

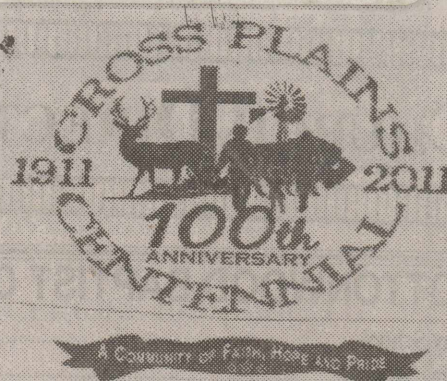
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AAA Storage Receives Plaque — Business of the Month plaque presentation to AAA Stowaway Storage. Selected for the Month of November. From left to right, Erik Woodard, Lee Anne Morton, James and Dora Warlick, Connie Kirkam, Lexia Bagley.

Class A Region II Division II Bi-District Matchup

Cross Plains Buffaloes (home) VS Muenster Hornets (visitors)

Friday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Brewer Stadium

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Resource Care Clinic Giving Back to the Community

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Submitted by
Cindy Payne

The Stew and Cornbread Fund Raiser cancelled

The Stew and Cornbread Fund Raiser for November 17th, 2012 has been cancelled due to a hip injury by one of the star cooks, Leonna Adkins. Leonna has a slight set back and so far is recovering and everyone hopes she will be okay!

The Callahan County Nutrition is sorry about the cancellation.

ORDERS BEING TAKEN FOR THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE

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, sugar-free items,

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

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

Former Astronaut Sid Gutierrez to Visit Cross Plains

Former NASA Astronaut Sid Gutierrez will be visiting Cross Plains on Monday, November 26th. The Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting a Texas Bar-B-Q, catered by Bubba's Smokehouse, in his honor that evening at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Gutierrez will be the keynote speaker and share his experiences aboard shuttle missions STS-40 and STS-59. Cost for the event is \$15; reservations may be made by calling the library at 254-725-7722. Remember that the library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays, so the deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 21st.

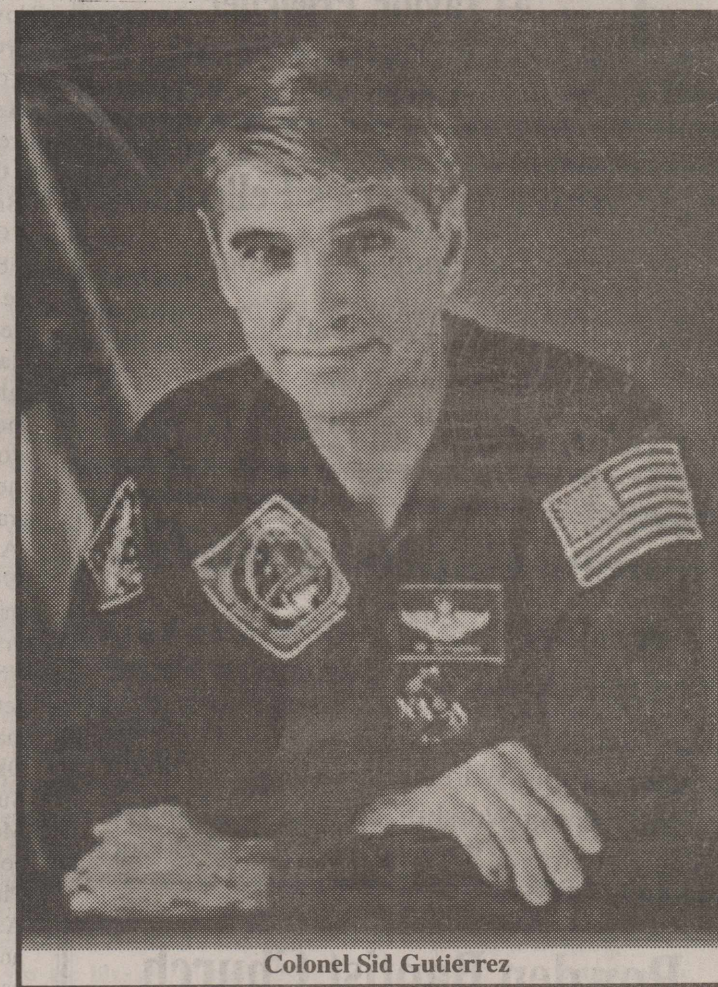
In honor of his visit, the City of Cross Plains will proclaim this day as "Sid Gutierrez Day" and award him a key to the city. Students from Cross Plains, Coleman, Baird and other area schools will attend elementary and high school level presentations by Gutierrez that afternoon.

Sidney "Sid" Gutierrez was born June 27, 1951, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He graduated from Valley High School there in 1969, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1972, and a Master of Arts degree in Management from Webster College in 1977.

Selected by NASA in May 1984, Sid Gutierrez became an astronaut in June 1985. In 1988, he became the Astronaut Office lead for Shuttle software development, verification, and future requirements definition. In 1989 he helped support the launches of STS-28, 30, 32, 33 and 34 at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) in Florida.

Colonel Gutierrez first entered space as Pilot on STS-40 Columbia, launched from KSC on June 5, 1991. This was SLS-1, the first Spacelab Life Sciences mission, which focused on how humans, animals, and cells respond to microgravity and re-adapt to Earth's gravity on return. Other experiments investigated materials science, plant biology and cosmic radiation. Following 146 orbits of the Earth in 218 hours, Columbia and her crew landed at Edwards AFB, California, on June 14, 1991.

Gutierrez was next spacecraft communicator (CapCom), the



Colonel Sid Gutierrez

voice link between the flight crew and mission control, for STS-42, 45, 46, 49 and 52. In 1992 he became the Astronaut Office Branch Chief for Operations Development, overseeing ascent, entry, abort, software, rendezvous, Shuttle systems, main engines, solid rocket boosters, external tank, and landing and rollout issues.

On April 9, 1994, Colonel Gutierrez returned to space as Commander of STS-59 Endeavour, Space Radar Laboratory (SRL-1). Part of "Mission to Planet Earth," this was an eleven-day flight dedicated to the study of the Earth and the atmosphere around it. The two primary payloads were the Space-borne Imaging Radar-C/X-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar, and Measurement of Air Pollution from Space. The crew completed over 400 precise maneuvers, a Shuttle record, and recorded enough data to fill 26,000 encyclopedias. Areas of investigation included ecology, oceanography, geology and hydrology. The Endeavour completed 183 orbits of the Earth in 270 hours before landing at Edwards AFB, California, on April 20 1994. In his two missions Colonel Gutierrez logged over twenty days and eight

hours in space.

In September 1994, Sid Gutierrez retired from the U.S. Air Force and from NASA. He returned to Albuquerque to work for Sandia National Laboratories. From September 1994 to March 1995, he served as Manager for their Strategic Initiatives Department then as Manager of the Airborne Sensors and Integraion Department in the Exploratory Systems Development Center. He also served as Chairman of the Governor's Technical Excellence committee Spaceport Task Force.

Among his many honors are the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, NASA's Exceptional Achievement Medal, two NASA Space flight Medals, the 1990 Congressional Hispanic Caucus Award, the Aviation Week and Space Technology Aerospace Laureate in Space and Aerospace Laureate in Space and Missiles for 1994, Distinguished Graduate of the USAF Academy; the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, and as an Air Training Command Master Instructor.

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

Veterans of WWII To Be Honored

With the passing of Veteran's Day and the services that were presented to honor the men and women that have served our country in the fight for freedom through the years, we realize how fortunate we are to live in the United States. Cross Plains and the surrounding area is blessed to have a number of veterans from the greatest generation that served in World War II and we want to give them the respect that they deserve.

Please join us at the Senior Citizens Center on December 7 at

11:45 a.m., the infamous, Pearl Harbor day, as we honor all Veteran's, but especially recognize those who served during WWII. If you served or know someone in the area that served during WWII please contact Dannes Turner at 725-6521 or Bonita Horton at 725-4642, we would like to have a short biography for each veteran from this historic time in history of our great nation. A patriotic program will be presented during lunch. Lunch will be provided free of charge to all Veterans.

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DEADLINES

Ads Noon on Tuesday Articles Noon on Monday
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Local Chamber of Commerce to Honor Citizen of the Month and Announces Christmas Contests

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce reminds the public that nominations for "Citizen of the Month" are still needed. Please contact the local Chamber office at 254-725-7251.

The Chamber will also be sponsoring a Best Decorated Home and Best Decorated Business for Christmas 2012. Both categories will receive cash prizes and recognition in the Cross Plains Review, plus a plaque to designate 1st place winners.

This is a reminder to decorate early if you want to

participate. Only businesses and homes that submit your name to the Chamber will be considered. So decorate early and call the Chamber 254-725-7251—you could be the winner of \$50 or \$25.

The Chamber will have out-of-town judges who will view the entries and decide the 2nd week of December.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will continue to sponsor the Kiwanis Stew Supper and Santa Claus Comes to Town at the Senior Citizens Center downtown. The exact date will be announced at a later time.

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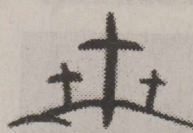
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Pastor Max Evans

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

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
 Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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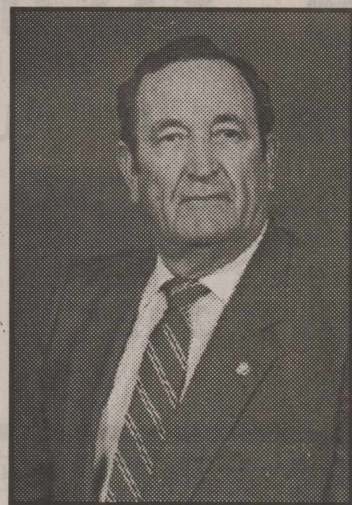
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Obituaries



Brooks T. Hill

Brooks T. Hill, 87, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, in an area nursing home. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2012, at Harris Avenue Baptist Church with Bro. Randy Bush officiating. Interment followed at 2 p.m. at Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery in Cross Plains.

Brooks was born July 22, 1925, at Crosscut, Texas, to Emma Lee Gibson Hill and Levi Larry Hill. He grew up in the Cross Plains area and graduated from Cross Plains High School. As a high school athlete, he lettered in football and basketball. He worked in the oil fields in the Cross Plains area after graduation, prior to WWII.

A Navy veteran, he served from 1943-1945 in the South Pacific and was discharged as a seaman first class. He was assigned to the USS West Virginia and saw action during world WW II in major battles including Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Leyte, the Battle of Surigao Strait, Mindanao, Menado and Tokyo. He earned service medals including the Philippine Liberation Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal and for action in five major battles as a primerman on a 16-inch gun.

Brooks married Patsy Smith on November 8, 1945, in Cross Plains and together in the early 50's they made their home on East Harris Avenue in San Angelo where they raised their family of four children. Mr. Hill retired in 1988 from the City of San Angelo as foreman of the city shop and garage, a job responsible for keeping the city's wheels moving. He was very active in church work at Harris Avenue Baptist Church serving several terms as president of the Heart of Texas Baptist Men, which was comprised of Baptist men from about 20 counties from San Angelo to Brownwood and Stephenville and from Sterling City to Brady. He was an active member of Harris Avenue Baptist Church's board of deacons, Sunday School teacher for the church's married young men's class, led music at Harris Avenue Baptist Church, and also served as chairman of his church's kindergarten and day care nursery committee. Mission work included trips to New Mexico and La Haula, Mexico. He also served on the Board of Directors of Christians In Action and the San Angelo Federal Credit Union. He loved baseball and football and coached YMCA youth sports.

Brooks enjoyed his farm at Pioneer, Texas, and later his cabin at Oak Creek Lake in Blackwell. He was always ready to go fishing, whether from the dock at Oak Creek, the Texas Gulf Coast, or with his son in Alaska. Brooks had many friends in San Angelo and at Baptist Memorial and always enjoyed visiting with friends and family, sharing fishing stories and tales of the big one that got away. He loved to sing and his love for music was passed on to all of his children, who all share a great talent and love for music.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Pat; his parents; brother Elbert Hill; and sisters Frances Souther and Ruth Thate.

Survivors include his children and their families, Don and Debe Hill of San Angelo, Mark Hill and Suzanne Skimek of San Clemente, CA, Jane White of Sacramento, CA and Vernon Hill of San Angelo; grandchildren Shane Hill and wife Amy of San Angelo, Jennifer Hill of Abilene, Allison Reynolds and husband

Ernie of Waco, Haley Hill of Plainview, RaeAnne Drew and husband Tom of San Angelo, Taylor White and wife Rebekah of Sacramento, CA; and great-grandchildren Hannah Avery Hill and Riley Garrison Hill of San Angelo, Carson Taylor Drew and Molly Jane Drew of San Angelo, Malachi Taylor White of Sacramento, CA and Garon Thomas Reynolds of Waco; and his only surviving sister, Imogene Glenn of Plattsburgh, Nebraska.



Juanita Purcell Sheppard

Juanita Purcell Sheppard, age 82, of Archer City, passed away Thursday, November 8, 2012, in a Wichita Falls hospital.

A celebration of her life was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 11, 2012, at the First Baptist Church with Roger Deerinwater, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Archer City Cemetery under the direction of Aulds Funeral Home.

Juanita was born March 13, 1930 in Burkett, Texas to James Homer Purcell and Missouri Tennessee Brown Purcell. She and J.T. "Jake" Sheppard were married November 18, 1948 in Cross Plains, Texas. He preceded her in death on December 6, 1992.

Juanita moved to Archer County in 1957 and moved into Archer City in 1966, where she was employed by the City of Archer City until 1987. She then worked at Beall's Department Store, White's Auto, Quality Cleaners, Aulds Funeral Home and Past and Present Antiques and Gifts. She often said she had worked her way around the square in Archer City.

She loved Archer City and she showed her love for the community by her volunteer work for the Archer Jamoboree, the Royal Theater, the Archer City Volunteer Fire Department, the Archer Service Center and the Archer Beautification Committee. She also did many acts of kindness for her friends and neighbors some of which no one really knew about. She was a wonderful seamstress and sewed for several families, never charging what it was worth.

Juanita was an active member of the First Baptist Church, Archer City volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and received the Outstanding Older Texan award. She enjoyed working in her yard, gardening and most of all, spending time with her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Quaid of Archer City and JoAnn Rater and husband David of Antelope; three sons, Jimmy Sheppard and wife Pat of Wichita Falls, Micheal Sheppard and wife Sue of Archer City and Pat Sheppard and wife Judy of Archer City; one sister, Dorthie Hill of Abilene; fourteen grandchildren, Cindy Armstrong, Angie Quaid-Wilkins, Kerri Sheppard, Kelli Overcash, Tommy Sheppard, Micheal and Trad Sheppard, Jacie Ferguson, Ricky, Christi and Daniel Rater, Keith, Jessica and Doug Sheppard, and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Homer Purcell.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Micheal, Trad, Keith, Ricky, Tommy, Doug and Daniel.

The family suggests memorials to the Archer Service Center, P.O. Box 578, Archer City, TX 76351, American Hospice 4210 Kell Blvd. Suite 211, Wichita Falls, TX 76309 or the Archer City Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 367, Archer City, TX 76351.

CALLAHAN COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Christopher D. Gregory, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Jody Carlisle, DWI.
 David L. Brooks, theft by check.
 Shane M. Gothard, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Tomas Johnson, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 30 days in jail, \$264 court costs.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Kimberly Wolpe and Paul Wolpe, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Kory L. Nixon and Stephanie D. Nixon, divorce granted.
 Robbi Lain Lopez, order granting change of name of adult.

Criminal Minutes

David R. Aultman, plea of guilty to possession of heroin, 2 years in prison, \$364 court costs.

Linda M. Goosen, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 10 years in prison, \$1000 fine, \$319 court costs.

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Star Gazing Party: Stars and Skies of Texas

Albany, TX—Fort Griffin State Historic Site presents their monthly **Star Gazing Party: Stars and Skies of Texas**, scheduled for **November 17th at 5:30 p.m.** This event will provide education and entertainment for the entire family, no matter the age. This is one of their monthly star gazing parties planned for the fall and winter months, as weather permits.

If you're wondering how the skies are at Fort Griffin, just know that they are described by many astronomers as being some of the darkest and clearest in Texas. In fact, Fort Griffin is considered one of the premiere hot spots for astronomy and is one of the 3 best public areas in Texas.

Each month, near the new moon, astronomers from all over Texas travel to Fort Griffin to take advantage of these night skies. This month Donny Dierschke, Tom Pugh, Jason Holland and other local astronomers will share their telescopes, laser pointers and knowledge of the night skies with the public. The star gazing program will begin after dark in the baseball field of the Fort Griffin campground.

For the basic cost of general admission to Fort Griffin State Historic site, a family can create a memorable experience for both kids and adults alike. General admission to the site is \$4 for adults, \$3 for student (ages 6-18) and ages 5 and under are free.

For more information about this event, camping fees, facilities, or other activities Fort Griffin has to offer, you may visit their website at www.visitfortgriffin.com. For camping reservations call 325-762-3592.

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Callahan County Fire Fighters Come to Cottonwood — Standing from left, Fred St. Peter, Roger Hinkle, Charles Tice, Josh Miller, Bill Johnson, and Marty Smith. Sitting, Travis Hudspeth on left and Rickey Carouth.

We want to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving! Be safe in travels coming and going for the holiday. We have many blessings we can be thankful for this year and pray for those in need. Pray for all the folks on the east coast who were hit by Hurricane Sandy. Weeks after the storm, some of them still don't have electricity or heat.

David Weaver of Corpus Christi is spending this week with his mother, Mary Ella Weaver.

The Callahan County Fire Fighters Association met in Cottonwood last Saturday

morning and enjoyed a full breakfast in the Fellowship Hall of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Those attending were: Travis Hudspeth, Eula Volunteer Fire Department and President of the Association; Charles Tice, Texas Forest Service and Hamby Fire Department; Josh Miller, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department; Rickey Carouth, Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department; Marty Smith, Putnam Volunteer Fire Department and Joe Terstegge, Roger Hinkle, Bill Johnson and Fred St. Peter, Cottonwood Volunteer fire

control Group.

Charles Tice spoke to the group and gave valuable information about the wind and the upcoming fire season. Steve Bitsko was a guest of the organization. Deana Terstegge, Jim Grindstaff, Gilbert Ibarra, Teri Brown and Beverly Brown all helped with the breakfast.

Thanks to the Cottonwood Baptist Church for letting us use their Fellowship Hall for the firemen. Before and after the meeting, the firemen looked over Cottonwood's firetrucks, including both brush trucks.

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

November 5 - 8, 2012

Patrons	166
Books Checked Out	139
Programs	62
ASAP	28
LAP	5
Lapsit	10
GED Class	11
Other	8
Copies	155
Internet	42
Interlibrary Loans	1
Reference	8

Donations

Troyce and Carolyn Sosebee
Bob and Lavonne Childress
Jim and Michelle Kaiser

Memorials

Etna Goode
In Memory of Judy Dudley

Cross Plains Class of 1954
In Memory of Catherine Rice

Kenneth and Ann Beeler
In Memory of Catherine Rice

Books and Miscellaneous

Donations

Sandy Doss
Billye Sinclair
Linda Chandler
Lou Grider
Curt and Ginny Hoskins
Scott and Jacque Childress

Volunteers

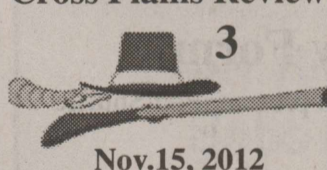
Helen Parson
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress

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.

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Opera House Musical in Anson on Saturday

The Opera House Country Musical Show will be held Saturday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m. at the Opera House located in Anson.

A Bar-B-Que supper will be held before the musical, with the serving starting at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per plate, which includes a drink and dessert.

Door prizes will be given away and there is no admission fee. Just a reminder: The elevator has been repaired and is in good working order.

For further information, call Marlon Smith at (325) 823-3523, and leave a message.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

NOVEMBER 19-23

Monday, 19h - EXERCISE 11:00
Tuesday, 20th - EXERCISE 10:45/BINGO 11:15/ GAME NIGHT
Wednesday, 21st - EXERCISE 11:00/ GIRLING FOOTCARE
Thursday 22nd - HAPPY
Friday, 23rd - THANKSGIVING
Center closed

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 19-23

MONDAY-Salisbury Steak with gravy/Potatoes/Englisg Peas/Bread/Fruit/Drink
TUESDAY-Chicken Fried Steak/Potatoes/Gravy/Spinach/ Bread/Dessert
WEDNESDAY -Vegetable Beef Soup/Cornbread/Jello with Fruit/Cookie/Drink
THURSDAY - THANKSGIVING DAY/ CENTER CLOSED
FRIDAY-CENTER CLOSED
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M

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Submitted by
Cindy Payne

Texas water conservation districts express concern over current sand mining operations

Texas soil and water conservation district directors representing 216 Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts attending their 72nd Annual Meeting October 29th-31st in Bastrop unanimously agreed through a resolution to seek legislation and the cooperative efforts of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to effect legislation and regulations requiring companies that commercially mine sand to be required to complete the reclamation of their mining operations for the purpose of maintaining air and water quality.

According to the McCulloch SWCD, the shale oil and gas exploration boom has created intense demand for high-quality sand, from mines. The silica sand shot through the ancient sandstone formations underlying Mason and adjacent McCulloch counties are used in the hydraulic fracturing process, to open fissures in the shale which then allows for oil and gas to be removed. When enough sand has been removed, companies can abandon the sites leaving behind empty pits. These pits open up the Hickory Underground Water Aquifer to various hazards. Mountains of waste sand are left, affecting air quality on windy days, not to mention the resulting erosion. Also, because topsoil has been removed, it is difficult to restore vegetation.

Reuben Geistweidt, Chairman of the Mason County SWCD, whose district co-sponsored the resolution with McCulloch SWCD, agrees. "Mining and reclamation of these pits are not regulated under State law. If the sand or gravel operations will affect groundwater quality, have a surface-water discharge or create a point-source air discharge, the operation may be regulated by TCEQ", said Geistweidt.

"In essence, what Texas SWCDs want is for the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCDs) to work with the Texas Legislature to put into statute regulations that will require the sand mining industry to complete the reclamation of the land", added Geistweidt.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. The TSSWCB also acts to ensure that the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

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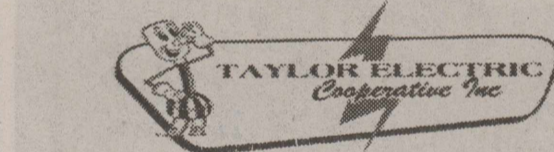
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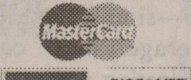
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Cross Plains Buffaloes Roll Into Playoffs

The Cross Plains Buffaloes rolled into the playoffs behind a monstrous rushing attack Friday night in the regular season finale versus the Ranger Bulldogs.

Blake Hutchins surpassed the 2,000 yard mark for the season on 23 carries, 395 yard rushing performance.

The defense did its part holding Ranger to 14 points and 194 yards of total offense in the 77-14 victory.

Josh Branch forced two fumbles and recovered one from his defensive end position and senior, Chris French, intercepted a pass from his position in the secondary.

Sophomore running back Alex Jackson carried the ball 3 times for 47 yards with a touchdown. Phoenix Sanders rushed two times for 34 yards with a 34 yard touchdown.

Senior fullback Dakota Gilliam scored from 14 yards out. Tristen Stephenson carried the ball 8

times for 62 yards and fullback Justin Willis rushed 6 times for 46 yards, including a 15 yard touchdown run.

The Buffaloes end the regular season with a 6-4 record, 5-2 in district play. The 6-4 record guarantees a winning season for the Buffaloes for the first time in 11 seasons, the last being the 8-3 mark set by the 2001 football team.

The Buffaloes finished third in their district, good enough to earn them a trip to the playoffs for the second consecutive year. Cross Plains will travel to Fort Worth to host district runner-up of District 8, the Muenster Hornets. The Hornets are 7-3 overall with a 4-1 record in district. The game will be played Friday, November 16th, at Brewer Stadium (1025 W Loop 820 North, Fort Worth, Texas 76108). Cross Plains will be the home team.

For more information on Cross Plains Athletics you can follow

"Cross Plains Athletics" on Facebook for up to date scores and events.

Score by Quarter

	1	2	3	4	F
C.P.	22	21	27	7	77
Ranger	0	0	0	14	14

Individual Statistics:

Rushing:
Hutchins - 23 carries - 395 yards 6 TDs
Jackson - 3 carries - 47 yards (1 TD)
Sanders - 2 carries - 34 yards (1 TD)
Stephenson - 8 carries - 62 yards
Dakota Gilliam - 1 carry - 14 yards (1 TD)
Willis - 6 carries - 46 yards (1 TD)

Special Teams:

Hutchins - 9 for 9 on extra points, 70 yard kick return for TD

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

November 19-23
BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Sausage Bisquits, Assorted juice, Milk
TUESDAY-Muffin, Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk
WEDNESDAY- THANKS-GIVING HOLIDAY
THURSDAY - School out
FRIDAY-School Out

LUNCH

MONDAY- Chicken Fajitas, Charro Beans, Seasoned Corn, Orange Smiles, Salsa, Milk
TUESDAY-Salisbury Steak, Brown Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Green beans, Roll, Sliced peaches, Milk
WEDNESDAY- HOLIDAY/ School Out
THURSDAY- School Out
FRIDAY- School Out

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on November 14, 2012, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Open Forum
 - Recognize Elementary Teacher and Students of the Month
 - David White with McKinstry Construction
- New Business
 - Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Review Bills/Finance Report
 - Discuss and Consider Resolution with McKinstry Construction

- Consider Resolution to Join TIPS/TAPS Cooperative Purchasing Program
- Waiver for UIL for a Student
- Christmas Dinner- Dec. 13 at 7:30 after Band Concert (6 p.m.)
- ACT Award to C.P.H.S.
- Local School Tax Rates

- Superintendent's Report
 - Discuss Committee for Recycling Plastic, Cardboard, Paper, etc.
 - Waiver for UIL for a Student
 - Christmas Dinner- Dec. 13 at 7:30 after Band Concert (6 p.m.)
 - ACT Award to C.P.H.S.
 - Local School Tax Rates
- Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on November 9, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.

Cross Plains Girls JV Basketball Update

The basketball season has officially started and after a lot of running and practices the girls were ready to play some games.

Playing this year are Kristen Wright, Lindsey Ames, Kenzie Halse, Shelby McWilliams, Missy Brocker, Ariel Sneed, Kelli Bennett, Teagan Fortune, Inez Salazar, Sarah Rogers, Rebecca Crockett, Kaitlyn Potter and Debra Land.

In their first game, the girls played Coleman at home and won 35-27. Scoring were Kristen 11 points, Lindsey 4, Kenzie 3, Missy 10, Ariel 2 and Kelli 5.

The girls next action was in the Coleman Tournament where they won 40-24 against Coleman.

Scoring were Kristen 14 points, Lindsey 10, Missy 4, Kelli 6, Rebecca 2 and Debra 2.

Then the girls played Sweetwater JV and lost 47-13. They played Dublin JV and won 30-29. Scoring were Kristen 5, Lindsey 2, Shelby 5, Missy 8, Kelli 2, Debra 2 and Rebecca 6. The final game was against Brady where they again victorious with a 45-38 score. Scoring were Kristen 17, Lindsey 6, Shelby 2, Missy 10 and Ariel 2.

The girls are now 4-1 in the season. They played hard and did a great job in the tournament.

Submitted by
Mitchell Atchley



Cross Plains Buffaloes Breakfast November 16



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**Thanksgiving Holidays:
Wednesday, November 21,
Thursday, November 22, and
Friday, November 23, 2012.**

**Early out on Tuesday, November
20, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. Buses will
run at 1:10 P.M.**

**Classes will resume on Monday,
November 26, 2012.**

Cross Plains I.S.D. Participating in Labels for Education Program

Welcome to an exciting year at Cross Plains I.S.D! This year, our school will be participating in the *Labels for Education* program. Through the program we can collect UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from participating products to earn points that can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise!

Our goal is to collect enough points so that we can redeem them for school materials. It's easy to help—simply save UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from participating products and drop them off at the Cross Plains I.S.D. offices. Cross Plains I.S.D. hopes

to be successful at this program.

If you have any questions, please contact Lurene McNutt at 254-725-6122 or via email at lmcnutt@cplains.esc14.net.

Thank you for your support. Together with the *Labels for Education* program—we can build a better school for our children.

Some examples of participants include: Campbells, V8, Prego, Pepperidge Farm, Post, People, Bic, Emerald, Glad, Dannon, Pop Secret and Goldfish.

Submitted by
Lurene McNutt

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 help 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.

Fireplace and Home Fire Safety Tips

Fireplace and Home Fire Safety. More than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels.

Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) encourages you to practice the following fire safety steps to keep those home fires safely burning. Remember, fire safety is your personal responsibility ... Fire Stops With You!

Keep Fireplaces and Wood Stoves Clean! Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist. Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire. Leaving the doors open ensures that the fire receives enough air to ensure complete combustion and keeps

creosote from building up in the chimney.

Close glass doors when the fire is out to keep air from the chimney opening from getting into the room. Most glass fireplace doors have a metal mesh screen which should be closed when the glass doors are open. This mesh screen helps keep embers from getting out of the fireplace area.

Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces that do not have a glass fireplace door. Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures. Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire. Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

Safely Burn Fuels
Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.

Use only seasoned hardwood. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup. In pellet stoves, burn only dry, seasoned wood pellets.

Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.

Never burn cardboard boxes, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.

When building a fire, place

logs at the rear of the fireplace on an adequate supporting grate.

Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

Allow ashes to cool before disposing of them. Place ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep the ash container at least 10 feet away from your home and any other nearby buildings. Never empty the ash directly into a trash can. Douse and saturate the ashes with water. Protect the Outside of Your Home. Stack firewood outdoors at least 30 feet away from your home. Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris. Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester. Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flues or vents.

Be proactive against fire and help us make this community safer. Thanks to all for your support. We are currently looking for future fire fighters. Are you interested or maybe you know someone who is, come by and see us. We have training every Tuesday night at 7:30 pm. We hold our Business Meetings, the first Tuesday night of every month starting at 7:30 pm. Help us give back to our community. 325-893-5211.

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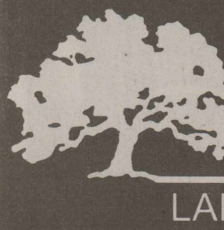
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109 Tom Bryant - 3BR-1.5E UNDER CONTRACT	rd, 2 car-carport, storage shed	108,000
133 Tom Bryant - 3BR-2B brick, spacious master suite addition, custom kitchen, beautiful backyard		189,900
241 N. Ave C - 2BR-1B, remodeled, big back yard, corner lot		64,000
260 Edgewood - 3BR-2B adorable home w/good size rooms & covered front porch.	REDUCED	60,000
524 SE 1st - Rental Income! Cute home with new roof. 3BR-1B, central heat/air.		31,900
624 SW 5th - 2BR-1.5B home w/1,264 sq. ft. carport & attached garage, hwy. frontage		40,000
633 NE 3rd - 3BR-1B, central h/a. New roof - Owner financing available		35,000
731 N. Ave E - 3BR-2B newly constructed home on corner lot, ceramic tile in kitchen & baths.		67,500
366 Bayou St. - Burkett - 3BR-2B home w/garage, 2 carports, extra storage		40,000
2181 Live Oak Dr. - Lake B'wood - 4BR-2B Singlewide w/carport, public boat dock, pool & more		64,000
131 Smith St. - Rising Star - Commercial property w/1650 sq. ft., brick, parking		20,000
512 S Main - Rising Star - 3BR-1B Craftsman style, garden shed, rear patio, move in ready		75,000

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1.79 Ac. - 3BR-2B manufactured home w/1,216 sq. ft. huge pecan & oak trees, close to town		23,900
12+/- Ac. - 3BR-2B spacious home, barn, 2 tanks, cross-fencing, freshly planted fruit trees		158,000
17.95 Ac. - Rising Star - 4BR-2B Brick home w/30x40 Work shop, Hay barn, livestock pens, coastal		298,000
19+/- Ac. - 3BR-2B 2,000+ sq. ft. home w/2 car garage & carport, 2 tanks, add'l acreage available		329,000
19.26 Ac. - 2BR-2B log cabin, large lighted outdoor arena, solid round pen, stalls	REDUCED	169,900
38.77 Ac. - 3BR-2B metal constructed home w/attached garage & carport, 2 tanks		350,000
40 Ac. - 2BR-1.5B brick UNDER CONTRACT age, small orchard	REDUCED	199,900
50.61 Ac. - 3BR-2B home w/large porch, 2 car carport, 2 strg. blds., 26 ft deep stock tank, creek, lots of trees		294,900
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161.75 Ac. - 3BR-2B 1,700 sq. ft. brick home, 1 tank, county water, 40x 80 barn, hunter's cabin		323,500
200 Ac. - 3BR/2B/2 Car Garage, indoor arena, 3 barns, 3 additional buildings, 4 tanks, 4 wells, & more		1,150,000
498.788 Ac. - 3BR-2B brick home, 3 tanks, 40x80 barn, hunter's cabin, Little Pecan Bayou, co. water		897,494

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24+/- Ac. - Near Cottonwood, few trees, one stock tank, 20 acres cultivated, 4 acres pasture.		63,500
45+/- Ac. - Native pasture, paved road frontage, one stock tank, electric and co. water available		119,250
63+/- Ac. - Native pasture w/2 stock tanks, cross-fencing, county water available, electric on property		122,850
66+/- Ac. - 2 ponds, mix of trees & native pasture, seasonal creek/draw, good hunting or place to build		144,870
70+/- Ac. - 3 spring fed tanks stocked with fish, thick cover, elevation changes, utilities available		154,000
80+/- Ac. - Amazing views, paved road frontage, one stock tank, rural water and electricity avail.		212,000
83+/- Ac. - Great place to hunt! Heavily wooded, one stock tank, Electricity and Co water avail		165,585
100 Ac. - Approx 80% cultivation, beautiful oaks. 2 water wells, old windmill, easy access to I-20		210,000
100.07 Ac. - Mix of pasture & cultivation, 2 stock tanks, 3 cross-fences, great location!		195,136
125+/- Ac. - 2 stock tanks, rural water available, cross fencing, one set of cattle pens.		331,250
162.25 Ac. - Fertile farmland, one stock tank, sloping terrain, county road frontage, more acres available.		283,938
167 Ac. - Thick oaks, nice pond, Eastland County, 50 acres of Cultivation		316,465
179 Ac. - 4 stock tanks, 2 water wells, 2 sets cattle pens, cross-fencing, great for cattle!		367,000
198 Ac. - Putnam - magnificent views, 2 ponds, great coverage for hunting, convenient access		308,000
231+/- Ac. - Hunter's paradise! 2 stock tanks, thick oak vegetation, 3/4 mile of Pecan Bayou		700,000
252+/- Ac. - Great for hunting! 2 stock tanks, mix of trees & pasture, food plots, hunting cabin	REDUCED	504,000
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"Tennessee Christmas Comes to Texas" will be located in Baird across from the Callahan County Courthouse, (on the corner) at West 4th and Market Streets.

New items will include: Beautiful deco mesh Christmas wreaths, Jewelry Scarves, and other affordable jewelry, floral arrangements, ornaments, decorated Christmas trees and other assorted Christmas crafts.

These festive Holiday items are designed by Paula Petty Kelley.

Paula is no stranger to Baird, having lived here in her youth as well as attending school in

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She has owned several successful floral and gift shops in Tennessee and currently has a business in Paris, Tennessee.

"Tennessee Christmas Comes to Texas" will be open on Friday, November 23rd at 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. We will also be open on Saturday, November 24th from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm as well as Sunday the 25th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We will continue to open the gift shop for the next several weekends during these same hours.

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Atmos Energy Says Customers Can Expect Another Affordable Winter

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Natural gas is showing its value as the best fuel choice for consumers in terms of price, reliability and efficiency according to the American Gas Association.

"The AGA's most recent analysis 'The Promise of Natural Gas,' points to a decade or more of relative market stability projected for natural gas," Paris said. "That is great news for Atmos Energy customers who expect reliable service at an affordable price."

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3. Inspect your windows and doors for drafts. Use caulk or sealant to insulate as needed.

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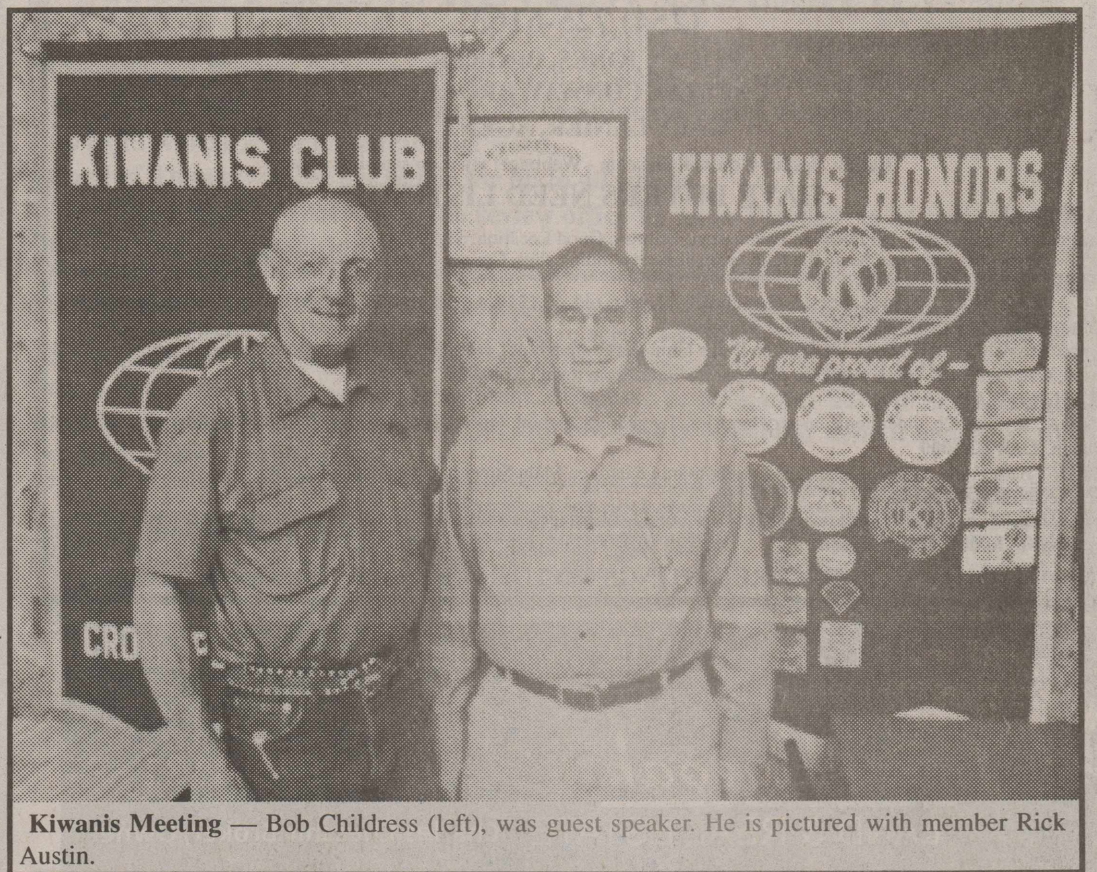
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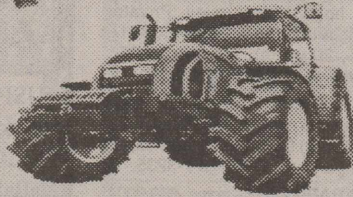
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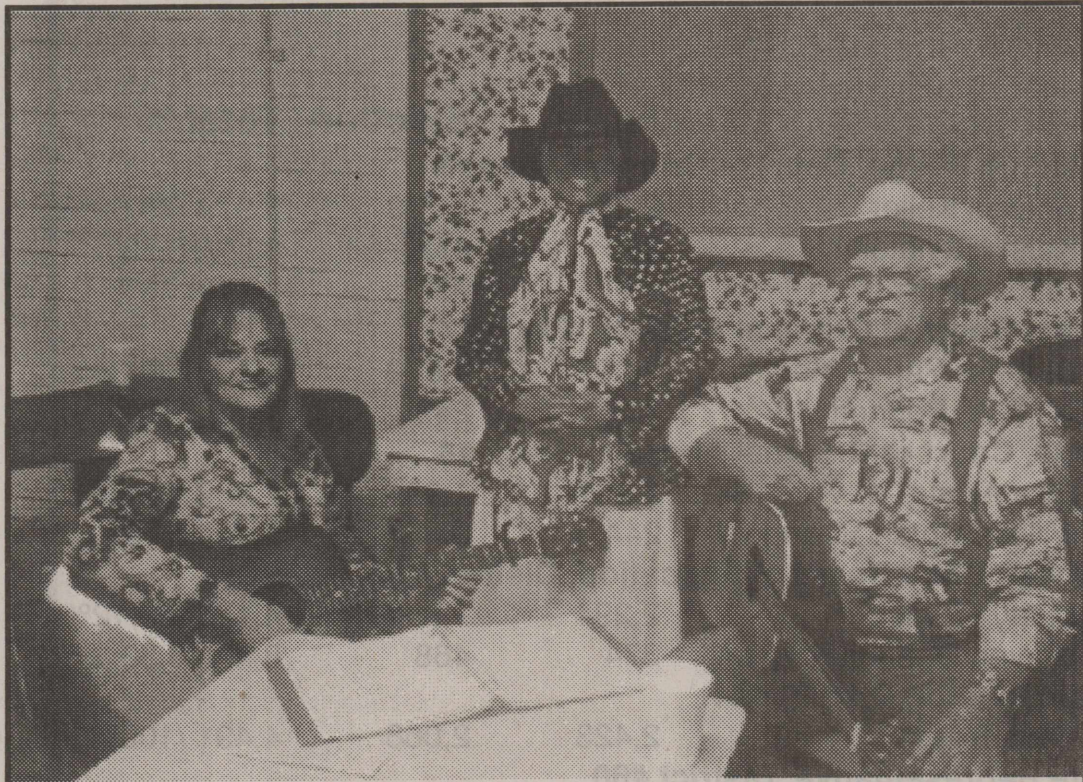
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Thanksgiving Celebrated at Cottonwood Country Musical to be Thankful for



From Texas to Tennessee — Visitors enjoyed great food and great music. Jackie Collins, (left) Zaida Baig, and John Hayes.

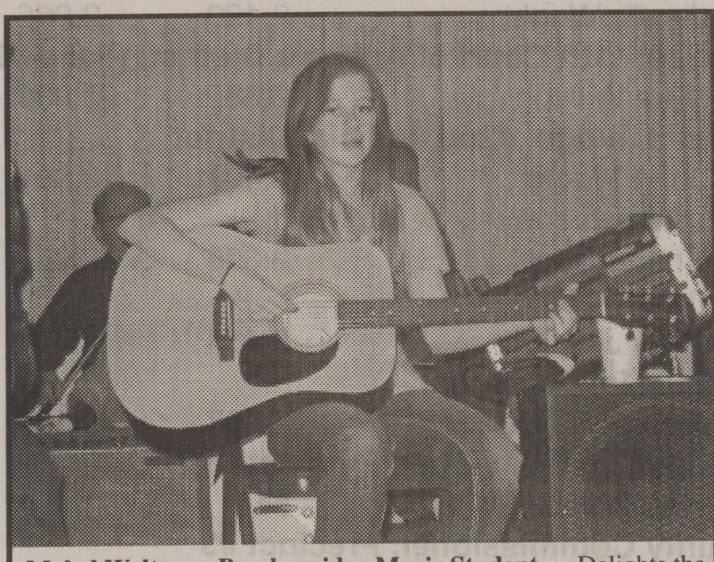
The people came, the people ate, and the band played. It was a heartwarming night at the Cottonwood Community Center on Friday, November 2nd. There was laughter in the air and an overall sense of "Thanksgiving".

The musicians did a wonderful job entertaining. A lot of lively and sing-along tunes were sung and played. There was a full house to enjoy the entertainment.

Miss Mykel Walters, from Breckenridge joined the musicians on stage. She is a delightful young lady and we are always glad to have her join in. She is a musician student of Art Crudington. I'd say she is doing a great job!!!

Other people came from a distance to the musical. A gentleman from Tennessee joined the musicians on the fiddle for a tune or two. He thanked us for our "Texas hospitality" and assured us that if we came to Tennessee, he would show us some good Tennessee hospitality".

A lady from Trinidad, Zaida Baig, was here visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Colburn and Angelina Tucker and baby. She is currently a Service and Support Officer at a bank in



Mykel Walters a Breckenridge Music Student — Delights the audience with her talents.

Trinidad and has been employed there for 32 years. She became a fan of country music when she started reading her elder brother's western novels and listening to an hour country music program on the radio. Her favorite artists are Marty Robbins, Kenny Rogers (who did tour Trinidad) and Tim McGraw. She joined a couple of musicians for an impromptu song. She sang "Coward of the County". She expressed her enjoyment of the musical. It was a pleasure to visit with Zaida and have her attend the Cottonwood

Country Musical. A special thanks goes to all the ladies and gentlemen of the community who donated items, cooked food, served food, decorated and helped clean after the meal. It was a special time in the community of Cottonwood. We had lots of good friends and good food to be thankful for.

The next Cottonwood Country Musical will be Friday night December 7th.

Submitted by
Cookie Robinson

By Bryan Golden

Thanksgiving is much more than a big meal with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on, and be thankful for, all of the good things you have. Even with all of the uncertainty and turmoil in the world, you have so much to be thankful for. It's important to be grateful, not just on Thanksgiving, but each and every day. Rather than lamenting what you feel is lacking in your life, begin each new day by developing an attitude of gratitude. Take inventory of your blessings and you will be surprised at just how much you have to be thankful for.

If you have enough to eat, a place to live, a way to get around, people who care about you, or people you care about, then you are wealthy. If you lack any of these elements, you must still be grateful for what you do have, while striving to obtain whatever is absent.

Focus on all positive aspects of your life. Take nothing for granted. Every morning, recharge your appreciation. Be happy for everything there is, not upset over what you feel is missing.

Dreams of the future shouldn't diminish appreciation for the present. If all you do is concentrate on what you want, you won't enjoy today. Don't be jealous of others; what they do or have has no bearing on you.

You can feel bitter or resentful for a variety of reasons. Perhaps you feel something is missing from your life, things aren't going your way, or you have been treated unfairly. You may wonder, "why do these things always happen to me?"

Life's problems tend to dominate your thoughts, turning your focus to what you feel is wrong. You may start to resent those who appear to be better off. You're apt to dwell on things you think would make your life better if you had them. If only you had more money, more time, a bigger house, a different car, a different job, a different boss, had picked a different career, etc.

Once your attitude becomes one of deficiency instead of abundance and appreciation, you can become overwhelmed by feelings of frustration and feel like a victim. As this happens, a consuming vicious cycle starts.

Being bitter or resentful blows situations out of proportion. People who are bitter frequently find that their situations deteriorate and their mental and physical health decays.

It's difficult, if not impossible, to achieve your goals while you are bitter or resentful. Regardless of what challenges might befall you, bitterness makes finding solutions much more elusive.

There is no point in feeling

bitter since it accomplishes nothing, harms you and makes things worse. Filling yourself with gratitude on a daily basis makes you feel good, while driving out negative feelings.

Begin your practice of gratitude each morning as soon as you wake. Every day is a great day. If you have any doubts, try missing one. Take inventory of everything, no matter how small or seemingly insignificant, that is good in your life.

If it helps, make a written list of all things you are grateful for. Read your list every day. As you do this, you will build and reinforce your attitude of gratitude. Don't waste any time with what you feel you don't have.

Keep things in perspective. Consider all the people who have overcome difficulties far worse than yours. Don't be consumed by your problems, there is always a solution. Maintaining an attitude of gratitude allows your mind to devise a resolution for your circumstances.

Make everyday a day of Thanksgiving and you will be amazed how much better your life will become.

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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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General Election Results Tuesday, November 6, 2012

Total Number of Voters: 5,799 of 8,758 = 66.21%

	Early	Election	Total %
Straight Party			
Republican Party	1,416	1,094	2,510 /85.11%
Democratic Party	189	218	407 /13.80%
Libertarian Party	10	13	23 /0.78%
Green Party	5	4	9 /0.31%
President & Vice President			
(R) Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan	2,435	1,941	4,376 /84.23%
(D) Barack Obama/Joe Biden	326	425	751 /14.46%
(L) Gary Johnson/Jim Gray	20	33	53 /1.02%
(G) Jill Stein/Cheri Honkala	7	8	15 /0.29%
United States Senator			
(R) Ted Cruz	2,304	1,850	4,154 /81.39%
(D) Paul Sadler	360	437	797 /19.62%
(L) John Jay Myers	42	56	98 /1.92%
(G) David B. Collins	31	24	55 /1.08%
United States Representative, District 11			
(R) Mike Conaway	2,288	1,835	4,123 /81.08%
(D) Jim Riley	356	435	791 /15.56%
(L) Scott J. Ballard	80	91	171 /3.36%
Railroad Commissioner			
(R) Christi Craddick	2,245	1,798	4,043 /80.06%
(D) Dale Henry	356	439	795 /15.74%
(L) Vivekananda (Vik) Wall	47	55	102 /2.02%
(G) Chris Kennedy	56	53	110 /2.18%
Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term			
(R) Barry Smitherman	2,288	1,852	4,140 /88.52%
(D) Jaime O. Perez	140	206	346 /7.40%
(G) Josh Wendel	88	103	191 /4.08%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place #2			
(R) Don Willett	2,358	1,930	4,288 /92.20%
(L) RS Roberto Koelsch	146	217	363 /7.80%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place #4			
(R) John Devine	2,306	1,888	4,194 /89.56%
(L) Tom Oxford	129	186	315 /6.73%
(G) Charles E. Waterbury	80	93	173 /3.70%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place #6			
(R) Nathan Hecht	2,173	1,709	3,882 /77.59%
(D) Michele Petty	390	476	866 /17.31%
(L) Mark Ash	62	79	141 /2.82%
(G) Jim Chisholm	58	56	114 /2.28%

	Early	Election	Total %
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals			
(R) Sharon Keller	2,206	1,773	3,979 /79.52%
(D) Keith Hampton	385	452	837 /16.73%
(L) Lance Stott	93	95	188 /3.76%
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place #7			
(R) Barbara Parker Hervey	2,297	1,872	4,169 /90.34%
(L) Mark W. Bennett	197	249	446 /9.66%
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place #8			
(R) Elsa Alcalá	2,237	1,851	4,088 /88.75%
(L) William Bryan Strange, III	244	274	518 /11.25%
Member, State Board of Education, District #15			
(R) Marty Rowley	2,294	1,851	4,145 /83.12%
(D) Steven D. Schafersman	374	468	842 /16.88%
State Senator, District #24			
(R) Troy Fraser	2,423	2,068	4,491 /100%
State Representative, District #60			
(R) James L. "Jim" Keffer	2,404	2,056	4,460 /100%
Chief Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District			
(R) Jim R. Wright	2,423	2,066	4,489 /100%
Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place #2			
(R) Mike Willson	2,382	2,039	4,421 /100%
District Judge, 42nd Judicial District			
(R) John Weeks	2,407	2,057	4,464 /100%
County Attorney			
(R) Shane Deel	2,396	2,045	4,441 /100%
County Sheriff			
(R) Terry Joy	2,454	2,099	4,553 /100%
County Tax Assessor			
(R) Tammy T. Walker	2,487	2,137	4,624 /100%
County Commissioner, Precinct #1			
(R) Harold Hicks	616	488	1,104 /100%
County Commissioner, Precinct #3			
(R) Tom F. Windham	629	457	1,086 /100%
County Constable, Precinct #4			
(R) Ed C. Duncan	719	494	1,213 /100%
Baird City Sales Tax			
For	206	149	355 /77.68%
Against	56	46	102 /22.32%

After the Election: What Comes Next

By Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison

The results are in on the election of 2012. For the next week, the polls and pundits will spend their time dissecting voters' motivations, but they should not ignore the two fundamental truths of this election: first, that the problems we had going into it remain unsolved. And second, that the close popular vote shows that Americans have differing views of how to go about addressing them.

The people have spoken and President Obama has won a second term. But the voice of America also said that it is time for Congress and the President to work together to find solutions that we can all get behind.

First, the threat of the fiscal cliff still looms. Massive tax hikes and cuts to important programs like defense and military spending are set to occur on January 1st. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office warns that inaction could plunge the economy back into recession for the first half of 2013 and leave America vulnerable. It would also set off credit downgrades and drive up interest rates on credit cards, mortgages and personal and government debt.

Second, unemployment has remained disturbingly high, continuing to hover around the 8 percent mark. For the 20-plus

millions of Americans still looking for work, that translates into considerable economic hardship now, and a roadblock to advancement opportunities later. These Americans are not just hoping for jobs; they're hoping for careers.

Third, the economic recovery continues to move at a snail's pace. Businesses have been stuck in limbo, worried about more punishing regulations and tax hikes that have stalled growth and hiring. I am hopeful that the President and Congress will listen to the voices in the business community that want to get back to the business of business: generating revenue, reinvesting to grow their businesses and creating jobs.

Americans have said they are tired of the partisan acrimony in Washington. What they want – and what we need – are workable bipartisan solutions to the problems we continue to face. Those problems are not insurmountable, but they will take work, and compromise, from both sides of the aisle. I urge the President and all my colleagues in Congress to come together to do just that. It is time for Washington to get back to work, and it is time for leadership from the White House.

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

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Enjoy the season of giving of giving with "Santa at the Bank" this Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information, then return your gifts to the bank by Friday, December 14, 2012. The gifts will be picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A reasonable amount to spend on the gift is \$25-\$30. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves, and purses for older girls and video games, sport related items, sweaters, hats, gloves, and purses for younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might enjoy legos, trucks, cars, action figures, etc.. Christmas is a time for giving and kindness so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need please call Pat Stephens with your information. (Home 725-6819 School 725-6123). Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you all so much for helping the children of our community.



Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Announces Assistance and Homebuyer Assistance Programs

Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. (CTO) is pleased to announce that applications to participate in the Tenet-Based Rental Assistance and Homebuyer Assistance Programs will be available to eligible applicants living in Brownwood, Bangs, Clyde, Cross Plains, Coleman, Comanche, De Leon, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Brady, Ballinger and Winters.

Applications may be obtained and downloaded from CTO's website www.ctoinc.org or may be picked-up from any of the following Community Outreach Centers:
Brady - 601 West 10th St., 325-597-3566, Wednesday 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Brownwood - 1500 Dublin, 325-641-9180, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
Clyde - 601 South 1st St., 325-893-0066, Fridays, 8 a.m.- 12 p.m. 12:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.
Coleman - 2302 Commercial

Ave., 325-625-4167, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Comanche - 1005 South Austin, 325-356-3651, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m.- 12 p.m., 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.
Eastland - 300 North Lamar - 325-629-8775, Monday-Wednesday 9 a.m.- 12 p.m., 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.
Winters - 601 West Pierce, 325-754-4443, Monday-Tuesday, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.; 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

The application process will begin on November 12, 2012 and will remain open until filled. Office hours for each location to receive and/or submit applications are listed above. Please contact your local center to schedule a time to return your completed application.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide affordable housing assistance and services to low-income families.

The Tenet-Based Rental Program (TBRA) offers rental assistance for up to 24 months per household, utility deposit assistance and security deposit assistance. To qualify for assistance eligible household must meet specific income guidelines, participate in a self-sufficiency program, occupy the assisted property as the primary residence and sign a lease.

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Cross Plains' retail sales in 2012 are 3% higher

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

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, November 7th.

Cross Plains' 2012 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$198,622.17, which is 3.80 percent higher than the \$191,337.77 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2011.

The payment to the city for November 2012 was \$20,413.03, which is 5.03 percent higher than the November 2011 payment of \$20,413.03 to the city.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today, Wednesday, November 7th, that state sales tax revenue in October was \$2.03 billion, up 8.2 percent compared to October 2011.

"The state's growth in sales tax revenue continued to be led by collections from the oil and natural gas-related sectors," Combs said. "We also saw strong consumer spending drive gains in retail trade and the restaurant sector as well."

Combs will send November local sales tax allocations totaling \$611.5 million to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. November sales tax allocations are up 5.4 percent compared to November 2011.

Combs distributed \$404.4 million in November 2012 allocations to Texas cities, which is up 4.1 percent from November 2011 and higher by 7.7 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$40.1 million in November 2012 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 12.9 percent compared to November 2011 and higher by 14.3 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$136.0 million in November 2012 sales tax allocations, which is 4.5 percent higher than November 2011 and up 9.5 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$31.0 million in November 2012 allocations, which is 19.1 percent higher than November 2011 and higher by 22.8 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$611.5 million in November 2012, which is 5.4 percent higher than November 2011 and up 9.2 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent September sales reported by monthly tax filers and July, August and September sales reported by quarterly filers.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

Total yearly sales tax payments	2011	2012
	\$191,337.77	\$198,622.17
Total monthly sales tax payments	2011	2012
	\$20,413.03	\$21,439.93

For details of local sales tax allocations in November to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2012 started the year 8.62 percent lower than the 2011 payments. The city has received \$113,011.21 in 2012, while the 2011 tax payments to the city totalled \$123,682.36.

Baird's monthly payment for November 2012 was \$11,017.49, which is 11.89 percent lower than the \$12,505.50 payment made to the city in November 2011.

—The 2012 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 2.09 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2011. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$507,159.68 in 2012. The 2011 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$496,742.20.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for November 2012 was \$56,152.23, which is higher by 3.24 percent compared to November 2011 in which a payment of \$54,386.91 was received.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2012 payments to the town totalled \$14,983.49, lower by 2.76 percent from the 2011 payments to the city in the amount of \$15,408.94.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of November 2012 was \$1,441.73, which is 28.70 percent lower than the November 2011 payment of \$2,022.22.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2012 in Callahan County are higher by 0.79 percent compared to the 2011 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2012 amounting to \$833,776.55 while the 2011 payments to the county towns totalled \$82,171.27.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of November 2012 were \$90,051.38, which is 0.81 percent higher than the November 2011 payment of \$89,327.66.

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

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

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

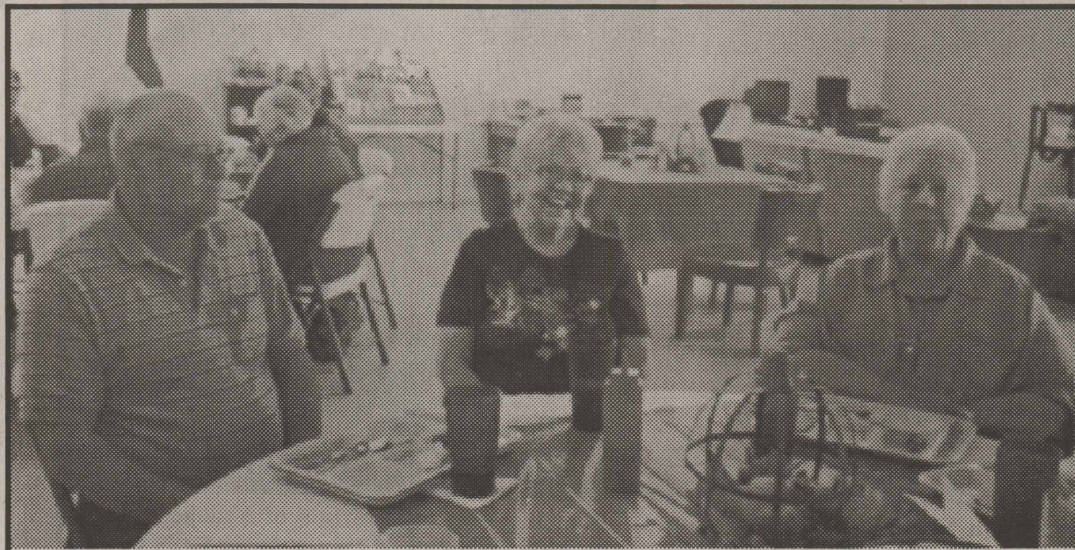
Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

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

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

Cross Plains Garden Club

Diana Miller



Sharing A Laugh — Larry and Nora Pointer (left), and Mary Ella Weaver.



Can You Say "Cheese"— Billy Kelly (left), Eva Fleming, and Sandy and Emory Lusk.



Enjoying A Delicious Meal With Friends — Wendell and Vanda Draper (left), Stan Richards, and Mary Dean.

PRAY FOR RAIN!!!!

The Cross Plains Garden Club met on Friday, November 9, 2012 at the Cross Plains Senior Center to acknowledge the Center's staff for their contribution and service to the community with a gift of bake ware items. A delicious chicken lunch followed by a surprise treat of root beer floats that was enjoyed by all.

Members present were: Joyce Cottrell, Mary Dean, Eva Fleming, Billie Kelly, Sandy Lusk, Diana Miller and Mary Ella Weaver. Visitors were Emory

Lusk, Larry and Nora Pointer and Stan Richards.

Gardeners, it's not too late to plant cold crops including beets, lettuce, spinach, radishes and chard. Don't forget to protect your garden when a freeze is forecast, your plants will continue to grow in between the freezes.

If you haven't had a chance to begin composting and mulching, you can use fallen leaves to protect bare patches and the base of your plants from erosion and weeds. Leaves will stay in place better and decompose faster if they can be shredded first.

Planting our winter cover crops of wheat, oats or barely now will produce excellent grains which will enrich our tired soils.

The Garden Club will meet in Coleman for a discussion on growing orchids in your home or greenhouse on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. The Garden Club will hold their next regular meeting on Friday, December 14th at 1:00 p.m. in the Mozelle Richardson Room of Texas Heritage Bank. Visitors are welcome to both events. Please contact us at 254-725-9418.

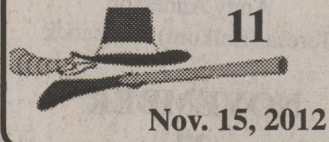
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Callahan County Nutrition drawing coming up!

The Jeep and Quilt drawing will be held on December 7, 2012. All who have not donated the \$20.00 for a Jeep ticket and a \$1.00 for the quilt tickets are urged to do so very soon since the drawing is very near.

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Farm Credit Young Leaders Program — Todd and Amy Richardson of Abilene recently participated in the Farm Credit Young Leaders Program on behalf of Central Texas Farm Credit. They are pictured with Mike Garnett, chairman of the national Farm Credit Council Board of Directors, (right).

Central Texas Farm Credit Stockholders Participate in Farm Credit Young Leaders Program

Todd and Amy Richardson of Abilene recently learned first hand about the role the Farm Credit System has on credit availability for the agriculture industry, and how Wall Street and Capitol Hill are connected to the process. They were among 28 young agricultural producers selected to attend the 2012 Farm Credit Young Leaders Program. The couple, member-borrowers of Central Texas Farm Credit, which is part of the Farm Credit System, met with government officials and representatives of the financial and agricultural industries. During the annual event, participants traveled to New York City, where they visited the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation and an international brokerage firm on Wall Street for a behind-the-scenes look at how the Farm Credit System brings money to

rural America. The group then traveled to Washington D.C., to meet with the leadership of the Farm Credit Council and other agricultural trade organizations. They also met with officials at USDA and on Capitol Hill about the ongoing farm bill debate and other policy issues facing the agricultural industry.

"We asked Farm Credit associations to select participants who are actively involved in the agriculture industry and their communities, because we want these current and future leaders to have an understanding of, and appreciation for, the role Farm Credit plays in supporting agriculture," said Stan Ray, president of the Tenth District Farm Credit Council, which hosted the program. "In addition, we wanted to introduce the group to our nation's policymakers and

let participants see the role they can play in shaping policies that affect farmers and ranchers."

The Richardsons live in Abilene, Texas. Todd works for Pfizer Animal Health, and Amy is a territory manager for Nova Microbial Technologies, a feed additive company. They are both graduates of Texas A&M University. The couple also manages a cow/calf and stocker operation and feeds cattle in Texas and Nebraska.

The Tenth District Farm Credit Council is the regional member of the National Farm Credit Council, the trade association representing the legislative and regulatory interests of the Farm Credit System. The Farm Credit System is a nationwide network of cooperatively owned rural lenders that have provided credit for the agriculture industry since 1916.

Oncor offers unique Texas Star bur oaks to customers through Arbor Day program

DALLAS, Texas — Thousands of unique Texas Star bur oak trees, a product of the Texas A&M Forest Service Urban Tree Improvement Program, soon will be dotting the state's landscape in an effort to conserve energy, reduce carbon dioxide emissions and improve storm water management.

Texas Star bur oaks are acorn-bearing trees tailored to Texas, selected from genetic families proven to perform well in the state's tough climate. They can reach heights of more than 80 feet and have heavy branches that form an open, spreading crown of dark green foliage.

Geneticist Tom Byram said the Texas Star bur oaks were hand-picked for an Arbor Day Foundation energy saving program because of their durability.

"Initially, native trees growing

in urban environments were identified," he said. "We collected acorns from these trees and planted them in replicated field trials at multiple locations." "Outstanding selections from the best families in these field evaluations were grafted into orchards and managed for acorn production."

Oncor, a Texas-based electricity provider, is sponsoring the donation of 12,000 Texas Star bur oaks to its customers through the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees program, which promotes conserving energy and reducing household electricity bills through strategic tree planting.

"We're excited about Oncor's involvement in this program," said Gretchen Riley, Tree Line USA coordinator for Texas A&M Forest Service. "Not only do their customers have the

opportunity to receive free trees specifically selected for the urban environment, but Texans as a whole will reap the benefits of trees planted through this program."

Customers can reserve up to two trees per household at arborday.org/oncor. An online tool allows users to find the most strategic location to plant their tree and estimates the resulting energy savings. The 12,000 trees are estimated to yield more than \$2 million in energy savings within 20 years as well as other benefits, including cleaner air, reduced carbon dioxide emissions and improved storm water management.

Find out more about the Energy-Saving Trees Program by visiting the Arbor Day Foundation website. Contact: Gretchen Riley, Tree Line USA Coordinator (979) 458-6650, griley@tfs.tamu.edu



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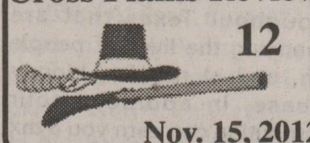
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Drought Slowly Taking Toll on Lakes Brownwood and Coleman

ATHENS—Lakes Brownwood and Coleman are historically known for consistent and decent largemouth bass fishing, where anglers could expect to catch a bunch of small bass with a few keepers along the way and even an occasional big bass. But the current downhill slide of water level, dating back to 2007, is beginning to take a toll on these bass populations based on recent electrofishing surveys, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's standard method of collecting information on numbers and sizes of largemouth bass in a lake.

The electrofishing catch of small adult bass (8 to 13 inches long) at Lake Brownwood this fall tumbled to 31 bass in one hour of sampling—less than half the average catch of fish this size at Brownwood. For comparison, in 2006 the catch was 108.

As water level declines, so does the quality and quantity of habitat, leading to poor spawning success and exposure of more little bass to hungry predators. The good news is numbers of 14-inch and larger bass have been consistent since 2008, and based on this fall's survey, an angler may catch two "keepers" for every 11 fish caught.

Lake Coleman has a bass population mirroring Brownwood's. TPWD had the

lowest catch of young-of-the-year bass (bass from the spring spawn) since 1997, crashing to 29 bass in one hour this fall. This was down from 150 in 2008, and catch of 8- to 13-inch bass was half what it was in 2008.

However, there is good news at Coleman, at least for now. In one hour of electrofishing TPWD caught 21 bass that were at least 14 inches long. Most were 14 and 15 inches and the biggest was 17 inches. "This was the highest catch for keeper-sized bass since 1997 and almost double what we normally see at Coleman," said Spencer Dumont, fisheries biologist and program director for TPWD. "Many of these fish likely originated from spawns in the good ole' days of 2007 and 2008, when water was as plentiful as Texas sunshine. For sure, without significant rain this winter or spring, bass populations—and bass fishing—at Brownwood and Coleman will decline as older and bigger bass die and fewer replacement bass are available to take their place."

For more information on area reservoirs and fish populations, contact the Abilene inland fisheries district office at (325) 692-0921, send an email to spencer.dumont@tpwd.state.tx.us or visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/tpwdifablene.

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