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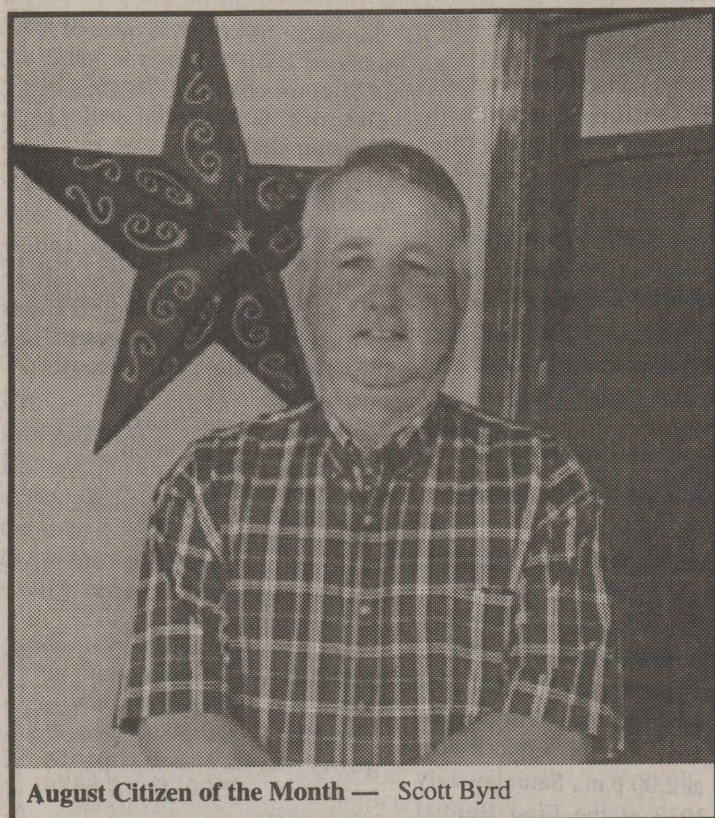


A Community of Faith,  
Hope and Pride

102nd Year

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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August Citizen of the Month — Scott Byrd

## Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Honors Citizen of the Month

In most productive organizations there always seem to be one person, one humble individual, who is the catalyst, brings the team together, has a vision and drives toward accomplishing that vision. Without this person, goals would not be established or achieved, missions not accomplished, the team would struggle and stagnate. Thank goodness Cross Plains Youth Sports (CPYS) has Scott Byrd as its president.

Scott and his wife Keeka moved to his family ranch in Cross Cut nearly twenty years ago. They have three children: Mackenzie, Paxton and Wade. Scott works for the Housley Group and is a cattle rancher, but in his spare time he volunteers countless hours for the youth of Cross Plains through Cross Plains Youth Sports and volunteers time and labor for several other organizations as well. Over the years he has also coached many teams including baseball, softball, football and basketball.

The presidential position is an elected position and is a 3 year term. Scott is currently wrapping up his third term. The organization's achievements during this leadership tenure have been vast. His achievements include, but are not limited to,

bringing little league football to town and a comprehensive and ongoing renovation of all of the baseball and softball fields including covers for the dugouts, sprinkler systems on two fields, grassing the high school field and the infield of the little league baseball field, painting bleachers and buildings, adding and improving batting cages and fences, a complete renovation of the old softball field at the city park, lights on the t-ball field, and most recently installing lights on the softball field enabling night games and practices.

To accomplish his goals Scott has raised over \$140,000 over the years due to the generosity of the good people of Cross Plains. He is quick to point out that there are many others who deserve much of the credit for donating the funds and supporting these goals. He credits the City of Cross Plains and Debbie Gosnell, Cross Plains ISD's Phil Mitchell and its school board members, and the Cross Plains Economic Development Committee and its board members. Two additional key benefactors are Mark Norris and Ken Horan.

The future of Cross Plains looks much brighter due to Scott Byrd's undying selfless service to its youth.

## MEET the AUTHOR Features Carlton Stowers at Next Event

Author and Journalist Carlton Stowers will be the guest at the Cross Plains Public Library's "Meet The Author" series to be held on Monday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

Stowers' books include bestsellers "To the Last Breath" and "Careless Whispers" - both winners of the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Allan Poe Award as the Best Fact Crime Book of the Year. Stowers' books have been selections of many guilds and five have been optioned by motion picture production companies. "Careless Whispers" inspired the CBS Movie of the Week, *Sworn to Vengeance*, and "Open Secrets" was the basis for the ABC mini-series, *Telling Secrets*.

Additionally, he has authored a number of books on other topics, ranging from sports, to a history of the Dallas Police Department, to children's non-fiction on anti-drug use and anti-bullying.

Recently the 57 year old author has focused much of his attention on books that examine the cause and effect of crime in America. *The Houston Press* has called Stowers' "the dean of Texas true crime writers," and famed novelist Jonathan Kellerman notes that "when the dust clears, a handful of writers will be recognized as masters of the true crime book. And Carlton Stowers will be at the head of that class."

So, please join us for what will be an entertaining evening on Monday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m. Stowers will be available to autograph copies of his latest books following the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser



PICTURED ABOVE IS DPS CAPTAIN DOUG FARBER (LEFT) PRESENTING A TEXAS SHAPED SERVICE AWARD TO SENIOR DPS TROOPER PHILLIP (SPARKY) DEAN (RIGHT) DURING DEAN'S RETIREMENT PARTY.

## Senior DPS Trooper Phillip (Sparky) Dean retires from DPS to be PCT. 1 JP

Longtime Callahan County Trooper. Senior DPS Trooper Phillip (Sparky) Dean tells his story being partnered with some of the greatest men on the face of this earth. David Parkhill, David Mays and Bill Russell in the northern part of Callahan County, Don Gosnell, Jim Cook and a few others were in the southern part of the county. The citizens of Callahan County took me and my family in and quickly made us feel at home. Those wonderful folks have always had and always will have a very special place in my heart.

In 1993, Safety Trooper Wendell Rheem retired and I applied for the Safety Education Service. In September of that year I went from working one county (Callahan) to caring for twelve, presenting safety programs to anyone who would listen.

Today I have nineteen counties that are assigned to me. Friday, August 2nd at 5:00 P.M., I retired from the DPS with thirty-

five years, seven months and twenty-six days of service. What a ride it has been! I feel extremely blessed to have worked with a great agency, but more so, having worked in this part of Texas my entire career! God is GOOD!"

Senior Trooper Phillip (Sparky) Dean celebrated his retirement from the DPS on Wednesday afternoon, July 31, 2013, saying goodbye to friends, colleagues and the agency he has worked for since 1978.

Dean will shift into the Precinct 1, Place 2 justice of the peace position left open, when A.L. Deatherage retired on June 20, 2013.

Dean will fill the rest of Deatherage's unserved term. Dean's JP term will expire in December 2014 and he has said he will run for election to that position at that time.

"I'm looking forward to making new friends, while hanging on to the old ones," he said.

**CAR WASH**

**Saturday, August 10**  
**11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.**  
**Behind the playground on Main Street**  
The Cross Plains Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a car wash by our high school athletes. Come get your car washed, make a donation and support our boys and girls. These are great kids representing our town. Let's turn out in big numbers to show our student athletes how much we appreciate their spirit and dedication.

**MIKE CONAWAY**  
with District of Texas

**Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas), To Hold Meet and Greet in Cross Plains**

At 3:30 p.m. Friday, August 9, U.S. Representative K. Michael Conaway (R-Texas) will hold a town hall and meet and greet at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. This event is open to the media and the public.

## Texas Sales Tax Holiday is Friday, Saturday & Sunday

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 9th through 11th.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could

save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Texas families can take advantage of the sales tax holiday when doing their back-to-school shopping," Combs said. "The tax holiday applies to a variety of items ranging from pens to jeans to help shoppers around Texas save some of their hard earned money."

Lists of apparel and school

supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at [www.TexasTaxHoliday.org](http://www.TexasTaxHoliday.org).

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$74.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The dates for the tax holiday weekend are established by the Legislature in the state tax code. The sales tax holiday has been an annual event since 1999.

**Texas Heritage Bank**

"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"

Member FDIC

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**Cross Plains Review Deadlines**  
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# Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department were both kept busy this past weekend fighting a brush fire off FM 880. Both departments had firefighters and equipment out at the fire for long hours on Saturday and Sunday. Fire Chief Joe reports that damage was done to one truck while it was pushing down trees and brush to make a path for the other trucks to get to the fire. Joe estimates that CVFC spent about \$500 in gas and diesel fighting the fire.

Cross Plains VFD also had some damage to their trucks. If you had been thinking about making a donation to help your local firefighters, this would be a good time. Both departments can use and will appreciate your donation.

Thanks to Tim and Denise Coulter for bringing Subway sandwiches out to the fire for the firemen on Sunday. It was really appreciated. Also, thank you to the folks who brought water out to the firemen.

We're proud of Fire Chief Joe,

Donnie, Omer, Norma, Adrian, Roy, Kathleen, Jim, Dennis, Deana and the other firemen for fighting this fire in 100 degree weather.

While taking about the fire, we'd like to mention that the burn ban is currently off. If you are planning a control burn, be sure that you have let the Sheriff's Department and your local fire chief know that you are going to burn. Be sure you have taken every precaution and have plowed around your burn piles. Also, pay attention to the elements. If it's windy, you probably want to do your control burn on another day. Remember, too, even if the burn ban is off, you cannot burn after dark. Those phone number you'll need:

Sheriff's Depart.  
325-854-1444  
Fire Chief Joe  
254-725-7281.

The Cross Plains Kiwanis Club built a ramp on Saturday morning at Teri and Gilbert's house in Cross Plains. Many men from the Cottonwood area we

there to do the work: Adrian Allen, Roy Boyd, David Estes, Bob Ossowski and Arnie Smith, as well as other Kiwanis members. Thanks guys. They really appreciate it.

Johnny and Carlene Howard of Cross Plains enjoyed country music in Cottonwood recently.

Lillian Breeding Champion Latimer, age 96, passed away last week. She lived in Novice and Coleman, but had one time lived in the Cottonwood and Cross Plains areas. She was the daughter of Tommy Breeding and Delphia Clements Breeding. She married James Archie Champion who died in 1969, and Virgil Latimer who died in 1972. She was a sister to Vernon Bud Breeding of New Braunfels; and to Raymond, Clarence, Myrtle, Eva and Veda, who had all passed away. Our prayers go out to her children, Gail Agnew and Tommie Weldon Champion and their families.

Thanks to Russ and Diana Miller for their help last week.

## 21st Annual Mesquite Show Returning to Fredericksburg October 11, 12 and 13th Check it Out!!!

The 2013 Texas Mesquite Arts Festival returns to Fredericksburg, Texas on October 11, 12 and 13. Juried artists from around Texas and beyond will gather in Fredericksburg's Marketplace for a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite.

"Besides seeing the absolute best selection of mesquite, visitors will enjoy the largest mesquite show in the world," show organizer Al Carr said.

Once viewed as a nuisance, mesquite had become the darling of architects and retailers. "Architects now vie to install mesquite accents in upscale homes," Carr said. Mantles, doors, flooring, art items, dining sets, tables and other furniture are increasingly requested in mesquite. Prices for raw wood as well as finished pieces have soared.

The Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is free and open to the public. Hours are Friday noon to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items are available for purchase, with food and drinks sold on the grounds. Free parking surrounds Market Square in downtown Fredericksburg. This event has become one of the top events in Fredericksburg. Organizers expect over 10,000 visitors over the weekend. More information is available at [www.texasmesquiteartfestival.com](http://www.texasmesquiteartfestival.com), or by calling the Fest Office at 830-997-8515. Please be sure to connect with us on Facebook.

## 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

July 29 - August 1, 2013

Patrons	118
Books Checked Out	84
Programs	29
Miss Sue's Little Readers	14
Summer Reading Program	15

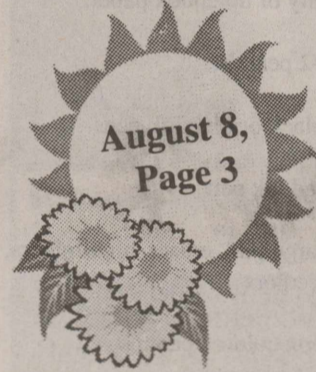
Copies	64
Internet	45
Wi-Fi	6

Interlibrary Loans	0
Reference	11

**Memorials**  
Joe and Wilda (Queen) Mullins  
In Memory of D.T. Crockett



**Book Donation**  
Joyce Reinhardt

**Volunteers**  
Helen Parson  
Polly Beeler  
Sue Bennett  
Lavonne Childress  
Nicholas Meador  
Richard Burns



## Senior Citizens Center Activities

AUGUST 12-16, 2013

Monday, 12th - Exercise 11:00   
Tuesday, 13th - Exercise 11:00/BINGO 11:15  
Wednesday, 14th - Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check/Girling   
Thursday, 15th - Exercise 11:00  
Friday, 16th - Manicures IntegraCare/Exercise 11:00

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

AUGUST 12-16, 2013

<b>Monday</b> - Hamburger Steak/ Potatoes and Gravy/Spinach/ Bread/Dessert/Drink	<b>Thursday</b> - Steak Fingers/ Potatoes and Gravy/Black-Eyed Peas/Bread/Dessert/Drink
<b>Tuesday</b> - Chicken Pot Pie/ (vegetable in entree)/Steamed Squash/Tom/Cucumber Salad/ Dessert/Drink	<b>Friday</b> - Chicken Salad Sandwich/(lett/tom in entree)/ Pickle Slices/Chips/Dessert/ Drink
<b>Wednesday</b> - Soft Tacos/(lett/ tom/cheese)/Spanish Rice/Pinto Beans/Dessert/Drink	



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

## ADVERTISE IN THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

## Southall CHIROPRACTIC & ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC

Belinda Harris Southall, DC  
Accepting New Patients  
Call 325-854-2724

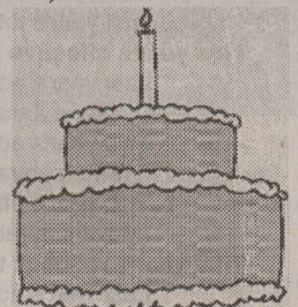
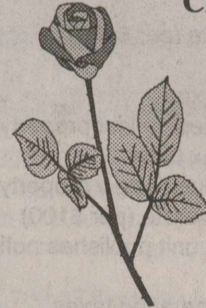
Misty Harris, LMT, accepting massage therapy clients in our office!

Clinic Hours: Monday 5-8pm- Thursday 1-7pm- Saturday - By Appointment only.

You are invited to a 90th Birthday Party for our "Yellow Rose of Texas"

## ALICE ROBY

Saturday, August 17th 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
at the home of Cliff & Connie Kirkham  
20235 FM 2707  
Cross Plains, TX



\*\*\* Your presence is gift enough, but cards would be lovely!  
\*\*\* If you would like to commemorate Alice's birthday, please bring 90 pennies.

## KINGDOM'S DOOR

(the clothes closet)

at  
First Baptist Church  
in Cross Plains

WILL BE OPEN  
every Friday  
August 2, 9,  
16 and 23  
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This Facility is Available for Everyone  
(No qualifications are necessary)

**Clyde Hardware & Supply**  
119 Pecan Clyde, Tx. 79510  
325-893-4260 Fax: 325-893-5262  
<http://clydehardware.bigcountrybiz.com>

**bissell** CARPET CLEANING MACHINES!  
**BIG GREEN** \$24.99 FOR 24 HR. RENTAL  
\$34.99 FOR 48 HR. RENTAL

Yard & Patio Fogger ...\$8.99   
Wasp & Hornet Killer ...\$4.59   
Cutter Backyard Bug control ...\$12.99   
Control the Fire ants with Over 'N Out ...\$16.99   
Hand-held Spreader for Granules...\$12.99

RAINWATER HARVESTING TANKS IN STOCK!  
★ Make your reservation for the August 20th Rainwater Harvesting Presentation at First UMC in Clyde at 6:30 p.m. ★

## Bubba's BBQ Smokehouse

Best BBQ Brisket and Smoked Sausage in West Texas  
10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday

Sandwiches --(brisket/sausage/chicken).....Sm. or Lg.....	\$4.00 & \$5.00
Turkey Legs.....	\$6.00
Chips (Lay's or Cheeto's).....	\$1.00
Tea & Sodas(coke, diet coke, dr. pepper, diet dr.pepper, pepsi, diet pepsi or sprite).....	\$1.79
Peach Cobbler..... 4 oz. \$99.....	pint \$5.00

Plates: (All plates come with 2 Sides)  
#1..(1) Meat (1/2 lb)...\$8.99 #2..(2) Meat (3/4 lb)...\$10.99 #3..(3) Meat (1 lb)...\$12.99  
Combo Meal #1 - Large BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Drink.....\$6.50  
Combo Meal #2 - Small BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Drink.....\$5.50

WATCH for BUBBA'S FAMOUS PINK PIG!!

**FAMILY PACK SPECIAL**  
2 LBS. Meat, 2 Pint Sz. Sides -- \$24.00

<b>By The Pound</b>	<b>Sides</b>	<b>Condiments</b>
Brisket.....\$9.00 lb	Potato Salad, Beans & Cornbread, Coleslaw	Pickles, Onions, Jalapenos,
Sausage (Hot/Mild).....\$9.00 lb	Single Serving.....\$ .99	BBQ Sauce, Hot-N-Spicy Sauce and Mustard
Ribs.....\$9.00 lb	1/2 Pint.....\$2.00	
Chicken Breast.....\$5.50 lb	Pint.....\$4.00	(Tax Not Included)

Come on by - 401 E. Ave. A & Hwy 36, Cross Plains (254)270-0040

**Whistle Stop Cafe**  
228 Market Street - Baird

CALL IN ORDERS WELCOME!  
854-1325

CASH - CHECK - CREDIT CARD

## 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

**Superintendent** — Phil Mitchell  
**Superintendent Secretary** — Lurene McNutt  
**Maintenance** — Supervisor, Clarence Tennison  
**Cafeteria** — Manager, Barbara Barnett, Deborah Thomas, Lorna Munlain, Josefina Sanchez  
**Bus** — Bud Dillard, Mitchell Atchley, Tammie Tennison, Homer Parsons  
**Transportation Director** — Les Dobbins

### Elementary Faculty and Staff

**Pre-K** — Jamie Apple  
**Kindergarten** — Deanna Golson and Janice Phillips  
**1st Grade** — April Cowan and Terri Hunter  
**2nd Grade** — Crystal Webb and Paula Winfrey  
**3rd Grade** — Leslie Lawrence/Assistant Principal and Melissa Richards  
**4th Grade** — Kelli Hyles and Patricia Cook  
**5th Grade** — Nora Odom and Karri Shepard  
**6th Grade** — Casie Morgan and Vickie Walker  
**GT/3rd Grade Science** — Becky Dillard  
**Special Ed** — Pat Stephens and Dixie Lewis  
**Dyslexia** — Karen Richey  
**PE** — Daniel Kelley and JoJo Morgan  
**Band/Music** — Matt Sowell  
**Aide** — Debra Childers, Brenda Montgomery, Beverly Pope and Tiffani Parker  
**Principal** — Jeremy Williams  
**Secretary** — Amber Kleiber  
**Custodian** — Verna Mathews and Mark Kelley

### High School Faculty and Staff

**JH Math/Coach** — Mykia Anderson  
**HS English/Spanish** — Janna Austin  
**JH History/Coach** — Jeff Blackburn  
**JH/HS History** — Shawn Bullock  
**Dual Credit/FCS/Art** — Keeka Byrd  
**Tech/Coach** — Dade Cosby  
**AG** — Elvan Goode and Marc Morgan  
**Library Aide/HS Cheer Sponsor** — Evelyn Harris  
**JH Science/JH Cheer Sponsor** — Rhonda Kelley  
**HS Math** — William Norman and Robby Stuteville  
**JH English** — Robin Porter  
**HS Science** — Brandi Purvis  
**HS History/Coach** — Daniel Purvis  
**Sped** — Mandi Sowell  
**Band** — Matt Sowell  
**HS Principal** — Diana Dobbins  
**Asst. Principal/HS English** — Rhonda Atchley

**HS Counselor** — Debbie Mitchell  
**Secretary/PEIMS Coordinator** — Krisi Reed  
**Administrative Assistant** — Margie Sowell  
**Technology** — Mack Taff  
**Attendance Clerk** — Tammie Tennison  
**Custodian** — Billy Bell

### Immunization Clinics Scheduled in Callahan County

Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding Immunization Clinics in Callahan County as follows:

**Monday, August 12th**  
**Cross Plains Housing Authority**  
 233 N. Main  
 10 a.m. - 12 noon

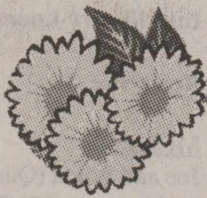
**Tuesday, August 6th**  
**Clyde First Baptist Church**  
 216 Austin  
 10 a.m. - 12 noon  
 and 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

For your convenience, please call for appointment, if no answer please leave a message so they can return your call.

Please bring your child's immunization records. If your child has Medicaid, please bring their card.

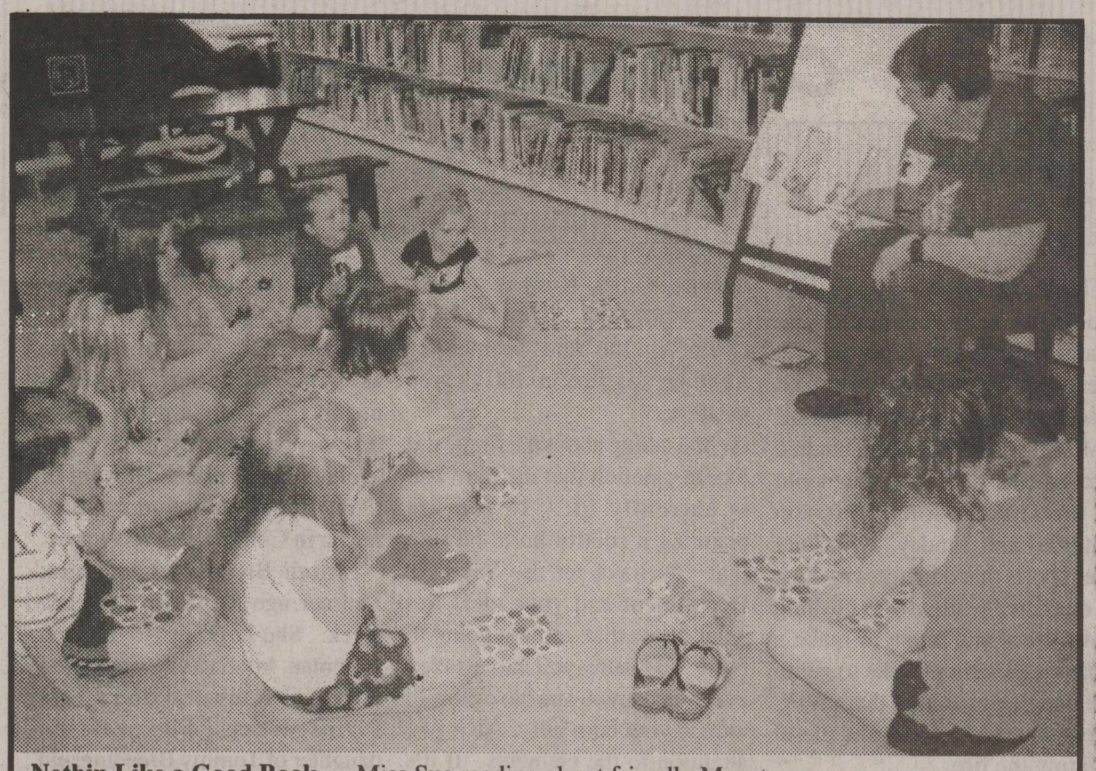
For more information call 325-754-4945.

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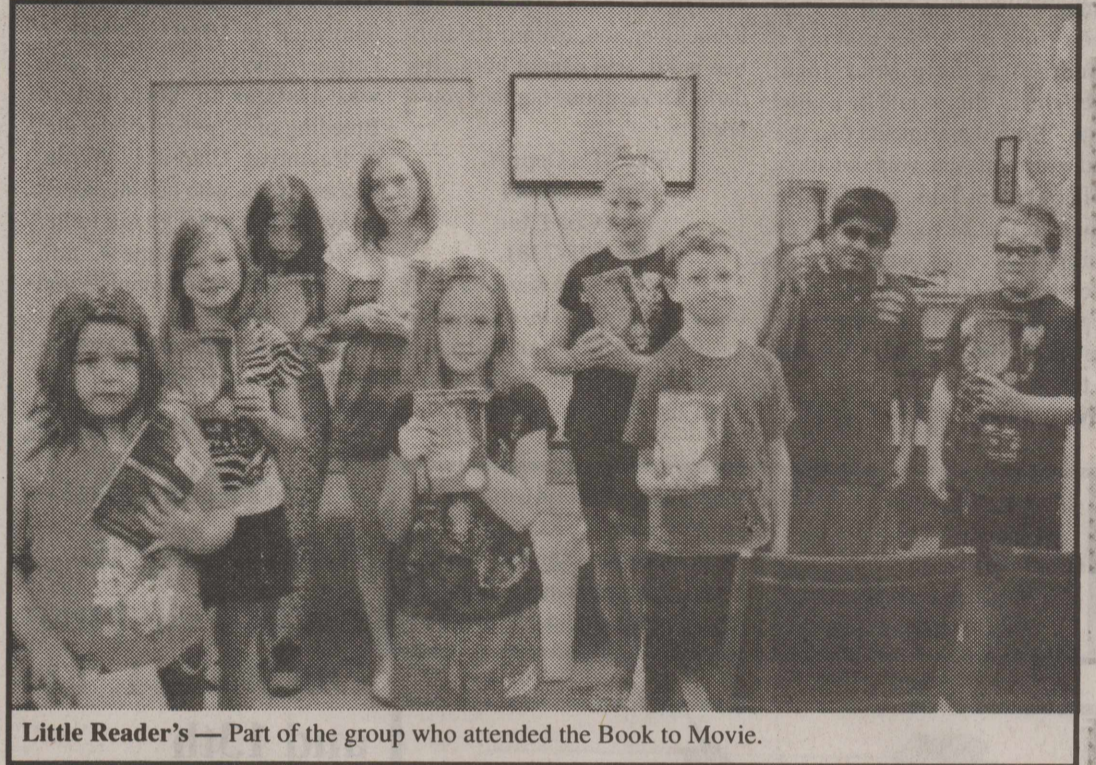


### Mrs. Atchley's Supply List (English I & II)

- 1- Composition notebook or spiral
- 2- Folders with brads, any colors. Plenty of notebook paper.
- 2- #2 pencils
- 2- black or blue ink pens
- 1- red ink pen
- 1- large pink eraser, highlighters, any colors
- 1- box colored pencils



Nothin Like a Good Book — Miss Sue reading about friendly Monsters.



Little Reader's — Part of the group who attended the Book to Movie.

### Summer Reading Program 2013

The Cross Plains Library's 2013 Summer Reading Program *Dig Into Reading* concluded last week. Miss Sue's Little Readers enjoyed stories about friendly monsters while they snacked on specially made monster lollypops. Miss Sue also had them dancing to the lively Monster Mash song. Their craft for the day was making their own little monsters to take home.

Kids of all ages gathered for a Book to Movie featuring the book *Bridge to Terabithia*.

Popcorn, the traditional snack for movie watching, was served to all attendees. Everyone received a free copy of the book funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

We are grateful for all the attendance and participation in our programming this summer. We presented eight weeks of fun, interesting, and educational programs for the children in our community. Miss Sue's Little Readers averaged twenty-one

(21) students each week, and our main programming for all ages averaged thirty-one (31) students.

Thank you Miss Sue for your talent of making reading and learning so much fun, thanks to our parents and grandparents who made the effort to get the children to the library, thank you volunteers who assisted in making everything run so smoothly, and a big thank you to the wonderful presenters of the outstanding educational programs.

### 2013 Property Tax Rates in City of Cross Plains

This notice concerns 2013 property tax rates for CITY OF CROSS PLAINS. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>		
Last year's operating taxes		\$ 64,018
Last year's debt taxes		\$ 0
Last year's total taxes		\$ 64,018
Last year's tax base		\$ 18,630,193
Last year's total tax rate (per \$100)		\$ 0.343625/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes		\$ 64,018
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)		
+ This year's adjusted tax base		\$ 19,967,590
(after subtracting value of new property)		
= This year's effective tax rate (per \$100)		\$ 0.320609/\$100
(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)		
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes		\$64,018
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function, taxes increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)		
+ This year's adjusted tax base		\$ 19,967,590
= This year's effective operating rate		\$ 0.320609/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate		\$ 0.346257/\$100
+ This year's debt rate		\$ 0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate		\$ 0.346257/\$100

#### Statement of Increase/Decrease

If CITY OF CROSS PLAINS adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.320609 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2012 taxes by \$0.

#### Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

<b>Type of Property Tax Fund</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	\$0.00

#### Schedule B: 2013 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Total required for 2013 debt service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2013				\$0
= Total debt levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the central appraisal district offices, 100 West 4th St., Suite #101, Baird, Tx. 79504

Name of person preparing this notice: Tammy T. Walker,  
 Title: Chief Appraiser, Central Appraisal District of Callahan County  
 Date prepared: August 5, 2013

### SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **August 8, 2013**, 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:

**REGULAR MEETING**  
 August 8, 2013 (8:00 p.m.)  
**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

1. Open Forum
2. New Business
  - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
  - B. Review Bills/Finance Report

C. Propose a Tax Rate for Both Maintenance and Operation AND Interest and Sinking for the 2013-14 School Year to be Published in the **Cross Plains Review** on Wednesday, August 14

D. Consider a Date to Adopt the 2013-14 Budget and Set Both the Maintenance and Operations AND the Interest Sinking Tax Rates - Wednesday, August 28th at 8:00 p.m.

3. Superintendent's Report
  - A. Review 2013- 14 Budget Options
  - B. Discuss Track Renovation

C. ITEACH Texas  
 D. Brainstorm Ideas for School Improvement

4. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meeting Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

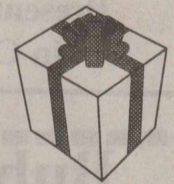
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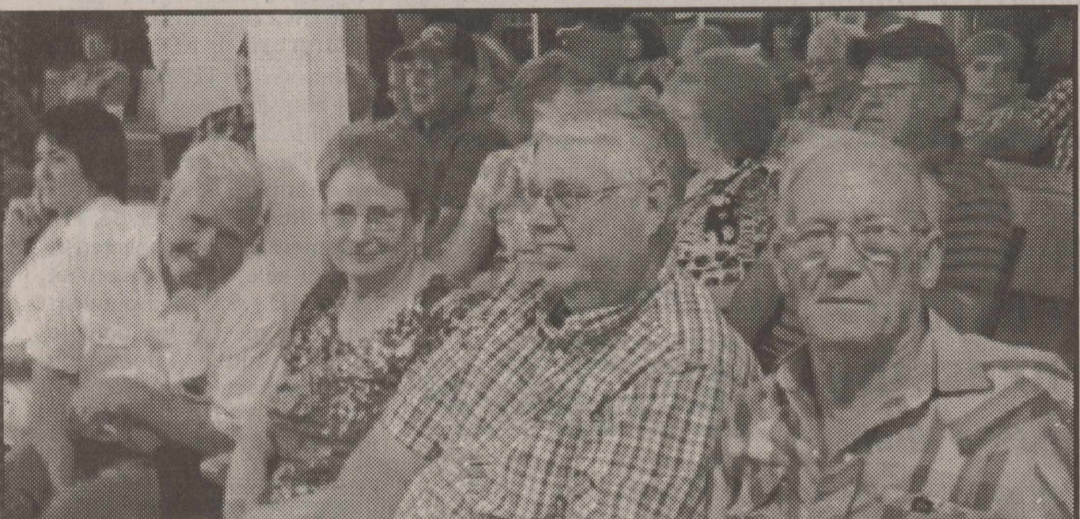
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## Cottonwood Country Musical Well Attended



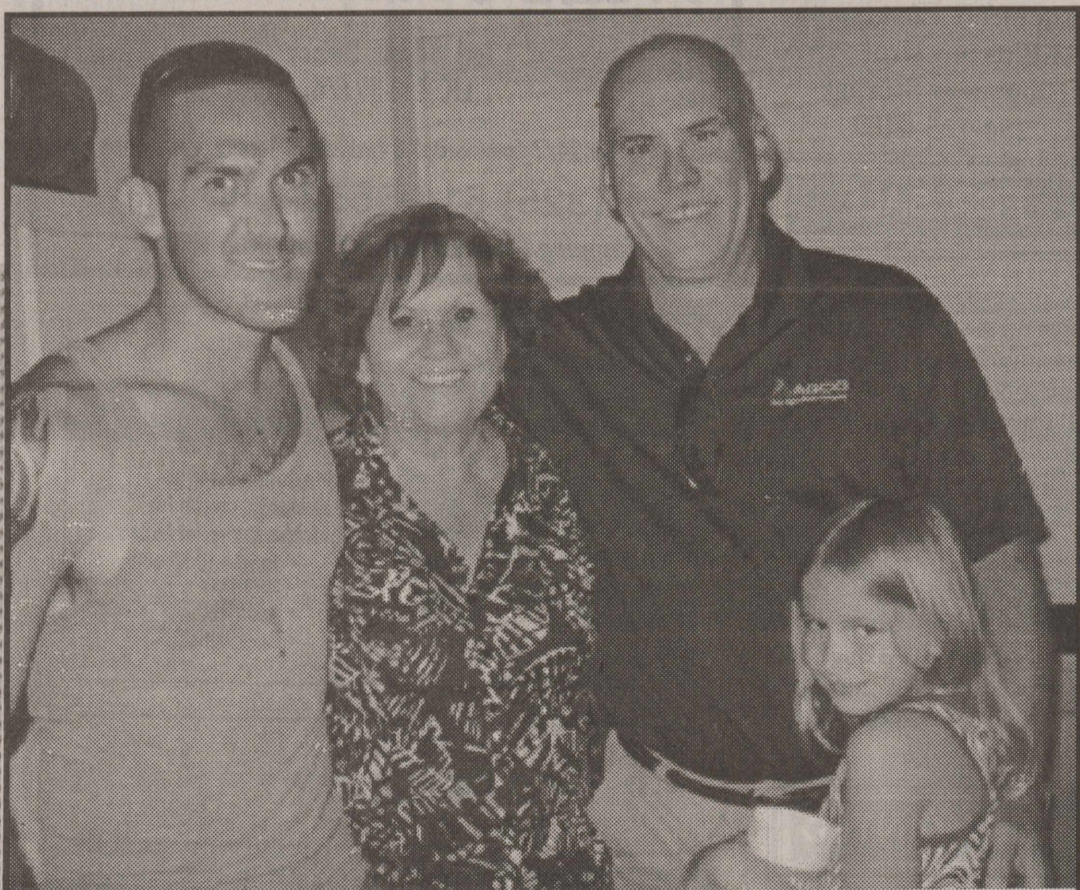
Some of our Great Cottonwood Country Musicians — Entertaining the crowd.



Longtime Musical Visitors from Clyde — Troy Franklin (from left), Anita and Kenneth McCoy and Sam Franklin.



Four Barbaras — Barbara Wheat (from left), Barbara (Cookie) Robinson, Barbara Crudgington, and Barbara Allison



Visiting from Muleshoe — Josh Clark, (left), son of Gary, aunt Cookie Robinson (center), Gary Clark, son of Ned Clark and granddaughter Zoie Pierson.

The last Cottonwood Country Musical was another great one! The musicians, as usual, did a wonderful job of entertaining.

There was a full house of people enjoying the music and the chopped brisket sandwich meal.

The regular musicians Art Crudgington, John Hulum, George Allison, Raymond Hart, R.D. and Sharon Childers, Chuck Patrick and John Hayes performed along with some

newcomers, Tim Webb, Eddie Munn, Wesley Albright, Gary Thames and Arleta Dameron. Arleta always does a good job on the piano. It is such a treat when she can come entertain.

At almost every musical there are four women in attendance with the name Barbara. And they all four have brown eyes.

Many times out of town or out of state visitors attend the musicals. We're always glad to

have them.

Frances Thornton visits with everyone and takes pictures which adds to the enjoyment of the night.

The next Cottonwood Country Musical is scheduled for Friday night, August 23rd. Come to Cottonwood, Texas and enjoy a night of food, fun and good country music.

Submitted by  
Cookie Robinson

## Friends of the NRA banquet will be held September 7th in Clyde

The first-ever fund-raising banquet for the Callahan County Friends of the National Rifle Association will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 217 Oak Street in Clyde, on Saturday, September 7, 2013. The banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the doors opening and the banquet should conclude around 9:00 p.m.

The Little Pit restaurant in Clyde will cater this year's banquet.

The menu for the banquet will include: brisket, sausage and two vegetables, with tea or coffee and peach cobbler for dessert.

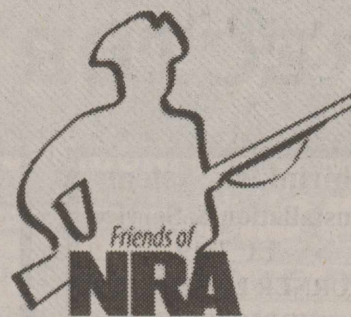
The banquet ticket price is \$25.00 per person. This year's banquet will be a non-alcohol event. Tickets for this year's banquet are available from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal.

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA will also be selling tables at this year's banquet. The table prices include:

The Friends of the NRA is offering a Special Table package for the Callahan County Banquet. The Special Table for Eight is \$1,750, which includes a Colt AR-15 LE 6900 556 with a 16 inch barrel.

A Basic Table of Eight: \$200, will receive eight dinner tickets.

The Bronze Table: \$750, will receive eight dinner tickets and



a gun package.

The Silver Table: \$1,500, will receive eight dinner tickets and gun package.

The Gold Table: \$2,500, receives eight dinner tickets and your choice of one of two gun packages.

The Platinum Table: \$5,000, will receive eight dinner tickets and your choice of two gun packages.

Tickets can be purchased by either check, cash or credit card. Make checks payable to Callahan County Friends of the NRA. Tickets for this year's banquet can be purchased from Don Boles Insurance Agency in Clyde, Longacre Gun Shop located at 358 Chestnut in Abilene, Army Day, Don Boles, Kevin Meir, Dennis Van Vleet, Charles Branton, or Mike and Lyn Walker.

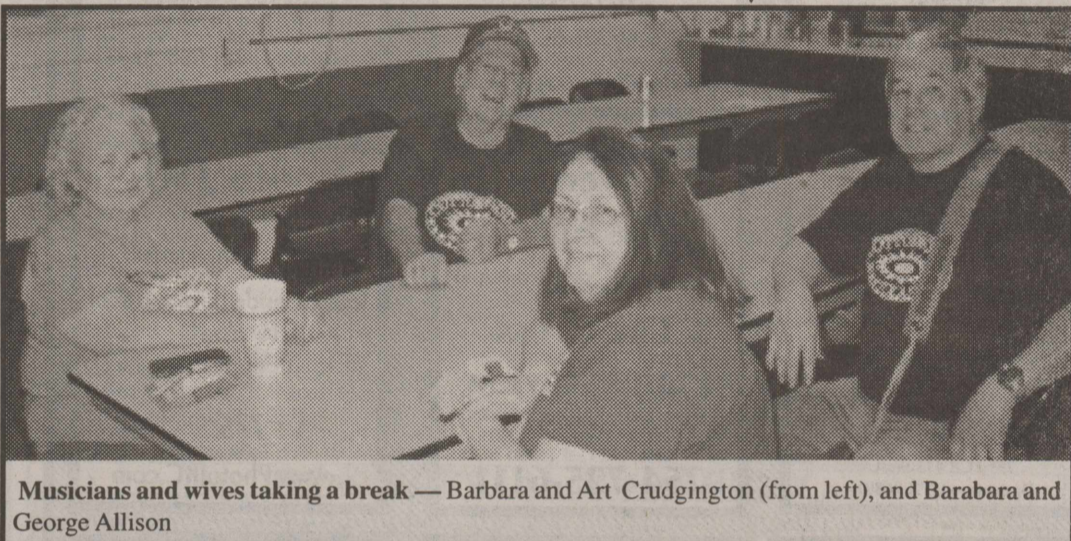
Also, in conjunction with this year's banquet, the Callahan County Friends of the NRA are selling raffle tickets for a Colt LE6900 AR-15. Only 400 tick-

ets will be sold for this rifle. The drawing will be held at the Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet. You need not be present to win. Ticket prices are \$10.00 each. Pre-affle tickets for the Colt LE6900 AR-15 can be purchased from any Friends of the NRA committee member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal.

Proceeds from this raffle will benefit the West Texas Friends of the NRA and the NRA Foundation.

Mike Walker and Reggie Pillans are co-chairmen of the committee which will be putting on this year's banquet. Michelle Ratliff is secretary of the committee. Lyn Walker is treasurer of the committee.

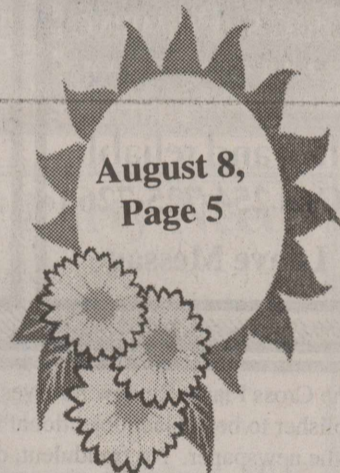
Jack Cannon, Senior Field Representative for the NRA said the Friends of the NRA is a grassroots offshoot for the NRA Foundation 501 C nonprofit organization. He said the NRA Foundation is a nonpolitical organization which has held some 1,100 fund-raising banquets nationwide over the last year. He said the Friends of the NRA donated over \$250,000 to support youth shooting sports, FFA organizations, 4-H shooting sports clubs, Boy Scouts, Junior ROTC, law enforcement organizations, as well as educational, historical, and gun safety course and more than 175 other programs.



Musicians and wives taking a break — Barbara and Art Crudgington (from left), and Barbara and George Allison



Serving up Brisket Sandwiches — Tom Bennet (left), and Bob Robinson. Photos submitted by Frances Thornton

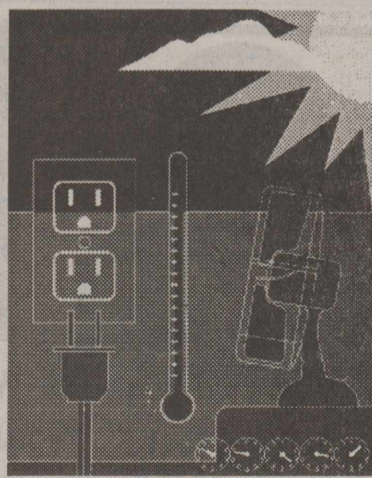


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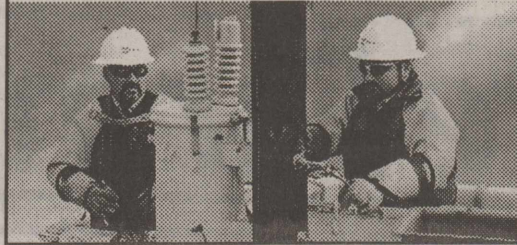
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- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
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## Cross Plains Motor Vehicle to go to Part-Time

The Cross Plains Sub-Station for motor vehicle registrations and titles will no longer be able to provide full time service. The Callahan County Tax office in partnership with J.P. Precinct #4 have, for many years, been able to share expenses and a clerk. These two offices have diligently worked together to provide these services to the community and surrounding area of Cross Plains. Changes in the motor vehicle operations, the lessened economy, higher operating costs and extremely low volume of Motor Vehicle work processed there, have forced this union to cease. Several years ago, the State made it mandatory to put the physical location of each vehicle on the registration records. By law, one is REQUIRED to register their vehicle in the county in which they live. Due to Cross Plains close proximity to the border of the county, many vehicle registrants that lived over the line, in adjoining counties, had a PO Box in Cross Plains and registered their vehicles in Callahan County. When Sunset Commission set on TXDOT, it removed the motor vehicle title and registration division and placed it under the Department of Public Safety. Some laws, that had been in place but not enforced, suddenly became enforceable and with added consequences for failure to comply. If a vehicle is found to have been registered in the wrong county, a fine \$250 plus court

costs, may be passed against the vehicle owner and the County Tax Assessor-Collector. The vehicle owner would have to re-register in the proper county and could be passed with additional fees.

At one time, there were new vehicle and big truck dealerships in Cross Plains, along with several used dealers. The number of these businesses has dwindled over the years.

The lessened economy has lowered the number of vehicles sold or traded, and people are hesitant to register any extra vehicles they may own until they need to operate them. The cost of running a business has risen sharply. Electricity, water, internet lines, phone lines, employee salary and benefits, bonds, equipment and supplies and other related costs are just too much when compared to the number of motor vehicle transactions processed and revenue received, from the sub-station processes, on average, one title a day and five to seven registrations.

"It is a sad day for the office as a whole, for the community and for me," said the Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector, Tammy T. Walker. "I had hoped the numbers would have reflected better news. I have always been proud to be able to work with the JP here and to carry on the tradition and provide the services we did. My plans for the Motor Vehicle portion, is to send one of my deputies down to the

JP office one day a week, to perform the same motor vehicle transactions as before. My deputy will be here on Tuesdays from 9AM to noon and from 1PM until 3:30PM. These hours will provide time for the deputy to go to the main office to pick up the supplies needed in the morning and time to balance, make deposit and report back to the main station for further processing in the afternoon. As we go along, the day of the week or times available may change, but this is the plan for now. Also, as people have vacation or sick days, occasionally there may be times I may not be able to send a deputy on a Tuesday. We will try to advertise those dates, if we know ahead of time, in the paper and try to have notice on the door to the office. I thank the people of Cross Plains and surrounding area for their support of the office over the years and their patience now. Due to previous commitment, I will be available on or after August 13, 2013, if anyone has any additional comments or questions. I can be reached at the main office at 325-854-5820." NUMBERS AND DUTIES LISTED HERE ARE ONLY A COMPILATION FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE SIDE OF THE SUB-STATION AND DO NOT REFLECT ANY DUTIES PERFORMED FOR THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SIDE OF THE JOB.

## June Jobs Report Highlights the Success of the Texas Model Texas, Where the Jobs Are

By Savannah Collins

The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently released its June jobs report and the new data held plenty of good news for Texans.

For June 2013, Texas employers added 5,800 net new jobs, bringing the state's year-over-year job creation total to over 300,000, the most of any state. What's more, Texas' job gains aren't limited to any one particular industry. The entire economy is growing.

Of the 11 major sectors of the Texas economy, each one has added to its workforce over last twelve months. From Manufacturing to Construction to Professional and Business Services, businesses of every stripe are hungry for workers.

As for Texas' unemployment rate, it held steady at 6.5 percent, more than a full percentage point below the current national average, 7.6 percent, and two full percentage points below that of its chief economic rival, California. Texas' relatively low unemployment rate for June makes this the 78<sup>th</sup> consecutive month that it's been at or below the national average.

All things considered, this latest jobs report gives a good illustration of why Texas is known as America's jobs juggernaut. But it also raises an important question, how is it that the Lone Star State is succeeding where so many others have failed?

The answer is rooted in public

policy.

For over a decade, state lawmakers have (to varying degrees) applied conservative thought and action to Texas' public policy prescriptions, making a conscious effort to keep taxes low and government restrained wherever possible. This governing approach dubbed the Texas Model has had a profound impact on the direction of the state, some of which can be seen in things like jobs, people, and investing.

Consider that over the last ten years, the Lone Star State has been responsible for 30 percent of all net new jobs created nationally. That means that Texas, by itself, has single-handedly created almost one out of every three jobs in America.

In terms of population growth, people are flocking to Texas. From 2011 to 2012, eight of the top fifteen fastest growing cities were in Texas, while no other state boasted more than one city on the U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 list.

Capital investments also seem to be flooding the state unlike elsewhere in the nation. According to Site Selection Magazine, in 2012 Texas completed 761 projects, Ohio completed 491 projects, Pennsylvania completed 430 projects, Michigan completed 337 projects, and Illinois completed 332 projects.

Businesses aren't just investing their capital here, they're also investing their future. A

whole slew of companies have either already relocated here or stated their intentions to bring their headquarters or major regional offices here to Texas, including such big names as Apple, Facebook, Google, and Software Advice.

When it comes to jobs, people, and business, Texas has proven to be a winner. And that's because it has the right public policy outlook.

The Texas Model is successful because it brings together a climate of economic freedom and competitiveness, recognizes the value of keeping taxes low and government spending lower, and understands the value of a predictable regulatory environment. These are the mix of policies that inspire the entrepreneurial attitude, invite innovation, and serve as the proving ground for prosperity.

As states around the nation continue to struggle with the right approach to creating jobs and wealth, they need look no further than the Lone Star State and its Texas Model to get a sense of how to proceed. After all, as they say, "the proof is in the pudding."

Savannah Collins is a researcher for the Center for Fiscal Policy with the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin. She may be reached at [savannahcollins@texaspolicy.com](mailto:savannahcollins@texaspolicy.com).

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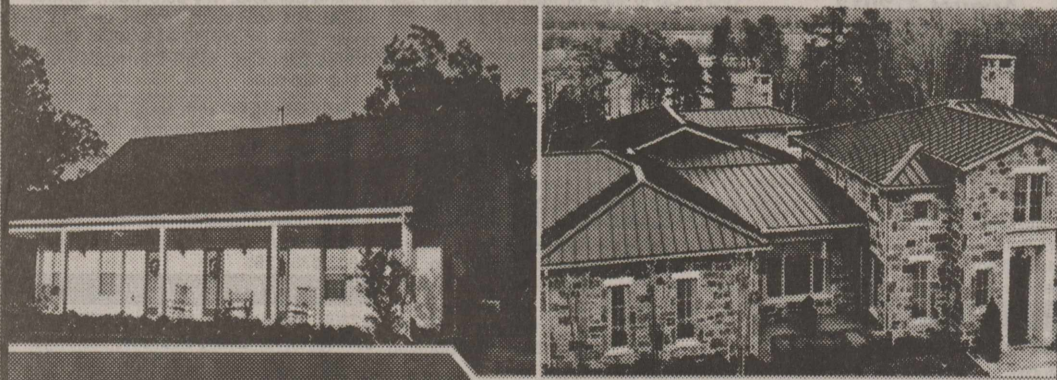
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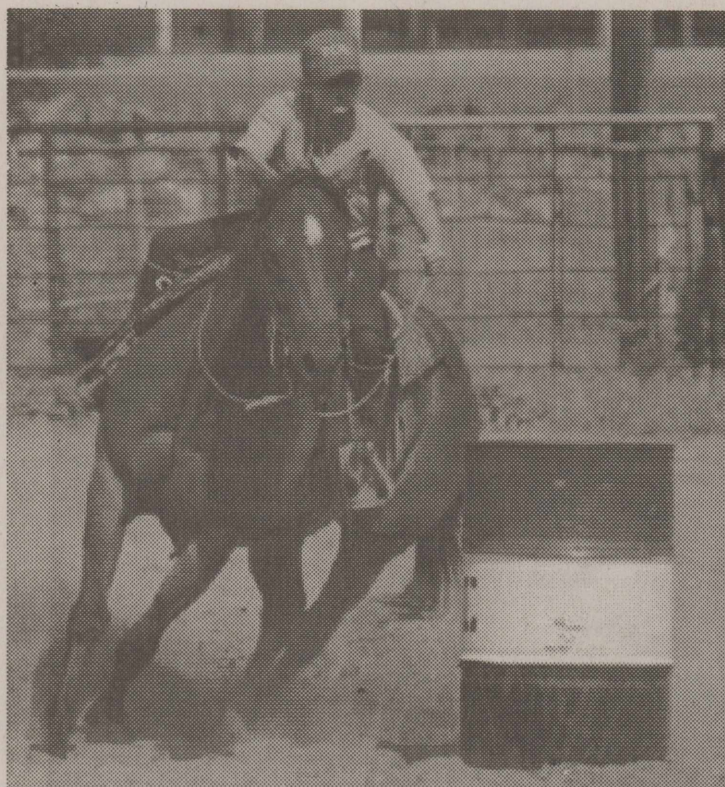


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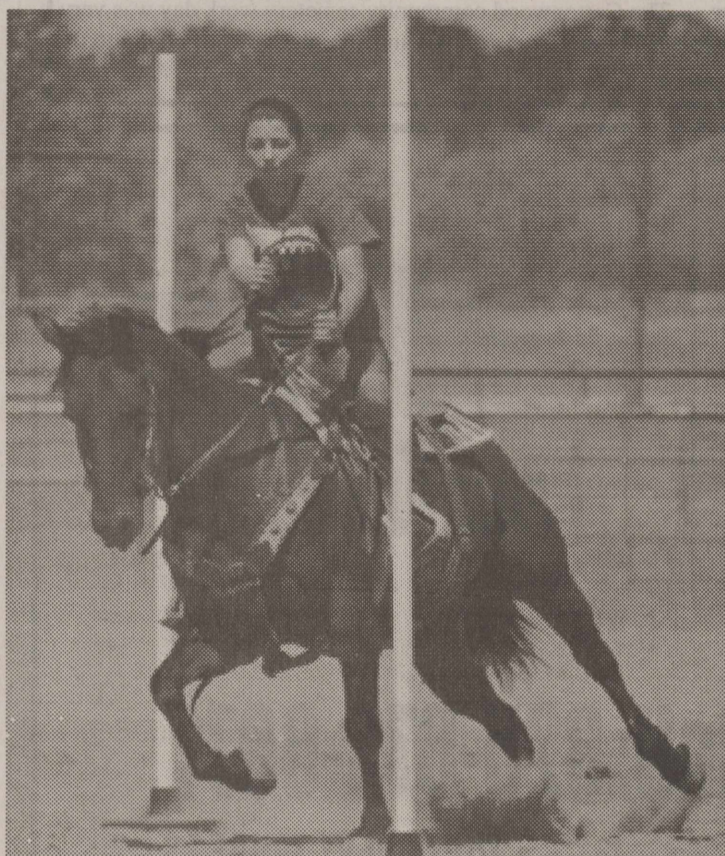
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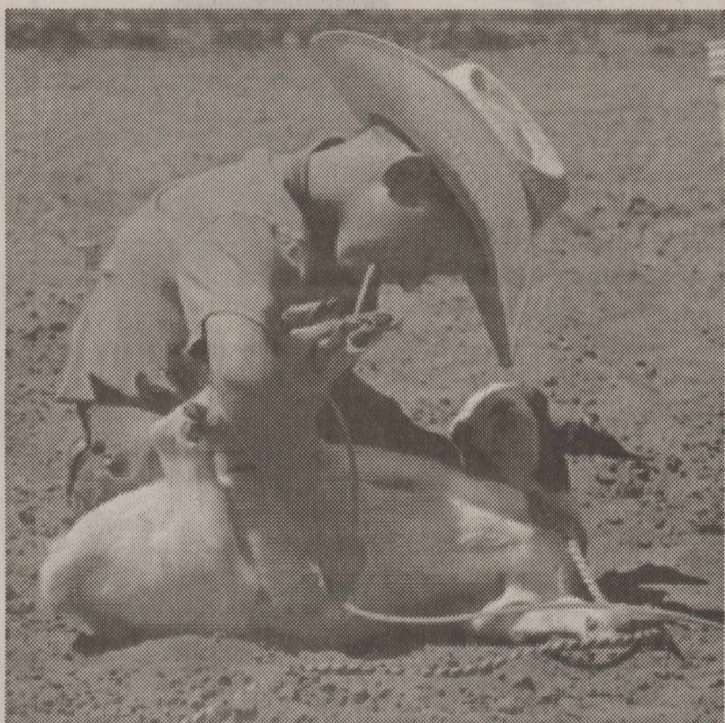




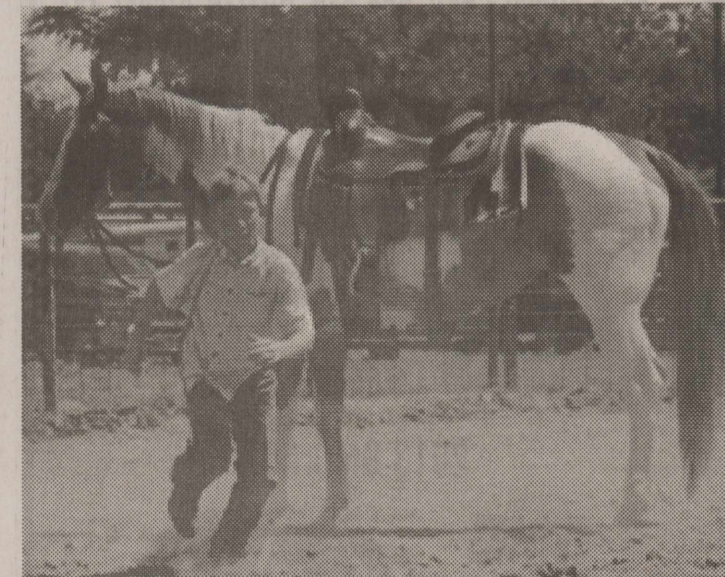
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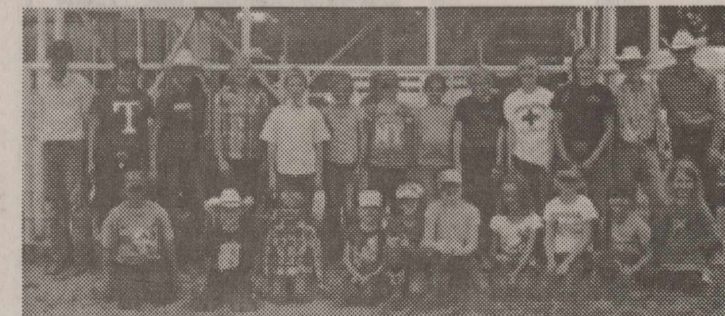
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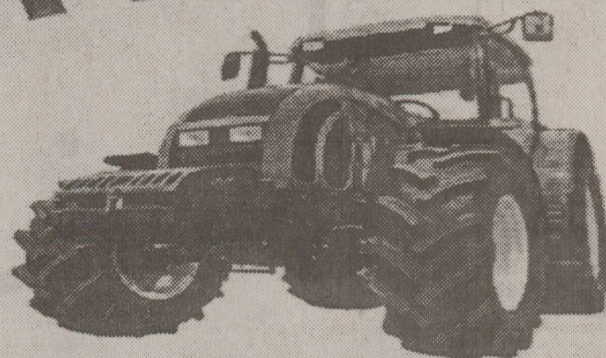
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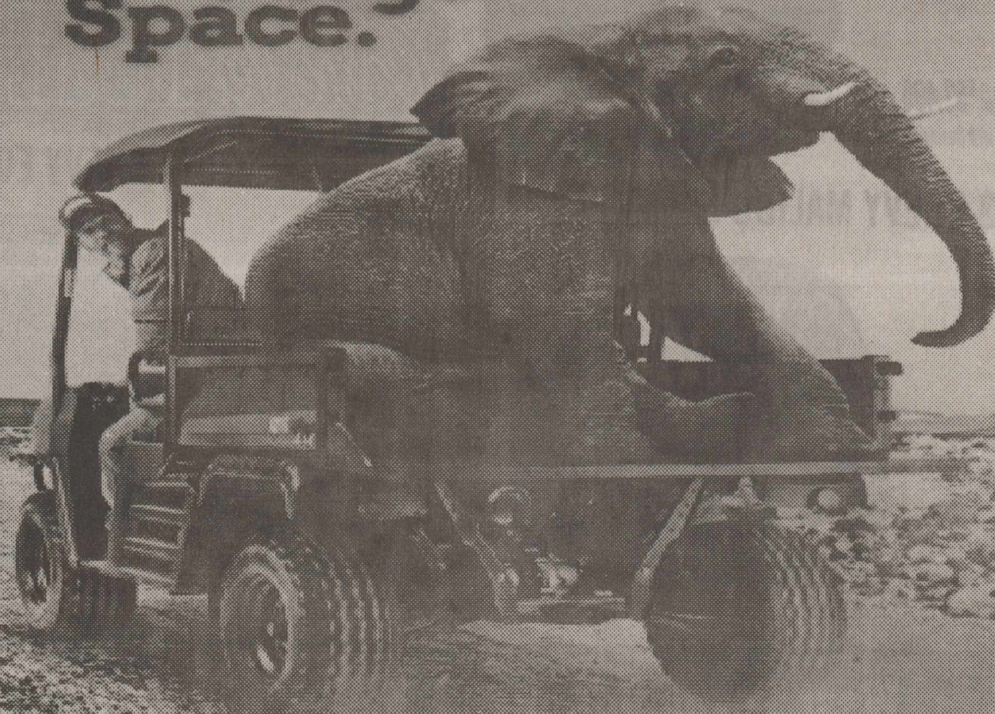
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Whether you are a veggie gardener wannabe or you have tended your plot for years, come join us. There is no charge for this event.

First on the agenda will be Lowell Johnson. He will talk to you about having a home compost system that can help enrich your soil and save money at the same time. You might be surprised to find out how easy and fun composting can be.

John Kirk will finish up the seminar with great guidelines

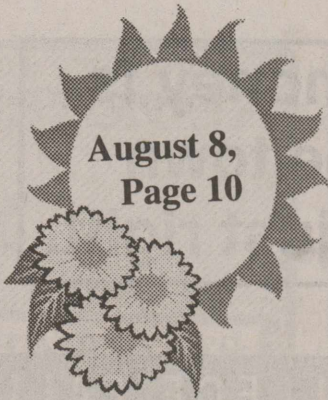
for planting. You will learn which plants are the stars in the fall garden, how to know when to plant for a fall harvest, and where to locate your garden patch.

John will offer some great tips on soil preparation, how to plant seeds and transplants, what to do about the inevitable weeds that are going to want to horn in on that nutrient-rich soil, and more.

Other master gardeners will be on hand to help you in any way we can. We will have a fresh pot of coffee and some snacks that you can enjoy before the seminar starts or during the break between sessions.

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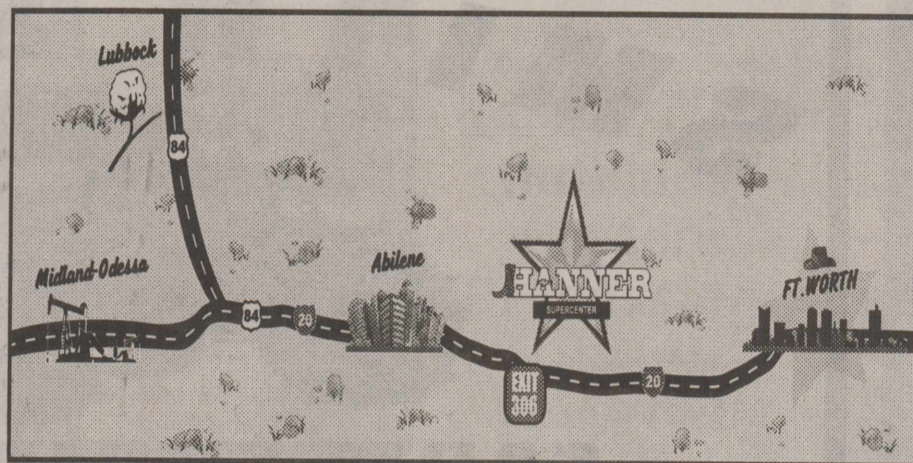
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## Commissioners set 2013 proposed tax rate

Callahan County Commissioners approved a proposed tax rate for 2013 and set two public hearings to seek public input on the tax rate during the commissioners regular monthly meeting held Monday, August 5th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to accept the proposed 2013 tax rate of \$0.478708 per \$100 of property value. The proposed tax rate will exceed the effective tax rate of \$0.443248 per \$100 of property value and is under the 2012 tax rate of \$0.48137 per \$100 of property value. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion. A record vote was taken with Judge Roger Corn, Commissioner Harold Hicks, Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Tom Windham, and Commissioner Cliff Kirkham voting for the motion.

The proposed 2013 tax rate includes: \$0.336239 per \$100 of property value for the General Fund and \$0.142469 per \$100 of property value for the Road & Bridge Fund for a total tax rate of \$0.478708 per \$100 of property value.

Judge Corn made a motion to set two public hearings for citizen input on the proposed tax rate. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The first public hearing is set for Monday, August 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners' Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird. The second public hearing is set for Friday, August 23rd at 9:00 a.m., also at the Commissioners' Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

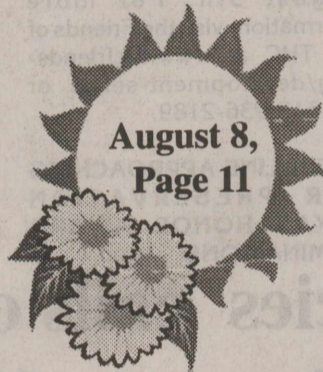
—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the 2013 proposed County budget. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:33 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

### Callahan County DPS Report

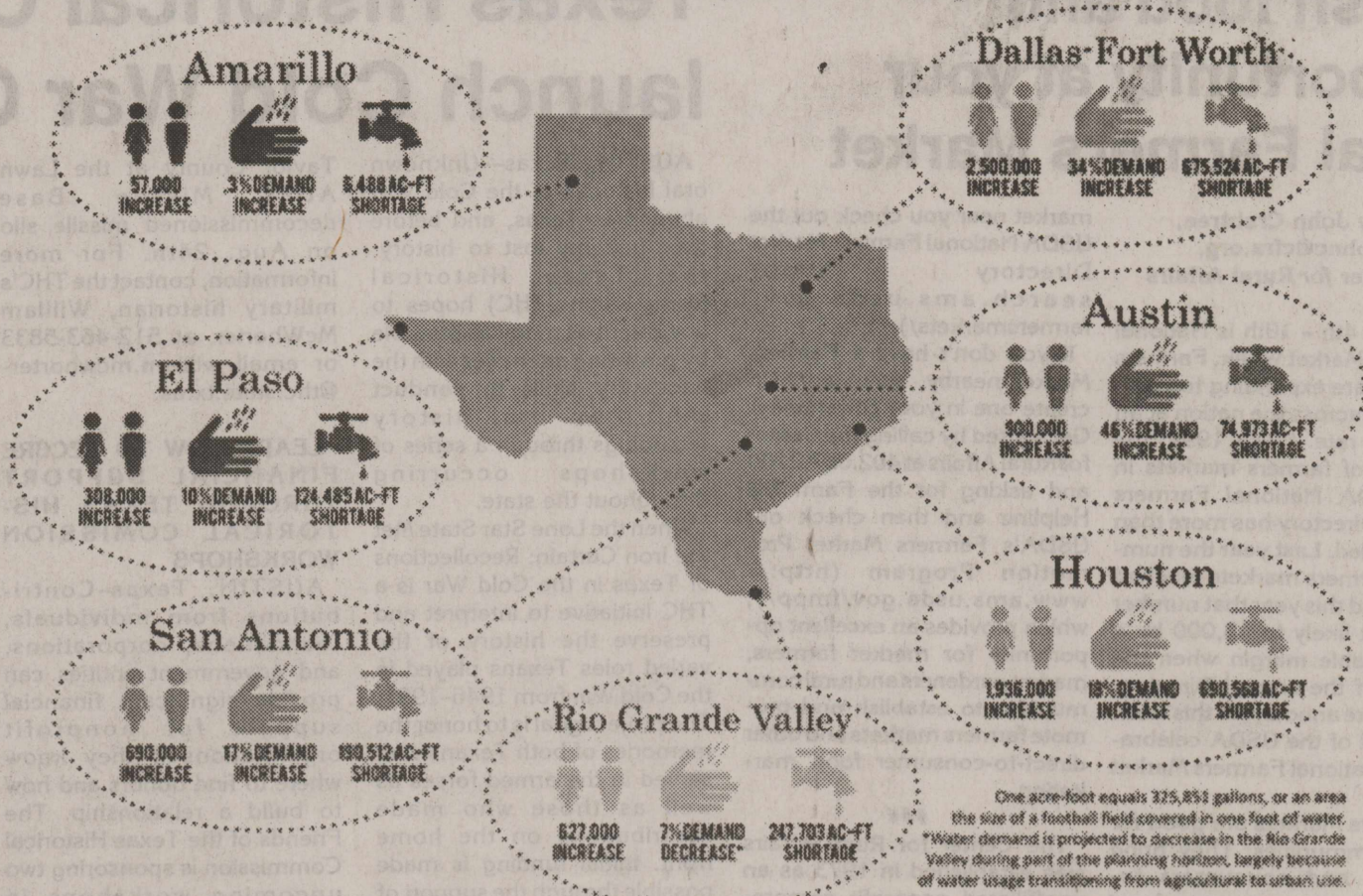
Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 13, 2013 through August 2, 2013 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—162  
Complaints—114  
DWI—4  
Driving While License Invalid—2  
Possession of a Controlled Substance—1  
Public Intoxication—1  
Fugitive Arrest—1  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
There were six vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.



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## Projected population growth, water demand and water shortages in Texas' major metro areas by 2030



### More people, less water

## What will Texas need to keep growing?

According to data the U.S. Census Bureau released in May 2013, Texas has eight of the country's top 15 fastest growing cities. In fact, no state other than Texas had more than one city on that list. And the population isn't only expanding in Houston, Dallas and San Antonio - cities like Midland, San Marcos and Conroe are experiencing significant increases.

We're fortunate that Texas cities are growing, but during a significant drought (like the one over 90% of the state is currently experiencing), one question comes to mind: How are we going to provide water for all those people?

Every five years, the Texas Water Development Board compiles information from Texas' locally developed 16 regional water plans in developing the state water plan. Among its many purposes, the 2012 State Water Plan projects which areas have the greatest population growth and potential water shortages, and recommends strategies to meet water shortages.

In 2030, the Dallas-Fort Worth metro area's water shortages during a severe drought would be more than 10 times the amount of water the city of Lubbock currently uses in a year. The Rio Grande Valley's water shortage in 20 years would be

around today's combined water use for the cities of Irving, Arlington, Brownsville and El Paso. How will we deal with these shortages? One way is through water projects, such as those TWDB assists with through grants and loans.

Another way is through conservation. By the year 2060, about 34% of the volume of water from recommended strategies would come from conservation and reuse. Many communities are already implementing more effective conservation measures, which can generate substantial water savings. By using measures such as low flow plumbing fixtures and efficient

steam-electric plants, the Region C planning area (which includes Tarrant, Dallas Denton, and nearby counties) will save almost 77,000 acre-feet per year by 2020. This volume of water is larger than the storage capacity of Lake Alan Henry, a water source for the City of Lubbock.

With frequent drought, increasing population, growing demand and shrinking supply, Texas communities large and small will need to develop and implement water strategies that will help them survive and grow. It's important that all Texans take an active role in the management of our state's future resources.

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## Texas' very own Royal Heir

By: U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

There has been much excitement across the pond as of late over the birth of England's newest heir to the throne. But did you know that Texas' very own royal bundle of joy has just arrived? Weighing in just shy of 2,000 pounds, the nation's First Bale of King Cotton for 2013 was delivered by the Rodriguez Brothers Farm in Santa Rosa, Texas, to the La Feria Co-op Gin at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, June 21, 2013. In the time since then, it has been cleaned up in the ginning process and is now ready for its proper debut at Harlingen's 2013 First Bale Auction and Scholarship Fundraiser.

The tradition of certifying the nation's First Bale of the year dates back to the 1800's when the grower of the First Bale was required to transport the cotton to the Houston Cotton Exchange for certification. After verifying its status as the first bale of cotton to be harvested that year in the United States, the Exchange would put the bale up for auction. This process continued, uninterrupted, for many years until 1953, when the Harlingen Cotton Committee successfully petitioned the Houston Cotton Exchange for the rights to auction the First Bale. As a result of this landmark agreement, for the past 60 years the Harlingen Cotton Committee of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce has been solely responsible for certifying the nation's First

Bale of cotton each year. And for each of those 60 years, the First Bale has been grown in the fertile Rio Grande Valley.

Every summer, a celebration is held in honor of the achievement, called the First Bale Auction and Scholarship Fundraiser. The event is hosted by the Harlingen Cotton Committee in conjunction with the Algodon Club, a nonprofit, civic organization formed in 1953 that works to showcase the importance of cotton to the Rio Grande Valley economy. This year's event, held on the evening of Thursday, August 8th, will mark the 60th Anniversary. Hundreds of elected officials, agribusiness leaders, and residents from across the region are expected to attend.

The First Bale will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. In recent years, the 500-600-pound bundle of ginned cotton has fetched between \$8,000 and \$9,000, but organizers are hopeful that the 60th Anniversary Bale will set a record. The first \$3000 of the auction price historically goes to the farmer that brought in the bale, and any excess monies are used by the Harlingen Cotton Committee to fund collegiate agricultural scholarships. In the past several years, they have awarded \$5,000 to agriculture students of Texas State Technical College, where their investment is matched by the TSTC Lozano Long Opportunity Scholarship. The proceeds of other items auctioned off after the First Bale go toward additional

scholarships, awarded through the Algodon Club to high school seniors who commit to pursue a degree in an agricultural-related field at an accredited college or university. These scholarships are awarded at the annual Algodon Ball, which is held each June to culminate "Cotton Week," and is presided over by the Queen of Cotton and her Royal Court.

With agriculture comprising roughly one quarter of the Rio Grande Valley's economy, celebrations such as the auction of the First Bale and other cotton-themed events are a source of pride and a time-honored tradition for members of the local community. I congratulate the Harlingen Cotton Committee, the Algodon Club, the farming families and all of the individuals who have worked hard to carry on the tradition of the First Bale for the past 60 years and wish them the best as they celebrate this year's successor to the throne of King Cotton.

Sources: The Algodon Club, The Harlingen Cotton Committee of the Harlingen Area Chamber of Commerce, The Valley Morning Star  
Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The CALLAHAN COUNTY will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by -100.00 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26 Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 19, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Callahan County Commissioner's Courtroom, 100 West 4th St., Suite 200, Baird, Texas 79504.

The second public hearing will be held on August 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Callahan County Commissioner's Courtroom, 100 West 4th St., Suite 200, Baird, Texas 79504.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR the proposal:** Harold Hicks Tom Windham  
Bryan Farmer Cliff Kirkham  
Roger Corn

**AGAINST the proposal:** None

**PRESENT and not voting:** None

**ABSENT:** None

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CALLAHAN COUNTY last year was \$100,000. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.481370 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$481.37.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in CALLAHAN COUNTY this year is \$100,000. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.443248 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$443.24.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.478708 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$478.71.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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Recent Visitors to their REH Museum — Joann and Mike Phillips from Irving, Texas.

## Cross Plains Revisited

It was quite obvious that the couple sporting cameras and enjoying Main Street last Saturday from "The Potter Swing" were tourists. In response to a warm Cross Plains welcome, they explained that they had been here a couple of weeks before to tour the Robert E. Howard Museum and the library and to enjoy an excellent meal at The Staghorn.

Mike and JoAnn Phillips of Irving were so very impressed and intrigued by the small town atmosphere that they returned to see more of the town as soon as they could work it into their schedule. As they had already toured the old Howard home, they were interested in tracking down other businesses and houses mentioned in the Novalyn Price's *One Who Walked Alone* book and the subsequent movie, *"The Whole Wide World."*

Since discovering Howard's stories a few years ago, they have delved deeper into his life story. From their research of Howard's time here in town, they could readily identify the old bank site where Howard briefly worked and that is now the Staghorn. They knew the story of Howard and some other young men who had erected a radio receiving station on top of Higginbothams and strung the wires along the roof tops to the old Cozy Drug Store at the north end of that block where people could listen to limited stations on the radio.

When it was pointed out that all the business sites from the 1920's are still mostly operational and that Bobby Golson has hand-painted almost all of the current business and store window signs and the library mural, they were fascinated to learn that such a dying art was alive and well in Cross Plains.

*THEN* began the tour of Higginbotham's with a stop at the window of antiques and on past the sacks of fertilizer and other yard and garden supplies stacked on the front sidewalk and into the

101 year old store and its endless supply of stories. Echoes from the past soon drowned out all the noises from the street and conversations from customers, as former manager Tom regaled the visitors with tales of near disasters, unique equipment once used and just quaint little features of the old building.

The story of the gun blasting a hole in the ceiling was topped by the wanna be robber who got stuck in the chimney and had to hang there until somebody opened the store the next morning and retrieved him. Supposedly the robber's boots are still trapped in the bottom of the chimney.

Stepping into the old funeral home area, JoAnn found the tradition of people sitting up all night with the deceased a bit disturbing. Her reaction to the door and rack in the back of the store where bodies were left when the funeral home section was closed after hours wasn't much better.

Current store manager Cory got into the act as he showed them the old vault that is still in daily use. Mike noticed the clip board hanging on the wall with dozens of old yellow sheets still clipped in place. Seems it was a record of employees that went back before Social Security numbers were used. But when Corey and Tom shared the story of the beginning and unlikely end of an urn of ashes, it became obvious that Jimmy Stewart had it right when he told the young reporter in the movie *Liberty Valence* that "when the legend becomes better than the truth, go with the legend."

On a lighter note was the post in the back of the old office area that had been used for comments about the weather over the years.

One faded hand written note was proof that it had rained sometime in Sept. 1947. Mike, who works for Verizon, decided that the cables which sent sales tickets and cash from the check-out counters

on the floor up to the office where change was made and sent back down might have been some distant forerunner to fiber optics communication channels of today.

A goat loose in the store was probably the story to top all stories. Seems that a goat came barreling from the alley through the back door on the north end. Hanging a sharp left through the long storage/ work area, it soon discovered that big rows of electric cables were not the easiest thing to scramble through. Getting untangled and taking a mighty leap to freedom, it landed on a big pile of PVC pipes stacked against the wall. Tumbling PVC pipes and the spooked goat quickly parted company; the goat hit the other back door at a dead run and was last seen headed down the street bleating for its mommy. Employees spent the rest of the day putting the store back in order.

Through all the laughter, JoAnn had been so busy recording their once in a lifetime visit to the by-gone days of small town America that she totally missed a shot of "Hopalong Cassidy," as the toad hopped under a pile of memories where it has been living for about 15 years.

After a leisurely meal at Mexico City interlaced with more local lore, the visitors were treated to a walk-around of the vacant old Hemphill house where Novalyn Price had lived during the two years of her friendship with Howard.

A few more pictures of their now favorite Project Pride tour guides, a few hugs and a promise to return next June, they headed south for more sightseeing before returning home with heads swimming with the joys of life in Cross Plains.

Who knows, they may retire here some day like so many before them who came searching for a pleasant life in the slow lane.



Enjoying REH — Sisters Lee Burgos and Maria Embry and daughters, Deanna and Hannah visit the Museum.

When Lee Burgos flew in from FL to visit her sister Maria Embry and family in Keller, it didn't take the group long to plan a field trip out to the Pioneer area where the Embry's have purchased some land. From there, it was a natural drive on over here to visit the Robert E. Howard Museum.

Maria Embry, an Early Childhood Teacher in the Keller School System is the Howard fan of the group, enjoying a bit of everything Howard had written. Daughter Deanna is a sophomore at UNT, majoring in speech pathology while her younger sister Hannah is still enjoying music, dance and the arts in general at her high school in Keller.

The group was especially interested in the old friendship quilt spread across the foot of the iron bedstead in Mrs. Howard's bedroom at the Museum. Learning that cotton sacks of chicken feed purchased from feed stores were made into clothing and then recycled into quilt blocks proved to be quite a challenging concept for the girls. They found the concept behind friendship quilts being made for new brides quaint and quite touching.

Lee is a LPN in FL, working in the home health care industry. Loaded with t-shirts, books and art posters, the lively group headed to Jean's Feed Barn for a late lunch before heading back to Keller.



Family visits — David Sulak and daughters Amanda and Natalie from Victoria.

Amanda and Natalie Sulak were good sports about visiting the Howard Museum with Dad David last week. Driving from Victoria to visit friends in Dallas, David realized that Cross Plains was just a couple more hours down the road and immediately headed west.

Having gotten into the magic of Howard's stories as a young teenager, David has moved from the Conan stories through several of the other genres. Favoring the Bran Mak Morn and Solomon Kane stories, he was delighted to be able to expand his library on purchases at the Museum.

David is the Jr. Assistant Administrator of Information Technology at the Victoria Community College. Both daughters naturally plan to join their dad at the college when they become eligible.

## Receive 10 free White Flowering Dogwood Trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August

Nebraska City, Neb. — Add color to your landscape year-round by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

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Day Foundation also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

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### AUGUST 15

Barbara Duncan  
Pat Albus  
Steve Petty  
Cristy LeeAnn Whiteley  
Carie (Renfro) Wheeler  
Elvin Burke  
Maxine Dimitri

### AUGUST 16

Brett Jennings  
Kelli (Hargrove) Hyles  
Von Dell Bailey  
Stephen Fortenbury  
Connie Ricci  
Alice Roby

### AUGUST 17

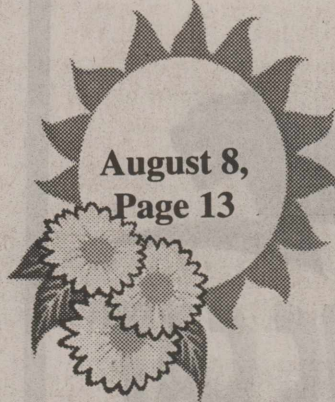
Scott Hutton  
Nakadah Walker  
Paula Kelly  
Nelda Tennison  
Angela (Newton) Barraclough  
Tiffany Paige Holland  
Frank O' Bannion  
Renee Hogrell

### AUGUST 18

Darrin Ames  
Dakota Teasdale  
Tommy Hornsby  
Harry Watson  
Paul Edward Walker  
Chester Brown  
Don Turner Jr.  
Mrs. J.T. Walker  
Debbie (Fletcher) Walker  
Shelia (Bright) Jackson

### AUGUST 19

Chris Wilson  
Darcie Walker  
Inez Reed  
Janie Thomas  
Rex Mayes  
Johnny Ray Wilson  
Jerry Wayne Perry  
Ms. Ronald Miller  
Romara Rene Atwood  
Connie (Steele) Grelle



### AUGUST 20

Zoie Walker  
Janeal (Stephens) Yancey  
Sean Holden  
Lurene McNutt  
Mrs. Boswell Burks  
Ronnie Lovell  
Weldon Stephens

### AUGUST 21

Audrey Smith  
Bill Ramsey  
Donny Miller  
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## Troopers arrest 1,100 Drunk Drivers during July 4th enforcement

AUSTIN—Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers made more than 1,100 DWI arrests during a 10-day special enforcement period, which included the July 4th holiday. The DWI enforcement effort from June 28th - July 7th included funding from a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant. "These patrols are aimed at taking drunk drivers off Texas roadways and protecting the lives of all travelers," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The men and women of the Texas Highway Patrol dedicate their careers to keeping our communities safe, and I'm certain troopers prevented

potentially deadly crashes by removing these dangerous drivers from our roads." DPS Highway Patrol troopers made 1,124 DWI arrests during the July 4th enforcement effort. The TxDOT grant allowed increased patrols in high-risk locations during the times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent, which directly resulted in 173 of the arrests. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 15,700 speeding citations, more than 2,400 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 720 fugitive arrests, and 602 felony arrests during this time period.

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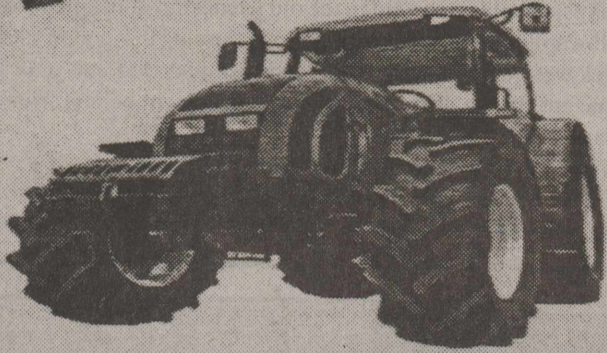
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Celebrating 90 years — Happy Birthday to Verna Childers

A surprise party celebrating Verna Dean Childer's 90th Birthday was hosted with love by her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren on July 27th. Relatives and friends enjoyed visiting, taking pictures, and sharing their memories with Verna through her 90 years. We wish to thank all who attended and shared this milestone in her life.

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finally asks.  
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understand,  
It's not what they can't do, but rather what they  
can.  
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family right,  
To wipe away every tear and hold you real tight.  
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