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Clara McInnis

Clara McInnis will celebrate her 100th birthday with family and friends on Saturday, November 23, 2013. The celebration will be Cat the Richard P. Eckert Civic Center, 1024 McKinley Avenue, Mason, Texas, from 2 until 4:30 in the afternoon. Her children, Virginia, Janice and David, invite Clara's Cottonwood and Cross Plains friends to join them as they celebrate their mother's

In 1973, Clara and her late husband, Dayton, purchased property in the Cottonwood community where they built their home, raised registered Red Brangus cattle,, and were members of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Clara enjoyed quilting with the Cottonwood quilting club and sharing the fruits of her large vegetable garden and orchard with friends and neighbors. Following her husband's death in 1992, Clara continued to live on the ranch and remained involved in the activities of the community. In 2007 she sold the property and moved to Mason, Texas, to be near one of her daughters. Clara continues to live independently, although her house is only a short distance from her daughter's home. She remains active, attending the Art Methodist Church, going to the Mason Senior Center for bingo and lunch three times each week, and to the Dairy Queen in the afternoons with a group of friends. The group also eats lunch out on Saturdays at one of the several restaurants in town. She is an amazing woman who is loved and admired by all who know her. Submitted by Virginia Durst

Calling All Musicians

call 325-669-0569.

Matt Sowell is looking for Our first practice will be Monsome musicians to help share day, November 18, 2013 at 6:00 their talent with the community p.m. at the First Baptist Church for the Community Wide Choir Room. Please join us to Christmas Choir Musical. Please help make this Christmas Holiday Musical a time to remember.

Time to Start Getting Your Christmas Floats Ready!



Parade on Friday, December 6, children. 2013. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it!

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

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the 4554.

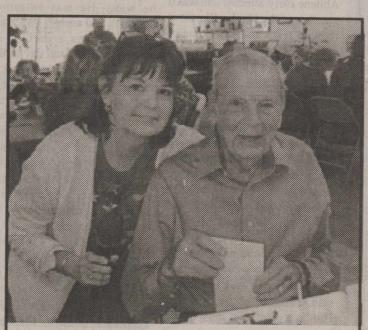
The Cross Plains Chamber of library will be hosting the Commerce is hosting a Christmas ornament painting for the

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

We hope to see you there! For more information or an entry Looking for something fun form contact Myleah at the before the parade? Check out the chamber office, 254--725-7251, Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper or Stephanie Bien at 254-725-

PUBLIC FAX (254) 725-7225

Veterans Honored Locally at the Senior Center



Prize Winner — Veteran, Roy Stanbaugh is presented with a door prize from Dannes Turner.

Even though Monday, November 11, 2013 was a national holiday, anyone driving through Cross Plains would not have realized businesses were closed, as downtown was filled with people of all ages with the one purpose to honor the men and women who have sacrificed for the freedom we enjoy each day. The day began at the Veteran's Memorial with our heroes receiving tributes from the students of Cross Plains

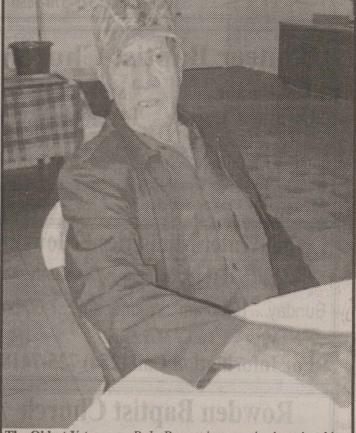
Elementary School in song. As you traveled up Main Street, American flags were waving in the wind to welcome ninety people into the Senior Citizens Center that was decorated in red, white and blue by the Youth of First Baptist Church.

The members of the American Legion led the Pledge of Allegiance and Tim Tolosa sang the Star Spangled Banner. Everyone enjoyed a meal of brisket and all the trimmings, furnished free of charge to veterans, and served by the employees of the City of Cross Plains, who used their day off to show their appreciation for the sacrifices each made.

As the veterans stood to be recognized, 39 veterans, both men to Iraqi Freedom.

Grateful American" for their greatest nation in the world, and

C.P. Chamber of Commerce Hunter's Feed Well Attended



The Oldest Veteran — R. L. Barnett is recognized as the oldest veteran in attendance at the ripe age of 94

WWII veteran, D.V. Goode, and women, were in attendance, entertained the crowd by playing representing conflicts from WWII the National Anthem on her say "Thank You". We are forever harmonica.

R.L. Barnett was recognized as We don't have to look far, just the oldest veteran in attendance turn on the television for a few at 94 years old. Three veterans minutes, and we see the problems chosen at random received door of our country, but the United prizes which were donated by "A States of America is still the

we are who we are because of the Etna Goode, the widow of a men and women who have given their all for our freedom.

Never pass up an opportunity to

Submitted by **Dannes Turner**

See Veteran Photos on page 10

The Anson Opera **House Country** Musical Show is this Saturday

The Anson Opera House Country Musical Show will be Saturday, November 16th, at the Opera House located in Anson.

A bar-b-que supper will be held before the musical. We will start serving at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 a plate, and includes a drink and dessert.

For further information, call Tommy Self at 512-484-7834 and leave a message.

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

Swarming The Raffle Line — People made sure to sign up for the many raffles that were available at the Hunter's Feed.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Annual Hunter's Feed was a huge success! We had an attendance of 300 people. The Chamber really appreciates Dannes Turner and the Senior Citizens Center for use of their parking lot, tables and many other items we borrowed! Bryan Bennett did a fantastic job at announcing. The raffle items sold well due to J&S Ag Fabrication providing the hog trap; J&L Sales for the Yeti Cooler and Texas Silver Rush of Fredericksburg for the stone necklace. Thank you Frankie Hyles for cooking the delicious briskets and to Lawrence Farm and Ranch for donating the troughs that held the drinks.

Our appreciation to Frances Thornton for taking the pictures and contributing a funny deer story! The drinks would not have

See Hunter's Feed Page 10



Yeti Winner — Congratulations to P. Choinrere for winning the Yeti Cooler at the Hunter's Feed.



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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.	
Sunday Evening Worship.	6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service	27:00pm

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 School		9:45 AM
Morning Worship		11:00 AM
Ministry Activities	The state of the state of	
Youth Meet at Pool I	House	6:30PM
ai world list	Thomas Estes, Pastor	
and the state of	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 23-tfn

CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

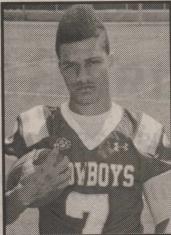
433 North Main Street Cross Plains, Texas 76443 **Minister: RICK AUSTIN SUNDAY:**

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



Taylor Huff

Memorial service arrangements for Taylor Huff have been set for 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at the Church on Rush Creek: Green Oaks Campus, 2350 S.W. Green Oaks Blvd., in Arlington, Texas 76017.

Huff passed away in a pedestrian/vehicle accident in Abilene early Sunday. He was a member of the Hardin-Simmons football team and was a senior exercise science major.

"These guys will honor Taylor by taking the field," said Hardin-Simmons University head coach Jesse Burleson in a news conference this morning as he discussed the difficulty of thinking about football after loosing a long-time member of the Cowboys.

Burleson and two members off the team quarterback Josh Christian, and receiver Colton Brewer, each told reporters they were blessed to know Huff. "His sense of humor was awesome," said Christian as he described Huff as a great man and a leader.

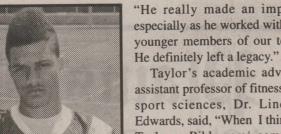
"He really made an impact, especially as he worked with the younger members of our team.

Taylor's academic advisor, sport sciences, Dr. Lindsey Edwards, said, "When I think of demonstrated a quiet, resilient strength."

will get through this together."

people into our lives for seasons," that he came here to HSU."

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



assistant professor of fitness and Taylor, a Bible versé comes to mind, 'In quietness and trust is your strength.' Isaiah 30:15. I love that the Lord allows me to be a part of students' lives. I love that with each visit and interaction I have with a student God gives me something about them. When Taylor was in my office a few weeks back for advising this verse exactly what God gave me. I am thankful I got to be a part of his life. He

Burleson said, "Taylor had overcome a great deal of adversity in his life to get where he was. He was extremely unselfish and caring. We are so proud he was a part of our program. It is a sad day to be a Cowboy, we are hurting but we

"I truly believe that God brings said Edwards. "Like a majority of my students, Taylor, impacted my life by being here. Our common belief of who God is and our acceptance of Christ automatically connected us. I am thankful for the brief season I was part of his life and I thank God

Words' of encouragement may be left on the HSU prayer site: http://pray.hsutx.edu/2013/11/ 11/campus-mourns-the-deathof-taylor-huff/#respond

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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Kathy Ann Norway, theft by check. Kimberly N. Reed, theft by check. Valia J. Suniga, theft by

Phyllis T. Fasel, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Donald Densel Chastain, motion to revoke probation granted.

Sam L. Moreau, motion to revoke probation granted.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

In Re: order for foreclosure concerning 540 Arch St., Baird, Tx. 79504.

Kay Cee Daughtry and Robert Andrew Daughtry, divorce. Trenton Gray Rector and Katie Gail Rector, divorce.

Renee Rose Herrmann and Ralph Peter Herrmann, divorce. Archie Doyle Tucker and

Pamela Michelle Tucker,

Courtney Kay Beeman and

Dennis Lee Beeman, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Stefan Lynn Sutton and Amanda Sue Sutton, divorce granted

Rocklan Clive Cagle and Louetta E. Cagle, divorce granted.

Stephanie Dyann McKinley Robert Vaughn McKinley, divorce granted.

Robin Ann Wilson and Niky Allen Wilson, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Marina A. Cruz, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$354 court costs, \$500 restitution.

Joseph C. Stevens, plea of guilty to DWI, 6 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$454 court costs. Jeffery Thompson, plea of guilty to credit card abuse, 2 year probation, \$500 fine,

\$404 court costs. Sharma B. Elmore, motion to dismiss to unauthorized use of motor vehicle granted for time.

served on other case. Clifton B. Lindsey, motion to dismiss to aggravated assault granted, defendant sentenced

to prison. Kim Thomas, motion to

dismiss to theft granted in the interest of justice.

Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX.

Jim Keffer, State Representative, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910 Phone 512-463-

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call (512) 463-0124. Washington

Barack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000. Mike Conway, U.S. Congressman, Desta Drive, Suite 2000, Midland, TX 79705, 1-800-882-3811, e-mail access, conaway.house.gov. John Cornyn, U.S. Senator 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/ 224-2934. Fax 202/ 228-2856. For email access, go to http:// Cornyn.Senate.gov Cruz, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-5922. Fax 202/224-0776. For email go to http:// Cruz.senate.gov.

Who Killed the Administrator? — Murder Mystery at Rising Star Nursing Center RISING STAR NURSING CENTER NEWSLETTER By DONA Mc INTIRE

at Rising Star Nursing Center. We had a murder mystery and it needle but it wasn't her. No one guessed the correct answer but

been doing quite a few things here Patterson that killed him. She never said why though????/

We are going to be taking some was a blast. Our Administrator trips here in the not to distant fupicture shows the director of we will take a trip in December Nursing with a large knitting to see all of the pretty Christmas

We will be having our annual they had fun trying to figure it out. Christmas Pagent on December

Well hello to everyone. We have It was actually a resident B.J. 15th along with the residents Christmas party.

Maxine Morgan still plays the piano for us on Thursdays and the residents love it. She plays Gosgot killed and the residents had ture. We will be going to see the pel and Country & Western muto figure out who killed him. The leaves turning in November and sic along with a few locals from the 40's and 50's.

I will close for now until next week. See you later and may God bless each of you.

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Kevin Morton, Pastor

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

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

1000 North Main Street www.gbgm-umc.org/crossplains/

First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School 9:30

Wednesday

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

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

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

Cottonwood News

Cold weather makes you feel like winter has arrived with below freezing temperatures this week. Everyone's getting in the mood for Thanksgiving will talk of turkey and dressing, sweet potato casserole and pumpkin pie! Its's just a few weeks away.

There's more to Thanksgiving than just a great meal. It's a time to bow our heads and be thankful for the things we have and the joys we've received throughout neighbors and friends, our caring celebrate with her. No presents, 325-854-1444.

community and other blessings just your presence will be a from the Lord - including the cherished gift for Clara. wonderful rain we've enjoyed in the past several months.

Cottonwood for many years, will firehouse. celebrate her 100th birthday with family and friends on Saturday, off. Please exercise caution if November 23, 2013 at the you plan to burn. Let the Sheriff's Richard P. Eckert Civic Center in Office and your local fire chief Mason, Texas, from 2 until 4:30 know before you light the match. in the afternoon. Everyone from Here in Cottonwood, call Fire the Cottonwood and Cross Plains Chief Joe Terstegge at 254-725the year - our families, good areas are welcome to come and 7281, and the Sheriff's Office at

The next Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Meeting is Friday, Clara McInnis, who lived in November 15th at 5 p.m. at the

Remember, the burn ban is still

Cross Plains Garden Club Diana Miller



Enjoying The Garden Club Meeting — Wanda Merryman (left) and Mary Ella Weaver (right).



Garden Club Members — Carlene Howard (left) and Debbie Eudy (right)

met Friday, November 8, 2013 at cabbage, lettuce, radishes, the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's spinach and chard. Herbs, such of wheat, oats or barley now will Center. Club members joined as oregano, chives, parsley, seniors for a delicious chicken rosemary, thyme and lavender can enrich our poor soils. salad as they recognized the staff also be started now. These plants for their contribution and service will need to be protected when a Plains Garden Club will be held to the community. Cross Plains freeze is forecast but will continue on Friday, December 13, 2013 at is fortunate to have such an to grow in between the freezes. active and friendly resource.

participated in the celebration.

plant cole crops including beets, quicker if they can be shredded 254-725-9418.

The Cross Plains Garden Club broccoli, cauliflower, garlic, first.

Members present were Debby begin composting and mulching, Bank. Please join us as we Budy, Carlene Howard, Diana you can use fallen leaves to celebrate Christmas with our Miller and Mary Ella Weaver. protect bare patches in your "Giving Back To The Guest Wanda Merryman also garden and around the base of Community" program. your plants. Leaves will stay in Gardeners; its not too late to place longer and decompose welcome. Please contact us at

Planting our winter cover crops produce excellent grains and will

The next meeting of the Cross 1:00 in the Mozelle Richardson If you haven't had a chance to Room of the Texas Heritage

Visitors and new members are

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VOTE FOR

ANGELA OWENS

Callahan County STRICT CLERK

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Pol. Ad Pd for by Jason Owens, Treasurer, 1605 Hunters Glen, Clyde, Texas 79510

IBRARY 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**

November 4-7, 2013

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Copies Internet WiFi **Interlibrary Loans** Reference

Donations: Bob and Lavonne Childress Sharlotte Montgomery

Memorials: Eloyce Gallivan In Memory of Yvonne Peevy

Books and Miscellaneous **Donations:** Kenneth and Gayle Lowry

Jim Wilcox **Ginny Hoskins** Floyd McGough

Volunteers: Helen Parsons Polly Beeler Sue Bennett Beveryly Ross Lavonne Childress Michael Ellis



Give the gift that will last all year long!

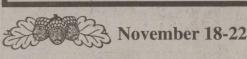


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Call 254-725-6111 or come by the office. 116S.E.1st Street

9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU



Monday - Salisbury Steak, Potatoes and Gravy, Black Eyed Peas, Bread, Dessert, Drink Tuesday - Chicken Salad

Sandwich, Pickle Slices, Chips, Fruit, Dessert, Drink Wednesday -**THANKSGIVING**

Turkey Dressing/Gravy, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Drink **BIRTHDAY CAKE**

Thursday -BBQ on Bun, Oven Baked Fries, Onion, Pickle Slices, Dessert, Drink

FRIDAY-White Chili, Cheese,



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

Senior Citizens CenterActivities



November 18-22



Monday, 18th - Excercise 11:00/Blood Pressure **Check Encompass**

Tuesday, 19th- Excercise 11:00/11:45 Door Prizes sponsered by Care

Wednesday, 20th - THANKSGIVING & **BIRTHDAY MEAL/Girling Foot Care**

Thursday, 21st - Excercise 11:00/BINGO 11:15

Friday, 22nd - Excercise 11:00

Cross Plains NEEDS EMS Volunteers

like having a home fire insurance for November. Many hands make policy. If you have a fire, it is the burden light. too late to get a policy. Many experienced such consequential 325-665-3553 for details. losses when he fire took so many of our homes several years ago.

Prodest people make provisions. It nowed to Licensed EMT Cross Plains urgently needs

Who knows if the next 911 available and willing neighbors EMS call will be for your of good will to volunteer, train family? We just don't. But and serve as trained, licensed having the EMS local, organized, EMS crews. We have tentative trained, licensed and on-call is state-approved classes scheduled

So, call Susan Schaefer

Submitted by **David Holmes** Licensed EMT

ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP



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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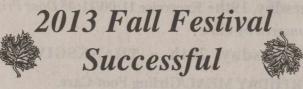
20% Purina Ranch Hand Breeder Cubes \$9.45 per bag

Special feed orders are welcomed Weekly Purina Delivery

We also handle Bryant **Grain & Golden Oaks Feed** 1 Block West of the Bank 254-725-7355



Winners of the Fall Festival Best Costume Contest — Shawn Bullock Family. Shawn (from left) holding Jaxon and Christin holding Jace.



The junior class wishes to beyond in their giving and extend a sincere thanks to all who support. Also, thanks to the supported the Fall Festival. parents who helped, set up, Profits from the event surpassed manage a booth, and clean up the \$4,000, which will be used to gym. Thanks are also extended fund the spring prom. Many to the brave school personnel who thanks go out to the local graciously gave their time in the businesses that donated prizes for pie throw. This important event the Bingo game. So many school would not be possible without the functions depend on the selfless giving of man power, hard generosity of local work, and donations. Thanks establishments, and each year again for making this year's Fall these businesses go above and Festival a successful venture!



Candy Corn Winner — Goes to 7th grader Kayden Oskins for guessing how many pieces of candy in a jar.



Fall Festival King and Queen Winners — Ryder Reed and Kadie Carouth. Congratulations first graders.

End-of-Year Financial Planning Tips

AUSTIN, Texas -As the end of the year approaches, most people's focus tends to shift toward the excitement of the holidays and away from the responsibilities of financial planning. Yet the end of the calendar year provides important opportunities to make adjustments for tax and retirement planning. The following tips can help you take advantage of those opportunities and plan responsibly for the year, and years, ahead

Plan Your Charitable Dona-

Whether it's the box of stuff in your driveway, making charitable donations before the end of the year can help reduce your tax liability. Make sure to document the items being donated and ask the charity of your choice for a receipt.

to talk to your financial advisor tage of tax savings. to review your investment portfolio. By taking losses on certain vantage of-a few tips that will investments now, you could affect your overall tax bill. Don't have a financial advisor? Your ties, you can rest assured your local community bank can likely help point you in the right direc-

Dust Off Your Family Budget

Add a recommitment to budgeting to your family checklist for the end of the year. Whether it's reining in your family expenses or setting up an automatic deduction from your paycheck to pad your savings account, making a plan and stickfinancial success.

Make an Early Mortgage Pay-

mortgage payment before December 31, it will allow you to deduct the interest paid on your tax-year 2013 taxes, lowering your total taxable income.

Max Out Your IRA Contribu-

For 2013, the maximum you can contribute to your traditional and Roth IRAs is the smaller of \$5,500 (\$6,500 if you're age 50 or older) or your taxable income for the year. While you technically have until April 15, 2014 to max out your contributions for the 2013 tax year, now is a good time to make sure you have a plan to do so.

Take Full Advantage of Higher **Education Tax Credits**

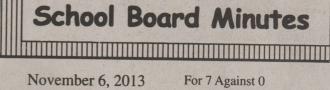
If you are currently enrolled in college or are paying for a dependent's education, you may be eligible for the American opyour garage or the old car in portunity or lifetime learning tax credit. The American opportunity credit provides up to \$2,500, but is limited to use in a total of four tax years. The lifetime learning tax credit provides up to \$2,000 in tax credits for qualified education expenses, includ-Talk to Your Financial Advi- ing tuition, books, supplies and equipment. Both credits provide If you own stocks or other incentives to bundle your eduinvestment instruments outside cation expenses before the end of your 401(k), now is the time of the year to take full advan-

> By knowing-and taking adprovide various tax saving and retirement planning opportunifinances are in the best possible condition moving into 2014.

About the Independent Bank-

ers Association of Texas (IBAT) Formed in 1974, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) represents Texas community banks. The Austinbased group is the largest state community banking organization in the nation, with membering to it is the surest path to ship comprised of more than 2,000 banks and branches in 700 Texas communities. Providing safe and responsible fi-If you can make your January nancial services to all Texans, IBAT member bank assets range in size from \$10 million to \$20 billion with combined assets statewide of nearly \$165 billion. IBAT member banks are committed to supporting and investing in their local communities.

> **PUBLIC** FAX 254) 725-7225



Thanksgiving

Holidays:

Early Out Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

> **NO SCHOOL:** Thursday, November 27th Thursday, November 28th Friday, November 29th.

Classes will resume on Monday, December 2, 2013

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

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent Phil

Mitchell.

Prayer was led by Bennett. Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan that we accept and approve Update 98 as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Richey that they approve early dismissals for 2013-14: November 26, December 20, January 1-6, March 7, April 1,7 and May 30. For 7 Against 0

The board went into executive session at 9:10 p.m. and returned 9:48 p.m.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we accept Jeremy Williams resignation effective December 6, 2013. For 7 Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we adjourn. For 7 Against 0



Cross Plains Yearbooks

2012-2013 Yearbooks are now in at the High School. If you have not picked up your yearbook, please come by and do so. If you did NOT purchase a yearbook, there are still some available. \$30/yearbook, or \$25 each if you buy 2 or more

With Much **Thanks**

Thank you to everyone that helped with the FFA Booster Baked Potato Dinner Fundraiser. It was a huge success! Special thanks to everyone that baked for the cake auction and for the desserts, and the First United Methodist Church for the use of their building. Thank You for supporting the Youth of Cross Plains FFA!

Cross Plains School Menu November 18-22

BREAKFAST

Monday - Sausage Kolache, Roasted potatoes, Fruit or Juice,

Tuesday - Cheddar omelet wrap, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Thursday- Waffles, Sausage, Fruit or Juice, Milk Friday- Cinnamon Breakfast Pastry, Fruit or Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Chicken Fajitas, Pepper & Onions, Charro Beans, Seasoned corn, Salsa, Orange smiles, Milk

Tuesday-Country Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup, Milk

Wednesday-Beef Chalupas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Rosy-Applesauce, Milk

Thursday-Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick, Milk

Friday-Fish or Chicken, Sweet potato fries, Black eyed peas, Cornbread, Sliced peaches,

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After School Adventure Program — The twenty nine (29) students attending the After School Adventure Program (ASAP) at the Cross Plains Public Library enjoyed the educational and fun movie The Mouse and the Mayflower last Wednesday afternoon. The movie told the story beginning in England when the Pilgrims boarded the Mayflower and ending with the Thanksgiving dinner attended by their new Native American friends. A celebration of thanks for surviving the harshness of the new land with their help. Later the students made their own Mayflower ship to take home. Join us next month, Wednesday, December 4th at 4:00 p.m. when we will be making Christmas

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2013 are 5% higher

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

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, November 6th.

Cross Plains' 2013 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$210,318.52, which is 5.88 percent higher than the \$198,622.17 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2012.

The payment to the city for November 2013 \$21,695.35, which is 1.19 per-tion Comparison Summary Re-while the 2012 payments to the cent higher than the ports on the Comptroller's Web county towns \$21,439.93 payment made in site at www. window.state.tx. November 2012.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, November 6th, that state sales tax revenue in September was \$2.14 billion, up 5.4 percent compared to October 2012.

"Growth in sales tax revenues was led by collections from the telecommunications sector," Combs said. "The construction sector also showed significant gains. State sales tax revenue has increased for 43 consecutive months."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their November local sales tax allocations totaling \$654.6 million, up 7 percent compared to November 2012.

Combs sent Texas cities \$431.9 million in November 2013, which is higher by 6.8 percent compared to November 2012 and higher by 6.3 percent year-to-date.

br She reported \$41.0 million in November 2013 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 2.4 percent compared to November 2012 and higher by 5.6 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$147.0 million in November 2013 sales tax allocations, which is 8.1 percent higher than November 2012 and up

6.6 percent year-to-date. Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$34.7 million in November 2013 allocations, which is 7.0 percent higher than November 2012 and higher by

11.9 percent year-to-date. Total sales tax allocations were \$654.6 million in November 2013, which is 7.0 percent higher Ithan November 2012 and up

6.6 percent year-to-date. The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in Sep-

For details of November sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and 128 special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Alloca**CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS**

Total yearly	2012	2013
sales tax payments	\$198,622.17	\$210,318.52
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$21.439.93	\$21,695.35

us/taxinfo/allocsum/ compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments in-

-The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2013 started the year 25.35 percent higher than the 2012 payments. \$141,667.63 in 2013, while the 2012 tax payments to the city totalled \$113,011.21.

November 2013 was local governments. Cities and \$18,290.22, which is 66.01 per-counties may levy a combined cent higher the \$11,017.49 tax of up to two percent above payment made in November

-The 2013 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 12.77 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2012. The sales tax rebates for amounted to \$571,9657.00 in 2013. The 2012 payments to the city during the same payperiod \$507,159.68.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for November 2013 was \$63,7695.26, which is 13.61 percent higher than the check in November 2012 of

-The City of Putnam reported the 2013 payments to economic development corpothe town totalled \$15,323.58, which is higher by 2.26 percent from the 2012 payments to the city in the amount of \$14,983.49.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of November 2012 was \$1,652.36, which is 14.60 percent higher than the \$1,441.73 payment made in November

—Countywide, sales tax paypercent compared to the 2012 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2013 development and to reduce amounting to \$939,276.73

totalled \$833,776.55

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of No-2013 vember \$105,433.19, which is 17.08 percent higher than the \$90,051.38 payments made in November 2012.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it The city has received to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent Baird's monthly payment for sales tax each month to the 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 the City of Clyde have 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

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 ration and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in lo-

cal 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, main ments for 2013 in Callahan taining roads and law enforce-County are higher by 12.65 ment, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic property taxes.



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Harvest Concert with Holly Tucker, Elliott Park and One Voice coming November 24th

Harvest 2013 is almost here! This year we are pleased to announce that Holly Tucker from NBC's "THE VOICE" will be our featured artist. Elliott Park, songwriter and artist whose hit song "I Loved Her First" in 2006 will also join Holly in Harvest's benefit concert. One Voice, Harvest coordinators, will also appear on the program. This year the benefactor of proceeds from the concert will be Callahan County Meals on Wheels and Clyde Center for the Performing Arts.

Holly Tucker is an artist who knows exactly who she is and what her goals are for the future. She can be a unique, powerful voice in country music that inspires and entertains all different kinds of audiences. Her songs are of family oriented nature and good values. Her story, her positive message, and her voice itself will be the separating factors from all other female singers on radio

Elliott Park has had success

with his song "I Loved Her First" when it went to number one on both the RER and Billboard Country Charts. He's had the blessed opportunity to see his songs performed at the Grande Ole' Opre, Late Night with David Letterman, and CBS's Late, Late Show with Craig Ferguson. Elliott is a Clyde native.

Everyone get ready to enjoy a night of sensational music with these three great groups, Holly Tucker, Elliott Park and One Voice! This year Harvest will be in the new Huff Performing Arts Center at Clyde High School and will begin at 6:30. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are available at Clyde Chamber of Commerce. Cross Plains Lawrence Farm and Ranch, and Abilene **Teachers Federal Credit Union** at the Antilley Road address. Doors open at 5:45. Mark your date, Nov. 24th!

Harvest is a non-profit organization which annually gives its proceeds to a charity in our area.

TxDOT develops WinterSafe program

By: Doug Eichorst, P.E. Abilene District Engineer **Texas Department of** Transportation

The winter season will soon be upon us. Past years have proved that our region can receive severe winter weather conditions, and those conditions can be hazardous to motorists who are unprepared. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) works 24/7 to ensure roads remain passable and safe yearround. Road crews are especially prepared for improving road safety during extreme win-

TxDOT has developed a winter weather awareness program called WinterSafe to help you prepare for the extreme conditions you may encounter when traveling across Texas during the winter months. It's not too late to be sure you're WinterSafe on the road. TxDOT encourages motorists to take precautions and incorporate a few safe driving habits to reduce the risk on the road. This can be as easy

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weather alerts.

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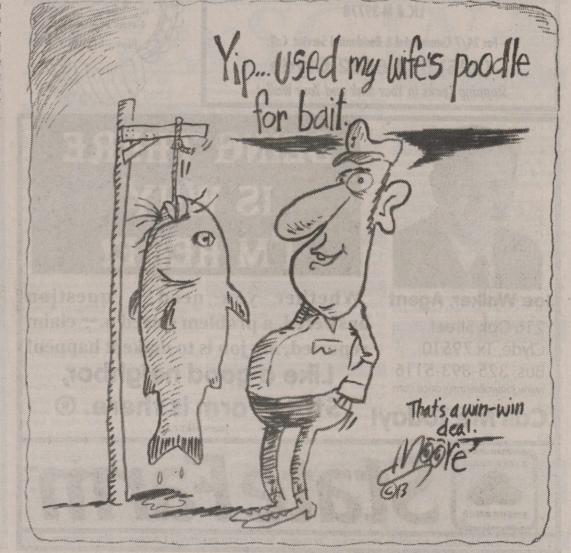
Department of Public Safety's toll-free hotline at (800) 525-

For the latest information on Texas roadways, be sure to check TxDOT's website, www.drivetexas.org. TxDOT works closely with local agencies across the state to make sure potentially hazardous roadways are treated quickly during extreme weather. Using a variety of environmentally safe treatment methods and equipment, TxDOT acts fast to improve road traction, remove accumulated snow and prevent roads from icing up. We work to make travel easier and safer for all motorists. Stay informed. Be WinterSafe.

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Moore Texas by Roger Moore In 1976, Charles Booth landed a 114 lb. Catfish in Lake Livingston.



Myth busting the flu vaccine submitted by Marchall Dawer, MD, Medical Director for UnitedHealthcare of West Texas. Fall is in the air and flu

season is off to a fast start in Texas. This unpopular annual epidemic hit Americans hard last year, with a majority of states reporting high rates of influenza-like illness. Fortunately, there is something you can do to help prevent it.

Influenza is a serious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes even death. The illness causes missed work and school days. In 2010, Americans missed 100 million work days due to flurelated illness, resulting in more than \$10 billion in costs -to companies' bottom lines.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), everyone who is at least 6 months of age should get a flu vaccine. It is increasingly important to get vaccinated for people who have certain medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes or chronic lung disease, pregnant women, young children under 5 and people 65 and older.

The good news is the flu vaccine is plentiful right now, and health officials say it is the best way to protect yourself and reduce your chances of getting the flu. The bad news? Despite the evidence and

recommendations, hundreds of thousands of Texans won't get vaccinated this year. Not only does that put their personal health and well-being at risk, but it increases the chances of family, friends, coworkers and neighbors getting sick too.

Consider the following: Getting the shot will not give you the flu.

According to the CDC, the flu shot vaccine is made with either inactivated flu viruses (and therefore not infectious) or with no flu vaccine viruses at all. Many people report flu-like experiencing symptoms after getting the vaccine, such as muscle pain or weakness, but these symptoms go away after a day or two, and are much less severe than the actual flu.

Young, healthy people get the flu, too.

Influenza does not discriminate against age or healthy habits. Just because you're young or don't typically get sick doesn't mean you can't catch the flu. According to the CDC, people who have the flu can spread it to others from as far as six feet away.

You can also catch the flu from someone who has yet to exhibit any signs or symptoms of being sick. The flu shot is not expensive.

In most cases, the cost of a flu shot is covered by your health insurance plan, whether you buy health insurance on your own or are covered through your employer, through Medicare or Medicaid. More employers are now offering free onsite flu shot clinics at the office. If you get the flu, the cost of treating it and the potential for missed days of work or school far exceed the cost of the vaccination.

Getting the flu shot vaccine is fast, easy and convenient.

Getting a flu shot takes about minutes. neighborhood pharmacies even offer walk-in options, so you don't need to make an appointment. If you are unemployed or your employer doesn't offer flu shots, you can go to your primary care doctor or nearby wellness clinic, most retail pharmacies or contracted flu shot providers. To find a list of flu shot providers near you, visit www.texasflu.org.

Make you and your family's health a priority this year by getting a flu shot. That way, you can stay healthy and enjoy the cooler weather that has finally returned to West Texas.

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The Family of Martha Carouth would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, donations to CPVFD, food that was brought, and floral arrangements. Special thanks to Rev. David Barnaum, and Rev. Jeff Thompson, for a beautiful service, Heartland Funeral Home, Lighthouse Hospice, and Oakridge Manor Nursing Center, for taking care of her, Early First United Methodist Church for providing a meal for the family. It is special to us to know that we have such a loving family and friends during this time. We could not thank you enough.

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AFP Foundation Awards Texas Comptroller Combs for Transparency Effort

perity Foundation-Texas

made the following statement:

"Comptroller Combs has been an outstanding advocate for Texans. She is deserving of the 2013 Trailblazer for Transparlevels of government in Texas."

has literally put a window on across the state. state government and has tirelessly advocated for local governments to open their books dation (AFPF) is a nationwide and provide more information organization of citizen-leaders on spending, debt and public pension liabilities," Venable said.

"We are pleased to honor Comptroller Combs with this believes reducing the size and award in recognition of her leadership in providing information the best way to promote indifor those of us paying the bills," said Venable.

the All Politics is Local Conference in Austin at the University of Texas Alumni Center.

Joining Venable in the presentation was Ernest Angelo, Jr., a former Midland mayor and Texas conservative leader.

statement following the cer-

"I am honored to receive the first ever Trailblazer for Transcans for Prosperity Foundation-foundation.com.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

- With the long-anticipated

arrival of cooler weather, now

is the perfect opportunity to

enjoy some time by the

campfire but be careful to pay close attention to the firewood

you are picking. Transporting

and storing diseased wood is a

known means of spreading the

devastating oak wilt fungus to

previously uninfected

neighborhoods. Utilizing these

prevention steps is the key to

safeguarding against

spreading the disease through

the selection and use of

firewood. Well-seasoned wood

is cut before the summer and is

typically dry with loose bark

and cracked ends. Avoid oak

wood that appears

unseasoned, that may have

tight bark and cut ends which

show no cracks or signs of

aging. The extreme heat and

drying of a full Texas summer

effectively destroys the fungus

· Safely store unknown

sources of firewood. If the oak

wood comes from an unknown

source and it is not well

seasoned, cover the woodpile

with a clear piece of plastic.

in cut firewood.

· Select well-seasoned

firewood:

AUSTIN-Today, Friday, No- Texas," said Comptroller vember 8th, Americans for Pros- Combs. "I am inspired by the positive feedback I am receiving awarded the first Trailblazer for from around the country regard-Transparency Award to Texas ing our efforts to shine a light on Comptroller of Public Accounts local government debt and spending. With partners like In bestowing the award, Texas AFP-Texas, we can really make AFPF Director Peggy Venable a difference with how govern-

ment is spending your money." The event focused on local government transparency, spending and debt including unfunded pension liabilities. It's ency award for her work to shed the launch of a multi-year effort the light of public scrutiny on all by AFP to engage citizens in local issues. Combs has led the "Since January 2007 when she way in providing accountability took office, Comptroller Combs for bloated municipal spending

Americans for Prosperity Founcommitted to advancing every individual's right to economic freedom and opportunity. AFPF intrusiveness of government is vidual productivity and prosperity for all Americans. AFPF edu-The award was presented at cates and engages citizens to support restraining state and federal government growth and returning government to its constitutional limits. AFPF is more than 2.3 million activists strong, with activists in all 50 states. AFPF has 34 state chapters and Combs released the following affiliates. More than 90, 000 Americans in all 50 states have made a financial contribution to AFP or AFP Foundation. For more information, visit http:// parency award from the Ameri- www.americansforprosperity-

TFS urges caution to decrease

the spread of Oak Wilt Disease

insects that might have been

attracted to diseased wood and

Destroy diseased red oaks.

A knowledgeable arborist or

forester should diagnose red

oaks (i.e., Texas red,

blackjack or shumard oak)

that die rapidly (2-3 weeks) or

in groups (2 or more trees over

several years) for oak wilt.

Trees suspected to have died

recently from oak wilt should

be destroyed by burning,

burying or chipping. The heat

of a fire destroys the fungus

and the smoke emitted poses

no threat to healthy trees.

When planning to do any

outdoor burning, be sure and

check with local officials to see

if an outdoor burning ban is in

place for your county and take

care not to burn on windy days

Avoid wounding oaks

during vulnerable seasons.

The general recommendation

is to avoid injuries to oaks from

February through June. The

best times for pruning of oaks

are during the heat of summer

(minimal spore production) or

the cold of winter (minimal

· Paint all oak wounds

including pruning cuts.

with low humidity.

insect activity).

fungal mats.

Big Time Texas Hunts Farm Bill for Small winner includes Clyde resident

AUSTIN - Fifteen lucky had no idea these hunts were sportsmen are making special plans for hunting season as win- to work and told all my friends ners of this year's Big Time Texas Hunts. The hunters were selected by random computer drawing from applicants in the Texas nate to win. I'm excited." Parks and Wildlife Department

All told, hunters bought 71,658 Big Time Texas Hunt entries Lee Hill, Spring, TX during this year's sales period through the Oct. 15 deadline. Michael Brown, Magnolia, TX This generated \$676,504 in research, habitat management Zapalac, Ledbetter, TX and public hunting.

The winner of this year's Big Time Texas Hunts crown jewel, the Texas Grand Slam hunt package, which includes four separate guided hunts for Texas' most prized big game animals; desert bighorn sheep, whitetailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer is Kelly Lee Hill of

Spring, Texas. Hill admits he only recently learned about the Big Time Texas Hunts while taking a hunter education course in order to meet requirements for bowhunting in other states. "I



Town America Too By John Crabtree, johnc@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

economy. The final bill should

invest in fostering a new genera-

tion of family farmers and ranch-

ers as well as preserving the

creating a better future for those

beginners and for small town

The Farm Bill can and should

address the stern challenges be-

ginning farmers and ranchers

face through programs that help

them access land, capital, train-

ing and mentoring. The final bill

should sustain direct funding for

the Beginning Farmer and

Rancher Development Program,

ited resource farmers and ranch-

ers, without diverting funds to

and rural America.

being offered," he recalls. "I went As Congress enters the final stages of moving forward a final and we all entered; I won. I know Farm Bill, we must all remember there are people who've been that the Farm Bill is the vehicle entering for years so I feel fortuby which Congress makes crucial investments in the rural

Following are the winners of this year's Big Time Texas Hunts. · Texas Grand Slam - Kelly

• Premium Buck Hunt

• Exotic Safari - Kepha gross revenue to support wildlife Hawkins, Clyde, TX; Julius

> Whitetail Bonanza - James Marsh, Bluemont, VA; Cody Stewart, San Antonio, TX; Lloyd Dunn, San Antonio, TX; James Watkins, Bullard, TX; Pat Green, New Home, TX; Danny Clark, Navasota, TX; Timothy Motes, Humble, TX;

• Big Time Bird Hunt - Jeffrey Hilsberg, Austin, TX

• Gator Hunt - - Robert Pulley, Lucas, TX

• Texas Waterfowl Hunt - Robert Holmes, Cypress, TX

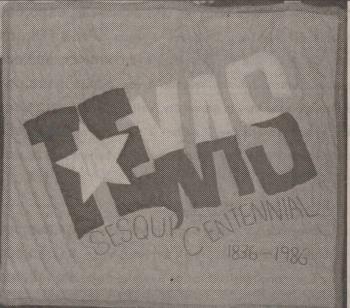
• Wild Hog Adventure - Mike Davis, San Angelo, TX

that provides training and technical assistance, at no less than \$20 million per year, with an ongoing set-aside for veterans, socially disadvantaged and lim-

unrelated programs. It should also provide at least \$50 million in direct funding for the Conservation Reserve Program - Transition Incentives Program to help new producers gain access to farm and ranch land while retaining conservation values.

The final Farm Bill should also hold additional conservation cuts to no more than those in the Senate bill, and keep cuts to ten percent or less overall for each working lands conservation pronatural resources necessary for gram - Conservation Stewardship Program, which rewards those farmers who practice whole-farm stewardship of land and natural resources, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program, which helps farmers and ranchers implement needed conservation practices.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses. family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.



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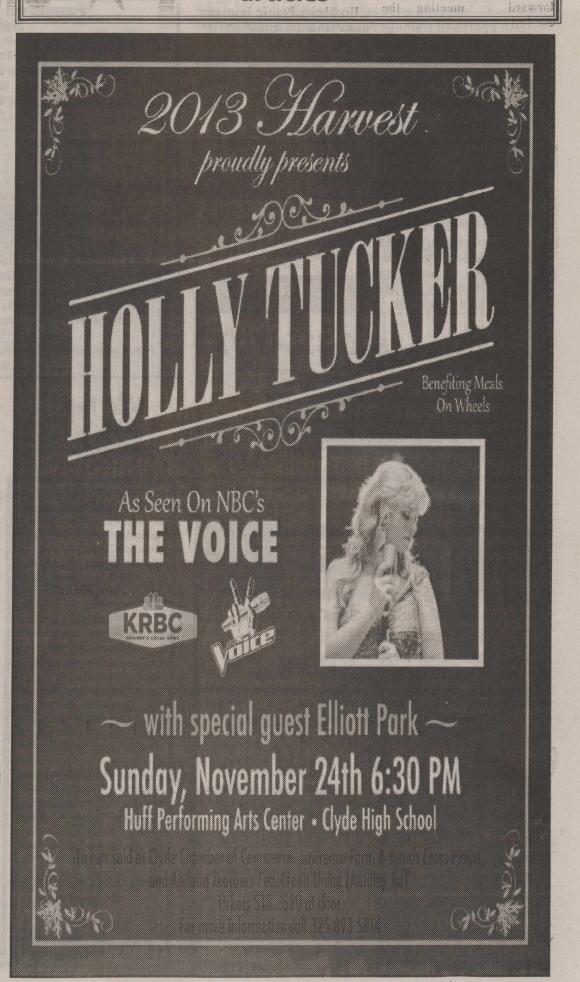
35, should be especially careful in not transporting recently killed oak trees off of exists of moving red oaks that have died of oak wilt and having these trees produce disease spores while being stored. If in doubt, again always cover the wood with clear plastic and seal the edges with rocks or soil. Oak firewood is an important

commodity to Texans, whether it's used for firing up the barbecue pit or for warming up on a chilly hunter's morning. By selecting wellseasoned, disease-free firewood and by following other disease prevention guidelines, homeowners are taking the correct steps to prevent a new oak wilt disease outbreak in their neighborhood. Please visit www.texasoakwilt.org for more information on this devastating tree disease.

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McCoy was named Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Hochheim Prairie Insurance Companies effective November 1, 2013 by the Board of Directors. Mr. McCoy replaces Linda Schmidt who was recently named President and Chief executive Officer of Hochheim. Tim has been with Hochheim since 2002 and has served as Accounting Manager (2003-2010), Claims Manager (2011) and Information Technology Manager (2012-2013). He has also been active in the insurance industry for 17 years including currently serving as Chairman of Texas Association of Mutual Insurance Companies.

Mr. Mueller, Chairman of the Board of Directors, stated, "I am traditionally catered to families also pleased that Tim will take over the role of Secretary-Treasurer, which enables the company to have a seamless management transition. I speak for the entire board of directors in saying that Tim has our full support in moving the company forward in meeting the expectations of our members and unique demands of the Texas

Tim is a resident of Yoakum, Texas and has been very active in the community serving in several local leadership positions including the Yoakum City Council, Board of Directors for Lakeside Club, Past Board

(YOAKUM, Texas) - Tim Member for the Yoakum Little League, Past Chairman of the Business Development Committee with the Yoakum Area Chamber of Commerce and member of the First Baptist Church of Yoakum. He is married to Shara Behrens McCoy and they have 3 children, Austin (16), Cade (8) and Brynlee (6).

Tim is a 1988 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a 1993 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is the son of W.G. and Joyce McCoy.

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Farm Credit Bank of Texas **Again Reports Growth in** Earnings, Loan Volume

AUSTIN, Texas-Farm Credit billion at Sept. 30, 2013, from Bank of Texas (FCBT) reported \$15.4 billion at year end, reflectincreased earnings and loan ing the bank's ongoing strategy volume in the third quarter, con- of offering competitive loan tinuing its track record of strong products while maintaining high financial performance.

The cooperatively owned funding bank reported net income of nent capital ratio and sharehold-\$43.5 million for the third quarers' equity benefited from the ter of 2013, a 4.7 percent in- issuance in July of \$300 million crease from the same period in of Class B, Series 2, noncumu-2012. Net income for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2013, preferred stock, that increases was \$139.9 million, up 7.5 percent from the first nine months risk and fund growth. of 2012.

2013, was \$11.49 billion, compared with \$11.34 billion at Dec. direct loans to its affiliated lending cooperatives and other financing institutions in the fivestate area it services.

The high credit quality of loans in the portfolio led to a \$4.7 million, or 76.7 percent, decrease in provision for credit losses in the third quarter compared to the same period of 2012. Loans classified as acceptable or special mention made up 98.0 percent of total loans, compared with 97.5 per- the same periods a year earlier. cent at Dec. 31, 2012.

"For the past several years, the bank has had record results, earnings, loan volume and asset CEO Larry Doyle.

Total assets increased to \$15.6 same periods last year.

levels of capital and liquidity. The bank's regulatory permalative subordinated perpetual the bank's capacity to manage

"We are thankful for the ongo-Gross loan volume at Sept. 30, ing financial success," said Jimmy Dodson, chairman of the FCBT board. "This stability helps 31, 2012. The increase reflects us to satisfy the Farm Credit growth in the bank's diverse port- mission, which is to provide folio of participation loans and sound credit for agriculture and rural America."

Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Farm Credit Bank of Texas is one of four funding banks in the nationwide Farm Credit System. Together, the bank and its 17 affiliated rural financing cooperatives reported net income of \$105.9 million for the quarter and \$325.3 million for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2013, up 7.9 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively, from

Nationally, the System reported combined net income of \$1.253 billion and \$3.499 biland we continue to see strong lion for the three-month and nine-month periods ended Sept. quality, even amid the recover- 30, 2013. This compares with ing economic environment," said combined net income of \$1.039 billion and \$3.158 billion for the



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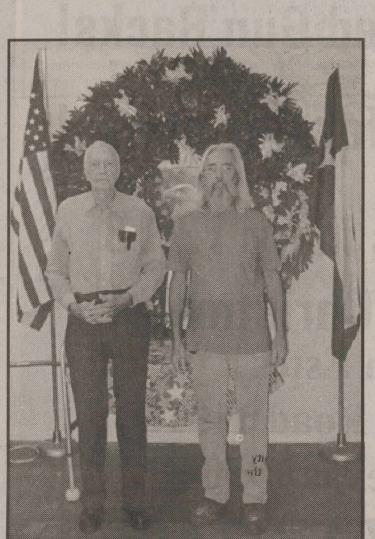


Entertaining The Crowd — Etna Goode, the widow of a WWII veteran, D.V. Goode, played the National Anthem on her harmonica.

Veteran Prize Winner — Becky Collier was one of the door

prize winner.

Veteran Door Prize Winner — Dennis Hampton.



Father and Son — Veteran, Bobby Jack McCowen (left) is pictured with his son, Ron McCowen in front of the beautiful Patriotic Wreath made by the Cross Plains Elementary Students for the Senior Center.

VETERANS



Cottonwood Native Veteran, Wallace Bennett.



Veterans Day Crowd — Welcomed by Dannes Turner at the Cross Plains Senior Center Appreciation Luncheon.

All Veterans Day Celebration Photos Courtesy of Frances Thornton.

Hunter's Feed-

been cold without the ice from Food Plaza. Subway donated some very tasty cookies, that made a great dessert.

A big thank you to these listed businesses that donated door prizes: The Kaleidoscope; Texas Road House of Abilene; Connie's Cuts and Curls; Staghorn Cafe; Bed Bath and Beyond of Abilene; Lawrence Farm & Ranch; Cross Plains Public Library; Higginbothams; Hutchins Custom Processing; Texas Heritage Bank; Cross Plains Parts Plus; J&L Sales; Parker Custom Ironwork; Last Shot Boots; Cross Plains Grain and Peanut; T&K Tire; Lowes Supermarket; Hardwick Nursery; AAA Stowaway Storage; Branding Iron Custom Processing; Trinity Live Oak Real Estate; Coburn Ranch; Subway of Cross Plains; Salamander's Apparel; Potter Taxidermy; and the Cross Plains Review.

Congratulations to John Hours for winning the stone necklace; P. Choinrere the Yeti cooler and Jim Stone the hog trap.

Our appreciation to all the volunteers who set up, served, tore down and donated their time. Without you, this would not have been possible! Each year the Hunter's Feed continued to grow and we look forward to next year!







Serving The Meal — Volunteers from the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce fed the many people that showed up for the Hunter's Feed. All Hunter's Feed Photos courtesy of Frances Thornton



Lessons on Gun Safety — Terry Joy, Callahan County Sheriff, taught on gun safety at the Hunter's Feed.



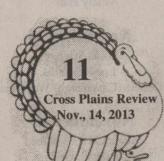
Blue Antlers?— Randa Hewitt and son, Ethan show off their talents of painting deer antlers for decoration.

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2013 Constitutional Amendment Election **Callahan County Results** Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Total Number of Voters 698 of 8,607 (8.11%) Registered Voters

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Proposition			
For	575	84.06%	
Against		15.94%	
Proposition			
For		85.09%	
Against	102	14.91%	
Proposition	#3		
For	405	60.72%	
Against	262	39.28%	
Proposition	#4		
For	562	81.69%	
Against	126	18.31%	
Proposition	#5		
For	393	57.88%	
Against	286	42.12%	
Proposition	#6		
For	511	73.95%	
Against	180	26.05%	
Proposition	#7		
For	424	62.81%	
Against	251	37.19%	
Proposition	#8		
For	412	63.58%	33
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Yellow-headed Blackbird

Living in Texas gives us ample opportunities to observe birds as they make their migratory journey from colder northern states to warmer countries to the south, and vice versa. Identifying many of these birds can be troublesome at best. However, the yellow-headed blackbird is one that stands out among other species.

The Yellow-headed Blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus) occurs primarily in the upper Midwest regions of North America during the summer months, while it occupies most of northern Mexico. as well as southern Arizona, southern New Mexico and western Texas during the winter months.

It frequently can be observed throughout Texas during its miand fall. It prefers to live in reedy open farmlands also inhabited,

length of about 11 inches, while ceive from the parents. the wingspan is larger, up to 17 spicuous and easily identifiable. The body and wings are black, is in flight. The head, throat and each year. breast are adorned with bright The diet of this bird is not as yellow plumage, hence the com- specialized as in other species. mon name. The eyes are circled It is omnivorous, meaning it eats with a black OmaskO that ex- plant material as well as other tends to the black beak.

ful, having dusty brown wings various grains and seeds. It and bodies with white streaks often forages for food in large surrounding the eyes, checks and breast is yellowish, while the remainder of the head is a dirty brown.

Females lack the black loreal mask the male's exhibit.

Yellow-headed blackbirds are highly gregarious, living in enormous colonies that can number in the thousands during winter. They nest in colonies as well, and the polygynous males mate with several females. Females build the partially canopied nest out of grass and reeds, often over 2 feet above water in cattails and other vegetation.



The Yellow-headed Blackbird (Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus)

The light gray to green oval eggs, numbering from three to gratory journeys in the spring five, usually are small, measuring 1 inch at the longest point. lakes, irrigation ditches and These eggs are incubated by the freshwater marshes, although female for almost two weeks before the altricial (naked and This species of black-bird is of helpless) young are born, totally moderate size reaching a body dependent on the care they re-

Both sexes feed the young, inches. Adult males are con- although the female takes the primary lead in this duty. After hatching, the young will stay in save for a contrasting white patch the nest for another week and a on the wings. This white patchy half before leaving. Females is most noticeable when the bird typically will produce two broods

animals. It feeds on insects, Females are not quite as color- larvae and snails, as well as

flocks along muddy areas in irrigated fields or along waterways and marshes. It typically walks along the ground and scours the area to obtain its food. It is an extremely territorial and aggressive species, defending it foraging areas and nest by attacking intruders (including humans) with close flybys. This is especially true when young are in the nest.

Many bird experts are of the opinion that the yellow-headed blackbird had the poorest vocalization capabilities of any North American songbird. It is vulnerable to loss of habitat due to draining of wetlands, as well as normal weather cycles of

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Texas Historical Commission news briefs

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LASTING LEGACY OF LA SALLE

AUSTIN, Texas—Relive the adventures of legendary French de La Salle at the annual confer-Colonial Studies November key sites. 22nd-24th at the Bullock Texas Sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission (THC), the Friends of the Texas Historical Museum, the event brings together French scholars from around the world offering preinfluence in North America.

best-known French explorers, particularly for his exploits in the Mississippi River Valley in the late 17th century. His travels from Quebec to the Gulf of Mexico are legendary, including his final adventure in East Texas in 1687, after his ship La Belle sank in Matagorda Bay. It lay in place until being discovered in 1995 by THC archeologists, who directed its remarkable recovery. Once removed from the ocean floor, the painstaking prowill culminate in an upcoming exhibit at the Bullock Museum. In preparation, the museum has invited the Center for French Colonial Studies to hold its annual conference in Austin.

French Colonial Studies website www.frenchcolonialstudies.org. For more information, contact Program Coordinator Jim Bruseth at (512) 288jim.bruseth@gmail.com.

GO WHERE THE FIGHTING **WAS FIERCEST**

BUFFALO GAP, Texas-When a Kennesaw Mountain National broad interest to the public, as regions of Texas. Battlefield ranger was asked

where to find the Texas monu- well as those useful to historiments in the park, the ranger ans, teachers, and students. answered, "go where the fighting was fiercest." In the honor of that spirit, authors Tom Alexander and Dan Utley have explorer Robert Cavelier, Sieur published a guidebook of Texas availability for review to Ruthe Civil War monuments, and the ence of the Center for French heroic role played by Texans at

Go Where the Fighting was State History Museum in Austin. Fiercest: The Guide to the Texas Civil War Monuments focuses on the 19 military sites commemorated and interpreted by Commission, and the Bullock the Civil War Monuments Program initiated by the State of Texas in the 1960s and overseen today by the Texas Historisentations that examine the man, cal Commission (THC). Grouped his legacy, and his profound in chronological order according to the date of battle, the 19 Ren Robert Cavelier, Sieur de sites are explained through lo-La Salle is one of the world's cation, battle, and Texans who fought and died there.

Alexander is vice chairman of the THC and Utley is a former THC historian and currently a professor at Texas State University and chief historian of the Center for Texas Public History. This is their second published book on Texas military history. Their first book, Faded Glory: A Century of Forgotten Texas Military Sites, Then and Now, was published in 2012. The Guide to Texas Civil War Monuments is cess of conservation began, and published by State House Press in Buffalo Gap.

WOMEN IN TEXAS HISTORY

COLLEGE STATION, Texas— To register, visit the Center for Women in Texas History is a new book series published by Texas A&M University Press in collaboration with the Ruthe participate, book series will publish submitted works about the history of women in Texas, focusing on periods, or aspects of gender, own

Individuals interested in submitting manuscripts for consid-

eration should send a description of their work and its date of Winegarten Foundation Board President Nancy Baker Jones at winegarten@austin.rr.com. Jones and Cynthia Beeman, former Texas Historical Commission History Programs Division director, will serve as series

WIN A HERITAGE TOUR-ISM TRIP THROUGH TIME

AUSTIN, Texas-The Texas Historical Commission (THC) turns 60 this month, and to celebrate that milestone, as well as the agency's many accomplishments, the THC is focusing on its award-winning Texas Heritage Trails Program and accompanying TexasTimeTravel.com. A sweepstakes promotion allows Texans to celebrate the anniversary by entering a drawing to win a heritage tourism trip with

members of the THC. The winners will be randomly selected after the sweepstakes closes on November 17th-60 years to the day after the first meeting of the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, which later became the THC. Winners will receive a guided, four-day, expense-paid trip for two in the Texas Heritage Trail region of their choice. The itinerary, to be developed by the THC, will showcase historical programs and sites in the chosen region. To Winegarten Foundation for www.woobox.com/qajkpx and

Texas Women's History. The follow instructions to complete the entry form. All travel must be completed in April 2014.

To learn more about the reindividual lives, events, and time gions, or to start planning your trip, race, class, and culture. Books www.texastimetravel.com and will include historical works of learn about the heritage travel

Applications for Conservation Programs being accepted at the Callahan County NRCS Office

November, Nov. 8, 2013—USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist Sammy L. Wilson announces applications for funding opportunities with the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) are currently being accepted at the NRCS offices located at 141 W. 4th Suite B in Baird.

NRCS in Texas has received its initial allocation of EQIP and WHIP funding for 2014 and will begin ranking and obligating contracts after January 17, 2014. All agriculture producers interested in submitting a contract application for 2014 should do so before this ranking deadline.

EQIP - one of the largest programs in the Farm Bill - is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality and assists producers to meet local, state and federal

regulations.

"EQIP is a valuable tool to help Callahan County's agricultural producers implement conservation practices that provide environmental benefits to help sustain agricultural operations," says Sammy L.

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"WHIP helps landowners restore and improve fish and wildlife habitats, and benefit at-risk species," says Sammy L. Wilson. "This funding will give landowners across the state the opportunity to address wildlife concerns in

EQIP and WHIP are continuous sign-up programs that allow landowners or operators to apply for financial and technical assistance for the application of specific conservation practices; but the deadline for the first 2014 funding allocation is January 17, 2014. Contracts are offered periodically depending on budgetary allocations. Applications made after the deadline will be considered in the next funding cycle. Higher priority will be given to those applications that address national, state and local priorities and provide higher cost efficiency.

EQIP offers technical and financial help to install or implement structural, vegetative, and management practices that can benefit the soil, water, air, plants, livestock, and wildlife. WHIP applications must address traditional natural resource issues such as water quantity, water quality, grazing lands, forest health, soil

management, emerging natural resource issues, and climate change.

Each county in the state is funded yearly to assist producers financially with these land management practices.

Last year, NRCS in Texas funded over 4,500 EQIP contracts with \$91 million to accomplish conservation practices such as irrigation efficiency, minimum tillage, brush management and more on 3.6 million acres across the entire state. Additionally, NRCS funded 200 WHIP contracts with \$7.1 million to improve wildlife habitat on over 380,000 acres in Texas.

In addition to helping our environment, Farm Bill conservation program funds support rural communities. In Texas, it is estimated that each dollar of NRCS and private matching expenditures on NRCS conservation programs generates an additional \$2.54 in sales of goods and services locally.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, call the USDA Service Center office in Baird at 325-854-1349. Service center locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.prcs.usda.gov



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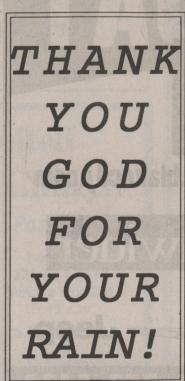
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CALLAHAN COUNTY JUDGE ROGER CORN AND HIS GRANDSON KADE CORN AT THE TEXAS MIDWEST ANNUAL MEETING.



KADE CORN ON RIGHT REPRESENTING ROTAN HIGH SCHOOL CENTER IS NICKI HARLE OF THE TEXAS MIDWEST AND OTHER AREA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Texas Midwest annual meeting

Last week the Texas MidWest Group held it's Annual meeting in the Abilene Civic Center.

The purpose of the meeting was to update members on the progress the organization has made under the leadership of Mrs. Nicki Harle.

Harle gave a talk on the future of Texas MidWest and also gave a farewell speech as she is retiring at the end of this year.

Nicki has given many years of

has a great concern for rural Texas.

A selected group of students were asked to attend this meeting. Among those was a

seventh grade honor student

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service to Texas MidWest and

from Rotan, Texas, Kade Corn.
Along with the honor of attending the meeting came and assignment. Kade was asked to give a report on the meeting and Mrs. Harle's

Kade will then present his summary of Harle's presentation to the next Rotan school board meeting.
Kade's grandfather, Callahan

thoughts.

Kade's grandfather, Callahan County Judge, Roger Corn attended the meeting and proud grandfather posed for the above picture of him and Kade.

Kade is the son of Kelly Corn and Buffy Sipes.

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