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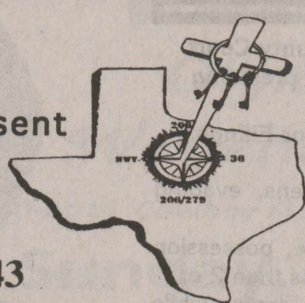
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Notice of Meeting for Cross Plains I.S.D.

Cross Plains Independent School District 700 North Main Street Cross Plains, Texas 76443

Notice of meeting--Board Of Trustees
Cross Plains Independent School District.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on March 20, 2014, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

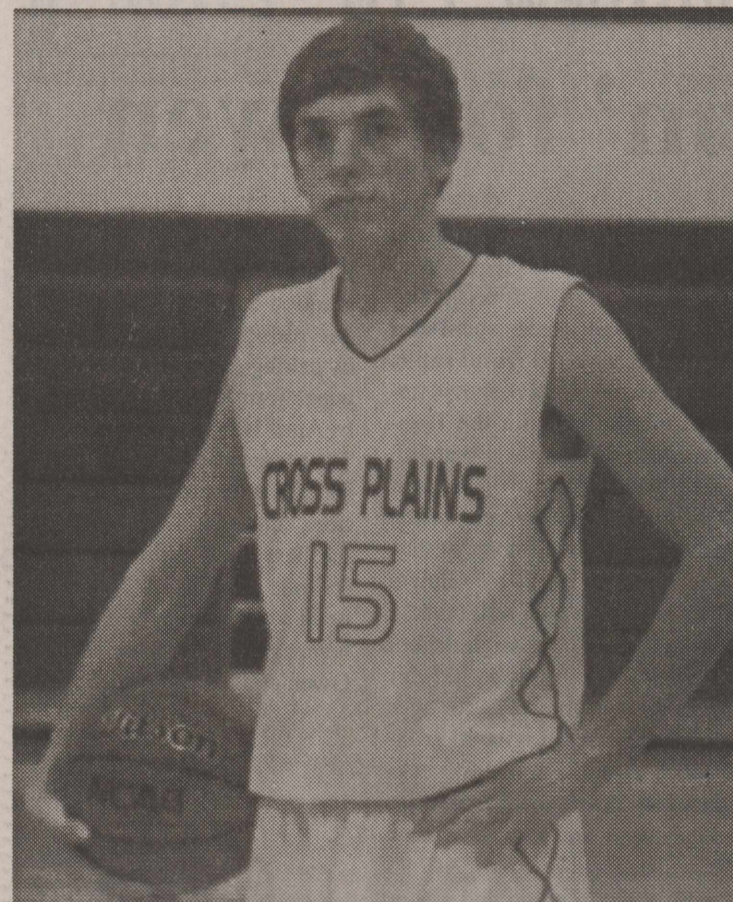
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2014 (6:30 p.m.)

Call Meeting To Order

1. Open Forum
 - A. Recognize Elementary Students of the Month
 2. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - B. Review Bills/Finance Report
 - C. Consider "Order of Cancellation" for the May 10, 2014 School Board Election and Declare the Unopposed Candidates Elected
 - D. Certify Instructional Materials Allotment for 2014-15
 3. Personnel
 - A. Approve Resignations
 - B. Consider Recommendations for Employment
 - C. Consider Teacher Contracts for the 2014-15 School Year
 - D. Review Auxiliary Personnel
 4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Cop Sinc-a device to notify police of an emergency
 - B. Discuss Recycling Ideas
 - C. Continue Discussion on Future Building Needs
 5. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, auctions, decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on March 17, 2014, 3:00 p.m.



Cross Plains Forward, Cutter Halsel

Cutter Halsel named to TABC All-Region Team

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches released it's 2014 Class 1A- Division II All-Region Teams recently, and Cross Plains, Senior, Forward, Cutter Halsel was selected to the team. Cutter can add the TABC All-Region Honors to his list of honors that already include Offensive Player of the Year in District 15, THSCA Academic All-State, he was also named All-

Tournament at the Zephyr and Anson Tournaments. Cutter helped lead his team to a Bi-District Championship against Blanket, and to the Area round where they fell to eventual State Champs, Water Valley. Cutter averaged 14.3 points per game, 8.3 rebounds, 1.5 steals, 1.2 assists, and 0.5 blocks, while shooting 56.7% from the field.

Nicole Eisenbach and Kristin Wright Named to TABC All Region Team

Cross Plains Senior, Nicole Eisenbach was recently named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Class A Division II All State Basketball Team.

Also, Eisenbach and fellow Cross Plains Senior, Kristin Wright were both named to the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Class A Division II Re-

gion 2 All Region Team.

Eisenbach was earlier named to play in the Big Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Basketball All Star Game to be held in Brownwood on June 12th.

Both are coached by Jeff Blackburn.



Class of '57 Band to perform at Hamburger Benefit Tuesday, March 25th

Popular local band "Class of '57" will perform at Hamburger Night at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Tuesday, March 25th from 5-7 p.m. The band performs a variety of music that ranges from the 1950s to recent hits that are always crowd-pleasers.

Fresh hot-off-the-grill burgers will be cooked outside the center by members of the Barbarian Festival Committee who is sponsoring this event.

A Canned Food Drive will also be held that night to help the Senior Center in providing hot meals every weekday at lunchtime. Bring in a few cans of food, any size will do, to help

been reduced, causing the Senior Center to operate on a reduced budget. Fundraisers help the center in their commitment to provide a nutritious meal and a gathering place for seniors to come and exercise, quilt, play dominoes or just visit. The Senior Center needs your support.

Mark your calendar now for next Tuesday, March 25th for Hamburger Night with live music from the "Class of '57".

The Cross Plains Senior Center is located at 108 Main Street in Cross Plains. For more information, call the center at 254-725-6521.

The property then fell into disrepair through neglect and non-use even becoming a trash dump for the city and citizens.

A group of concerned citizens who support our western ranching tradition organized, reinstated the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse as a Texas nonprofit corporation and restored the historical rodeo arena, bleachers, buildings, fences and grounds for community use. Today, it is a special success story, a source of pride and an excellent example of how conscientious citizens in a small rural Texas community can work together to restore an important historical property for the use and enjoyment of all.

The new Callahan County Sheriff's Posse invites all



"Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Parade led by Mary Ann Estes and Curley Seals (1950s)" The photo is courtesy of Jimmy Roy Hatchett.

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo to be held April 26th

The first Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo in a decade will be held in Baird on Saturday, April 26. The full day of events will include downtown vendors (9am - 5pm), rodeo parade (4pm), ranch rodeo with team penning, branding, milking and doctoring (6pm) and rodeo dance (9pm).

The first Baird rodeo was held on the afternoon of April 8, 1935. It began with a downtown rodeo parade at 1:30pm. The rodeo followed and included calf roping, bronc riding, bull riding and youth calf riding. The crowd was estimated at 3,000. Rodeos were held on a fenced-in pasture near downtown or on the high school football field during the early years. (Baird Star front page, April 12, 1935).

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse was formally established in 1948. Thereafter, it purchased land, cleared it, and constructed the arena, bleachers, buildings, stock pens and fencing on US Highway 80 East one block east of its intersection with US Highway 283 South in Baird (where it remains today). It thrived for decades as one of the best professional rodeos in West Texas with parades, trail rides, dances, livestock shows and related activities.

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interested in supporting this West Texas historical restoration project to join the organization (\$25 - annual individual membership, \$35 - annual family membership, \$500 - lifetime membership). Business sponsors may purchase an advertising banner to be displayed at all events for 5 years (\$1,500) or sponsor a one time specific event (\$500). All donations are welcomed and appreciated. Support and contributions to date have been encouraging and include labor, materials, equipment, work vehicles, individual donations, merchant sponsorships and economic development council funds. The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse rodeo arena and grounds are now user friendly but continue to be a work in progress.

Sheriff's Posse Officers, Directors and Members are all non-paid volunteers who freely contribute their time, resources and services to the organization. 2014 Officers and Directors are President Seth Goldsmith, 1st Vice-President DVM Rob Harle, 2nd Vice-President Jeff Burleson, Secretary/Treasurer David Ratliff, Directors Steve Goldsmith, Mike Walker, Teri Hollis, Marty Yarbrough, David

Mays & Billy Sparks, Assistant Secretary Christy King, Assistant Treasurer Lyn Walker and Legal Advisor John Comper. Contact any of these folks for Sheriff's Posse memberships, sponsorships, donations or contributions; Steve Goldsmith (325-518-8805) for the ranch rodeo; and Christy King (325-669-0363) for vendors, parade or dance.

A traveling circus and 4-H horse clinic have been held and other events regularly held include 4-H horse shows. For more information on the latter, contact the Callahan County Extension Office (325-854-5835).

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Area Rain Report

It's not often that we receive rain. However when we do, it something to shout about. We would like to share the area rain totals for your area. Call in and give your name and location and how much rain received that day. We will run the rain totals reported in the newspaper.

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Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints
Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
Pastor Max Evans
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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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
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
Thomas Estes, Pastor
Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM
Music- Connie Swift
Lead Singers: 4His Glory
Pastor Kathy Monroe
208 N. Ave. D

CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street
Cross Plains, Texas 76443
Minister: RICK AUSTIN
SUNDAY:
Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
Ladies Class - Wednesday:
10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)
Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Amanda Stephens, evading arrest/detention.
Michael L. Price, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
Jesse L. Garza, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Justin Burnett, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
Guy Daniel Matlock, theft by check.
Randall L. Matlock, theft by check.
Kenneth Wayne Phillips, Sr., theft by check.
John J. Barnett, assault.
Richard A. Lamunyon, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Joe Bob Powers, motion to dismiss to falsification of drug test results granted for plea to other case.
Steven D. Smith, Jr., motion to revoke probation granted.
Russchelle L. Foster, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
Amanda Stephens, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 20 days in jail, \$269 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Jerry Walter Dominy and Sandra Lee Carroll, both of Clyde.
Michael Stuart Peacock of Abilene and Bessie Marlana Williams of Clyde.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Richard Alan Livingston, Jr. and Crystal Maxine Livingston, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Rebecca Mantooth and Charles Mantooth, divorce granted.
Kathlyn M. Jarvis and Wylie L. Canada Sr., divorce granted.
David Elkins and Juanita Kathleen Elkins, divorce granted.

GLOWIN' FOR OWEN FUN RUN

Let your light shine before others...
Matthew 5:16

Glowin' for Owen

In January of 2014, Joseph and Allison Turner noticed that their 8 month old was not moving the right side of his body. They immediately took Owen (son of Joseph and Allison Turner of Godley, and the grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner of Cross Plains, and Wayne Ann Davis of Godley) to the hospital in Cleburne. After the initial tests were ran, Owen was care-flighted to Cooks Children's Hospital with a tentative diagnosis of Leukemia. As the hours turned to days, more information came in about his condition. He was battling AML M5, a very aggressive form of Leukemia. A plan was made that consisted of four chemo treatments and at least six months in the hospital.

In the last 9 weeks, Owen has undergone two of the four chemo treatments. He has received so many visitors in the form of family and friends, and hospital staff that have come to love his smile. So many people have shown tremendous support for the Turners and they are forever grateful. Family and friends want to host one more event to help in the second half of their hospital stay.

On April 19, 2014, Glowin for Owen Fun Run will be held at the Cross Plains High School Track. Registration is \$25 for ages 13 and up or \$18 for ages 12 and under. Registration includes a t-shirt, two glow necklaces, and two glow bracelets to wear during the run/walk. Check in will begin at 7:00 p.m. At 7:45 p.m. a group photo and a short meeting will be held. The run/walk will begin at 8:00 p.m. The course will be two miles long with volunteers along the course for encouragement and help if

needed. There will not be age divisions or places, just a good time for family and friends. Registration can be done online at: garymosesfitness.com/5kcr or by calling (325)-998-1044 for a paper form. You must register by April 10th to receive a t-shirt. T-shirts are also available for sale for \$15 with out race participation. There will be a prize for the best glow outfit. This can include clothes, accessories, paints, or anything else that can be imagined. All proceeds go to Owen and his parents.



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First Baptist Church

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

Sunday School 9:30

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.
Ronnie B. White, Pastor
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Jared Huntley/Students

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

Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank For Owen Turner son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner

LOVE FUND

A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

Love Fund

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

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Cross Plains I.S.D. early out schedule

Early out on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. for UIL meet. Buses will run at 11:10 a.m.

We are hosting the district academic meet. School will begin at regular time on March 24th.

Early out on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. for Easter. Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.

School will begin at regular time on April 21, 2014.

Callahan County 4-H Horse Clinic

The Callahan Co. 4-H Horse Club hosted a horsemanship clinic at the Callahan Co. Sheriff Posse Arena March 15th. The clinic was held to help young horseman improve their skills and prepare for the upcoming 4-H show season.

Steve Goldsmith and Dr. Rob Harle helped instruct and put on the clinic. Nine participants and their horses worked to improve their skills. There were many parents and spectators that watched and supported the kids at the clinic.

The much welcomed rain brought the clinic to a close after lunch. The kids enjoyed the clinic. We appreciate everyone's help and support of our growing 4-H Horse Club.



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Cross Plains Public Library presents

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Cost: \$8 for adults - \$3 for children 12 and under

Dessert and drinks will be served.

Tickets on sale at Cross Plains Public Library, Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply, and Coleman Public Library. Call 254-725-7722 for reservations.

THE BIG READ

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

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

March 10-13, 2014

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Books Checked	78
Programs	6
GED	9
Copies	298
Internet WiFi	32
Interlibrary Loans	1
Reference	9

Books and Miscellaneous Donations

Jacque Childress

Donations

Bonnie White

Memorials

Billy Jack and Ruth Harris
In Memory of Billy Freeman

Volunteers

Michael Ellis
Sandra Ross
Sue Bennett
Wilma Lawrence
Ginny Hoskins

Volunteer meeting scheduled Saturday MusiClyde coming to downtown Clyde May 2nd-3rd

MusiClyde, a two day music festival, is coming to downtown Clyde during the weekend of May 2-3. Three exciting events will happen in those two days. This is the first year for this event and we hope that it is the first of many years. Tickets are available at musiclyde.ticketleap.com.

A Friday night party called Ignite starts in Callahan Hall at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$10. The line up of musicians includes, Zach Harmon, Tim Palmer, Carlton Dillard and several surprises. It should be a night of fun and interaction between musicians and guests. Volunteers will be cooking hamburgers and wings for sale. Capacity: 150.

Buttermilk Biscuits and Blues premieres on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m., also at Callahan Hall. Catered by Sandstone Catering, the event includes a mouth-watering Southern brunch and music by the Soul Stirrers, members of the Rock

and Roll Hall of Fame. These guys are legends in the music industry. Sam Cooke came out of this group. Tickets are \$50 with all proceeds going to downtown Clyde. Capacity: 120.

On Saturday night the party moves to the new Platform Pavilion on the corner of Cedar and North First in downtown Clyde. Admission is free. Food vendors will set up and the music starts at 7:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs. Saturday night there will be music by the Soul Stirrers, Possum Posse from Austin Texas, and various other musi-

cians yet to be announced.

In a couple of weeks we will bring you more news about the musicians that are coming to Clyde for this big event. All proceeds go to the Downtown Clyde Renewal through the City of Clyde. The event is being coordinated through Clyde Texas, Inc.

A volunteers organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, March 22nd beginning at 10:00 a.m. located at the Callahan Hall.

Tickets for MusiClyde can be purchased at musiclyde.ticketleap.com.

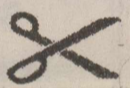


Connies Cuts & Curls

Connie and Donna are Pleased to Welcome Krystal Daniel to our staff. She offers cuts and styles for men, women and children. She offers all hair service color, perms and ect. She specializes in nails, acrylics, gels and nail extension and nail designs.

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“Experience the ‘True Grit’ of Owen Turner”

On Saturday, April 5th, the library will hold a book sale on Hwy. 36 across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. “Experience

the ‘True Grit’ of Owen Turner” will have all proceeds going to Owen Turner’s Love Fund. Please stop in and pick up a stack of books for this worthy cause!

Teens “Experience the True Grit of Bethany Hamilton”

The Cross Plains Public Library will host an “Experience True Grit” event at the Main Street Pool House and Surf Shop on Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. Teens will enjoy “Soul Surfer” the story of teenage surfer Bethany Hamilton, who overcame the odds and her own fears of returning to the water

after losing her left arm in a shark attack. FREE copies of the book are available now at the library. Participants will receive a free T-Shirt and be eligible for a drawing of free movie passes and “True Grit” T-Shirts. Pizza and drinks will be served during the movie, followed by a discussion of the “gritty” aspects of the character.

COLLECTION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2014

All receipts dated between August 17, 2013 - March 31, 2014 will be accepted. Receipts will be shipped on April 11, 2014 so please SAVE, SAVE, SAVE! CPISD is expecting BIG things from Lowe's free educational equipment.



Cross Plains ISD will receive free education equipment for your receipts. You can drop your

receipts off at the school office! We appreciate all of your help!

Experience the True Grit of Dean Smith

Cross Plains Public Library is excited to announce that Olympic gold-medalist and western movie stuntman Dean Smith, of Breckenridge, will be featured at a library fundraiser for the entire family during our community's celebration of "Experience True Grit." This unique experience will be held on Mar. 23 at 2:00pm at the First United Methodist Church. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Seating is limited; tickets may be purchased at the Cross Plains Public Library, the Coleman Public Library, and Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply in Cross Plains. Desserts and drinks will be served. Be sure to get your tickets now!

You could win a Kindle Fire HDX Tablet

There's only one week left to enter the Cross Plains Public Library's "Got Grit?" writing contest for all ages. Compositions must be between 5-7 paragraphs and about people, real or fictitious, that exhibit the characteristic of "true grit." Deadline is Thursday, March 27th, and winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Street Dance Bonanza on April 12th. Stop by the library for an entry form or download from our Facebook page. First prize is a 16GB Kindle Fire HD 7" tablet. Second prize is a \$50.00 Amazon.com gift certificate, and third prize is a movie pass for two at Premier Cinema in Abilene.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, managed by Arts Midwest, and is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

Cross Plains Review Deadlines

Ads Noon on Tuesday
Articles Noon on Monday

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Old Cottonwood Cemetery Road to be addressed by commissioners' court

There will be a meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. with the Callahan County Commissioner's Court.

This meeting addresses the issue of the Old Cottonwood Cemetery Road.

Those with concerns are urged to attend.

The Cottonwood Historical Association

Cross Plains School Menu
March 24-April 4

BREAKFAST

Monday 24th-Sausage Kofache, Roasted Potatoes, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Tuesday 25th-Cheddar Omelet Wrap, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Wednesday 26th- Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit & Juice Milk

Thursday 27th- Waffles, Sausage, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Friday 28th-Cinnamon Breakfast Pastry, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Monday 31st- Cream of Wheat, Blueberry Muffin, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Tuesday 1st-Chicken-n-Biscuit w/syrup, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Wednesday 2nd-Pancake/Sausage On a stick, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Thursday 3rd-Sunrise Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Friday 4th- Oatmeal Rounds, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit & Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday 24th-Sack Lunch (Early Dismissal) 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday 25th-Country Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry cup, Milk

Wednesday 26th-Beef & Cheese Chalupas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Rosy-Apple Sauce, Milk

Thursday 27th-Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Bread Sticks, Milk

Friday 28th- Fish or Chicken Cornbread, Sweet Potato Fries, Black Eyed Peas, Sliced Peaches, Milk

Monday 31st-Chicken & Broccoli Penne, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Bread Sticks, Milk

Tuesday 1st- Steak Fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Pineapple tidbits Milk.

Wednesday 2nd- Taco Bowl, Garden Salad, Salsa, Seasoned Corn, Snowball Salad, Milk

Thursday 3rd-Chicken Quesadilla, Black Beans, Baby Carrots, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Milk

Friday 4th- Pizza Choice, Garden Salad, Fresh Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Senior Citizens Center Activities

March 24-28

Monday-24th Exercise

Tuesday-25th Hamburger Fundraiser

Wednesday-26th Blood Pressure Check

Thursday -27th Exercise 11:00

Friday -28th Exercise 11:00

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

March 24-31

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

Monday 24th- Swiss Steak w/ rice, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 25th - BBQ Sausage, Potatoe Salad, Pickled Beets, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 26th - Chili Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Fruit, Dessert

Thursday 27th - Fish, Cole-slaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies Dessert

Friday 28th -Turkey Sandwich, (lett/tom/pickle) Chips, Jello with Fruit

Monday 31st-Salisbury Steak w/ gravy, Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Bread, Dessert

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

“ Experience the ‘True Grit’ of Owen Turner” Book and Yard Sale

On Saturday, April 5th, the library will hold its regular every-other-month book sale on Hwy 36 across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. “Experience the ‘True Grit’ of Owen Turner” will have all proceeds going to Owen Turner’s Love Fund.

In addition, we have been spring cleaning at the library and have some items for sale: computer parts, T-shirts, framed pictures, craft supplies, and other miscellaneous items, in addition to our books, CDs, and tapes. Please stop in and buy something to benefit this worthy cause!

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The Annual Pancake Supper, one of our 2 yearly fund raisers, has become an excellent community get together where we renew acquaintances and catch up on each other's lives. As an added benefit or serendipity, we are able to help the following groups. For those who are interested, we would like to share how our fund raisers benefit our local programs and contribute, in a small way, to the quality of life we enjoy in Cross Plains.

1. Callahan County Livestock Show-FFA	\$400.00
2. "See by 3 Vision Program"-Equipment and Training-early detection of 'Lazy Eye'	\$301.47
3. Sophomore of the Year scholarship(funded at Graduation)	\$200.00
4. Eye glasses for needy children	\$100.00
5. "Ramps over Texas"-Partnership with Kiwanis-5 personal ramps and ramp for Food Pantry completed to date.	\$ 87.02
6. Senior Citizens-Stew and Santa event in December-2013	\$ 80.00
7. Emergency Medical Service	\$140.00
8. Circus tickets for children	\$ 40.00
9. GED Program at Library-meals for 3 classes of students	\$ 74.26
10. Owen Turner Fund	\$ 70.00
11. Angel Tree Christmas gift program	\$250.00
12. Christmas Community Stew and Santa-prizes, donations candy, Santa pictures	\$551.92
13. Cross Plains Library-Children's programs	\$ 75.00
Total Given	\$2,369.67

We would like to especially thank the Hutchins Custom Processing for the delicious sausage; International House of Pancakes, IHOP- for the pancake mix; Lowes Grocery Store for many of the supplies needed; Darin Ames, Emily Thying, Brenna Kleiber and Bridgette Mayfield for their smiling faces and helping hands, representing the CPHS Key Club; Barbara Barnett and Lorna Munian for their excellent help; Cross Plains ISD for allowing us to use their great facilities and the whole loving community of Cross Plains.

Kiwanis meet every Tuesday morning at Jean's Feed Barn at 7:00 AM for breakfast or coffee. We enjoy excellent fellowship with one another and educational programs. All men and women are welcome to join us.



David Ealson and Kayla Lawrence

Engagement Announcement

Keith and Leslie Lawrence of Cross Plains, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kayla, to David Ealson, son of Don and Nancy Ealson of Odessa, Texas. Kayla is a senior Business Management major with a concentration in Human Resources at Abilene Christian University and currently employed as an Administrative As-

stant at Fehr Foods in Abilene. David will be completing his History and Communications degree at University of Texas at the Permian Basin in May. He is currently self employed. An evening wedding is being planned for August 9th at Oldham Lane Church of Christ in Abilene.

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Woman's Club annual Fish Fry is Saturday

The Clyde Woman's Club seventh annual Fish Fry will be held this Saturday, March 22nd at the Clyde Woman's Club Building located on South First and Rusk Streets in Clyde.

This year's fish fry will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Advance ticket prices are \$8.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 3-12 years of age. Ticket prices at the door the day of the fish fry are \$9.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 4-12 years of age.

Clyde Woman's Club project chairwoman Dot Burson said this year's fish fry will include the usual menu items, including all-you-can eat fish, Word Estes' famous pinto beans, french fries, hush puppies and homemade coleslaw. Water and sweet or unsweetened tea will also be served. The sweet and unsweet tea is being donated by Chicken Express in Clyde. Club members will also provide homemade brownies included in the meal, however it is not all-you-can-eat. Subway restaurant will also be providing Subway cookies with the meal.

Those attending may dine in the day of the event or takeout orders will also be available.

Tickets for this year's fish fry are available at Estes Real Estate, First Financial Bank-Clyde, First Bank Texas-Baird/Clyde, the Clyde Journal, Clyde Chamber of Commerce or from any Clyde Woman's Club member.

The Clyde Woman's Club will again provide meals to both nursing homes in Clyde and Baird, courtesy of First Financial-Bank, First Bank Texas-Baird/Clyde and Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Proceeds from this year's fish



fry will go toward the upkeep of the Clyde Woman's Club building.

The Clyde Woman's Club Fish Fry Committee is made up of the Executive Board of the Woman's Club, the Board of Directors and the Building Maintenance Committee.

According to Burson, the annual fish fry is one of only two fund-raising projects held annually by the Woman's Club. She said the other fund-raiser is the annual Tour of Homes every December, and proceeds from that fund-raiser go toward two \$1,000 college scholarships presented to two Clyde High School senior girls.

The Woman's Club representative said many area businesses and individuals help to keep the fish fry costs down thanks to their generous donations and they wish to give out a special "thank you" to those businesses and individuals.

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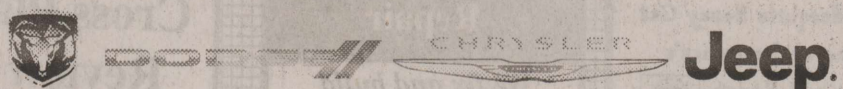
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS
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 Rural Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)
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The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 1: Aztec Theater, 141 S. Main Street, Albany, Texas 76430.
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 3: Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720.
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 8: United Way Building, 2311 Avenue T, Snyder, Texas 79549.

The purpose of these meetings is to receive comments on the FY 2015-2018 Rural Transportation Improvement Program for the Abilene District. The district includes Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor and Callahan Counties. The TIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and FHWA to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This meeting is being held pursuant to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, Section 16.102, which calls for an opportunity for public comment concerning the program.

Persons wishing to speak at the hearing may register in advance by notifying Kristi Barron at (325) 676-6811 not later than March 31, 2014, or they may register at the hearing location beginning at 6 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aides or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille are requested to contact Kristi Barron at (325) 676-6811 two (2) weeks prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention: Blair Haynie, P.E., 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601, or by email at Blair.Haynie@txdot.gov. To be considered, a 10-day public comment period to submit written comments will close at the Abilene District office by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014.

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As with any program that is partially subsidized by the state and federal government, our funds have been reduced and budget is being strained.

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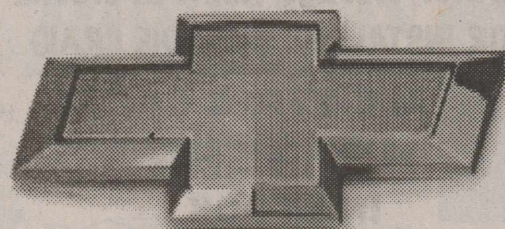


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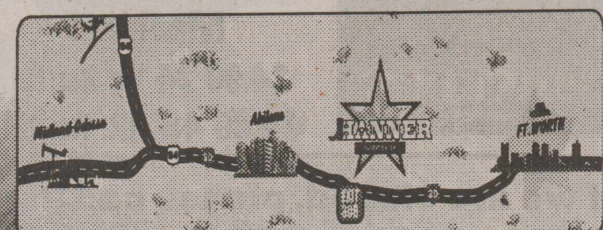
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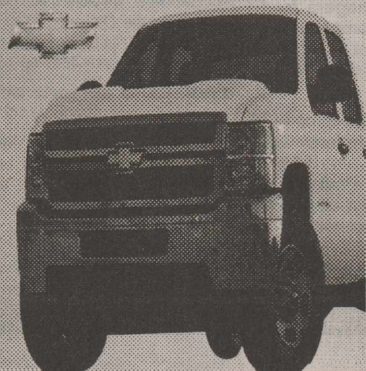


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E.R. Bills and his sons Triston and Bryce Bell of Aledo.

Spring Break Brings Museum Visitors

Roberto Mercado and Ivelisse Centeno drove out from Dallas to tour the REH Museum and to finally get to see firsthand the hometown of his favorite fantasy writer. Roberto is an avid reader of Howard's stories and has quite the collection of his publications. A native of Puerto Rico, Roberto had served in the US Army before entering Bayamon Central, a catholic university in his country. While studying at the University, he met a fellow student, Ivelisse Centeno, who would become his wife.

They both graduated from Bayamon Central and moved to Dallas 13 years ago to pursue advanced degrees; she from University of North Texas and he from Dallas Baptist College. Ivelisse is currently principle of La Academia de Estrellas Elementary School in Dallas while Roberto teaches Music, both in public school and privately. He also has a band, Noche Kandela, that plays Latin and Jazz music.

Cottonwood Country Musical is March 28th

Friday, March 28th is the monthly Cottonwood Country Musical.

The concession in the kitchen opens at 5:00 p.m. and the music begins at 5:30 p.m.

The meal being served is John Wayne Casserole, salad, desserts, and drinks.

So as John Wayne would say "Saddle up, Pilgrim and mosey on out to Cottonwood for a night of good food and great country music."

On a spring break day trip, E.R. Bills and his son Triston and Bryce Bell from Aledo stopped to visit the Museum. Bills is also an avid reader of Howard's stories, especially the fantasy genre. He does construction work by day and writes by night; mostly free lance work, but is always pursuing the great American dream of publishing his own book.

Pioneer Cemetery Notice

The Pioneer Cemetery Board recently found itself in a difficult position concerning the unlisted claimant of a burial plot.

The problems occur when a family selects a plot in advance, pays no money and makes no contact with a board member to record their decision.

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If you feel this could be the status of yours and your families plots, please contact one of the members and they will be glad to verify these listings.

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Western Diamondback Rattlesnake

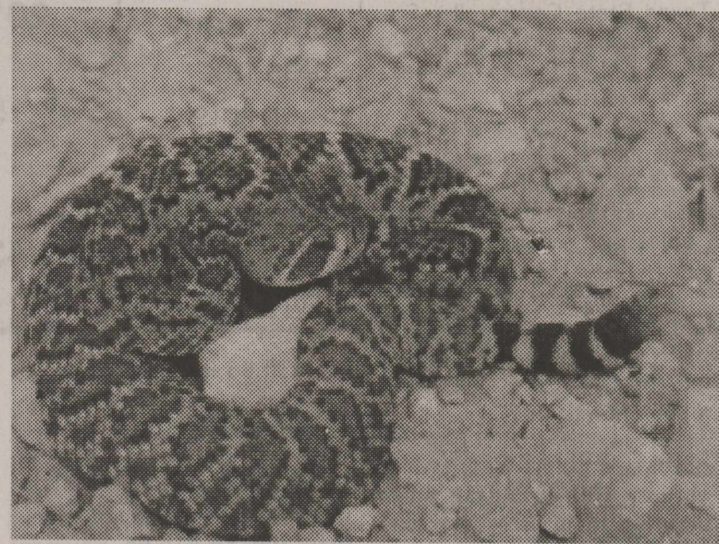
There are times when I write this column that the information about an animal is scarce and hard to come by. However, at other times the material that is available is almost overwhelming. There is so much information (true and false) that I would like to present that a column like this would quickly take up more space than is allowed, and such is the case with the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake.

The Western Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*) occurs from central Oklahoma through the western two-thirds of Texas westward to the southeastern border of California south to the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico. In Texas, it is the most commonly encountered venomous snake in the Trans-Pecos eco-region, as well as the Tamaulipan thornscrub of south Texas. It is a habitat generalist, occupying a variety of habitats ranging from desert scrub near the Permian Basin to high elevation pine-oak forests of the Davis Mountains.

Western Diamondbacks are the second largest venomous snake in the United States, slightly exceeded in size only by the Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake of Florida and other east coast states. It is by far the largest venomous snake that occurs in Texas. Adult Western Diamondbacks can achieve lengths of up to seven feet in length, although the average is much smaller than this. Most individuals max out at a length between four and five feet in total length.

The body coloration of Western Diamondbacks can vary (depending on the soil type where it occurs) from a chalky gray to a dull reddish brown. Along the spine is a series of darker diamond-shaped markings that are bordered by a black and white border, hence the name diamondback. A common nickname among those who encounter this serpent frequently is coon-tail which refers to the black and white banded tail. These tail bands are of nearly equal width, one characteristic that is used to determine this animal from the more dangerous Mojave Rattlesnake that inhabits the Trans-Pecos area of Texas as well. The head is distinctly wider than the neck, giving this animal the famous "diamond-shaped" head. The pupils are elliptical, and the rattle is large and is capable of being heard from several yards away.

Diamondbacks, like other snakes, do not hibernate in the true sense of the word, but rather employ an activity known as brumation. This means that the snake's metabolism, heart rate and breathing all slow down to a near stop, but they are quite awake and aware of their surroundings. They will often congregate in large numbers in "dens" to spend the long periods of inactivity of winter and once



Western Diamondback Rattlesnake (*Crotalus atrox*)

temperatures achieve a level of warmth that the snake finds tolerable, usually in early to mid-March, then the males begin leaving the dens in their quest to mate. Females release a pheromone that attracts the males, and many times more than one male will encounter a female that is receptive. During these encounters, the males will participate in a dramatic "dance" as they entwine their bodies together in a wrestling match style event. The winner is the one who is able to pin the other to the ground, and mating ensues upon the dominant male's victory. Diamondbacks are oviparous, which means they give birth to living young, and the foot-long neonates (which number from 4 to 25) are typically born in late summer and early fall. Other than having a "button" on the end of the tail, they are exact replicas of the adults and are fully capable of fending for themselves, including having fully functional fangs and venom apparatus.

Western Diamondbacks defend themselves in a variety of ways, with the main defensive mechanism being that of camouflage. Even with the gaudy patterns and colors, this snake blends in well with its primarily brushy habitats. The second defensive plan is that of crawling away from a potential predator while rattling its tail slightly. If this does not deter its assailant, then it will begin to curl up in a defensive "s-coiled" stance and aggressively vibrate it's tail,

causing the rattling sound to get louder. This behavior is typically a final stand so to speak, and many times an encounter with a diamondback does not come to this point. Out of the 300 or so diamondbacks that I encounter each summer, less than 10 percent resort to this tactic, with most being satisfied to avoid any confrontations. The last defensive mechanism is that of biting and injecting a deadly venom into a would-be attacker. This venom, depending on a huge variety of factors, can be lethal to humans, although few human fatalities actually occur. Despite these venomous propensities, the Western Diamondback is actually beneficial in the fact that it preys primarily on small mammals such as mice and rats.

When participating in outdoor activities, the risk of encountering a Western Diamondback is slim, although it can and does happen occasionally. If such an encounter occurs, remember that this animal, despite its harmful capability, is more afraid of you than you are of it and it would prefer to be left alone. Most bites from this species occur when people make an attempt to either capture or kill this snake. The best course of action is to walk, don't run, in the opposite direction, making both you and the snake more at ease.

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

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Cross Plains' retail sales begin 2014 down 3%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2014 are lower by over three percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, March 12th.

Cross Plains' 2014 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$55,240.47, which is 3.34 percent lower than the \$57,150.13 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2013.

The payment to the city for March 2014 was \$19,645.75, which is 12.69 percent higher than the \$17,433.32 payment made in March 2013.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, February 12th, that state sales tax revenue in February was \$2.2 billion, up 5.8 percent compared to February 2013.

"Sales tax revenue continues its growth streak and has now increased for 47 consecutive months," Combs said. "Growth in tax collections was seen across all major economic sectors including oil and gas, wholesale trade and the services sector."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their March local sales tax allocations totaling \$553 million, up 4.1 percent compared to March 2013.

Combs sent Texas cities \$359.7 million in March 2014, which is higher by 3.1 percent compared to March 2013 and higher by 6.4 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$35.8 million in March 2014 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 5.0 percent compared to March 2013 and higher by 1.6 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$126.0 million in March 2014 sales tax allocations, which is 4.3 percent higher than March 2013 and up 7.2 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$31.5 million in March 2014 allocations, which is 14.0 percent higher than March 2013 and higher by 20.1 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$553 million in March 2014, which is 4.1 percent higher than March 2013 and up 7.0 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in January.

For details of March sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2014 started the year 51.54 percent higher than the 2013 payments. The city has received

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2012	2013
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$57,150.13	\$55,240.47
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$17,433.32	\$19,645.75

\$45,415.08 in 2014, while the 2013 tax payments to the city totalled \$29,967.77.

Baird's monthly payment for March 2014 was \$11,183.20, which is 32.88 percent higher than the \$8,415.66 payment made in March 2013.

—The 2014 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 67.97 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2013. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$248,572.98 in 2014. The 2013 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$147,985.23.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for March 2014 was \$46,433.88, which is higher by 8.08 percent compared to March 2013 when \$42,961.06 was reported.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2014 payments to the town totalled \$2,694.66, which is lower by 40.97 percent from the 2013 payments to the city in the amount of \$4,565.19.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of March 2014 was \$746.90, which is down 14.27 percent compared to the March 2013 payment of \$871.27.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2014 in Callahan County are higher by 46.83 percent compared to the 2013 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2014 amounting to \$351,923.19 while the 2013 payments to the county towns totalled \$239,668.32.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of March 2014 was \$78,009.73, which is higher by 11.95 percent compared to the March 2013 payment in the amount of

\$69,681.31.

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

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

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

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

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

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

Cross Plains Public Library to hold FREE GED Classes

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Devon's Blessings

Raffle Tickets \$5 ea. or 5 for \$20

Drawings are for:
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The Purpose of these Raffles is to help Devon Clark a CHS Student who was badly injured in a car accident on Wednesday February 19th. Devon has had to undergo several surgeries, has spent time in CCU and still has a long road ahead of him.

Funds raised from the raffle will go into a special account for Devon at First Bank Texas to help with medical Expenses.

The Drawings will be held on March 29th at 3:00 p.m. at the Pizza House. The winners names will be posted in the Clyde Journal and on Devon's Blessings Facebook page.

Find us on facebook-Devon's Blessings for updates. Thank you for your Support!

Friends of Duane Clark (Devon's Dad) You may purchase tickets from CHS, Items Unique, Santa Fe Salon, Clyde Chamber of Commerce, The Warehouse, The Clyde Journal and First Bank Texas-Clyde.

You do not need to be present to win!

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up a new puzzle this week. Bring your completed entries to the library by Thursday, April 3rd, where correct entries will be entered in our drawing for a movie pass for 2 on April 12th. Last week featured a crossword puzzle and this week is a word search.



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