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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 52



Welcome Guest Speaker—Mayor Purvis welcomes guest speaker Charlotte Parrack from the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and the City of Cross Plains.

The Annual Strategic Planning Meeting was Held March 1st

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and the City of Cross Plains held their annual Strategic Planning Meeting on March 1. Charlotte Parrack was the guest speaker. Ms. Parrack is a highly skilled speaker in the area of Marketing & Business Consultation, has extensive experience in community development and community wide strategic planning and is a very talented motivational speaker. Parrack suggested ways that the community can get more accomplished in the years ahead. Her main suggestion was to be more inclusive with the community and get more people serving on the committees.

Discussion was held concerning how to get more folks involved and she pointed out that people needed to be placed on committees that they are familiar with and have a passion for. She also highly recommended getting the youth of the community involved. It was pointed out that the high school students are very busy in sports and other extracurricular events, but Ms. Parrack pointed out that there are a lot of students that don't participate in sports or other activities that would be excellent on these committees but are being missed. Many ideas and projects were discussed and the group looks forward to getting started on the new goals.

Regional Powerlifting Meet Goes Well For Local HS Resident Rosa Salazar

Rosa Salazar, Cross Plains HS Senior, competed at the Regional Powerlifting Meet this past weekend in Monahans. Rosa placed 4th by lifting a total of 635 lbs. Rosa will be moving on to compete at the State Powerlifting

Meet in Corpus Christi on March 16th as the top 1A lifter in the Region. Congratulations to Rosa and to Coach Kelley, Coach Cosby and Coach Purvis for their hard work with all Cross Plains athletes.

Local angus breeder recognized for owning proven bulls

R & R Angus, Eula, Texas, own two bulls listed in the Spring 2012 Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association in Saint Joseph, Mo. National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) expected progeny differences (EPDs) are now generated on a weekly basis; however a biannual report is still printed. Issued in both the spring and fall, the Sire Evaluation Report features the latest performance information available on 4,800 sires, and is currently accessible at www.angus.org. "This report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," says Bill Bowman, American Angus Association chief operating officer (COO) and director of performance programs. EPDs are generated from the performance database of the American Angus Association, which includes information

submitted by more than 8,000 Angus breeders this past year through the Association's Beef Improvement Records (BIR) program.

EPDs are listed for growth and maternal traits, as well as residual average daily gain (RADG), docility and carcass traits that integrate DNA information in addition to performance records. Decision-making tools also include \$Values in the suite of bio-economic indexes designed to assist commercial producers in simplifying the genetic selection process.

The biannual Sire Evaluation Report utilizes nearly 21 million measures used to generate more than 60 million EPDs for the Angus breed.

The American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., provides programs and services for nearly 30,000 members nationwide and thousands of commercial producers who use Angus genetics. Go to www.angus.org for more information.

Filing Deadline for Local Elections Ended Monday, March 5th

Two more file for the Cross Plains School Board Trustee positions. Incumbent Michael Cowan and Davy Crockett are seeking the 3-year terms. The terms of Cowan and Jim Cook are expiring. Bryan Bennett had filed earlier for the 2-year term. An election will not be necessary since there is no one running against any of the candidates.

James Nichols has filed for a 2-year term on the Cross Plains City Council. Incumbents Mayor Ray Purvis and Councilmen Jerry Cassle and Bob Kirkham had announced their candidacy earlier. The position of Mayor Purvis and City Councilmen Cassle and Kirkham are expiring.

Early voting begins April 30th at the Cross Plains City Hall during their regular office hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (thru the lunch hour) for the city elections. The regular election will be held at the Cross Plains Community Center on May 12, 2012. Don't forget to get out and VOTE!!!

Love Fund Established for Local Family

In lieu of flowers, food, etc. you may donate to a Love Fund that has been established at the Texas Heritage Bank for Cody Reed. Please continue to pray for Cody and his son Kutter and all their family members during this difficult time.

A Huge Thank You

Recently, Cross Plains ISD received a grant through the Texas Cool Schools Program from the State Energy Conservation Office. Utilities represent the third-largest spending category for Texas schools, and much of that expenditure is driven by old, inefficient equipment. The Texas Cool Schools grant is intended to help schools lower their operation costs by purchasing new and more energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

Maintenance supervisor, Clarence Tennison, brought the grant information to Mr. Mitchell, superintendent, and the

Kiwanis Pancake Supper is TONIGHT

You're going to kick yourself on Friday if you forget the Kiwanis Pancake Supper fundraiser tonight., Thursday, March 8 from 5-7 p.m! You do not want to miss the pancakes and sausage—all you can eat for \$5 per person (\$3 for children 12 and under). We will be happy to accept donations above the designated amount if you want to further help the local Kiwanis

with our activities to benefit the children of our community.

We continually struggle to keep our world-class chefs from being hired away by large restaurants, but so far we have managed to keep them. Also, numerous restaurants have tried to steal the recipe for our M&M pancakes that was handed down to us by Steve Mack many years ago. These will be in good supply for

all the kids and the "young at heart". The IHOP restaurant in Abilene is donating the pancake mix again this year.

The Kiwanis Club hopes that you will take part in great food and fellowship tonight at 5-7 p.m. at the Cross Plains school cafeteria. Bring some guests and have a great time together!!

Submitted by
David Estes

Blood Drive in Cross Plains on March 13th New Guidelines May Qualify More Donors

The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Tuesday, March 13 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Twenty-five donors participated in the blood drive on December 20th.

Meek Blood Center recently revised their guidelines regarding many medications and medical conditions, which will qualify more people as blood donors.

Those who have been deferred for medications and medical conditions in the past are asked to call 325-670-2798 to inquire about eligibility.

Blood donors are needed on a daily basis to take care of patients with a variety of medical needs and conditions. The need for a blood transfusion is usually immediate and adequate supply

of all blood types that has been processed and tested must be available at all times. There is no artificial substitute for human blood. All blood products used for blood transfusion must come from volunteer donors. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at seventeen area hospitals covering fourteen counties.

Callahan County Supports Space Shuttle Tire Acquisition

The Callahan County Commissioners voted on Monday to help with the cost of shipping the tire from the Space Shuttle Columbia

to our community. The county provides the last piece needed to pay for the tire's arrival at the Cross Plains Public Library. Six other organizations had already lent their support; 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. This tire, which was flown on mission STS-40, will be the centerpiece of a traveling "Columbia Shuttle Tire and Space Exhibit" whose home base will be in the Children's Discovery Center of the library.

Now that the tire is here, library board members are busy putting together the exhibit and amassing the materials that will be in the display. Their focus is on edu-

cating and inspiring our youth, so the display will travel to Cross Plains ISD schools and then to other area schools, libraries and museums.

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 or Michelle Kaiser at crossplainsexhibit@gmail.com

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship

Is college in your future? Are you seeking a career in a technical trade? Perhaps you are hoping to succeed in the arts? Are you attending school now and are planning on attending next semester?

If you are graduating from Cross Plains High School in 2012 OR if you are a graduate of Cross Plains High School and a returning college student we would like to hear from you!

From now until April 27 we are accepting applications for our \$500 scholarship. The winner will be announced on May 24.

Seniors may pick up an application from the Cross Plains High School Counselor or contact her at 254-725-6121. Other applicants can also stop by the Counselor's office to pick one up or you may contact Wanda Merryman at 254-725-4492.

This annual scholarship is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Do not forget.....the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is April 27.

Annual Spring Cleanup Set for the Week of March 19th

The City of Cross Plains' annual spring cleanup is scheduled for the week of March 19th. Citizens are encouraged to get rid of their unwanted items at this time.

Citizens may bring their unwanted items to the City Yard located at the corner of Avenue A and NE 2nd Street. Citizens will be able to get rid of items other than household garbage, yard clippings, tires, paint or other items considered waste.

Elderly and disabled residents may call City Hall (254) 725-6114 during this week to request help with large items. Residents are reminded there are only two cleanups per year and are encouraged to participate in order to get rid of unwanted items.

Texas Heritage Bank

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RURAL HOUSING LENDER

Presents:
"What's Inside"

ATTENTION:

Time Change

Don't forget to turn your clocks

FORWARD one hour on Saturday night March 10th

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Church Directory

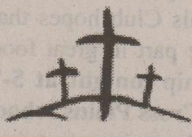
COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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 325-737-17
 Sunday School Sunday P
 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street
www.crossplainsfumc.org

First Presbyterian Church

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OBITUARIES

Ire Ronnel Simons

Ire Ronnel Simons age 82, of Bangs, passed away Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Brownwood. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Brownwood, with the Rev. Paul Blake officiating. Interment followed in Bangs Cemetery.

Ire was born just outside Cross Plains, Texas, at the community of Dressy. Ire was the second child of Gus M. and Lula Mae Simons. They lived in the Cross Plains area, and he graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1947 in the top 10 of his class.

He married Cedonia Elizabeth Geere on December 24, 1950, at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood, in a sunrise Christmas Eve Ceremony. He volunteered and served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1953 and was selected to attend Officers Candidate Training School. On March 10, 1953, they became proud parents of Ronnel Robert. Ire graduated from Howard Payne College in May 1956 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was employed by Permian Mud Service as a mud engineer. After the company merged with Champion Chemicals, he became part of their sales force and later became head of their international sales division. Simons worked for 20 years in the international petroleum industry traveling the world and meeting foreign dignitaries in most countries around the globe. When stateside and after retirement, Ire started a construction and roustabout company in Eastland, Texas, and then was an integral partner in designing and building a petroleum chemical plant in Crockett, Texas. After a company from Canada purchased the company and he and Cedonia moved to Bangs, Texas, where they built a home where he lived and worked and enjoyed the fruits of his labor.

Numerous interests included bee keeping, gardening, raising sheep and goats, fishing and hunting, coin collecting and current affairs. He was known for his hard work and innovative ideas and his signature coveralls. He was a loved member of Concord Baptist Church and helped with many projects serving its congregation.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Mabery and sister Ruby Martell.

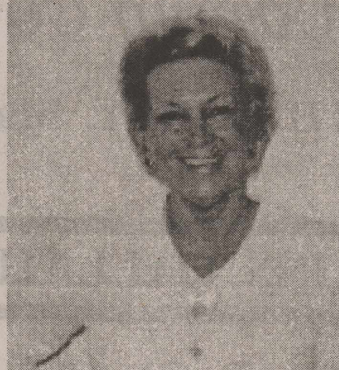
Survivors include his loving wife, Cedonia of Bangs; his sister Maxine Dimitri; one son Ronnel Robert and Shelli Malone Simons of Lubbock; two grandsons, Benjamin and wife Elisabeth Simons of Lubbock, Jonathan and wife Sarah Simons of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Jedediah Simons, Jaron Simons, and Adalee Simons.

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First Presbyterian Church in Baird to Celebrate 100 Year Dedication

On March 12, 1912 a dedication ceremony was held for the new First Presbyterian Church building in Baird. Members of Cumberland Presbyterian congregation and U.S.A. Presbyterian congregation united in their efforts to grow a strong, unified church membership in Baird.

This Sunday a celebration of the history of the church will be held in lieu of the regular church service at 10:00 a.m. Church members will recount the history recently discovered in hand written notes made by Mrs. E. C. Fulton before the



Frances (Flo) McDade

Frances (Flo) McDade, age 73, went to be with Jesus on Sunday, March 4, 2012 in a hospital in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Ronnie B. White officiating. Burial followed in the McDade Family Cemetery.

Flo, as she was known, was born in Aurora, IN on April 1, 1938 to Curtis E. Ollman and Frances Mae Goodpastor. She married Dana I. McDade in Aurora, IN on January 7, 1956. They celebrated 56 years together this past January. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her loving husband, Dana McDade of the home; sons Denny McDade of Abilene and Greg McDade Brooksville, FL; daughter Darlene Sue Carter of Jasper, TN; a sister, Gloria; brother Ronnie; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all her family and friends.

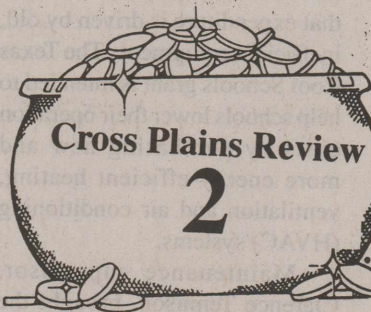
Tommy Lee Phillips

Tommy Lee Phillips, age 72, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2012 in a hospital in Fort Worth. The family will be at the funeral home on Sunday from 5 to 6 p.m. for a time of visitation. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Burnt Branch Cemetery, FM 422, Callahan County, Texas with Ronnie B. White officiating.

He was born on October 7, 1939 in Kilgore, Texas to Granville Brown Phillips and wife Lola May Merritt. He was a roofer by trade and had served in the Army National Guard. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his sons, Tommy Lee Phillips, Jr. and wife Pam of Cross Plains; Robert Phillips of Cross Plains; daughters, Dana Sons and husband David of Stoner and Lunell Hart; 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Geraldine Short, brother Harry Phillips, infant sons Malcolm and Todd Phillips.



Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

David J. Lucas, Jr., motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Jayson S. Owen, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 1 year probation, \$3000 fine, \$264 court costs.

William P. Russell, order releasing cash bond granted.

Jose A. Perez, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Grenvel Tutt, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$309 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Daniel Lee Weimer and Treasha Diane McManes, both of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictment

Everett M. Henry, evading arrest.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Darrell W. Gibson, possession of controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Grenvel Tutt, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 18 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$349 court costs.

Melodie Y. Walton, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$349 court costs.

Sidney D. Walton, posses-

sion of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$349 court costs.

Emeterio Campos, plea of guilty to indecency with a child, 5 year probation, \$334 court costs.

Derrell W. Gibson, plea of guilty to conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$389 court costs.

Civil Indictment

Everett M. Henry, evading arrest.

Civil Minutes

Sidney Bogue, individually and as representative of the estate of Elizabeth Bogue, deceased, Bobby Jack McCowen, Vivian Elizabeth Bush, Melanie Leigh Bogue Quinton, Robert Bogue, Rory Wade Bogue, and Sidney Owen Bogue IV vs. Michael D. Newman, Charles William Bishop, Associated Contractors, Inc., order denying plaintiffs' motion for new trial.

In Re: Steiber family trust, appoint a successor trustee.

Ashley Alise Smith vs. Justin Michael Anthony Smith, divorce.

DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 25, 2012 through March 2, 2012 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—318
 Complaints—83
 DWI—1
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
 Driving While License Suspended—6

Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

Cancer Support Group offered by Cancer Services Network

Cancer Services Network will offer a six-week educational support group for those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer. Sessions are set for 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning March 22 at the Hinds Square Classroom located at 100 Chestnut, Suite 112. Cancer Services Network is an agency of the United Way of Abilene.

This group is designed for patients, caregivers, family and friends affected by cancer in any way. In a supportive and interactive environment, this group will focus on the practical, emotional and physical aspects of living with cancer. Topics will vary each week. Week 1: Telling your Story; Week 2: Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Week 3: Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer Diagnosis; Week 4: Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Week 5: Communicating with your

Medical Team; and Week 6: Coping with the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, social worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Colley has fifteen years experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling (325) 672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the United Way of Abilene.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School

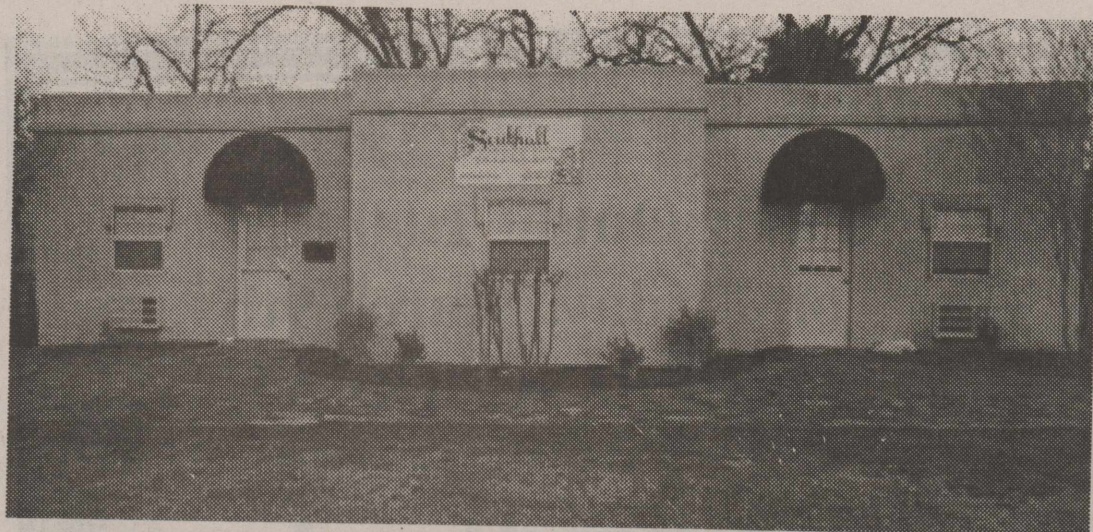
Sunday 9:30 am Sunday
 Morning Worship Evening Worship
 10:45 am 6:30 pm

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



HISTORIC BAIRD OFFICE BUILDING GETS A FRESH MAKEOVER—NEW HOME OF SOUTHALL CHIROPRACTIC AND ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC. According to some long time Baird residents, in the late 1940s-1950s, the adobe business building at 418/425 Market Street, east of the Callahan County Courthouse, was first built by Mae Claire Wheeler. She came from a well known ranching family in the Admiral community. She opened a beauty shop in the building and also lived there. Sometime after that it is rumored a doctor set up shop there providing medical care. In the 1970s, the building was used as the Baird ISD tax office. In 1994, it was remodeled by Jud and Carla Gilliland and converted to a three room bed and breakfast called "Four Seasons Guest House". The building has stood vacant for over 10 years, now the clinic will breathe new life into the old walls. Over the past 8 months the facility has been internally remodeled to house a two room office suite on the left and one room office suite on the right.

COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

Daylight savings time begins this Sunday. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

We've heard back from the Texas Historical Commission that our Historical Marker for the Old Cemetery may be here soon. If things stay on schedule at the foundry where the marker is being built, the marker may be here by the end of April. Wouldn't it be great if we could have a Dedication Ceremony coordinated with the Cottonwood Historical Association Annual Meeting that's coming up on Saturday, May 5? We'll have to

wait and see, but just maybe the marker will be here in time.

So many people over the years have worked on getting a marker for the Old Cemetery—John Purvis, Albert Lovell, Claire Edwards, H.D. Weaver, Wallace Bennett, Ora Breeding are a few that come to mind. Probably there have been others. It was at the Annual Meeting last year that we announced that our application for the marker had been approved.

If you would like to help with the cost of the marker or would just like to donate toward the cemetery upkeep, you can send a donation to the Cottonwood

Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

It was good to visit with John and Wallace Bennett and H.D. Weaver at the Senior Center last Friday. They had all brought photos into the center to be scanned for the upcoming *Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2* book. There will be a Cottonwood section in the book that will include the Cottonwood Quilting Club and other Cottonwood photos.

Fellowship dinner at the Cottonwood Baptist Church is coming up soon on Sunday, March 18th.

Library Notes

Library Hours

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

February 27 - March 1, 2012

Patrons	172
Books Checked Out	161
Programs	18
Lapsit	11
Other	7
Copies	328
Internet Users	50
Reference	14

Memorials

Cross Plains Class of 1946
In Memory of Tom Andrew Vestal, Jr. and In Memory of Harold Claiborne

Wilma Lawrence

In Memory of Margaret McNeel

Cross Plains Class of 1958

In Memory of Jim Wendland and In Memory of Karen Strickland

Vonnie Rutherford

In Memory of Eddie "Vick" Nigar

Mary Weaver

In Memory of Bill Kelly

Beverly Brown

In Memory of Bill Kelly

Dena Nickerson

In Memory of Bill Kelly

Shirley Byrd

In Memory of Bill Kelly

James and Paulette Foster

In Memory of Sandy Mack and In Memory of Marie Stambaugh

Bill and Barbara Robinson

In Memory of Troy Crockett and In Memory of DeVerl Goode

Don and Nancy Davis

In Memory of Troy Crockett

Donna Wagner

In Memory of Shana Reed

Donations

Tom and Arlene Stephenson

Books and Miscellaneous

Donations

Curt and Ginny Hoskins

Michelle Kaiser

Volunteers

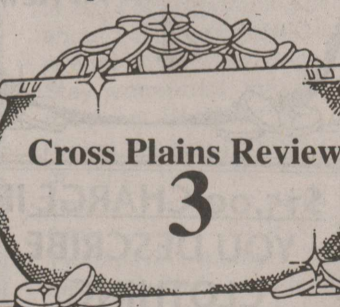
Gene Dillard

Suzy Stiver-Nash

Cross Plains Area Genealogy

Society meets at the Library

every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.



SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 12th- Spanish Classes 6:30pm
Tuesday, 13th- 10:00am Games
Wednesday, 14th- Birthday Celebration, Free Foot Care Clinic Available
Thursday, 15th- Zumba 5:00pm
Friday, 16th- Help for Veterans: Call for Information

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

Do You Live In The Cottonwood Area?

The Senior Citizens Center is looking for people who live in the Cottonwood area or 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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

APRIL 6, 2012

JULY 4, 2012

MAY 28, 2012

SEPTEMBER 3, 2012

Would You Like To Learn Spanish?

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 12 — MARCH 16

MONDAY- BBQ Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, Bread/Dessert/Drink
TUESDAY- Sweet n Sour Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread/ Dessert/Drink
WEDNESDAY - Beef Spaghetti, Vegetables, Salad, Bread/Dessert/ Drink
THURSDAY- BBQ Sandwich, Mac. Salad, Beans, Dessert/ Drink
FRIDAY- Chef Salad, w/turkey/ ham/egg wedges and crackers.

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

WHEN RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL CARD SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL THANK YOU

In Appreciation

Thank you to everyone for the love, prayers and support given to help us through the tragic loss of our Shana and Kennedy. From those who came to the hospital, called, sent a card, made a visit, brought food, drinks or paper goods, to those who provided a shoulder to lean on, you truly are what makes Cross Plains such a "Caring Community".

Thank you to First Baptist Church for your kindness. To the Women's Ministry and all who provided food for the meal following the service, we appreciate you giving your time to help ease our grief. A special thanks to Ronnie White for being there for us.

It is a blessing to be a part of a community who is like family.

Thank you again,

Frankie & Kelli Hyles
Shawn & Christin Bullock
Mykea & Scott Mackey
Cody Hyles
Kelbi Hyles

Cody & Kutter Reed
Debbie & Rusty Reed
Matt & Krisi Reed
Ryan, Ryder & Rylen

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STORE TO OPEN SOON!!

BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

Tyranny is on the March

1. When "Planned Parenthood" advocates that any sex education which mentions abstinence is "fear and shame-based sex education."
2. When churches, politicians, and conservative organizations are demonized for standing against the government funding and promoting "unrestricted sex" with abortion.
3. When judges cannot discover a reasonable definition of obscenity.
4. When education fails so miserably that one third of Americans either don't know or don't believe the Holocaust ever happened...then tyranny is at the door.

When sin wins the popular vote, tyranny is coming. Sin has been renamed. We call it the "right to our body" and who would vote against that! Just as in Old Testament times, God's people turned from accountability and plunged into slavery; we see all the signs of history repeating itself; or maybe we don't. Maybe we will just blindly step off the cliff into the ash heap of history.

Dictators usually don't conquer with armies; they erupt from within, like cancer. The surprising thing about Hitler to outsiders was how the Germans loved him; fanatically. They had willingly rejected their conscience and what God's natural law teaches...just like Americans today. Only God can save us now, just like then.

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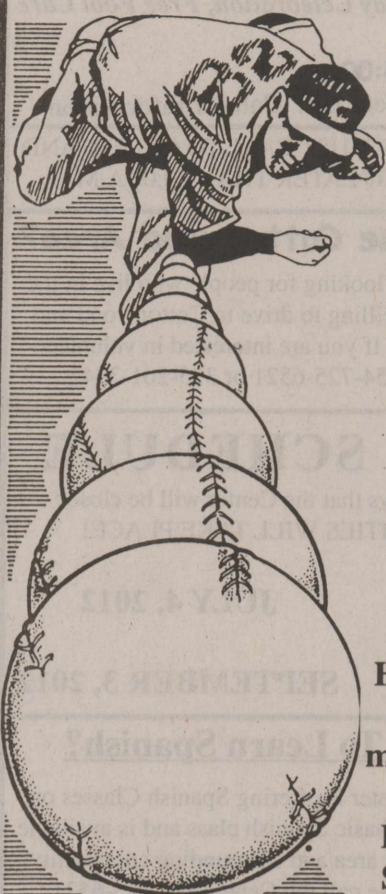
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Feb 13	Mon	1 st day for Team Baseball practice	
Feb 24	Fri	CP @ Coleman	4:00PM
Feb 28	Tues	CP @ Winters	4:30PM
Mar 1-3	Thur-Sat	Santo Tournament	TBA
Mar 2	Fri	Home vs ACHS	4:30 PM
Mar 8-9-10	Thru-Sat	Ranger Tournament	TBA
Mar 16 Fri	Fri	CP @ Gorman *	5:00 PM
Mar 20	Tues	CP @ Goldthwaite *	6:30 PM
Mar 23	Fri	Home vs May *	5:00 PM
Apr 3	Tues	CP @ DeLeon *	5:00PM
Apr 10	Tues	Home vs Gorman *	5:00 PM
Apr 13	Fri	Home vs Goldthwaite *	5:00 PM
Apr 17	Tues	CP @ May *	5:00PM
Apr 20	Fri	Home vs DeLeon *	5:00PM



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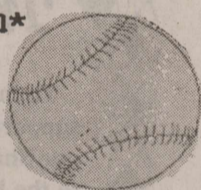
Assistant Coach: Dade Cosby; 325-340-0239
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High School Principal: Diana Dobbins
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Cross Plains Lady Buff Softball 2012

February 24	CP vs. Gordon	Here	4:30
February 28	CP vs. Baird	Here	4:30
March 1-2	Eula Tournament		TBA
March 5	CP @ Santo*	There	5:00
March 9	CP @ Bangs	There	3:00
March 17	CP vs. Eula	Here	4:30
March 20	CP vs. Ranger*	Here	5:00
March 23	CP @ Lipan*	There	5:00
March 30	CP vs. Gorman*	Here	5:00
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April 6	CP vs. Santo*	Here	5:00
April 10	CP @ Ranger*	There	5:00
April 13	CP vs. Lipan*	Here	5:00
April 17	CP @ Gorman*	There	5:00
April 20	CP vs. DeLeon*	Here	5:00

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March 30th — AG JUDGING CONTEST @ Cross Plains

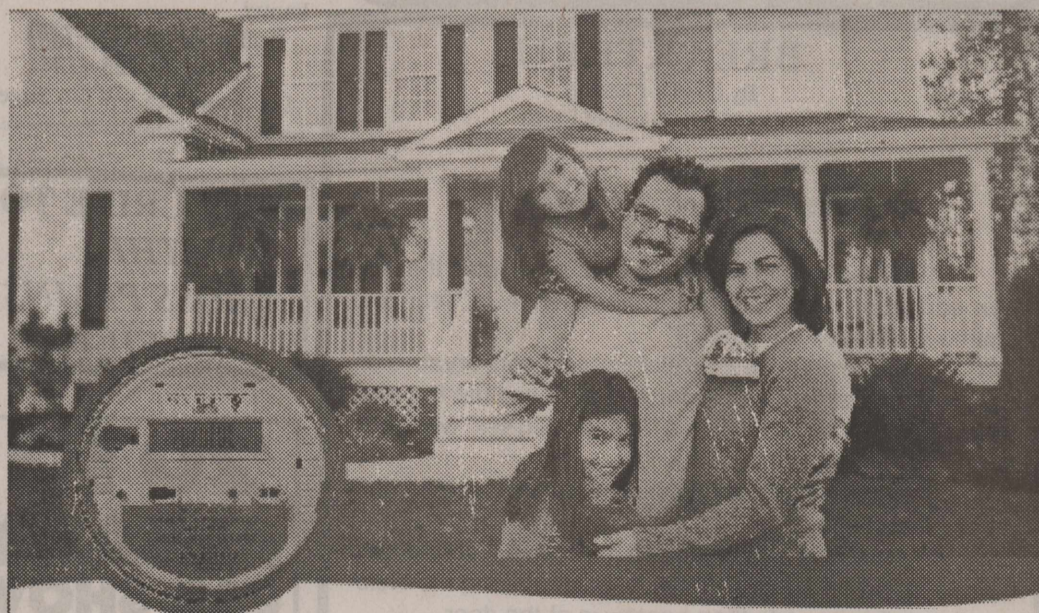
April 3, 2012 for UIL Academic Meet being held at Cross Plains I.S.D.

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Top Lottery Retailers In Callahan County

Store	City	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Thrifty's Food Mart	Clyde	\$335,031	\$361,899	\$381,224	\$410,365	\$324,483	\$427,715	\$521,417	\$588,286	\$461,933	\$545,568	\$477,411	\$552,970	\$564,928
7-Eleven	Cross Plains	\$190,286	\$217,719	\$179,959	\$209,722	\$290,212	\$366,799	\$453,244	\$349,553	\$292,091	\$351,295	\$421,499	\$402,374	\$352,820
Clyde's One Stop	Clyde	\$307,374	\$377,164	\$373,074	\$457,791	\$453,161	\$525,538	\$513,310	\$578,086	\$428,432	\$502,566	\$430,354	\$385,777	\$347,318
Wes-T-Go	Baird	\$145,364	\$155,479	\$150,265	\$174,967	\$157,377	\$182,826	\$252,922	\$241,107	\$191,274	\$224,171	\$234,771	\$236,017	\$269,599
7-Eleven	Clyde	\$157,716	\$177,940	\$228,292	\$271,216	\$281,406	\$361,812	\$233,575	\$211,988	\$217,398	\$259,381	\$275,992	\$264,383	\$265,226
Anita Food Mart	Clyde	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$71,510	\$124,552	\$164,591	\$102,400	\$90,537	\$99,402	\$118,620	\$117,803	\$102,831	\$158,495
Allsup's	Baird	\$138,693	\$127,090	\$134,671	\$172,737	\$168,687	\$173,285	\$172,729	\$179,091	\$152,479	\$182,873	\$154,439	\$141,522	\$126,490
Lawrence Brothers	Clyde	\$97,730	\$96,713	\$98,910	\$80,433	\$69,837	\$94,668	\$67,708	\$78,393	\$72,789	\$84,672	\$78,413	\$96,855	\$121,769
Allsup's	Clyde	\$122,252	\$115,485	\$110,840	\$149,126	\$161,225	\$183,562	\$162,073	\$174,305	\$150,019	\$178,974	\$219,742	\$185,761	\$110,627
Total Lottery Sales	Callahan	\$1,508,446	\$1,736,237	\$1,773,270	\$2,132,521	\$2,264,510	\$2,653,458	\$2,743,511	\$2,675,079	\$2,109,431	\$2,497,019	\$2,410,424	\$2,382,979	\$2,317,275

Callahan County lottery sales drop for third straight year in 2011

Clyde lottery retailer Thrifty's Food Mart continued to hold the top spot among Callahan County retailers selling lottery tickets in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, while the 7-Eleven convenience store in Cross Plains took the number two spot for Texas lottery sales, according to Texas Lottery officials. The Texas Lottery Commission's fiscal year for 2010-2011 ended in September 2011.

Clyde businesses held six of the top nine spots among the top lottery ticket retailers in 2011. Total lottery ticket sales in Callahan County were \$2,317,275, which is down slightly from the 2009-2010 fiscal year, which saw lottery sales of \$2,382,979. The fiscal year 2006-2007 saw lottery sales down more than \$500,000 from the previous year, after the price of a gallon of gasoline spiked to over \$4.00 per gallon during 2007, and have recovered only slightly. The highest number of lottery tickets sold was in the 2004-2005 fiscal year when \$2,743,511 were sold.

Thrifty's Food Mart, located at 1634 North Access Road (I-20 and Cherry Lane) in Clyde, topped all Callahan County lottery sales retailers with \$564,928 in lottery tickets sold in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The majority of Thrifty's lottery sales are from instant scratch-off tickets with sales of \$520,576 in fiscal year 2010-2011. Thrifty's reported \$12,759 in Lotto ticket sales, \$4,713 in Pick 3 ticket sales,

\$3,015 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$3,173 in Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$315.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$8,355 in the Powerball lottery sales, and \$12,022 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

The 7-Eleven #67 convenience store, located at Avenue F & 4th Street in Cross Plains, came in at number two in lottery sales in Callahan County, replacing Clyde's One Stop (formerly Howle's Kountry Store) in 2009-2010. The 7-Eleven lottery retailer in Cross Plains was number two in lottery sales in Callahan County with total sales of \$352,820. The Cross Plains 7-Eleven lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$295,620 in fiscal year 2010-2011. The Cross Plains 7-Eleven reported \$14,075 in Lotto ticket sales, \$14,249.50 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$3,730 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$2,092 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$772.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$9,210 in Powerball lottery sales, and \$13,071 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

Clyde's One Stop (formerly Howle's Kountry Store), located at 105 South First Street West in Clyde, came in at the number three lottery sales leader in Callahan County with total lottery ticket sales of \$347,318.50 in fiscal year 2010-2011. Clyde's One Stop lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$306,948 in fiscal year 2010-2011. Clyde's One Stop reported \$9,239 in Lotto ticket

sales, \$5,696.50 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$2,057 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$2,063 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$5,639 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$5,573 in the Powerball lottery ticket sales, and \$10,103 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

The Wes-T-Go, located at 1033 Cherry (I-20 and Cherry) in Baird, was the number four lottery retailer with total ticket sales of \$269,599.50 in the fiscal year 2010-2011. Wes-T-Go's lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$242,398 in fiscal year 2010-2011. Wes-T-Go reported \$7,458 in Lotto ticket sales, \$1,626 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$3,379 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$1,671 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$417.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, and \$7,014 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

Number five in total lottery sales in 2010-2011 in Callahan County was the 7-Eleven convenience store located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde, with total lottery sales of \$265,226.50. The Clyde 7-Eleven lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$227,514 in fiscal year 2010-2011. The Clyde 7-Eleven retailer reported \$8,576 in Lotto ticket sales, \$8,615 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$3,272 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$2,671 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales,

\$1,850.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$5,432 in the Powerball ticket sales, and \$7,296 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

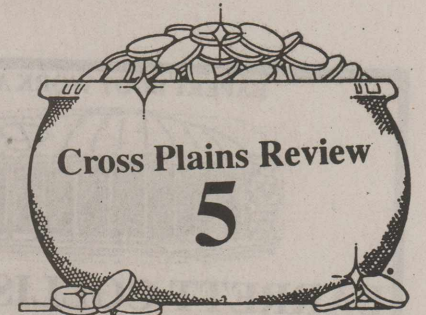
Anita's Food Mart #2, located at 921 South Access Road West (I-20 and FM 604) in Clyde, was the number six top retailer in Callahan County with total sales of \$158,495 in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Anita Food Mart lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$132,701 in fiscal year 2010-2011. Anita Food Mart reported \$5,383 in Lotto ticket sales, \$1,927 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$1,174 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$1,496 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$6,647 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$3,466 in the Powerball lottery ticket sales, and \$5,647 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

Coming in at number seven for the top lottery retailer in Callahan County was the Allsup's convenience store located at 1023 Cherry (I-20 and Cherry) in Baird with total lottery sales of \$126,490.50 in the 2010-2011 fiscal year. The Baird Allsup's lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$103,640 in fiscal year 2010-2011. The Baird Allsup's reported \$8,576 in Lotto ticket sales, \$1,652.50 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$1,426 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$1,290 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$523 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$3,610 in the Powerball ticket sales, and

\$7,296 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

Lawrence Brothers IGA #1398, located at I-20 and Cherry Lane in Clyde, was the number eight top retailer in the 2010-2011 fiscal year with total Texas lottery sales of \$121,769.50. Lawrence Brothers IGA lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$91,598 in fiscal year 2010-2011. Lawrence Brothers IGA reported \$6,317 in Lotto ticket sales, \$7,703.50 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$3,382 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$3,337 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$588 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$3,617 in the Powerball lottery sales, and \$5,227 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.

The number nine top lottery retailer in Callahan County in the 2010-2011 fiscal year, was the Allsup's convenience store located at 705 South Access Road (I-20 and Cherry Lane) in Clyde with total sales of \$110,627. The Clyde Allsup's lottery sales from instant scratch-off tickets were \$90,620 in fiscal year 2010-2011. The Clyde Allsup's reported \$6,137 in Lotto ticket sales, \$1,586.50 in Pick 3 ticket sales, \$1,329 in Cash 5 ticket sales, \$838 in Texas Two-Step lottery ticket sales, \$105.50 in Daily 4 ticket sales, \$3,979 in the Powerball ticket sales, and \$6,032 in the Mega lottery ticket sales.



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Last year's Talent Show winner, Garrett Bryan, and members of his band will open this year's show.

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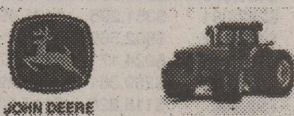


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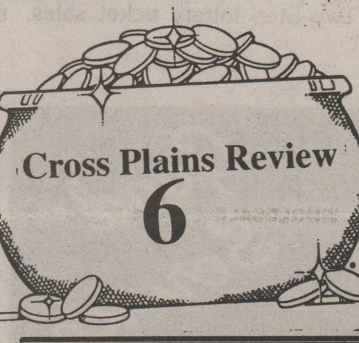
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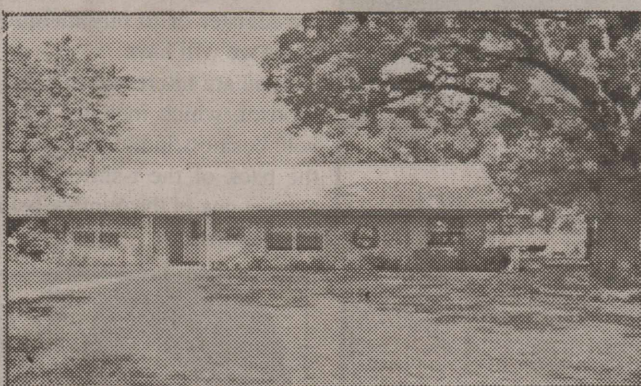
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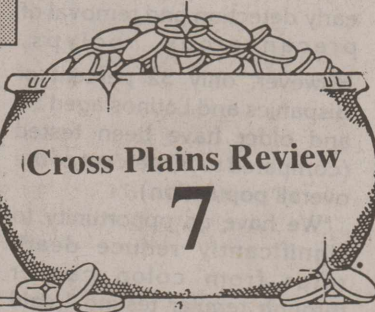
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Cottonwood Musical's St. Patrick Theme Entertaining

Everyone had a "jolly ole time" at the Cottonwood Musical last Friday night. Dolly Simmons from Cisco won the door prize. Thanks to Frances Thornton for donating a beautiful cross for the door prize.

George Allison, entertainer from Early, introduced Chuck Patrick as the featured musician of the month. After a few of his colorful comments, Chuck spoke to him in Irish dialect. What do you suppose Chuck was saying?

David Sly steel guitar player from May, was the first person to kiss the Blarney Stone. We will ask him at the next musical how luck has been!

Bob Robinson was wearing a button reading "I speak Blarney!" I didn't understand what he said all night...I think it was a bunch of baloney, I mean Blarney!

Thanks to the ladies who helped prepare and serve the meal. A



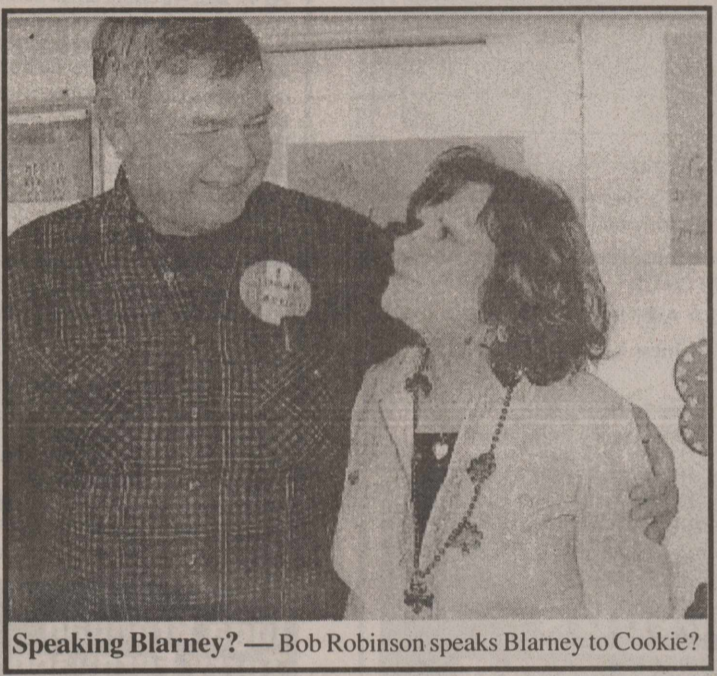
Winner — Dolly Simmons from Cisco was the winner of the door prize.

special thanks to the musicians who share their talents with the audience and to the audience who come to listen and show their appreciation for great music.

The next Cottonwood Musical is FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH.



Irish? — Chuck Patrick (left) speaking in Irish dialect to George Allison



Speaking Blarney? — Bob Robinson speaks Blarney to Cookie?

Tanner French 2nd Annual Memorial Walk

The 2nd Annual Tanner Ray French Memorial Walk will be held on Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. in Breckenridge. A 3 mile route will be the same as last year beginning and ending at the Bethany Baptist Church parking lot on West Walker St.

There will be a refreshment station and balloon release at the half way point which will be in front of the Stephens County Courthouse. There will be a booth set up at Frontier Days in Breckenridge for those wishing to pre-register or to buy memorial items we will have.

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March is National Colon Cancer Awareness Month

This March, the American Cancer Society is encouraging all men and women age 50 and older to make getting tested for colon cancer a priority. Those that have a personal or family history of colon cancer should talk with their doctors about being tested sooner.

"Since colon cancer is preventable, screening is a life-saving effort that we consider a priority," said Joy Carthel,

regional director of health initiatives for the West Texas region of the American Cancer Society. Pre-cancerous polyps can be detected and removed during screening, which can prevent them from becoming cancerous.

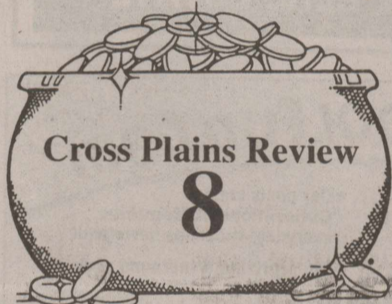
Colorectal cancer (commonly referred to as colon cancer) is one of only two cancers that can actually be prevented through testing.

Overall, colon cancer rates have declined rapidly in both men and women in the past two decades, due in part to early detection and removal of precancerous polyps.

However, only 32 percent of Hispanics and Latinos aged 50 and older have been tested (compared to 50 percent of the overall population).

"We have an opportunity to significantly reduce death rates from colon cancer through regular testing," said Carthel. "However, there may be barriers to screening such as a lack of health insurance or lack of information. We hope that people will use this month - National Colon Cancer Awareness Month - as an opportunity to talk to their doctors, family members and friends about getting tested. By doing so, they are taking a key step toward staying well."

In Texas, an estimated 9,560 cases of colorectal cancer are expected to occur in 2012, and 3,230 deaths are expected. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in both men and women. Risk factors for colon cancer include a personal family history of the disease.



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Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Upgrading Callahan County Computer Equipment to Increase Customer Service, Efficiency

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) is upgrading its computer equipment in the Cross Plains Motor Vehicle Department to help speed motor vehicle transactions. "We're pleased about receiving this new equipment to better serve our customers," said Tammy Walker, the Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector. "Of course anyone who has gone through a computer switch at their work place knows you have to take out the old to install the new and that means we are anticipating some down time when we will not be able to process motor vehicle transactions." TxDMV plans to install the new

equipment on March 13, 2012. This is the first equipment upgrade to county tax offices statewide since 2005. To help the TxDMV with its installation, the Cross Plains Motor Vehicle Department will be closed March 13, 2012 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The J.P. office will remain open for business.

The main office at the Callahan County Tax Office will also be receiving this upgrade and will be closed on March 13th all day. The property tax and voter registration division will remain open for business.

"I want to urge our customers to please come in before the

installation begins to conduct any urgent business they may have," Walker said. "Callahan County and the TxDMV don't want any of you to face late penalties because you waited until the last possible moment to come in and it happened to be the same day as the system upgrade."

Walker suggests customers call 254-725-7456 on March 14th to ensure the installation process went smoothly the day before. "We are not anticipating any problems, but you may want to check that the registration and titling computer system is operating properly before driving to our office," she added.

Tickets available at several Clyde businesses

Woman's Club annual Fish Fry is March 24th

The Clyde Woman's Club sixth annual Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, March 24th at the Clyde Woman's Club Building located on South First and Rusk Streets in Clyde.

This year's fish fry will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Advance ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 3-12 years of age. Ticket prices at the door the day of the fish fry are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 4-12 years of age.

Clyde Woman's Club project chairwoman Dot Burson said this year's fish fry will include the usual menu items, including all-you-can eat fish, Word Estes' famous pinto beans, french fries, hush puppies and homemade cole slaw. Water and sweet or unsweetened tea will also be served. Club members will also provide homemade brownies included in the meal, however it is not all-you-can-eat.

Those attending may dine in the day of the event or takeout orders will also be available.



Tickets for this year's fish fry are available at Estes Real Estate, First Financial Bank-Clyde, First National Bank-Baird/Clyde, the Clyde Journal or from any Clyde Woman's Club member.

The Clyde Woman's Club will again provide meals to both nursing homes in Clyde and Baird, courtesy of First Financial-Bank, First National Bank-Baird/Clyde and Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Proceeds from this year's fish fry will go toward the upkeep of the Clyde Woman's Club building.

The Clyde Woman's Club Fish Fry Committee is made up of the Executive Board of the Woman's Club, the Board of Directors and the Building Maintenance Committee.

According to Burson, the annual fish fry is one of only two fund-raising projects held annually by the Woman's Club. She said the other fund-raiser is the annual Tour of Homes every December, and proceeds from that fund-raiser go toward two \$1,000 college scholarships presented to two Clyde High School senior girls.

The Woman's Club representative said many area businesses and individuals help to keep the fish fry costs down thanks to their generous donations and they wish to give out a special "thank you" to those businesses and individuals.

USDA Announces CRP General Sign-up Landowners and Producers will have four week window beginning in March to enroll

Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up, beginning on March 12th and ending on April 6th. CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make cost-effective offers."

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis. Currently, about 30 million

acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30, 2012.

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking. FSA uses the following EBI factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered:

- Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage;
- Water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching;
- On-farm benefits from reduced erosion;
- Benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period;
- Air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and Cost.

Over the past 25 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken, and others. Highlights of CRP include:

- CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers;
- Each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous

from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

• CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and

• CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

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The Recipe Corner

Sweet Potato Casserole

By: Dorothy Zinn, Clyde, TX

Ingredients

4-5 medium size Sweet Potatoes-boiled until tender (peel and slice into 1/2 inch slices)

28 oz. can of Apricot Halves

1-1/4 C. brown sugar

1/4 T. Cornstarch

1/4 t. Salt

1/4 t. cinnamon

1 C. apricot juice

butter

pecans

Directions

Bring to a boil brown sugar, cornstarch, salt, cinnamon, apricot juice. Place apricots and sweet potatoes in casserole dish. Pour sauce over all and dot with butter and sprinkle with pecans. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.

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

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BCMGA to present free clinic on Vegetable Gardening during drought

It takes a lot of time and energy to grow vegetables, during a drought it gets tougher. The Big Country Master Gardeners Association (BCMGA) will be presenting a free clinic on March 27th, starting at 7:00 p.m., at the Abilene Public Library. Raised bed gardening may be the answer to your gardening troubles this summer.

Come learn how a raised bed garden can help to reduce the time and energy spent growing vegetables. This will also reduce the amount of water used. Sun and heat can burn up vegetables. Raised beds can reduce this damage, also.

Learn how to build a keyhole raised bed garden. This works well for anyone with trouble bending, stooping, or is wheelchair bound.

Learn how raised beds can help you to become a year round vegetable gardener.

Learn how to recycle cardboard, paper, leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen waste to improve gardening soil. Learn how to water wisely.

Betty Sims is a member of the Big Country Master Gardeners Association and is currently completing her hours for certification as a Vegetable Specialist. Betty is a long-time gardener, learning early in life the joys and troubles of vegetable gardening. Betty says, "I'm thrilled to share what I've learned with my neighbors here in West Central Texas. Together, we are learning how best to grow vegetables here." Remember, this is a free clinic.

Submitted by: Terry Coffman

10th Annual Youth Job Fair Assists Youth & Employers With Summer Employment Opportunities

In an effort to assist young job seekers in finding summer and part-time employment, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Hot Dog-I Got a Job!" Area Youth Job Fair on Friday, March 9th, 2012 from 1:00-5:00p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th Street. Job seekers, age 16-21, are invited to meet representatives from businesses and to complete applications for employment. Over 35 businesses have registered to attend, with multiple job openings. Job opportunities include sales, customer service, cooks, and wait staff at the afternoon event. Registration is FREE to all job seekers and employers seeking to hire for summer job openings. In addition, this years event will promote job training through volunteer opportunities. Applicants will receive assistance from professional staff in completing applications and

marketing themselves to potential employers. In preparation for meeting employers and completing applications, job seekers should bring a pen, their social security number, and dress appropriately for an interview.

Job seekers will receive a coupon for a hot dog, courtesy of Sonic Drive-In. "This event allows us to assist local employers in obtaining summer help and provides applicants the convenience of applying for a number of jobs in one location. It's a win-win opportunity for employers and applicants," states Mary Ross, Executive Director of the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas. Job seekers may complete pre-registration forms by visiting the Workforce Solutions website at www.workforcesystem.org, or by e-mail youthjobfair@workforcesystem.org. For more information about the job fair or other services for job seekers, contact Workforce Solutions at (325)795-4397.

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The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is wanting to recognize your business. Starting this past January we will select a local business for "Business of the Month"!

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We need a history of your business, how many employees, how long you have been in business, products you sell, etc. If can mail this info to the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 233, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or get it ready and we will pick it up.

We will only implement this program to the 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



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Bobby Havens
Christine Hutchins
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Gaylon Jackson
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Vicki Draper

MARCH 14

Rickey Thomas
Mrs. R.P. Haun
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Charlsie Richardson
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Imogene Newton Haun

MARCH 15

Traci (Morgan) Franke
Ethel Champion
Debra Denise Stout
Joe McNeel
James Barr
Betty Albrecht
Vicky Nigar
Tracy Lee Long
Julianna Childers

MARCH 16

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Becky Self
Janna (Pickett) Clare
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MARCH 17

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MARCH 18

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Andy Bennett and Megan Wilson

The Bennett Family is proud to announce the marriage of Phillip Andrew Bennett, son of Sheri Bennett of Abilene and the late Phillip Bennett of Cross Plains, to Megan Kathleen Wilson, daughter of Steve and Joy Wilson of Heath, TX. The couple became engaged on Saturday, April 09, 2011 at Grape Creek Vineyards near Fredericksburg, TX.

Andy, a 2004 graduate of Cross Plains High School, graduated from Texas Tech University in 2010. He is currently employed by the Waco Independent School District.

Megan is a 2005 graduate of Rockwall High School and also a 2010 Texas Tech University graduate. She is currently a student at Baylor University School of Law.

The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. on March 10, 2012, in the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall, TX.

Andy and Megan would like to give thanks to all their friends and family who have shown their support and love to the couple.

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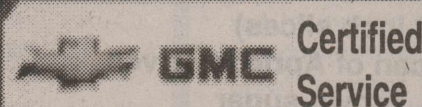
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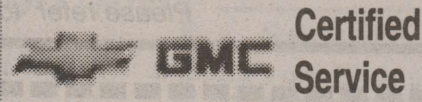
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