thanks you in advance for your support. See you at the Pancake Supper!!!

The Ripple Effect of Project Pride

Project Pride is much like a rock, that when skipped across the water, just keeps skipping and causing ripples to spread farther and farther. Each skip is more fascinating to watch and the endless circles become mind boggling.

Purchasing the little white house in 1989 where Robert E. Howard had written a-jillion of words in numerous genres, Project Pride tossed that first rock that has created an endless ripple effect. Turning it into a Museum brought people from all directions to help local folks with the necessary restoration and furnishings to return the house to the home where Howard lived from 1919 until his death in 1936.

The natural ripple of having the Museum as a focal point enabled the Howardian scholars to organize an annual trek to Cross Plains from all over the world for a week-end of net-working and expanding the legacy of the writer. Project Pride members have the privilege of working with members of the Robert E. Howard United Press Association to plan and facilitate this event. A big skip to say the least.

Next ripple: enter one Mark Finn who had ties to Abilene before finally settling in Vernon where he became a serious writer. So serious in fact that he was the recipient of the 2005 Cimmerian Award for Outstanding Achievement in Robert E. Howard studies. In addition to his writing, Finn developed a special attraction to Howard's boxing and comic western stories.

Because of his ability to totally immerse himself into the Breckenridge Elkins character from *The Gent From Bear Creek*, Finn was invited to be the guest of honor at the REH Days in 2008. Many local folks enjoyed his exuberant presentation complete with the mountain dialect.

Next ripple: our Public Library people at the dinner immediately invited Finn to kick off the Summer Reading Program the following Summer. Coming down a day early for the 2009 REH days, Finn enthralled the young readers in the yet-to-be finished Children's Resource Center. Ole' Breck was an instant hit once again.

Next ripple: Finn came back the following year once again to launch the reading program with selections from *Beezus and Ribsey* and about Tom painting the fence, from *Tom Sawyer*.

One of the earlier skips of the rock reflected Finn's serious work with the first biography of Howard to be written in many years. Naturally this book was closely tied to Cross Plains and most of the pictures of early day Cross Plains were contributed by our own Margaret McNeel, one of the visionary founders of Project Pride.

Concentric circles in the water could be symbolic of the success of this widely acclaimed book that naturally led to the second edition of "Blood and Thunder," but with a different twist. By now the Robert E. Howard Foundation had made the scene and was into

publishing Howard's stories, so the second edition came via that venue - making that the only source for purchasing the book. Some of the foundation folks are the same ones who became the initial supporters of Project Pride in their early efforts with the Museum and who continue to return year after year. Another nice ripple.

Yet another ripple effect of the Foundation is the \$1,000 scholarship award presented to a graduating Senior who submits the best essay on some aspects of Howard's writings.

By now the ripples of all this comes back around to the fact that most of the Foundation's books are shipped out of our own Cross Plains Post Office! Tom Stephenson serves as the one-man shipping department, with a bit of computer help from Arlene. Talk about a boost to the coffers of the Post Office! Just shipping out this one edition of 150 copies, Finn's books have gone to 8 countries and 25 states beyond Texas. It's not unusual for a shipment to Denmark or Japan to cost \$35 to \$45 dollars each. And this is repeated several times a year as new books are published.

Not bad for a rock tossed out 23 years ago!

To get involved in these fascinating projects, just contact Project Pride with your membership fee of \$3.00 per individual and \$5.00 per family by calling 725-4993 or 725-6562.

U.S. agriculture exports reach record high

Despite encountering historic natural disasters, including the epic Texas drought, American agriculture posted a record high \$136.3 billion in exports last year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"Last year, farmers and ranchers battled a ton of obstacles, especially here in Texas. Even with those challenges, American agriculture remains a bright spot in an otherwise bleak economy," said Sam Snyder president of Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau.

Strong exports, coupled with domestic demand, have strengthened the agriculture sector and boosted American

jobs. The USDA estimates that every \$1 billion in exports produces 8,400 American jobs. Based on this statistic, American agriculture exports supported more than one million American jobs last year.

In 2011, agriculture exports in nearly every commodity category increased, including grains, cotton, dairy and pork. U.S. beef exports also reached an all-time high with \$5.4 billion in beef and beef product sales.

"Record agriculture exports reflect the confidence other countries have in our products and the strong demand for quality, American-grown food and fiber," Snyder said, "That's something our farmers and ranchers—and all Americans—can be proud of."

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The Recipe Corner

Texan Ranch Chicken Casserole Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 celery ribs, finely chopped
- 1 medium green pepper, finely chopped
- 1 medium sweet red pepper, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 cups cubed cooked chicken breast
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) reduced-fat reduced-sodium condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) reduced-fat reduced-sodium condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 12 corn tortillas (6 inches), cut into 1-inch strips
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese, divided



Directions

In a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, saute the onion, celery and peppers in oil until crisp-tender. Add garlic; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in the chicken, soups, tomatoes and chili powder.

Line the bottom of a 3-qt. baking dish with half of the tortilla strips; top with half of the chicken mixture and 1 cup cheese. Repeat layers. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until bubbly. **Yield:** 8 servings.

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Kiwanis Guest Speaker — Michelle Kaiser (right) was the Kiwanis speaker for 2/21/2012, and told about the process required to receive the Space Shuttle Columbia Tire. The curriculum surrounding the scientific aspects of the entire NASA space program was revealed and the plans for sharing the "Tire" with our local school and surrounding communities. Michelle writes the weekly article for the library published in the Review, has been on the Library Board for 3 years, husband is Manager/Pilot for American Airlines and was one of the writers of the Mystery Theatre performed last year as a library fundraiser. Call 254-725-7722 if you would like any further information or email crossplainsexhibit@gmail.com The following sponsors made it possible for the tire to travel to and from NASA; City of Cross Plains, Barbarian Festival, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Cross Plains Economic Development & Corp., Callahan County Historical Commission and Project Pride. Thank you to all of you who helped make this possible.

Grand Ole Oplin March Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin hosted by the Oplin Community Center invites everyone out for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On March 2nd MUDDY CREEK will be joining us playing all of your favorite country and western tunes, on March 9th TEXAS CRUDE will be entertaining us all with their special style of country and western, on March 16th JERRY BAIERD & TEXAS TRADITIONS will be playing the kind of music that will make you want to get up and dance, on March 23rd MUDDY CREEK will return to play some more of your favorite country tunes, and closing out the month on March 30th

MIDNIGHT BLUE will be playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The Oplin Community Center is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dances is still only \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our center's functions. Go to www.grandoleoplin.com for further information.

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We will only implement this program to the businesses who are members of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce who respond. Please respond ASAP, as February is nearly here.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The Chamber appreciates your support.

Submitted by
The Cross Plains
Chamber of Commerce

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.

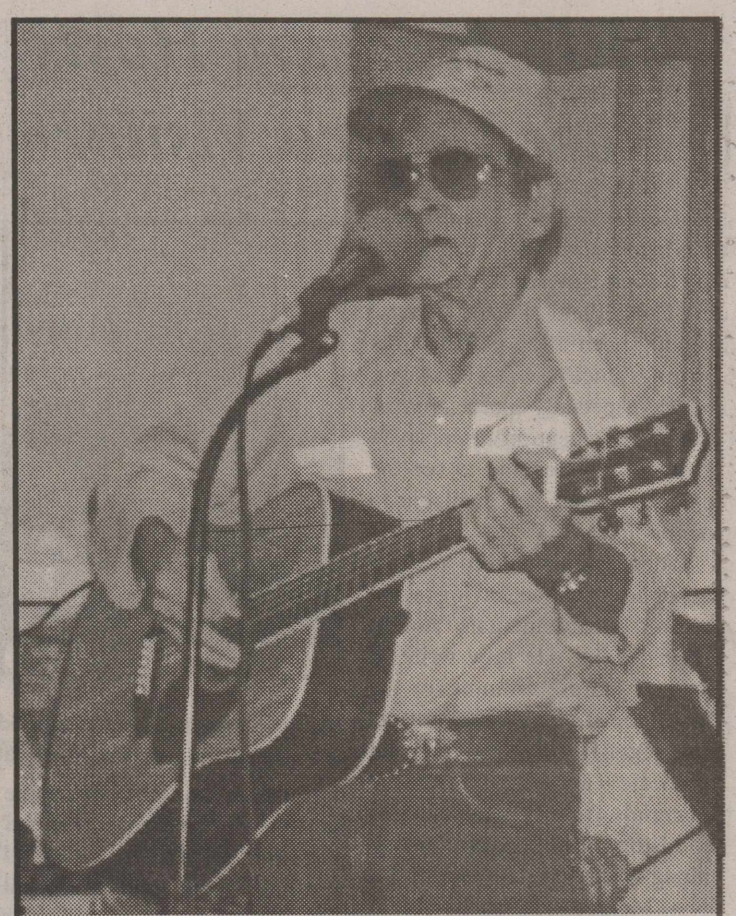
All applications must be completed and returned no later than March 31, 2012.

Submitted by
Ed Walt

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Cottonwood Musical Presents the Featured Musician of the Month — Charles O'Malley Patrick (his real name is Chuck Patrick) was presented as the featured musician for the month of March at the Cottonwood Musical.

The Featured Musician for the month of March at the Cottonwood Musical is Presented

When I asked Chuck Patrick to emcee the Cottonwood musicals, we found our gold at the end of the rainbow! He does a wonderful job keeping the musicals flowing smoothly. His kindness shows in his dealings with the musicians and audiences alike.

Chuck and his wife Lynn live east of Cross Plains near the community of Pioneer. During his childhood, Chuck lived in Sweetwater, Texas.

He first developed an interest in playing a musical instrument when he was six years old. His dad gave him a guitar with Gene Autry's picture on it. After he had learned three chords, his dad entered him in a talent contest. When he heard the applause of the audience, he was hooked on becoming a musician.

Chuck plays an electric bass,

harmonica, and guitar. His favorite music to play is Country Gospel. He never fails to sing "How Great Thou Art" at each musical. His favorite artist is Don Williams, although he does a great job with Johnny Cash songs and Johnny Horton's "Whispering Pine." Jimmy Wakely and George Morgan influenced him the most in his musical career.

The funniest incident that happened on stage that Chuck recalls is when he was playing a Worlitzer guitar and the amplifier started smoking. His little brother started fanning it and said, "I told you that Chuck was a hot guitarist!"

Thank you, Chuck for helping make the musicals at Cottonwood, Texas enjoyable and memorable for everyone. The next musical is Friday night, March 2nd.

Cottonwood Community Center Available for Rent for Various Events

The Cottonwood Community Center is available for rent for family reunions and other events. Thanks to generous donations from area residents, we have updated the heat to propane heaters for a nice cozy time when the weather is cold, and the

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99 Ranger XLT, Super Cab, V6, Automatic (Black).....\$3,995
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