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NUMBER 6

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Screening

Parents are asked to register their children who will enter Pre-Kindergarten next fall. Cross Plains Elementary offers Pre-Kindergarten to all children who will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2012. Pre-Kindergarten will be offered if a sufficient number of four year olds register for the program.

It is important that students register as soon as possible in order to plan classes for 2012-2013. Class sizes for Pre-K may be limited.

Students who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2012 are eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten is a full day program. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students. If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K at Cross Plains Elementary, you will NOT have to go through the screening process. If your child has not been enrolled in Pre-K, and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, please register for screening.

Early childhood screening will be conducted at the same time as regular Pre-K and Kindergarten screening. The early childhood program is a program to help those children ages 3-5 who show to be developmentally delayed or have a suspected disability.

Early Childhood, Pre-K and Kindergarten screening will be conducted Friday, April 20, 2012 at Cross Plains Elementary School. Please call the Elementary Principal's Office at

725-6123 to make an appointment for your child. The screening will take about sixty minutes. Each student's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability, and developmental growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on their child's progress at the time of the screening.

Parents are reminded that, in order to enter school in Texas the student must have a state approved birth certificate, social security card and a current immunization record.

Immunization requirements:
Hepatitis B 3 doses by age 4
DTaP 5/4 doses w/one on or after 4th birthday

Polio 4 doses w/ one on or after 4th birthday, 3 doses if 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday

MMR 2 doses w/1st dose on/after 1st birthday
Varicella 2 doses on/after 1st birthday

Hepatitis A 2 doses with the 1st dose on/after the 1st birthday

Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record, and social security number for the child at the time of registering. Also, you will be asked to complete the National School Lunch Program information form on the day of pre-registration.

Estimado Padre o Guardian:
El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cross Plains ofrecera un

programa de pre-kindergarten si hay quince ninos que cualifiquen para tal servicio. Para poder ser elegible para este programa, un estudiante debe tener al meno cuatro anos de edad y satisfacer por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos:

*incapacidad de hablar y entender ingles

* desventajas educacionales

* sin hogar

Si usted cree que su nino(a) que usted conozca satisface uno o mas de estos requisitos, por favor se comunica con la escuela.

Sinceramente,
Margie Sowell
Directora de las Escuelas

Love Fund Established for Jamie Bell

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Jamie Bell of Cross Plains. She has been diagnosed with cancer and is in need of financial assistance.

Jamie is the wife of Alton Bell, who is employed at Lowe's Super S Foods. The couple moved to Cross Plains several years ago due to their friendship with Joe and Mary Graves.

Your donations at this difficult time would be greatly appreciated. Please keep Jamie in your prayers, also.

Promise Trio to Perform at First Baptist Church Sunday

Promise Trio will be in concert at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Sunday, April 22nd, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A love offering is suggested for the group.

If you need further information, call the office at First Baptist Church at 254-725-7629.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend and enjoy God's message in song.

Leifton Hunter Scholarship Available to Essay Winner

The Leifton Hunter Scholarship Fund was established by Leonard Wilson in memory of Leifton Hunter, a 1998 graduate of Cross Plains High School. A graduating senior will be awarded a \$250.00 scholarship to assist with tuition, books and/or fees to further his or her education.

Requirement:
1. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior who has enrolled or plans to enroll in a college, university, vocational or technical school.

2. Please write a one-page essay about one of the following topics:
A. Explain how a particular individual has significantly influenced your life.
B. Fully describe this sentence: "I am a ____ year old male/female growing up in the

United States in 2012 and I am most hopeful/pessimistic about..."

C. Describe a challenge that you have successfully overcome and how it has affected your life. What challenges do you anticipate facing after your graduation?

Selections:
Selection will be based on school and community involvement, financial need, and completion of a brief essay.

Application Deadline:
The application is April 27, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Please return the application with the essay attached to **Debbie Edgington at Texas Heritage Bank.**

CALLAHAN COUNTY Republican Convention held Saturday, April 21st

The Republican Party of Callahan County will hold its county convention Saturday, April 21st. The convention will be held at the Community Center in Cross Plains starting at 9:00 a.m. and ending at noon.

To be considered as a delegate to the state convention, or offer resolutions for discussion you MUST have your yellow voter registration card.

If you have questions, you can call 254-725-4168.

Respectfully Submitted
County Chairman
Reggie Pillars

An Evening with Joyce Spizer Foy Hosted by the Library

Author and former private investigator Joyce Spizer Foy will be the featured speaker Saturday, April 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center hosted by the Cross Plains Public Library.

Make your reservations by Wednesday, April 18th. The cost is \$10.00 and include a "build your own" Mexican dinner.

Foy is the author of "Only Make Believe" (the lie story of "Dallas" star Howard Keel), "The Cross Country Killer", "The Glen Rogers Story (the death row serial killer who claims to have killed Nicole Brown Simpson), "Wright Upfront" (Dallas Cowboy Rayfield Wright's authorized biography), "From Selma to the Super Bowl" (Dallas Cowboy Tony Hill's family story), "I'm OK, You're



Joyce Spizer Foy

Dead, "The Cop Was as White as Snow", "It's Just a Spleen and a High School Ring" and "Power Marketing Your Novel" and "Rejections of the Written Famous."

Remember to make your reservations!

Cross Plains to Host Regional Network Luncheon April 25th

Cross Plains will host a regional network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) on April 25 at the Cross Plains Community Center. Community leaders from Cross Plains and neighboring communities are invited to attend, enjoy the local cuisine and discuss mutual concerns. The luncheon is held from 11:30 to 1:30; cost is \$12.50/person; reservations are requested.

Community leaders are the "movers and shakers" in a community. City officials, EDC and board members, chamber of commerce members, civic club leaders and school officials are encouraged to attend. Participants are asked to make reservations in advance by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or tmcn@tmcn.org or online at www.texasmidwest.org. Reservations can also be made

by calling Cross Plains City Hall at 254-725-6114.

Each year TMCN conducts a series of network luncheons to bring local leaders from visiting communities together to discuss issues that affect quality of life and local economies. The focus of the luncheons this year will be Community Awards. Discussion will include the criteria and application process for the "Community of Achievement" Award and "All-Star Community" Award sponsored by TMCN and how these awards benefit communities. Other locations for luncheons this year are Hico on April 12, Merkel on April 18, Goldthwaite on April 19 and Throckmorton on April 26.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization for community and economic development, regional

promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." TMCN sponsors networking events during the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

TMCN member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye and Winters.

Graveside Services to be Held for Steve Propest Friday, April 20th

Jesse Stephen Propest, age 66, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2012 at his home in Cross Plains following a battle with liver and kidney health issues. Graveside services will be held Friday, April 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains. Visitation will be Thursday, April 19th from 6 to 7 p.m.

Steve was born June 26, 1945 to Jesse Saford and Linnie Mae Bell Phillips Propest in Memphis, Texas. He was the third of four brothers. He graduated from Electra High School in Electra, Texas. Steve married Katherine Miller on November 20, 1971 and they were born married for 40 years.

At age 17 Steve became a butcher for Safeway. In between being a butcher he decided to go into the insurance business at the

age of 21. After several years, he opened his own insurance office RVOS with his wife Katherine in Cross Plains. The couple operated the business from 2001 until 2012 when Steve retired.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife Katherine Propest of the home; three daughters, Kathy Bobb and husband Charlie, Kimberly Goldsmith and husband Steve and Tracy French and husband Terry; seven grandchildren, Chantry Bobb, Trevor Bobb, Logan Bobb and wife Ashley, Chasity Marr and husband Chris, Daniel Cooper and wife Tanya, Tiffany Phillips and Jason Goains; great-grandchildren, Baby Squirt, Katie, Hannah, Justin, Cheyenne, Destinee, Ryan, Skyler, Thayne; three brothers, Phil, Roger and Jonathan Propest and families; and other relatives.



Jesse Stephen "Steve" Propest

The family appreciated the ladies from Eastland Hospice for making Papa feel the best he could, and for helping Nana and our family cope with this difficult situation.

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Deadline to apply for Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship will be here soon! Seniors may pick up an application from the School Counselor's office or contact

her at 2545-725-6121. Other applicants can also stop by the Cross Plains High School counselor's office to pick up an application.

This annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Don't forget.....the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is April 27, 2012.

Submitted by
Lavonne Childress

Texas Heritage Bank

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

David Braun, Pastor

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Cell Phone: 325-370-6680



Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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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:

Music Director:

Dwaine Clowers

Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am

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

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

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

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377

Parsonage 725-7694

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9:30 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/

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Obituary

Laverne Hutton

Laverne Hutton, age 87, of Rising Star, passed from this life into her eternal home with her Lord on Monday, April 9, 2012. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, April 12, 2012 at the Rising Star Church of Christ with Terry Jackson officiating. Burial followed in the Pioneer Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Laverne was born on July 25, 1924 in Runnels County, Texas to Delma and Ella (Gurley) Dean. After completing high school, she married Cowan Hutton in Brownwood, Texas on December 23, 1941. She and Cowan were blessed with 70 years of marriage and four sons and one daughter from this union. She was a wife, mother, homemaker and a member of the Rising Star Church of Christ. Laverne was an avid quilter, and belonged to the Pioneer Quilting Club. One of Laverne's quilt designs was featured on a national quilting magazine.

She is survived by her husband Cowan Hutton of Rising Star; three sons and their wives, Danny and Patricia Hutton and J.D. and Sandy Hutton, all of Rising Star and Lynn and Pam Hutton of Cross Plains; a daughter Ruby Wanetta (Hutton) Parsons of Lake Brownwood; one brother Robert "Bob" Dean of Clyde; fourteen grandchildren and twenty-nine great-grandchildren, as well as numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Noah Cowan Hutton, Jr., a sister Betty Haslam and a grandson Dusty Hutton.

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Cross Plains Review DEADLINES

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Monday

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A Subscription to the Cross Plains Review

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116 S.E. 1st Street

Tanner French 2nd Annual Memorial Walk Announced

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.

There will be t-shirts, cups, lanyards, chap stick and gum all personalized with Tanner Ray French—We Still "Remember That Name". Car decals are still available as well as key chains, dog tags and wrist bands.

If you would like to be a sponsor for the walk and did not receive a sponsorship form, if you would like to order a t-shirt or wish to pre-register for the walk, please contact one of the following for more information: Darla French (254)-246-5521, Madyson (McElvany) Cox (817) 992-1217, Corey Clary (254) 246-0898 or Karen Weeks (254) 246-9076.

All proceeds benefit the Tanner Ray French Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Gospel Singing at Carbon this Saturday

A Gospel Singing is slated for Saturday, April 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Carbon Christ Center (located by the blinking light).

Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and enjoy God's Word in song and receive a blessing.

FREE Childhood Immunizations Available April 19th

FREE Childhood Immunizations and FREE dental screenings (Available for children 2 months to 18 years of age). Sponsored by Abilene Care Van & Caring For Children Foundation of Texas.

The Immunization clinic will be held Thursday, April 19, 2012 from 5 pm - 7 pm at the Medical Care Mission located at 1857 Pine, Abilene, TX.

*Please bring your child's immunization record

*Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian

*VFC Eligible

For additional information please call 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help or visit www.carevan.org.

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, May 29, 2012.

For Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy

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

John Windham

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

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, May 29, 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.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Billy L. Burkett, criminal trespass.

Celeste Sanchez, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Brandon K. Hicks, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for completion of PTD Program.

Mark D. Manning, motion to dismiss to assault granted, case to be refiled.

Marriage Licenses

Geoffrey Chase Snyder of Abilene and Brandi Diane Dill of Hawley.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

State of Texas vs. Weldon Gregory Henson, expunction. Lacy Hall Partin and Virgil Alan Partin, divorce.

Attention: Notice

Brandon K. Hicks in the courthouse news is not the Brandon J. Hicks of Clyde.

Tea Party to host city council candidate forum

The Callahan County Tea Party invites all the citizens of Clyde to meet the Clyde City Council Candidates Forum on April 24, 2012.

Here is an opportunity you don't want to pass up; come meet the candidates for Clyde City Council at the City Council Candidates Forum on April 24th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Callahan Hall, on South First Street, west of Dollar General.

There are 2 incumbents and 5 candidates running for the 3 seats at the council table.

Our City Council makes many decisions concerning the governance of our hometown. Their goals include increasing the economic certainty of Clyde and establishing an atmosphere that attracts new business and new residents.

If you haven't been to a Council meeting lately, you might like to see how it operates for yourself on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., but

meanwhile, we invite you to meet the folks at the City Council Candidates Forum on April 24, 2012.

You will be able to ask direct questions and obtain responses from all or some selected candidates. There will be a few minutes following the Forum to visit personally with the candidates.

Absolutely all of the decisions made by our City Council affect the citizens of Clyde in one way or another. Decisions are made on how best to further their goals and use the resources and funds available to add amenities or make improvements to the town.

They do all of this on behalf of the community and we, as citizens, do not have to deal with the details.

Come on out on Tuesday, April 24th, Callahan Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Swening Callahan County Tea Party

Cross Plains High School Class of 1962 to Celebrate 50th Reunion

Cross Plains High School Class of 1962 will hold its 50 Year Class Reunion Saturday, April 28th at Jean's Feed Barn on Highway 36 in Cross Plains.

All classmates, whether or not you graduated with the class, are

encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome.

If you have further questions, please contact Keith Watkins at 254-631-1169.

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Sunday School

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

Wednesday

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

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

The Cottonwood Historical Association Annual Meeting is coming up in a few weeks on Saturday, May 5. The Annual Meeting is more like a reunion—folks from all around come back home to Cottonwood. It's always good to see everyone—old friends and some new ones, too.

We start the meeting with the ringing of the old school bell, a sound that Cottonwood School kids remember all too well. Everyone shares their stories of people and times in Cottonwood past.

Bring a covered dish—a salad, side dish or dessert. Barbecue

brisket, chicken and sausage, as well as bread and iced tea and coffee will be furnished. Plan to come and have a good time. Coffee and visiting starts at 9 a.m. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

We are hoping for the Historical Marker to be delivered in time for the Annual Meeting. Wouldn't that be wonderful! In that case, the meeting would start at the Old Cemetery at 10 a.m. with the Marker Dedication. We will keep you posted on that.

Over the years, so many people have worked on getting a Historical Marker for the Old Cemetery—Albert Lovell, Ora

Breeding, Julene Franke, Claire Edwards, Wallace Bennett, Al Coppinger, John Purvis, R.T. Peavy, Herman Weaver, and I'm probably leaving out one or two who have contributed to this project.

Make plans now to come and join us May 5th, the first Saturday in May. Old friends and newcomers are both welcome.

Bryan and Kelly Bennett were part of the Methodist Church carpentry crew that built the wheelchair ramp over the weekend. Good job! It's great to see folks helping out one another.

Baird HHSC office closing

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will close four offices in the Abilene area on August 31st, including its office in Baird.

Employees at the offices will relocate to nearby locations in larger towns. Baird's six employees will probably choose Abilene as their relocation site, officials said.

HHSC offices provide low-income residents with locations to apply for Medicaid, food stamps and other federal assistance.

HHSC official Stephanie Goodman said the 50 office closures statewide were motivated by the need for "administrative savings" and to reduce costs following the most recent state legislative session.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn said the county does not charge HHSC for the office in Baird "and if they're keeping all hands on board, then I'm not sure where that saves them money. Maybe it's utility cost. I hate to see it leave."

Corn added there are many elderly people in the county, which is a low socioeconomic county.

Goodman said in making the closure decisions, the agency looked at several factors, including client case loads, and use of the office, space needs and facility costs and conditions.

She added as closure dates get closer, clients will be given information about the changes.

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Upcoming Events? Contact THE CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Cross Plains 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.
Locations 225 SW 5th Street
www.crossplainschamberofcommerce.com

Oplin Community Bi-annual Homecoming

The Oplin Community Center will host its bi-annual Homecoming on Saturday, June 2, 2012. If you've ever lived in the Oplin Community or if you now live in the Oplin community you are invited. Our community center will provide the brisket and sausage and everyone else is asked to provide side dishes and desserts.

So be sure and mark your calendar for June 2, 2012. Come out and meet your neighbors, discuss old times with the old timers, see friends you haven't seen in years or just come out to enjoy the day with a good meal. We'll see you then.

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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

April 9-12, 2012

Patrons	196
Books Checked Out	89
Programs	93
LAP	3
Lapsit	10
GED	6
Author	
Book Signing	46
Other	18
Copies	161
Internet Users	45
Reference	6
Interlibrary Loans	1

Memorials

Kennith and Ann Beeler
In Memory of Laverne Hutton

Kennith and Ann Beeler
In Memory of Mike McClure

Charles and Nancy Rodenberger
In Memory of Virginia Payne

Joe and Wilda (Queen) Mullins
In Memory of Carl King

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Cross Plains Public Library Board and Staff
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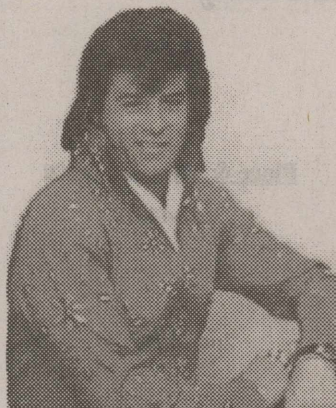
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Book and Miscellaneous Donations

Grace Goode
Bob and Lavonne Childress
Kennith and Ann Beeler
The Webb Family
In Memory of Shana and Kennedy Reed

Volunteers

Kathy Anderson
Helen Parson
Michelle Kaiser
Beverly Ross
Sue Bennett



James L. Wages presents Sincerely Elvis!

April 20th, there will be a BBQ Sandwich Meal served 6-7PM. The show is 7-9PM. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Sponsored by: Lake Brownwood Lions Club and will take place at 6751 N. Hwy. 279 in Brownwood, TX.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 23rd- Exercise 11 a.m.
Tuesday, 24th- Exercise 11 a.m., Game Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 25th- Exercise 11 a.m.
Thursday, 26th- Exercise 11 a.m.
Friday, 27th- Exercise 11 a.m.

I am so excited to have the opportunity to serve as Director of the Senior Citizens Center. Did you know that anyone can come and enjoy the food and fellowship each weekday? The Center is open at 8 a.m., and the coffee is ready, sometimes you can even get a doughnut to go with it.

If you have any talent or knowledge you would like to share, please contact us at 725-6521 and we will schedule a program. The first major fundraiser will be to replace the flooring. New flooring will not only upgrade the facility, but will eliminate the safety concerns. Come and join the fun!
Dannes Turner

NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER:

Egg Cartons and volunteers for the kitchen

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

Exercise Classes

Classes will consist of ZUMBA and other dance exercise. Doors open at 4:45pm. ***Each Thursday*** at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center 108 North Main Street. These classes are open to anyone of any age!!! There is no cost to the class but a donation of \$2.00 per session or 3 cans of non perishable food would be greatly appreciated! To sign up or for more information, call The Center at 254-725-6521.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 23- APRIL 27

MONDAY- Meatloaf, Potatoes, Peas, Bread/ Dessert/Drink
TUESDAY- King Ranch Chicken, Butter Beans, Salad, Bread/Dessert/Drink.
WEDNESDAY - BBQ Sandwich, Mac Salad, Beans, Dessert/Drink

THURSDAY- Sloppy Joes, Pork-n-Beans, pickles/onions/ Dessert/Drink
FRIDAY- Tuna Salad Sandwich, tomatoes/pickles, Fruit, Dessert/ Drink

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

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Plates:

#1 — 1 meat (1/2lb.) #2 — 2 meat (3/4lb.) #3 — 3 meat (1lb.)...\$7.99, \$9.59, \$10.99

Sides:

Potato Salad, Beans & Cornbread and Coleslaw
Single Serving--\$.99 1/2 Pint--\$2.00 1 Pint--\$4.00

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School Board Minutes

April 11, 2012

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a called meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Jim Cook, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Hoyt Foster and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent and High School Principal.

Three principal applicants were interviewed.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan to adjourn. For 7 Against 0

School Board Meeting

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

Call Meeting to Order

1. Open Forum
2. Personnel
 - A. Interview 3 Elementary Principal Applicants (Executive Session)
 - B. Consider Recommendations for Employment
 - C. Approve Resignations (if any)
 - D. Review Auxiliary Personnel
3. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - B. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
 - C. Consider Paying for

- Employees 2012-13 TRS Active Care 1 Portion of Health Insurance (Premiums Increasing from \$325 to \$338 a month per employee)
- D. Approve Instructional Materials and Textbook Allotment Form
- E. Consider 2012-13 Cheerleader Constitution
4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Review List of Transfer Students
 - B. Re-furbish Auditorium with Lighting and Sound?
 - C. Personnel Needs
 - D. Next Board Meeting — Thursday, May 17?
 5. Adjourn.

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

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April 19, 2012

Zoie Walker Needs Your Votes to Obtain Scholarship Funds—

Cross Plains High School senior Zoie Walker has won \$1,000 in the first round of the State Farm Texas Scholar Award Scholarship. She was picked out of over 1,500 Texas senior students and is now eligible to complete for the grand prize of \$10,000.

This scholarship recognizes outstanding high school seniors across Texas who are very involved in all University of Interscholastic League competitions—both academic and athletic. This scholarship also strives to recognize students who possess the positive characteristics that are embodied in Texas youth such as community, leadership and team spirit.

commitment to achieving excellence in their academics while maintaining an active profile in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities in their schools and communities.

Zoie needs your help as well! Please go to www.texascholaraward.com to read Zoie's profile and vote for her. Your vote will not only help show your support for Zoie, it will also show your support for her school and teachers.

Be sure to vote as often as you want. All you have to do is leave the site and come back, and you are able to vote again. Please vote for Zoie and vote often.

If you have any questions, please contact Cross Plains High School Counselor **Debbie Mitchell** at 254-725-6121 ext. 224.

Winners must demonstrate a

Time Capsule Planned

The Cross Plains Public Library is putting together a time capsule of items to be opened in 100 years. We are asking for items that would identify what it is like to be living in Cross Plains today. All items together must fit into a 5 gallon bucket, so space is limited. Items may be anything from a paper with writing or a photo to an object that shows today's technology such as an old cell phone.

Ideas may be submitted or you may wish to donate something. Not all items can be included due to limited space in the time capsule and all decisions will be at the discretion of the library board of directors.

Items already included in the time capsule are: anniversary and centennial copies of the Cross Plains Review, the books *Footsteps of Approaching Thousands* and *Cross Plains Remembered*, a 2011 Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a church bulletin from First United Methodist Church's 125th celebration and a picture of their

float in the Centennial parade, the frock worn by Conan, the Barber, in "Murder at the Barbarian Festival", photos of the 2005 fire, a wooden token from the centennial celebration and more.

Once assembled, plans are to bury the capsule in the park next to the library under a cement slab. Deadline for items is being delayed until part two of *Cross Plains Remembered* is published. If you would like to participate, please fill out this form and return it to the library or call the library for a pick up at 254-725-7722.

at the discretion of the library board of directors. If your donated item is chosen, we will contact you for its acquisition. Donated items become the property of the library.

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Suggestions for Time Capsule (If you need more space, please attach a separate paper)

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The special displays offer a wide variety of quilts. For the seventh year the Hoffman Quilt Challenge quilts will be displayed. This display is sponsored by Hoffman Fabrics. Quilters from all over the world use this year's Hoffman challenge fabric in a small wall quilt. The quilts are judged, and the best are displayed at various quilt shows, including the International Quilt Festival in Houston. The Members' Challenge quilts will also be on display. Guild members will display their challenge wall quilts, which are based on using small blocks with red and white fabrics only.

One of the highlights of the show is the opportunity to shop at the twenty four vendor booths at the show. Vendors from Texas and Oklahoma will offer quilting related items such as kits, fat quarters, fabric on the bolt, notions, books, and patterns. There will also be vendors offering other items that appeal to quilters. Vendors will also donate door prizes to be awarded throughout the show.

Quilters will also be able to learn about new tools and quilting techniques. There will be hourly demonstrations both Saturday and Sunday. The demonstration schedule will be posted at the quilt show entrance and included in the admission price. Abilene Quilters Guild makes a large bed quilt each year for the quilt show to benefit various community charities. Again this year the net proceeds will benefit the West Central Texas Food Bank. The quilt pattern was designed by Vickey Dees and Jennifer Tenney. The raffle quilt was pieced by Carolyn Davis and Patti Jackson. Patti also did the quilting. Both ladies are members of the Abilene Quilters' Guild. The winner of the quilt will be announced at 4 PM Saturday afternoon. You do not need to be present to win.

The quilt show will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Friday. The guild will have a snack bar featuring its famous chicken salad sandwiches or pimiento cheese sandwiches, chips, drinks and brownies or cookies. On Saturday the show opens at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. Admission to the show is \$5 per day or \$4 for seniors 65 and over or \$8 for children 12 and under.

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Turkey Creek Rodeo Club 2012 Events are Starting

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Our first youth play day and first time OPEN play day will be held on April 21st. The play day books will be open at 9:00 a.m. with the events starting at 10:00 a.m. On Friday, April 20th

starting at 6:00 p.m. there will be a riding clinic for all who would like to attend. The clinic will be at the TCRC rodeo grounds. Our play days will be the 3rd Saturday of each month, except September which will be September the 8th. Our ranch rodeo will be September 15th.

In conjunction with the Cross Plains music fest at Tread Way Park located next to the TCRC arena April 28th, TCRC will have a chuck wagon from Clyde Cowboy Heritage Church serving lunch and dinner. Lunch will be cooked to order burgers and hot dogs, dinner will be a delicious

cowboy stew, with corn bread and peach cobbler. There will also be a dance starting at 8:00 p.m. at the park featuring the band, 4-Barrel from Coleman. There is an admission and cooler charge. NO GLASS CONTAINERS.

TCRC would like to extend an invitation to the E.D.C., Mayor, city administrator and city council of Cross Plains for a free lunch and/or dinner at the chuck wagon on the 28th of April. We appreciate all the help you have given to the TCRC.

Submitted by
Reggie Pillans

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn honored for education efforts

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has been honored by the Texas Judicial Academy for going the extra mile to be prepared to handle his duties as county judge.

Judge Corn was inducted as a Fellow in the Texas Judicial Academy March 22, 2012, at a reception in Lubbock, Overton Hotel & Conference Center, during the 2012 Spring Judicial Education Session.

The Academy, a partnership between the Texas Tech University School of Law and the Texas Association of Counties, names as Fellows each year those judges who attain significant judicial education above that required by state law.

The education program of the Texas Judicial Academy is overseen by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and includes instruction by higher court judges, law school faculty as well as representatives of the Texas Probate College and the National Judicial College.



CALLAHAN COUNTY JUDGE, THE HONORABLE ROGER CORN, WAS INDUCTED INTO THE TEXAS JUDICIAL ACADEMY. JUDGE CORN WAS PRESENTED THE AWARD BY THE HONORABLE DAVID FIELD, DALLAM COUNTY JUDGE.

Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion Slated for Saturday, May 26th

The Pioneer Ex-student Association will meet Saturday, May 26 at the Cross Plains Community Center for their 92nd Reunion. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with complimentary coffee and donuts to enjoy while visiting friends and family. An exhibition of photos taken at last year's 91st reunion and other photos can be viewed from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. Sandwiches, fruit, dessert and drinks will be served immediately after the meeting at a cost of \$5.00.

A memorial service will be held for those ex-students, friends and family passing from this life during the period May 28, 2011 to May 25, 2012. Family members will be offered the opportunity to participate. Please send names and dates of those who should be remembered in

this memorial service to the Secretary-Treasurer at the address below.

Information on the Pioneer Historical (Cemetery) Association will be available as well as an update on the repair and upgrade of the Pioneer Community Center (old Pioneer School home economics building).

Plan now to attend the Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion on Saturday, May 26th at the Cross Plains Community Center and invite your family and friends. As always, bring your personal photos or other memorabilia commemorating our times at Pioneer.

Submitted by
Sec./Treas.

Bonita (McCowen) Horton
501 E. 1st,
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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 7, 2012 through April 13, 2012 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings—179
- Complaints—51
- Driving While License Suspended—
- DWI—1
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
- Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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Please check it for accuracy. If all information is correct, PLEASE KEEP THE YELLOW VOTER CARD as this is your voter card.

If you do not receive your yellow voter card, you may want to

contact the Callahan County Tax Office on the first floor of the courthouse in Baird, suite #101 or call 325-854-5820. These cards are not able to be forwarded, so if your address has changed for any reason; moved, mail delivered to post office box previously but now home delivery, or vice versa or if you have been "temporarily away", your card may have been returned to our office.

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Beef Cattle Seminar set for April 24th in Abilene

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service is beginning a statewide educational initiative focusing on rebuilding cattle herds within the state. Taylor County Extension Service will host a meeting on April 24th at the Taylor County Expo Center's Big Country Hall. Cost will be \$40.00 for those registered by April 20th or \$50.00 at the door. Register online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> (Keyword: Beef). Or call the Taylor County Extension office at (325) 672-6048.

"For the past two decades, we have seen a continual decline in cattle numbers within the state," said Dr. Ron Gill, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist and associate department head for animal science at Texas A&M University in College Station.

"The historic drought of 2011 dramatically accentuated that trend.

The state's cattle industry and affiliated trade and service companies are the second largest economic driver in the state bringing in billions of dollars to the state economy. With the cow herd at such a critically low level, Texas will start to lose infrastructure if cow numbers do not increase soon."

A series of in-depth, educational programs will be held across the state throughout the month of April, Gill said. Programs are scheduled for Midland, Yoakum, Alice, Graham, Abilene and Athens. Registration is available online at <http://agriliferegister.tamu.edu>

agriliferegister.tamu.edu (keyword: beef)

Program topics include: changes in lending policies that will impact availability of capital to reinvest in cattle; balancing forage recovery with cattle inventory recovery; systematic approach to evaluating options for securing replacement females; and developing a logical and systematic system to evaluate the worth of available replacement females.

The program sessions will also include discussions on such issues as herd health, biosecurity and creating strategic inventory flexibility into an operation.

Another critical area of concern is generational turnover, Gill said. The ongoing drought has been so severe that many producers have decided to not go back into the cattle industry, he said.

"It's important to long-term sustainability of the beef industry that we do not keep this range/pasture land out of cattle production," he said. "One special session will be devoted to the topic of how to develop a long-term relationship between landowners and land lessors."

Gill said there are a large number of young men and women that want to go into ranching, but do not have the capital or the experience in some cases to start an operation.

"Developing partnerships with family members or others in the community will allow a new generation of ranchers to emerge during this recovery

process," he said. "We will address this issue and the challenges that lie ahead."

The program sessions will also discuss additional uncertainty with both weather patterns and intentions of state beef producers following the devastating 2011 drought, Gill said.

"Recent surveys indicate that as many as 25 percent of producers who have sold cattle due to drought do not intend to go back into beef production and another 10 percent to 15 percent indicate they may seek alternative livestock enterprises if they do go back into production."

Gill said whether this property is taken out and put into real estate development, recreational or wildlife use or sits idle, it "will have long-term implications on the future of the Texas beef cattle industry."

Other factors such as competing land use, economics, drought and availability of financing have all contributed to decline in livestock inventories, he said.

"However, the Texas livestock industry is not solely dependent upon the livestock produced within the state," Gill said. "The stocker and finishing phases depend upon inventory that comes from a large geographical area."

In particular, Gill said the supply of calves from the southeastern states and Mexico are critical to supplying inventory to support the grazing of warm season forages during spring and summer programs and winter

annuals during the fall and winter grazing cycle.

"These cattle, along with the calves they produce within the state, supply the cattle feeding and packing industry primarily in the High Plains and South Texas regions," Gill said.

Further erosion in cattle inventories will result in loss of infrastructure within all of these sectors, he said.

"As world demand for proteins continues to increase, the need is for more beef cattle numbers and increasing supply of high quality protein to meet the increasing demand."

Gill said it's important that as herds are rebuilt, producers take into account the value and need for environmental adaptability of cows used to rebuild the cowherd. The educational programs offered will address this issue.

"Research information from the past on cow longevity, retained heterosis and ongoing work on cow efficiency will be invaluable to producers as cowherds are rebuilt," he said. "This type of information will be shared in the programs offered across the state."

Finally, as Taylor County Extension Agent, Robert Pritz points out: "Whether or not you are re-stocking, considering re-stocking, or maybe still waiting for rain, there are emerging challenges and there are emerging opportunities." He encourages local producers to begin now to critically evaluate their options, and to develop a plan for their future business and equity.

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Fish orders will be taken thru May 25, 2012 or until supplies run out. The fish will be delivered to Baird. Pick up dates will be announced later. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order.

For more information, contact the Natural Resources Conservation office in Baird at 325-854-1349 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 West 4th Street—Suite B.

Texas Department of Ag seeks 100-year family farms/ranches

May 1st is the deadline to submit applications for Family Land Heritage Program.

AUSTIN - In continuing a proud tradition of honoring hardworking generations of Texas farmers and ranchers, Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples invites families to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage (FLH) Program.

The program recognizes family farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production for the past 100 years or more. There is no cost to apply for the recognition.

To date, TDA has recognized more than 4,500 properties in 237 counties across Texas. Fayette County, with 151 family operations honored, has been recognized more than any other county since the FLH program began.

Applications for the 2012 Family Land Heritage recognition are available for download at www.TexasAgriculture.gov by clicking Family Land Heritage under the I Need To... section. For more information, you can also e-mail Lance.Williams@TexasAgriculture.gov.

Heritage ceremony will be held in the fall at the Texas Capitol in Austin and will recognize farms and ranches established in 1912 or earlier.

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Cross Plains' retail sales in 2012 are 3% higher

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

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Friday, April 13th.

Cross Plains' 2012 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$65,777.94, which is 3.08 percent higher than the \$63,812.13 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2011.

The payment to the city for April 2012 was \$15,226.21, which is 30.72 percent higher than the April 2011 payment of \$11,647.69 to the city.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today that state sales tax revenue in March was \$1.87 billion, up 16.9 percent compared to March 2011.

"The latest sales tax revenue numbers mark a continuation of recent trends we have seen in sales tax receipts," Combs said. "Strong collections continued in oil and gas-related sectors, while growth in revenue from the retail sector and restaurants also accelerated."

Combs will send April local sales tax allocations totaling \$488.7 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 10.5 percent compared to April 2011.

Combs distributed \$321.8 million in April 2012 allocations to Texas cities, which is up 15.1 percent from April 2011 and higher by 9.2 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$32.8 million in April 2012 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 22.8 percent compared to April 2011 and higher by 15.5 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$110.1 million in April 2012 sales tax allocations, which is 1.75 percent higher than April 2011 and up 10.6 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$24.1 million in April 2012 allocations, which is 35.6 percent higher than April 2011 and higher by 24.6 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$488.7 million in April 2012, which is 17.0 percent higher than April 2011 and up 10.5 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in February.

For details of local sales tax allocations in April to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts,

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
	2011	2012
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$63,812.13	\$65,777.94
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$11,647.69	\$15,226.21

locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2012 started the year 12.50 percent lower than the 2011 payments. The city has received \$37,175.10 in 2012, while the 2011 tax payments to the city totalled \$42,488.34.

Baird's monthly payment for April 2012 was \$7,389.97, which is 15.41 percent lower than the \$8,737.07 payment made to the city in April 2011.

—The 2012 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 4.36 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2011. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$164,683.79 in 2012. The 2011 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$157,794.89.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for April 2012 was \$34,303.85, which is lower by 1.26 percent compared to April 2011 in which a payment of \$34,744.08 was received.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2012 payments to the town totalled \$4,430.97, down 2.12 percent from the 2011 payments to the city in the amount of \$4,527.21.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of April 2012 was \$1,075.59, which is 1.74 percent higher than the April 2011 payment of \$1,057.17.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2012 in Callahan County are higher by 1.28 percent compared to the 2011 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2012

amounting to \$272,067.80 while the 2011 payments to the county towns totalled \$268,622.57.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of April 2012 were \$57,995.62, which is 3.22 percent higher than the April 2011 payment of \$56,186.01.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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State law requires private sale vehicle buyers to title in 30 days or face financial penalties

A new state law requires those who purchase vehicles in a private sale, whether it's in or out of state, to obtain a new title within 30 calendar days or face financial penalties.

"In some counties people are finding they owe hundreds of dollars in title penalties for failing to title within a month of purchasing their new car or truck," said Tammy T. Walker, the tax assessor-collector for Callahan County. "Please don't let this happen to you," Walker added.

Failure to title within the 30 days results in an automatic \$25 penalty, plus another \$25 for each month the title is late. There are no waivers for these penalties, which means the Callahan County Tax Office and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles cannot reduce or forgive what you may owe.

The law does grant an additional 30 days to active-duty military personnel, which gives them 60 days to transfer the title before facing late title penalties.

While the Penalties may seem harsh, it's important to remember this helps to protect you when you go to sell a vehicle. "When vehicle buyers don't put the title in their name when you sell them a car or truck, any-

thing they may do with that vehicle is going to trace to your name," Walker explained.

Sellers don't have to rely solely on the buyer to do the right thing.

Whenever you sell a vehicle yourself or even trade one in to a dealer, it is important to file the free Vehicle Transfer Notification on the TxDMV website, www.TxDMV.gov. "Sellers must file the Vehicle Transfer Notification within 30 days to receive the state guaranteed protection from liability," Walker said. "This way you cannot be held responsible for anything the buyer does with your old vehicle."

Buyers need to realize that titling the vehicle in their name also offers protection. "When a vehicle is titled in your name it gives you proof of ownership," Walker said.

Walker offers these tips for people planning to buy or sell a vehicle.

Texas Buyers
• For your protection, never buy a vehicle in a private sale without receiving the title and an application for certificate of title. (Title application form 130-U) This may be obtained from your local tax office or downloaded online at www.TxDMV.gov.
Be sure the seller gives you the

title. If the title is from Texas, you can go to Title Check at www.TxDMV.gov to see if it's a clean title.

• The seller must sign, date and enter the odometer reading on the title back.

• Be sure the seller signs, dates and enters the sales price on Form 130-U. If you are purchasing the vehicle out of state, have the seller download the form from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles website, www.TxDMV.gov.

• Go to your local county tax office within 30 days to title the vehicle in your name.

Texas Sellers
• Sign, date and enter the odometer reading on the back of the title. Fill out your section of the mandatory Form 130-U. The buyer needs this to title the vehicle out of your name.

• You may take off the license plates if you want. File the Vehicle Transfer Notification online at www.TxDMV.gov or pick one up at your local tax office, to remove your liability for the vehicle in the event the buyer does not transfer the title. You only have 30 days to file the Vehicle Transfer Notification to receive this status-guaranteed removal of liability.

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