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Present and Future
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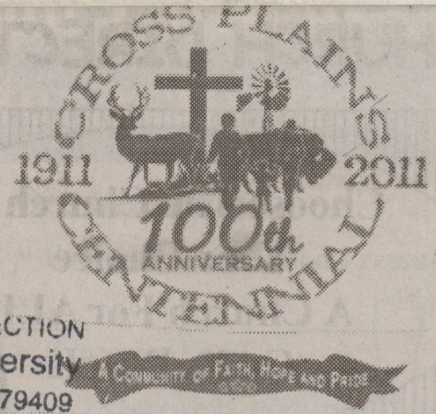
Cross Plains Review

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OCTOBER 17, 2013

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Texas Tech University
LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79409



105th YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 32



1ST PLACE TERRY GARDINER TEAM (L-R)— BILL BISHOP, GREGG COLLETT, JOHN HANCOCK, TERRY GARDINER, PAUL HAMILTON.

Third Annual Cottonwood Community Benefit Shoot

The weather was beautiful for the Third Annual Cottonwood Benefit Shoot. People gathered for a day of fun.

The Cottonwood Historical Association would like to thank the Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Shooting Sports and leaders for scheduling us a time to hold the shoot on the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Range. The 4-H youth and their leaders worked hard to set up the range and manage the shotgun games for the event. Thank you!

A special thanks goes out to the team sponsors, those who sponsored without having a team, and the people who just came to enjoy the shotgun games.

The teams this year were:

- Terry Gardiner of Baird
- Charles Kennedy of Eastland
- Childress Farms sponsored by Bob and Lavonne Childress of Cottonwood
- Cottonwood Springs Vineyard sponsored by Adrian

and Sheila Allen of Cottonwood

- The Young Guns team and Canada Dozer team sponsored by Bob Robinson of Cottonwood

- The Buckshot Brigade and the Babe Brigade sponsored by Russ and Dianna Miller, Randy and Judy Foster, John and Carlene Howard, Tim and Sara Stone, and Rick and Debbie Euday all of the Cross Plains area.

- Cross Plains Grain and Peanut Company sponsored by Mike Winfrey

- The Callahan County 4-H's and their Fearless Leader sponsored by Richard and Sharon Parr of Cottonwood
- Johnny Smethers and 4-H youth of Parker County

The sponsors without a team were:

- First Bank Texas of Baird
- First Financial Bank of Clyde
- Callahan County Co-op of Baird
- Whataburger of Clyde

The match results are:

- First Place: Terry Gardiner Team

- Second Place: The Callahan County 4-H's and Their Fearless Leader

- Third Place: A tie between Childress Farm Team and The Young Guns Team

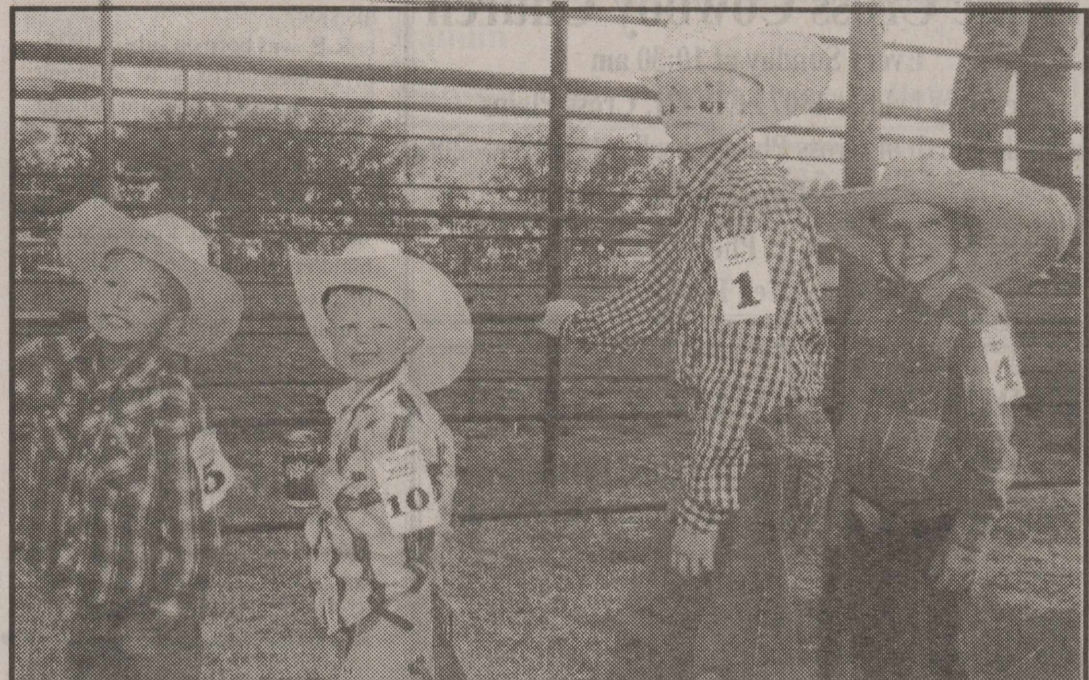
- Fourth Place tie went to Cross Plains Grain and Peanut Co. and Cottonwood Springs Vineyard. Unfortunately awards are only given through third place.

- The Crazy Quail award went to Bobby Childress of Marble Falls, with a grand score of 6.

- The drawing for the 870 Remington Shotgun was held and the winner was Sid Bogue of Cottonwood.

The Cottonwood Historical Association is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of three historical buildings and two cemeteries.

Thanks to everyone who worked to make this event a success.



Cutest Picture Contest — The PTO had a booth set up where you could vote on your favorite picture at the Cancer Walk. The first place winner was this photo submitted by Debbie Reed and she was awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Mexico City. The picture above is from the local Cross Plains Ranch Rodeo and pictured are (left to right), Rylen Reed, Kutter Reed, Ryan Reed and Ryder Reed.



Clowning Around — The Church of Christ of Cross Plains received the award for "Best Decorated" for their circus booth at the Cancer Walk last Saturday night.



Pretty Pink Boas — The Cross Plains Public Library Staff and Board Members in their pink boas honoring Michelle Kaiser at the Cancer Walk. See additional photos on pages 9 & 10

Countywide Polling for Tuesday, November 5, 2013 Election provided

Callahan County will be debuting countywide polling places also called vote centers this November 2013 General Election.

What are Vote Centers?

Instead of requiring voters to vote at their precinct polling locations, vote centers allow all registered voters in Callahan County the option of voting at any of the county's polling locations on election-day. Vote centers operate similarly to early

voting. They allow you to vote at the most convenient polling place rather than requiring you to drive to your present location. On your way home after work you can stop at any of the polling places listed and vote. We hope this will make your voting experience a lot easier and much more pleasant.

The following places will be available for voting on election-day:

Justice of the Peace Office,

208 Oak Street, Clyde, TX
Eula School, 6040 FM 603, Eula TX
Callahan County Courthouse, 100 W. 4th St., Baird, TX
First Baptist Church, 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX
Putnam Community Center, 120 W. Travis, Putnam, TX
Oplin Community Center, 8990 FM 2926, Oplin, TX
Please get out and VOTE.
For questions, call (325) 854-5815.

Callahan County reminds voters photo ID is required to vote

Baird, TX. — Callahan County Voter Registrar Tammy Walker and County Clerk Donna Bell remind voters that photo identification will now be required for voting in person.

"In Callahan County we are working to make sure our voters understand the ID requirements and have all the information they need to cast their ballots," said Walker.

A voter will be required to show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before the voter will be permitted to cast a vote:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun

license issued by DPS

- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph

- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph

- United States passport

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place.

This photo ID requirement is for voters casting a ballot in person, not by mail. Voters age 65 and older may vote by mail.

Election officials are encouraging voters to update their voter registrations to reflect the names on their IDs. Voters may use IDs that do not exactly match the name on their IDs if the names

are substantially similar but will have to sign an affidavit stating they are the same person. Voters may look up their registration at votetexas.gov and if their name is not an exact match they can update their voter registration online at votetexas.gov.

"By preparing now, voters can help make sure voting goes smoothly when it comes time for the election," said Bell.

To check and update their registrations, voters can visit (direct to VoteTexas.gov) or call (325) 854-5820.

For more information about photo ID requirements including exemptions, visit www.votetexas.gov.

Information on how to obtain an election identification certificate if you do not have another form can be found at www.dps.texas.gov.

Catch This Week's Game

Cross Plains vs. Baird

Friday, October 18 at 7:30 at the Buffalo Stadium

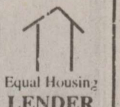


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Texas Heritage Bank

"We're Proud of Our Local Heritage"

Member FDIC



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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Choose The Church of
Your Choice
A Church For ALL
God's People

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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
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley
Sunday School.....10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Ministry Activities
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
Thomas Estes, Pastor
Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM
MUSIC- CONNIE SWIFT
LEAD SINGERS: 4HIS GLORY
Pastor Kathy Monroe
208 N. Ave. D

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

R.B. "Cotton" Dillard

Funeral services for R.B. "Cotton" Dillard, 78, of Lake Brownwood, was held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 11, 2013, in the Netherton Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Kelly Crenshaw officiating. Interment was at 4 p.m. in the Cross Plains Cemetery, under the direction of Netherton Funeral Home.

Mr. Dillard passed away on Tuesday, October 8, 2013, in Early, Texas with loved ones by his side.

R.B. was born on July 3, 1935, in Pioneer, Texas to Andrew Boyd Dillard and Naomi Pauline (Rutherford) Dillard. Over the span of his life, he held many rattlesnake sacking records and was a very well known snake handler. He also traveled all over Texas and New Mexico teaching children the importance of snake safety. Cotton was a devout Christian and a member of the New Beginnings Church.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his sons, R.B. Dillard, Jr., Darrell Dillard and Eddie Dillard, all of Santa Anna and David Dillard, Abraham Dillard, Aaron Dillard and

John Allec Bennett

John Allec Bennett, 77, of Terrell, passed away on October 5, in Mesquite. He was born on October 6, 1935 to John A. Bennett and Dessie (Younglove) Bennett in Cottonwood, Texas, where he grew up. He served as sergeant in the U.S. Army in Germany. John married Bobbie and they had two daughters. He graduated from the Dallas Police Academy in 1958 and continued to serve Dallas as a Peace Officer until he retired. He fell in love with Elmo and bought his first farm there in 1964. He enjoyed working with cows, horses, peafowl and emus. He was proud of his tractors and drove his great-grandchildren around. John loved working and spending time with his family.

Mr. Bennett was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Bobbie Bennett and sisters, Patsy Miller and Louise Baker.

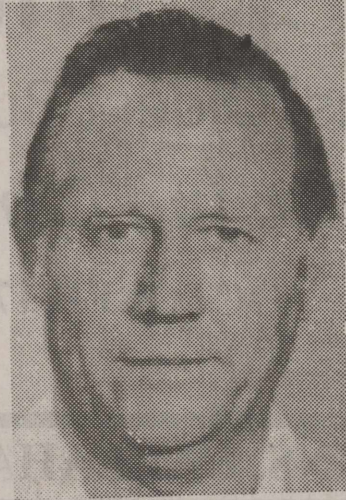
Those left to celebrate his life are his wife Velma (Yow) Bennett of Terrell; children Caprice Bennett of Dallas and Kimberly Bennett Taylor and husband Walter of Sunnyvale; grandchildren Captain David Lynn Boyd and wife Joanna Boyd of Fort Sill, OK, Tommy Bain, Jr. of Dallas, Justin Boyd and wife Kasey of Forney, John Bennett Boyd and wife Erica of Coppers Cove, Steven Rudd of

Dr. Jim Gray

Dr. Jim Gray of Eastland went to be with our Lord, Friday, October 11, 2013.

Jim entered this world September 7, 1919, born to Benjamin Franklin Gray and Mable Anthony Gray. The family lived south of Comanche, Texas on the Gray Ranch. After graduating from Comanche High School in 1938, he studied watch repair and owned a jewelry store in downtown Stephenville. From 1941-1945, he served his country in the Army Air Corp as a Staff Sergeant on Guam during WWII. Jim returned to Comanche after the war and worked at the local jewelry store. It was there he met his sweetheart, Bette Thompson. They were married on June 13, 1948, in Fort Worth. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at East Texas Teachers College in Commerce in 1950; proceeded to Baylor Dental School in Dallas and graduated in 1955. He established and owned dental practices in Quanah, Irving, Gorman and Cross Plains.

Jim was a life member of the Texas Dental Association, American Dental Association, Dallas County Dental Association, and a charter member of Dallas Orthodontics Study Group. He was also a member of First Baptist Church of Quanah, Plymouth Park Baptist of Irving, First Baptist Church of Rising Star, Baptist Campers on Mission and



Jonathan Dillard, all of Brownwood; one daughter, Dorothea "Dee" Estes of Bangs; one brother, Andrew Boyd Dillard, Jr. of Abilene; and a sister, Linda Ring of Cross Plains. He is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, as well as an abundance of friends.

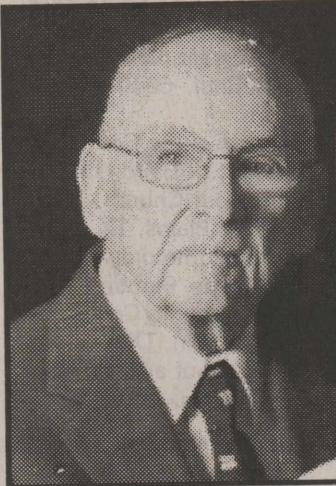
He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Detra Kay Dillard, and a grandson, Jason Trichel.

Family and friends are invited and encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.nethertonfuneralhome.com



Dover, AR, Daniel Boyd and wife Katherine of Carrollton; step-son Russell Ward and wife Tammi of Elmo; and one sister Rosalie Yow. He is also survived by three step-grandchildren Lori, Connie and Austin; 14 great-grandchildren and many other relatives who will all miss him greatly.

Funeral service and Dallas Police Department Honors were held Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Anderson Clayton Bros. Funeral Home in Terrell with interment and military honors to follow at Oakland Memorial Park. Family asks donations be made in Mr. Bennett's honor to the Dallas Police Association (formerly the widows and orphans fund). Condolences may be made at www.andersonclaytonterrell.com



currently attended the First United Methodist Church of Ranger. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge for 7 years. Jim participated in a WWII Honor Flight to Washington DC in April 2011.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers, Frank Gray of Gorman and Don Gray of Comanche; and sister Jo Polnac of Ranger.

Survivors include his wife Bette Gray of Eastland; his son James Anthony Gray and wife Rebecca of Dallas; daughters Jean Darnell and husband Ray of Eastland and Ruth Trittin and husband John of Hurst; grandson Raleigh James Darnell of Eastland; granddaughters Kelly Darnell of Eastland, Rena Gray and Ella Gray of Dallas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 17, 2013 at Edwards Funeral Chapel in Eastland. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Ranger.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Benito R. Roman, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Grenuel D. Tutt, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
Jerome L. Speckels, DWI.
Beau D. Baker, DWI.
Steven D. Smith Jr., DWI.
Sarah E. Dorough, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
Kevin Walton, theft.

Marriage Licenses

Walt E. Wilkerson Jr. and Leajean Ann Wyatt, both of Cross Plains.
Dylan Ray Wilson and Kayleigh D. Donaho, both of Clyde.
Robert E. Lee of Cross Plains and Regina L. Curry of Abilene.

Dustin M. Watson and Miranda D. Chaney, both of Baird.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Texas Heritage Bank vs. Pamela K. Chapman, summary judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$30,723.94 from defendant.

Criminal Minutes

Andres L. Avila, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 10 years in prison, \$259 court costs.
Phillip Cerda, plea of guilty to aggravated assault, 6 years in prison, \$259 court costs.
Lisia Ortega, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication granted.

First Annual Fall Festival and Costume Party in Abilene on Oct. 19th

Abilene, TX - October 19, 2013 — The West Central Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center presents its first Annual Fall Festival and Costume Party for children (ages 0 to 18) with developmental disabilities and their families, from Taylor, Jones, and Callahan counties to be held at Southern Hills Church, 3666 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene. The party is scheduled on Saturday October 19, 2013, from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

There will be fun activities, snacks and prizes. Children are encouraged to wear a fun, family-friendly costume.

For more information and to request accommodations, contact Kathie Hewes at (325) 793-8440 at West Central Texas Aging and Disability Resource Center.

The Inclusive Faith-Based Symposium Project is funded in part by Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities.

Cattle Raisers Urge Texans to Approve Prop. 6 in Constitutional Election

Fort Worth, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) urges ranchers and landowners to vote in favor of Proposition 6 during the Nov. 5th Constitutional Election. Texans can participate in early voting, which begins Oct. 21st and runs through Nov. 1st. Proposition 6 is a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas. The funds will help finance priority water projects, including rural water projects, to ensure Texas has adequate water resources for the future.

"Texas is still coping with a historic drought that has left many ranchers and areas in rural Texas struggling to find adequate water supplies," said Pete Bonds, rancher and

TSCRA president. "At the same time that our water supplies are decreasing, our population is increasing. We need to ensure we preserve and conserve the water we do have so there is enough for all Texans, those in rural and urban areas."

Bonds adds that Proposition 6 sets aside \$2 billion already in the Rainy Day Fund for priority water projects, 30 percent of which are specifically rural water projects.

"Now is the time to ensure Texas continues to thrive well into the future," said Bonds. "It's crucial we pass Proposition 6."

Early voting is Oct. 21st - Nov. 1st. Election Day is Nov. 5th. For more information visit <http://www.watertexas.com/>. For information on polling locations visit <http://votetexas.gov/voting/where>.

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.gbgm-umc.org/crossplains/

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

Heavy rain is falling this morning.

The next Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Meeting is Friday evening, October 18 at 5 p.m. at the firehouse. All members are encouraged to be there. The group will be going over the trucks and getting them ready for winter.

Orange juice will soon be available in the Coke Machine at the firehouse.

Many Cottonwood folks were out at the Cancer Walk in Cross Plains on Saturday night. Several were workers at the different booths: Bob Ossowski was running the Chamber of Commerce soft drink booth,

Marsha Ossowski and Judy Luter were at the Cross Plains Library booth. Bryan Bennett was helping folks at the Petting Zoo. The event raised money for the Cancer Fund which helps local cancer patients with expenses as they go to doctor's appointments and treatments.

While you're in town during the week, stop by the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center and enjoy lunch and visiting with your friends. Take a look at a beautiful quilt the center is giving away. Several of the ladies from Cottonwood have quilted on this one. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at the Senior Center. The quilt will be given

away at the Hunters Feed which is coming up on Saturday, November 2nd.

Turkey Supper Night is Friday, October 25th at the Community Center.

The monthly Fellowship Dinner at the Cottonwood Baptist Church is on Sunday, October 27 right after church services. Bring a covered dish for the meal.

Remember, the burn ban is still off. Please exercise caution if you plan to burn. Let the Sheriff's Office and your local fire chief know before you light the match. Here in Cottonwood, call Fire Chief Joe Terstegge at 254-725-7281, and the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

Elvis Sighting Could be a Winner!

In plain sight at business around town are cutouts of Wilvis/Elvis to promote the Cross Plains Public Library's upcoming dinner and concert. If you see a cutout of Wilvis/Elvis bring it to the

library and your name will be entered in a drawing for a free ticket. The event is Nov. 2nd in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 6:30 p.m.

Join Us As Cross Plains Public Library Gets "All Shook Up"

The King of Rock 'n' Roll will be here Saturday, November 2nd entertain us. "Wilvis" (Will Hopkins of Abilene) will ring his fabulous voice and amazingly true-to-life Elvis impersonation to the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in an "All Shook Up Fundraiser" to benefit the library. The evening will start at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner featuring some of Elvis's favorite foods: fried pickles, chicken tenders, meatloaf, Italian green beans, corn muffins, coffee, tea-and of

course King's Cake cupcakes for dessert. Never had King's cake before? It's a delicious concoction of bananas and peanut butter that provides the perfect end to a delicious meal!

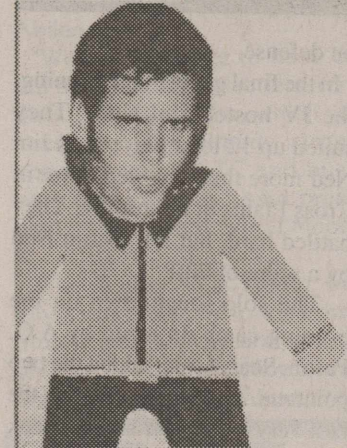
The performance will begin around 7:30 p.m. Individual tickets are \$15- you can even reserve an entire table for six- call the library at 254-725-7722 and make your reservations before 10/24/13. submitted by Michelle Kaiser

Word Scavenger Hunt

Win one of the new coffee mugs from the Cross Plains Public Library by being one of the first three adults to bring a completed word scavenger hunt entry form to the library. The form with directions can be picked up at the library, Texas Heritage Bank, Senior Citizen's Center, Lawrence Farm & Ranch or on

our Facebook page.

Clues to complete the page will be found on the internet through the library's Facebook page, website and in the library. Entries must be turned in by October 31st. If you are not a winner, you can still get a mug at the library for \$10.00.



Cottonwood Community TURKEY SUPPER Upcoming

The annual Cottonwood Community Turkey Supper in conjunction with the Cottonwood Country Musical will be at the Cottonwood Community Center on Friday night, October 25, 2013.

A turkey and dressing meal with all the trimmings will be served at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

The musical begins at 5:30 p.m. At 8 p.m., a drawing will

be held for the beautiful hand pieced and hand quilted quilt donated by the Cottonwood Quilting Club. The proceeds from the quilt ticket sales will go to the upkeep and repair of the Cottonwood Community Center as well as the proceeds from the supper.

Come to the Cottonwood Community Center on Friday night, October 25th and enjoy a delicious meal and some great country music.

Gas prices got you down? Shop in our hometown

Cross Plains Review Deadlines
Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

TAYLOR ELECTRIC Cooperative Inc
 A "Non-Profit Energy" Cooperative
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Phone: 877-TEC-1939

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!!

By The Pound	Sides	Condiments
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	(Tax Not Included)
Chicken Breast.....\$5.50 lb	Pint.....\$4.00	

Family Pack Special
 2 LBS. Meat, 2 Pint Sz. Sides -- \$24.00

WE HAVE SELF-INKING AND RUBBER STAMPS CROSS PLAINS REVIEW 116 S.E. 1ST ST CROSS PLAINS, TX

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours
 Monday 1 pm - 5 pm
 Tuesday 11 am - 7 pm
 Wednesday 1 pm - 5 pm
 Thursday 1 pm - 5 pm
CLOSED FRIDAY

October 7 - 10, 2013

Patrons	93
Books Checked Out	103
Programs	10
GED	10
Copies	58
Internet	29
Wi-Fi	3
Interlibrary Loans	0
Reference	12

Memorials
 Cross Plains Class of 1954
 In Memory of John Bennett

Books and Miscellaneous Donations:
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beckham

Volunteers
 Helen Parson
 Wilma Lawrence
 Sue Bennett
 Ginny Hoskins
 Richard Burns

Going out of Business Sale

Open Range or known as the Movie Store will be having a going out of business sale starting Saturday October 19th at 10 a.m. and will continue Sunday starting at 10 a.m. Dvd's & VHS movies ranging from kids, Romance, Action, Western, Horror and many more!

Calling All Hunter's and Landowners

It is that time of year again! The Hunters Feed is fast approaching! The date is Saturday, November 2nd, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

At this great event, we provide a free brisket lunch to anyone with a hunting license or landowner, and also have great outdoor prizes. We are in need of donations for those Door Prizes! Hats, knives, game cameras, gift cards, chairs, deer corn, flash lights, this list is just a few of the donations we received last year! This is a great annual event for the community and we hope to

hear from you!

We will also be having our tourist bags to hand the hunters again this year, and we will be doing 200 bags. If you are interested in having a brochure, pen, hat, or some type of promotion for your business in the bags, please drop off your item at the Chamber office by Wednesday, October 30th, by the 3 p.m. Deadline.

Thank you for your ongoing support! For more information please contact the chamber office at 254-725-7251.

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Gas prices got you down? Shop in our hometown.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

October 21-25

Monday, 21st - Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Encompass

Tuesday, 22nd - Exercise 11:00

Wednesday, 23rd - Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15/ Blood Pressure Check Girling

Thursday, 24th - Exercise 11:00

Friday, 25th - Exercise 11:00/Bufaloes @ Hamlin

Saturday 26th - Helping Hearts & Hands

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

October 21-25, 2013

Monday - Chef Salad (Ham/Turkey)/Crackers/Jello/ Dessert/ Drink	Thursday -Sweet & Sour Chicken/ White Rice/ Mediteran Vegetables/Dessert/ Drink
Tuesday - Chicken Strips w/ gravy/Potatoes/Cream Corn/ Bread/Dessert/Drink	FRIDAY -Chili Beans w/ onion/Spinach/cornbread/ Dessert/Drink
Wednesday -Tuna Salad Sandwich/(lett,tom,pickles, eggs,)/ Fruit Cup/Cookie/Drink	MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M

WHEN RENEWING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL CARD SENT TO YOU IN THE MAIL THANK YOU



Join Us As We Bid Farewell To Bob and Dolores Carter As They "Mosey" on Down the Trail Thursday, October 24th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00p.m. Cross Plains Senior Center

October 31st
 You're invited
Trunk OR Treat
 FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN

Come and enjoy one of the most unusual Fall celebrations that will take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on October 31st at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. "Trunk or Treat" is an event where participants use their vehicles' trunks and dress up using a variety of themes to hand out treats and entertain youngsters of all ages and their families. There will be treat bags filled with goodies, popcorn, drinks, and fun activities for kids, too. The purpose of Trunk or Treat is to give kids a safe alternative to the traditional Halloween experience. We look forward to seeing you there!

Cross Plains Students Join In World Record Attempt

Kindergarten and first-grade students participated in Jumpstart's premiere national campaign Read for the Record, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, and helped in the attempt to set a new world record of people reading the same book on the same day.

Read for the Record is one day of the year when millions of individuals come together to celebrate literacy and support Jumpstart in its efforts to promote early childhood education. On October 3rd, people across the country read the children's book "Otis," by Loren Long, in sup-

port of Jumpstart's mission to work towards the day that every child in America enters school prepared to succeed.

Cross Plains kindergarten and first-grade teachers--Deanna Golson, April Cowan, Terri Hunter and Janice Phillips--and library volunteer Sue Bennett read the book to the children, and thanks to an Impact Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, the Cross Plains Public Library purchased a copy of the book for each student to take home.

In 2012, 2,385,305 people participated in Jumpstart's Read for the Record. The results of this year's attempt will be posted on Jumpstart's website at www.jstart.org. The Cross Plains Public Library board of directors would like to thank principal Jeremy Williams and the teachers for partnering with us on this project. Our thanks to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for their generous support! Let's hope we can do this again next year.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser



Lions Down Buffaloes



It was a tough night in Roby, Texas on Friday night as the Buffaloes fell 29-7 to the district foe. The loss dropped Cross Plains to 2-1 in district play.

Cross Plains got off to a slow start and could not move the ball consistently.

Cross Plains gave Roby a short field most of the evening, and still managed just a 13-7 deficit with 29 seconds to play in the third.

Roby got two more touchdowns after that to seal the victory after

Cross Plains dropped a go ahead touchdown pass in the end zone. The Buffaloes were outgained in total yards 345 (Roby) to 186 for Cross Plains.

Ryan Laminack did most of the damage for the Buffaloes rushing for 128 yards on 15 carries. He had the lone touchdown on the evening. Quarterback, Tristen Stephenson hit Colton McWilliams twice for 38 yards. The Buffaloes were lead

defensively by linebacker, Justin Willis who tallied 15 tackles (11 solo, 4 assist.) He also forced a fumble.

The Buffaloes feel a sense of urgency as they look to get back on track hosting country rival, Baird, Friday night at Buffalo Stadium. Baird is winless on the year, but they have been tested by some very good teams.

Score by Quarter:

CP	0	7	0	0	7
Roby	7	6	0	16	29

VOTE NOW FOR FALL FESTIVAL KING AND QUEEN

The 2013 Fall Festival, sponsored by the CPHS Junior Class, is fast approaching. Boxes have been placed in local businesses to await your vote by donation. Please visit the following establishments to vote for your favorite king and queen nominees: Mexico City, Dairy Queen, Food Plaza, Jeans Feedbarn, and the Pool House.

The Nominees for this year include:
PreK: Anson Long and Kyndall Purvis
Kindergarten: Aiden Mathews and Avery Switzer
First Grade: Ryder Reed and Kadie Carouth

Second Grade: Gage Fortune and Jolie Hutton
Third Grade: Trampus Mackey and Abigail Shepard
Fourth Grade: Spade King and Kiley Morgan
Fifth Grade: Roby Odum and Kenlee Mathews
Sixth Grade: Trent Tollett and Lexie Thompson

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd, in the old gym, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All donations collected, benefit the Junior Class to assist in funding the 2014 spring prom. Make plans now to attend this night of fun, food, and games! Thank you for supporting the Junior Class.

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Cross Plains Buffaloes Breakfast Friday, October 18th

Cottonwood Baptist Church
7:00 a.m.

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



Sub-Varsity vs Jim Ned and Roby



The 7th Grade team got their second win of the season vs Jim Ned Indians as they traveled to Tuscola Thursday.

Fullback, Trent Potter scored two touchdowns to carry the Buffaloes over the Indians by a score of 14-8.

Bryce Petree added a PAT run from his running back position. Brian Morales forced a fumble on defense. Trip Thomas made the recovery. Kye Stout intercepted a pass from his secondary position and Gage Connelly had a forced fumble and sack on the evening.

The 8th grade hosted district opponent, the Roby Lions. They jumped out to a big lead on touchdown runs by Kaiden Petree from 60 yards out. Dakota Willis added the PAT run. Creed Goode scored the next two touchdowns and long runs. After halftime Petree again found the endzone. The PAT attempt was unsuccessful. To finish off a good night offensively, Joe Crockett found the endzone on a sweep from 40 yards out to give the Buffaloes a victory of 32-0. James Rhyne, Creed Goode, James McMillan, and Joe Crockett all recovered a fumble

on defense. In the final game of the evening, the JV hosted Jim Ned. They suited up 12 total players, as Jim Ned more than doubled those in Cross Plains in a uniform. They battled hard, but fell to Jim Ned by a score of 22-8. The solo touchdown on the evening came on a run by A.G. Partin. Sean Armer added the two point run. Holden Senclair ran the ball very well from his slot back position as did tailback Sean Armer. A.G. Partin had a big return on an interception in the third quarter from his linebacker position.

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU October 21-25

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
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Tuesday - French Toast Sticks, Fruit or juice, Milk	Tangerine Chicken, Brown rice, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Pine-apple Tidbits, Milk
Wednesday -PBJ, Fruit or juice, Milk	Tex-Mex Stack, Corn Chips, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk
Thursday -Animal Crackers, String Cheese, Fruit or juice, Milk	Stuffed BBQ Potato, Texas toast, Baby Carrots, Fresh fruit bowl, Milk
Friday -Breakfast Burrito, Fruit or juice, Milk	Beef or Chicken on Bun, Hamburger garnish, Potato Rounds, Western Beans, Diced Pears, Milk

Health and Information Fair

Mark your calendar for Health and Information Fair to be held at Thursday, October 17, 2013 10:00-2:00 at the Cross Plains Senior Center at 108 N. Main St. Eighteen area health agencies, nursing facilities, technology companies and first responders will be available to answer your questions, take blood pressures, check blood sugar, hemoglobin levels and give you information that will enhance the quality of your life. There will be services for all ages as the Kiwanis offer testing for myopia (lazy eye) for pre-school age children. There is no charge to attend. If you need any information, please call 725-6521.

Tickets Go On Sale for UIL Texas Football State Championships at AT&T Stadium

AUSTIN— Tickets for the 2013 UIL Texas Football State Championships being played at AT&T Stadium are available for purchase. For the first time, all 11-man and six-man football championships will be played at the same location. Tickets may be purchased online through ticketmaster.com.

UIL Football State Championships
 AT&T Stadium, Arlington
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Cross Plains Yearbooks

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10/25	HAMLIN*	HAMLIN	7:30
11/1	ALBANY*	ALBANY	7:30
11/8	RANGER*	CROSS PLAINS	7:30

* Indicates a district game

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Fall is a great time to mulch

"I know we're supposed to do something to our trees in the fall, but what?"
 Tree owners often feel compelled to spray, prune or apply something to their trees and landscape plants on a regular basis. But, unless there is a specific reason to spray, prune or apply things to landscape trees, the best thing to "do" to keep your trees healthy is apply a layer of composted mulch.
 "Fall is a great time to be out in the yard spreading shovels-full of composted wood-chip mulch under your trees," says Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Trees with mulched root zones are usually larger, more vigorous, develop faster and have higher rates of survival than plants surrounded by turf grass or bare dirt. Mulches retain soil moisture and reduce erosion and soil compaction."
 Mulched trees also have fewer weeds, which reduces the need for the roots to compete for limited resources. The soil under the mulch also likely stays warmer longer into the winter and also warms faster in the spring, helping extend the growing season for plants.
 Organic mulches are a favorite among professional arborists, who view wood chips as an excellent, attractive mulch for trees. Other organic mulches include bark chips, ground bark, composted lawn clippings, leaves and straw. These mulches are high in cellulose and low in nitrogen, and should be free of weed seeds.
Good mulching
 How Wide is Wide? A good mulch bed should extend out at least three feet from a tree's trunk in all directions, though extending out to the dripline is preferred. This is where the fine, absorbing tree roots extend out

into the soil, and mulch provides many health-related benefits for those roots. Keep organic mulches several inches away from the base of the tree to avoid rot and diseases.
 How Deep is Deep? The mulch bed depth should be maintained at 2 to 4 inches.
 Go Ahead, Cover the Grass! If there is grass in the area that needs to be mulched, put a five-page layer of newspaper over the grass, get it wet, then add mulch on top (this will help keep the grass from growing up through the mulch).
 Use the Right Mulch. For poor soils, use well-composted mulch to build up the nutrients. Soils that are healthy will do fine with a highly stable softwood bark (such as cypress bark), which doesn't break down as easily.
Bad mulching
 No Volcanoes, Please! The biggest no-no when mulching is to create a "mulch volcano" that is piled high around the base of the tree. This practice traps moisture around the tree trunk and root flare leading to decay and, eventually, structural failure.
 Avoid Fine Mulch. Thick blankets of fine mulch can become matted and prevent the penetration of water and air.
 Don't Let Mulch Sour. Low oxygen levels (from packed-down mulch) creates a toxic "sour" mulch - which may give off pungent odors, and even worse, the compounds produced (methanol and acetic acid) can kill young plants.
 Don't Keep Adding New Mulch on Top of the Old. While mulch does decompose, you do not want to accumulate excessive mulch year after year by adding fresh mulch every spring. If you want the look of fresh mulch, break up the old with a rake, and

only add a layer of new on top if there is less than 4 inches in depth.
Find a professional
 A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the best trees to plant. Contact the Tree Care Industry Association, a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org. TCIA arborists, safety and business professionals are also available as sources for tree related articles and issues: 1-800-733-2622, or tandersen@tcia.org. Board Certified Master Arborist, Certified Treecare Safety Professional.
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TSTC Foundation Board Elects New Members and Executive Officers

WACO—The TSTC Foundation Board elected new members for the fiscal year beginning 2013. The executive officers are president Virgil Moore III, Breckenridge Economic Development Corp.; past president Curtis Cleveland, Central Texas Iron Works of Waco; vice president Keith Honey, American Electric Power of Longview; secretary Rene Capistran, SpawGlass of Harlingen; and treasurer Dr. Harold Rafuse of Waco.

Also serving on The TSTC Foundation board are Dr. Elton E. Stuckly, Jr., president of Texas State Technical College Waco; Frank Espinoza, American Electric Power-Texas of San Benito; Gregg Dodds, Texas Bank of Brownwood; and Brian Green, Cypress Street Station of Abilene.

"We are fortunate to have on our board business leaders from throughout the state, which will strengthen the already strong bond between TSTC and business and industry," said president of the board, Virgil Moore III.

"The entire TSTC team extends our gratitude to the community leaders who are serving on The TSTC Foundation board and building relationships across

the state that support TSTC's students, its career programs, faculty, and staff," said Mike Reeser, TSTC chancellor. "Thanks to The Foundation, our students can have their critical needs met, and the colleges' ability to provide new and emerging technical programs to support the Texas workforce is enhanced," added Reeser.

The TSTC Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, exists for the sole purpose of supporting TSTC and its students. To become a member of The TSTC Foundation and support TSTC and its students, go to www.tstcfoundation.org.

About TSTC

Texas State Technical College (www.tstc.edu) consists of four technical colleges with campuses in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Harlingen, Hutto, Ingleside, Marshall, Red Oak, Richmond, Sweetwater, and Waco. TSTC colleges rank consistently as top colleges in the state and nation for conferring associate degrees in engineering, precision production, computer information systems degrees, communication and information sciences, and enrollment of Hispanic student

Are you the parent of a youth with a disability?

Please make plans to attend the 7th Annual Transition Fair on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at the Region 14 Education Service Center located at 1850 Highway 351 in Abilene, Texas. The goal of this event is to help students and parents prepare for life after high school. The sessions that are offered will address education and training, employment, as well as independent living, including transportation, housing, and recreation.

Representatives from several colleges and technical schools in the region will present information about the programs they offer, as well as business people

from various career fields. Parents and students may attend any sessions of interest to them.

There are sessions created especially for parents, including SSI Benefits Planning and Guardianship.

The Transition Fair will begin at 8:45 a.m. From 12:00-1:00, a panel of agencies will be available to talk to parents about the services they provide.

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Texas State Parks Open, Unaffected by Federal Shutdown

AUSTIN—As the federal budget impasse persists well into the second week, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wants the public to know that the welcome mat is still out at the more than 90 Texas state parks.

"Although our federal partners are experiencing temporary closure of their sites, which we hope will reopen soon, Texas state parks remain open and our staff is eager to welcome visitors to the great outdoors," says Brent Leisure, Texas State Parks director. "Our parks expect to be especially busy since autumn is an extraordinary time to be outdoors."

A number of TPWD offices and state parks have reported receiving calls since the partial federal government shutdown on Oct. 1st from people wanting to know if state parks are still open. Many of the customer inquiries are coming from people who had been camping or had reservations to camp at Big Bend National Park, in national forests or at lake parks operated in Texas by the U.S. Corps of Engineers that have closed their gates due to the federal shutdown.

"Here in Austin, the Customer Service Center has been receiving a number of calls from customers asking if our state parks are open, which we assure them that they are," says TPWD's Ron Hoelle, CSC park operations manager. "The weekly calls to the Big Bend Ranch State Park line are up roughly a third since the shutdown."

Superintendent Barrett Durst

reported Wednesday that the number of visits this month to Texas' largest state park that lies just west of the national park has hit 350, which is just shy of the total for the entire month of October 2012 last year. He attributes the increase to Big Bend National Park's closure.

On the Texas-Oklahoma border, Eisenhower State Park Superintendent Paul Kisel reports seeing considerable spillover from the more than 10 closed Corps parks surrounding Lake Texoma since Oct. 2nd when campers had to vacate. He says the state park has been averaging 50 to 100 calls per day from people wanting to know if Eisenhower is still open.

Winter Texans expecting to make their usual sojourns to Laguna Atascosa and Santa Ana national wildlife refuges in the Rio Grande Valley, which remain closed, might want to consider visiting the three state-run World Birding Center sites that offer world-class wildlife viewing opportunities: Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley (Mission), Estero Llano Grande (Weslaco) and Resaca de la Palma (Brownsville) state parks.

State park reservations can be made by Internet, fax or phone. Park reservations can be made between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling (512) 389-8900. A tip: call volume tends to be heaviest early in the week, so customers might try calling Wednesday through Friday to reserve a campsite, cabin, screened shelter or group facility.

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Land rush offers vets chance to buy a piece of Texas

AUSTIN — A new Texas land rush is on! But this time it's on the electronic frontier.

Conducted entirely on the Internet for the first time, Texas veterans get first dibs on 28 properties for sale at or around the appraised value through this month's Texas veterans Land Board Forfeited Land Sale.

"As a Texas veteran, you've earned this deal," said Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, chairman of the VLB. "These tracts are priced to sell, so make plans now to buy your own piece of Texas."

The sale is taking place now through 5:00 p.m. October 22nd. Texas veterans may sub-

mit bids to www.texasveterans.com (click "Forfeited Land Sales" and look for "Type I Tracts"). The highest bidders will be contacted October 30th.

Despite the financial hardship some veterans encounter, less than 1 percent of land financed through VLB loans are forfeited by Texas Veterans. But when there is a forfeiture, the property is turned into an investment opportunity for fellow veterans.

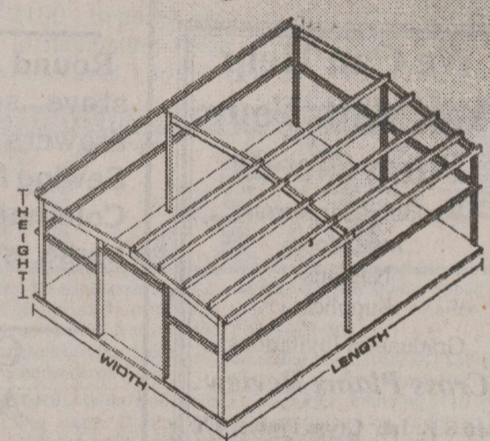
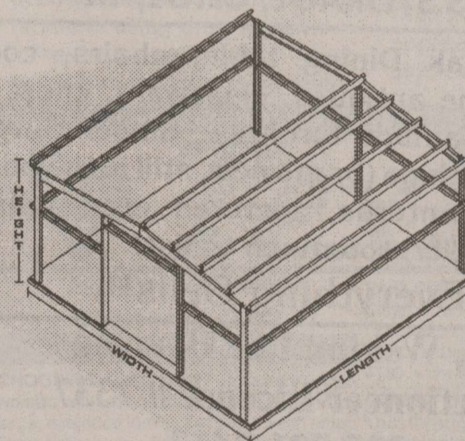
Qualifying veterans must not currently have a land loan through VLB and must have

successfully repaid any previous VLB loan. Bidders may submit up to six offers. Forfeited land sales will take place quarterly in January, April, July, and October, and will also be online. Land that is not sold will be offered to the general public (including non-veterans) at a later date.

Texas veterans benefits are the best in the nation. The Texas Veterans Land Board serves more than 1.7 million Texas veterans of all ages. The VLB offers below-market interest rate loans for land and home purchases, as well as for home improvements.

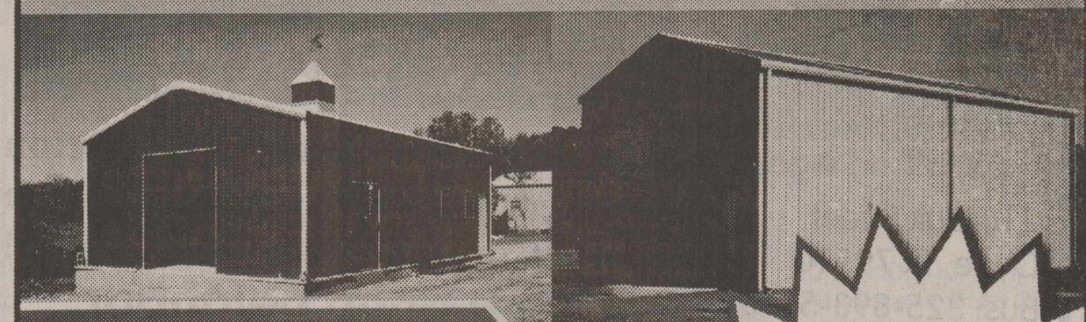
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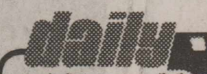
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By Traci Bruckner, tracib@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

Once 2013 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contracts are finalized, the program will have reached approximately 63 million acres enrolled nationally, helping nearly 48,000 farmers and ranchers increase their conservation.

The CSP has become America's flagship conservation program. And in order to ensure that it continues to work as envisioned, to invest in farmers and ranchers who work so diligently to preserve America's natural resources through conservation on working lands, we need to learn from farmers and ranchers using the program.

Previous applicants have helped us develop recomen-

dations and influence the Natural Resources Conservation Service to make positive changes for the program so that it better reflects farmers' and ranchers' conservation efforts.

The program has sought to enroll roughly 12.8 million acres annually. Automatic budget cuts, known as "sequestration," will reduce future sign-ups by nearly 800,000 acres annually. Competition for contracts was stiff with full funding; budget cuts will make it even more competitive.

At the Center for Rural Affairs, we believe that farmers and ranchers with the best stewardship should rank among the top applicants. Therefore, we created our Farm Bill Helpline - (402) 687-2100 - to assist new applicants in navigating these application processes, and learn

from their experiences. No matter where you are in that process, give us a call, we can help, and it is vitally important that we hear from those who have utilized the program to understand what's working, what's not working, and problems that need fixing.

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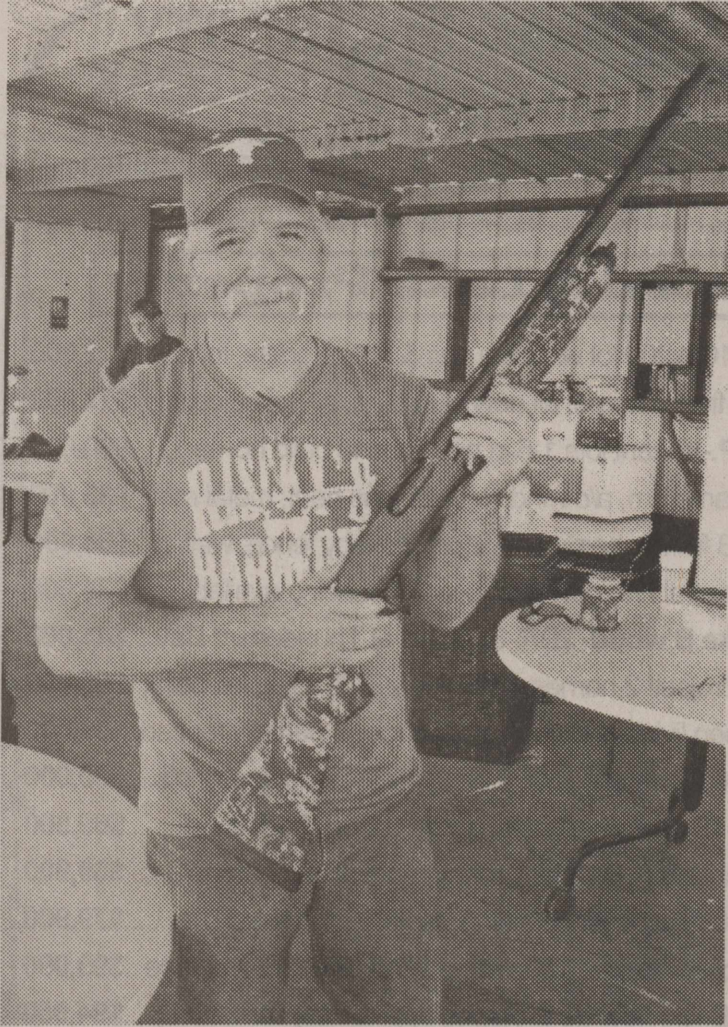
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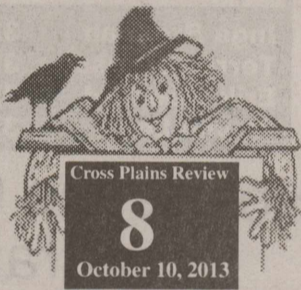
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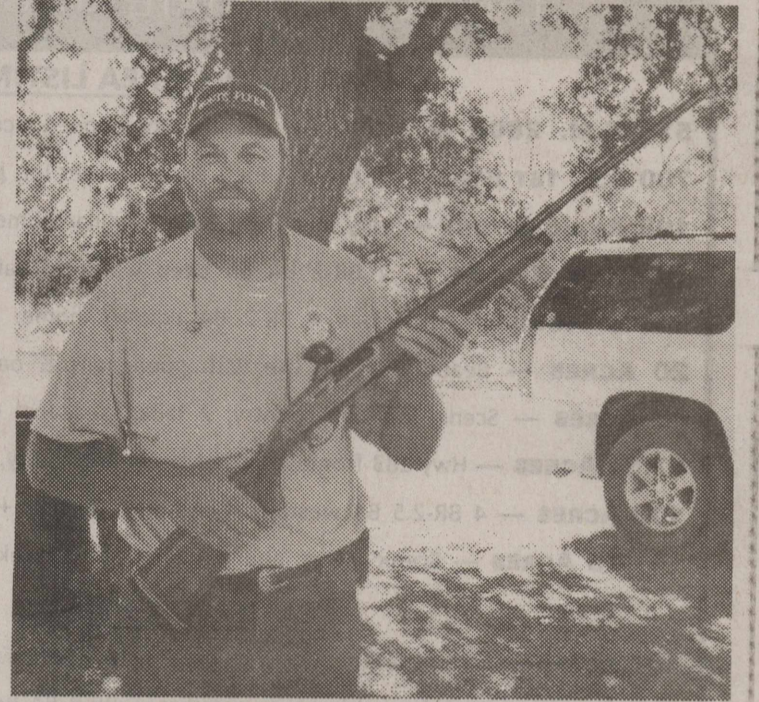
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The Cowboy Roundup Weekend in Baird is Oct. 18th-20th. The weekend kicks off with a RSVP rib-eye steak dinner at Vada's Eats & Sweets, 331 Market St., Baird. The dinner is hosted by the Old Bucking Horse Museum and promises to be full of fun and nostalgic memories. After dinner, there will be a story telling session where guests will be encouraged to share their stories of the "rodeo road". Old rodeo films will be shown and the Old Bucking Horse Museum, 330 Market St. will be open at 5 p.m., serving wine and cheese. The evening will be emceed by Randy Oliver, rodeo clown and bullfighter from Clyde. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and

the cost is \$20.00 per person. Saturday will be a day of fun for the whole family. A parade featuring the Hardin Simmons 6 White Horses, and riding groups from across the big country will kick off at 11:00 a.m. Anyone in the area who wishes to ride in the parade is welcome. An afternoon with free stick horse racing and dummy roping events for the kids, and an open mike for storytelling and entertainment will be held following the parade at 1st and Market St. The T&P Depot museum will be hosting tours featuring its Bob Estes western exhibit from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We invite you to come and sing, play and instrument or tell a story.

Those interested in riding in the parade or open mike time can call 325-829-1754 and reserve a spot at no charge. A dance will be held from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. in the 100 block of Market St, with D.J. Rocky Sharpnick. It will be a day of old-fashioned community fun! Sunday will conclude the weekend with the Brushy Creek Cowboy Church holding a free cowboy breakfast and Cowboy Church on the lots at 1st and Market St. at 8:00 a.m. We hope to see you all there. For more information on any of the events, or if you or your group would like to participate in any of the events, call 325-829-1754.

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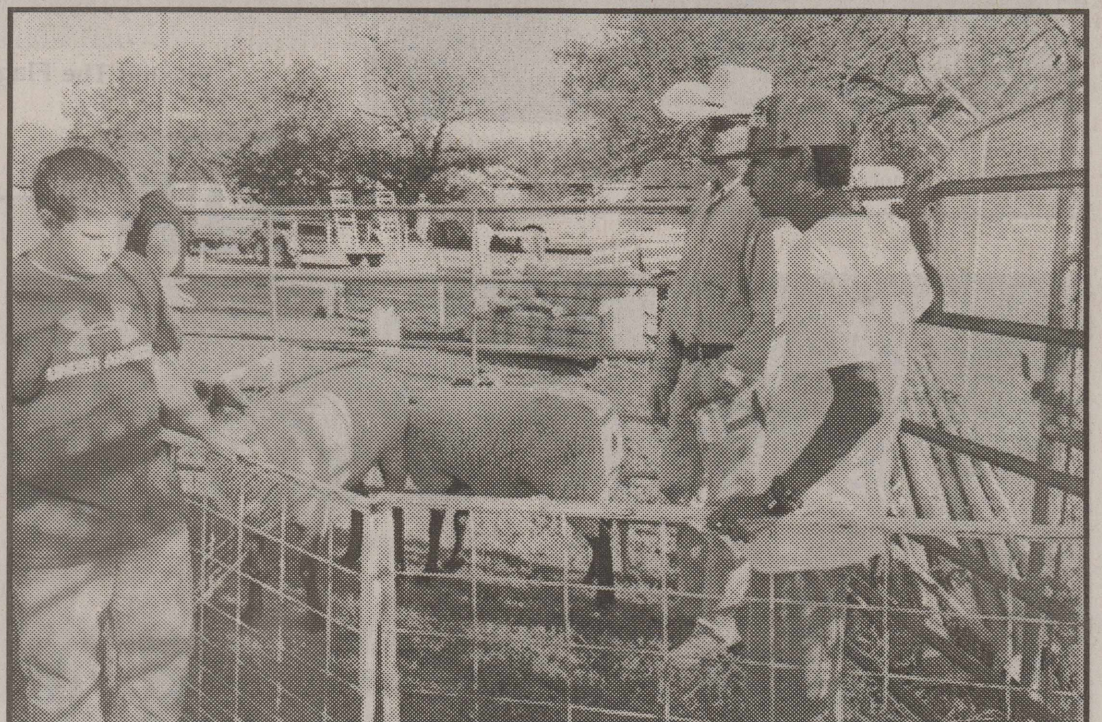
Tickets Anyone?— Members of Project Pride sold tickets for their drawing for 100 pounds of meat at the Cancer Walk last Saturday night.



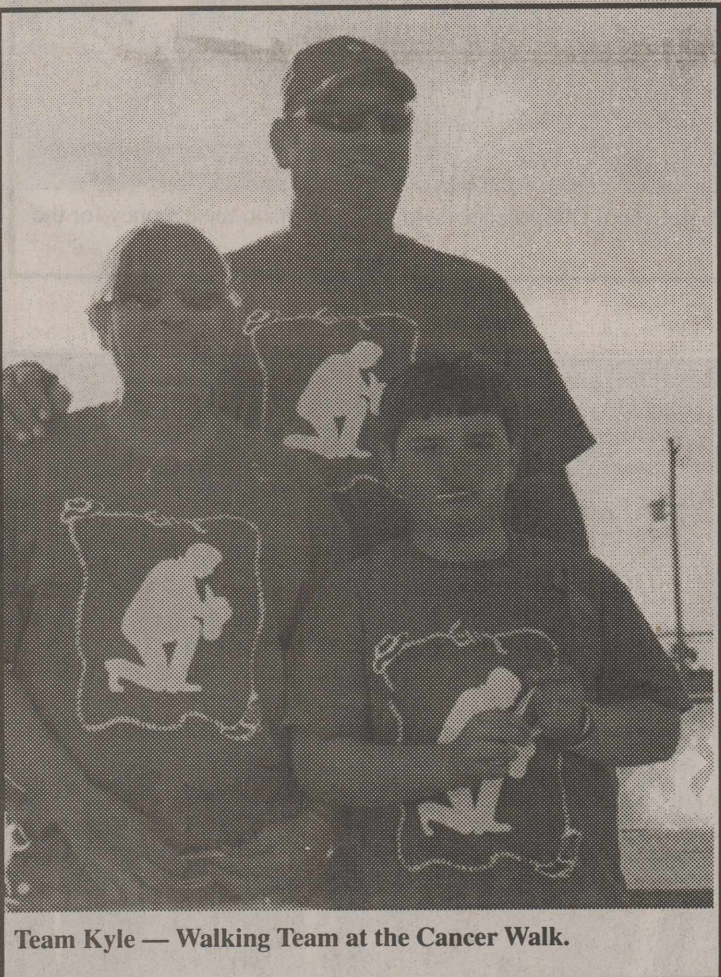
Cake/Prize Walk Was A Yummy Game— Susan McNeal Childers and her husband, Don Childers with Vivian Wooten (back), ran the Cake/Prize Walk and it was a hit at the Cancer Walk last Saturday night.



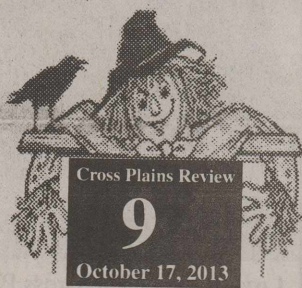
Live Music—4 His Glory performed at the Cancer Walk last Saturday night. The crowd was also entertained by the McNeal Family, Amy Potter and Megan Gooding.



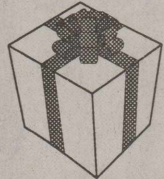
FFA Put On An Awesome Petting Zoo— This petting zoo was a hit with the kids at the Cancer Walk last Saturday night.



Team Kyle — Walking Team at the Cancer Walk.



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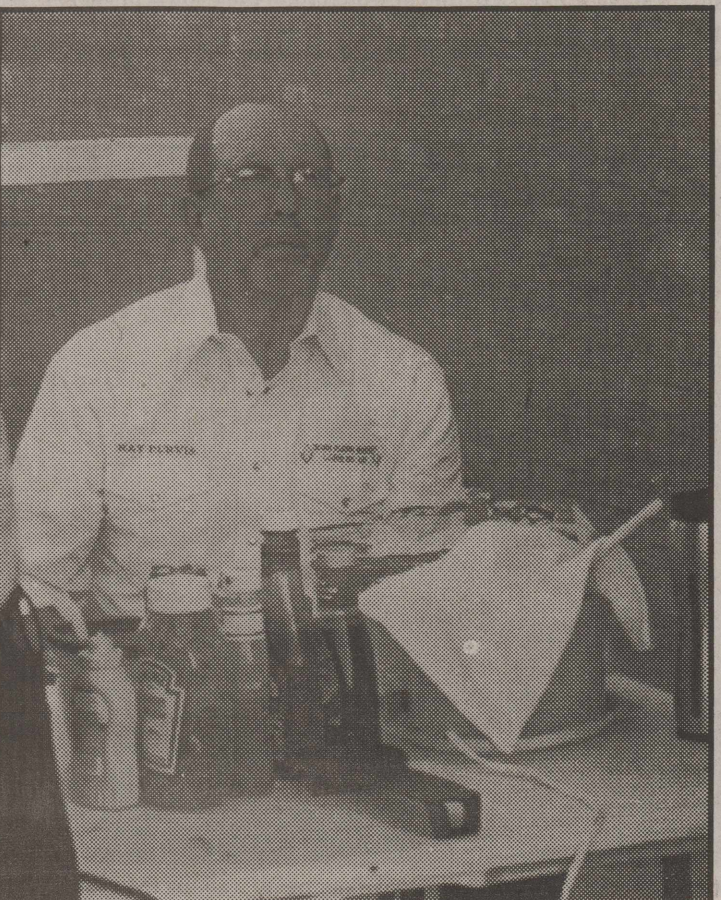


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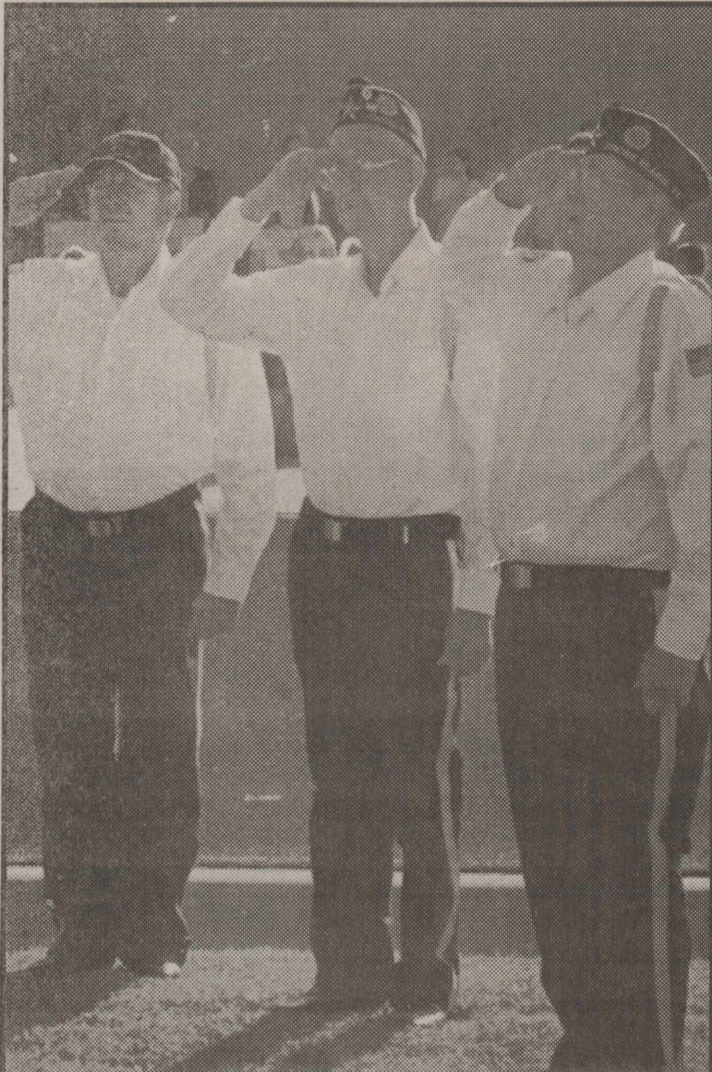
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Saluting The Flag —Members of the American Legion salute the flag at the Cancer Walk last Saturday night.



Raising The Flag — The Cross Plains American Legion raised the flag in honor of the Cancer Walk Event 2013 last Saturday night.

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Childrens Choir Performs — The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains Children's Choir performed at the Cancer Walk last Saturday night.



Love Pink — The Cross Plains High School Cheerleaders sold pink t-shirts to raise money for the Cancer Walk.



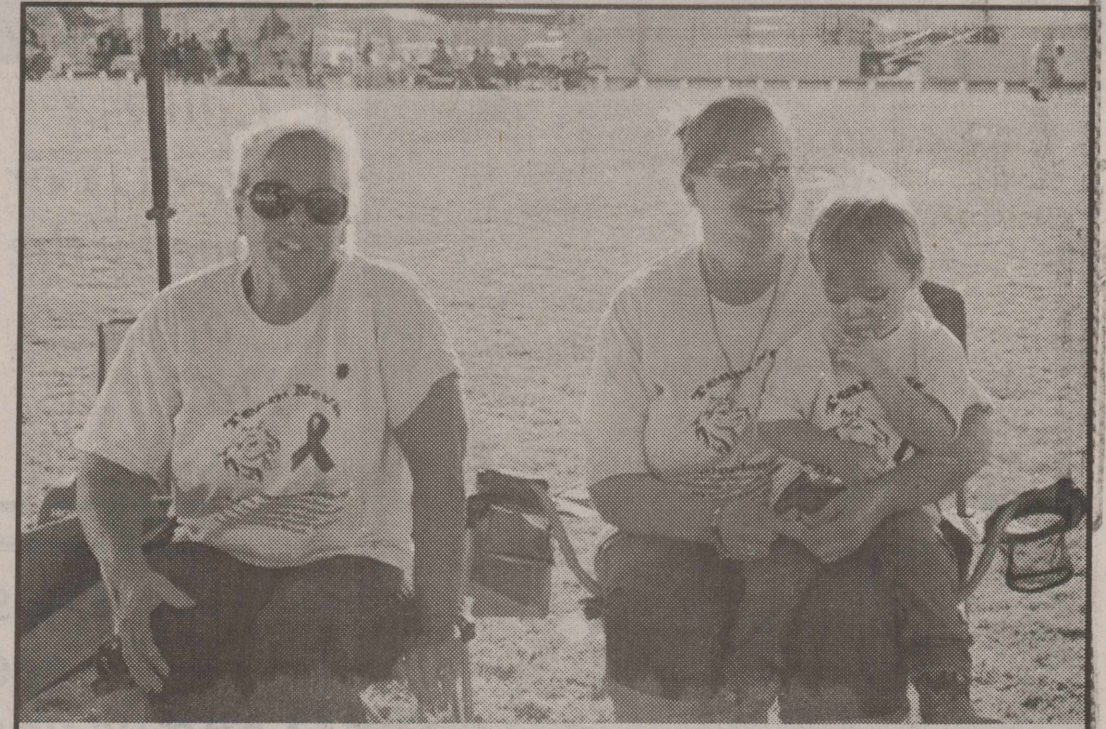
Obstacle Course — The team from Alon (formerly Seven Eleven) manning the Obstacle Course at the Cancer Walk.



Wearing Pink — The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department wore bright pink shirts in support of cancer survivors at their booth at the Cancer Walk.



Most Money Raised — The Cross Plains High School National Honor Society raised the most money for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund at Saturday's Cancer Walk. The group, along with Moses Fitness, sponsored a 5K and 10K Run.



Team Neva — Walking in memory of Neva Yates, this was one of our many walking teams this year for the Cancer Walk.

Texas Midwest Milestone Year

Cross Plains is a member of Texas Midwest Community Network. The organization will host the 20th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, October 23, at the Abilene Civic Center. The event kicks off a milestone year for the organization with the theme "Making a Difference". It will be a day of celebrating local leaders who are making a difference in their communities. Debbie Gosnell and Karen Lenz represent Cross Plains on the TMCN Council. Gosnell also serves on the TMCN Executive Committee.

Solution seminars and hot topic sessions are featured at the conference to provide community leaders with information to better prepare for challenges communities face today and in the future. TMCN is the only regional organization of its kind in the state. The annual conference is the only event in the region to provide access in one day to numerous agencies, organizations and businesses that provide resources and services to rural communities. The most valuable aspect of the conference is the networking among community representatives as they share success as well as insights to challenges they have overcome. Presentation of community awards is a highlight of the

conference luncheon. Cross Plains was recognized as a "Community of Achievement" in 2009. The luncheon will also be a history making time for the organization as Nicki Harle, TMCN Executive Director since the organization's inception in 1994 steps down and the new TMCN Executive Director Kathy Keane takes the reins.

Attendance at the conference is open to all concerned citizens in the region. Most communities are represented by city and county officials, economic development professionals and board members, chamber of commerce executives and members, civic volunteers, healthcare professionals, school officials and student leaders who attend to learn more about the resources and services available to benefit communities.

Exhibitors in the Information Expo include: Abilene Behavioral Health, Abilene Regional Airport, Central Texas Far Credit, Choice Partners Cooperative, Cisco College, Digital Impact Outdoor, Encore Visions, Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd Engineers, Jacob & Martin Consulting Engineers, Mask Landscape Architecture, New Amsterdam Global Solutions, Opportunity Strategies, Responsive Services International, Sarah T. Page

Consulting, Sign Pro of Abilene, Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Tech Small Business Development Center, TSTC West Texas, West Central Texas Council of Governments, West Texas AHEC-Big Country Region, West Texas Innovation Network and Workforce Solutions of WCT.

Details on conference agenda and pre-registration are at www.texasmidwest.org or call 325-795-8626.

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

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Cross Plains NEEDS EMS Volunteers

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available and willing neighbors of good will to volunteer, train and serve as trained, licensed EMS crews. We have tentative state-approved classes scheduled for November. *Many hands make the burden light.*

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Submitted by David Holmes Licensed EMT Emergency Medical Technician

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Expansion begins on one of Texas' most congested highways

Groundbreaking ceremony marks start of work on I-35E in Denton, Dallas counties that's expected to save drivers time

HIGHLAND VILLAGE — After 15 years of planning and coordination to expand one of the state's most congested highways, the Texas Department of Transportation broke ground this week on the Interstate 35E (I-35E) corridor near Denton. TxDOT and its partner, AGL Constructors, broke ground at Copperas Branch Park in Highland Village. The Texas A&M Transportation Institute estimates the I-35E project will save motorists approximately 1.7 million hours in travel time per year.

"This project represents a true partnership, not only between AGL and TxDOT, but also between TxDOT and the cities and counties along this corridor," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "TxDOT is proud to deliver another public-private partnership project that will enhance safety and improve mobility for hundreds of thousands of motorists each day."

Dubbed 35Express and located in one of the region's fastest-growing areas, the 28-mile expansion will enlarge the interstate's footprint from US 380 in Denton County to I-635 in Dallas County. Portions of

the highway currently rank 33rd and 98th on TxDOT's list of 100 most congested roadways. Up to 210,000 vehicles per day travel the highway.

The 35Express project runs through eight cities in Denton and Dallas counties, including Denton, Corinth, Lake Dallas, Hickory Creek, Highland Village, Lewisville, Carrollton and Farmers Branch. The \$4.8 billion project is being constructed in two phases, the first of which will cost approximately \$1.4 billion in federal, state and local dollars as well as toll fees collected from SH 121. The second phase will be constructed when funding becomes available.

"This is an exciting time for Denton county residents," said Denton County Judge Mary Horn. "The I-35E expansion represents the beginning of the one project that links every major roadway in Denton County. Roadways like FM 1171, FM 2181, FM 407, FM 2499 are all being constructed, expanded and/or refurbished as a result of the incredible partnership we've had with our federal, state and regional partners. The I-35E project will not only improve mobility within the county, but also

within the region as well."

The first phase of construction is scheduled for later this month and includes the addition of north and southbound general purpose lanes, reversible managed lanes and the expansion, reconditioning or reconstruction of multiple bridges. Phase I construction is expected to be completed by early 2017. Highlights of the project include:

- Construction of a new southbound bridge across Lake Lewisville and the addition of frontage roads and a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists

- Widening of the bridges at Post Oak Road and Corinth Parkway

- Reconstruction of the bridges at Garden Ridge Boulevard and FM 407

- Additional direct connect ramps at the I-35E - Sam Rayburn Tollway interchange

- Reconstruction of the Belt Line Road interchange

35Express construction is managed by AGL Constructors, a joint venture between Archer Western Contractors L.L.C., Granite Construction Incorporated and The Lane Construction Corporation.

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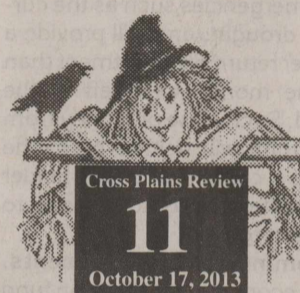
The West Texas Rehabilitation Center will be selling tickets for a chance to win a Polaris, Ranger 400 UTV (a \$8,300 value.) 29 Horsepower Engine, 450 cc High Output, 40 MPH, Automatic Transmission, Grill Guard, 50W Headlights, 1000 lb. Payload Capacity, 1250 lb. Towing, Lock & Ride Cargo System and NEW Easy Buckle Driver & Passenger

Safety Nets.

The drawing will be held on November 9th in San Angelo. Winner need not be present to win. No Cash Value and winner pays all applicable taxes and fees.

Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. For ticket information call: Abilene (325) 793-3512 San Angelo (325) 223-6300 Ozona (325) 392-9872.

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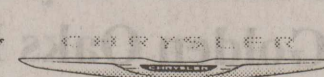
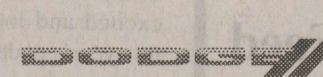


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Condensed analyses of Constitutional Amendment Election Proposition #6

Texas voters, including those from Callahan County, will go to the polls Tuesday, November 5th to cast ballots on nine Constitutional Amendment propositions.

Early voting for the 2013 Texas Constitutional Amendment Election will begin on Monday, October 21st at three voting locations in Callahan County. Early voting is taking place at the Callahan County Courthouse located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird, the Clyde Justice of the Peace Office located at 208 Oak Street in Clyde and the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace Office located at 424 South Main in Cross Plains. The last day to vote by early ballot is Friday, November 1st.

The last day to register to vote in this year's Constitutional Amendment Election is Monday, October 7th. The last day to apply for ballot by mail (received, not postmarked, is Friday, October 25th.)

A brief condensed analyses on each of the nine Constitutional Amendments will be published by the Cross Plains Review over the coming weeks. The Condensed Analyses of Proposed Constitutional Amendments on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, Election was prepared by the staff of the Texas Legislature.

Amendment No. 6 (S.J.R. 1)

The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.

Summary of Proposed Amendment. S.J.R. 1 proposes to amend the Texas Constitution by creating the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas as special funds in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund to be administered, without further appropriation, by the Texas Water Development Board and used for the purpose of implementing the state water plan adopted by the board. The proposed amendment authorizes the transfer or deposit of state revenue into each fund, but does not itself make a transfer or deposit of money into either fund.

The proposed amendment permits the legislature to authorize the Texas Water Development Board to enter into bond enhancement agreements payable from the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas to provide additional security for bonds used to finance state water plan projects. Repayment of an amount paid under a bond enhancement agreement may not cause general obligation bonds to be no longer self-supporting. The proposed amendment also permits the legislature to authorize the board to use the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas to finance water projects by direct loan. A bond enhancement or loan agreement is subject to the approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

The proposed amendment also

permits the legislature to authorize the Texas Water Development Board, with the approval of the Legislative Budget Board, to issue bonds and enter into related credit agreements that are payable from the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas.

The proposed amendment requires the Texas Water Development Board to annually set aside from each fund amounts sufficient to make bond or bond enhancement agreement payments that become due from those funds during that year. It prohibits any dedication or appropriation of amounts in a fund from being modified in a way that would impair any outstanding bond or obligation under a bond enhancement agreement secured by a pledge of those amounts unless provisions have been made for a full discharge of the bond or bond enhancement agreement. The proposed amendment also provides that obligations payable from either fund are not considered general obligations of the state. The proposed amendment provides that money in the funds is dedicated by the Texas Constitution for purposes of the limit on spending from undedicated state tax revenues established under Section 22, Article VIII, of the constitution, and also provides that an appropriation from the economic stabilization fund (also known as the rainy day fund) to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas is an appropriation of state tax revenues dedicated by the constitution for the purposes of that section.

H.B. 4, Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is the enabling legislation for S.J.R. 1. The bill addresses in more detail the manner in which the proposed water funds are administered, including the manner in which projects are prioritized for funding and the portion of the money disbursed that is to be applied for various purposes. In addition, H.B. 1025, Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, appropriates \$2 billion out of the economic stabilization fund to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas to be used by the Texas Water Development Board to finance projects in the state water plan in accordance with H.B. 4. Because S.J.R. 1 provides that an appropriation from the economic stabilization fund to the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas is an appropriation of state tax revenues dedicated by the constitution, the \$2 billion appropriation would not be counted against the biennial state spending cap that is established under Chapter 316, Government Code, to ensure that the rate of growth of certain appropriations does not exceed the rate of growth of the state's economy, as Section 22, Article VIII, of the constitution prohibits. The relevant provisions of H.B. 4 and H.B. 1025 are contingent on the approval by the voters of the constitutional amendment proposed by S.J.R. 1.

Summary of Comments Made About the Proposed Amendment. The following paragraphs are based on comments made about the amend-

ment during the legislative process and generally summarize the main arguments supporting or opposing the amendment.

Comments by Supporters. Ensuring an adequate water supply is vital to the public health and continued economic well-being of the state. The current ongoing drought, coupled with the water needs of the state's growing population, has raised the specter of critical shortages in the state's water supply, making it of paramount importance that the state invest in water infrastructure to ensure Texas' continued prosperity. If the state's growing water needs are not addressed, the state stands to suffer from the loss of over a million jobs, billions of dollars in lost income, reduced economic activity, and decreased tax revenues in the coming years.

The proposed amendment establishes the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas, which are to be capitalized by a one-time appropriation of \$2 billion from the economic stabilization fund, for the purpose of financing water projects included in the state water plan. Using money from the economic stabilization fund for water infrastructure is an appropriate use of the fund, which was created as a savings account from which the legislature can appropriate funds as necessary to respond to emergencies such as the current drought, and will provide a better return on investment than if the money were left in the fund. Such a use of money from the fund will neither harm the state's credit rating nor hinder the state's ability to respond to an emergency.

Comments by Opponents. The economic stabilization fund should not be used to capitalize the funds to be created by the proposed amendment. Instead, such funding should come from the general revenue fund. Drawing down funds from the economic stabilization fund may negatively affect the state's credit rating and leave the state inadequately equipped to respond to future emergencies.

Furthermore, constitutionally dedicating the money used to capitalize the funds is merely an accounting gimmick designed to enable the legislature to avoid the constitutional limit on spending of undedicated state revenue.

These two new funds are unnecessary as there already exist two constitutionally dedicated water development funds as well as several financial assistance programs for water infrastructure administered by the Texas Water Development Board. Through the two new funds, the state will act like an investment bank, and it is not the state's role to be in the commercial investment banking business.

Financing for local water projects should be provided not by the state but by the users benefiting from those projects. Instead of funding new projects and initiatives, the state should ease regulatory burdens that currently hinder the development of an adequate available water supply in the state.



New electric cart allows mobility for anyone needing assistance — Steve Bitsko manager of Lowe's Supermarket in Cross Plains shows off the new electric grocery cart which was purchased for our shoppers needing extra assistance. Photo submitted by Frances Thornton

Lowe's Accommodates Local Customer

Steven P. Wagner, a local resident and frequent shopper at Lowe's in Cross Plains, talked with Steve Bitsko, store manager, concerning the need for an electric cart for the store and Bitsko had the Area Manager

John Potter order one. Wagner was sent a letter stating that his request had been filled and was also given a gift card reward for his efforts. They also thanked him for being a great and valued customer.

Now anyone needing this type of assistance while shopping at Lowe's will be accommodated.

For those who may not know Steven Wagner, he is Wanda Martin's son. He was not available for the photo.

Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

• Hot Tamale

A Val Verde County game warden received a call from the Del Rio Police Department about a small SUV that had a white-tailed deer in the back seat. The warden asked the woman about the deer and she said she needed it for tamales she was planning to make the next day. One case filed for possession in closed season and one case of DWI filed by the Del Rio Police Department.

• Guessing Game

An Ellis County game warden met a new farmer at a gas station who wanted his business card because he was having trouble with dove hunters on his properties. One day, the farmer called the warden with the license plate of a truck with two men inside who were shooting at dove while driving down the road. The warden drove to the location and picked up hulls on the road and proceeded to look for the truck. The truck was spotted just as it was turning into the driveway. After confronting the subjects about their hunt, the warden made a deal with them and said, "I'll leave, but only if I can't guess what gauge shotgun is in the gun case in your backseat, and I'll bet in that camouflage bag there are low brass, Winchester #8 shot shells that are red in color." After puzzled looks and realizing the warden knew more than they thought he did, the two men confessed and multiple citations are pending.

• Over Limits; Over Line

A Williamson County game warden received an Operation Game Thief call about people who were shooting over a property line in Jonah. When the warden arrived at the location, he was unable to locate shooters. He returned to the same

area later that evening and heard several shots coming from the property. When the warden contacted the shooter, he found that the man was in possession of 19 mourning doves, four over his daily bag limit, did not have a hunting license, and was in possession of a stolen Remington 20-gauge out of Irving. The shotgun and birds were confiscated and charges are pending.

• Aiming for Trouble

An Edwards County game warden and a Real County game warden saw a group of people taking fish illegally with a spear gun. When they confronted the group, the wardens found 42 illegally taken game fish. The subjects were issued numerous citations for taking fish by illegal means and methods.

• Not so Squeaky Clean

Two San Augustine County game wardens received information about possible road hunting, including the description of a vehicle seen leaving the area shortly after the shots. The wardens searched the area and on a nearby dirt road discovered deer tracks on the road. Following the tracks, the wardens found a fresh blood-stained scene. Taking into account the totality of the circumstance and the wardens' knowledge of local poachers, they hastily went to a residence less than two miles away. Upon arrival, the wardens saw a vehicle matching the description from the scene. The back of the truck looked as if it was freshly washed, but the cleaning was not good enough to hide fresh blood and hair that was still noticeable. The wardens were given permission from the property owner to search the freezer and refrigerator inside the residence. Inside the refrigerator was a bag of still-warm deer meat. The wardens located the suspects and confessions were obtained.

• Spotlight Shooting

Two Shelby County game wardens received a call in the early morning hours from the local sheriff's office regarding a traffic stop conducted by state troopers at the Department of Public Safety. The sheriff's office advised the warden that in the trunk of the car was a live deer. When they arrived, the wardens noticed a .22-caliber rifle, two pellet guns, several flashlights, and a live mature doe in the trunk. After interviewing the subjects and examining the doe, the wardens could tell the deer had been shot with the .22-caliber rifle. The subjects admitted to hunting deer at night and using their car headlights to spotlight and shoot the doe from the roadway. All four subjects were taken to Shelby County Jail.

• Corny Excuse

While patrolling the Trinity River during the opening day of teal season, Trinity County game wardens heard several shotgun shots coming from the other side of a hill covered in goat weed. The wardens walked in and found two dove hunters. The hunters were very surprised and immediately began walking towards the wardens. When asked for hunting licenses, the hunters were extremely nervous and had a hard time removing their licenses from the pouches. The wardens asked the hunters why they were so nervous and if there was anything they needed to know about. The hunters replied no and said the last time they were checked in this county they were hunting ducks with lead shot and received citations. While the hunters were speaking to a warden separately, the other warden began searching the area by the hunters' folding chairs. The warden found corn on the ground in the area where they were hunting. The hunters denied knowing anything about the corn. Citations for hunting over bait were issued.

Helping Hearts and Hands

Helping Hearts and Hands will be on Saturday, October 28, 2013.

If you need an application they are available at the Senior Citizens

Center, Texas Heritage Bank, City Hall, or Connie's.

The application needs to be returned as soon as possible before October 18, 2013.

This project is sponsored by the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative and is directed for homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or low income. Please remember all projects must be completed in one day. 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 questions or would like more information, please call Pat Stephens or Connie Kirkham at 254-725-6318 or 325-665-0154.

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AgriLife Extension Multi-County Estate Planning Seminar Set for November 14th in Baird

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BAIRD - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Callahan, Shackelford and Taylor counties will conduct the Multi-County Estate Planning Seminar beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14th in the Baird Activity Center, 208 Walnut Street in Baird.

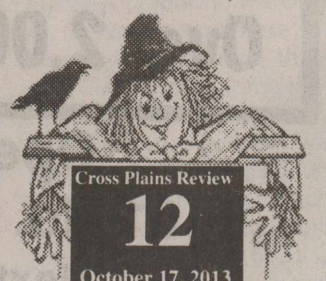
Jerry Warren, AgriLife Extension agent in Callahan

County, said the program's main speaker will be Mark Zachary of McMahon Surovik Suttle Attorneys of Abilene.

"The program will include a presentation on estate tax laws in 2013," Warren said. "Other topics will address estate planning for farmers and ranchers, and the use of family limited partnerships in estate and asset protection planning."

Individual registration is \$10 due upon arrival. Those planning to attend should RSVP to any of the

participating AgriLife Extension offices: Callahan, 325-854-5835; Shackelford, 325-762-2232, Ext. 7; or Taylor 325-672-6048.



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Well Traveled Journalist Visits Howard Museum — James Bernsen of Austin made a quick stop at the Museum on his way to Abilene and other points north. He is president of his own company, Bernsen Consulting, specializing in strategic communications, research and political campaigns. Having degrees in both journalism and German from Texas A&M equipped him to also study at the Eberhard-Karls University in Tübingen, Germany and TSU. With this scholastic background, he spent years in the political public relations arena reporting, serving as press aides, covering and directing campaigns for U.S. Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison as well as numerous figures in the state capital. In and around these jobs, he also worked as a reporter and editor for the Berliner Zeitung, a major German metro daily. Then came 9-11 and Bernsen joined the U.S. Navy as an intelligence officer, ending up in Baghdad assigned to the Airborne Corps of the U.S. Army. In this role, he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and finally ended up back in the Navy as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve. With all his background, the guy stopped in Cross Plains to visit our little Museum! He had found time in Germany to read a lot of Howard's stories that were printed in German. Imagine his surprise to learn that the author had done all his writings right here in town. Absorbing the atmosphere, taking pictures and making some purchases at the Museum, he left a nice donation and went on his way back to his real life. Each day, a new adventure at the Museum.

CARBON CHRIST CENTER SINGING CELEBRATION

Carbon Christ Center will have its 3rd Saturday singing on October 19th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We would like to invite anyone who would like to sing gospel music, or play an instrument, or just come and en-

joy the fellowship to attend. We are located just North of the caution light on Hwy. 6 in Carbon. For further information contact Pastor Chris Justice at 254-631-8674.

Lord's Acre Is Just Around The Corner

The annual Lord's Acre celebration at the First United Methodist Church is just around the corner. This time honored tradition will take place on Saturday, November 9th with all the popular touches.

Once again, the complete turkey dinner will be available for \$8.00 per plate. Meals may be picked up at the church, orders will be delivered to those who cannot make it to the church and the fellowship hall will be open for dining prior to the live auction.

The "Little Store" will be open in the hallways from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for direct purchasing of smaller items. The tables will be lined with hand made items and

lots of home made candies, pickles, relish, and jellies. A silent auction will be available in the same area with more unique items. The big fun-filled live auction kicks off at 6:30 with many of the typical items - a quilt, a family party basket, quilted pillows, catered meals and fancy baked goods. Jerry Payne has promised that "I'll have some of Dad's chow ready."

As is the custom of the Lord's Acre, all monies raised with this event will go back into the various mission projects of the church, including numerous local groups. So mark your calendars and plan to be a part of helping the Methodist Church help others.



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October is National Residents Rights Month

Residents' Rights month is celebrated to honor residents living in all long term care facilities. It is a time for every nursing organization to focus on and celebrate awareness of dignity and respect of each individual resident. <http://www.theconsumervoicere.org/resident/nursinghome/residents-rights>. It is also national Physical Therapy Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. There are also national celebration weeks in October such as Fire Prevention, Healthcare Food Service, Customer Service, Mental Health Awareness, Case Management and Infection Prevention Weeks, just to name a few that pertain to health care. According to the [consumervoicere.org](http://www.theconsumervoicere.org)

"Residents' Rights are guaranteed by the federal 1987 Nursing Home Reform Law. The law requires nursing homes to "promote and protect the rights of each resident" and places a strong emphasis on individual dignity and self-determination. Nursing homes must meet federal residents' rights requirements if they participate in Medicare or Medicaid. Some states have residents' rights in state law or regulation for nursing homes, licensed assisted living, adult care homes, and other board and care facilities. A person living in long-term care facility maintains the same rights as an individual in the larger community." **Rising Star Nursing Center 254-643-6700. Proud member of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.**

Callahan County Predator Control Association's annual meeting is

The Callahan County Predator Control Association Board of Directors would like to invite Callahan County landowners and tenants to the 4th Annual Meeting to be held on **Monday, October 21, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Baird Activity Center** located at 328 Walnut Street. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the eradication of feral hogs in the county.

We will be taking 2014 membership into the Association that will include a meal furnished by Cooks Fish Barn. Annual Membership fees are \$10.00 per year. Please RSVP by October 17th by calling the Callahan County Extension Office at 325 854-5835

The objectives of this organization are to assist landowners and tenants in eradicating the feral hogs throughout the county.

Over the past 3 years we have participated in the USDA Services Program and the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Program. During this time we have eradicated over 2,725 feral hogs and 679 coyotes. The Association has received a total of \$17,500 in TDA Grant Funds that have been used to pay a large portion of the aerial services. The Board of Directors would like to see this program continued as we have received feedback from landowners and hunters that the turkey and quail seem to be making a comeback during the past year. We feel that part of this is due to the success in removing at least a number of the feral hog population in the county.

The agriculture department estimates that hogs cause about \$450 million in damage yearly. They are predators of lambs, kids and calves as well as nesting birds such as turkey and quail. They also destroy crops and wildlife habitats rooting for bugs and seeds for food and wallowing during the hotter months. "Feral Hogs commonly destroy urban yards, parks and golf courses, as well as range-

Texas Forests provide \$93 billion in environmental benefits each year

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — It's easy to figure out how much a tree is worth when it is harvested for lumber, paper or firewood. But what about when it's still standing tall in the forest, providing shade on sunny days, giving homes to woodland animals and helping clean the air you breathe and the water you drink?

Just how much is that worth? Almost \$93 billion each year, according to a first-of-its-kind study for Texas conducted by Texas A&M Forest Service.

The figure was derived through the *Texas Statewide Assessment of Forest Ecosystem Services*, a compilation of the environmental benefits and their monetary value provided by Texas' more than 60 million acres of forestland.

"Through this assessment, we hope to foster a greater awareness of the overall importance of forestlands," said Forester Hughes Simpson, who coordinates the Texas A&M Forest Service's Water Resources program. "Forests provide services that humans can't live without."

As part of the study, researchers looked at how Texas forests help regulate local climate, pro-

tect water resources, purify the air and improve wildlife habitats and species diversity. They also surveyed residents from across the state to better understand their thoughts, views, and values of Texas forests.

"Cultural values are more esoteric. It's the value people place on a forest for just being there and knowing it's going to be there for their kids and grandkids," Simpson said, noting that it carried the highest monetary value. "They felt better just knowing that the forests were there, even if they never intended to visit a forest."

The five core ecosystem services and their annual, statewide values are listed below.

• Climate Regulation, \$4.2 billion/year

Affect forests have on regional and local climates by absorbing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide - a greenhouse gas.

• Watershed Regulation, \$13.2 billion/year

Ability of the forests to provide a continuous, stable supply of clean drinking water through various hydrological processes (aquifer recharge, purification, flood and storm protection, etc.).

• Biodiversity Services, \$14.8 billion/year

Capacity forests have to promote essential biological diversity and provide sustainable habitats for plants and animals.

• Cultural Services, \$60.4 billion/year

Non-material benefits (spiritual enrichment, cognitive development, reflection and aesthetic experience) obtained from forest ecosystems.

• Air Quality Services, \$190.3 million/year

Ability of forests to remove particulates and other pollutants from the air.

The online version of the study — found at TexasForestInfo.com — allows residents to see the ecosystem values for their specific location.

Through this assessment looked only at forested, mostly rural lands, Simpson said the agency soon will study the benefits provided by trees in urban areas, such as those that line parks and streets. He said the ultimate goal is to compile both surveys, giving the agency a better picture of the value of the benefits that trees and forests provide to Texas.

TCEQ Establishes Water Project Liaison in Response to Governor's Request

Austin - (October 10, 2013) — The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), in response to a request from the Governor's office, has established a water project liaison within the TCEQ to assist and coordinate with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in implementing House Bill 4.

The liaison will help the State take a leadership role in working with businesses, utilities, local governments, and citizens to prioritize and develop essential projects and water management strategies.

Specifically, the TCEQ will coordinate efforts with the TWDB to ensure the TCEQ attends regional water planning group meetings and provides solution-based assistance and support regarding water-supply development as well as other assistance as requested.

New desalination plants, storage systems, conservation projects, water reuse projects, water pipelines, wells, and reservoirs are just some of the projects likely to be presented to the TWDB under new procedures outlined in HB 4 from the last legislative session. If voters approve Proposition 6 in November, there will be even more projects as new sources of funding become available.

"The legislature and the governor provided Texas with a great opportunity to ensure an adequate water supply for the future of Texas," said Texas Water Development Board Chairman Carlos Rubenstein. "Texans can be assured that state government is taking this issue seriously. The cooperation between the TCEQ and TWDB is an example of what it is going to take for Texas to respond to the water challenge facing our state."

"Due to the ongoing drought and population growth, Texas is at a crucial point in ensuring water supplies for both current and future Texans," said TCEQ Chairman Bryan W. Shaw, Ph.D., P.E. "It makes sense to make the process as efficient as possible to assist applicants who are bringing helpful projects to the table."

"The TCEQ is absolutely committed to doing whatever it can to assist the TWDB in quickly and efficiently implementing HB 4," he said.

The TWDB has begun working with regional water planning groups to develop uniform prioritization criteria for the state's water supply projects. The TWDB held a work session on October 9 to discuss that criteria and how to implement the legislation if it is approved by voters.

TCEQ's water liaison is Brian Christian, and he can be reached through TCEQ's Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division at 512-239-3100.

The impacts of drought on the state of Texas will continue to be felt for some time, even after the current drought begins to subside. The state's population continues to grow. Planning for future water security is critical to our state's continued success.

The TWDB is the state agency charged with collecting and disseminating water-related data, assisting with regional planning and preparing the State Water Plan for the development of the state's water resources. The TWDB administers cost-effective financial programs for the construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control, and agricultural water conservation projects.

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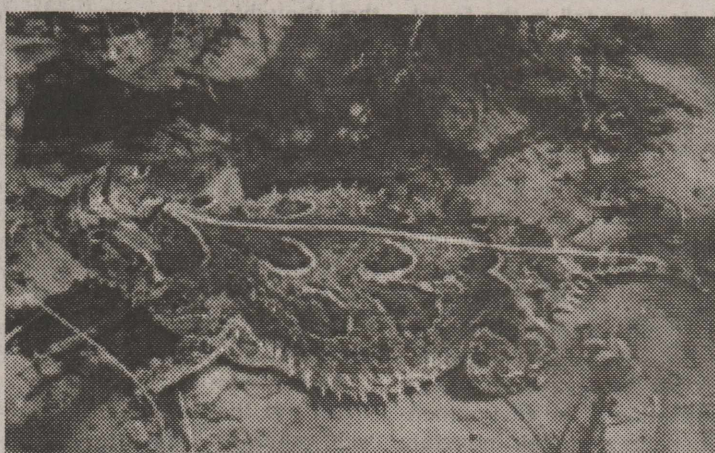
For the most part, here in west Texas reptiles are not anything more than an afterthought at best, and reviled at worst. However, there is an endearing reptile that can make even the most staunch "reptile-hater" smile and that is the Texas Horned Lizard.

The Texas Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*) is one of three species of "horny toads" that live in Texas, and it has the largest area of distribution. It can be observed statewide, save for a small portion of the Texas and Louisiana border. It also occurs north to central Kansas, west to southeastern Arizona, and southward into the central plateau of Mexico.

The habitats that this lizard prefers are arid to semi-arid sandy areas in prairies and grasslands, as well sand dunes and areas of open scrubland. Many can be seen basking on paved roads in the morning and late afternoon hours.

The Texas Horned Lizard is a flattened reptile that has scaled, horny skin. It is the largest horned lizard that inhabits this state, with adults reaching a total length of six inches, although the average is between four and five inches. The background coloration is tan, brownish or even reddish, many times matching the soil color. There are two large, dark brown blotches on the neck, followed by four pairs of light-edged dark spots on each side of the white mid-dorsal stripe along the spine. It also has a row of scales along the sides of the body. There are nine horns that adorn the head with the two center horns being significantly larger than the others. The belly is white and is occasionally peppered with black spots.

Texas Horned Lizards, like other lizard species, are "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. This means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling. They are active throughout the day in the spring and fall, adjusting their schedules to the



Texas Horned Lizard (Phrynosoma cornutum)

morning and afternoon hours during the heat of the summer.

This species of lizard has a very specialized diet. Its preferred choice of food is the large harvester ants and many times this lizard can be seen dining in the vicinity of large, round nests of the ants. An adult Horned Lizard can feed upon as many as 100 harvester ants in one day. Unfortunately, the imported fire ant is not on the Horned Lizard's dietary menu.

The Texas Horned Lizard is oviparous, which is a fancy way of saying that it lays eggs. After emerging from the winter-long brumation period (reptiles do not hibernate in the true sense of the word), males will search out females to mate. After mating, the female will lay anywhere from ten to thirty eggs in moisture retaining soil. After approximately fifty days of incubation, the tiny one-inch long young

emerge prepared to fend for and care for themselves.

Populations of the misnamed "horny toad" (they are not amphibians, but rather reptiles) had been decimated over the past several decades, although in many areas they are apparently stabilizing. There have been numerous theories presented as to the reasons for the decline, ranging from man's use of pesticide to collection for the pet trade. However, many studies have shown that the appearance of the imported fire ant has had the most influence. The Texas Horned Lizard is the official state reptile of Texas, and it is listed as Threatened by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and it may not be collected or harassed in any way.

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Lack of Action Could Leave Rural Texas in the Dust

By: Austin Brown III

A recent announcement by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to start converting asphalt roads to gravel has a lot of ranchers worried. Safe and well-maintained farm-to-market and rural-ranch roads are the lifeline of the Texas cattle industry, and I fear this proposal could leave us literally in the dust.

It's easy to put all the blame on TXDOT for this predicament. We are all aware of the issues landowners have experienced with our state's transportation department over the years. But, I'll go out on a limb here and say they aren't solely to blame.

During the third and final special session of the 2013 Texas Legislature lawmakers finally passed legislation to help fund TXDOT. That's a good thing because, as you well know, our state population is growing rapidly. This means more vehicles on all of our roads.

What's bad is the legislation fell billions of dollars short of the funds needed to maintain the roads we have. What's more, it forced TXDOT to make \$100 million in cuts. The legislation also called for a constitutional amendment to be passed by Texas voters to initiate much of the funding, but this election will not occur until 2014.

TXDOT needs more money. Finding this money is the hard part.

With a lack of necessary dol-

lars, TXDOT has only 3 choices. They can do nothing to those rural roads that are in need of major repairs. They can fully pave and repair a select few roads and do nothing to the others. Or they can stretch their dollar as far as they can and temporarily turn those deteriorating paved roads into gravel roads. This would make them slightly safer in the short term, but is still not a long term solution. At this point TXDOT has opted for the third choice. The roads they've initially proposed to convert to gravel are in 4 counties in South Texas and 2 counties in West Texas, totaling around 85 miles. These roads are in such bad shape because thousands of trucks travel them due to the oil and gas boom in these areas.

Maybe the oil and gas industry should share in the costs to help maintain these roads. The oil and gas industry is important to the Texas economy, and we need to work with this economic engine to keep it thriving. That means taking care of the roads that allow them to produce and transport their product. Unfortunately, the oil and gas industry is its own worst enemy. They tear up roads without a plan to repair or fix them hoping TXDOT bails them out. Without good farm-to-market and rural ranch-roads, the oil and gas industry will suffer just like the cattle industry.

Cattle raisers have strongly urged the oil and gas industry to help fund the repair and maintenance of the rural roads. The legislature has tried to encourage them to do so, but those attempts have been stopped.

In fairness, the oil and gas industry does pay a lot of taxes to the State of Texas. Some companies are doing the right thing and offering additional financial assistance for road repair, but many are not. Some have mentioned that counties take over the repair and maintenance of these roads. That's simply not a viable option considering that most counties can barely take care of their own roads.

Something must be done to protect and maintain our rural road system. As rural landowners with a stake in this decision we must actively participate in this process. Tell your elected officials to make farm-to-market and rural-ranch road funding a priority before we start to see more of our rural roads turn to dust.

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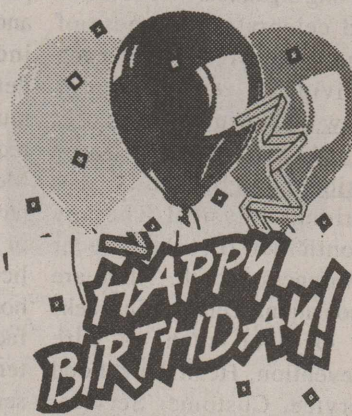
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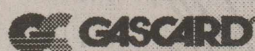
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