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Chamber of Commerce Hunter's Feed Set for Saturday

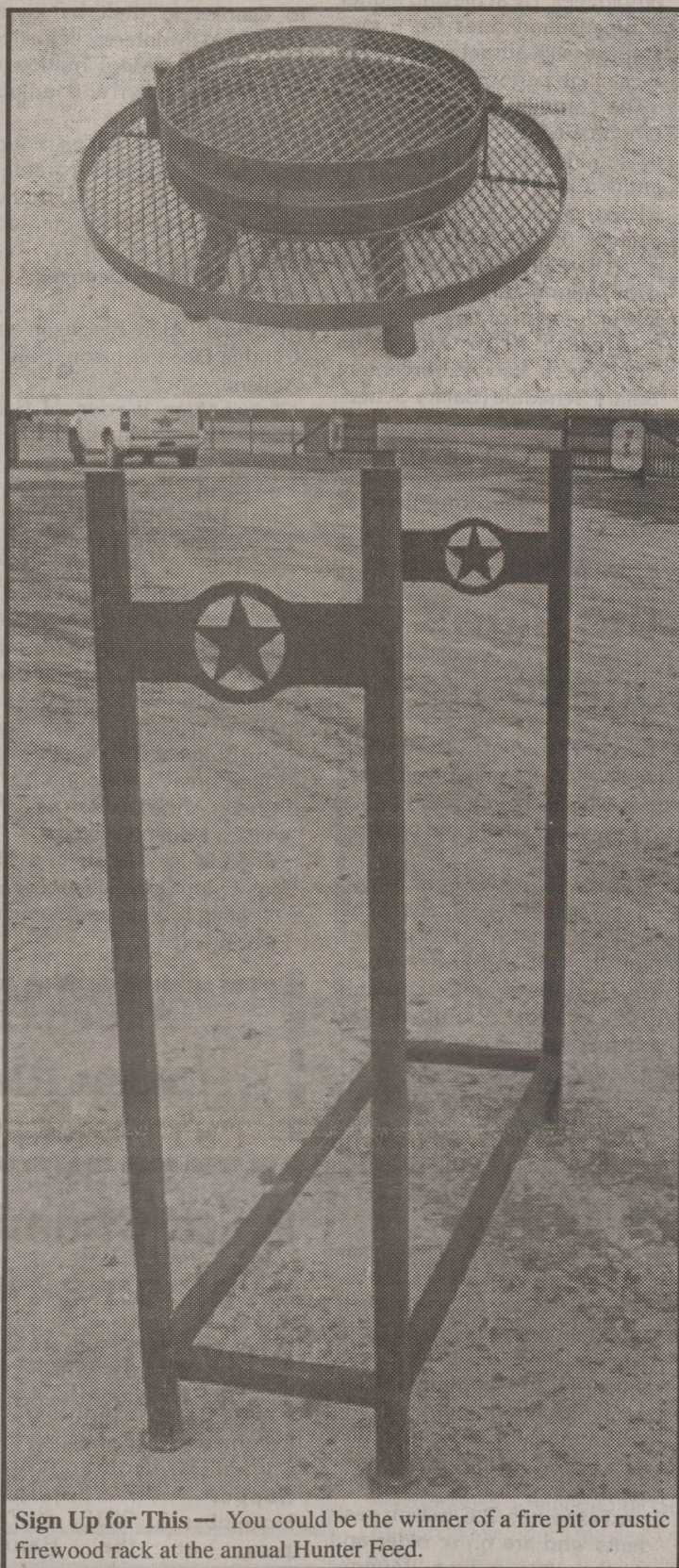
The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Hunter's Feed will be held Saturday, November 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center parking lot on Main Street.

Door prizes, drawings and raffles will be featured. A fire pit was donated by J&L Sales and the rustic firewood rack was donated by J&S Ag Fabrication. You may purchase tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Many nice door prizes from local businesses and individuals will be given away.

A free brisket lunch will be available to those with hunting license or landowners. The cost is \$5.00 without hunting license or landowner.

If you would like to have a booth at the event the cost is \$10.00 per space.

For further information call the local chamber office at 254-725-7251 or e-mail them at www.crossplainschamberofcommerce.com.



Sign Up for This — You could be the winner of a fire pit or rustic firewood rack at the annual Hunter Feed.

Daylight Savings Begins



"Spring Forward Fall Back"

This Saturday
 November 3rd.
 Remember to set your
 clocks back an hour!

Cross Plains High School Receives College Readiness Recognition

Cross Plains High School has received the "2012 College Readiness Award" from the Texas ACT Council for increasing the number of students taking the ACT Assessment over the past five years and significantly increasing their level of achievement and college readiness. The Texas ACT Council is comprised of secondary and postsecondary educators who advise ACT, Inc. on the utilization of ACT programs and services in Texas schools and colleges.

ACT, Inc. is the not-for-profit organization that provides assessment, research, information and program management services in the broad areas of education and workforce development and the publisher of the ACT Assessment. The ACT Assessment is the college admissions test that is used and accepted by all colleges nationwide and throughout Texas. In 2012, over 39 percent of Texas graduating high school seniors took the ACT in Texas while the

total number of Texas students taking the ACT has increased over 40 percent since 2008.

According to Karen L. Pennell, Assistant Vice President and ACT Southwest Regional Manager: "The Texas ACT Council wanted to recognize those Texas high schools that have made significant strides in increasing the college and career readiness of their graduates as demonstrated by their ACT score increases over the past five years. This can only happen as a result of the high school's faculty and staff efforts and the dedication of Cross Plains High School students and parents to focus on college and career readiness and raise the level of academic readiness for all students. Only 170 high schools in Texas were honored for this superior level of accomplishment which represents only 9 percent of all Texas high schools. These outstanding Texas high schools should be proud of their faculty, staff, and students! Congratulations!"

Stew Cornbread Dinner at Baird November 17th Event Benefits Callahan County Nutrition Project

Stew and Cornbread Supper will be held Saturday, November 17th, at the Baird Senior Center. The J.L. Cattle Company (Leonna and Johnny Adkins) will be cooking again. The event is sponsored by the Callahan County Nutrition Project.

Serving will start at 5:00 p.m. and the menu will include beef stew, cornbread, cobbler, tea and coffee.

There are less than 17 days until the supper, so purchase your tickets early so they will know how much food to order. The cost is \$10.00 per person for a wonderful dinner. You can contact Katie Dunn at the Callahan County Nutrition office in the courthouse for tickets. Your support is appreciated.

Callahan County voters go to the polls Tuesday

Callahan County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 6th to help elect a U.S. President, along with national and state level offices in the 2012 General Election. Polls will be open Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at seven voting locations throughout the county.

Early voting for the upcoming General Election in Callahan County will conclude on Friday, November 2nd. Early voting hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each weekday.

Early voting is taking place at the Callahan County Courthouse located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird, the Clyde Justice of the Peace Office located at 208 Oak Street in Clyde and the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Office located at 424 South Main in Cross Plains.

The Tuesday, November 6th election day locations include:

Tuesday, November 6, 2012
General Election
Callahan County Polling Places

- Precinct #1, Clyde Women's Club Building
- Precinct #2, Eula Old School Administration Bldg.
- Precinct #3, Baird Activity Center
- Precinct #4, Cross Plains Community Center
- Precinct #5, Putnam Community Center
- Precinct #6, Clyde Southside Baptist Church
- Precinct #7, Oplin Community Center

Precinct #1 - Clyde Women's Club, 317 So. First Street, Clyde, Texas; Precinct #2 - Eula Old School Administration Bldg. 6040 FM 603, Clyde, Texas; Precinct #3 - Baird Activity Center, 228 Walnut, Baird, Texas; Precinct #4 - Cross Plains Community Center, 108 Beech St.

Cross Plains, Texas; Precinct #5 - Putnam Community Center, 120 West Travis, Putnam, Texas; Precinct #6 - Southside Baptist Church, 641 Hunt St., Clyde, Texas; and Precinct #7 - Oplin Community Center, 8990 FM 2926, Clyde, Texas.

Cottonwood Country Musical and Turkey Supper Friday, November 2

Friday night, November 2nd is going to be "special night" at Cottonwood. The Cottonwood Community Turkey Supper and the Cottonwood Country Musical will be hosted by the Cottonwood Historical Association and the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

Some ladies in the community are getting ready to prepare the meal, others are assembling ingredients to donate for the preparation, and others are gathering decorating items to

make the traditional turkey meal a pleasurable meal for everyone.

Also the musicians for the country musical are practicing to do the superb job they do at every musical and the Cottonwood Quilting Club ladies are selling their last tickets for the drawing of the beautiful hand-quilted quilt.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club meet each week at the Cottonwood Community Center to assemble and quilt beautiful

quilt. Proceeds from the meal and quilt will go to the improvement and maintenance of the Cottonwood Community Center.

Come out Friday night for a good traditional Thanksgiving meal and some great country music.

For more information or questions, call Cookie Robinson 325-660-5771.

Submitted by
 Cookie Robinson

BAKE SALE to Benefit the Cottonwood Fire Control Group

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will have a Bake Sale on Saturday, November 3, in front of Lowe's Market, starting at 9:00 a.m. Come by and get cakes, cookies, pies and other baked goodies, as well as breakfast burritos.

The group is raising money for repairs to the Water Tanker and Brush Truck No. 2, two vehicles recently acquired by the Cottonwood Fire Control Group.

Scranton Musical is Saturday

The Scranton monthly musical is Saturday, November 3rd at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m.

The hosts this month are Robert and Sue Shrader of Austin. The special will be Jack's Chicken Spaghetti. Jack was Robert's brother. The special includes your drink, but dessert is separate. There will also be sandwiches and homemade pies available.

The music begins at 6:00 p.m. Buddy Johnson is the emcee and has a good line up every month. Buddy is doing a fine job as emcee. We look forward to seeing you Saturday night. Come out for a great meal and wonderful entertainment.

Cross Plains Review
DEADLINES
 Ads - Tuesday Noon
 Articles - Noon
 Monday

CAMO SUNDAY Worship at Methodist Church

Sunday, November 4, will be a special time of worship for hunters who have come into our area for the opening day of the deer hunting season. As the worship begins at 10:45 a.m., hunters are invited to attend the Methodist Church, dressed just as

they are, straight from their hunting blinds.

Area land-owners with hunting leases are encouraged to inform their hunting groups of this opportunity to worship apart from their home churches.

Love Fund Established for Kyle McClure

A love fund has been established for Kyle McClure at Texas Heritage Bank. He has recently been diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. Kyle and his wife, Kristen (Hunter), are traveling to Baylor Hospital this Thursday.

Kyle doesn't have health insurance and your kind assistance would be greatly appreciated during this difficult time. Please keep this young couple in your prayers.

Texas Heritage Bank
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ANNUAL Cross Plains FFA Fruit/Meat Sale Underway

The Cross Plains FFA would like to announce that our annual fundraiser for the chapter is underway. The fundraiser was started on Tuesday, October 23, and will run through Tuesday, November 13. This year's sale will include: Fruit, Meat, Pre-cut Cookie Dough and several other miscellaneous items such as Pecans, Peanuts, Cheese, etc.

Please note that this year's fruit will be the same as last year's. It will come in a variety of sizes, and combinations of different fruits to better accommodate your preferences.

All proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains FFA students. To place an order, please contact any Cross Plains FFA member, or call the Ag Department at 254-725-6121.

We would like to thank everyone, in advance, for their support of the Cross Plains FFA.

Submitted by
 Marc Morgan
 Elvan Goode
 Cross Plains FFA Advisors

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2012 Cross Plains Buffaloes Varsity Football Friday, November 2



7:30 p.m.



Albany at Cross Plains

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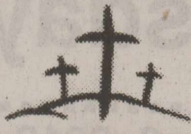
Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

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For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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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

Rowden Baptist Church

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 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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Public Safety Commission Emphasizes Need to Improve Competitiveness of Trooper Salaries

AUSTIN - Friday, October 19, 2012 - At today's Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) meeting, the commissioners and Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw reiterated the importance of increasing the base salary for Texas Highway Patrol troopers to a level that is competitive with other similar law enforcement positions throughout the state. The commission was unanimous in their support of this effort. This announcement follows a report released earlier this month by the Texas State Auditor's Office (SAO), which concluded that the state's law enforcement salary schedule is not competitive with the average maximum base pay at the seven largest local law enforcement departments in Texas.

"It is imperative that we continue to take a stand for the courageous state troopers who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve the people of Texas," said PSC Chair Cynthia Leon. "It is a priority of this commission to rectify this disparity in pay for troopers, so they can receive the compensation they've earned and deserve."

According to the report, the SAO compared the maximum base pay (the highest level of pay within a salary range) for the state's trooper position with the average maximum base pay for police officer, corporal, or

detective positions at the seven largest local law enforcement departments in Texas. Results of the comparison indicated that the seven largest law enforcement departments' average "maximum" base pay is 20.6 percent above the state's maximum base pay for positions in salary group C3 (for example, trooper).

"In today's challenging and ever changing threat environment, the Texas troopers now operate at an investigative level unlike any law enforcement agency in the country," said Director McCraw. "Competing with other higher paying law enforcement agencies has made it difficult to recruit and retain quality employees. By achieving higher compensation rates for troopers, we will attract and retain these high performing officers."

The commission and director emphasized their commitment to working with the Texas Legislature during the upcoming legislative session to increase the salaries of state troopers in an effort to make them competitive with their counterparts at other law enforcement agencies.

To read the full SAO Report on the State's Law Enforcement Salary Schedule (Salary Schedule C) for the 2014-2015 Biennium, visit: <http://www.sao.state.tx.us/reports/report.aspx?reportnumber=13-702>.

Do you know the signs of financial exploitation?

Texas Adult Protective Services (APS) reminds all Texans to make it their business to protect people who are elderly or have disabilities from financial exploitation.

APS, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS), confirmed 1,187 victims of exploitation in Texas last year. It's likely many more cases went unreported.

Financial exploitation is when a caretaker, family member, or anyone with an ongoing relationship improperly or illegally uses the money or property of a person who is elderly or has a disability for personal benefit or profit.

Each October, APS teams with community partners for financial exploitation expos, conferences, and other events to increase understanding of this serious crime.

"This crime is devastating to victims both financially and emotionally," said Beth Engelking, DFPS assistant commissioner for Adult Protective Services. "We want everyone to watch out for signs of financial exploitation."

Warning signs of financial exploitation include:

- Sudden changes in bank accounts or banking practices.
- Unexplained or unexpected withdrawal of large sums of money.
- Adding names to someone's bank signature card.
- Unfamiliar people accompanying bank customers to withdraw large sums.
- Unauthorized withdrawal of funds using ATM cards or sudden transfers of assets.
- Sudden changes in financial documents.
- Unpaid bills despite having

enough money.

- Previously uninvolved relatives who suddenly claim rights to a person's affairs and possessions.

- Abuse of power of attorney. If you suspect exploitation, call 1-800-252-5400 and file a report so APS and law enforcement can investigate. You can also report online at TxAbuseHotline.org.

Find out more at EveryonesBusiness.org, including tips on how Texans can protect themselves from financial exploitation and about events in your area.

Facts and Figures

- APS is a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. APS' mission is to protect people who are 65 or older or have disabilities from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by investigating, and providing or arranging for services to alleviate or prevent further maltreatment.

- Texas has 2.6 million residents who are 65 or older and another two million younger adults with a disability.

- APS confirmed that 58,068 Texans living at home were victim of abuse, neglect, or exploitation last year.

- Nearly 40 percent of those who committed the abuse, neglect, or exploitation were the adult children of the victims.

- About half of victims were 65 or older and half were younger adults with a disability.

- APS investigations found that 1,118 adults living at home and 69 adults living in institutions were victims of financial exploitation last year. (1,187)

- APS referred 6,862 allegations of abuse, neglect, or exploitation to law enforcement last year.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Terry M. Seals, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Michael W. Johnson, Jr., driving while license invalid.
 John D. Williams, interference with public duties.
 Michael D. Webb, assault.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ricardo Salinas, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Jennipher M. Taylor, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
 Anjelica Gallardo, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.
 Johnnie Ruiz, order on motion to withdraw as counsel granted.
 Jaca La-Lene Taylor, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Marriage Licenses

Michael Alan Ferguson and Cynthia Dee Ferguson, both of Abilene.
 Travis Alan Warren of Baird and Anna Marie Austin of Venus.

42nd District Court
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

The State of Texas vs. Luis Zoni Gutierrez, judgment nisi.
 Malcolm Williamson and Jolene Williamson vs. Bodie Lynn Butler and Elizabeth Nicole Butler, breach of contract.
 Sheryl Anne Dodson vs. Brian William Dodson, divorce.
 Rhonda Kay Scott and Thomas Evan Scott, divorce.
 Virginia K. Fish and James A. Fish, divorce.

Carolyn Sue Turner and Corey Joe Turner, divorce.
 State of Texas vs. Phillip Cerda, bond reduction.
 Ex parte: Russell Edward Hess, name change.

Civil Minutes

Molly Owen vs. Thomas E Borders and Mark Owen, order dismissing cause of action granted.
 Shandi Nicole Salas and Philip Zane Salas, divorce granted.
 Larry James Hendrickson and Annetta Gay Hendrickson, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Alexander Rangel, plea of guilty to burglary of building, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$289 court costs.
 Colby D. Reutter, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 4 year probation, \$750 fine, \$309 court costs, \$4853.04 restitution.
 Jose Tabarez, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$364 court costs, \$140 restitution.
 Kimberly R. Roberts, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 6 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$354 court costs, \$140 restitution.
 Billy D. Aiken, plea of guilty to theft, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$289 court costs.
 Salvador Salinas, plea of guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 3 year probation, \$253 court costs.
 Cynthia Wheeler, plea of guilty to tampering with a governmental record, 5 year probation, \$100 fine, \$261 court costs, \$4149.00 restitution.
 Cynthia Wheeler, judgment revoking probation granted.
 Jeremy King, order amending conditions of probation granted.

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Baird Chamber to host 'Welcome Hunters Supper' November 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

The Baird Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual "Welcome Hunters Supper" on Saturday, November 3, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hanner Supercenter.

The Baird Chamber and the citizens of Baird appreciate very much the business hunters and visitors bring to this area. This "Hunter's Supper" is the Chamber's way of showing their appreciation.

All landowners who lease their land for hunting and the hunters are invited to attend.

This meal is served free of charge. The Chamber will be serving brisket, pinto beans, potato salad, dessert and iced tea or coffee.

Door prizes will also be given away and a drawing for a Howa Realtree Camo .270 deer rifle

will be held. Tickets for the rifle are \$2.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$10. You can purchase these tickets from any Chamber member.

The gun was donated to the Baird Chamber of Commerce by Hanner Super Center of Baird.

The Chamber hopes all of you hunters enjoy your time spent here and have a successful hunt. The dress for the supper is casual, so come as you are!

Once again, the "Welcome Hunters Supper" is Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hanner Supercenter, I-20 at FM 2047 (exit 306) in Baird.

We hope to see you there! If the Chamber can be of any help, please let us know. Baird Chamber of Commerce, 100 Market St. Baird, Tx. 79504. Telephone 325-854-2003.

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Sunday School

Sunday 9:30 am Sunday
 Morning Worship Evening Small
 10:45 a.m. Groups
 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Children's Power Hour 6:30 p.m.

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

The time changes Saturday night, well, actually 2 a.m. Sunday. don't forget to set your clock back or you'll be real early for church on Sunday.

Friday night is Turkey Supper Night. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. with \$6 adults and \$3 children and the musical commences at 5:30 p.m.

Deer season opens on Saturday. Send your favorite hunters down to Lowe's Market on Saturday morning for breakfast tacos at the Bake Sale out in front of the store. Stop by and pick up your favorite pies,

cakes and goodies! We hope to have some diabetic and sugar free desserts. Proceeds from the bake sale benefit the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and will go toward getting Brush Truck Number 2 ready for service and toward the repairs to the tank on the Water Truck.

If you would like to bake something for the bake sale, you can bring it down to Lowe's Market. We'll be there by 8:30 a.m. If you would like us to pick it up, call me at 254-725-7369 and we'll stop by your house and get it.

While you're in town, if you are

a hunter or landowner, stop by the Senior Citizens Center parking lot for the Hunters Feed put on by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

While we are thinking about hunting and fall and turkey, the Lord's Acre is next Saturday, November 10th at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. Several Cottonwood folks are involved with the dinner, auction and the little store.

Remember to pray for the residents and rescue workers in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

DHS Provides Seasonal Flu Vaccinations at Clyde First Baptist Church

The Department of State Health Services will be offering seasonal flu vaccinations at Clyde First Baptist Church, located at 216 Austin, on Wednesday, November 14th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone over the age of six months to be vaccinated for the seasonal flu as soon as possible. The shot takes about two weeks to become effective and will provide protection throughout the flu season, which typically runs from October to May in Texas.

Prayer Vigil for Upcoming ELECTION Hosted by the Cross Plains First United Methodist Church

When God's people cry out to Him in earnest and heartfelt prayer. He will bless our nation in ways we cannot foresee. Our prayers open a window for God to work across our land and will make a difference. It is critical that Christians pray for the coming presidential election. There is amazing power in united prayer. Pray with others whenever possible. The power of prayer can overcome any obstacle or ungodly influence and, indeed, do great things!

The Cross Plains United Methodist Church is opening their doors for the community to participate in the 40 days of prayer starting September 28th up to the day of the election on November 6th. Monday through Friday of each week the Sanctuary will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday evening will also be a time of prayer from 5 to 6. There will be articles on prayer set out for people to take for their own needs.

Cross Plains United Methodist invites you to come and spend time in personal prayer. Prayer can make a difference...so please take this opportunity to join us in prayer.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from October 20, 2012 through October 26, 2012 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—127
Complaints—33
Resisting Arrest—1
Public Intoxication—1
Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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

October 22-23, 2012

Patrons	138
Books Checked Out	158
Programs	29
Bunnica Part Three	10
Lunch with Edgar	5
GED Class	14
Copies	113
Internet	45
Interlibrary Loans	4
Reference	12

Memorials

Cross Plains Class of 1954
In Memory of Henry Elmer Falkner

Cross Plains Class of 1958
In Memory of Oneta Bell

Abilene Volleyball Officials
In Memory of Willa Jane Williams

Books and Miscellaneous Donations

Reggie Pillans
Lucille Payne
Jane Holmes

Living Tributes

Kennith and Ann Beeler
In Honor of Wilma Lawrence

Volunteers

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

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Nov. 1, 2012

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

NOVEMBER 5-9

Monday, 5th - EXERCISE 11:00
Tuesday, 6th - ELECTION DAY/ EXERCISE/ GAME NIGHT 6:00
Wednesday, 7th - Exercise 11:00
Thursday 8th - Exercise 11:00/3rd Graders 9:00 & 12:30/ Medicare info 11:00-1:30
Friday, 9th - Exercise 10:45/BINGO 11:15/ GARDEN CLUB
Saturday 10th- Spanish Classes 6:00

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

Do you have any talents that you would like to share? Call the Senior Citizens Center at 254-725-6521 so you can share your talent with the Seniors during lunch time.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

November 5-9

MONDAY-Hamburger Steak/ Potatoes/Carrots/Bread/Fruit/ Drink
TUESDAY-Frito Pie/Lett/Tom Salad/Fruit/Brownie/Drink
WEDNESDAY-BBQ Sausage/ Pork N Beans/Potatoes/Bread/ Dessert/Drink
THURSDAY-Soft Tacos/Spish Rice//Pinto Beans/Jello/ Fruit/Drink
FRIDAY-Chicken Strips/Potatoes/Gravey/Green Beans/ Bread/Dessert/Drink

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

Chamber Raffle

- 1) Fire Pit (donated by J&L Sales)
- 2) Wood Rack (by J&S Ag Fabrication)

Raffle boxes located @
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Jean's Feedbarn
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Drawing held @ Hunters Feed
Nov. 3rd

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In Appreciation

Thanks for all the calls, texts, visits and especially your prayers following my recent accident. The quick response of the Cross Plains E.M.S. and their expertise was also appreciated.

I am thankful for the concern expressed, and ask that you continue to pray for my recovery.

Kyle Foster and Family



Whistle Stop Cafe
228 Market Street - Baird

Friday Football Special

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Depot or Depot Deluxe
Burger w/fries & Drink
All day Friday, Nov. 2

\$5.50

Lunch Specials Daily

\$6.95

Hearty & Light Special Dessert Included

Friday Night Specials

Catfish plate (1 large fish fillet), coleslaw, baked potato or french fries, hushpuppies, pinto beans \$7.25

Ribeye Special 8 oz. steak cooked to order with baked potato or French fries,

pinto beans, salad, roll \$10.00

Whistle Stop Cafe Hours

Breakfast: Fri. & Sat. Only 7:00-11:00 am
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Dinner: Friday Night Only 5:00 - 8:00 pm
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Cross Plains Students Poised to Make History

Seventh and eighth grade students at Cross Plains Middle School are about to make history on Friday, November 9th. As part of the NASA "Summer of Innovation" Mini-Grant Program, students have spent class time each week building ammonium perchlorate composite propelled rockets.

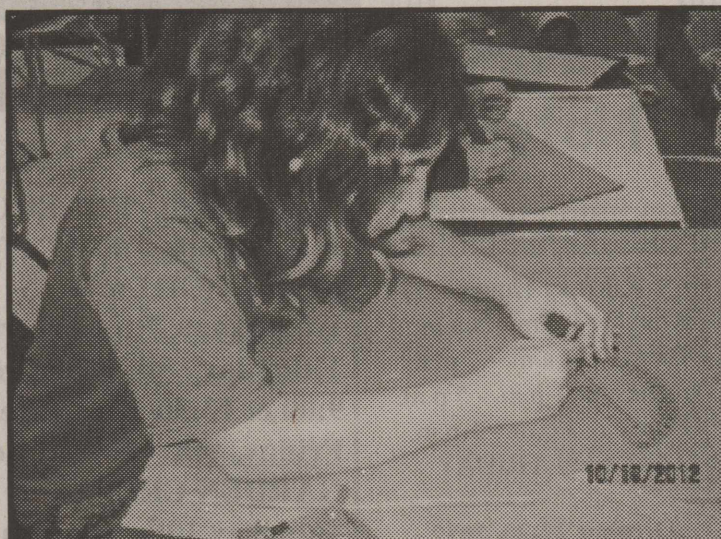
Across the nation, similar high school programs have participated in the same activity, and it pushes the students involved to the limit. But key in the Cross Plains ISD program is the age of students (7th and 8th grade, as compared to the usual senior 12th grade requirement) and the recovery details. Most programs use what is called a "motor ejection" for recovery. This method of recovery basically uses part of the motor to "guess" with mechanical manipulation, when to deploy the charge to activate the parachute that is so critical to safe recovery.

But the Cross Plains program instruction to the students is to install a "brain" in their rockets. This device is an electronic altimeter that, when set to parameters and correctly installed in an on board "avionics bay" built by the students, will sample the atmosphere difference during powered ascent, and deploy their parachutes electronically. The difference in these two procedures is huge, resulting in a 98 percent accuracy electronically, as opposed to, at best, 55 percent mechanically, and that is usually by experienced users only.

This feat is a very big hurdle in rocketry world. According to rocket expert Pat Gordzelik, "If these teams pull this off, this accomplishment will be a record setter, as I know of no other attempt of this magnitude in the United States involving students of this age in a high school environment. Even attempting, much less accomplishing, the feat will be bragging rights for not only Cross Plains ISD, but for the students themselves. I have no doubt that these very gifted and hard working young men and women have a most excellent chance to accomplish their goal and I, for one, am proud to be associated with these excited rocket scientists."

The Cross Plains Public Library was awarded the \$2,500 grant for the students to design-build-launch their own rockets under the watchful eyes of Gordzelik and science teacher Rhonda Kelley.

Students have finished their design phase and are now into the building phase. During the design phase students used their laptops and a computer program, called w.r.a.s.p. (Windows Rocketry Altitude Simulation Program), in a trial-and-error method to determine the best rocket size, manufacturer, and model for use in their projects



Young Scientist at Work — Cheyenne Shields uses a compass and protractor to calculate the measurements for a fin jig.

based on cost and the airspace restriction of 5,000 ft. It was decided to purchase kits with a G10 fin construction, dual deployment, phenolic slotted airframe including reinforced Kevlar recovery harnesses from wildmanrocketry.com.

Then each class was divided into two teams (for a total of 8 teams) and each group selected a team name and a color for their largest parachute, the "main" parachute, a 48" diameter chute that will be deployed approximately 500' above ground. The other parachute, a smaller 18" chute known as "drogue chute" also deployed via on-board electronics, will be released at apogee, or the highest part in altitude of the flight. Teams then used w.r.a.s.p. to determine the best motor to meet their criteria: must not go above 5,000 ft., must be 38 mm, and must have a descent rate of 20 ft.per second or less.

It was decided to use a Binder Design Excel Plus motor on each rocket and (since the budget allowed) to purchase 8 main parachutes, 8 drogue chutes, and 8 Adept altimeters, capable of dual deployment. These electronic devices are also capable of reporting maximum altitudes attained. The rocket motors decided on are Aerotech I 211 power plants, capable of producing approximately 50 lbs of thrust. That is enough power to propel these 6' rockets almost 450 MPH!

Once the kits arrived, students began sanding the wooden components and dry-fitting the pieces together. Next, they mixed a two-part epoxy and glued the motor mounts together. Several students used a protractor, compass and their math skills to figure out how to make a fin jig out of cardboard and then made one for each rocket. Gordzelik drilled holes for students to attach the eye bolts to the nose cones and altimeter bays. Using the fin jigs, each team carefully attached the fins. This was a critical step because if not done properly, the rockets will spin out of control. Next the harnesses and parachutes were attached—another critical

step to keep each rocket from becoming what scientists refer to as "a lawn dart".

In upcoming classes, teams will move outdoors to spray paint the rockets in their team colors. Finally, once the motors arrive, the mounting assembly will be completed and each rocket will be weighed.

Two days before the launch, students will once again use w.r.a.s.p. to check the effects that the environment will have on their rockets. Each team will enter criteria into the rocket simulation program: the make and model of their rocket, the type of motor, the altitude of Cross Plains above sea level, the weather forecast (for humidity), the shape of the nose cone, the weight of the rocket, etc., and then print out this criteria and a prediction of how high their rocket will go before it reaches apogee. On launch day, the altimeters will be put in place and the team whose rocket comes closest to their prediction (and lands safely) will be declared the winner.

The NASA Summer of Innovation (SoI) program is designed to support student interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by strengthening the capacity of organizations or schools that inspire and engage female, minority or high poverty middle school students in STEM content. The SoI focuses on organizations that provide student experiences during the summer and through extended learning efforts designed to keep students involved in NASA-themed STEM activities during the academic year.

In case of inclement weather, launch will be rescheduled for the following Friday, November 16th. The public is not only invited, but ENCOURAGED to attend this historical event.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

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CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

November 5-9 BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Breakfast Burrito, Assorted juice, Milk
TUESDAY-Sausage-n-blanket, Assorted juice, Milk
WEDNESDAY- Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Assorted juice, Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted juice, Milk
FRIDAY-Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY- Chicken & Broccoli Penne, Garden salad, Baby carrots, Fresh Apple, Breadsticks, Milk
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Savory Green beans, Roll, Apple-Pineapple D' lite, Milk
WEDNESDAY-Taco Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fresh fruit Bowl, Milk
THURSDAY-Chicken Quesadilla, Black Beans, Baby carrots, Oranges smiles, Salsa, Milk
FRIDAY-Pizza Choice, Garden salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mixed fruit, Milk



J.V. Girl Cross Country Winners — Grace Goode (left), placed 1st and Lorelei Woodard placed 6th.



Cross Plains FFA Ag Booster BBQ Set
Cross Plains FFA Ag Booster are raffling off a backyard BBQ set. Proceeds go to scholarships to help students. The cost is \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. For more information contact Rickey Trammell at 325-201-5552. Or Joe Holland at 325-668-5489; or your Ag teachers. Drawing date to be announced. Thank you for your support.

Coleman County Deer Hunters Festival & BBQ

The 2012 Coleman County Deer Hunter's Festival & BBQ will be held on Friday, November 2nd with a BBQ meal being served at 6:00 p.m., at the Coleman County Youth Activity Center located on the south side of Coleman near the Coleman Rodeo grounds. An admission charge of \$10.00 will make you

eligible to win one of the many door prizes. Active Military and children 6 and under will be admitted free. There will be raffle opportunities for a Kawasaki 610 4x4 Mule ATV, and much more. Major prizes you are not required to be present to win. Over 20 guns awarded as door prizes.

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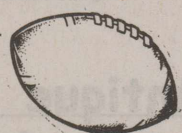
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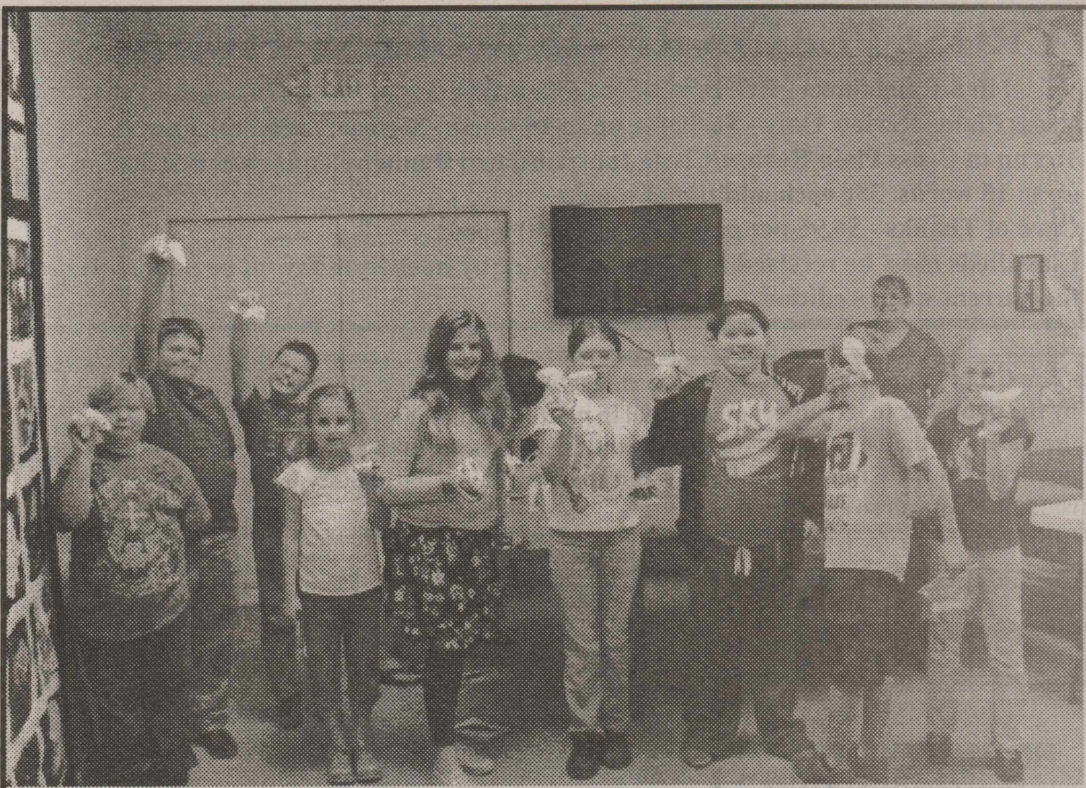
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Bunnica meets Edgar Allan Crow

Miss Sue presented the third episode of the exciting book *Bunnica meets Edgar Allan Crow* by James Howe for our after School adventure Program (ASAP) last Wednesday afternoon. The Cross Plains Public Library's October The Big Read "Everything Poe" has been a great journey for our students so they listened to the tale of Bunnica the vampire bunny that sucks the juice out of vegetables! All the pet characters, Harold, Chester, Howie, and Edgar Allan Crow have extraordinary events winding through the story. The eagerly awaited final chapters of the saga will be more complete because the attending kids made their own special Bunnica bunny in their craft session following the reading.

The Bunnica series are completed, but join us for the After School adventure Program (ASAP) on Wednesday, November 7th at 4:00 p.m. for a reading of *Toy Story 3* and a viewing of the related movie. Attending students and children will receive a special surprise!

It's Time to Register for "Learn About..." Program and LAPSit Program at the Cross Plains Public Library

Registration is now underway for the "Learn About..." Program and LAPSit Program at the Cross Plains Public Library.

The "Learn About..." Program is a pre-school program for children ages 3-5. Your child MUST be age 3 by September 1, 2012, and not currently enrolled in a MORNING pre-school class at the local school. The children will have the opportunity to do finger plays, sing, hear stories, have

refreshments, check out our books, and "learn about" a variety of activities.

The LAPSit Program is for children birth to 3 years (not yet eligible for the LAP Program). Each child enrolled MUST be accompanied by an adult. The children listen to stories and do finger plays and other activities.

Both programs will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10:00

a.m. to 10:45 a.m., beginning November 7th and continuing until the end of April 2013.

You may register your children at the library Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 1-5 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays.

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Broadband and Communications Projects to Create Jobs, Promote Education in Rural America

TEMPLE, TEXAS, October 19, 2012 - Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Dallas Tonsager today announced funding to expand access to broadband and telecommunications services in rural America.

"USDA and the Obama administration continue to work to ensure that rural residents have access to expanded educational, health care, business and social opportunities through robust broadband and telecommunication services," Tonsager said. "These funds will help modernize communications service and delivery for rural businesses and residential customers."

Tonsager noted that in the recently completed fiscal year, USDA Rural Development has funded over \$170 million in rural telecommunications projects nationwide to expand rural access to educational, health care, business and social services.

USDA Rural Development is funding 24 projects through several loan and grant programs administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS); Broadband, Telecommunications loans, the Community Connect grant program, and the Public Television Digital Transition.

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to offer this funding to Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Coop," said Paco Valentin, Texas State Director. "This essential funding will help our rural communities keep pace with changing technology, and will provide access to modern communications systems that larger communities already have in place."

In Texas, Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., is one of 24 recipients to receive funding through this announcement. Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative will receive \$2,590,000 to be used to convert the outdated network in select areas of the Cleta and Umbarger exchanges to a fiber-based passive optical network with GigaBit

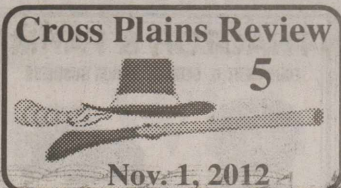
Ethernet technology.

For other examples of USDA investments in rural communities, please visit Rural Development's new interactive web map at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/RDSuccessStories.html>. The map features program funding and success stories for fiscal years 2009-2011.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way - strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, has an active portfolio of more than \$174 billion in loans and loan guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

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Fire Prevention Month serves as a reminder for Texans to protect their property

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Texas A&M Forest Service and the State Fire Marshal's Office are joining forces to remind Texans of simple measures to help protect their homes and families from fire.

October is Fire Prevention Month - and a good time to rake leaves, remove dead or dying vegetation and trim tree canopies. Residents are encouraged to relocate wood piles away from the home, remove combustible materials and vegetation from around and under decks, remove or prune vegetation near windows and remove dry leaves and pine needles from the yard, roof and rain gutters.

"We saw homes survive the brutal wildfires of 2011 because of actions homeowners took long before ignition occurred," said Justice Jones, Wildland Urban Interface and prevention coordinator for Texas A&M Forest Service. "It doesn't take long and it doesn't cost much to do a few things that could end up saving your home."

Residents also should create and practice an evacuation plan and ensure that working smoke alarms are installed on each floor of their home, said Texas State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy.



Scott Childress inducted into Eastern New Mexico University Educator Hall of Honor

Scott Childress, of Cross Plains/Cottonwood, Texas was recently inducted into Eastern New Mexico University Educator Hall of Honor during the 2012 homecoming ceremonies. He earned a Master's of Science and an Education Specialist Degree from ENMU. His Bachelor's Degree was earned from the University of New Mexico and his Doctorate from Northern Arizona University. He began his career in the Albuquerque Public schools teaching elementary physical education, then high school biology and coaching. Scott played and coached for the Cleveland Indian Organization and was the ENMU Greyhound head baseball coach. Three of his former players became high school coaches and they produced 8 major leaguers, 48 signed professional contracts and over 250 players received baseball scholarships.

He was Superintendent of schools in several cities in New Mexico: Gallup, Capitan and

Animas. Scott's achievements in his superintendencies included: Gallup teachers and support personnel received a 205 pay raise in one year and three high schools were constructed and funding for a fourth was secured; Capitan saw national standardized test scores rise from the 50th percentile to the 90th percentile in three years; Animas saw a bond issue pass by 98% and an old WPA adobe high school was converted into an elementary library.

After retiring from New Mexico in 1992, Scott became high school principal in Cross Plains, Texas from 1994 to 1997. Many of the students of that era have achieved notable accomplishments: US Naval Academy Annapolis graduate, Air Force fighter pilot, several PhD's, Chief Operating Officer of the LA Sparks in the WNBA, 700 (perfect score) on SAT Math, several government and business executives,

and numerous successful educators and coaches. Many entered into the certified skilled professional field as welders, beauticians, nursing professionals and entrepreneurs.

Scott was noted for having a passion to encourage students, teachers, administrators and school board members in their pursuit of building a better world through education. Currently he and his brother Bob run Childress Farm, a recognized model for agricultural diversity. He trains school boards in Texas and New Mexico as well as business firms in Adaptive-Innovative Theory, and received this training at Penn State University. He was designated as a Master Trustee by the Texas Association of School Boards in 2008 and currently on the Board of Directors for the Texas Association of Business, located in Austin, Texas.

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Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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I would like to share with your readers a trip that I recently made to Washington, D.C., 19-21 October 2012, at the invitation of a friend and former colleague, to attend the 15th anniversary of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, located at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.

This memorial is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. Their patriotism and bravery in war and in peace are a part of our nation's heritage and are now recognized. Those honored include all women who have served honorably in the military forces of the U.S.: living or deceased, Active Duty, Reserve, Guard and U.S. Public Health Service.

Duty, Honor, Pride. These words reflect the spirit of generations of Americans who sought to defend the rights and freedom of others. The Women in Military Service for America Memorial brings to life the stories and memories of the nearly two million women who have served in defense of our great nation.

This is more than a memorial; it is an education center meant to tell the story of women in the military from the American Revolution through Iraq and Afghanistan. The Women's Memorial honors all the women who have served courageously, selflessly and with dedication in times of conflict and in times of peace; women whose achievements have too long been unrecognized or ignored.

The Women in Military Service for American Memorial

Foundation is led by retired Air Force Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught. Vaught enlisted in the Air Force in 1957 and went on to retire as a Brigadier General in 1985. She was the first woman to ever be promoted to Brigadier General from the Comptroller field.

While on active duty, she was awarded numerous medals to include the Bronze Star for her service in Vietnam. Vaught presided over the 15th anniversary dedication ceremonies which hosted numerous senior military officials as well as Connie Stevens, the singer and actress.

Guest speakers included Allison A. Hickey, the under secretary for benefits with the Veterans Administration and a retired Air Force Brigadier General whose career began when she graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1980. This was the first Air Force Academy class to include women. Keynote speaker for the ceremony was Jessica L. Wright who serves as assistant secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Ms. Wright was the Army National Guard's first female to pilot a CH-47 Chinook. She retired as an Army Major General in 2010.

I encourage all women veterans who are not members of this memorial foundation to visit their website at <http://www.womensmemorial.org> for more information. I would also encourage all women who read this to talk to family members, mothers, aunts, sisters and cousins to inquire if they served and to make them aware of this memorial. They will not regret it.

While visiting the memorials and monuments in Washington DC, there were numerous Honor Flight veterans touring the memorials on Saturday who had served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. I took a picture with one of the WWII veterans and his son.

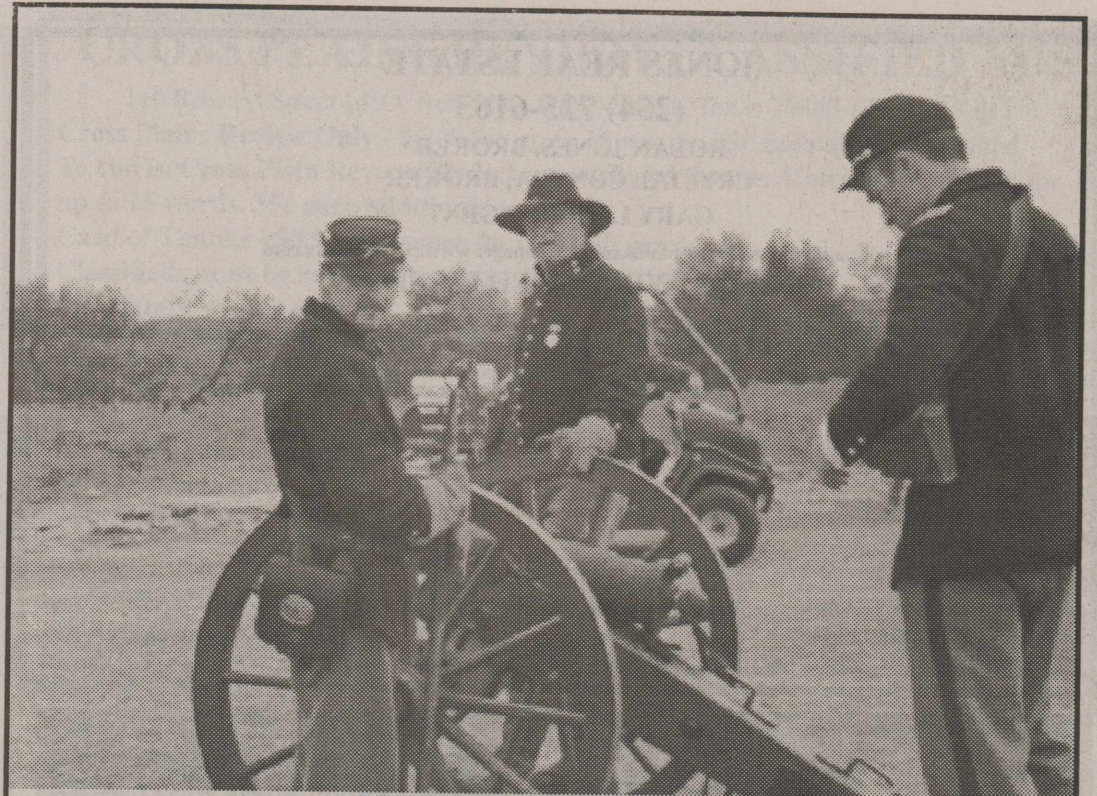
I also visited the Tomb of the Unknown and watched a ceremonial placing of a wreath by a Veteran's children. For those who have never been to Arlington National Cemetery it can be a very emotional and somber experience. If you have never been, I highly encourage you to visit the cemetery and the Women in Military Service for America Memorial the next time you are in the Washington, D.C. area.

While in Washington I took a double decker open top bus tour of some of the numerous sites to include a ride down Pennsylvania Avenue.

On Sunday, I attended the 28th Annual Army Ten Miler race (as a spectator). The ten mile road race is the third largest in the world and is the Army's premier running event. Over 35,000 military and civilian runners of all ages from across the world participated in this event which begins and ends at the Pentagon. The race runs through the nation's capital.

Submitted by
Dennis Beeler

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Local Man Participates in Fort Griffin Living History — Jonathan Hopkins is definitely dressed for his part in the re-enactment. "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety," a quote from Benjamin Franklin.

Statewide job fair events scheduled in 28 local workforce development areas across Texas Nov. 15th

AUSTIN—The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), in partnership with 28 local workforce development boards and the Texas Veterans Commission will host veterans job fairs statewide on Thursday, November 15th. The job fairs are part of TWC's Hiring Red, White & You! campaign, a joint initiative supported by Gov. Rick Perry, Texas Medical Center surgeon and University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston professor Dr. James H. "Red" Duke Jr., and the Texas Veterans Commission to connect our returning veterans in Texas with employers who are hiring.

"The talent and experiences our veterans bring back from their service in the military are an important, and, all too often, untapped resource for our communities," Gov. Perry said. "The Hiring Red, White & You! campaign is a great opportunity to help veterans utilize their skills to get a job in Texas, and help employers find talented and experienced individuals to fill open job opportunities."

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that the national unemployment rate for all veterans is 6.7 percent. In contrast, for those veterans who served in the military post 9/11, the unemployment rate is higher at 9.7 percent.

"The Hiring Red, White & You! statewide job fair event seeks to connect Texas veterans with

Texas employers who value the skills, experience, discipline and other exceptional qualities inherent with a military background," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "These job fairs will feature an unprecedented statewide employment effort aimed at making the transition of our veterans to the civilian labor force a successful one. I also encourage our veterans to take advantage of the services available to them at Workforce Solutions offices across the state."

The Hiring Red, White & You! statewide hiring event will provide opportunities for employment to the estimated 922,000 veterans in the Texas workforce.

"We have an obligation to do everything we can to ensure veterans have every opportunity to help them make a successful transition to the civilian world," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "These job fairs are a great chance for vets to find jobs in their area."

TWC certifies employer claims for the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which allows employers to receive up to \$9,600 on federal business income or payroll tax benefits when they hire from certain qualified groups of veterans.

"This tax credit is a bonus for employers who hire veterans," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Tom Pauken.

"The real advantage to hiring a veteran is that employers get a dependable, hard-working, experienced individual who will be an asset to their business. TWC encourages Texas employers to participate in Hiring Red, White & You!"

Information on how employers can participate in Hiring Red, White & You! job fairs may be found at texasworkforce.org/svcs/vetsvcs/hiring-red-white-you.html. To view the Hiring Red, White & You! Public Service Announcement featuring Gov. Perry and Dr. Duke, access TWC's YouTube channel at texasworkforce.org/twcinfo/social-media-disclaimer.html.

1. BLS: Data as of Sept. 2012, veterans 18 and over, not seasonally adjusted.

2. BLS: Data as of Sept. 2012, Gulf War-era II veterans, not seasonally adjusted.

3. BLS: Current Population Survey 2011 annual average, not seasonally adjusted. Estimates are with a large sampling error.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call 512-463-8942 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

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Cottonwood Turkey Supper & Musical is Friday

Friday night, November 2, 2012 is going to be a "special night" at Cottonwood, Texas. The Cottonwood Community Turkey Supper and the Cottonwood Country Musical will be hosted by the Cottonwood Historical Association and the Cottonwood Quilting Club.

Some ladies in the community are getting ready to prepare the meal, others are assembling ingredients to donate for the preparation, and others are gathering decorating items to make the traditional turkey meal a pleasurable meal for everyone. Also the musicians for the country musical are practicing to do the superb job they do at every musical and the Cottonwood Quilting Club ladies are selling their last tickets for the drawing of the beautiful hand quilted quilt.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club meet each week at the Cottonwood Community Center to assemble and quilt beautiful quilts. Proceeds from the meal and quilt will go to the improvement and maintenance of the Cottonwood Community Center.

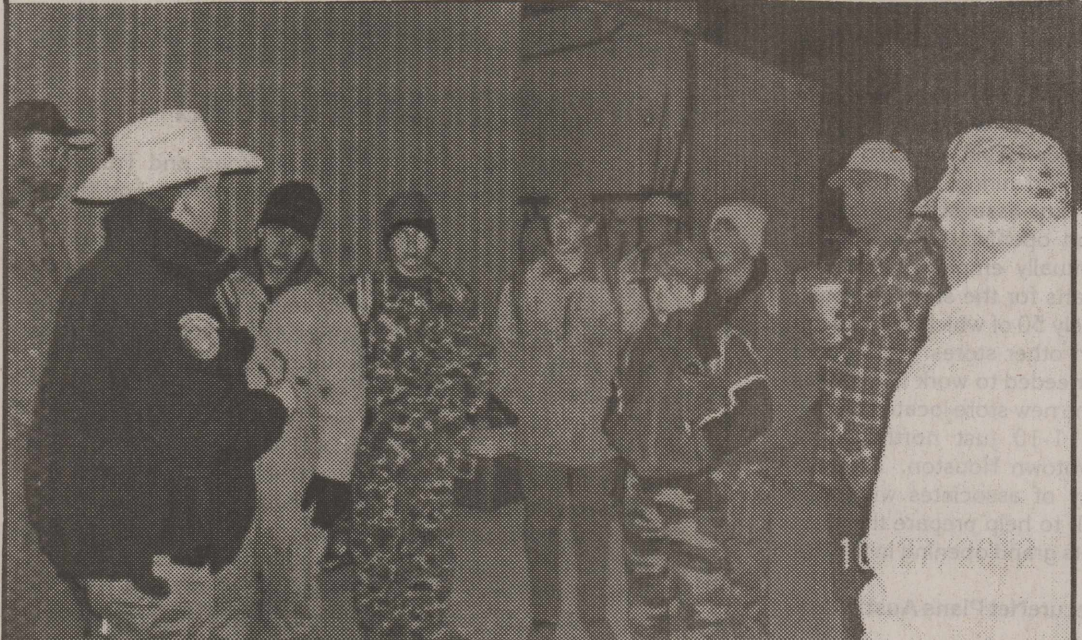
Come to the Cottonwood Community Center on Friday night, November 2nd for a good traditional Thanksgiving meal and some great country music.

For more information or questions, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.



2012 CROSS PLAINS YOUTH HUNT at McCALLUM RANCH

McCallum Ranch would like to thank Officials, Guides and Sponsors for their aide and support of the 2012 Cross Plains Youth Hunt and its Participants. Pictured participants are: Joey Couture, Caleb Partin, Arlie Partin, Ashton Parker, Phoenix Sanders and Tucker Isbell.



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Add Hunters for the Hungry to Your Check List

Hunters help local communities each deer season by donating deer to the Texas Hunters for the Hungry program. Last year, hunters donated 152,962 pounds of venison, resulting in more than 600,000 servings. Of that 540 pounds were donated in Callahan County alone.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one out of every five households in Texas struggles to afford food. Food assistance agencies such as food banks, food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters play an important role in helping families fill the nutrition gap. Obtaining adequate protein is often difficult for low income families and individuals. As a result, venison donations are a favorite with both food assistance providers and the clients they serve, as it is low in fat and high in protein.

If you are a hunter, consider

adding Hunters for the Hungry to your check list as you prepare for deer season. It is easy to participate: locate a participating meat processor; drop off your tagged, legally harvested white-tail or mule deer; and pay a nominal fee to cover basic processing costs. A receipt is issued for tax purposes. The meat processor grinds the venison into burger for pick-up by a local food assistance provider. This season, Hunters for the Hungry is working with Branding Iron Processing in Cross Plains to accept venison donations. To learn more about the program, visit www.tacaa.org/hunters-for-the-hungry or call (800) 992-9767, ext. 506.

Hunters for the Hungry is a program of the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies, Inc. (TACAA). For more information about TACAA, visit www.tacaa.org.

It's Coming—Magi's Bazaar Holy Rosary Catholic Church Cisco

Good News! The Altar Society of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church will host their 17th annual Magi's Bazaar at the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 1106 Avenue F (behind Brookshires), Cisco, on Saturday, November 3, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

As we have in the past, the bazaar will feature handcrafted holiday items and baked goods, along with gifts, gift baskets, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, potted plants and herbs, and a Country Store.

In addition to the care of the Church, the Altar Society will donate a portion of the proceeds to the local Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, visiting, and feasting on home-cooking!

The baked goods will feature cakes and cheesecakes, pecan pies, pumpkin rolls, fruitcakes,

desserts, candies and fudge. You can enjoy these baked goodies right away or freeze for the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays.

The Country Store will offer jams, jellies and relishes. For our hungry morning shoppers, we will have breakfast burritos with homemade tortillas, along with muffins and scones to enjoy with coffee. Slices of cake, pecan tarts, chili or frito pie and brisket sandwiches, along with tea or coffee, will be available for lunch.

Submitted by
Susan Horton

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Cross Plains Remembered Volume 3 is NOW AVAILABLE

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 3, the third *Cross Plains Remembered* book is available now at Texas Heritage Bank, the Senior Center, Salamander's, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Cross Plains Review, Cross Plains Public Library and Connie's Cuts and Curly. The book is \$20.

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Christians Musicians Visit Museum

Unannounced calls requesting a tour of the Robert E. Howard Museum always turn out to be a wonderful experience all the way around. The visitors are somewhat surprised that they can actually get a tour on such short notice and Project Pride members are always anxious to see what surprises await them.

A phone call last Saturday was expected to have the same results; somebody just traveling through the area and decided to stop on a whim. Ed Motter-Vlahakos has attended several Howard Days, but wanted his wife, Alicia to see the place he had been escaping to every June. They were on their way from Denver back to their home in Houston, having attended a concert by the Clanadonia Band that primarily plays the type of music heard at Renaissance Fairs.

Both Ed and Alicia teach at Clear Lake Music, a private business in Houston that offers individual music lessons on every instrument as well as vocal training. Their focus is not only on technique, but on interpretation as well.

In addition to teaching music, the couple also have their own recording business called Alithos. The aspect of their musical career focuses on their Christian backgrounds and is scripturally based. Alicia grew up in a Christian home in Thailand and heard the phrase, "Alithos Anestil" every day. Its meaning of "Christ is Risen" is the foundation of her entire life, both professionally and personally. The couple have made several trips back to Thailand to share their music and the gospel, through bibles printed in Thai.

William Travis letter to be displayed at the Alamo

AUSTIN, TX - After months of negotiations and weeks of increased media interest, commissioners of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) voted Wednesday to loan William Barret Travis' 1836 "victory or death" letter to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for display from February 23 to March 7, 2013, at the Alamo, which the land office oversees.

The exhibition will mark the first time the letter has returned to the place it was written nearly 177 years ago.

"The Travis letter is a true Texas treasure," said Peggy Rudd, TSLAC Director and Librarian. "When considering the request of the GLO, our archives staff and commissioners made every effort to ensure that the document would receive the best possible care during the exhibition. The letter is too important to put at risk, and we take our responsibility for its safety and continued preservation very seriously."

Ms. Rudd's comment conveyed both the significance of the document to Texas history and the viewpoint of agency staff. Citing the letter's fragile condition and concerns about its security, state archives staff recommended that the commissioners decline the GLO's request.

But on Wednesday the commissioners voted 6 to 1 to grant the loan after receiving further detailed security and exhibition plans from the GLO.

"We have always appreciated what the GLO was requesting to do, reuniting two treasures of Texas history, the letter and the Alamo," said Rudd. "Now that the commissioners have approved the loan, we will continue to work with the GLO to ensure the letter returns to the Alamo and then to Austin safely

and securely." William Barret Travis, a commander of Texas revolutionaries, penned his rousing letter inside the Alamo on February 24, 1836, while under siege by Mexican General Santa Ana.

The state purchased the letter from Travis' descendants in 1893 for \$85. In the archives' possession since that time and on display for decades, the letter was removed from continuous exhibition in the early 1980s because of preservation concerns.

Other notable public viewings include the 1936 and 1986 state fairs in Dallas; exhibits at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum and the Star of the Republic Museum between 2001 and 2008; as well as exhibits at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building, TSLAC's headquarters in Austin, in 2011 and 2012.

For historical background and to view the letter online, visit: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/treasures/republic/alamo/travis-about.html>.

In 2009 Governor Rick Perry recorded a reading of the letter as part of TSLAC's Voices of Texas History project: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/voices/perry.html>

ABOUT THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES COMMISSION

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Callahan County's jobless rate falls to 4.9% in September

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped to 4.9% in September 2012, according to jobless figures released Friday, October 26th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in September 2011 was 6.7 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 5.3% in August, 2012.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 5.8% in July 2012, 5.8% in June, 5.1% in May, 4.8% in April, 5.3% in March, 5.4% in February, 5.5% in January 2012, 5.8% in December 2011, 5.7% in November, and 6.1% in October, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for September 2012 include: Brown, 5.5%; Coleman, 5.7%; Eastland, 5.3%; Jones, 5.7%; Runnels, 6.5%; Shackelford, 2.7%; Stephens, 5.3%; and Taylor County, 5.0%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 5.0% in September, 2012, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 83,900. There were 79,700 employed during September 2012, while 4,200 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 5.0%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 83,700 in August, 2012. Total employment of 78,900 was reported in August 2012, while 4,800, or 5.7% were unemployed in August 2012.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for September, 2011 was 6.6%. The total workforce was reported at 83,800, with 78,300 employed and 5,500 unemployed in September, 2011.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of September, 2012 was 6.3 percent. The total Texas labor force was 12,642,500 in September 2012. The total number of Texans employed is 11,840,400. The total number of unemployed Texans is 802,100.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 7.0 percent. The state's unemployment rate in September of 2011 was 8.0 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for September, 2012 was 7.6 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of August, 2012

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Aug.	Sept.
	5.3%	4.9%

was 8.2%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in September, 2011 was 8.8%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

For September, the unemployment rate dropped by seven-tenths of a percentage point to 6.8 percent. This was the third consecutive month Texas showed a decrease in the unemployment rate. This was the lowest unemployment rate for September since 2008 and the largest over-the-month drop since October 1983. The unemployment rate has declined by 1.3 percent since the beginning of the year. The unemployment rate also has shown an over-the-year decrease of 1.7 percent. The unemployment rate for the United States descended three-tenths of a percentage point to 7.8 percent. The Texas unemployment rate of 6.8 percent was at or below the national rate for the 69th consecutive month.

The Civilian Labor Force grew by an estimated 17,300 Texans, bringing the total to 12,642,500 individuals, the largest labor force since July 2012. The Civilian Labor Force increased by approximately 116,900 individuals over the year, bringing the annual growth rate to 0.9 percent. This was the lowest September growth rate since 2004.

In September, the number of employed persons increased from August to September by an estimated 102,300 Texans. This was the largest August-to-September increase since the beginning of the series. The estimated level of employed Texans for September was 11,840,400 people. The number of jobholders increased by an estimated 317,400 persons since last year, making this the third consecutive year the number of employed increased in September. Unemployed persons in Texas fell by an estimated 85,000 over the month, and by approximately 200,500 individuals over the year.

There was a decrease of 10,100 Texans continuing to

seek unemployment insurance benefits in September for a total of 125,000 persons. This was the most significant decrease since February 2012. The number of individuals receiving unemployment benefit claims has declined by 21,300 Texans since the beginning of this year. Over the year, Texas has experienced a decline of 14,700 claims. Of the 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), the College Station-Bryan MSA and the Longview MSA increased in unemployment claim activity by 2.4 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively. A decrease in unemployment claim activity was experienced in 23 MSAs with the Lubbock MSA leading at 22.4 percent.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Furniture Mart Breaks Ground

CARROLLTON, TX (Carrollton Leader)—More than 4,000 construction jobs and 2,000 retail positions are coming to North Texas within the next two years. Nebraska Furniture Mart broke ground this month in The Colony. The 1.86-million-square-foot development will be part of the largest retail and entertainment destination of its kind in North America. Officials said Nebraska Furniture Mart is expected to attract more than 8 million visitors from more than 200 miles away and generate more than \$600 million in sales annually.

The Colony City Manager Troy Powell said, "One year after this store is open; it will have [generated] \$5.4 million [for the city] that is cold, hard cash we can spend on police, fire, and city operations." The 90-acre location will be home to other retailers. The Texas store will be the company's third store in the nation, as well as its largest. Nebraska Furniture Mart of Texas will include a 560,000-square-foot state of the art retail showroom and a 1.3-million-square-foot distribution center.

Hospital Expansion to Add Jobs

EIPASO, TX (KFOXTV.com)—Sierra Providence Medical Center East is planning to expand, doubling its size. The hospital plans to hire 40 new full-time people right away. That translates into \$2.7 million in salaries. Eventually the hospital will hire 269 full-time employees, which translates into \$17 million in salaries.

City council representative Mike Noe indicates the effects will be felt on all sides of town. "East side nurses, East side ancillary staff now won't have to drive to Central or the West side to work. These people will be able to work right here on the East side. Keeping these people (in East El Paso) instead of traveling I-10 and getting some of those cars off I-10 is important to me," Noe said. East El Paso resident Gregory Austin said, "Well it's going to boost the economy. It's going to help with the job market so it's going to help out a lot."

Walmart Hiring 250 for New Store

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Chronicle)—Walmart is opening a new location in the Heights area and hiring 250 full- and part-time associates before the grand opening. They plan to eventually employ 300 Houstonians for the store, approximately 50 of which will transfer from other stores. Employees are needed to work in all areas of the new store located at Yale and 1-10 just northwest of downtown Houston. The majority of associates will begin work to help prepare the store for its grand opening in the fall.

SecureNet Plans Austin Center

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman)—Kirk Ladendorf—SecureNet Payment Systems, a Maryland-based company that develops payment processing technology, says it is establishing a technology and innovation center in Austin that could employ 200 people in the next year. CEO, Brent Warrington, who lives in Austin, said the company will relocate some workers from its headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, but primarily will hire locally to fill a range of technical and non-technical jobs. The company expects to move into new offices in the Riata development in Northwest Austin. "This is a great place to build a technology business. Austin has a deep technical talent pool," Warrington said.

Lord's Acre Dinners Available in Variety of Ways

Turkey dinners at the Lord's Acre on November 10, will be available for home deliveries to shut-ins/or to those who just do not feel up to driving to the Methodist Church to pick up a meal. The most popular method of picking up dinners is the drive through system that became available at the new facility. Folks will be directed through the parking lot in such a way that teen-agers will take and fill orders as they take money or advance tickets.

These meals will be available from 4:30 through 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening. Starting at 5:00 p.m., people are welcome to join friends in the Fellowship Hall as they enjoy the full turkey dinner together. Serving lines will shut down at 6:30 p.m. when the live auction of lots of unique items will kick off.

All dinners will be \$8.00 with ample servings of turkey,

dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls and cake. Coffee and tea will be available for those eating in the Fellowship Hall.

Items for the little store, the silent auction and the live auction are starting to show up, with many hand-made and unique items. Some of the early items include: a pencil drawing of the "burned church," crocheted afghans and jewelry in Buffalo colors, quilted pillow, one of Betty Browning's beautiful cross stitched pictures, a cowboy chair, handmade candles, the traditional Terry Jane Wyatt memorial sweatshirt and the Sharon Koenig memorial apron will again grace the tables as well as cakes, candies, canned specialties, baked goodies and a mink stole—something for everybody.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

TxDOT makes history with safest year on record

AUSTIN—At the Texas Department of Transportation, "safety first" is more than just a written goal, it's the way business is done.

Today, agency leaders announced that FY 2012 was the best year ever for the agency in terms of safety citing TxDOT's lowest number of injuries on record; lowest number of lost-time injuries in department archives; and lowest number of lost-production days. These all-time achievements marked FY 2012 as the safest year in the department's 95-year history.

"From the highways to the hallways, every single TxDOT team member played a crucial role in delivering their commitment to safety, and it's because of their dedication that we can celebrate his amazing achievement," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT Executive Director. "We must remain vigilant to practice safety first as our team members work amidst increasing traffic and hazardous conditions."

To promote the agency's safety first commitment, TxDOT launched its *Mission Zero Campaign* last year, a public outreach program designed to reduce work zone construction accidents, injuries and fatalities. The campaign was recently named the 2012 winner of the

American Road and Transportation Builders Association Development Foundation's (ARTBA-TDF) Roadway Work Zone Safety Awareness Award. ARTBA is a transportation advocacy group promoting infrastructure investment.

For the third year in a row, TxDOT's historic safety record also ranked the agency as the nation's leader among all reporting state departments of transportation.

Five TxDOT districts, Brownwood, Pharr, Paris, Bryan and Atlanta, achieved zero lost time injuries for FY 2012, and the Brownwood District holds the distinction of eight consecutive years without lost time on the job. Zero lost time records were also set in two of TxDOT's regions and the agency's Port Aransas Ferry operations. Field personnel in these offices begin and end each day with a safety discussion.

"Our most important job is getting our team home safely so that we can do the work Texas drivers depend on us to do," Wilson added.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

Higher Education – A Great Investment for Texas

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

A thriving economy depends on a vibrant business culture, and Texas is arguably the best state to do business in the nation. Our low taxes and reasonable approach to regulation, coupled with our abundant natural resources, have made us a prime destination for industries from energy to technology.

But there is one other crucial factor to success: higher education.

It is a major draw for companies looking to establish headquarters in any given locale. They want an educated workforce, access to the best research capabilities and an infrastructure that has the built-in capabilities to undertake public-private partnerships without putting the majority of the burden on the private side. This is what a state rich in academic excellence provides. And while Texas has outstanding universities, which already produce excellent research, there is still more we can do. My goal is for Texas to be the number one destination for research and technology companies in the US.

Presently, we have three tier-one universities: UT Austin, Texas A&M and Rice. California has nine, New York has seven. With strategic investment, we could easily take our number to six. We have the resources, and six of our universities are already on the cusp of tier-one status. What we need now is to commit to taking them over the tipping point. We also have

room to create several specific centers of excellence. This would mean colleges and universities focusing on one particular area of expertise and developing their capabilities to make them the number one world destination for that field.


For instance, when Gil Grosvenor, Chairman Emeritus of National Geographic, was looking to set up the Gil Grosvenor Centers for Geographic Education, he looked all over the country for the schools with the absolute best geography programs. Texas State University was one of them. I was so pleased that I went to TSU and told them that we could work together on building on their already solid foundation to make it the world destination for geography. Why does that matter? Because understanding the world's geographic layout and formations is fundamental to everything from our ability to fight a war on foreign terrain to how to clean up the Gulf of Mexico to how to tap our natural resources for fuel and economic gain.

Or take Lamar University, which has the benefit of being located next to the second biggest chemical complex in the world. That means they can gear an engineering program towards the industry, giving students a head start by interning and researching in the area's refineries, and giving the industry a local talent pool to utilize as they work to advance technologies and make a better, more productive energy industry.

And while UT is already a tier-one university, I am committed to making it the world destination for anyone who's focused on trade with Latin America. Our geographic location and cultural heritage make UT the perfect location for this additional center of excellence. This is vitally important both to America's economic interests, with Latin America as our number one trading partner, and to the larger benefit of creating strong regional economies which in turn create a stronger hemisphere that benefits both the US economy and security.

These are uncertain economic times and we need more fiscal responsibility. But higher education is not an expenditure; it is an investment in Texas's economic future. Investing in higher education, particularly in science, technology, engineering and math, will take us not just the next five years, but the next 25 and beyond. It will attract more businesses to our state, make the industries in which we excel – like energy – more productive and bring in new industries as we build our capabilities. In short, excellence in higher education is a matter of national competitiveness for Texas and of international competitiveness for the United States. Let's commit to making Texas home to at least three and possibly six additional top-tier universities by the end of the decade, for our sake and for that of the nation.

Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.

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"Book to Movie" Resumes at the Local Library

Cross Plains Public Library's successful "Book to Movie" resumes for all ages in November. Our After School Adventure Program (ASAP), Wednesday, at 4:00 p.m., November 7th, will feature the *Toy Story 3* book and related movie. Attending students and children will receive a special surprise!

Our Teens and Tweens will read *Percy Jackson the Olympians, The Lightning Thief* and view the associated movie on Thursday, November 29th at 5:00 p.m. The books are free thanks to a grant from Texas State Library and Archives

Commission (TSLAC). The books are ready to be picked up at the library, so come on in and sign up to participate. In addition, Percy Jackson's fifth book *The Last Olympian* will be given away free to those attending.

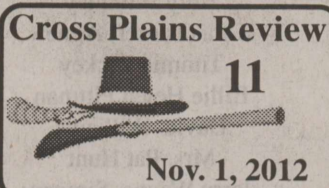
Our adult group will read the classic *To Kill a Mocking Bird* and view the related movie Thursday, November 15. We will have one group meeting at 10:00 a.m. to view the movie and then go to Jean's Feed Barn for a "Dutch Treat" lunch and discuss the difference between the book and the movie.

At 5:30 p.m. the same day, we

will meet for those who could not attend the morning/noon session. We will also view the movie and then meet afterwards at Jean's Feed Barn for the discussion.

The books have been ordered and can be picked up at the library. Thanks to the same grant from TSLAC, the copies of the books are \$3.00 each.

Please join us for a very interesting and stimulating sharing of thoughts and ideas. There is always something pointed out that you did not notice while reading the book and it's fascinating to see the alterations made in the movie.



Annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale Scheduled

Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here!!! Are you tired just thinking of all the cooking and baking you have to do for Thanksgiving?

Let us do some of the work for you! The Cross Plains Public Library is holding their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Wednesday, November 21st, in the library's conference room from 8:00 a.m. until we are sold out.

Friends of the library will be busy baking lots of treats for your holiday table: pecan pies, pumpkin pies, fudge, divinity,

homemade breads, cakes, cookies and lots more!

If you would like to place an order (e.g., Italian cream cake, pumpkin pies, homemade rolls, fudge, etc.) call the library at 254-725-7722 and reserve your items now! Don't miss out!

Board members will be calling for donations, but if you don't get a call, we still welcome your baked goods, as all proceeds benefit the library. Stop by, shop early and buy extra to freeze for Christmas.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign-up for 2011 Crop Losses

(BAIRD, TX) - October 23, 2012 - Callahan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Robert Frost today announced that producers can enroll in the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program for 2011 crop year losses beginning Oct. 22, 2012. Under the 2008 Farm Bill, SURE authorizes assistance to farmers and ranchers who suffered crop losses caused by natural disasters occurring through Sept. 30, 2011.

"Eligible producers who experienced a 2011 crop loss can contact the Callahan County FSA office to learn more about the SURE program," said Frost. "All eligible farmers and ranchers must sign up for 2011 SURE benefits before the June 7, 2013 deadline," he said.

To qualify for a SURE payment, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a disaster for 2011 and have at least a 10 percent production loss that affects one crop of economic significance. Producers with agricultural operations located outside a disaster county are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss greater or equal to 50 per-

cent of the normal production on the farm.

In Texas, 213 counties received a primary Secretarial Disaster Designation and 41 counties received a contiguous Secretarial Disaster Designation during 2011. This means that all 254 counties in Texas can apply for SURE benefits as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

To meet program eligibility requirements, producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation and obtained Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on non-insurable crops, if available, from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact the Callahan County FSA office at 325-854-1049 ext 2 or visit the website at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/sure>.

Commissioners approve County Drug and Alcohol Policy

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court approved five motions relating to the County Drug and Alcohol Policy for all County employees during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, October 22nd at the County Courthouse in Baird.

After discussion of the County Drug and Alcohol Policy the following items were acted upon:

—Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion, with a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, to approve the Drug and Alcohol Policy. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Tom Windham made a motion to use the County Courtroom as the testing area for the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Commissioner Harold Hicks seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve West Texas Rehabilitation Center as the agency to do the Drug and Alcohol Policy testing. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve testing all CDL Drivers this quarter and then begin random testing January 1, 2013. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion then passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to appoint the County Treasurer as Representative for the Drug and Alcohol Policy. Commissioner Hicks sec-

onded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were County Clerk Donna Bell and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

—The minutes from the commissioners' court meeting of October 9th were reviewed and signed.

—There was no public comment.

—There was no action taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains lifted.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which then carried with a 5-0 vote.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

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Comptroller's office offers vital resource for business owners looking for answers to their state tax questions

(AUSTIN) - During the month of November, the Comptroller's office will conduct eight free taxpayer seminars across the state. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms, and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services will also be available to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Texas business owners by making resources and information accessible. Conducting these

seminars and making our team of tax specialists available provides guidance for businesses," said R.J. DeSilva, spokesperson for the Comptroller's office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html. Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, www.window.state.tx.us.

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Numerous frontier exhibits like this authentic chuck wagon will be on display during Frontier Day at Abilene State Park this Saturday. Park entrance fees have been reduced for adults, and kids ages 12 and younger are free. Photo by Bryan Frazier

Frontier Day Lives Again at Abilene State Park Outdoor Event Also Marks 20th Anniversary of Buffalo Soldiers Program

TUSCOLA, TX—A one-time popular annual event celebrating 19th-Century life on the rugged Texas plains, Frontier Day is again a part of Abilene State Park and scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 3.

From noon to 4 p.m., park visitors can enjoy booths, activities, displays, re-enactors and demonstrations that highlight the daily routines and challenges experienced by settlers and soldiers who called this area home during the 1800s. Activities and programs scheduled for the day include a vintage baseball game, an authentic chuck wagon, a buffalo hunter, archery, Old-West re-enactors, 1870s military soldier demonstrations, animals from the official Texas State Longhorn herd, the Game Warden Operation Game Thief trailer, dulcimer music, flint knapping and more. The park friends group will also have snacks

and drinks available for sale. "They used to have a Frontier Day event at Abilene, and we decided to bring it back," said Dawn Capps, park ranger and peace officer at Abilene State Park. "It's important to show people what life would have been like so many years ago, and how people would have survived on the frontier. Things are, of course, dramatically different today, but we want to make sure that these stories and traditions don't get lost. And Abilene is a perfect place to host this event; the area in and around the park was a strategic and leading edge to the frontier, because of the buffalo passageway, water and trees that have always been here."

This Saturday's festivities also mark the 20th Anniversary of the Buffalo Soldiers program at Texas Parks and Wildlife, a division of park staff that specializes in preserving and promoting the history, heritage and culture of

the famed Black Soldier units of the 9th and 10th Cavalry and 24th and 25th Infantry regiments of the U.S. Army. The Buffalo Soldiers, who will have an encampment at Frontier Day, historically served at various frontier outposts across Texas during the Indian Wars campaign from 1866-1892. Through education programs and curriculum, outreach events and re-enactments, the Buffalo Soldiers unit of TPWD staff and volunteers travels the state as a living history exhibit, and is making its first return trip to Abilene since the program began two decades ago.

Park entrance fees will be discounted to \$3 per person for Frontier Day for adults, and kids ages 12 and younger are free. For more information about Frontier Day, contact Abilene State Park at (325) 572-3204, or visit www.texasstateparks.org.

Estate Tax Reform Critical in Lame Duck Session for Farm Families

Farm families in Callahan County are calling for help from Washington legislators to help preserve their family farms by establishing permanent estate tax reform during the lame duck session.

"Estate taxes can be devastating to a family business, including farms and ranches that have been handed down for generations," said Sam Snyder, president of Callaha-Shackelford County Farm Bureau.

The estate tax requires families

to pay taxes on land and assets owned by a family member when that family member passes away. Currently, the estate tax exemption is set at \$5 million in assets, and assets above the exemption are taxed at 35 percent top rate.

"If Congress doesn't act on estate taxes before the end of the year, the estate tax exemption will drop to \$1 million and the top rate will increase to 55 percent," Snyder said. "Farmers are asset

rich and cash poor, and those changes could really devastate our family farms as they're already experiencing the loss of a loved one."

Farm Bureau supports a lower estate tax top rate and higher exemption, as well as a permanent extension of the 15 percent capital gains tax. The capital gains tax is set to increase from 15 to 20 percent, if Congress does not take action before the end of the year.



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Kyle McClure Benefit set for November 10th

A Roping and Bullriding Event has been scheduled to benefit Kyle McClure, on November 10, 2012 at the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club in Cross Plains.

There will be a silent auction with lots of goodies to bid on. Gate admission will be \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 are free.

First up will be the TEAM ROPING: Fee is \$25. per ropor. Books open at 9:00 a.m. Roping begins at 10:00 a.m.

The next event will be the BULL RIDING: Books open at 2:00 p.m. Riding begins at 4:00 p.m. with the Junior Roughstock. Open Bullriding will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Fees are \$75.00 for the Open Bulls, \$65.00 for the Jr. Bulls; \$45.00 for the Steers; \$45.00 for the Mini Broncs and \$35.00 for the Mutton Bustin.

Buckles will be given for the

Jackpot and Champion events. Contact information for each event is: Team Roping—Kenny Callaway 325-439-9510 or Kenny Horran 325-669-9038. Bull Riding— Jody Harris 325-280-6416.

For any additional information please call Brandi Smith- 325-721-8551, Sean Shipley- 325-201-0630 or Amanda Stephenson 325-201-2230.

Kyle McClure, of the Cross Plains/Burkett communities is only 30 years old, and has recently been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Event organizers wish to help Kyle and his family to beat this horrible disease. Your donations and support will be GREATLY appreciated.

Come out and ride in the Event or come on in and watch the action!

SWCD Now taking Windbreak Tree Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Idalou, Texas.

This year's selection of available trees include a variety of evergreens. They are: Afghanistan Pine, Pinyon Pine and Austrian Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for \$20.00 or \$105.00 for a box of 30 per species.

In addition to the Evergreens, a variety of bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are being offered this year. The list includes,

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Orders will be taken until January 31, 2013 expected delivery date on February 15, 2013.

All orders are pre-paid with check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery.

For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Extension 3.

The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th - Suite B.

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A special "thank you" to my pastor and special friend, Fay Simons, who showed us the ways of service many times over. She provided love and assistance where ever needed, was the first to tend to our needs, and the mighty hand of our Lord and Savior guided her to my side when mother's port was to be removed—I'd not wanted to be alone during this procedure. Also, Sandra with Girling in Eastland showed such compassion for mother, coming on duty and off. We will be forever grateful.

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