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LIBRARY REPS TRAVEL TO OREGON—Ginny Hoskins (from left), Linda Burns, Wilma Lawrence, John Pecoraro, Terry Blackwell, Peggy Rudd, and Judy Luter.

Library Representatives Travel to Oregon

When the news came that the Cross Plains Public Library was honored as one of two finalists for the 2010 Best Small Library in America Award, the Board of Directors began wondering how we would raise money to send at least one representative to the awards ceremony to be held in conjunction with the Public Library Association Conference in Portland, Oregon. *Library Journal's* BSLA Award is sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and recognizes the exemplary work of public libraries serving populations under 25,000 whose high standards, innovative services, and commitment to their community make them extraordinary. The prize for each of the two finalist libraries was two PLA memberships and two conference fees. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation generously awarded us \$4,000 to cover travel expenses and said we might be able to stretch it to cover three people.

As most of you know, our library board is very good at making a little money go a long way, so we sent four of us to the conference: Library Director Linda Burns, and Board members Judy Luter, Wilma Lawrence, and Ginny Hoskins. The \$4,000 travel allowance paid for plane fare, hotel, and some money for meals. An anonymous donor paid for the other two conference fees. The additional cost of meals and incidental expenses were paid by those traveling. We set out on Tuesday, March 23, to drive to Dallas and catch a Southwest Airlines flight to Portland. Since Wednesday, after registering for the conference, was free, we split the cost of a rental car and drove out along the Columbia River Gorge to Multnomah Falls, and then made the loop down to Mt. Hood. The scenery was beautiful, and the trip was great fun – we

Texans always get excited about seeing snow covered mountains and tall waterfalls. At the end of the day, we returned the rental car, and for the rest of the trip, we used Portland's great mass transit system – free for most of the places we needed to go.

Thursday and Friday were long days of hard work attending the workshops at the PLA conference. We split up for most sessions in order to cover more ground. We attended workshops on fundraising, teen's and children's programming, new science fiction and fantasy for teens, new mystery writers, collecting and organizing our local history, how to look at our library from a patron's point of view, and improving communication skills. We all came out of the workshops with lots of new ideas and new ways to think about making our library work better for everyone. We also spent some time visiting the many vendors who were exhibiting products at the conference. There again we found new ideas – and lots of free books!

Thursday night was the dinner and awards ceremony sponsored by *Library Journal* and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Dinner was delicious, and we were honored to be joined at our table by John Pecoraro and Terri Blackwell, Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator of the Big Country Library System; Ricki Brown, Director of the Abilene Public Library; and last – but certainly not least – Peggy Rudd, Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The PLA Conference is a biannual affair, so the awards ceremony honored the 2009 and 2010 winners and finalists. We were encouraged to try again, as this year's winner, the library in Glen Carbon,

Illinois, had entered several times before winning the \$15,000 prize for being "Best."

Saturday morning, we packed up and caught the flight back to Dallas on Southwest Airlines. We finally got back to Cross Plains around midnight, exhausted, but still excited about our wonderful, productive trip.

We owe a very big thank you to *Library Journal*, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and – most of all – the wonderful donors and volunteers who put our library in the running for the Best Small Library in America award.

About the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Guided by the belief that every life has equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people, especially those with the fewest resources, have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life. Based in Seattle, the foundation is led by CEO Jeff Raikes and Co-chair William H. Gates Sr., under the direction of Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffet. Learn more at www.gatesfoundation.org or join the conversation at Facebook and Twitter.

About *Library Journal*
In its 134th year of publication, *Library Journal* is the oldest and most respected publication covering the library field. Considered to be the 'bible' of the library world, LJ is read by over 100,000 library directors, administrators, and staff in public, academic, and special libraries.



QUALIFIED FOR THE REGION II-1A TRACK AND FIELD MEET—Shelby Ames (from left), Emma Bennett, Zoie Walker, and Lauren Goode.

C.P.H.S. Advances Four Individuals to the Regional Track and Field Meet

Cross Plains High School has four individuals who have qualified for the Region II-1A Track and Field Meet to be held on May 3 & 4 at Abilene Christian University. These young ladies represented CP very proudly with their hard work and determination that advances them to the regional level of competition. Cross Plains Girls team total was 32 with six athletes

competing, 8th place. Area 13-1A, 14-1A meet results that advanced these individuals were Shelby Ames, Soph., placed third in High Jump with a jump of 4'8"; Emma Bennett, Senior, placed first in Shot Put (Area Champion) with a throw of 33-1; Zoie Walker, Soph., placed second in Discus with a throw of 95-5 3/4; Lauren Goode, Soph., placed third in the 200 with a time

of 27.63. Congratulations to these young ladies and thank you to the Coaching Staff—Coach Bullock, Coach Bryant, Coach Ellerbe, Coach McKinney, for their hard work and encouragement. Congratulations to Clemens Odenwall for his second place finish at District in Tennis. Qualifying him for the regional meet in Abilene on April 21st.

Cottonwood Homecoming and Meeting Saturday, May 1st

Cottonwood history, old friends and good food come together on Saturday, May 1st, when the Cottonwood Historical Association holds its Annual "Homecoming" and Annual Meeting at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood. Everyone in the area with an interest in Cottonwood—past and present—is invited to attend.

Guest speakers for this year's meeting will be Cottonwood residents Frances Wilson

Thornton and Bob Robinson. Come and hear them talk about growing up in Cottonwood and about people from Cottonwood's past. Bring a few stories of your own to share during the meeting! Coffee and visiting begins at 9 a.m. The meeting starts at 10 a.m., followed by lunch. Bring a covered dish: a vegetable, salad or dessert. Barbecued brisket, sausage and chicken, as well as bread, iced tea and coffee, will be furnished by the association. The Varner quilt, a quilt that was

presented to Schoolmaster Harry S. Varner upon his retirement that was recently donated to the association by the Varner Family, will be on display at the meeting, as well as other old Cottonwood quilts.

The long-awaited "New Supplement" to the Cottonwood Cookbook will be available for \$20 after lunch at the meeting. This new supplement features a second ring binder with more recipes, history and photos.

National Day of Prayer

Come celebrate the National Day of Prayer at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains on Thursday May 6, 2010 at 12 noon to 1:00 pm. The purpose is to lift up and cover our country and its leaders with the power of prayer.

At twelve noon we will start with praise songs and then go into corporate prayer and scripture reading led by pastors. Small group and individual prayer time

will be available. There will be visitation and lunch time with finger sandwiches, cookies, tea and water. We promise not to keep you past 1 pm, so those who work will have the time to come and participate and get back to work on time. Everyone is welcome so please mark your calendar and come. "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him." Nahum 1:7

Plans for Howard Days Announced

Project Pride is proud to announce that the husband and wife team of illustrators, Jim and Ruth Keegan, will be the guests of honor at the annual Howard Days, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 11-12.

The emphasis on this year's programs will be on illustrating the prose of Robert E. Howard. The Keegan's will be a part of several panel discussions, as well as delivering the program at the Celebration Dinner on Friday

night. They have been working as a team for 27 years, undoubtedly influenced by the many years they have attended the local event and the many hours they have spent discussing Howard with their contemporaries.

Mexico City will cater the Friday night dinner at the Community Center. Reservations will be needed for the \$12.00 evening and may be made at various places around town closer to the date.

"Texas Library Snapshot Day"

The Cross Plains Public Library is joining libraries across the state in participating in "Texas Library Snapshot Day" on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, to show how important libraries are to the State of Texas.

"Snapshot Day" is jointly sponsored by the Texas Library Association and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. On Wednesday, May 5, CPPL will compile statistics, record customer comments, take photographs, and gather other data chronicling a typical library day. The results collected at CPPL will be added to those of other libraries across

Texas to show how libraries provide valuable services to Texans.

Wednesday, May 5, will be a great day for you to come by the library at 149 North Main and check out a book, audio tape, or movie, use a computer or our new Webcam, play a game with our new Wii system, send a Fax, or make copies. Then we hope you'll take a few minutes to tell us what you like best about our local library, what services you use most - or share a story about the library. If you come at 4:00, you can also see what goes on at our monthly After School Adventure Program (ASAP).

Turkey Creek Rodeo Club to Meet April 29th

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club will be having their monthly meeting Thursday, April 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center.

If you have any questions or would like to join, please call 254-725-4469.

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THE PARADE IS COMING

What do antique cars, marching bands, firetrucks, horses and bicycles all have in common? They'll all be in the Barbarian Festival Parade! Early Saturday morning on June 12, cars, trucks, tractors, bands, dancing groups, and firemen will line up at the north side of the CPHS Football Field for the ceremonial march down Main Street to the Barbarian Festival!

You can be a part of the parade! Just get our your marching shoes, bicycle, four-wheeler, horse, antique car and come and join in the

fun! This year's parade may turnout to be the largest ever as many, many area groups and organizations have already signed up to be in the parade. If you know you'll be there, give Cheryl or Joe—the parade chairmen—a call and let them know at 254-725-6876 or 254-725-7281.

Parade line up starts at 8 a.m. June 12; parade begins at 9 a.m. Kids bicycles and 4-Wheelers will be judged for prizes—so use the registration form provided to get signed up. The age limit is 15

years of age.

Parade Entry Form
I want to ride my _____ bicycle
_____ 4-wheeler in the parade
Name _____ Age _____
Parent's Name _____
Address _____
Phone Number _____

Send the registration to Parade c/o Joe Terstegge, 13210 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443 and we'll have you signed up and ready to go. All you'll need to do is start decorating your bicycle or 4-wheeler!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM
 Matt McGowen, Pastor (254) 725-4599
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Brushy Creek Cowboy Church

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Pastor: Sam Stone

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
 Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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Every Sunday at 10:30 am

Services held at 21272 State Hwy 279, Cross Plains (CJS Ranch, on the left just past the 279/206 split)

Al Taylor, Preacher

Phone: 254-725-7522

Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Billy Smith
 254-725-6268
 Sunday School.....10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship...6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service...7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

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

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz

Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

CROSS PLAINS COWBOY CHURCH

Pastor: Len Smith

"Evening and morning, and at Noon, Will I pray, and cry aloud: And He shall hear my voice"
 PSALM 55:17

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OBITUARIES

Jean Jolley

Graveside services for Jean Jolley of Brown County were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 18, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Ronnie White officiating. Interment followed under the direction of Netherton Funeral Home and Cremations.

Mrs. Jolley passed away Thursday morning, April 15, 2010, in Lufkin.

Jean was born January 2, 1943, in Marshall, Texas, the daughter of the late Robert and Ocie (Workman) O'Conner. She had been a resident of Brown County for 10 years. She was married to Britt A. Jolley in August 1991 in San Angelo. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

She was retired and enjoying country living. Jean was a good wife, mother, grandmother and friend who blessed the lives of all who knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Britt A. Jolley of Brown County; children, Pamela and Charlie Graham of Lufkin, Lori and Roland Young of Paluxy, Chrissy and Tommy Little of Wichita Falls, Melissa and Jeff Briscoe of Abilene and Aaron and Misty Jolley of Hurst; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mark Horton

Mark Horton, 55, of Clyde, died Thursday, April 14, 2010, in an Abilene medical center.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at First Methodist Church in Baird with Rev. Larry Hooper officiating. Burial followed in Ross Cemetery in Baird, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

Mark was born October 17, 1954 to Nell (Lunsford) and James D. Horton in Snyder, Texas.

If you knew Mark Horton, you smiled when you heard his name. He loved to make people laugh. Mark spent his life trying to help people. He worked as an addiction counselor at a prison. He also spent several memorable years working with the Vision Quest program for troubled youth on a covered wagon train that traveled all over the USA. Even during his years at TxDot, he quietly did little good deeds for the elderly and for others in need.

He loved his family and devoted endless hours to winning the love and respect of his step-daughter, Mackenzi, because he loved her mother, Deanna, so much. He gave credit, but rarely took credit, and the world will be a less beautiful place without him. He will be missed so much.

Mark was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Clyde. He was employed by the Texas Department of Transportation as a maintenance technician for seven years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Melba E. Gilton; brother-in-law, Robert Gilton; brother-in-law, David Smith; and step-son, Isaac Hargrove.

Survivors include his wife, Deanna Horton of Clyde; a daughter, Mackenzi Hargrove of Clyde; a niece, Kim Schulze and husband, Walt, of Fairless Hills, PA; two nephews, Bobby Gilton and wife Jennifer, and Jimmy Gilton, all of Fairless Hills, PA; and a sister of, Sylvia Smith of Abilene.

When your money is TIGHT, hometown shopping is just right!

Beth Moore* Simulcast Event

The Women's Ministry of the First Baptist Church Cross Plains will be attending the Beth Moore's Simulcast Event, "So Long, Insecurity", Saturday, April 23, at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

The event will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Child-care is not available. To reserve your ticket, call or come by First Baptist Church 254-725-7629.

The title of Beth Moore's teaching is So Long, Insecurity and will cover knowing what to do when:

1. You feel you are never good enough.
2. Your value and worth are based on the way you look, your worldly success, or your group of friends.
3. You can not be honest with yourself about who you really are.

4. You feel God can never forgive you because of the poor choices you've made in your life.
5. You have had trauma and/or been abused in your life.
6. Someone abandoned you, sending you the message "you have no value or worth."
7. You carry painful secrets that keep you living emotionally detached and alone...afraid to tell someone, for fear they won't believe you or they would no longer want to be your friend.
8. You carry undeserved guilt and shame which truly belongs to the person who wronged you...sending you the message that "something must be wrong with me."
9. I can never forgive the person who hurt me.
10. I can never forgive myself.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Joseph R. Lemoine, possession of marijuana.

Autumn S. Vaughn, evading arrest.

Glenna W. Dean, theft by check.

Corey C. Turnell, evading arrest.

Tyler R. Bridgewater, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Stephen J. Trent, possession of marijuana.

Grenvel D. Tutt, DWI.

Lisa Hamilton, theft.

Roberto Ramos, DWI.

Patricio F. Ramos, terroristic threat.

Roy L. Lamoree Jr., assault - family violence.

John E. Hunt, assault - family violence.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Manuel J. Cantu III, order amending conditions of probation.

Steven Ramos, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail.

Joe E. Dealva, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

James H. Thomas, plea of guilty to DWI - 1st, 60 days in jail, \$400 fine, \$410 court costs.

Timothy D. Hardaway, Jr., plea of guilty to theft by check, 60 days in jail, \$200 fine, \$310 court costs.

Abby C. Kitchens, order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication.

Abby C. Kitchens, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Bonnie J. Strength and Wesley C. Strength, divorce granted.

Citibank (South Dakota), N.A. vs. Barbara Diaz, final default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$24,896.51 from defendant.

Matthew Reynolds, motion to dismiss to Ct. I - DWI, Ct. II - possession of a controlled substance granted in the interest of justice.

Clifton Boyd Lindsey, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Hilda Marie McFadin, motion to revoke probation granted.

Billy Joe Moore, motion to revoke probation granted.

Steven M. Ramos, plea of guilty to theft by check, 30 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$310 court costs.

Joseph Michael Howell, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Candy Faircloth, plea of guilty to theft by check, 45 days in jail, \$314 court costs.

Stephanie E. Rios, transfer request from Taylor Co. to Tom Green Co. and order amending conditions of probation granted.

Stephanie E. Rios, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$324 court costs.

Lorenzo Cerda, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$424 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Charles W. Sexton II of Clyde and Heather W. Stonerock of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT

John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Matthew Hall, order amending conditions of probation granted.

George D. Peery, request for extension of probation granted.

Constance Seay Courtney, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of probation granted.

Civil Filings

Katie Gregory vs. Jeff Gregory, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. Donna J. Zapata, judgment nisi.

James Edward Cotton vs. Chrystie Jean Patterson, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Barbara Ramos and Tommy Ramos, divorce granted.

Penny Ann Ayala and Luis Fernando Ayala, divorce granted.

Stephanie Turdimatov and Nodir Mirzapulatovich Turdimatov, divorce granted.

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9:30 am

Sunday

Morning Worship

10:45 am

Sunday

Evening Worship

6:30 pm

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm

Children Choir 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

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CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

MARY ELLA WEAVER

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their monthly meeting on April 9, at the lovely hilltop home of Russ and Diana Miller. Ten people were present—members, Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Sandy Lusk, Lajuaina Haynes, Norma Farmer, Joyce Odom, Mary Ella Weaver, Billie Kelly and visitors, Wanda Gage and Bobbie Richards, Diana's mother who was visiting from California.

President Eva Fleming led the Club Collect to open the meeting. The minutes were read and approved and a treasurer's report was given.

During a time of Show and Tell, Eva presented our hostess a bouquet of irises and a pot of winter succulent. Sandy also showed off some beautiful white and yellow irises from her garden.

Joyce brought an arrangement of vinca and mesquite and a tiny chair she had crafted from fence boards on which she displayed a small pail of flowers.

Juene Franke asked the group if anyone knew why all the colorful irises in one particular bed had bloomed white. None of us had a definitive answer for her. In new business the Garden Club sign in Cross Plains was discussed and it was decided that we need to update the plantings under the sign.

Our hostess, Diana Miller, gave us a tour of her sunroom where she showed us the orchids she had brought home from her greenhouse in Ft. Worth. There she had grown prize winning orchids but was able to bring only a few with her when she moved

to the country. She even grew an orchid that was named for her—Dendrobium gracillimum 'Diana Miller'.

A DVD of beautiful orchids was shown to the group as well as many pictures of her orchid treasures. Diana also showed the group what she and Russ have planted around their new home such as fruit trees, a vegetable garden and an iris bed.

Snacks and fellowship followed the presentation. Everyone enjoyed the hospitality and the view from the Miller home.

The next Garden Club meeting will be May 14, at 1:00 p.m. for a visit to the garden of Rolan Jones. Call President Eva Fleming at 254-725-7557 for any information.

LIBRARY NOTES

April 12-15, 2010

Patrons:	108
Programs:	16
LAP	7
Lapsit	2
Other	7
Books Checked Out:	101
Copies:	26
Reference:	8
Internet Users:	56

Donations:

City of Cross Plains

Memorials:

Tom and Anne Rone
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Charles Rodenberger
In Memory of John O. West and
In Memory of B.W. Aston

Volunteers:

Suzy Stiver-Nash
Arlene Stephenson
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress
Wilma Lawrence

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

FREE Scrapbooking Crop Night Planned for Saturday

A FREE Scrapbooking Crop Night will be held Saturday, April 24th, at the Custom Tile Building, 117 N. Mains Street in Cross Plains from 2 p.m. until (?). You will need to bring all your supplies, and scrapbook pages to work on. Tina Thomas will be available to give advice as needed.

For your convenience, there will be large tables to work on, small kitchen (micro and fridge) and restroom.

Come prepared to have a GREAT time scraping with friends!!!

For further information call Tina at 325-665-6571.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 26th - Movie Monday 10am, Cokes and Popcorn.
Tuesday, 27th - 11 am Exercise Class, Mexican Train Dominoes 10am.
Wednesday, 28th - Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30 am.
Thursday, 29th - 11:00 am Exercise Class.
Friday, 30th - No Planned Activities.

Senior Center Needs
A few items the Center could really benefit from...
ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 26-30

MONDAY-Goulash, Green Salad, Cornbread, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
TUESDAY-Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Carrots/Peas, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
WEDNESDAY-Chicken Spaghetti, Mixed Vegetables, Cole-slaw, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
THURSDAY-Pork Chops, Hominy, Spinach, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
FRIDAY-BBQ Sandwich, Macaroni Salad, Beans, Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

Heart of Texas Wildflower Exhibit and Plant Sale April 23 and 24th

The Brownwood Garden Club is sponsoring a free Wildflower Exhibit Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Activity Center of First Baptist Church in Brownwood (corner of Center Street and Depot Street, across from the Post Office).

Along with the display of wildflowers, there are two free seminars on Saturday, April 24. Landscape architect Gayle

McNeill will present a program titled "Creating an English Border Using Texas Plants" at 10:30 a.m.; Tom Green County Horticulturist Allison Watkins will speak on "EarthKind Landscaping" at 2:30 p.m.

A Plant Sale will be held in conjunction with the wildflower exhibit and seminars.

For additional information call 325-646-8739.

Vocal Talent Show Featured at this Year's Barbarian Festival

\$500 Prize Money is up for grabs in this year's Barbarian Festival Vocal Talent Contest slated for Saturday, June 12, 2010. Contestants will compete in three categories: Children, Teens and Adults.

The Talent Contest, an audience favorite at the Barbarian Festival, will be a competition between Solo Vocalists performing with CD or acoustic guitar accompaniment. No electric guitars, equipment or amplifiers. The top finalists will perform live on the state at the Barbarian Festival.

More details on the contest and the registration form can be found on the Barbarian

Festival's website, <http://www.barbarianfestival.net>. You can also get more information on the contest and have a registration form mailed to you by calling Talent Contest Coordinator Mary Dunn at 254-725-7136. Registration fee is \$25.00.

Deadline for entry in the Talent Contest is May 17, 2010.

The Barbarian Festival, held the second Saturday each June in conjunction with Project Pride and Robert Howard Days, features a Parade, Car Show, Antique Tractor Show, Games, Kids Booths, Craft Booths, Antiques & Collectibles, Food, Live Music and other family attractions.

It's A Girl!

Craig and Kelly Robertson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter,



Natalie Mae Robertson

Natalie was born on April 13, 2010 at 7:45 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Pamela Thetford of East Texas and Oliver Robertson of Drake, Colorado.

Great grandparents are Bobbie Casey of Cross Plains and Rena Robertson of Cross Plains.



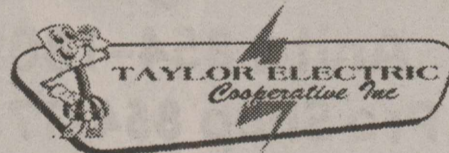
Baby Shower

for Tabitha Clark Sutton

On May 2nd from 2-4 p.m.
at the Cross Plains Church of Christ
Activity Center—6717 E. Hwy. 36

Mrs. Sutton is Expecting
a Baby Boy

Selections: Downtown Cross Plains, Walmart and Target



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By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

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This group is sponsored by the Cottonwood Baptist Church. The leaders are Christians who have been through 12-step recovery themselves. They understand.

Meetings are held from 7 to 8:30 pm on Wednesdays at the Main Street Pool House in Cross Plains. A light meal is served at 6:30. (Child care is not available)

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from April 11, 2010 through April 17, 2010 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—39
Complaints—35
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DWI—3
Driving While License Invalid—1

Vehicle Accidents
There were seven vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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SLIDING ACROSS THE HOMEPLATE—Cody Ford in the game against May.



UPAT BAT—Austin Thomas. (Photos courtesy of BuffTuff.com)

Buffalo Baseball Team Continues to Win

The Buffalo Baseball Team played the May Tigers last Wednesday night. The Buffs were supposed to play Gorman Friday but Gorman forfeited the game due to not enough players.

The final score in the May game was Cross Plains 17 May 3. Cody had 2 hits and 4 RBI's; Reese 2 hits, 2 RBI's; Chris 1 hit 1 RBI; Allan 2 hits, 2 RBI's; Blake 1 hit 1 RBI; Taylor 2 hits 2 RBI's; Nick 1 hit 2 RBI's; Jerrad 1 hit; Zach 2 hits 1 RBI; and Yannick 1 hit.

Allan started and picked up the

win. Cody pitched 2 innings and Pat and Taylor finished the game. The pitchers allowed no hits and had 10 ks in the game.

With the win over May and Gorman this ran the Buff's season record to 12-4 and their district record to 7-2.

The Buffs played De Leon Tuesday in their season finale. Watch for the results next week. See you at the game!

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

APRIL 26-30

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Eggs, Biscuit, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
TUESDAY-Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
WEDNESDAY-French Toast Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
THURSDAY-Honey Bun, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk
FRIDAY-Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

Have a great week!

LUNCH

MONDAY-Corn Dog, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Pudding, Milk
TUESDAY-Ham Slices, Scalloped Potatoes, Spinach, Roll, Honey, Milk
WEDNESDAY-Chicken Fajitas, Refried Beans, Salad, Spice Cake, Milk
THURSDAY-Grilled Cheese, Vegetable-Beef Soup, Crakers, Mixed Fruit, Milk
FRIDAY-Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle Spears, Chips, Ice Cream, Milk

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on **April 22, 2010**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** in the high school. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 22, 2010 (6 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Open Forum
2. New Business
 - A. Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - B. Review and Approve Payment of Bills/Finance Report
 - C. Consider Paying the Level Portion (\$297 per employee of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Premiums for the 2010-11 School Year
 - D. Consider Joining "Abilene Regional Day School

Program for the Deaf (SSA)

3. Personnel
 - A. Consider 2010-11 Auxiliary Personnel "Letter of Assurance"
 - B. Approve Substitute Teacher List for 2010-11
 - C. Resignations
 - D. Recommendations for Employment
4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Update on the Re-built Rock Wall near Ag building
 - B. May 6 —Policy Review (6 p.m.)
 - C. Reissued 1099 or Settlement Amount?
 - D. Employee Salary Scale at May Board Meeting?
 - E. GPA Calculations for 2010-11 School Year?
5. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in the Open Meetings Act on April 19, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship Deadline Approaching

Deadline to apply for Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship will be here soon! Seniors may pick up an application from the School Counselors office or contact her at 725-6121.

Other applicants can also stop by the CPHS counselor's office to pick up an application or you may contact Wanda Merryman at 254-725-4492 for an application

to be mailed to you.

This annual scholarship in the amount of \$500 is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Don't forget.....the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is April 30, 2010.

Submitted by
Lavonne Childress

Local 3rd Graders Call Cross Plains to Action

Three Cross Plains third-graders, dubbed as the "Go Green Girls," put their concern for our environment into action this week in celebration of Earth Day (April 22).

Jackilann Shepard, Kenzie Kleiber and Mallory McCready have been planning for weeks and collaborating with other organizations to begin a recycle effort in Cross Plains.

Did you know that the energy saved by recycling one aluminum can will run a television for three hours? These girls have received a donation from the PTO of supplies needed to begin collecting cans at Cross Plains Elementary School. While saving energy and reducing trash in

landfills, they also plan to help a charitable organization. All proceeds from the sale of cans will be donated to the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund.

Already, some community members have expressed an interest in donating their aluminum cans to the cause. Anyone wishing to donate cans may take them to Jack Shepard at Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply on Highway 36. What a great way to help our Earth while benefiting our local cancer patients!

The Go Green Girls are excited to begin this program and look forward to adding more recycling opportunities for our community.

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Horses eligible for state & district shows must be validated

Attention Callahan County 4-H members! ALL HORSES THAT WILL BE USED AT THE DISTRICT AND STATE HORSE SHOWS MUST BE VALIDATED ON OR BEFORE APRIL 29, 2010. HORSES NOT VALIDATED WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO BE

EXHIBITED! If you are planning to compete at the district or state level, you will need to contact the Extension office at 325-854-5835 to make arrangements to get your animal validated.

Submitted by Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag



iShine—Live, Free Concert

ISHINE LIVE! A high-energy event geared for tweens and teens! iShine is a faith movement dedicated to embracing this generation with the truth of God's love and purpose for life. From the "red carpet" experience for every kid who comes to the show to the amazing lights, video, and powerful pop and rock music and exciting game show, ISHINE will have tweens and teens leaving completely confident that they are a unique

creation of God, designed to glorify Him and shine His light through their lives.

ISHINE LIVE FREE CONCERT Thursday - April 29 6:30 - 8:30pm/Doors Open at 5:30 Sponsored by River of Life Church 103 Pogue Avenue, Eastland, Tx, 76448 254.629.1015 www.riveroflife.org Check out ISHINE at www.ishineknct.com www.ishinelive.com www.ishineminiestries.com

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Commissioners vote to move Doctor's exhibit from Courthouse to T&P Depot

Callahan County Commissioners voted to move a display of medical equipment that had been used by longtime Doctor R.L. Griggs from the Museum in the Courthouse to the Transportation Museum in the T&P Depot.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, April 12th during the regular meeting of the court held at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Sheila Barrow requested the commissioners' court permission to move the display of Dr. R.L. Griggs from the Museum in the County Courthouse to the Transportation Museum in the T&P Depot.

Inventory was taken by Debbie McElmurray and Bruce Bell, grandchildren of Dr. Griggs and presented to the Court by Mrs. McElmurray. This move is the wish of Bobbye Griggs Roach, daughter of Dr. Griggs.

Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to allow the Dr. R.L. Griggs display to be moved to the Transportation Museum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Tom Windham and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell. Also attending the meeting was Bill Richardson.

—Under public comments, Adrian Rogers and Boyd Zimmerman requested the court set a speed limit on County Road 199. Judge Corn recommended that the item be put on the next agenda.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to lift the County Burn Ban. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the

motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to sign a Proclamation declaring April 11th through April 17th, 2010 to be National Telecommunicator's Week in Callahan County. Judge Corn seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0. This proclamation is to honor the Public Safety Dispatchers of Callahan County. Judge Corn, on behalf of the Commissioners' Court, praised the Callahan County Dispatchers for their ability and professionalism in the handling of emergency calls and the dispatching of emergency services. Sheriff John Windham and Ronnie Broadus also praised the dispatchers and will provide hamburgers and homemade ice cream in their honor.

The proclamation follows:

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR'S WEEK

APRIL 11-17, 2010

WHEREAS emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services;

WHEREAS when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property;

WHEREAS the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Callahan County Dispatch center;

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services;

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing

them information and insuring their safety;

WHEREAS Public Safety Dispatchers of the Callahan County Dispatch Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients;

WHEREAS each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Commissioners of Callahan County declares the week of April 11th through 17th, 2010 to be National Telecommunicator's Week in Callahan County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our cities and county and citizens safe.

Signed this 18th day of April, 2010

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge
(s) Harold Hicks
Commissioner Precinct #1
(s) Bryan Farmer
Commissioner Precinct #2
(s) Tom Windham
Commissioner Precinct #3
(s) Cliff Kirkham
Commissioner Precinct #4

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion for the Callahan County Clerk to contract with cities and schools having elections on May 8th, 2010 for the provision of election services. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Hicks and second by Commissioner Farmer. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

A Lawyer Asked the Wrong Question

Warren Garrett of Crockett grew up on a Mississippi farm. He developed a taste for boiled peanuts. He has been known to go back to his home area and bring back to Texas a pickup load of peanuts suitable for boiling. When he was in high school he attended a father and son Future Farmers of America banquet.

"The speaker was our congressman, John Bell Williams, who later became governor of the state," says Warren. He told this story that took place while he was a young attorney in the Mississippi Delta country: "There was a train wreck. A train hit a truck at a crossing. It was at night and as best as I can recall, it may have killed a person. It turned out that someone brought a lawsuit against the railroad for negligence. The railroad called John Bell Williams and asked him to act as defense attorney. And being a bright young lawyer just out of Ole Miss, he said he would absolutely take the case and would gladly defend the

railroad in court. He told the railroad people not to worry, that he would win this case. He said he knew the people around there really well."

"When the case got to trial, there happened to be a key witness. He was an elderly man who had been walking along the railroad track the night the wreck occurred. When he got to the witness stand, the plaintiff's attorney asked the man his age. The man replied that he didn't rightly know, that he was probably between 70 and 80 years old. The attorney asked the man where he was on the night in question. The man said he was about half a mile away from where the train hit the truck. 'And you actually saw the wreck happen?' asked the plaintiff's attorney. 'Yes, sir,' the man replied. It became pretty well established that the key witness saw what happened."

"John Bell Williams told his clients, 'this is going to be so easy.' He got up to cross examine the eyewitness and said to the man: 'you have told this court

you are seventy-five years old.' The man replied, 'yes, sir.' John Bell continued, 'and you say you were at least half a mile away from where the accident happened.' The man said that was correct. John Bell said, 'we've established that this happened at night. Was there a full moon?' The man pondered a moment, then said, 'no, I don't believe there was a full moon that night.'"

"John Bell Williams was feeling more confident than ever. He just knew the case was as good as won. He asked the witness, 'would you have this court believe that a seventy-five year old man, a half a mile away from the crossing, at night with no full moon, could actually see that train hit that truck?'"

"The man quickly responded, 'yes, sir!'"

"John Bell Williams said, 'just how far can you see?' The man thought a minute and said, 'I can see the moon. How far is that?' John Bell Williams sat down."

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TEXAS Unemployment Rate Remains at 8.2 Percent for March

32,500 jobs gained during the past six months

AUSTIN—The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March remained unchanged at 8.2 percent for the fifth consecutive month, and continues to trend well below the March U.S. seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 9.7 percent. At more than 12.1 million workers, the Texas Civilian Labor Force grew by nearly 29,000 workers in March.

Total nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 8,500 positions in March. Texas has gained a total of 32,500 jobs over the past six months.

"Texas has started to experience job growth over the past several months despite the challenges of the national recession," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Growth in industries such as Manufacturing and Mining and Logging are positive signs."

Leisure and Hospitality added 10,300 jobs in March for the largest job gain among all the major industries. Education and Health Services employment grew by 6,000 jobs in March for a total of 56,300 jobs added over the year.

"Many Texans continue to face the challenges of unemployment despite reports of job growth," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "TWC has job-search assistance and other services at workforce centers across Texas."

In the Goods Producing sector, employment in Mining and Logging increased by 6,100 jobs in March, and the Manufacturing industry added 2,100 jobs.

"Employment in Education and Health Services continued its strong pattern of growth during March, and there were noteworthy gains in the Leisure and Hospitality industry," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "For those who remain out of work, TWC and the 28 local workforce boards offer innovative programs to assist in job-search efforts."

The Amarillo Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 5.6 percent (not seasonally adjusted), followed by the Midland MSA with 5.7 percent, and third lowest was the Lubbock MSA and College Station-Bryan MSA, each at 5.9 percent.

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Open-House Style Public Meeting Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035

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The purpose of this first series of meetings is to present an overview of the project and to solicit comments and input to aid in the development of the plan. Information will be available for viewing at the meetings including exhibits and videos about the planning process. Representatives from TxDOT will be in attendance to discuss the development of the plan and answer questions. Forms will be provided for submitting written comments.

The open-house style public meeting in the Abilene District will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm at:

Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene Area Office
1350 N. Arnold Blvd.
Abilene, Texas 79603

Information regarding additional meeting locations throughout the State can be found at http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm or by calling the project's toll-free information line at 1-888-5-TX-PLAN (1-888-589-7526).

For those unable to attend the open house-style public meeting, written comments will be accepted on the project website at: http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/transportation_plan/default.htm key word: transportation plan 2035, by email at: (TPP_txtranplan@dot.state.tx.us), or by mail at: Peggy Thurin, P.E., Project Manager, Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan 2035 4544 Post Oak Place, Suite 224 Houston, Texas, 77027.

Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District Public Information Officer, at 325-676-6806. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.



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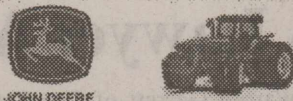
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(s) Donna Bell
 Signature of Officer

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Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automaticamente que se usara en la Eleccion ciudad y junto escolar que se llevara a cabo el 8 de mayo 2010 se probara el 23 de abril de 2010 a las 9:00 a.m. en El Palacio de justicia del Condado de Callahan el Cuarto 102 para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todas los proyectos de lay.

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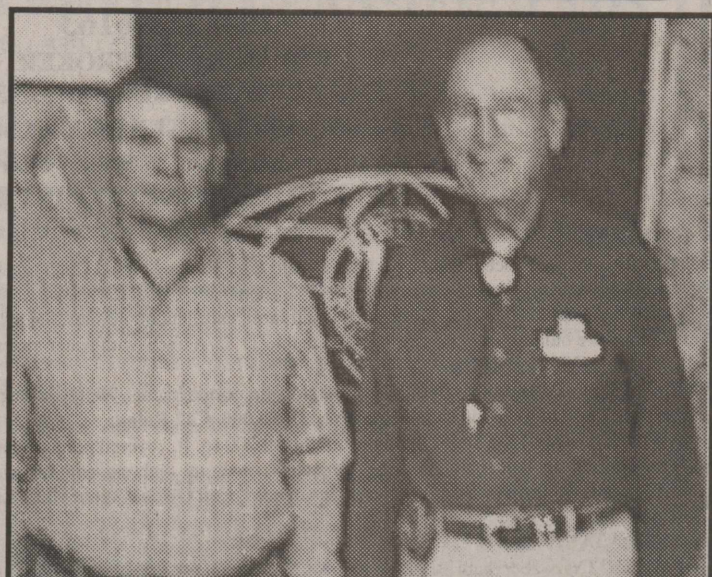
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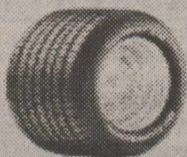
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KIWANIS GUEST—Larry Killgo, left, wildlife specialist, was the guest of Charles Rodenberger at Kiwanis April 13. Killgo told of his work in controlling coyotes and feral hogs in Texas and New Mexico. He said that coyotes are very bad around Cross Plains. He was hired by a deer rancher who was losing all of his fawn crop three years ago. After aggressive trapping by Killgo last year he had over 100% fawn crop. Killgo asked that all farmers and ranchers take action to reduce the coyote predation.

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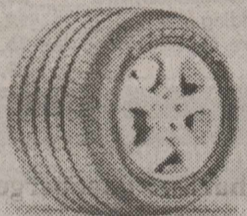
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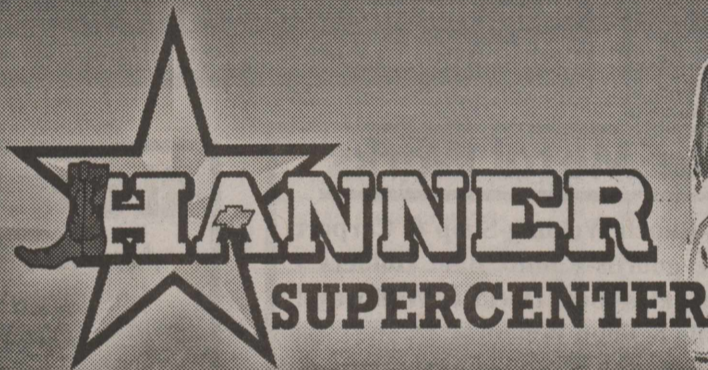
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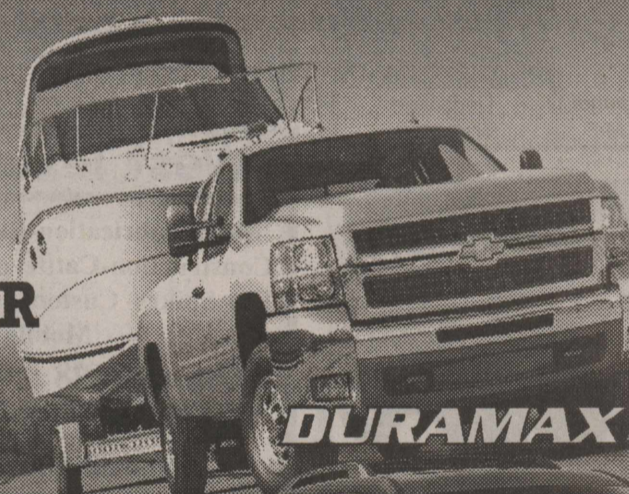
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Beta Sigma Phi is having their annual Mothers' Day Luncheon

this year in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, Saturday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets will be \$10.00 for the lunch, and many gifts and door prizes will be given away.

A Silent Auction on three special items will be included. Make your plans now as it is only

three weeks away.

This year's president of BSP has been Jacque Childress and Chair of the Mothers' Day Luncheon is Sharon Parr. More information about tickets and reservations will be in next week's Review.

Submitted by
Carol Bennett

Callahan County 4-H Photography Contest winners announced

The Callahan County Photography Contest was held March 24th, and The Best of Show was held on March 26th both in Baird. The objectives of the 4-H Photography project are to develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness. It also encourages 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives. We had several entries this year in our Color, Black & White and our Special Effects class. In each category blue, red and white ribbons were given to each participant. Three photos in each category were selected from the Jr./Intermediate division to advance to the District 7 4-H Photography Contest to be held April 9th in San Angelo. One photo in each category was selected from the Senior division to advance to the State Photography Contest being held during the Texas 4-H Roundup from June 7th - June 11th in College Station. * denotes advances to District/State. Below are the County results:

Color/People
Blue Ribbons—*Sr. - Hannah Capra, *Jr. - Tara Kinslow, *Jr. - Ashlyn Millican, *Int. - Kristina Rose, Int. - Autumn Gregware, Jr. - Carla Gregware.
Red Ribbons—Sr. - Chris Weaver and Jr. - Bethany McClure.
Color/Animals
Blue Ribbons—*Int. - Kristina Rose, *Jr. - Morgan Fulgham, *Jr. - Ashlyn Millican, Jr. - Ashley Carroll, Int. - Lora Weaver, Jr. - Gabriella Carroll, Jr. - Tara Kinslow.
Red Ribbons—*Sr. - Nicole Carroll, Sr. - Chris Weaver, Int. - Autumn Gregware, Jr. - Carla Gregware, Jr. - Bethany McClure.
Color/Still Life
Blue Ribbons—*Jr. - Morgan Fulgham, *Jr. - Ashlyn

Millican, *Jr. - Tara Kinslow, Jr. - Ashley Carroll, Jr. - Gabriella Carroll, Int. - Kristina Rose.
Red Ribbons—*Sr. - Nicole Carroll, Sr. - Chris Weaver.
Color/Natural Landscape
Blue Ribbons—*Sr. - Hannah Capra, *Jr. - Bethany McClure, *Int. - Autumn Gregware, *Jr. - Tara Kinslow, Int. - Lora Weaver.
Red Ribbons—Sr. - Chris Weaver.
Color/Plant-Flora
Blue Ribbons—*Sr. - Hannah Capra, *Jr. - Tara Kinslow, *Int. - Lora Weaver, *Jr. - Gabriella Carroll, Int. - Kristina Rose, Jr. - Ashlyn Millican, Jr. - Bethany McClure, Jr. - Ashley Carroll.
Red Ribbons—Sr. - Chris Weaver, Jr. - Morgan Fulgham.
Color/Architectural Elements
Blue Ribbons—*Sr. - Hannah Capra, Sr. - Nicole Carroll, *Jr. - Ashley Carroll, *Jr. - Morgan Fulgham, *Jr. - Bethany McClure, Jr. - Ashlyn Millican, Int. - Kristina Rose.
Red Ribbons—Sr. - Chris Weaver.
Color/Theme "4 Seasons of Texas"
Blue Ribbons—*Sr. - Hannah Capra, Sr. - Chris Weaver, *Jr. - Bethany McClure, *Jr. - Tara Kinslow, *Int. - Autumn Gregware, Jr. - Rosie Gregware.
Red Ribbons—Sr. - Nicole Carroll, Jr. - Ashlyn Millican.
All Media/Special Effects
Blue Ribbons—*Sr. - Hannah Capra, *Jr. - Gabriella Carroll, *Jr. - Ashley Carroll, *Jr. - Bethany McClure, Int. - Lora Weaver.
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Black & White/People
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Black & White/Theme "4 Seasons of Texas"
Blue Ribbons—*Sr. - Hannah Capra, *Jr. - Tara Kinslow.
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The Senior Best of Show
Ribbon was given to Hannah Capra for her entry in the All Media - Special/Creative Effects category. The Jr./Intermediate Best of Show Ribbon was given to Ashlyn Millican for her entry in the Black & White - People category.

Sincerely,
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Cross Plains Senior Center Salutes Volunteers

During "National Volunteer Week"

"National Volunteer Week"—what a wonderful time to say "thank-you" to all the special people who make the Senior Center the lively hub of activity that it is. Organizations, churches and programs of all ages all across the nation pause during the week of April 18-24 to salute those people who give so freely of their time and talents to help others.

During the past twelve months, volunteer have given at least 1809 hours of service to the local Senior Center. These gifts of time include 53 different people delivering meals to about 38 homes five days a week; others have provided programs like Bingo, singing, reading poetry and giving manicures. Still other folks have set up the

computers, taught computer classes, made posters, cut weeds around the building, provided and sorted coupons.

Even the junior high cheerleaders got into the act and entertained and visited with the Seniors during their own lunch hour one day and a senior high student made beautifully decorated candy for the folks who eat at the Center on a regular basis.

Young people associated with the Youth with a Mission group spent most of one day helping at the Center. The large chunks of volunteer contributions were setting up and running the humongous garage sale and helping in the kitchen.

According to the *Independent Sector* web site, the dollar value

of a volunteer hour in Texas is \$21.47. This is an average based on the earning power of volunteers in the production and non-supervisory fields. Using that figure, the Senior Center was blessed with \$38,839.22 of service during the past year.

Edward Everett Hale pretty well nailed it back in the late 1800's when he said, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."

When people adopt that philosophy, it's no wonder volunteers are the backbone of America.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson

During National Volunteer Appreciation Week the Cross Plains Public Library wishes to recognize the 72 Volunteers who gave their time and shared their talents, from May 2009 to April 2010. A total of 3,256 hours with the value of \$69,927.79 were given to make the library services to the community and the children's programming so successful. We appreciate you!

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Texas in Bloom

AUSTIN—Spring is in the air and wildflowers are blooming all across the state. Fall and winter rains have generated a lot of wildflower germination and establishment, and this year's crop should be very abundant statewide.

"This year's wildflowers will be in big contrast to last year's" said Dennis Markwardt, Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) vegetation management director. "This could be one of the best years in quite some time."

"Many different species are up in just about all regions of the state. If the rains continue, we could have wildflowers all the way up to the June timeframe," Markwardt added.

Phlox, Indian paintbrush and bluebonnets will be the early bloomers. Followed by the coreopsis, blackeyed susan, clasping coneflower and Engelmann daisy. There will be a very wide variety of species showing up as well.

The department's management of native grasses and wildflowers along Texas roadsides dates back to the 1930s. TxDOT's wildflower program not only helps our highways look good but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less mowing and care.

"The peak of wildflower season draws tourists through the state to witness the colorful display each spring. Tourism plays an important role in the Lone Star State's economy," said Doris Howdeshell, TxDOT's travel information division director. "People love to drive through the state and see all the beauty that the spring wildflowers bring, and we're thrilled to help tourists find the best routes to see these living works of art."

TxDOT buys and sows approximately 30,000 pounds of wildflower seed each year. There are more than 5,000 species of wildflowers in Texas and, while spring is one of the best times to enjoy wildflower beauty, there are flowers that bloom almost year round. TxDOT nurtures and cares for more than 800,000 acres of right of way that are filled with wildflowers throughout the year.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment annual Spring Open House is this Saturday

Smith & Son Farm Equipment will hold its annual spring open house on Saturday, April 24th at the farm equipment location at 1635 South Access Road and Interstate 20 in Clyde.

This year's event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment owners Curtis and Debbie Smith invite all Callahan County residents to stop by and help them celebrate their seventh year at their Clyde location. Refreshments will be served all day during the spring open house.

This year's open house will include a sales event offering special pricing for all 2009 Arctic Cat All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's).

Curtis said that all remaining 2009 Arctic Cat ATV's will be sold at "Dealer's Invoice", which means all remaining 2009 Arctic Cats will be sold at his cost. Smith said the remaining 2009 Arctic Cats he has in stock are being offered at this special price because all the 2011 model year ATV's will be arriving in June of this year. Curtis said the Arctic Cat new model year comes out one-half a year early and these remaining new 2009 Arctic Cat ATV's he has in stock are priced similar to used ATV's.

He said that all 2010 Arctic Cat ATV's and Prowlers are also being discounted at this year's spring open house. Curtis said that all Arctic Cat ATV's come with a two-year warranty, while most other ATV manufacturers offer only a six month warranty. Curtis said Arctic Cat ATV's are manufactured in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

Curtis said there is currently excellent in-house financing available on all ATV's and tractors. He said all Kioti tractors are financed through Agri Credit, while Sheffield finances all Arctic Cat ATV products.

Curtis said the ATV market appears to be changing due to the economic conditions in the country. He said that financing for ATV's has tightened up and that it's tougher on who they (financing companies) choose to finance.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment will also be offering a 10 percent discount on all new 3-point tractor equipment and a 10 percent discount on all parts and accessories will be offered during this year's open house event.

The company also handles the Stihl lawn trimmers, blowers, chain saws, brush cutters, and hedge trimmers, as well as the Texas Bragg trailers.

The company owner said that



OPEN HOUSE THIS SATURDAY—Smith & Son Farm Equipment in Clyde will hold its annual spring open house this Saturday, April 24th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Smith & Son Farm

Equipment also sells and services the Land Pride zero-turn radius mowers.

Curtis said all Kioti tractors come with an industry-leading four year full-fleet warranty. Kioti tractors are manufactured in South Korea.

He also said during this year's open house, those who purchase a CK Series tractor in the 22-34 horsepower range, will also qualify for a free loader.

Curtis said the company no longer carries the Zetor tractor product lines because the lowest horsepower Zetor is a 78 horsepower tractor. He said however, Smith & Son Farm Equipment still handles the Zetor parts and provides service for the tractor manufacturer.

Curtis said that most customers coming in are wanting the tractors in the 30 to 55 horsepower range.

Curtis said Smith & Son Farm Equipment services everything they sell.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment celebrated its seventh year in Clyde this past January. The farm equipment company moved to Clyde from its former location on State Highway 36 in January 2003. Smith & Son Farm Equipment had previously been located on Highway 36 for 27 years before relocating to Clyde.

The Smith & Son Farm Equipment owner also said the ATV market is changing to owners now wanting to purchase the

UTV's (Utility Terrain Vehicle). Curtis said that the UTV or Side-By-Side vehicles are "growing a bunch." He said the Side-By-Side UTV's have two seats side-by-side and are much easier to get in and out of than the ATV. He also said the UTV has a much greater cargo capacity than the ATV.

He said another product development he expects will improve sales is that Kioti is now coming out with a diesel engine tractor. Curtis said many farmers in the area use diesel to power their equipment and the new Kioti diesel tractor has a larger capacity. He said the new diesel Kioti engine is a three-cylinder engine like the gasoline powered tractors.

Curtis said that Smith & Son Farm Equipment's sales appear to now be picking up again. He said 2009 was not a great year for the company. He said things began to turn when the company suffered its first theft in December, 2008 when thieves cut a fence south of the property and stole several ATV's, a trailer, cash and some 22 Stihl edgers, trimmers and chain saws. Despite getting all but one of the ATV's back, Curtis said those he got back were in awful condition. He said it would have been better for the company if the ATV's were not recovered.

The company owner said that after the theft, he has installed security cameras around the site to prevent future thefts. He said

now the problem he's having is getting up at all hours of the night and coming to Clyde for an alarm, only to find it's a false alarm.

Curtis said that his business suffered in 2009 with 75 percent of the decline coming from the economic slowdown in the country, and 25 percent from the drought in the area.

Curtis said however conditions in 2010 appear to be improving with the economic recovery in place and the recent late winter rainfall.

Curtis said that despite doing business in Clyde for seven years now, he still has customers living in the area who don't know what all the products Smith & Son Farm Equipment sells.

Curtis said that Smith & Son Farm Equipment was again named a Kioti tractor 5-Paw certified dealership. The Kioti 5-Paw dealer program is an excellent program that recognizes and rewards dealers who excel in many areas that make them dealers who truly "run ahead of the pack." The program features five evaluation areas, including Sales, Service and Parts, Customer Satisfaction, Issue Resolution and Facility Appearance which includes providing ample parking, a clean display room, and ample parts, service and sales areas. Every year, the criteria for this program in each of these categories becomes more stringent, to ensure that dealerships are consistently

maintaining superior customer service and an attractive and functional sales facility.

Curtis said of the 300 Kioti tractor dealers in the United States, there are just 19 dealerships which were awarded the 5-Paw certified dealership award. He said of the top 25 Kioti dealers in the United States in tractors sold, Smith & Son Farm Equipment is number five on the list.

He said Smith & Son Farm Equipment has the largest inventory of ATV's in the Big Country with over 80 units in stock. "Nobody has a larger inventory on the floor than we do," Curtis said.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment is also a community-minded company. The company has sponsored the Eula Christmas Holiday Basketball Tournament for the past seven years. Curtis said they sponsor the tournament because both he and his wife Debbie are graduates of Eula High School. He said even his boys and grandkids are involved in basketball at Eula.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment's normal operating hours are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Saturday. The company telephone number is (325) 893-4242. Smith & Son Farm Equipment can also be found on the world-wide-web at their web address located at www.smithandsoninc.com.

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Submitted by Terri Brown

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Former OU star to speak at FCA Sharing the Victory Banquet

Former University of Oklahoma football star Carl Pendelton will be the guest speaker at the 2010 Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes "Sharing the Victory" Banquet on April 25th.

The annual banquet, set for 4 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, will honor the football and basketball players, coaches and cheerleaders for the upcoming 2010 Myrle Greathouse FCA All-Star Classic. Limited seats are available by calling the Big Country FCA office at 325-795-0020.

Pendelton made national news in 2006 when he announced he would forgo his

promising football career to become the legal guardian for his 10-year-old brother, Keirstan, who was born with crack cocaine in his system. Pendelton was president of the OU chapter of the FCA during his playing days, and now is a post-graduate student in Norman. He was named as the Male Big 12 Sportsman of the Year in 2007.

The 11th annual Greathouse FCA All-Star Classic is scheduled for June 12th. The girl's All-Star basketball game at 2 p.m. at Abilene Christian University's Moody Coliseum will be followed by the All-Star football game at 7 p.m. that evening at Shotwell Stadium.

A Wake-up Call to City Hall

Midnight Revelation: Jared Potter is being sent to school to be our next Police Chief for the City of Cross Plains, paid for with your hard earned tax money. The City also bought a nearly new Toyota car—wonder what it is to be used for? Maybe to be driven back and forth to school?

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TxDOT is joining the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners the week of April 19th-23rd to observe the 11th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week. The event is designed to remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists.

Each year in Texas, there are approximately 20,000 crashes and 175 people killed in highway construction and maintenance work zones. Since 1938, there have been 268 TxDOT employees killed in work zones.

Thankfully, in 2008 the Abilene District had no fatalities, but there were 163 crashes that occurred in work zones. More than four out of five fatalities are motorists. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes



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Lauren Garduno
District Engineer, P.E.
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Oplin Homecoming and Community-wide dinner

The Oplin Community Center will be holding its bi-annual Homecoming and Community-wide dinner on Saturday, June 5th.

Everyone that has ever lived in Oplin or is now living in Oplin is invited. Come out and meet your neighbors, visit with the old-timers to learn about Oplin's history, visit with our

fire department volunteers to see how you can help, or just plan on coming out to enjoy a nice dinner with old and new friends.

The Oplin Community Center volunteers will cook and serve brisket and sausage; everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to complete our meal. We'll open our doors around 9:00 a.m. just in case you'd like to come early and visit for awhile and lunch will be served around noon (depending on how long our community Master of Ceremony, Doug Campbell, talks).

The Oplin Community Center is located at the intersection of F.M. 604S and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. For further information on the Homecoming or Community-wide Dinner please call Alice Denunzio at 529-4646 or Judy Woodard at 529-3129.

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Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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