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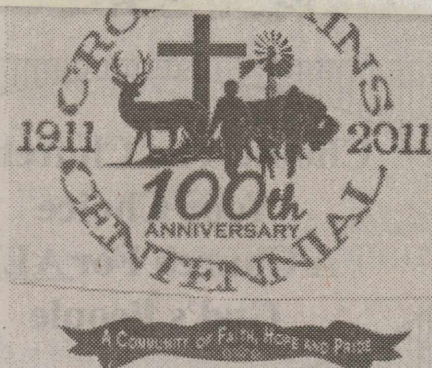
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Helping Hearts And Hands Success Again — The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative Board created Helping Hearts and Hands 15 years ago. Wow, and we are still having successful workdays! Saturday, October 26th was the day for 2013. About 50 adults and youth met at 7:00 a.m. at the CP Church of Christ Activity Center for a hearty breakfast. Workers gathered to plan out eleven jobs, from weatherizing, to ramps and painting. All the jobs were assigned and if not completed will be shortly. Adults and youth worked hand in hand-heart to heart to help our Seniors/disabled. The work day is mainly for weatherizing and helping our people live safe and warm/cool. Cross Plains First United Methodist Church blessed us with a wonderful lunch. After which everyone went on about their usual busy weekend. Thank you.

CROSS PLAINS GENEROSITY RAISES OVER \$10,000 FOR THE LOCAL CANCER FUND

We want to take this opportunity to thank CPISD faculty and students, numerous businesses, area churches, civic organizations and family and friends of those touched by cancer for the outpouring of support in making the yearly Cancer Walk a HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to those donating prizes and gift certificates for the drawings and to those WONDERFUL cooks who made the delicious cakes for auction and the cake walk. Year after year Jean Wilson, Peggy Winfrey, Connie Kirkham, Jewel Purvis, Wilma Lawrence and Ophelia Merrill surprise us with their favorite recipes along with many other hometown cooks. Thank you to "4 His Glory", Amy Potter, Megan Gooding, FBC Children's Choir and to the McNeel Family for the beautiful music. Thanks to the American Legion for the opening ceremony each year and to Ricky Thomas for doing such a great job as emcee.

Special thanks to Brenda Simons for donating the

beautiful handmade quilt in Memory of Homer Simons and to Meghann's Market in Eastland for the double rocker.

Through your generous donations, we were able to raise over \$10,000 to assist hometown residents fighting cancer with

fuel cards and transportation assistance as they travel for treatment.

Many cancer patients and their families who are currently fighting the battle attended the walk, we hope and pray they felt

See Cancer Fund Page 3

Baked Potato Dinner Fundraiser Hosted by the Cross Plains FFA Boosters

On Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 12:30 p.m., the Cross Plains FFA Boosters will be hosting a Baked Potato Dinner Fundraiser at Cross Plains First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains located at 1000 North Main Street.

We will be serving delicious "LOADED" Baked Potato, Drink and Dessert for only \$6.

There will be live music by: "Trace of Gold."

We will also be holding a cake auction!!!! Don't miss out!!!

You may purchase tickets for a chance to win an iPad! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

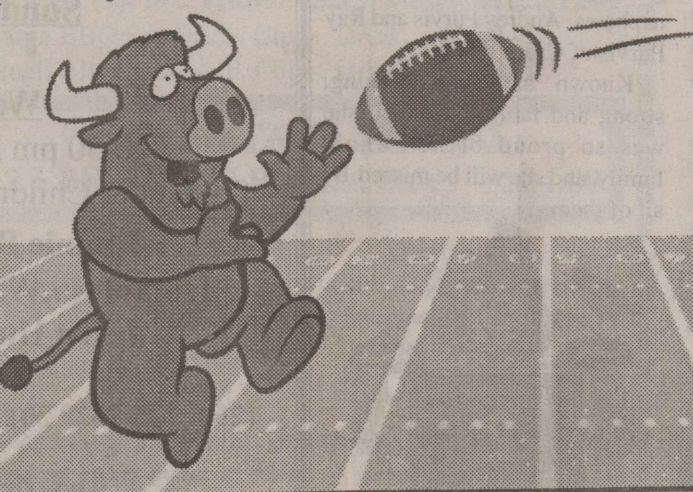
The Cross Plains FFA Booster

Club uses money raised from the yearly fundraiser to provide support to the youth of the Cross Plains FFA throughout the year.

The FFA Booster Club also provides two scholarships to qualified graduating Cross Plains FFA members.

This year the FFA Booster Club donated \$500 to help the West FFA in rebuilding their High School Agriculture facility after their devastating loss. Anyone interested in donating to the New Day Crisis Fund in support of West FFA may contact Mr. Marc Morgan or Mr. Elvan Goode at the Cross Plains High School at 254-725-6121.

Catch This Week's Game Cross Plains vs. Albany Friday, November 1 at 7:30 in Albany



Calling All Hunter's & Landowners



It is that time of year again! The Hunters Feed is fast approaching! The date is Saturday, November 2nd, 11am-1pm. At this great event we provide a free brisket lunch to anyone with a hunting license or landowner, and also have great door prizes. We are in need of donations for those Door Prizes! Hats, knives, game cameras, gift cards, chairs, deer corn, flash lights, this list just a few of the donations we received

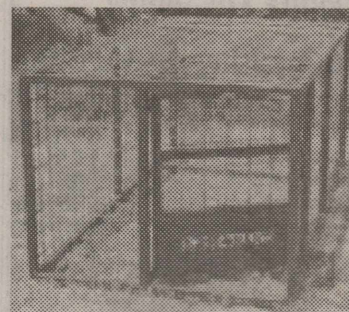
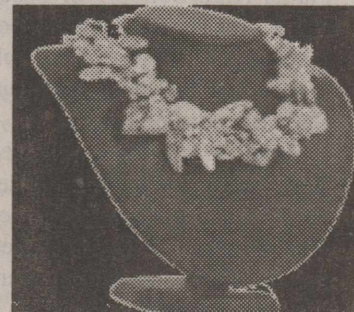
year! This is a great annual event for the community and we hope to hear from you!

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, 3pm

Deadline.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

For more information contact the Chamber office! Myleah McNutt—Administrative Assistant Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Phone: 254-725-7251 Fax: 254-725-4184 Located: 225 SW 5th St.



Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Hunter's Feed Raffle

Saturday, November 2, 2013, 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., located at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center Parking Lot.

Raffle tickets are \$1 or you can

Some of the items to be raffled are a Yeti 445 qt. Cooler donated by J & L Sales, a Hog Trap donated by J & S Ag Fabrications and a Stone Necklace donated by

Fredricksburg Star Concho and Ear Rings Included.

For more information contact the Chamber office at 254-725-7251.

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.

FALL FESTIVAL THIS SATURDAY, NOV. 2ND

It is time once again for the annual fall Festival sponsored by the junior class of CPHS! Please join us for the night of fun, food, fright, and games. The festival begins at 6:00 p.m. and continues until 9:30 in the old gym. a myriad of game booths are available for all age groups to test their skills. The old favorites are back including: the Cake Walk, Bingo, and the Haunted Hayride that promises to be the scariest yet! Admission is \$1.00 for all patrons ages 3 and up. Tickets are available for purchase at the door. Coinciding with all the fun activities will be the announcement of the 2013 Fall Festival King and Queen at 8:30, and immediately following the prize will be awarded for "best costume." Students, parents, and sponsors have worked tirelessly to ensure that this year's Fall Festival is the best ever. All monies raised are utilized to fund the 2014 Junior/Senior Prom, which is held in the spring. Come on out and support the junior class by reveling in all that the Fall Festival has to offer!



Trunk OR Treat

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!

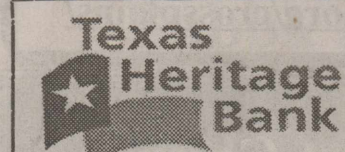
Former Mayor of Cross Plains, Frank Robertson Remembered

Frank Robertson, long time resident of Cross Plains passed away from this life into his eternal home with his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ on September 19, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Frank was born on October 9, 1925 in Brownwood, Texas. Frank and Mandy made their home in Cross Plains for many years where he operated Robertson Tire Shop.

Frank loved Cross Plains and served as City Councilman from 1977-1983 and then as Mayor from 1983-1990. He moved to Houston when his health began to fail to be close to his daughters, Pat and Linda. Later he and his family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he was living at the time of his passing.

Frank was buried near Houston next to his beloved wife, Mandy.



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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Choose The Church of
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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



Wanda Lee Ingram Tyler

On the evening of Friday, October 25, 2013, at the Abilene Medical Center in Abilene, Texas, Wanda was surrounded by family as she went home to be with her loved ones. Wanda was 80 years old.

Wanda was born at home on September 5, 1933 in Cottonwood, Texas. She was the second child, and the first daughter, of Bill and Althea Ingram.

When Wanda was a little girl, her mother, Althea, looked over and noticed that Wanda had grasshopper legs hanging out of her mouth. Mrs. Ingram realized Wanda had eaten a grasshopper which led to Wanda's life-long aversion to bugs.

Wanda graduated from Cross Plains High School in Cross Plains, Texas and soon met her husband, Dean Tyler. They fell in love and had three children; Gary, Rhonda and Randy.

Things Wanda loved included God, family and gardening; her yard was always full of bluebonnets. Wanda enjoyed making crafts and sharing them with family and friends.

Wanda's home was filled with pictures & memories of her family. She was loved by many and will be missed by all.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Tyler; son, Gary Tyler; parents Bill and Althea Ingram; sisters, Bonnie Mae Ingram and Willie Mae Ingram; and brothers, Joe Ingram and Mack Ingram.

Those left to cherish Wanda's love and memory are daughter, Rhonda Houston and husband Rick of Hobbs, NM; son, Randy Tyler and wife Darlene of Clyde; brother, Mike Ingram and wife Judy of Grand Prairie; seven grandchildren, Aleasha Duncan, Brandon Tyler, Russell Houston, Ryan Houston, Rex Houston, Lucy Bishop and Tamara Farrar; fourteen great-grandchildren, loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Viewing was held on October 27, 2013 from 4-6 p.m. at the Funeral Home Chapel and services were held on Monday, October 28, 2013 at 2 p.m. also at the funeral home in Cross Plains.

Henry Jerry Fleming

Henry Jerry Fleming, age 70, of Brownwood, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2013.

Graveside services were held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Cemetery in Eastland County with John Swift officiating. Higginbotham Funeral Home is in Cross Plains are in charge of arrangements.

Jerry was born on June 22, 1943 to Joyce Nell (Mathews) and Joseph Fleming in Pioneer, Texas. He worked as an electrician.

Survivors include his sons, Joe Fleming of San Antonio, Jimmie Fleming of Longview; daughters, Lyn Siedel of Longview and Jessica Worsham of Sulphur Springs; brother Jim Fleming of Pioneer; sister Jo Veda Watson Bush of Lubbock; 8 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Glenn.

Donald Eugene White

Donald Eugene White passed away Sunday, October 27, 2013 in Austin, Texas.

Born in Borger, Texas, Donald was the fourth son of La Noah and Homer Preston (Pete) White.

Funeral service was held at Cross Plains Methodist Church Wednesday, October 30th at 10 a.m. with Dr. David Ray, pastor of River of Life Church in Abilene officiating.

Donald graduated from Cross Plains High School and attended John Tarleton College. He was hired by Amerado Petroleum Corporation, following in his father's footsteps, and worked for them until his retirement.

He married Billy Jean Barr and they became parents of two wonderful boys. They were transferred to Tripoli, Libya for two years, having quite an adventure and then were transferred to Lafayette, Louisiana. Their marriage was dissolved and later Donald married Joan McKenzie. Upon retirement, Donald and Joan made their home in Cedar Park, Texas.

His parents; his son, Donny; and four brothers, Kenneth, Billy, Richard, and Cecil preceded him in death.

Donald is survived by his dear wife, Joan of 43 years; son, James Richard (Jimmy) and wife Milessa of Lafayette, LA; daughter Tina Comeaux of Cedar Park, TX; one sister, Lahoma Bowen and husband A.D. (Dick) of Abilene; four grandsons, James Richard, Jr., Jeremy, Jesse off Lafayette, LA, and Ryan Gomes of Cedar Park, TX; two granddaughter, Michelle and Jaime of Lafayette, LA; and four great-grandchildren, Noa, Cohen and Lucy of Lafayette, LA and Evelyn Camille of Rochester, Minnesota.

Donald was a lifetime Methodist and his life was built on a solid foundation of faith. He was very invested in his family and kept his wonderful sense of humor all during his bout with cancer.

Memorials may be made to donor's favorite charity, or Building Fund, River of Life Church, 539 Hwy 83/84, Abilene, TX 79602.

Winona Treadwell

Winona passed away in the early morning hours of Sunday, October 20, 2013 in Hobbs, NM.

A memorial service was held at the King's Gate Church in Hobbs at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd of October.

Mrs. Treadwell was born in Atwell, TX on February 7, 1924. She held a B.A. degree from Howard Payne University.

Winona married the love of her life, Maurice Treadwell, for 64 years until his passing in 2007.

Winona was a retired school teacher and missionary to Panama and Brazil. The private school that she founded in Brazil continues to thrive to this day.

Having moved to Hobbs, New Mexico in 2009, Grandma Treadwell was a member of King's Gate Church the last four years of her life, where she attended faithfully until the month before her passing.

Mrs. Treadwell is survived by her son, Charles Treadwell and wife Marilyn of Albuquerque, NM, her son Donald Treadwell and wife Kathy of Seagoville, TX, her daughter, Barbara Sena and husband Fabian, of Hobbs, NM. She is also survived by around 20 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and nephews, Audrey Purvis and Ray Purvis of Cross Plains.

Known as a hard working, strong and faithful woman, she was so proud of her whole family, and she will be missed by all of them.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Luis Miguel Luna, burglary of vehicle.

Justin Alexander Miller, failure to identify.

Lonnie Andres Keith, theft.
Matthew Ray Prickett, theft by check.

Alfredo Palma Rodriguez, theft by check.

Daniel Tarrant, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

Joseph L. Williams, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

Joseph L. Williams, resist arrest / search / transport.

Joseph L. Williams, criminal mischief.

Jess Williamson, terroristic threat.

Danny G. Cochran, assault.
Cary T. Terrell, criminal trespass.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jason O. Beauchamp, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.

Michael G. Atkins, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence granted in the interest of justice.

Christy A. McDonald, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$319 court costs.

Boi Hei, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Boi Hei, order amending condition of probation granted.

Cody L. Allen, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Anson M. Strasser, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$269 court costs.

Anson M. Strasser, order amending condition of probation granted.

Benito Roman, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$400 fine, \$429 court costs.

Grenuel D. Tutt, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 45

days in jail, \$100 fine, \$369 court costs.

Steven D. Smith, Jr., plea of guilty to DWI, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Brandi Mae Ortez, motion to withdraw as surety.

Marriage Licenses

John J. Pruet and Ashley N. Vinson, both of Baird.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jerri Paul vs. Tony Held, Steve Jackson and Jackson Held Enterprises LLC, damages.

Rocklan Clive Cagle and Lovetta E. Cagle, divorce.

Janie R. Arledge and Chester Arledge, divorce.

Marc Adam Newman and Siyan Newman, divorce.

Callahan County Farmers Cooperative, Inc. vs. Jim Tollett, debt/contract.

Jennifer Ann Cauthen and Chad Edward Cauthen, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Samuel Levi Folds and Kayla Marie Folds, order granting joint notice of nonsuit.

Bridgetex Pipeline Company LLC vs. James Freeman, order granting plaintiff's motion to dismiss without prejudice.

Bridgetex Pipeline Company LLC vs. Darrell Freeman, order granting plaintiff's motion to dismiss without prejudice.

American Express Centurion Bank vs. Alice Harper aka Alice R. Harper, order of nonsuit without prejudice granted.

Criminal Minutes

Bobby C. Browne, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Coleby Chambers, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$500 fine, \$354 court costs.

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to The Cross Plains Review, P.O. Box 519, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, There is no charge for this service. To delete a name due to death or other reasons send name and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

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First Baptist Church

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

Sunday School 9:30

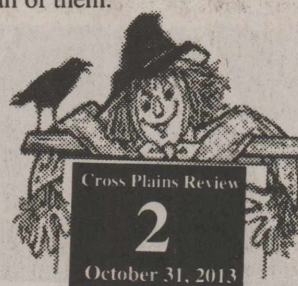
Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor
Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship
Jared Huntley/Students

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October 31, 2013

Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

Deer Season opens this Saturday, November 2nd. Watch out for the hunters--and the deer. Many deer have been seen running across the roads on FM 880 and on FM 2228, so keep an eye out for them as you travel back and forth.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club's Annual Hunter's Feed Bake Sale is this Saturday, November 2nd, in front of Lowe's Market in Cross Plains. Breakfast burritos and stuffed jalapenos are just two of the goodies that will be available at the Bake Sale, along with something sweet.

The Hunter's Feed put on by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is going on from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Senior Citizen's parking lot. Several Cottonwood folks are involved with the Hunter's Feed, including Erik Woodard who is

president of the Chamber.

The Cross Plains Library is holding an "All Shook Up" Fundraiser at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Saturday evening. Bob and Lavonne Childress, Judy Luter, Marsha Ossowski and Wallace Bennett are just a few of the Cottonwood people who are involved with projects and fundraisers for the library.

Wanda Lee Ingram Tyler was buried in the Old Cemetery on Monday. She was the daughter of Bill and Althea Ingram a sister to Joe, Mack, Bonnie Mae and Willie Mae Ingram. She was born at the Ingram family home here in Cottonwood in 1933. Our prayers are with her daughter Rhonda Houston and husband, Rick of Hobbs, NM; and son, Randy Tyler and wife, Darlene of Clyde, TX; her brother, Mike Ingram and wife, Judy of Grand

Prairie, TX and to the rest of her family.

The Helping Hands and Hearts group was out helping people around their homes last Saturday. Some of the Cottonwood residents who picked up hammers and shovels and completed projects in the Cross Plains area were: Arnie Smith, Bryan Bennett, Adrian Allen, Bob Ossowski and David Estes. Arnie, Adrian, Bob and David are also involved with the Kiwanis and the Texas Ramp Project and build wheelchair ramps for elderly and handicapped individuals.

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.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY

October 21-24, 2013

Patrons	79
Books Checked	78
Programs	7
GED	7
Copies	93
Internet	28
WiFi	4

Interlibrary Loans	1
Reference	12

Donations:
Callahan County
City of Cross Plains

Memorials:
Kenneth and Ann Beeler
In Memory of Red Segars

Book and Miscellaneous Donations:
Linda Barnett
Janette Dugger
James Warlick

Volunteers:
Helen Parsons
Wilma Lawrence
Sue Bennett
Ginny Hoskins
Richard Burns

Senior Citizens Center Activities

November 4-8

Monday, 4th - Exercise 11:00

Tuesday, 5th - Exercise 11:00/GAME NIGHT 6:00

Wednesday, 6th - Exercise 11:00/BINGO 11:15

Thursday, 7th - Exercise 11:00

Friday, 8th - Exercise 11:00/Garden Club 12:00



SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

November 4-8

Monday - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tomato, Pickles, Chips, Dessert, Drink

Tuesday - Baked Pork Chops, Potatoes, English Peas, Bread, Dessert, Drink

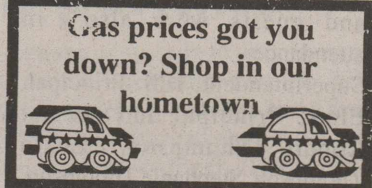
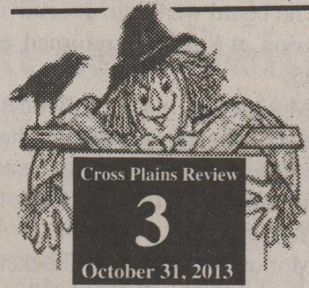
Wednesday - Swiss Steak, White Rice, Carrots, Bread, Dessert, Drink

Thursday - Chili Dogs, cheese/onions, Oven Baked tater Tots, Jello Fruit Cup, Drink

FRIDAY - Chicken Fajita Salad, (lettuce, tom, onion), Mexican Corn, Chips, dessert, Drink



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



City of Cross Plains to Recognize Veterans

The news media is quick to show the problems of our country, but we still live in the greatest nation in the world and that is due to the men and women of the military who have sacrificed through the years to protect and serve our country, in times of war and peace.

To honor these brave soldiers, the Cross Plains Senior Center will host lunch, provided by the

City of Cross Plains on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 11:45 and lunch will be provided free of charge to all veterans.

The center would like to display memorabilia and photographs from all military service. If you have items you would be willing to share for the display, please call 725-6521 or bring them by 108 N Main St in Cross Plains by Thursday, November 7.

Camo Sunday at the Methodist Church

Recognizing that a lot of folks are away from their home church as they are in the area for the opening of deer season, First United Methodist Church has scheduled their second annual Camo Sunday on November 3rd. Hunters are invited to attend worship in their camos as they leave their blinds after the early morning hunt. In the spirit of a special welcome to the hunters, members of the church will dress in camos for the day also.

Land owners who have deer leases are encouraged to invite their hunters to attend the 10:45 service at FUMC. For more information, please contact the church at 725-7377 at fumccrossplains@gmail.com

The Mouse and the Mayflower

The Cross Plains Public Library monthly ASAP, or After School Adventure Program, will be next Wednesday, November 6th at 4:00 p.m. the program will feature *The Mouse on the Mayflower*, a Thanksgiving story.

For our craft, we will be making a Mayflower ship to take home. We look forward to seeing you then!



Cancer Fund

the love and support behind this tremendous Community event. The Cancer Walk gives the community a chance to honor the lives lost, celebrate the survivors and show our support to those currently fighting the battle. Anyone doubting that Cross Plains is a "Caring Community" should attend this event, when a small town comes together to care

for its own, great things happen and it couldn't be more evident than at the Cancer Walk.

We are grateful to those "Paying It Forward" in memory of those lost or in Celebration of being a survivor and benefiting from the fund. Having those families continued support year after year encourages us as a community to make the walk bigger and better each year to keep those affected by cancer in our thoughts and prayers.

The fund assisted 25 residents in the Cross Plains area seeking medical treatment for Cancer this year with transportation.

Without your continued support this assistance for everyone with a Cancer diagnosis in our community would not exist.

A sincere THANK YOU to all who participated, volunteered, donated and supported the event in any way.

THANK YOU so much for the overwhelming publicity given for this event by the Cross Plains Review; Vanda, Kellie and MariLou and Teri Brown for supplying the information to the Review and thank you so much for the wonderful job of the photos taken of the event courtesy of Teresa Koenig. With Extreme Gratitude, Cindy Payne, Dannes Turner and Melissa Richards

TIME TO START GETTING YOUR CHRISTMAS FLOATS READY!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade on Friday, December 6, 2013. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it!

Parade starts at 6:00 p.m. that evening. This will be a great parade for the family!

Looking for something fun before the parade? Check out the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the

library will be hosting the ornament painting for the children.

Santa will be arriving on a fire truck to take pictures at the Stew Supper.

We hope to see you there! For more information or an entry form contact Myleah at the chamber office, 254-725-7251, or Stephanie Bien at 254-725-4554.

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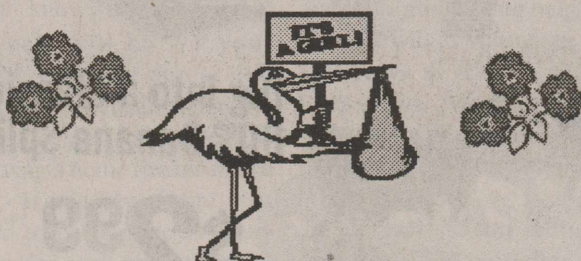
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VOTE NOW FOR FALL FESTIVAL KING AND QUEEN

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
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Third Grade: Trampus Mackey and Abigail Shepard
Fourth Grade: Spade King and Kiley Morgan
Fifth Grade: Roby Odom 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.

School Board Minutes

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, H.S. Principal, Elem. Principal and guests: Robert Thompson, Lexie Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, Zach Thompson, Vickie Walker, Matt Reed, Krisi Reed, Ryan Reed and Melissa Richards.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we proclaim Ryan Reed on September 2013 the boy student of the month and Lexie Thompson the September 2013 girl of the month. 7 for 0 against.

The board went into executive session at 8:36 and returned at 9:35.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McWilliams that we accept the minutes as read with no corrections. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Shepard that we adjourn. 7 for 0 against.

Cross Plains School Menu November 4-8

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cream of Wheat, Blueberry muffin, Fruit or juice, Milk

Tuesday - Chicken-n-Biscuit, Fruit or juice, Milk

Wednesday - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Thursday - Sunrise Sandwich, Fruit or juice, Milk

Friday - Oatmeal Round, Yogurt, Fruit or juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Quesadilla, Black Beans, Baby Carrots, Salsa, Orange Smile, Milk

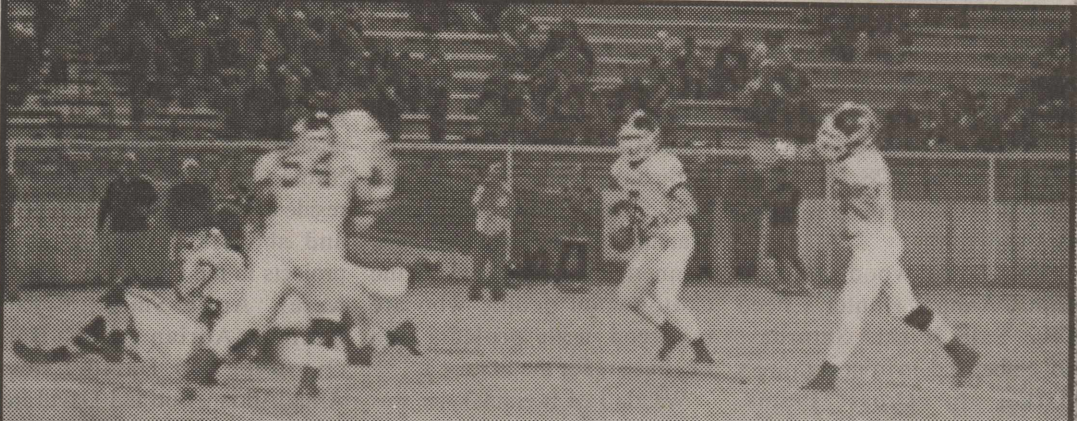
Tuesday - Steak Fingers w/ gravy, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Roll, Pineapples, Milk

Wednesday - Taco Salad, Salsa, Seasoned Corn, Snowball Salad, Milk

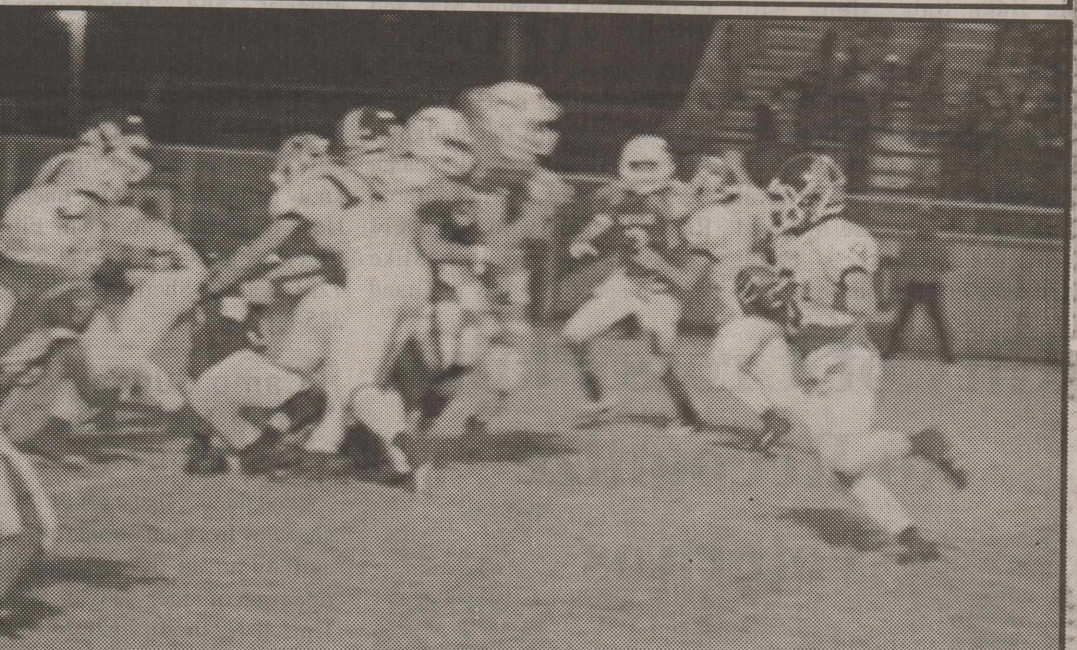
Thursday - Chicken & Broccoli, Penne Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple slices, Breadstick, Milk

Friday - Pizza Choice, Garden Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

HAMLIN EARNS WIN OVER CROSS PLAINS



What a Play — Quarterback Tristen Stephenson throws as #54, Brayden Kennedy blocks to give him time to make the play.



#5 Running Back — Rylan Laminack looks for room to run against Hamlin.

Cross Plains entered their game at #15 Hamlin as big underdogs, through the first half of play, you would have thought it was the other way around as Cross Plains played hand in hand with Pied Pipers in hard fought loss. Cross Plains took the opening kickoff and marched down the field in a drive that stalled on the 5 yard line after 16 plays in nine minutes and 41 seconds. Hamlin would respond with their own long drive, running off 11 plays in 3 minutes but forced to punt, on their side of the field. The Buffaloes would exchange a punt, before Hamlin's quarterback orchestrated a 6 play drive that resulted in a quarterback sneak to give Hamlin the edge 7-0 with 6:53 to play in the second quarter.

The Buffaloes would counter

with a 7 play drive when sophomore running back, Rylan Laminack, would score from 39 yards out. Josh Branch added the point after kick to make it 7-7 with 2:09 in the half.

The Buffaloes following kickoff played in favor of the Pied Pipers when the net gain of the kick equated to one yard.

The Buffaloes took over on their own 41 and two plays later Hamlin's quarterback hit his wide receiver from 26 yards out. At the half, Cross Plains 7, Hamlin 14.

The Buffaloes struggled to keep up in the second half as they punted on four consecutive possessions. Hamlin would capitalize on two touchdown runs by Hamlin's running back and later on a pass to the running back as well.

Final Score: Hamlin 35--Cross

Plains 7.

Offensively the Buffaloes were led by Laminack as he rushed for 117 yards on 23 carries, and 1 touchdown putting him over the 1,000 yard mark in rushing on the season.

Defensively, linebacker, Justin Willis led all tacklers with 9, and a forced fumble.

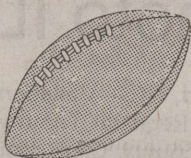
Colton McWilliams had five solo stops from his corner position, and one pass deflection.

Dalton Gilliam and Rylan Laminack had three sacks between the two. The Buffaloes look to rebound against Albany as they take on the Lions Friday night, November 1st in Albany.

Score By Quarter:

Quarters	1	2	3	4	T
Cp	0	7	0	0	7
Hamlin	0	14	14	7	35

Cross Plains Buffaloes Breakfast Friday, November 1st



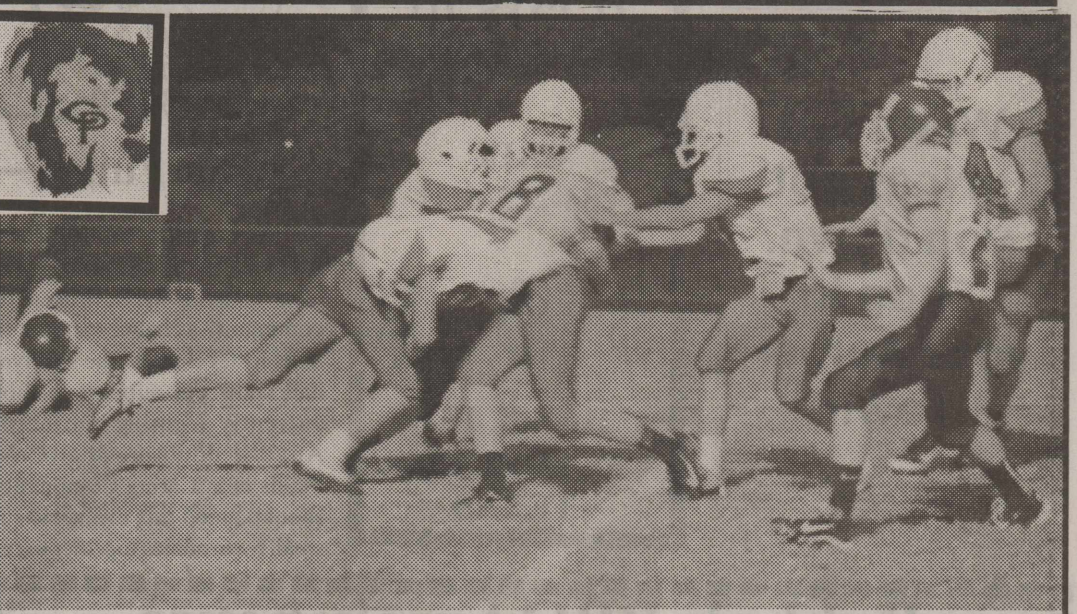
First United Methodist Church 7:00 a.m.

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Annual Cross Plains FFA Fruit/Meat Sale

The Cross Plains FFA would like to announce that our annual fundraiser for the chapter is underway. The fundraiser was started on Tuesday, October 21st and will run through Monday, November 11th. This year's sale will include: Fruit, Meat, pre-cut cookie dough, and several other miscellaneous items such as pecans, peanuts, cheese, etc. Please note that this year's fruit will be the same as last year's. It will come in a variety of sizes, and combinations of different fruits to better accommodate your preferences. All proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains FFA students. To place an order, please contact any Cross Plains FFA member, or call the Ag Dept. at (254) 725-6121. We would like to thank you in advance, for your support.

JV FALLS TO HAMLIN 20-6



Overwhelming Defense — Running back Sean Armer is brought down by a swarm of Hamlin defenders in the JV game.

The JV Team hosted Hamlin on Thursday in sub varsity play. Playing against a talented Hamlin team, the Buffaloes played their best game of the season. The Buffaloes showed their physical style of play would be a tough

match for the Pied Pipers run and gun style of play. Down just 8-0 at half, the Buffaloes would score on a run by Holden Senclair to make it 8-6.

Late in the fourth quarter, Hamlin would tack on two touchdowns to make it 20-6,

Hamlin as that would be the final. Sean Armer ran the ball well on offense, along with quarterback, Senclair.

Defensively, James Briggs played well from his linebacker position, as well as Isaiah Guerrero.

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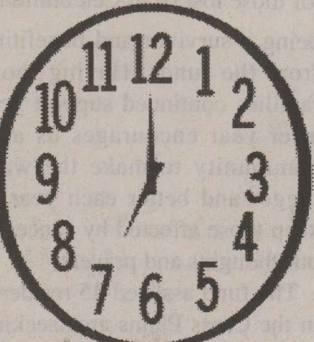
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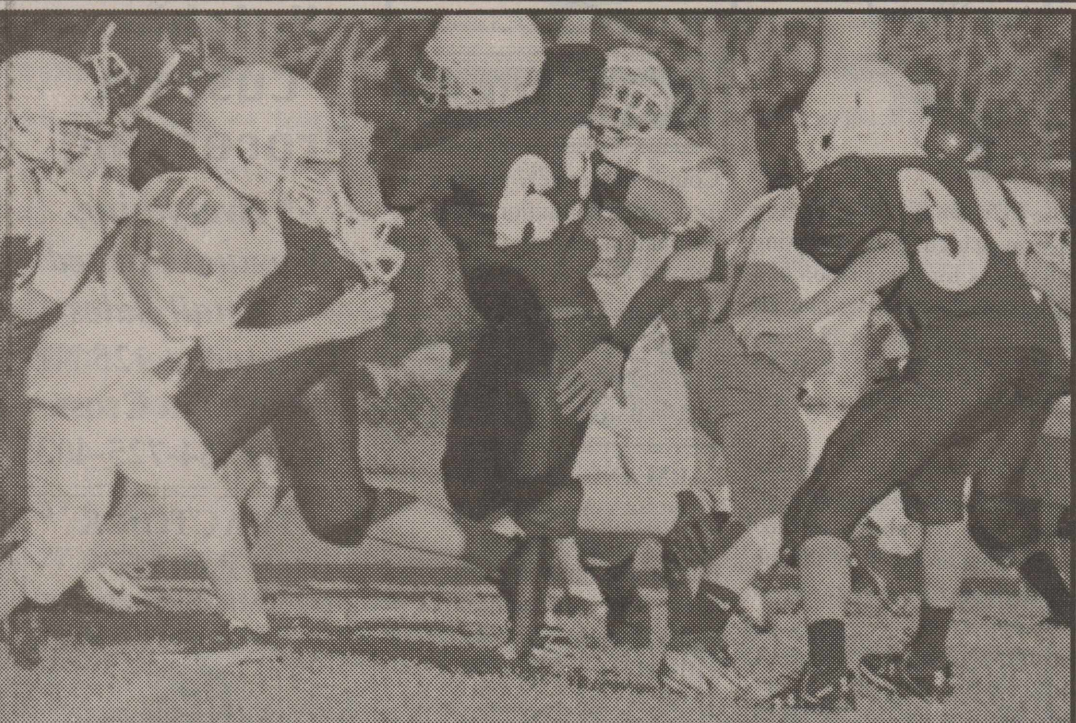
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8TH GRADE DEFEATS HAMLIN



It's A Win — #34 Creed Goode runs the ball as #5 Joe Crockett and #10 Kaiden Petree block in the 8th grades win over Hamlin.



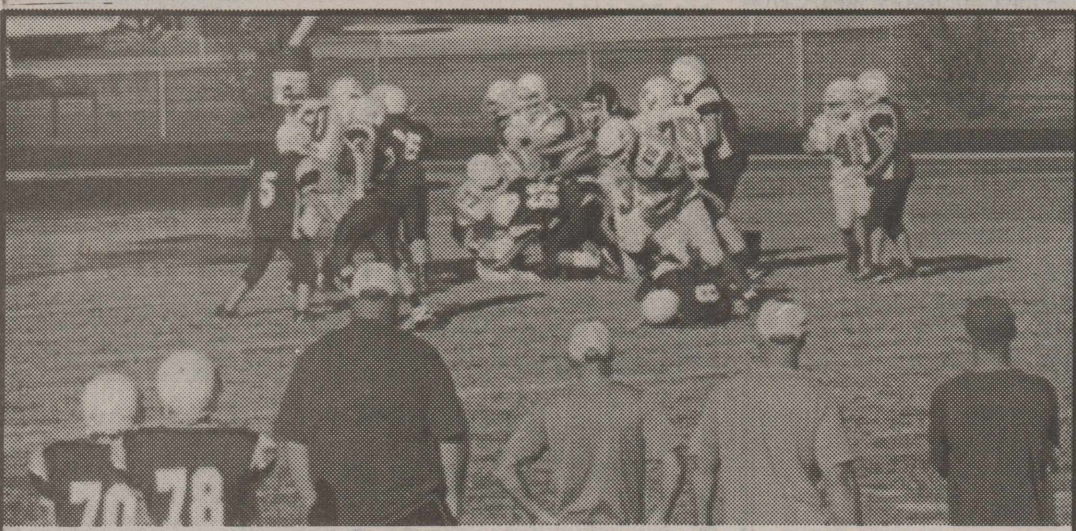
Good Job Offense — #63 James Rhyne puts pressure on the Hamlin offense in the 8th grade game.

It only took one score to determine the outcome of the 8th grade's game versus Hamlin. Dakota Willis set his own touchdown up when he picked off a Hamlin pass on the games first drive.

After a solid drive, quarterback Kaiden Petree, would find his counterpart, Dakota Willis in the endzone. The PAT would fail to make it 6-0, Cross Plains. The defense was the difference

maker in the game as James Willis, and Dakota Willis each recovered a fumble. James Rhyne and Creed Goode each forced a fumble. The 8th grade team will host Albany Thursday; they are currently 5-1 on the season.

7TH GRADE DROPS TO HAMLIN



Get That Ball — 7th grade defense swarm to the ball as coaches look on.



Let's Play Some Football — 7th grade Buffaloes in action vs Hamlin.

The Hamlin Pied Pipers barely snuck out of Cross Plains with a win Thursday. Bryce Petree and Trent Potter scored touchdown runs to keep it close. Late in the

fourth quarter, Hamlin went up 21-14, as the Buffaloes were driving late to score, the Pied Pipers took advantage of a Buffalo fumble and scored to

make it 28-14. The 7th grade played very well, and will look to bounce back thursday as they host Albany.

TxDOT tackles impaired driving during football season

Fan Van tours college, pro football stadiums to encourage sober driving on game days

AUSTIN — In an effort to curb impaired driving on football game days, the Texas Department of Transportation is visiting college and pro football games across the state to remind fans about the importance of planning for a sober ride home. Helping to drive the message home is the TxDOT Fan Van — a football-shaped vehicle that is staffed and designed to educate fans about the consequences of drinking and driving.

"We know alcohol is often a part of game-day festivities, so we are urging football fans to make the right call and plan for a sober ride home," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT executive director. "Whether you're cheering for your favorite team in the bleachers, at a friend's house or as part of a tailgate party, you owe it to yourself, your family and your fellow football fans to play it safe and find a sober ride home."

Besides raising awareness about the dangers of drinking and driving, the Fan Van will offer visitors the chance to win a donated Man Cave or one of four, \$500 Best Buy gift cards. The Man Cave grand prize

consists of a 60-inch, flat-screen TV and home theater system, a massage chair, a basketball hoop and dart board, a putting mat, a folding poker table and a small vending machine-style cooler (all donated for this campaign). To be eligible to win, spectators must take a pledge to not drink and drive this football season. Specific contest details and various ways to enter — including through Twitter, at events or by texting — can be found at TexasGamePlan.com.

Alcohol-related traffic crashes, in Texas were alarmingly high last football season. More than 1,600 total crashes occurred when a Texas college or professional football team was playing. DUI-alcohol traffic fatalities increased 27 percent — from 45 deaths in 2011 to 57 deaths in 2012 — on game days when a Texas college or professional team was playing.

Along with on-site anti-DUI promotions, football fans also will see and hear sober driving messages on TV and radio public service announcements; at bars and

restaurants; at convenience stores; and on mobile ads.

Fan Van Tour Stops to Promote Sober Driving

- Nov. 2 — Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma State (Lubbock)
- Nov. 7 — Baylor vs. Oklahoma (Waco)
- Nov. 9 — Texas A&M vs. Mississippi State (College Station)
- Nov. 16 — Texas A&M-Kingsville vs. Valdosta State (Kingsville)
- Nov. 23 — Lamar University vs. McNeese State (Beaumont)
- Nov. 24 — Houston Texans vs. Jacksonville Jaguars (Houston)
- Dec. 30 — Valero Alamo Bowl (San Antonio)
- Jan-Feb — Additional stops to be determined

TxDOT urges people who have been drinking to take a taxi, use public transit or designate a sober driver — someone who has not been drinking.

TxDOT's www.SoberRides.org provides several options for getting home safely by entering a current location and an end destination. It also is mobile-friendly.

New law requires farmers and ranchers to show proof of eligibility for plates, excess weight permits

A new state law requires farmers and ranchers to show their state comptroller-issued Texas Agricultural or Timber Exemption Registration number before obtaining farm license plates and/or temporary excess weight permits at the Callahan County tax office. "The law will help ensure no one can infringe on the privileges extended to our qualified farmers and ranchers who deserve them," said Tammy Walker, the Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector.

"Unfortunately, as the state has grown so have the number of reports of people abusing the farm plate and permit privileges," Walker said. The new law will weed out those taking advantage of the system that offers farmers and ranchers reduced vehicle registration and some sale tax fee exemptions. "But to do that we will now have to ask farmers and ranchers to show us their Texas Agricultural or Timber Exemption Registration number," Walker said. "So please be sure to bring your Texas Agriculture or Timber Registration card number to

the county tax office when you are applying or RENEWING your farm plates or applying for a temporary excess weight permit for farm motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers."

Vehicles that do not qualify for farm plates include regular passenger vehicles; those used for gainful employment (driving to and from work) or for hire; vehicles owned by farmer cooperatives; and ones used to transport livestock for non-retail purposes. Types of farm plates include truck, truck tractor, and trailer/semitrailer.

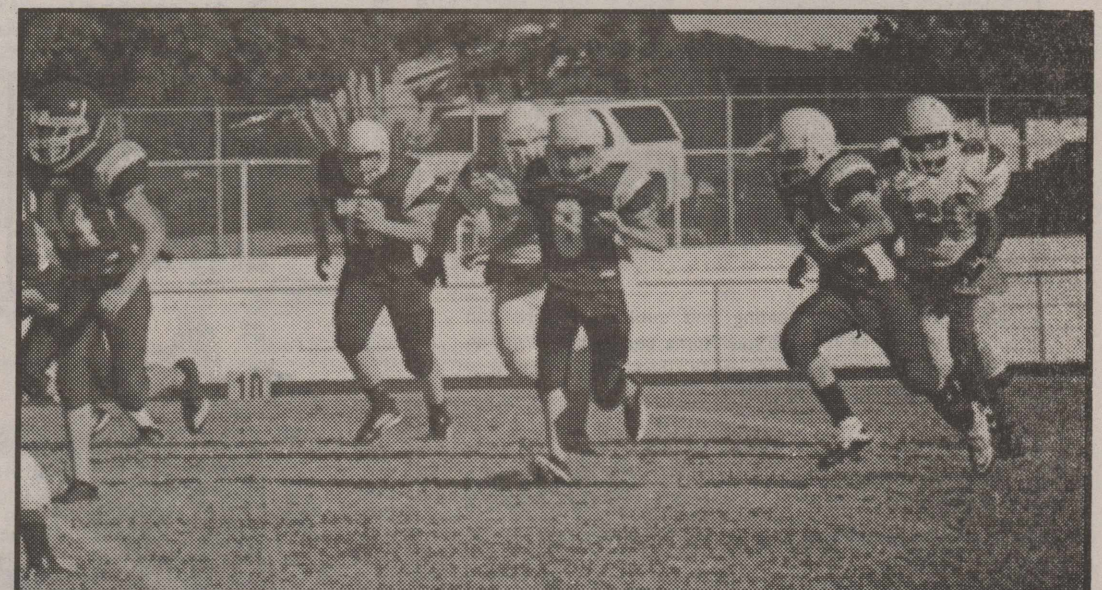
Here are the different types of farm plates and how you may use them:

• **Farm Truck/Farm Truck Tractor Plates.** You can use these plates to transport your own poultry, dairy, livestock, livestock products, timber in its natural state, and farm products to market or to other points for sale or processing. You can transport laborers from their place of residence to your farm or ranch. You can also move materials, tools, equipment and supplies from the place of pur-

chase or storage to your farm or ranch, providing you do not charge to move these items and they are exclusively for use on your farm or ranch. The vehicle also may be used to allow you to participate in equine activities or attend livestock shows.

• **Farm Trailer/Semitrailer Plates.** You can haul seasonal agricultural harvests or livestock from the place of production to the place of process or storage and transport farm equipment to your farm or ranch. You can also transport fertilizer and haul cotton seed (as long as you aren't charging) between the place of supply or storage to farms and ranches. If you own a cotton gin you may take it to other farms, providing you are not charging for the gin's usage and it is being used to by the farmers and ranchers to haul agricultural products (harvests) to a process or storage location or to market. You may also use trailers/semitrailers for you to participate in equine activities or attend livestock shows.

For more information on farm plates, go to www.TxDmv.gov.



Go, Fight, Win — 7th grade running back, Bryce Petree runs the ball, as Riley Potter, Trent Potter, and Tripp Thomas block for him.



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Submitted by David Holmes Licensed EMT Emergency Medical Technician

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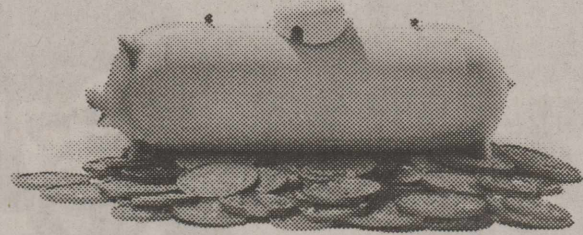
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The guest speaker will be Bro. Bear from Oklahoma.

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Tradition's of the Lord's Acre Continue

Blending new participants into old traditions is one of the more interesting aspects of the annual Lord's Acre at the First United Methodist Church. Although the festival has been an integral part of the community for about 50 years, to most of the 27 folks who have recently joined the church, it has been quite an eye opener. Several of these new members have transferred to the local church from much larger congregations where they were somewhat involved in similar festivals; but never to the extent that they found themselves participating here.

Terry and Candy Tate had been attending the local church occasionally for a couple of years as they worked on their new home out in the Cottonwood area. Then it happened - they moved here on a permanent basis, the Lord's Acre rolled around and they were invited to join the merry band that had pulled it off year after year. Candy remembers thinking WOW! When asked to elaborate, she figured out that she was thinking, do we really feed turkey and dressing to 300 plus people? How can that possibly happen in one fairly small facility?

Jerry and Carol George had much the same reaction as they experienced their first festival last year. As Jerry recalled, I just stood there in amazement, watching that drive through system work like

Barbara moved back here a few years ago, the Lord's Acre was still going strong with the same spirit of dedication and some adaptations to the changing times.

Although Pastor Kevin and Lee Anne Morton had been an integral part of such festivals at both Weatherford and Coleman, he was totally awed as they became a part of the local Lord's Acre. This thing just runs like a well oiled machine; it starts rather quietly in late Sept., picks up throughout Oct. and hits full speed in early November. He feels that this event has been so successful for so many years because there is such a sense of pride among the church members and everybody is involved year and year. Another aspect of the event that makes it so special to Pastor Kevin is that the monies generated are put back into the missions of the church, both locally and within the larger programs of the Methodist Church. It's definitely the hand of God that enables us to reach out and help others.

And all this has always been, and always will be the premise of the Lord's Acre....using our God-given talents to help others. The 2013 Lord's Acre will be all day Sat. Nov. 9, starting at 9:00 and running at least 12 hours with something for everybody.

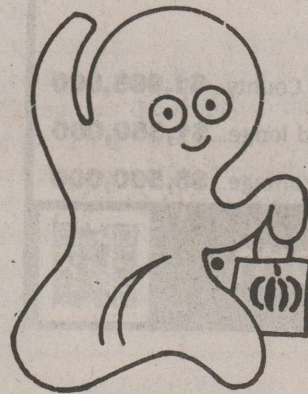
clock work! He was quick to commend the church youth and the National Honor Society students who took the orders and money at the traffic stop, passed both on to an adult worker at the door where the money went one way, food came from another direction, students headed back to the customers, delivered an arm load of food and signaled the next car to pull up. "Totally unbelievable!" pretty well summed it up for Jerry.

Tiffany Traweek (who just happens to be the daughter of the George's) also experienced her first Lord's Acre last year. Conflicts had always prevented her from attending similar events in another church. But, here, I was so totally impressed with the wide variety of items that showed up for the auctions. Then in true Texanese, she continued that she had been unable to attend the actual live auction last year because she had a bullbucking already on her schedule!

Jack Baum grew up in this church and remembers some of the earliest days of the festival. One of his memories?

Tommy Harris always dedicated the income from one acre of his farm to the Lord's Acre. If that field was in wheat that made 25 bushels per acre, then he donated the income of 25 bushels. Much to his surprise, when he and

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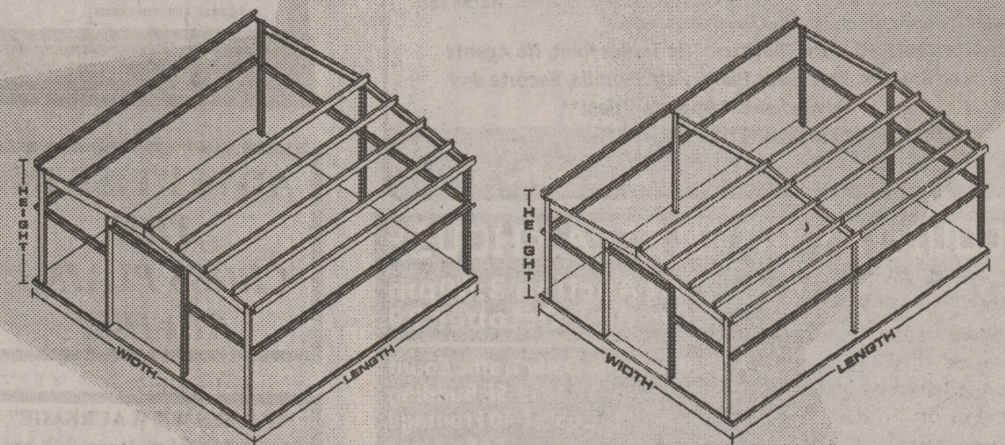
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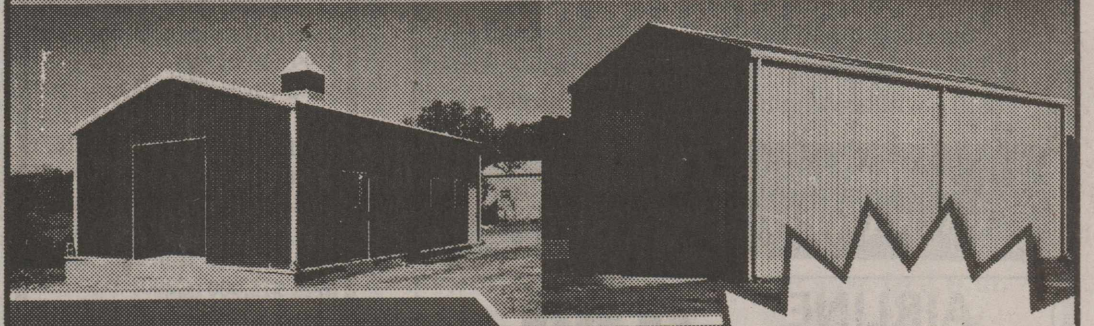
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Condensed analyses of Constitutional Amendment Election Proposition #7

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. 7 (H.J.R. 87)

The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a

vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.

Summary of Proposed Amendment. If the term of office for a member of the governing body of a municipality is more than two years and not more than four years, current Section 11(b), Article XI, Texas Constitution, prohibits the appointment of a person to fill a vacancy on the governing body and requires the vacancy to be filled by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the municipality at a special election called for that purpose within 120 days after the date the vacancy occurs, regardless of the number of months remaining in the member's vacated term. The proposed amendment creates an exception to current Section 11(b) that authorizes a home-rule municipality to provide by its charter or a charter amendment the procedure to fill a vacancy on the governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.

Summary of Comments Made About the Proposed Amendment.

The following paragraphs are based on comments made about the amendment during the legislative process and generally summarize the main arguments supporting or opposing the amendment.

Comments by Supporters. Current constitutional provisions unduly burden a home-rule municipality that needs to fill a short-term vacancy on its gov-

erning body by requiring the municipality to conduct both a special election to fill the vacancy for the remainder of an unexpired term and a general election for a new term within a relatively short period. Such repetitive elections significantly increase costs to the municipality, candidates, and taxpayers and expend time that would be better spent directly serving the community.

The proposed amendment would allow a home-rule municipality to specify in its charter the procedure for filling a short-term vacancy on its governing body, including by appointment, while still requiring an election to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of more than 12 months. Because any amendment to a municipal charter authorizing such an alternative to a special election would require approval of the municipality's voters, such a change would preserve democratic accountability.

Comments by Opponents.

No comments opposing the proposed amendment were made during the house and senate committee hearings on the amendment or during discussion of the amendment in the house and senate chambers.

However, it has been observed that elections are critical in ensuring that governments are accountable to the citizens, and that allowing municipal officials to make appointments to fill vacancies in municipal offices could make the government more vulnerable to corruption.

Condensed analyses of Constitutional Amendment Election Proposition #8

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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. 8 (H.J.R. 147 and S.J.R. 54)

The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

Summary of Proposed Amendment. H.J.R. 147 and S.J.R. 54 propose to repeal Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which permits the legislature to authorize the creation

of a hospital district coextensive with Hidalgo County and limits the authorized property tax rate that the hospital district may impose to 10 cents per \$100 valuation on taxable property within the district. The repeal of this provision does not prevent Hidalgo County, or a defined area in Hidalgo County, from creating a hospital district under other constitutional or statutory authority applicable to the county or area in the county.

Summary of Comments Made About the Proposed Amendment.

The following paragraphs are based on comments made about the amendment during the legislative process and generally summarize the main arguments supporting or opposing the amendment.

Comments by Supporters. H.J.R. 147 and S.J.R. 54 would repeal a constitutional provision that has limited the feasibility of creating a hospital district in Hidalgo County by imposing a limitation on the property tax rate (10 cents per \$100 valuation) that a district created in that county may levy that is significantly lower than the limitation applicable to virtually all other hospital districts created throughout the state. Other county hospital districts authorized to levy a property tax at the rate of 75 cents per \$100 valuation generally operate with an average property tax rate between 20 and 40 cents per \$100 valuation. Repealing the provision is necessary because the current limitation on the property tax rate that a district created in Hidalgo County may levy, when applied to the county's relatively small tax base, does not provide adequate funding to create and support a functional hospital district. As a result,

Hidalgo County is the largest county in Texas, and one of the largest counties in the nation, without a hospital district.

By removing this restriction, the proposed amendment would facilitate the creation of a hospital district for the provision of health-related services to the community, which includes a high percentage of uninsured residents, and improve the region's ability to attract federal funds for emergency health care for the poor. Adoption of the proposed amendment would improve access to affordable health care in Hidalgo County, put the county on par with the rest of the state, and maintain local control in the county by requiring county voter approval of the creation of the district and adoption of the applicable tax rate. A hospital district in Hidalgo County also would provide an ongoing source of revenue to help fund the creation and operation of a planned University of Texas medical school in the Rio Grande Valley.

Comments by Opponents.

No comments opposing H.J.R. 147 or S.J.R. 54 were made during the house and senate committee hearings or during the debate on the resolutions in the house and senate chambers.

However, some concern has been expressed about the potential effect of the proposed amendment on the property tax rate in Hidalgo County. If the voters approve the repeal of the constitutional provision that limits the property tax rate that a Hidalgo County hospital district could levy, general law would allow Hidalgo County voters to approve a higher property tax rate for a hospital district in the county.

Condensed analyses of Constitutional Amendment Election Proposition #9

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

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Amendment No. 9 (S.J.R. 42)

The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Summary of Proposed Amendment. Section 1-a(8), Article V, Texas Constitution, authorizes the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, following an investigation but without formal proceedings, to issue certain types of private or public sanctions against a judge or jus-

tice of a court established by the constitution or created by the legislature. In addition, that provision authorizes the commission to institute formal proceedings and, following those proceedings, to issue an order of public censure against or recommend the removal or retirement of the judge or justice, sanctions that are primarily punitive in nature. The proposed amendment expands the sanctions available for assessment by the commission following a formal proceeding by authorizing the commission to issue an order of public admonition, warning, reprimand, or requirement that the judge or justice obtain additional training or education, in addition to the currently authorized punitive sanctions. The proposed amendment applies only to a formal proceeding instituted by the commission on or after January 1, 2014.

Summary of Comments Made About the Proposed Amendment.

The following paragraphs are based on comments made about the amendment during the legislative process and generally summarize the main arguments supporting or opposing the amendment.

Comments by Supporters. The Texas Constitution authorizes the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, following an investigation of a complaint filed against a judge or justice, to issue a private or public admonition, warning, reprimand, or requirement that the judge or justice obtain additional training. The commission's procedural rules describe such sanctions, which the commission generally considers in closed informal proceedings, as remedial in nature and meant to deter similar misconduct in the future. However, if the complaint alleges egregious misconduct and the commission institutes for-

mal proceedings and orders a public hearing after its investigation of the complaint, the constitution currently limits the scope of such an open formal proceeding to consideration of matters concerning the more punitive measures of public censure, removal, or retirement of the judge or justice. This limitation on the range of sanctions available to the commission following a formal proceeding creates a disincentive to pursue cases of public importance in an open, formal setting. In some instances, it may be appropriate for the commission to hear a case in an open, formal proceeding because the facts warrant an extensive investigation or because the case is important to the public, but the commission may choose to hear the case in a closed proceeding to avoid having to dismiss the case if the judge's or justice's conduct does not warrant censure, removal, or retirement. The proposed amendment would allow the commission to use its full range of sanctions following formal proceedings, remove a disincentive to the conduct of open proceedings, and better serve the commission in the administration of justice.

Comments by Opponents. No comments opposing the proposed amendment were made during the house and senate committee hearings or during floor debate in the house and senate chambers, and a review of other sources did not reveal any other apparent opposition.

S.J.R. 1
(83rd Legislature, 3rd Called Session. For the November 4, 2014, election.)

The constitutional amendment providing for the use and dedication of certain money transferred to the state highway fund to assist in the completion of transportation construction, maintenance, and rehabilitation projects, not to include toll roads.

Atmos Energy Advises: Prepare for Winter Tips for Fast and Safe Natural Gas Service

ABILENE (October 28, 2013)

With winter on the horizon, Atmos Energy Corporation, one of the nation's largest natural gas-only utilities, is reminding customers to sign up for service online before the winter rush.

"We recently upgraded our online Account Center to help customers establish natural gas service, pay a bill, and view natural gas usage on their own and at their own pace," said Clay Cash, Atmos Energy's Vice President of Customer Service.

In order to receive the fastest service possible, new customers should sign-up for service at www.atmosenergy.com, said Cash.

Customers wanting to re-establish service however, must still call Atmos Energy toll-free at 1-888-286-6700, to speak with an agent.

"This rule applies to our customers who suspend their natural gas service during the warmer months and then rush to get service turned back on as soon as we experience our first cold snap," said Cash. "These customers will need to call our contact centers to re-establish service. Please keep in mind, this rush of turn-on requests can create high call volumes and slow down service."

Tips for calling:
1. The best time to call is weekday afternoons. Mornings are typically the busiest time at our call centers.

2. Atmos Energy's two customer contact centers, which are located in Texas, receive approximately 20,000 calls per day. Customers who call during a busy time can use the automated phone system to schedule a return call from an agent, rather than wait on hold.

3. Call centers are open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. (CST); Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and for emergency calls 24/7 at 1-866-322-8667.

Energy conservation:

1. The best way to lower your energy bill is to use energy more wisely. A programmable thermostat allows you to keep your house cooler at night and when you're away, and will automatically warm your house to comfortable levels for the hours you are home.

2. Try Atmos Energy's online tools such as an Energy Calculator to help manage your energy use.

3. Inspect your windows and doors for drafts. Use caulk or

sealant to insulate as needed.

4. If you are having trouble paying your utility bill, please visit our website to learn more about energy assistance programs. Low-income customers are eligible for federal energy assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which helps pay energy bills and weatherize homes.

About Atmos Energy

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Thank You

The C.P. A.H.I. Board/Helping Hearts and Hands board would like to thank everyone for another successful event! To those who gave of their time, \$ donations, and etc.. Thank you.

Special thanks to C.P. Church of Christ and for C.P. First United Methodist for a wonderful breakfast and lunch! You are both awesome church families sharing the bounty!

Thanks again to everyone!
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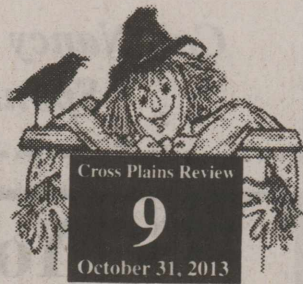
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The City of Cross Plains' fall clean up is scheduled for November 4th - 15th. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of getting rid of their unwanted items. Citizens will be able to get rid of items other than household garbage, tires, paint or other items considered hazardous waste. Residents are reminded that there are only two clean ups per year and are encouraged to participate in order to get rid of unwanted items. A current water bill must be presented at the time of disposal of garbage. Elderly and disabled residents may call City Hall (254) 725-6114 during this week to request help with large items.



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Callahan County Fall Frenzy 4-H & Open Horse Show a Big Success

The Callahan County Fall Frenzy 4-H & Open Horse Show was held Saturday, October 26th, at the newly restored Callahan County Sheriff's Posse rodeo arena in Baird. The show was open to Callahan County 4-H members as well as all area youths and adults.

There were 180 youth and adult event entries, averaging approximately 8 contestants for each of the 23 classes, including Western horsemanship, pleasure, showmanship, halter, riding, reining, trail, barrels, poles and stakes as well as English hunter seat equitation and under saddle.

Awards included buckles, jackets, backpacks, halter bags, hay bags, ribbons, 4-H

feed buckets with hoof picks, horse spray and horse treats.

The Callahan County 4-H Horse Club and Callahan County Agriculture Extension Office express sincere gratitude to the following sponsors who made this community event a huge success: Callahan County Sheriff's Posse; Clyde Junior Livestock Association; Metal Mart (Clyde); Cochran Company Feedyard (Baird); Callahan County Farmers CO-OP (Baird); Gatti's Pizza (Abilene); Circle AD Quarterhorses (Baird); Tom & Jan Windham (Baird); Sevret's Place (Baird); Archie Ackers (Clyde); Callahan County Veterinary Clinic (Clyde); Clyde Hardware & Texas Rain Catchers; Clyde Farm & Ranch; Acco Farm &

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Special appreciation also goes to judge Brooke Dewinne of Stephenville and photographer Chris Dyer of Baird for their valuable services.

There will be a similar horse show at the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse arena in the spring of 2014.

"There is nothing better for the inside of a person than the outside of a horse" - Will Rogers (1879-1935, American cowboy, movie actor & humorist)

Atmos Energy Advises: Take Steps Now to Reduce Winter Heating Bills

ABILENE — Atmos Energy Corporation said today that residential customers can take steps now to save money on their heating bills come winter.

"A little planning goes a long way when it comes to reducing winter heating bills," said John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex Division. "We believe our customers will see affordable prices again this winter thanks to the abundance of natural gas, but there are even more ways to save."

Using energy wisely and making a few household changes can create substantial savings for customers, said Paris. To learn more, visit: www.atmosenergy.com or follow the energy-saving tips below:

- Energy Saving Tips:**
- Change or clean furnace filters today and then once again each month during the heating season. Furnaces consume less energy if they "breathe" more easily.
 - Set your water heater's temperature at 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Lowering the water heater's setting could cut your water-heating costs by 20 percent.
 - During the winter, set your

thermostat to 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours.

- Close vents and doors in unused rooms and close cabinet and closet doors on outside walls, which can leak a great deal of air.
- **Energy Management Tools:**
 - To help customers manage their utility bills, Atmos Energy offers several features on its website at www.atmosenergy.com.
 - Energy Profile offers a personalized energy-use report and savings advice.
 - Energy Calculator estimates how much it costs to operate home appliances.
 - Energy Library provides detailed information about many energy topics.
 - Energy Advisor answers energy questions [from an Atmos Energy expert].
 - Energy Comparison Tool lets you compare annual energy use and costs.
 - Energy Savings Tips shows a number of easy ways to save energy at home.
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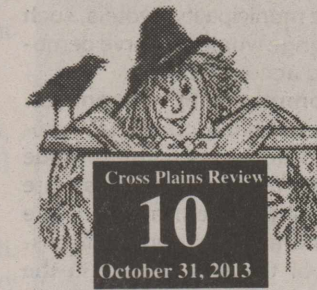
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NEW SHERIFF'S VEHICLE— The newest addition to the Callahan County Sheriff's Department is pictured with Deputy Rick Jowers. The vehicle is a 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe and it is

fully equipped with modern law enforcement equipment. Purchase of this vehicle was made possible due to partial funding from a grant awarded to Callahan County Sheriff's Department

by (USDA-Rural Development). The Sheriff's Department is pleased to have this newest patrol vehicle in use as they serve the citizens of Callahan County.



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Immunization clinic in Clyde on Wednesday, November 13th

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering a childhood immunization clinic on Wednesday, November 13th at the First Baptist Church located at 216 Austin Street in Clyde.

The immunization clinic will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Please bring the child's immunization records with you. If your child is one year old or

older and has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children.

If your child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the card.

For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message.

For additional information about the immunization clinic call (325) 754-4945.

Magi's Bazaar at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Cisco on Nov. 2

Good News! The Altar Society of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church will host their 18th annual Magi's Bazaar at the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 1106 Avenue F (behind Brookshires), on Saturday, November 2, 2013, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.. As we have in the past, the bazaar will feature handcrafted holiday items and baked goods, along with gifts, gift baskets, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, potted plants and herbs, and a Country Store. Some of our handcrafted items

include hand-knitted scarves, cross-stitch and quilted pieces, ironing board covers, Christmas ornaments, crocheted dishrags and throws, and floral arrangements. The baked goods will feature cakes and cheesecakes, cookies, pecan pies, pumpkin rolls, fruitcakes, desserts, candies, and fudge. You can enjoy these baked goodies right away or freeze them for the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays. The Country Store will offer jams, jellies, and relishes. For our hungry morning

shoppers, we will have breakfast burritos and biscuits with sausage gravy, along with muffins and scones to enjoy with coffee. Chili or frito pie and enchiladas, along with slices of cake, pecan tarts, and tea or coffee, will be available for lunch. A lunch plate with chili, frito pie, or enchiladas, along with a vegetable dish or salad, dessert, and a drink will be available for \$6.00 – and take-out plates are available. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, visiting, and feasting on home-cooking

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Mexican Free-tailed Bat

Regardless of what the origins of Halloween were, the celebration of fear has had a significant impact on people's perception of wildlife, particularly certain eight-legged arachnids and a mammal that is unique, fascinating, yet largely misunderstood. This group of mammals is known as bats, and the species discussed in this column is the most common of the thirty three species found in this state, the Mexican Free-tailed Bat.

The taxonomic group of bats known as the free-tailed bats occur from central Canada through southern Mexico, and there are six species that occur in the United States, four of which inhabiting the great state of Texas. The Mexican Free-tailed Bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis mexicana*) has been observed throughout the western three-quarters of Texas, encompassing the Panhandle, the Trans-Pecos, and the Edwards Plateau eco-regions. This species is most common in the latter eco-region, with the myriad of caves and tunnels providing shelter for the masses of winged mammals that migrate to this region every summer.

At first glance, bats appear to simply be rats with wings, and many people mistakenly regard them as such. However, this is huge mischaracterization as rats are rodents belonging to the taxonomic order known as Rodentia, while bats belong to the order Chiroptera.

Mexican Free-tailed Bats are a moderately sized bat species with a body size maxing out just under four inches in length. With forearm measurements over one and one-half inches, the wingspan is almost the same as the body length. The coloration of the hairs on the body (known as the pelage) is primarily reddish to near black, while the membrane of the wings as well as the broad ears are black. The ears are also relatively large, lying out almost to the nose when flaccid. Collectively, this family of bats is aptly named for the tail that extends past the posterior portion of the body, and this characteristic is diagnostic for identification of this species. This species is also extremely lightweight, topping out at a mere one-half of an ounce.

Like other "creatures of the night", bats are largely nocturnal, although they will begin their evening forays several minutes before complete darkness settles in. Their flight pattern is fast and has been described as "aggressive", and most of the time they will fly at a height of over forty-five feet in the air while looking for prey. One exception to this high altitude flight pattern is when they swoop down over bodies of water to drink. In fact, many a nocturnal swimmer in outdoor pools have been startled as this species of bat flutters



The Mexican Free-tailed Bat (*Tadarida brasiliensis mexicana*)

past them to partake from a readily available source of water, inspiring fear and trepidation in those who do not share my passion for the natural world (just ask my beautiful bride!).

Mexican Free-tailed Bats are strictly carnivorous, meaning they feed on other animals. At over ninety percent, the vast majority of this species' diet consists of moths while the other ten percent is made up of other small invertebrate creatures. One study showed that a colony of this species of bat could feast upon fifteen THOUSAND metric tons of insects annually, thus showing the importance of this unique little mammal.

Aptly describing the bats ability to utilize sonar to obtain their prey is not something I am willing to tackle in such a short amount of space, and there is plenty of information available in little documents that I like to call books, as well as on the world-wide-web to those who are more technologically advanced than I.

A few species of bats are primarily solitary in behavior, however this species is definitely NOT one of them. They congregate in huge colonies, sometimes numbering in the millions. There are numerous caves throughout the Edwards Plateau that are utilized by this species - these areas for gathering are known as guano caves as the fecal material that is produced by the bats is called guano. It is estimated that nearly one hundred

million of these bats inhabit these caves every summer before returning to their Mexican winter homes from November until March. This commonality is one reason that this species is named as the official state flying mammal of Texas.

Being mammals, bats give live birth to their young. Breeding usually takes place before the bats migrate back to their summer homes, the gestation period is just under three months, and typically a female will have only one young annually. These young are deposited in a day-care setting along the roof of the guano caves while the females are on their nightly forays, and growth is exceptionally fast. Most are the size of adults and can fly and fend for themselves in as little as one month. The average lifespan is also quite high - most individuals live in excess of ten years in the wild.

As with any bat encounter, the possibility of contracting rabies is present, and nearly fifteen percent of the population of this species has been shown to be carriers. When one considers the sheer numbers of the population, that possibility is shown to be rather miniscule. However, caution should be used when there is any encounter with one of these unique and mysterious creatures of the night.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at www.fullprice71@gmail.com.

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Cross Plains' retail sales in 2013 are 6% higher

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

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, October 9th.

Cross Plains' 2013 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$188,623.17, which is 6.45 percent higher than the \$177,182.24 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2012.

The payment to the city for October 2013 was \$23,121.22, which is 26.35 percent higher than the \$18,298.92 payment made in September 2012.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, October 9th, that state sales tax revenue in September was \$2.01 billion, up 2.7 percent compared to September 2012.

"State sales tax revenue collections continued to grow at a moderate pace," Combs said. "Growth was led by collections from the construction, telecommunications and retail sectors. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 42 consecutive months."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their October local sales tax allocations totaling \$579.8 million, up 5.2 percent compared to October 2012.

Combs sent Texas cities \$382.10 million in October 2013, which is higher by 5.6 percent compared to October 2012 and higher by 6.2 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$38.1 million in October 2013 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 0.1 percent compared to October 2012 and higher by 6.0 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$129.1 million in October 2013 sales tax allocations, which is 4.4 percent higher than October 2012 and up 6.4 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$30.5 million in October 2013 allocations, which is 11.8 percent higher than October 2012 and higher by 11.9 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$579.8 million in October 2013, which is 5.2 percent higher than October 2012 and up 6.5 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in August.

For details of October sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2012	2013
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$177,182.24	\$188,623.17
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$18,298.92	\$23,121.22

the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2013 started the year 20.96 percent higher than the 2012 payments. The city has received \$123,377.41 in 2013, while the 2012 tax payments to the city totalled \$101,993.72.

Baird's monthly payment for October 2013 was \$15,673.90, which is 68.76 percent higher than the \$9,287.64 payment made in October 2012.

—The 2013 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 12.67 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2012. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$508,171.74 in 2013. The 2012 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$451,007.45.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for October 2013 was \$51,703.96, which is 19.47 percent higher than the check in October 2012 of \$43,275.75.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2013 payments to the town totalled \$13,671.22, which is higher by 0.95 percent from the 2012 payments to the city in the amount of \$13,541.76.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of October 2012 was \$3,286.12, which is 106.03 percent higher than the \$1,594.93 payment made in October 2012.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2013 in Callahan County are higher by 12.11 percent compared to the 2012 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2013 amounting to \$833,843.54

while the 2012 payments to the county towns totalled \$743,725.17.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of October 2013 was \$93,785.20, which is 29.43 percent higher than the \$72,457.24 payments made in October 2012.

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

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

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

Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city. All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

Commissioners' Court holds brief meeting

The Callahan County Commissioners met briefly in a regular commissioners' court meeting held Monday, October 28th at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Among the items brought before the commissioners' court was to sign the Memorandums of Understanding between Callahan County and Abilene Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Inc.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the motion to sign the Memorandums of Understanding.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treas-

urer Dianne Gunter. Also present at the meeting was Matt Stubbs.

—The commissioners' court meeting minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and signed.

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

—Ken Evans with Axis Fire Extinguisher Service spoke to the commissioners' court about his service. Commissioner Windham made a motion to table until the first meeting in December in order to research the previous contract. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made the motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:55 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

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'Welcome Hunters' supper in Baird is this Saturday

The Baird Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for deer season with plans for the annual "Welcome Hunters" supper.

The Baird Chamber wants to again invite you to participate and help them express their appreciation for the business that hunting season brings to Callahan County.

The supper will be held Saturday, November 2nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Hanner Super Center complex in Baird.

The meal is free of charge although the Chamber does appreciate your donations. Those contributions have helped sustain this event for many years.

The Chamber will be serving brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, dessert, tea & coffee. The Chamber will have a silent auction, door prizes will be given away & a drawing for a gun(s). The guns are donated by

sponsor(s).

The guns to be raffled off include:

Howa .270 camo colored
Howa .243 with scope
Heritage .22 pistol with interchangeable cylinders

Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each or three tickets for \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door and you do not need to be present to win. The first three tickets drawn will win the guns.

In conjunction with the dinner, the Chamber of Commerce is also taking sponsorships for this year's "Welcome Hunters" supper. The primary source of funding for the Baird Chamber of Commerce is from sponsors such as you. The Chamber of Commerce receives no governmental funds.

Platinum Sponsorship fee is \$500, Gold Sponsorship is \$300, Silver Sponsorship is \$200, and

Bronze Sponsorship is \$100. Door prize donations and silent auction donations are also accepted.

Your sponsorship will help assure the success of Baird, Texas. Sponsorship forms can be obtained by calling the Baird Chamber of Commerce at (325) 854-2003 or (325) 669-0363.

Local landowners, please remind your hunters about the supper & let the Chamber know if you & your family will be attending. The Chamber needs a projected head count in order to prepare the food.

The supper is a great opportunity to visit with your hunters & enjoy a delicious meal. The Baird Chamber of Commerce appreciates all your help & they look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Baird Chamber of Commerce

Scranton Musical is Saturday

The Scranton musical will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen begins serving at 5:00 p.m. with Robert & Sue Shrader of Austin as hosts. The special will be chicken spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. There will also be sandwiches and homemade pies available. The special is \$5.00 and includes your choice of a drink. Sandwiches are \$1.50 and pie is \$1.00 a serving.

Buddy Johnson is emcee and will start the program at 5:30 p.m. He has a full line up of musicians lined up for your entertainment.

Come out to enjoy the best musical in the area for food and entertainment. Thank you to all the volunteers and musicians that make this possible.

Enjoy the majesty of Fall; Join the Arbor Day Foundation in October and receive 10 Free Autumn Classics Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation will brighten up your fall by offering 10 free autumn classics trees when you join the organization in October.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign, a program dedicated to environmental stewardship through the planting of trees.

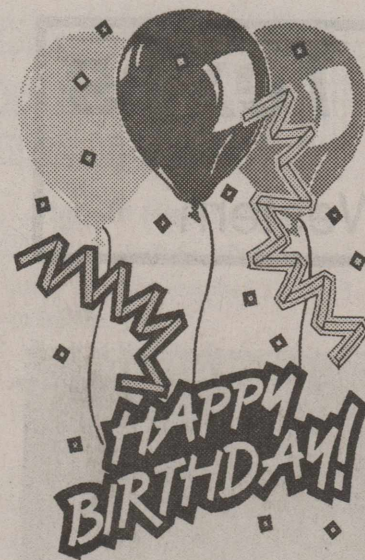
Everyone who joins the Arbor Day Foundation in October will receive 10 free autumn classics: Two sugar maples, two red maples and one each of scarlet oak, sweetgum, northern red oak, silver maple, white flowering dogwood and Washington hawthorn.

Members will especially enjoy these trees during the autumn months because

they'll add abundant, vibrant color to any yard or landscape for years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between Nov. 1st and Dec. 10th. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions will be enclosed with each shipment of trees.

To receive 10 free autumn classics, send a \$10 membership contribution to Autumn Classics Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by October 31, 2013, or join online at arbor.org/ october.



November 7

Austin Dunaway
Tyler James Nichols
Tessa Jo Wyatt
Ms. Flora Sutphen
Mrs. James E. Webb
Billy Whiteley
Kora (Turner) Agnew
Timmie Dickey
Billie Helen Pittman
David Williams
Mrs. Pat Hunt
Jerry Wayne Simons
Gary Goodson
Nell Bennett

November 8

Tommy Land Dobbs
Billy Walsh
Bobbye Hinkle
Kenneth Carroll
David Michael McClure III
Dakota Beaty
Colleen Anderson
Danielle Rivard

November 9

Terry Dwane Watson
Kyle Wilson
LaNeal Worley
Rodney Rudloff
Eddie Nigar
Carolyn Meroney
Helen Parson Guyn
Martha Jane Perry
Tessa Davis
Gilbert Ibarra
Tristen Jones
Ashia Dawn Chambers

November 10

Dennis Franke
Mrs. Marion McMillian
Sara Davis
Sandra Jones
Vernon Hill
Darwain Archer
Terri Ann Arnold
Joe Merry

November 11

Hailey Mauricio
Inez King
Danny McGowen
Terri (Edington) McAdams
Mrs. Howard McGowen
D.A. McKee
Joe Self
Samantha (Newman) Blanton

November 12

Caleb Champion
Gary Fulcher
Larry Tatom
Hazel Lucille Lee Wilson
Mrs. W.R. Erwin
Gary Combs
Tommy Purvis
Billy Charles McMillian
Rickey Westerman
Tommy Ray Lee
Beth Ringhoffer
Georgia Gray

November 13

Taylor Dillard
Addison Long
Kala (Franke) Stout
Jackie Strickland
Debra Jean Waldruff
Aaron Teasdale
Gregory Turner
Rick Latson
Jerry Davis
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Cottonwood Thanksgiving Dinner, Musical and Quilt Drawing Was A Huge Success



Lucky Winner of this Beautiful Quilt — Alice Ballard

The Old Cottonwood School House used as the Cottonwood Community Center was "bursting at the seams" with chatter, laughter and music last Friday night. People came to the center to enjoy a turkey and dressing meal along with visiting and listening to great country music. Thank you to those who came out to enjoy the meal and entertainment and help keep the Cottonwood Community Center going for all to enjoy.

The drawing for the handmade quilt donated by the Cottonwood Ladies Quilting Club was held. Alice Ballard of Haskell, Texas won the drawing and happily went home with a beautiful quilt. Alice is the niece of Daisy King of Cross Plains. Alice brings her

aunt to the musicals from time to time. Ms. Daisy enjoys the music and stays to the very last song is sung!

Thanks to everyone who helped out with The Annual Cottonwood Community Turkey Supper. Those who donated items for the meal, who did a wonderful job decorating the center with a Fall theme, who cooked for the meal, who served the meal, helped clean up after the meal. It was a gracious community effort. Since Thanksgiving and Christmas fall near the time for the next two Cottonwood Country musicals, the musicals will be postponed until January. Watch your papers for the announcement.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all!! Photo Courtesy of Frances Thornton.

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99 Dodge Quad Cab, SLT, Cummins 4X4, runs good.....Gray/Blac.....	\$3,750
98 Dodge Quad Cab, Cummins, Low miles, 180k, auto, leather seats.....	\$6,200
01 Dodge Diesel Quad Cab, auto., shortbed, (white).....	\$6,200
86 F350 Diesel, hydraulic wheel lift, 91 cab, runs good.....	\$3,500
01 Ford F350, Lariat Dsl, 6spd, Flat Bed Dually, A good truck (White).....	\$6,500
01 Ford F350 Lariat Diesel Dually flat bed, automatic, Super Cab.....	\$7,250
99 Ford 250, Super Duty Super Cab, diesel, Auto.....(Gold).....	\$6,500
97 Ford F250 4x4 Reg. Cab., diesel, flatbed single rears, 5spd.....	\$3,750

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