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Air Evac Training

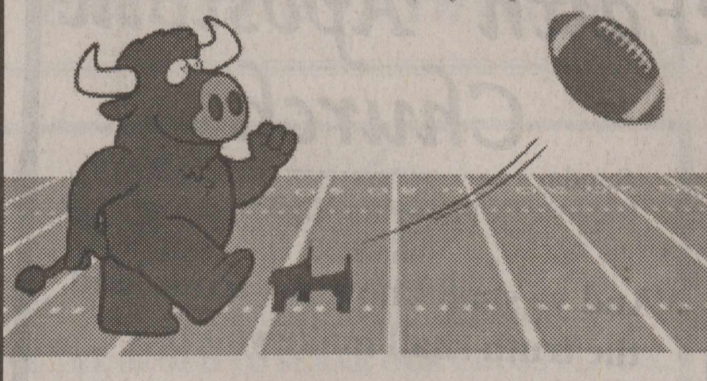
Cottonwood Volunteer Firefighters
August 20, 2013



Air Evac Life Team— From Abilene, landing in Cottonwood for training with Fire Chief Joe Terstegge, and Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Fighters. Also attending, Callahan County Sheriff, Terry Joy. Photos submitted by — Frances Thornton

Buffalo Football Kicks Off This Friday!

Come out and cheer for our boys at the 2013 home opener as Cross Plains takes on TLCA. Friday, August 30 at 7:30.



Historic Building Gifted to Cross Plains Public Library

The old Methodist Church building at 100 Ave D — more recently known as J's Art and Soul and Photo JKC — has been generously donated to the Cross Plains Public Library. The library board was convened for a special session in which board president Wilma Lawrence announced that the current owners of the building wanted to donate the building to the library. The board toured the facility and discussed the possible uses for the building. "Our first thought was to move the library, but we decided against that: we wouldn't gain much square footage; we would no longer be on Main Street; numerous renovations would be needed to accommodate patrons on two floors (such as ramps, bathrooms, and an elevator) and it would be difficult to get grants so soon after adding the Children's Discovery Center,"

stated Lawrence. "So, now we are considering the best possible fit may be to turn it into a museum with some of our own events being held on the main floor." The idea of a town museum led the board to approve a committee, headed by Jack Baum, to study the feasibility of starting a museum in Cross Plains and weather the donated building would be the best place for it. For now, the library is grateful to be the proud owner and has assumed responsibility for the care and maintenance of the building. The library board would like to know YOUR thoughts on the library's best uses for the building. Please email us at cppl@windstream.net, call us at (254) 725-7722, or drop in and let us know your ideas. — submitted by Cross Plains Public Library Board of Directors

Love Fund Established for Betty Gartman

A Love Fund has been established for Betty Gartman who passed away Thursday, August 22, 2013 in Abilene, at Texas Heritage Bank. Betty lived in Cross Plains for many years before moving to Abilene due to health issues.

Funds are needed for funeral expenses and your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please pray for the family during this difficult time.

Cross Plains Public Library's After School Adventure Program

The Cross Plains Public Library's first After School Adventure Program (ASAP) for the 2013-2014 school year will be Wednesday, September 4th at 4:00p.m. September is the month when we traditionally honor our Grandparents with a special day. Students will be making flowers from their own cutout handprints, and they will also be painting and decorating vases to hold the beautiful flowers. These unique arrangements will be used to decorate the tables at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center as a way to honor and recognize our special community members. Come join us!

Cross Plains ISD down 3 students in 2013

Cross Plains ISD reported a small drop in student enrollment in 2013, from the first day of school on Monday, August 26th.

Student enrollment totals for Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains and Eula schools were reported on the first day of school Monday, August 26th.

Cross Plains ISD reported 336 students reported for the first day of school in 2013, down three students from the first day in 2012 of 339 students.

Cross Plains Elementary reported 198 students in grades PK-sixth grade for the first day of school in 2013, which is up two students from the 196 students signed up for the first day of school in 2012.

Cross Plains High School, which includes grades seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth, reported 138 students for the first day of school this year. Cross Plains High School reported 143 students for the first day of school last year.

Baird ISD reported 316 students enrolled for the first day of school this year, which is up thirty students from the 286 which reported for the first day of school in 2012.

Baird High School, which includes students in grades ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth, had 92 students enrolled for the first day of school this year, which is down four students from the 96 reported in 2012.

Baird Middle School, which includes grades sixth, seventh and eighth, had 73 students report for the first day of school on Monday, which is up 12 students compared to 2012. Baird Middle School reported 61 students for the first day of school in 2012.

Baird Elementary School, which includes grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade, had 151 students enrolled for the first day of school this year, which is up 22 students compared to last year. Baird Elementary School said 129 students reported for the first day in 2012.

Eula ISD reported 349 students enrolled for the first day of school this year, a drop of 33 students compared to last year. Eula ISD reported 382 students enrolled for the first day of school in

Callahan County Student Enrollment

	Clyde CISD	Eula ISD	Baird ISD	Cross Plains
2013	1,404	349	316	336
2012	1,390	382	286	339
2011	1,412	367	283	385
2010	1,462	374	299	378
2009	1,430	383	334	372
2008	1,464	393	306	384
2007	1,473	420	301	341
2006	1,468	441	347	386
2005	1,435	471	345	375
2004	1,461	519	347	390
2003	1,460	492	378	393
2002	1,467	532	373	410
2001	1,452	513	385	409
2000	1,497	574	391	430
1999	1,520	573	427	474
1998	1,517	558	454	437
1997	1,543	575	454	470
1996	1,530	595	438	450
1995	1,528	568	490	449
1994	1,532	558	503	454
1993	1,511	511	491	451
1992	1,447	527	481	457
1991	1,488	512	472	446

2012.

Clyde CISD reported 1,404 total students enrolled on the first day of school in 2013, up 14 students from the first day of school in 2012.

Clyde High School, with grades ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth, reported 397 students enrolled at the start of the 2013 school year, which is down 12 students from a year ago. CHS reported 409 students for the first day of school in 2012.

Clyde Junior High School, with grades sixth, seventh and eighth, reported 355 students enrolled as of Monday, which is higher by 18 students. Clyde Junior High School reported 337 students enrolled at the first day of school in 2012.

Clyde Intermediate School, which includes third, fourth and fifth grade students, had 322 report for the first day of school this year, which is up three students over last year. Clyde Intermediate School reported 319 students enrolled for the first day of school in 2012.

Clyde Elementary School, which includes Early Childhood, Pre-Kindergarten, first, and sec-

ond grades, reported 330 students enrolled for the first day of school Monday, which is an increase of five students compared to 2012. Clyde Elementary School reported 325 students for the first day in 2012. Clyde Elementary School's total includes 16 students enrolled in the Clyde Head Start program, which is housed at a campus on South First Street in downtown Clyde.

Eula High School, which includes ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, had 87 students enrolled for the first day of school this year. Last year, Eula High School had 85 students.

Eula Junior High School, which includes grades seventh and eighth, had 52 students enrolled for the first day of school in 2013. In 2012, Eula Junior High School had enrollment of 57 students.

Eula Elementary School, which includes Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade, had 210 students report for the first day of school on Monday. Eula Elementary School reported 240 students for the first day of school in 2012.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Bake and Free Ice Cream Friday to Benefit Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department

Free Blue Bell ice cream for kids will be served Friday, August 30th at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Cookout in front of Lowe's Market. The event is a fundraiser for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department for their new building. Come and get a fresh-grilled hamburger, hot dog or chili dog for lunch between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The kids can enjoy free Blue Bell ice cream, available for the first 90 kids.

Along with the hamburger and hot dogs, there will be **Bake Sale**, also benefitting the Cross Plains VFD. Donations of baked goods, pies, cakes, cookies, etc. are needed for the bake sale.

Let's all get together and help the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department with their new building. Plan now to bake something or come by and get a cake or pie and a hamburger and hot dog.

GED Registration for Fall Classes Begins Tuesday, September 3rd

GED Registration for Fall Classes begins Tuesday, September 3rd at 5 p.m. GED Classes begin Monday, September 9th.

Have you been waiting for just the right time to get your GED? Did you take classes before but were unable to pass all of the tests? **NOW** is the time to get it done!

The Cross Plains Public Library

is hosting GED classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. All books and materials used in class are free.

Don't put this off any longer, as there are harder standards coming in 2014 and any previous tests that were passed will not count and you will have to start all over! Call the library at 254-725-7722.

Texas Heritage Bank

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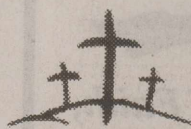
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am
Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains
(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)



Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers
254-725-6268

Sunday School....10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

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

Thomas Estes, Pastor
Church (254) 725-6266

Friendly Church

Bible Teaching

First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377
Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Parsonage
325-624-5634
Sunday Worship
10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/

First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM

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LEAD SINGERS: 4HIS GLORY

Pastor Kathy Monroe

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CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street
Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Minister: RICK AUSTIN

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.

Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.

Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.

Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

Ladies Class - Wednesday:
10:00A.M. (at the church activity
center on East Hwy 36)

Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

OBITUARIES

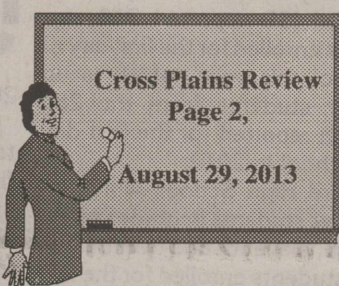


Betty Lorene Gartman

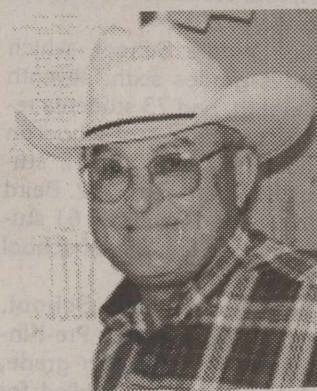
Betty Lorene Gartman, age 79, of Cross Plains, passed away, Thursday, August 22, 2013 in Abilene. She was born on June 3, 1934 in Texarkana, TX to Kelly and Frances Lorene (Hall) Miller. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was held on Saturday, August 24, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

She is survived by her sons, Doug Gartman of Cross Plains, Billy Hobbs of Winter; daughters, Jeanie Roberts of Abilene, Labecca Gartman of Abilene; brothers, Gary Miller of Wichita Falls, Bob Miller of Temple; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Arvil Gartman, son Jerry Hobbs and daughter Lavon Haney.



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Larry Reeder

Larry Reeder, 69, of Ft. Sumner, New Mexico passed away August 22, 2013 after battling an extended illness. Larry was a rancher and well known cutting horse trainer for over 40 years. He was known for his work ethic and his dedication to the history and traditions of the cowboy way of life. He was well respected and loved by many.

He is survived by daughter, Laura Lewis and husband Scott and grandsons Peyton and Parker Lewis of Ft. Sumner, New Mexico daughter, Kristy Ross and husband Clynt of San Francisco, California; one brother Borden Reeder and wife Janice of Dublin, Texas; one sister Sidney Pharr and husband Butch of Cross Plains, Texas; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a whole corral of friends.

Services for Larry will be held on August 29, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder, Texas with funeral arrangements made by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Burial will be in Gail, Texas next to his parents where he grew up. Larry was born on June 9, 1944 to Sid and Iva Reeder a pioneer family of Borden County where his father Sid was sheriff of Borden County for over 27 years.

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Grace Elaine (Eakin) Ratliff

Grace Pancake, age 88, passed away Saturday, August 24, 2013 in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains, with Michael Ingram officiating; burial followed in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Elaine enjoyed music of all kinds, she played the piano, was a songwriter as well as a singer. She is survived by two sons, Daney Ratliff of Pioneer, Michael Ratliff of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Drucilla Eppard of Cross Plains; seven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two brother.



Marijo Walker

Marijo Walker, 72, of Big Spring, died Thursday, August 22, 2013, in a Midland hospital after a two year battle with cancer. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Calvary Callender officiating. Entombment followed at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Marijo was born June 25, 1941, in Big Spring, Texas to Cecil and Ora Francis (McDaniel) Thixton. Marijo grew up around motorcycles and it was her large Harley motorcycle that first caught Howard's eye until he noticed the beauty riding it. Howard was born in Rising Star and graduated from school there. Marijo was just 18 and the courtship began. They were married November 25, 1959 in Big Spring. She quickly taught Howard to ride and they became the owners of the Big Spring Harley Davidson Shop which she inherited from her parents who opened it in 1929. There is not anything in the shop she could not do. She loved being outdoors riding motorcycles and fishing. She cherished being with her family and taking such good care of them. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Walker of Big Spring; three sons, Cecil Walker and wife Laura of Amarillo, Robert Walker and wife Vickie and Bruce Walker, all of Big Spring; one brother Garner Thixton of Big Spring; four sisters Carijo Thixton of Big Spring, Linda McKnight of Lake Austin, Rose Teeler of Big Spring and Tammy Johnson and husband Junior of Summerville, South Carolina; two grandsons Colby Walker and wife Bayli of Lemoore, California and Jettley Walker of Canyon; one granddaughter Jade Walker of Midland; four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of biker friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggest memorials be made to American Cancer Society - Hope Lodge, 3511 10th Street, Lubbock, TX 79415.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

highway, 1 year probation,
\$2000 fine, \$324 court costs.

Misdemeanor Filings

Kyrie Beth Gambrell, open container of alcohol.
Kyrie Beth Gambrell, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
David Nathaniel Velasco, DWLI.
David Nathaniel Velasco, driving while license expired.
William Andrew Johnson, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Stacy Elizabeth Clasby, obstruction of a highway.
Eddie Ray Burkhalter, DWI.

Marriage Licenses

Michael Shane Koger and Chrystal Marie Turner, both of Baird.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Stephanie Dyana McKinley and Robert Vaughn McKinley, divorce.

Stefan Lynn Sutton and Amanda Sue Sutton, divorce.
Blake Fulenwider CDJ, Ltd. vs. Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, suit for title.

Civil Minutes

Derric Weston Nichols and Sara Lindsay Nichols, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Angela H. Tevebaugh, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Zachary A. McMorris, motion to revoke probation granted.

Douglas Lee Brown, motion to revoke probation granted.
Francisco Javier Orozco, Jr., motion to revoke probation granted.

Kimberly R. Roberts, motion to revoke probation granted.

Jeremy King, judgment revoking probation granted.

Robert Hernandez, judgment revoking probation granted.

Ronda Cato, motion to reinstate bond granted.

Donald Denzil Chastin, motion to reinstate bond granted.

Donald Denzil Chastin, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Matthew Boling, motion for continuance granted.

James Cotten, plea of guilty to DWI, 15 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$424 court costs.

Jeffrey D. Champion, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for completion of PTD Program.

Grant Simington, motion for continuance granted.

Thomas Y. Hunt, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$424 court costs.

Tyler Henry, motion for continuance granted.

Stacey E. Clasby, plea of guilty to obstruction of a

SHERIFF'S CORNER

By Sheriff Terry Joy

School started on Monday, August 26th and that means that students are on the move early in the morning and late afternoon. The students on the way to and from school may be in a car, on foot or on the bus.

The Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement personnel would like to remind drivers to monitor their speed in school zones. Watch closely for students getting in and out of cars and buses around the schools and in parking lots.

Bus drivers will be transporting students each morning and afternoon as well as for school activities. Remember by law drivers must stop when a bus has flashing lights and a stop sign. Students are often preoccupied when the bus stops; therefore, drivers must be observant and diligent. Watch for students as they enter and exit buses and cross streets. STOP WHEN THE BUS STOPS.

The Sheriff's Department and police departments will be monitoring bus routes.



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John 8:32

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Pastor Len Smith

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Call For Prayer Anytime!

First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

9:30

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship

Jared Huntley/Students

(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

www.firstbaptistcp.com

Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

Labor Day weekend is almost here! This Friday, August 30th, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be kicking off the weekend with a cookout at Lowe's Market in Cross Plains. Fire Chief Joe and the firefighters will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs hot off the grill from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We've heard, too, that cheeseburgers and chili dogs will be available, and that Joe might also have some sausage-on-bun.

The cookout should be a lot of fun. Coca Cola is sending out their Coke Wagon for the event. Blue Bell Ice Cream has donated ice cream enough for free ice cream for the first 90 kids.

Lots of baked goodies will be available at the Bake Sale that is also a part of the event. So, if you have a sweet tooth or you'd just like lunch, come out and join us.

In Cottonwood tradition, where neighbor helps neighbor, the

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is doing this for someone else—the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, who is raising money for their new building.

In the past, we've done bake sales, dinners, cookouts to raise money to maintain and repair our fire trucks, but we've also held fundraisers for the Callahan County Firefighters Association, the Cancer Fund and the Senior Citizens Center.

So come out Friday and join us. We need cakes, pies, etc. for the bake sale. This is a good time to pull out your cookbooks and try something new—or whip up one of your tried-and-true favorites for the Bake Sale. If you can bake something, just bring it on down to the store. We should be there by 10 a.m. If you need the baked good picked up, call me at 254-725-7369 and we'll arrange a pickup.

Watch out for the kids and the school bus —morning and evening. There are quite a few children in the Cottonwood area riding the bus.

Cecil and Jackie Nickerson of Conroe are here visiting with Bill and Annette Nickerson and Dena Nickerson and families.

Kathy Franke of Hamby, Connie Potter of Cross Plains and Dena Jo Hines of Weatherford came out to see their brother Bill Nickerson and their mother Dena Nickerson on Saturday. While here they also visited with Cecil and Jackie Nickerson.

A helicopter landed in Cottonwood last Tuesday evening. It was part of the Air Evac Lifeteam, who held training at the Community Center for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group. The team came out and demonstrated their services and showed the firemen how to load the helicopter.

Helping Hearts and Hands

If you are a homeowner and your home is in need of minor repairs; painting, plumbing, insulation, and caulking. The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative would like to extend a hand to assist you. Free assistance is available to homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or low income. Applications are available now at the senior Citizens Center, Texas Heritage Bank, and City Hall. The application deadline will be at the end of September and if you need any assist in filling out the application please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819. This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998.

Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this year. We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor.

If you have any question or would like more information, please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819 or Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500, 254-725-6318 or cell 325-665-0154.

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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

August 19-22, 2013

Patrons	80
Books Checked Out	74
Programs	0
Copies	147
Internet	33
Wi-Fi	4
Interlibrary Loans	0
Reference	8

Donations

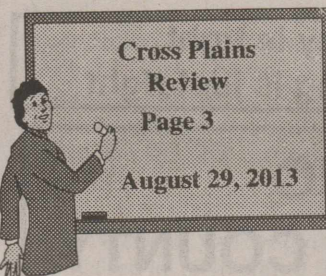
First United Methodist Church
Barbara Westbrook
Kennith and Ann Beeler
Dorothy Petty

Book and Miscellaneous Donations

Tocker Foundation
James Warlick
John and Sally Baum
Susie Hyatt
Kennith and Ann Beeler

Volunteers

Azalee Womack
Polly Beeler
Sue Bennett
Ginny Hoskins
Richard Burns



Immunization Clinic in Callahan County Announced

The Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Clinic will be held as follows:

Wednesday, September 11th
10 - 12 and 1:30-3
First Baptist Church
216 Austin
Clyde, Texas.

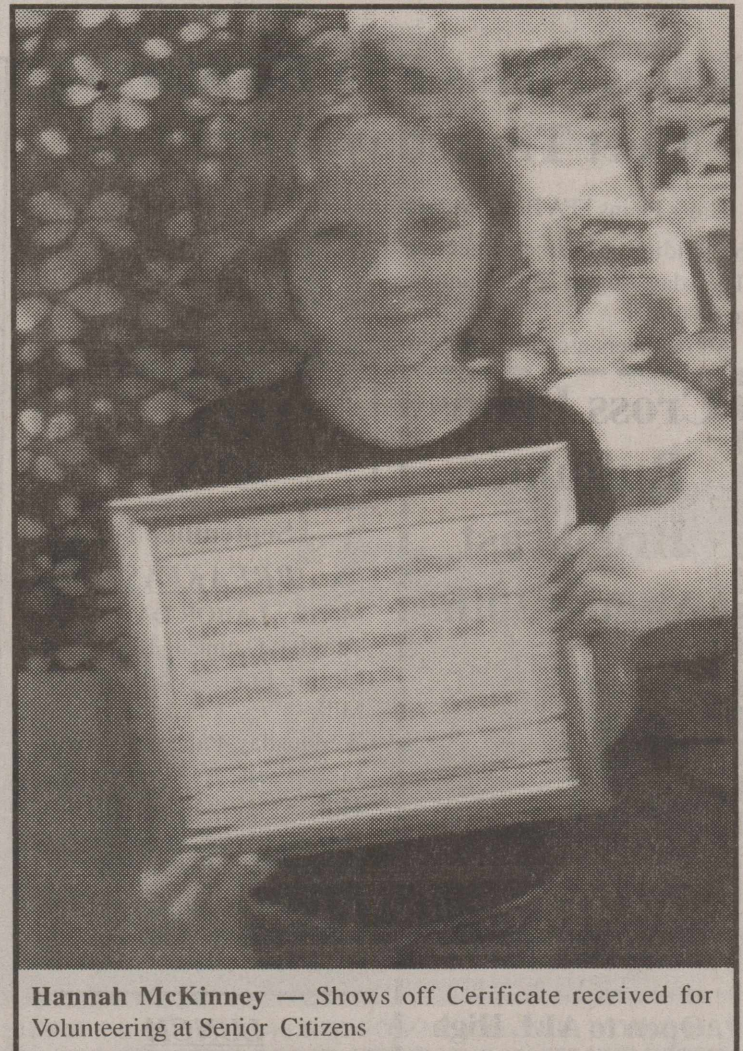
For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message. Bring your child's immunization records. If on Medicaid, please bring the card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

4th Street Church of Christ Cisco

The 4th Street Church of Christ in Cisco, Texas is having a weekend meeting on September 6, 7, and 8th. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and at 10:30 Sunday morning. There will be a potluck dinner on Sunday after church. Our speaker will be Pat Mannon from Huntsville, Arkansas. He will be speaking on the importance of the doctrine of the Bible. Brother Mannon has a heart full of love for the Lord and His work. He is an excellent speaker and all who share in this meeting will be edified by being there. The church is located on the corner of 4th and J street in Cisco. We invite you all to come and worship God with us. For further information call Don Cantrell in Clyde at 254-210-2102 or Aldon Westbrook in Rising Star at 254-643-3223 or Robert Allen at 254-442-4519.

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Hannah McKinney — Shows off Certificate received for Volunteering at Senior Citizens

Helping Others Comes in All Sizes

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

- Dr. Seuss

Having a servant's heart is a gift that can only come from God. To serve, you have to be willing to do some jobs that are not glamorous to benefit or meet the needs of others. Girling Home Health serves the aging of Cross Plains each month as they come and wash feet (diabetic foot care). Donnie Dillard, Darin Simpkins and Heather McKinney, get down on the floor to give care to anyone who needs it.

We have to remember that our children learn by example and

Hannah McKinney has been taught well. Hannah, a 3rd grader at Cross Plains Elementary sacrificed a part of her summer vacation to come and volunteer at the Senior Citizens Center. Hannah was not the only student that stopped by this summer to lend a helping hand and for this we are very grateful.

We are blessed by our volunteers of ALL ages. The Center would not be able to serve the Cross Plains area without people giving of their time and talents.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

SEPTEMBER 2-6, 2013



Monday, 2nd - LABOR DAY (Center Closed)

Tuesday, 3rd - Exercise 11:00/GAME NIGHT 6:00 PM

Wednesday, 4th - Exercise 11:00/BINGO 11:15

Thursday, 5th - Exercise 11:00

Friday, 6th - Manicures IntegraCare/Exercise 11:00 Buffaloes vs Petrolia

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

SEPTEMBER 2-6, 2013



Monday - HOLIDAY

Tuesday - Ham & Cheese

Sandwich/Lettuce/Tomato/

Pickle Slices/Chips/Dessert/

Drink

Wednesday - Beef Goulash/

(corn, tomatoes, mac)/Spinach/

Bread/Dessert/Drink

Thursday - Chicken Alfredo/

Green Beans/Pear & Cottage

Cheese/Bread/Dessert/Drink

Friday - Salisbury Steak/

Brown Mushroom Gravy/

Potatoes/English Peas/Bread/

Dessert/Drink

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

Come and Celebrate the 50th Birthday of Karen (Draper) Hamm Saturday, August 31st, at Cross Plains Community Center 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone Is Invited

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Cross Plains FFA Boosters to Meet Thursday, August 29

Cross Plains FFA Boosters will be holding a business meeting Thursday, August 29th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to

Cross Plains Buffaloes Breakfast August 30th



First Baptist Church
7:00 a.m.

Open to ALL High School Students, Teachers, Staff, Coaches & Parents

Cross Plains I.S.D. will be closed Monday, September 2, 2013 in observance of Labor Day Holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, September 3rd at the Regular Time

attend this first meeting of the new school year. Officers will be elected at this time and plans for the upcoming year will be discussed.

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

September 2-6 BREAKFAST

Monday-LABOR DAY
Tuesday-Oatmeal, Blueberry Muffin, Fruit, Assorted juice, Milk
Wednesday-Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted juice, Milk
Thursday -Sunrise Sandwich, Fruit, Assorted juice, Milk
Friday -Oatmeal Round, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday -LABOR DAY
Tuesday - Chicken Sandwich, Oven fries, Baby Carrots, Mixed fruit, Milk
Wednesday—Beefy Queso, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles, Milk
Thursday- Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Tomato & Cucumber, Pineapples, Milk
Friday - Pizza, Crunchy Broccoli Salad, Seasoned Corn, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Milk

Due to the new dietary guidelines for breakfast or lunch CROSS PLAINS ISD will not serve seconds starting September 3rd, 2013.

When our money is tight, home town shopping is just right

2013 CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/30	TLCA	CROSS PLAINS	7:30
9/5	PETROLIA	JACKSBORO	7:30
9/13	ABILENE RAVENS	CROSS PLAINS	7:30
9/20	---BYE WEEK---		
9/27	GORMAN*	GORMAN	7:30
10/4	ROSCOE*	CROSS PLAINS	7:30
10/11	ROBY*	ROBY	7:30
10/18	BAIRD*	CROSS PLAINS	7:30
10/25	HAMLIN*	HAMLIN	7:30
11/1	ALBANY*	ALBANY	7:30
11/8	RANGER*	CROSS PLAINS	7:30

* Indicates a district game

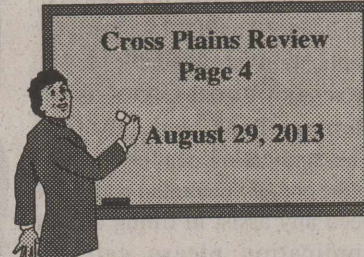
Please note the 9/5 game vs. Petroila is on a Thursday



Little League Cheerleader Meeting

There will be a Little League Cheer meeting on September 2nd at 6:00p.m. located at the First Baptist Church. That is the last chance to sign up. We will measure for the new uniforms at that time. This year we will also have a used uniform buy back program. If someone has outgrown a uniform or is not

participating again this year, you may be eligible to sell it back. Depending on the condition of the uniform it can be bought back at fee lower than the original cost. Those in need of uniforms this year will have the option to buy these used uniforms while they last. Contact Carrie Hutton with any questions at (254) 433-0841.



Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains Resource Care Community Health Center of Cross Plains

The Cross Plains Public Library

invites all pre school age children to participate in a FREE Vision Screening Day.

Screening will be held at the Cross Plains Public Library on Wed. Sept. 4th from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Testing will include screening for:
— Strabismus (muscle balance problems)
— Amblyopia (lazy eye).

Waiver and Permission slips are available at the Cross Plains Library and Texas Heritage Bank. They will also be available the day of testing.

— Submitted by Kiwanis of Cross Plains

Thanks to the ladies who baked the cakes!

Our cake auction raised over \$1,000 at last Thursday's scrimmage. Thanks to everyone who participated. A special thanks goes out to those wonderful ladies who provided the cakes: Connie Kirkham, Jean McWilliams, Shirley Hunter, Peggy Winfrey, WANDA GOBLE and Joyce McCoy. Our students and the Athletic Boosters Club appreciate you!



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CALLAHAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Board of Directors of the Callahan County Appraisal District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2014 budget. The hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Appraisal District offices at 132 West 4th Street in Baird, Texas on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the Proposed Budget \$446,330

The total amount of the increase over the current year's budget \$18,100

Number of employees compensated in 2013 6

Number of employees compensated in 2014 6

This represents a 1.04% increase over 2013 budget of \$442,230. This increase is due to inflation and the cost of living.

The Callahan County Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy of the proposed budget is also available for inspection at the appraisal district office.

Don Jones
Chief Appraiser, Callahan Appraisal District

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The CALLAHAN COUNTY conducted public hearings on August 19, 2013 and August 23, 2013 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the CALLAHAN COUNTY from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 9.00 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.48137 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,230,144.00.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.478708 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,217,288.35.

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The CALLAHAN COUNTY of CALLAHAN COUNTY is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 9, 2013 at CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT, 100 4TH ST., BAIRD, TEXAS 79504 at 9:30 a.m.

Turkey Creek Rodeo Club to host 4th annual Memorial Ranch Rodeo Sept. 14, 2013

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club of Cross Plains will be hosting their 4th Annual Memorial Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, September 14, 2013.

The Rodeo will begin at the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena on Highway 36 in Cross Plains, Texas.

In addition to the Ranch Rodeo their will be Mutton Bustin' for cowboys or cowgirls under the age of 8 years old and

weighing less than 70 pounds.

This event has a \$10.00 entry fee and only the first 15 paid entries will be allowed to ride!

Another event will be the Shetland Bronc Riding for cowboys and cowgirls 6 to 12 years old. The entry fee for the Bronc riding is \$25.00 and the first 15 paid entries will be allowed to ride!

There will also be the Magic Carpet Ride. For this event you

will enter at the Rodeo. The entry fee is \$10.00 and only ten teams will be allowed to enter. Call 254-725-4469 or 817-694-7991 for entry forms.

The big event of the day is the Team Sorting. Books open at 9 a.m. and competition begins at 10 a.m.

Last, but certainly not least is the Dance following the Rodeo. There will be an \$8.00 per person entry fee and a \$5.00 cooler charge. Ya'll Come!!

The United Family Launches Text Program to Deliver Store Promotions and News Instantly to West Texas Guests

(Lubbock, Texas)— The United Family today announced the launch of a texting program designed to enhance shopping experiences of United Supermarkets, Market Street and Amigos guests. Guests who opt-in to the texting program will receive product information and savings opportunities they can use instantly.

"Our new mobile alert program will provide guests with special offers and product information while at home, on-the-go or even inside our stores," said Jennifer Nanz, digital media manager for the United Family. "As our guests

turn to their mobile phones for relevant news and deals, we want to be sure they receive value-added offers that enhance their shopping experience at our stores."

Guests who opt-in will receive texts with store-specific information regarding promotions, events, special offers, new product releases and recipes.

"We are excited for what this texting program will offer our guests," Nanz added. "We want to make the best deals easily accessible for guests and we know a mobile platform is the

perfect way to do so."

Guests throughout West Texas can sign up for individual, brand-specific mobile alerts from United Supermarkets and Amigos.

To register, guests can:

** Text the word "UNITED" to 43300 for alerts from United Supermarkets

** Text the word "MARKET" to 43300 from Market Street

** Text the word "AMIGOS" to 43300 for alerts from Amigos.

Guests who subscribe may receive up to two offers per week. Standard carrier message and data rates may apply.



THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE 1948 RODEO PARADE. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST PARADE FOR THE SHERIFF'S POSSE. I'T BELIEVE MARIANNE ESTES IS CARRYING THE AMERICAN FLAG AND BOBBY ESTES IS CARRYING THE TEXAS FLAG, LEADING THIS FIRST PARADE.

Historic Callahan County Sheriff's Posse restored

written by John Compere
submitted by John Compere

Editor's note: I have been told my version of this story last week was incorrect and confusing. Here is again in it's entirety.

The Callahan County Rodeo Association has recovered its original name "CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE, INC." and restored its good standing as a non-profit organization with the State of Texas. Both have been officially approved by the Texas Secretary of State and Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse was originally established in 1948 with a fine arena and grounds on US Hwy 80 East one block east of its failure to comply with Texas legal requirements for non-profit corporations as well as indebted for years of delinquent back taxes, fees and interest. The property and any other assets were going to be forfeited to the State. Also, the arena, buildings and grounds had deteriorated badly through neglect and

non-use.

A group of concerned citizens who support our western ranching heritage met in 2011 for the purpose of saving the historic property. If successful, their intention was to clean up, repair and rebuild the arena, buildings and grounds for community use (e.g., ranch rodeos, ropings, youth playdays & equine events, trail rides, cookoffs and other community activities). The group formally organized in 2012 as the Callahan County Rodeo Association, a Texas non-profit corporation composed of all non-paid local volunteers.

After 2 years of efforts by the organization and its members, an agreed resolution saving the property was negotiated with the State of Texas and the arena, buildings and grounds have been restored to almost useable condition. Please come by and see the work in progress. More must be done for our community to fully enjoy this historic property.

2013 Officers & Directors of

the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse are President Seth Goldsmith, 1st Vice-President Rob Harle, 2nd Vice-President Jeff Burleson, Secretary David Ratliff, Treasurer Lyn Walker and Directors Richard Cole, Steve Goldsmith, David Mays, Billy Sparks, Mike Walker and Marty Yarbrough. The legal advisor is John Compere.

Annual membership dues are \$25 and may be paid to any Officer or Director. Regular Board meetings of the Officers & Directors are the 1st Monday of each month at 6 pm. The annual membership meeting is the 2nd Monday of January at 6 pm. All meetings are open to the members and held at the arena clubhouse.

Regular workdays are usually scheduled on Saturdays, beginning at 7 am, with notice in county newspapers. Volunteers and contributions are always welcome.

A membership drive and fund raiser with free hamburgers cooked on-site will be held at the arena on Saturday, October 12th. Join today or then and support this worthwhile community historical restoration project.

TxDOT's "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail" campaign aims to curb drunk driving during deadly summer months, Labor day weekend

Simulated jail cell tours college campuses to allow Texans to experience harsh realities of DWI

AUSTIN—Drinking and driving is a year-round problem that gets worse in the summer. As part of a national effort to save lives and crack down on impaired driving, the Texas Department of Transportation announces its "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign from Aug. 16 - Sept. 2. During the campaign, select Texas colleges will host a simulated jail cell that allows visitors a harsh glimpse into the consequences of drunk driving.

"Summer celebrations often times involve alcohol, and this is especially the time when we see a rise in fatalities on Texas roads," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Unfortunately, the problem has gotten even deadlier over the Labor Day weekend. If your Labor Day activities involve alcohol, you should plan for a sober ride home before leaving your house. Otherwise, you run the risk of killing yourself and others, or going to jail. Either way, you can't afford it."

According to TxDOT statistics, 411 alcohol-related fatalities occurred in Texas during the 2012 summer months of May through August. Additionally, during

the Labor Day holiday reporting period, alcohol-related traffic fatalities more than doubled from eight in 2011 to 19 in 2012.

College-age drinking and simulated jail cell tour

Drunk driving among college students continues to be a major problem. Last year, there were 7,096 vehicle crashes in Texas involving drivers between ages 18 and 24 who were under the influence of alcohol. Those crashes led to 2,181 serious injuries and 231 fatalities. The "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign includes a simulated jail cell that allows participants to experience jail, receive a fake mug shot and only be released by a "warden" after completing a DWI quiz. College students also can enter to win a donated \$600 Apple gift card and a \$500 iTunes gift card by writing on a message board pledging never to drink and drive, or by texting "Save" to 42330. The jail cell will visit the following college campuses:

- Aug. 20th: Arlington - University of Texas at Arlington (10a.m. - 2 p.m.)
- Aug. 21st: Lubbock - Texas Tech University (noon-4 p.m.)
- Aug. 23rd: El Paso - Cohen Stadium, 9700 Gateway North Blvd. (6 p.m. - 9 p.m. during Diablos' baseball game)
- Aug. 26th: Midland - University of Texas at Permian Basin (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
- Aug. 27th: Austin - University of Texas at Austin (10 a.m. - 2p.m.)
- Aug. 28th: Edinburg - University of Texas at Pan American (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)
- Aug. 29th: San Antonio - University of Texas at San Antonio, downtown (11a.m. - 1 p.m.)
- Aug. 30th: Houston - University of Houston (1p.m. - 5 p.m.)

Along with TxDOT's "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign, law enforcement will work thousands of overtime hours as part of the national crackdown effort being coordinated and sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For more information, contact Darah Waldrip, TxDOT Abilene/Brownwood District public information officer at darah.waldrip@txdot.gov or (325) 676-6817.

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NOTICE OF BIDS

Callahan County Precinct #3 will be taking bids on a 2006 Caterpillar 140H Motorgrader with 2,588 hours. If you would like to inspect the motorgrader it will be located at Precinct #3 barn in Baird, Texas. Bids will be opened August 26, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the regular Commissioners' Court Meeting. Callahan County Precinct #3 reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and reserves the right to award bids in the best interest of Callahan County. Callahan County is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE) and does not base hiring decisions on Race, Religion, National Origin, Disabilities, Sex or Age.

NOTICE OF BIDS

Callahan County Precinct #2 will be taking bids on the following two items:
1993 Ford Dump Truck, 12 yard capacity,
12 yard Dump Bed.
The equipment will be bid separately. Bids will be opened at the regular Commissioners' Court meeting September 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.
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The City of Baird will be accepting bids on a 2000 1/2 ton Dodge Pickup. It is a V6 stock bed with a 5 speed motor. Current mileage is 62,552. For additional information, please call City Hall at (325) 854-1212.

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HELP WANTED

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• Applicant must be willing to complete a Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation's Registered Professional Appraiser certification (5-year process) and be willing to complete all other educational requirements.
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Commissioner Staples announces \$500,00 awarded to increase skilled workforce, continue job growth in Texas

Five grants awarded to provide hands-on workforce training in rural Texas communities

AUSTIN—Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples announced today five grants totaling \$500,000 were awarded through the Parallel Pathways to Success Grant Program (Parallel Pathways), which is designed to meet the workforce needs of rural Texas communities. Grant recipients will provide educational opportunities for students to receive training and garner the skills needed to be successful in pursuing post-secondary education or directly entering the workforce.

"Parallel Pathways helps communities align their educational resources with the workforce needs of their local economy," Commissioner Staples said. "Texas students deserve the opportunity to learn the skills they need to pursue successful careers, whether that is achieved through direct career training or a traditional college route. By ensuring our future workforce has the skills employers need, we are not only creating a qualified workforce but encouraging economic development in our rural communities."

Demand for skilled workers continues to grow as the Texas economy flourishes. Parallel Pathways grants are awarded

through a competitive process, where applicants are evaluated based on how their program will enable students to acquire the expertise needed to compete in the local workforce. Grant recipients are required to contribute a minimum match of one dollar for every dollar of grant money requested.

"We wanted to do something to bring career opportunities to the kids who weren't on a fast track to attend a four year college," said Lavoyger Durham, vice president, Rural South Texas Economic Development Corporation. "We have been able to come up with innovative ways to help the kids get on a good path, which we are very proud of, but this new Parallel Pathways funding will give us a chance to up our game. We really want to thank Commissioner Staples for his foresight in starting the program."

Parallel Pathways grant recipients include:

- Commerce Independent School District: \$124,000; Grant funds will be used to build on the Texas Course Sharing Initiative and partnerships between the school district and the local junior college, which allows students to take courses in

health science, electrical and welding programs, and earn dual credit and certifications.

- Bastrop Independent School District: \$85,000; This grant will help ensure students make a seamless transition to future endeavors, whether that is post-secondary education or the workforce. Students also will have the opportunity to receive industry certifications like the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) General Industry certification and Microsoft Office certification.

- Taylor Independent School District: \$110,000; Through a partnership with the local college, students will have the opportunity to earn workforce-related certifications, as well as college credit to put towards associate or bachelor's degree. Programs offered include auto tech, culinary arts and welding.

- Rural South Texas Economic Development Corporation: \$115,000; Grants funds will be utilized to expand and add training programs for middle and high school students. Programs include certified nursing assistant, medical records management, construction, building trade and welding, among others.

- Haskell Consolidated Independent School District: \$66,000; Students will take courses and earn certifications in welding, electricity, concrete work, small engine repair and more. The school district will work with local businesses to develop partnerships that help place students in internships and future employment.

"We are extremely excited to partner with the Texas Department of Agriculture on their Parallel to Success Grant Program," said Les Hudson, director of career and technology, Bastrop Independent School District. "This grant will help us reach our goal of preparing students at our Genesis Alternative High School to gain valuable workforce skills and increase their opportunities for success after graduation."

"The grant will provide access to and support for partnerships between our high schools and post-secondary institutions to offer training in programs leading to industry certifications and dual credit for high-skill, high-wage occupations," said Mary Park, consortium director and counselor, Commerce Independent School District.

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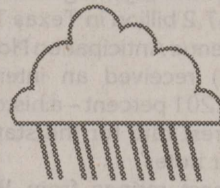
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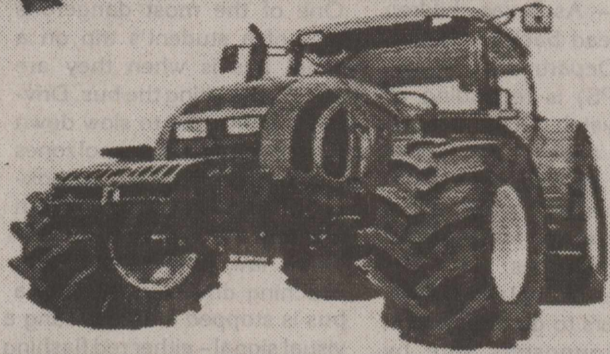
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TWA supports improvements to Texas Hunter Education program

The Texas Wildlife Association supported changes to the Texas Hunter Education program during testimony to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on August 22 in Austin, saying the changes approved by the Commission create flexibility necessary to make hunter education more accessible to the general public and, ultimately, put more safe hunters in the field.

"We would like to commend the department for looking for new ways to make sure that time is not a barrier to safe, educated hunters getting in the field to hunt with their friends and family," said Texas Wildlife Association Hunting Heritage Programs Director Justin Dreibelbis. "We are in favor of the proposed changes to the hunter education rules, including the online-only option. In addition, we feel this flexibility will create new opportunities for Texas hunters to participate in

our TWA - TPWD shared hunting heritage programs, the Texas Youth Hunting Program and the Texas Big Game Awards."

TWA believes the approved maximum period of six hours of instructional time for a one-day class is adequate to address the 35 core instructional items. TWA endorses the new online-only option, which will be made available to participants 17 years old and older.

The new Texas Hunter Education program offerings are expected to be available in late September.

In addition, TWA highlighted to Commissioners the value of volunteer service in 2012-2013 to the Texas Youth Hunting Program. The over 1500 Texas Youth Hunting Program volunteers spent over 62,000 hours in support of the program, with a resulting value of over \$1.2 million.

TSCRA to Host Free Workshop for Young Ranchers

Fort Worth, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will hold its next Young Leadership Series (YLS) meeting Sept. 6th and 7th, at TSCRA headquarters in Fort Worth. The meeting is a chance for young ranchers and cattle industry participants, ages 19 to 40, to get an in-depth learning experience from experts about the cattle industry as well as network with others in the cattle business.

Speakers include Dr. Jude Capper, sustainability expert and professor of animal science at Washington State University; Kim Stackhouse, director of sustainability research, National Cattlemen's

Beef Association; and Dr. Stan Bevers, professor and extension economist, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. A roundtable discussion with industry experts from the cow-calf, stocker and feeder segments of the industry will also take place.

TSCRA headquarters is located at 1301 W. Seventh St., Fort Worth, Texas 76102. Participants should RSVP to Stacy Fox at sfox@tscra.org or call 800-242-7820. More information about the TSCRA YLS program can be found at www.tscra.org.

The Young Leadership Series is sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

May 'Bulls & Briskets' will be held September 28th

The sixth annual "Bulls and Briskets" cookoff and bull riding will take place on Saturday, September 28th at the May Arena in May, Texas.

Those entering the cookoff may arrive as early as 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27th. Contact Mike Stavley at (325) 647-2866 for information about signing up for the cookoff.

Bull riding will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 28th for the first 30 bull riders to sign up by 4:00 p.m. There is no entry fees and your chance to win include:

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The event will conclude with a dance featuring The Josh Ward Band at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, at the Rodeo Barn. Tickets for the dance will be available at the door.

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New laws arrive next month to help Patients, Doctors

New laws take effect on Sept. 1st that will help patients and physicians across Texas.

"Anytime you can cut red tape that delays patient care and costs everyone more money, increase funding for mental health and women's health care services, protect babies from diseases, and help keep young doctors in Texas, you've made good progress - and the Texas Legislature has accomplished these things," said Stephen L. Brotherton, MD, president of the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

Each of these laws becomes effective Sept. 1st:

Red-Tape Reduction

- Widespread reductions in medical practice red tape, including development of a uniform prior-authorization form to be used by all health insurance payers in 2015 for prescription drugs and for medical procedures. This will simplify and speed up the delivery of care to patients, because doctors' offices will have to process just one form instead of shuffling through nearly 50 forms just for one health plan. Doctors' offices spend an average of more than \$80,000 per year shuffling insurance paperwork.

- Implementation of a new law that allows patients to

check in at their doctor's office by swiping their Texas driver license for information like their name and address, meaning fewer forms for patients to complete and doctors' offices to transcribe and process.

- Landmark regulation of third-party payers or "silent PPOs" that take physician-contracted discounts without doctors knowing about or agreeing to it.

Patient Access to Care

- More money for graduate medical education and the Texas Physician Education Loan Repayment Program to help doctors practice in rural and underserved areas, and to help shore up the Texas physician workforce.

- Big increases in mental health funding as well as restoration of funds cut in 2011 from women's health programs.

Public Health

- New immunization laws requiring child care facilities to establish a vaccine plan for their workers to protect the children in their care.

- A law eliminating a quirk that prevented teen parents from consenting for their own vaccinations, even though they could consent for their babies' shots.

Cattle Baron's Ball to Benefit American Cancer Society

Abilene, Texas — In its 20th year, the Abilene Cattle Baron's Ball will be hosted at Lytle Bend Ranch on Saturday, September 28, to benefit the American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

The evening consist of live entertainment by The Rankin Twins and known-actor John Corbett, live and silent auctions, casino games, all-night dancin', cow patty bingo, horseshoes, and a wine toss. With less than two months until the event, sponsorships and tables are going fast according to American Cancer Society staff, Jacque Thweatt.

"We're gearing up for our largest event yet," said Thweatt. "With the big-name entertainers, John Corbett and The Rankin Twins, mouth-watering good food, games, amazing auction items - all to benefit the American Cancer Society and its mission of saving lives - we're bound to have a great time!"

Joe Allen's will tickle the taste buds with hors d'oeuvres, a full dinner buffet, and a dessert station. And, be sure to catch the live auction, including tickets to see the Dallas Cowboys take on the Green Bay Packers generously donated by Black Plumbing, and a pair of yellow gold earrings with black onyx and diamonds valued at \$6,000 along with other great items.

For tickets and more information, visit www.AbileneCattleBaronsBall.org or call the Abilene American Cancer Society office

at 672-3705.

For 20 years, patrons have enjoyed a nonstop, tootin' good time at the Cattle Baron's Ball. Throughout that time, the ball raised nearly \$1 million for the fight against cancer. Proceeds will benefit American Cancer Society's efforts to save lives by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures, and by fighting back.

About the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, we fight for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. We save lives by helping people stay well through prevention and early detection; helping people get well through hands-on support; by finding cures through groundbreaking research; and by fighting back through public policy efforts. As the nation's largest non-governmental investor in cancer research, contributing about \$3.4 billion, we turn what we know about cancer into what we do. As a result, more than 11 million people in America who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will be celebrating birthdays this year. To learn more about us or to get help, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in September and receive 10 free trees for Planting in Texas

Everyone from Texas who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in September will receive 10 free trees as part of the Foundation's Trees for America program.

Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees for the benefit of the environment and quality-of-life. With one million members, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

Everyone joining this month will receive an eastern redbud, white pine, sugar maple, white flowering dogwood, pin oak, red maple, river birch, silver maple, northern red oak and Colorado blue spruce.

"This group of trees was carefully selected to yield year-round benefits in Texas, including beautiful spring flowers, cool summer shade, spectacular autumn colors and winter berries and nesting sites for songbirds," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"These trees will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' 77 Tree City USA communities," Rosenow continued. "For the last 36 years, Tree City USA has supported effective urban forest management across Texas, and planting these trees will enhance the state's tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15th and December 10th. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Easy-to-follow planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive the 10 free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 30, 2013, or join online at arborday.org/september.

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West Texas Fair and Rodeo

Celebrate 50 years of western culture at this year's West Texas Fair and Rodeo, taking place Sept. 5th-14th at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene, Texas.

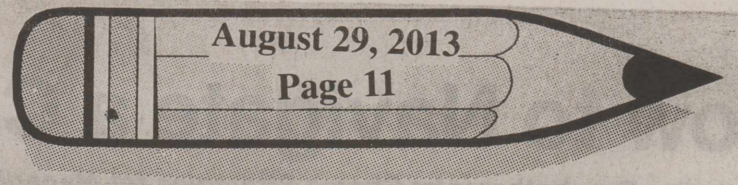
This year's theme, "Remember when 1963," will take a look back at the past 50 years of Texas tradition with weeklong carnival rides, livestock shows, food and special live entertainment. On Wednesday, Sept. 11th, as a nod to its debut year, tickets will even be sold for the same price as they were in 1963 — \$0.75 for adults and \$0.30 for students.

The annual parade will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7th in Downtown Abilene, and gates to the Fair and Rodeo will open early right after at 11 a.m. The

weeklong events will conclude with a grand prize giveaway of a 2012 Chevy Spark.

General admission is \$8 on weekdays and \$11 on weekends for adults, \$4 for students (K-college), and free for anyone with a valid military I.D. Armbands for carnival rides may be purchased separately. There will also be special discount days throughout the week, including \$2 Ride Night on Tuesday, Sept. 10th; Senior Citizens' Day on Wednesday, Sept. 11th; and Coca-Cola Cantastic Night on Thursday, Sept. 12th.

For more information, call the fair offices at (325) 677-4376. The Taylor County Expo Center is located at 1700 Hwy. 36, Abilene, TX, 79602.



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19th Annual Big Country Balloon Festival

The 19th Annual Big Country Balloon Festival, hosted by the Optimist Club Unlimited, will fly into Abilene Sept. 27th-29th at Red Bud Park with a weekend of fun for the whole family. Events will begin Friday with food and craft booths opening at 9 a.m. and tethered balloon flights departing at 6 p.m. Evening musical entertainment by 20 West and Three Shades of Blue starts at 7 p.m.

The festival will continue Saturday with a 10k race at 7:30 a.m. followed by a children's 1k race at 8:45 a.m. Food and craft vendors, live musical performances, lighted kite demonstrations and

tethered balloon rides will be available throughout the day. Children may also enjoy pony rides, rock wall climbing, inflatables, quad jumper and mechanical bull rides starting at 5 p.m. Free Park N' Ride will be available at the Mall of Abilene on Friday and Saturday from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

For more information on the festival, including event times and how to participate in the balloon flights, please contact Robin Hicks at robinhicks@bigcountryballoonfest.com or call 325-795-0995. Red Bud Park is located at Ivanhoe Lane, Abilene, TX 79605.

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How to Navigate a Cancer Diagnosis

Pioneering Psychotherapist Shares Strategies for Managing Anxiety & Maintaining Emotional Wellness

Unlike many of the most important events in one's life—graduation, marriage, having a child—almost no one anticipates a cancer diagnosis.

This year, nearly 239,000 U.S. men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer and more than 232,000 women will learn they have breast cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Over their lifetimes, nearly half of all men can expect a cancer diagnosis, and more than a third of women.*

"Thankfully, we now have many tools for detecting cancers early and treating them successfully. But learning you have cancer remains one of life's most frightening and stressful experiences," says cancer psychotherapist Dr. Niki Barr, author of "Emotional Wellness, The Other Half of Treating Cancer," canceremotionalwellbeing.com.

"Developing ways to help patients address their emotional well-being throughout their medical journey, still lag behind medical advances, but physicians and psychologists recognize that healing improves when both the

physical and emotional needs of patients are served."

In her years of clinical practice working exclusively with cancer patients and their loved ones, Barr developed an Emotional Wellness Toolbox that patients stock with what Barr has found to be the most effective tools.

Here are some of her tools for managing anxiety—a normal and emotionally healthy response to a cancer diagnosis, but one that can spiral out of control.

• **Catch your anxious thoughts.** Stop anxious thoughts—thoughts about fear, unease and worry—before they lead to anxiety. Start by writing your thoughts down on individual note cards and identifying the first one that's leading to you feeling anxious. Then the next one. When you've identified all of your anxious thoughts, go back to the first one and, on the card, write a new thought that will not make you feel anxious. It should be a thought that is confident and empowering. Continue down the list and do the same for each anxious thought.

• **Erase "what if" thinking.** What if the cancer has spread?

What if the treatment doesn't work? One "what if" leads to another and often spirals into anxiety. Be aware when you start asking "what if" and instead ask yourself, "Is this thought helping me or hurting me?" and "Is this thought moving me forward or backward?"

• **Ground yourself.** Interrupt a chain of anxious thoughts by focusing on details around you. Look at the color of the walls in the room you're in; take in the pictures on the walls, the books on the shelves and the titles on their spines; look at the person you're talking to, the color of their eyes, the clothes she's wearing. Being very focused on external details can derail anxious thoughts.

• **Use distraction.** Choose a favorite place and visit it. Absorb everything about it—the colors, smells, any people involved, the sounds, tastes, how it feels. Build it up very clearly in your mind, going over and over it, so it can become a distraction tool. When you're waiting for a medical test or procedure, undergoing a procedure, or any other time you need to "be" somewhere else, call up

your distraction and visit.

Other tools for your box include meditation CDs that use guided imagery; favorite music CDs; and a journal to record your thoughts and feelings.

"Being able to manage your anxiety enables you to move forward through cancer whether patient, caregiver or family member," Barr says. "Don't tell yourself you can't handle whatever you're going through. Yes, you can... five minutes at a time."

*The data does not include non-melanoma skin cancers, the most common diagnosis.

About Niki Barr, Ph.D. @NikiBarrPhD

Niki Barr, Ph.D. founded a pioneering psychotherapy practice dedicated to working with cancer patients in all stages of the disease, along with their family members, caregivers and friends. In her book, she describes an "emotional wellness toolbox" patients can put together with effective and simple strategies, ready to use at any time, for helping them move forward through cancer. Dr. Barr is a dynamic and popular speaker, sharing her insights with cancer patients and clinicians across the nation.

Wildflowers All Year Long

As we grive the highways and back roads around Cross Plains, the wildflowers seem to be everywhere, especially in the springtime. Have you ever stopped to think how many different varieties of wildflowers we have to enjoy?

James Nichols scouted the area and photographed flowers that just grow wild and compiled them in calendar form to be shared. This calendar is in loving memory of Esther Kerr, a longtime resident of Cross Plains

and receptionist at the Cross Plains Senior Center for over six years.

The 2014 calendar is available for only \$5.00. Come by 108 N. Main St. in Cross Plains to pick up a copy or call us at 254-725-6521 for additional information. The calendar can be mailed to you for an additional \$2.00.

We appreciate James Nichols using his talents to honor Esther and generate additional funds for the Senior Center.

Hot Dog Lunch—Marker Unveiling

Please join us as the City of Cross Plains provides a free hot dog lunch on Friday, September 6th from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Treadway Park. At 12:30, the Callahan County Historical Commission will unveil the new replacement Texas Historical Marker at the foot of the Treadway Bridge.

The Fort Mason-Camp Cooper Military Road marker commemorates the route for U.S.

2nd Cavalry and supply wagons from San Antonio to Fort Mason to Camp Cooper in campaigns of 1851-1861 against Plains Indians. Robert E. Lee traveled this road during his early military days. The original marker, which had been damaged, was erected by the Callahan County Historical Survey Committee in 1967. Don't miss out on hot dogs and history!

Historical Marker and Preservation Ideas Requested

Do you know history worthy of a Texas Historical Marker or a historic building that needs to be preserved? The Callahan County Historical Commission (CCHC) invites you to share your ideas (Callahan County only) with us on September 30, 2013 in Baird, Texas.

Three meetings are scheduled for you to tell us what history you think is important. The first meeting will be in Cross Plains on September 17, in the Cross Plains Public Library at 149 N. Main Street at 6:30 p.m. The second meeting will take place at Vada's Eats & Sweets at 331

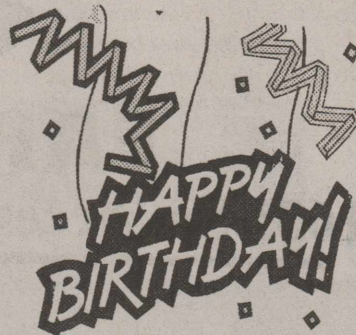
Market Street in Baird at 6:00 p.m. September 30th. The third meeting will be held on October 8th in Clyde at the Pizza House located at 725 S. Access Road at 6:00 p.m. If possible, please bring for our files addresses, copies of photos and any information you have to support your ideas.

Historical Markers can commemorate a building, business, person, organization or event. To qualify for a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, a building must have maintained its historic architectural integrity

for at least the last 50 years.

Markers are intended to educate and promote tourism. Callahan County currently has 31 throughout the county. Looking for Texas Historical Markers close to you? Did you know there's an app, "TexasMarkers," for that? You can also search the Texas Historical Commission Atlas at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/texas-historic-sites-atlas>

Please feel free to attend any of the meetings. For more information, call CCHC chair, Judy Luter, at (254) 725-7222.



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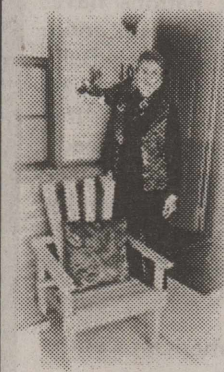
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Volunteer Visits REH Museum — Zack Woods and his mother, Martha visited the Museum last week in preparation for a visit to a much, much larger collection of all things Robert E. Howard. Zack does a lot of volunteering for non-profits in Austin, especially at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Martha is the postmaster at Proctor. Upon learning of the recent donation of the Glen Lord Collection of Howard's writings to the University of Texas' Harry Ransom Center, Zack knew that he wanted to spend some time at the Center. He felt that such a visit would be much more meaningful if he visited the site where it all happened here in Cross Plains and get a feel for the total picture. Woods has long been a Howard fan and has delved into most of Howard's varied genres. He considers the book "One Who Walked Alone" a favorite of his and had brought along his copy of "The Whole Wide World" to enjoy when the couple returned to Proctor. He hopes to return some June and meet some of the folks who've edited and illustrated many of the books on his personal shelves. As he said, "I already have a new t-shirt to wear when I come back."

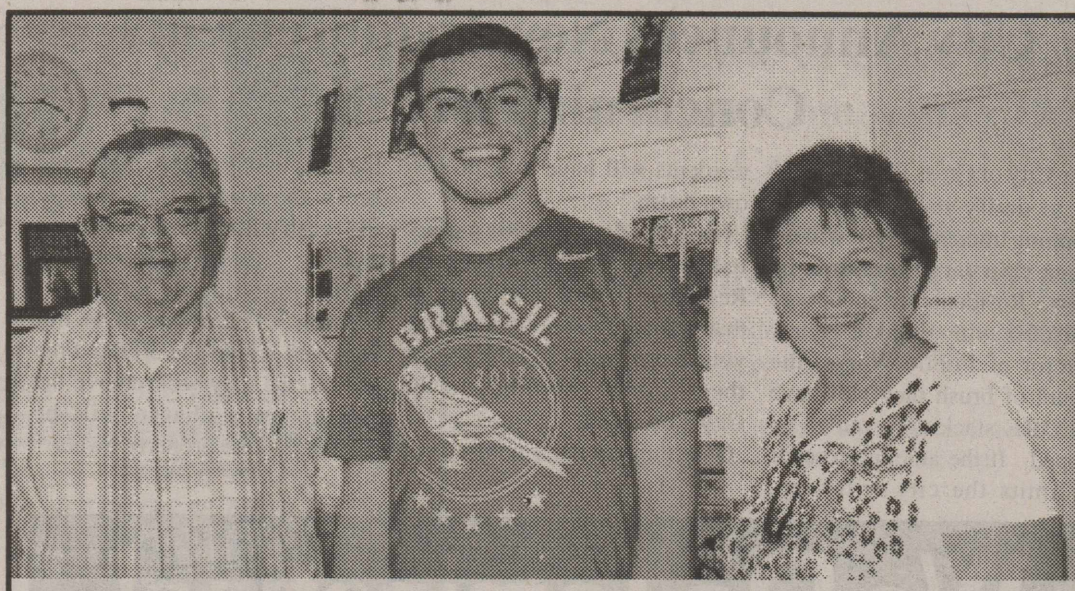
Comptroller Combs Announces Lowest Interest Rate for Texas Short Term Notes

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today's (Tuesday, August 27th) sale of \$7.2 billion in Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANs) received an interest rate of 0.201 percent—a historic low interest rate for the state's one-year notes.

"The best ratings from Wall Street ratings firms and strong demand for Texas notes helped drive down the borrowing cost," Combs said. "Buyers bid about \$16.7 billion, more than twice the amount offered for sale. The competitive bids for today's sale show that investors are very confident in the Texas economy and the direction it's heading."

Texas has sold annual TRANs since fiscal 1987. Money from TRAN sales is used to help fund expenditures such as public school payments early in the fiscal year and manage cash flow between the start of the fiscal year and the arrival of tax revenues later in the year.

The \$7.2 billion in notes from today's sale will be repaid on Aug. 28, 2014.

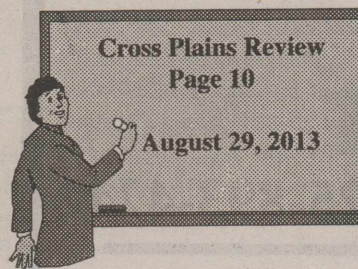


Summer Visitors at the Museum — With the start of school just around the corner, Ben & Lois Rathguber of Cleburne and Thomas Cuda of Arlington were making a short trek visiting small tourist attractions, when they came to check out the REH Museum. The architecture and period furnishings of the house were of special interest. Lois found the friendship quilt and the story behind such gifts to be quite fascinating and new to her. Rathguber is a retired Lutheran Minister from the Cleburne area while Lois works in an eye clinic in an insurance verification position. Young Thomas will be a senior this year with a rather unique extracurricular activity - he is the play by play announcer for his high school football team. Actually this will be his second year in that role and will give him the boost he needs to attend the University of GA in Athens. Pursuing a degree in broadcast journalism, he has a goal of "playing with the big boys" and of someday becoming an announcer for ESPN.

Tocker Foundation Donates Texana Books To Cross Plains Public Library

The Cross Plains Public Library has been gifted with 76 Texana books from the Texas A&M University Press, courtesy of the Tocker Foundation's Collection Enhancement Program for small libraries. These brand new selections cover a wide range of topics on Texas. For nature

lovers, there are selections on birds, lakes, and travel; history buffs will enjoy reading about the Alamo or George H.W. Bush. Stop by the library and peruse through our "New Selections" shelves for the latest additions - there are even some books for our teen readers.



Never too early to start

During the summer, you may not think about doing your taxes, but maybe you should. Some of the expenses you've paid over the past few months might qualify for money-saving tax credits or deductions come tax time. If you organize your tax records now, you'll make tax filing easier and faster when you do them next year. It also helps reduce the chance that you'll lose a receipt or statement that you need.

Some tax tips for you from IRS and AARP Free Tax Help: You should keep copies of your filed tax returns as part of your tax records. They can help you prepare future tax returns. You'll also need them if you need to file an amended return.

You must keep records to support items reported on your tax return. Keep your tax returns for at least three years. This includes income information such as Forms W-2 and 1099. This might include cancelled checks, bank statements and mileage logs.

If you own a home or investment property, you should keep records of your purchases, taxes, and any

home improvements. It is a good idea to keep records in an organized folder in a safe place. This will make it easier for you to prepare and file a complete and accurate return.

In order to file, you will need your SSN card for you and your family. Always keep in a safe place. If you lose a card, get a replacement immediately from SS office. We cannot file your return without ID and SS cards.

As a District Coordinator for AARP free tax aide, I encourage you to keep a notebook in a record keeping folder with all your tax records and write down your mileage to doctors, hospital, treatments, and also your prescription costs, insurance bills, eyeglasses, charities, childcare, college expenses including books of your children, and add the receipts to the folder. It is a quick and easy way of preparing for the coming tax season and it helps the tax counselors e filing your returns.

We are already preparing for the tax season and ready to start in February here in Abilene.

Cross Plains Community Christmas Choir

Kick-Off Party

When: Saturday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Where: The Tolosa's House located at 125 NW 4th St.

Come eat, fellowship, and enjoy hearing the 2013 Community Christmas Choir Musical Selection

This event is for **EVERYONE** who is interested in singing in this Christmas Celebration (Not just for regular choir members.) Please RSVP to the church office no later than September 4th. 254-725-7629

Callahan County's jobless rate remains steady at 5.3%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County remained steady at 5.3% in July 2013, according to jobless figures released Friday, August 23rd by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in July 2012 was 5.8 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 5.3% in June, 2013.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 5.2% in May 2013, 4.5% in April, 4.8% in March, 5.2% in February, 5.3% in January, 4.5% in December 2012, 4.4% in November, 4.9% in October, 4.9% in September, and 5.3% in August, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for July 2013 include: Brown, 6.4%; Coleman, 6.2%; Eastland, 6.4%; Jones, 6.7%; Runnels, 6.1%; Shackelford, 3.0%; Stephens, 5.2%; and Taylor County, 5.3%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 5.5% in July, 2013, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 85,500. There were 80,800 employed during July 2013, while 4,700 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 5.5%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 85,300 in June, 2013. Total employment of 80,400 was reported in June 2013, while 4,900, or 5.7% were unemployed in June 2013.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for July, 2012 was 6.0%. The total workforce was reported at 84,600, with 79,500 employed and 5,100 or 6.0% unemployed in July, 2012.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of July, 2013 was 6.7 percent. The total Texas labor force was 12,869,400 in July 2013. The total number of Texans employed is 12,011,300. The total number of unemployed Texans was 858,100 in July 2013.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 6.9 percent. The state's unemployment rate in July of 2012 was 7.4 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for July, 2013 was 7.7 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of June, 2013 was 7.8%. The

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	June	July
	5.3%	5.3%

United States unemployment rate one year ago in July, 2012 was 8.6%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The Texas unemployment rate dropped two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.7 percent. This was the fourth decline since January and the lowest July rate since 2008. The unemployment rate has decreased 0.7 percentage points over the year. The national unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point to 7.7 percent over the month. Texas has been at or below the national unemployment rate for 80 consecutive months.

- The civilian Labor Force expanded by 21,800 Texans for a total of 12,869,400 people. This mirrored the average June-to-July increase over the previous five years of 21,700 persons. Since January, the civilian Labor Force has increased by 214,300 persons. The civilian Labor Force has increased by 206,000 individuals over the year, a growth rate of 1.6 percent.

- The number of employed Texans increased over the month by 53,800 individuals for a total of 12,011,300 persons. July was the first month in which the number of jobholders exceeded 12 million Texans, and it recorded the highest number of employed individuals since the beginning of the series. The number of jobholders in Texas has increased by 282,300 people over the year, a growth rate of 2.4 percent. The number of individuals seeking work fell by 32,000 people over the month. This was the fourth over-the-month decline in the number of jobseekers since January. Over the year, the number of unemployed Texans fell by 76,300 people.

- The unemployment rate declined in all 25 MSAs, with the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA and the El Paso MSA showing the largest decreases of 0.5 percent

age points each. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the highest unemployment rate at 11.3 percent, while the Midland MSA maintained the lowest unemployment rate at 3.5 percent.

- The number of Texans seeking continued unemployment insurance increased by 5,400 people over the month to 139,500 individuals. This was the fourth over-the-month increase in claimants since January. The number of Texans seeking benefits has declined by 3,100 claimants over the year.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

The Outlets Breaks Ground CORPUS CHRISTI, TX (KILL TV)—Developers, investors and elected officials broke ground for the \$180 million project, the Outlets at Corpus Christi Bay, near Robstown. That project, which was on hold for close to seven years, will have an immediate impact for residents in northwest Nueces County. There will be 200 construction jobs, and once completed, as many as 600 people are expected to be hired by the retail outlets.

The fiscal impact will be soon according to Robstown Mayor Rodrigo Ramon who added, "We'll see sales taxes. We'll see gasoline prices, sales. All that will be coming as soon as they start the construction, so it's a great impact, an immediate impact." The developers said engineering on the project has begun, with actual construction on the land beginning this fall. The Outlets at Corpus Christi Bay should be open in time for Christmas next year.

Call Center Hiring 500

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Express-News—Lynn Brezovsky) - Kohl's Department Stores is ramping up the labor force at its expanded Westover Hills call center, partly in anticipation of the winter holidays. The Wisconsin-based retailer

announced plans to hire about 500 people at the call center, increasing its workforce of about 1,000 associates. The positions include full-time and part-time jobs, with openings in customer support for Kohls.com, Kohl's Charge and collections.

Kohl's has 85 stores in Texas, and its San Antonio call center has the largest capacity in the company's network. The company in May 2012 opened a 90,000-square-foot addition to the 120,000-square-foot San Antonio facility. Kohl's additional hiring puts the company among San Antonio's largest call centers. The company plans to fill the new positions this month and September.

Company to Add 270 Jobs in Plano

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Morning News)—The financing and insurance arm of Harley-Davidson motorcycles is planning to expand its Plano office, bringing up to 270 new jobs to town. Those plans were finalized when the Plano City Council approved a \$216,000 economic incentive grant to expand within the city limits. Harley-Davidson Financial Services' purpose is to provide financing for dealership and retail customers. The economic incentive deal requires the company to "retain, create or transfer" up to 270 employees to the site by the end of 2016 and "use reasonable efforts" to arrange company-managed hotel stays inside the city limits.

Toshiba Operations Hit Capacity

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Business Journal) Molly Ryan—With Toshiba International Corporation's latest expansion at its Houston manufacturing complex, it is now at full capacity. With the expansion, Toshiba will also add 100 new employees on its 55-acre Houston campus; At its full size, the manufacturer will house about 1,600 employees who will work in one of four divisions: manufacturing controls, motors, hybrid electric vehicles, or power electronics. According to Chad Reed, Toshiba International's vice president of human resources, the company is rapidly growing due to customer orders coming in from oil and gas companies.