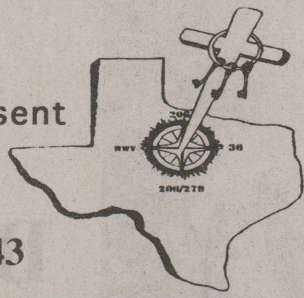


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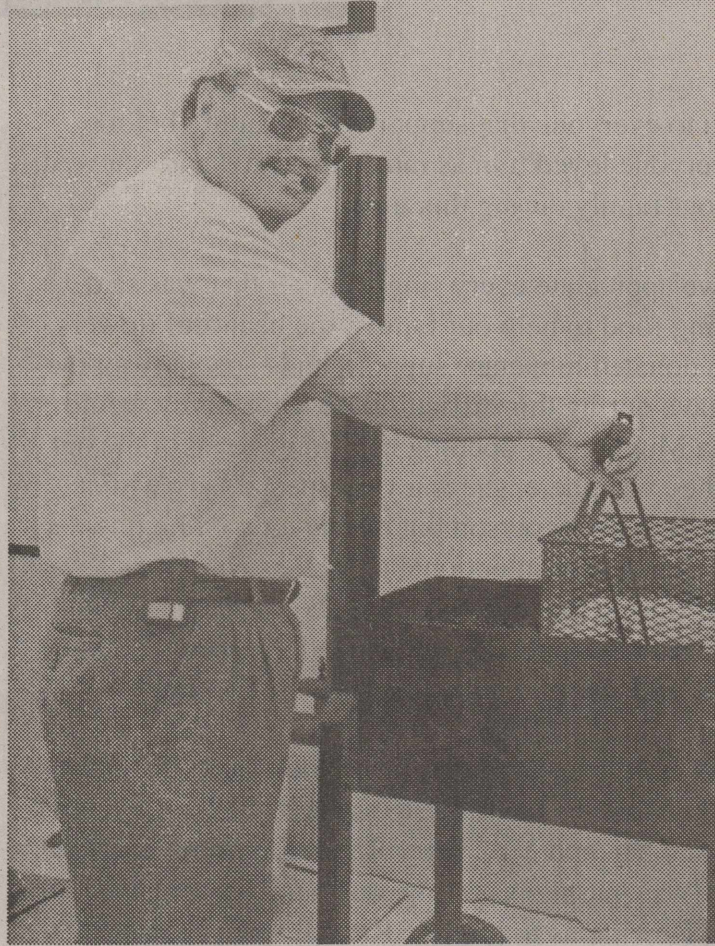
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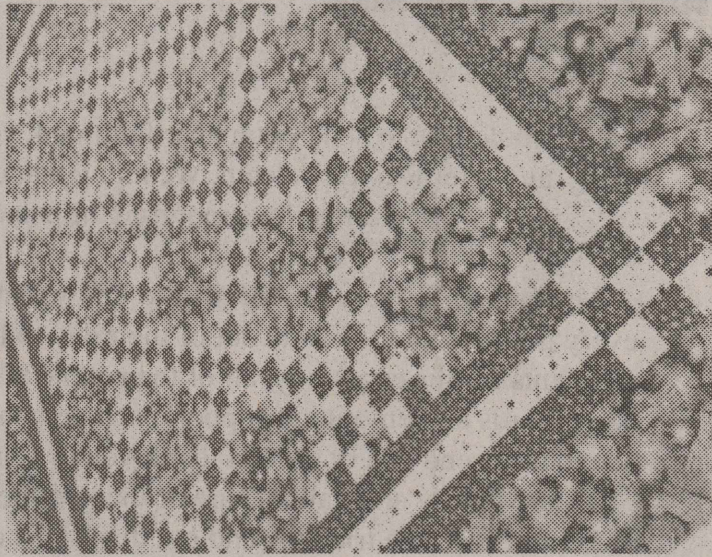
Roger Hinkle helping cook fish for the Methodist Church Fish Fry



Linda Reed, (left) and Lee Anne Morton (right) serving guests at the Methodist Church Fish Fry on Saturday night



Dane Stuts of Provo, Utah

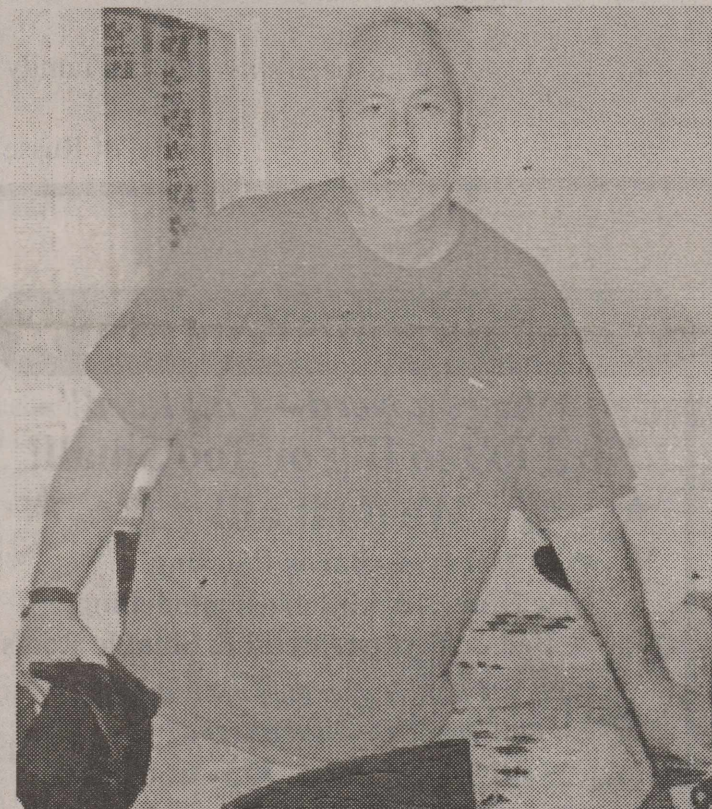


"Pride in America" Quilt

The Cross Plains Quilters have been busy cutting, sewing and assembling a "Pride in America" quilt. Red, white and blue fabric prints are in this special quilt. We have really enjoyed the fellowship while working together on this quilt. We finally finished piecing the top and put it in the frame for hand quilting on Tuesday, July 29th. Chances for it will be sold, for a \$1.00 donation per ticket by the American Legion and Cross Plains Quilters. Proceeds will go to the American Legion in appreciation for al-

lowing us to quilt in their building. We quilt on Tuesday of each week at the American Legion building on East First Street from 9 am to 3 pm. We would love for you to come by and visit with us or join us in quilting this quilt. If you want to learn how to quilt, we will be glad to teach you. Cross Plains Quilters are Azalee Womack, Lena Gage, Wilma Lawrence, Polly Beeler, Nora Pointer and Helen Parson.

Submitted by Helen Parson



Bobby Wagner of Centennial, CO



Scott and Christine Routon of San Antonio

Sheriff's Corner

By Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy

Sheriff Terry Joy recently attended the Sheriffs' Association of Texas 136th Annual Training Conference at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention in San Antonio, July 26-29, 2014. Over 1,500 were in attendance.

The first Sheriff's Association of Texas Conference was in 1878. Held annually in various cities across the state, this event allows Sheriffs, Deputies, Federal, State, and City Law Enforcement Officers to network and discuss different issues that affect law enforcement across the state and nation. This year, participants received training on a variety of topics including; Crimes in Texas/Border Violence, Criminal Profiling, Homicide Investigations, Mental Health Issues in Jails, Active Shooter Response, State Agency Updates, Public Safety Broadband Program, School Safety,

Legislation, Policies, Civil Process, and Human Resources.

Participants also had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the latest in crime fighting tools and technology at more than 207 exhibition booths. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas (SAT) is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of local law enforcement in Texas. Through the support of their members, SAT provides training, legal/technical information, and other critical resources to Peace Officers in Texas. SAT also offers college scholarships to Peace Officers and their children who wish to continue their education. In addition, they honor Fallen Officers with the Lost Lawman Memorial. For further information on the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and how to join as an associate member, visit www.txsheriffs.org or call (512) 445-5888.

Sheriff endorses crime prevention program

To The Business And Professional Community:

This letter is to introduce a representative of L.A.W. Publications, who is working with the CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE in our ongoing crime prevention, safety education and substance abuse programs. We have been involved in drug awareness for some time and must continually look for resources to assist our Department in providing these services to our community.

You can assist the CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE by allowing L.A.W. Publications representative a few moments to explain the program. They will outline how it will assist our agency, benefit the community and explain how you can become a sponsor. Each sponsor will receive copies of this material, along with a certificate of appreciation.

I would like to thank you in advance for your time in the consideration of this project. We cannot abandon the battle against substance abuse. We

must protect our children and our community. With your help, we will continue the battle against substance abuse. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,
(s) Terry Joy
Callahan County Sheriff



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Busy Week at the REH Museum

Scott and Christine Routon of San Antonio arrived at the Museum just as the rain was starting a week ago Monday and Dane Stuts showed up just in time to catch the real downpour. However the weather did not dampen their enthusiasm for visiting the home of one of their favorite writers. The Routons were camping at Lake Brownwood and had come on up to enjoy lunch in town before checking out the Museum. Scott, with his degree in Psychology, is a self employed life coach among other

things and Christine runs a transcription business from their home as well as doing some writing. Her favorite genre is pure fiction and she is currently working on a story about a hillbilly rock star. They have their own website at creativelifeenterprises.com where you can check how out God has intervened in lives as they pursue activities that will impact other people. Scott has read Howard extensively over the years and was hard pressed to name his favorite characters and

equally hard pressed to find any books in the shop that he has not read.

As a summer job, Dane is selling alarm systems for Vivint Home Automation out of Provo, Utah. He will return to college in the fall, working on his Physical Sports Medicine degree; somewhat following in the footsteps of his general surgeon father. Both the father and son have been avid readers of Howard's works for a number of years, but Dane was interested in learning more about Howard's life and the

influence of Cross Plains on his writings. Bobby Wagner and his son, Joe, of Centennial, CO had dropped off one son at ACU and were on their way to Austin to join the rest of the family, when they stopped for a spur of the moment tour. Wagner has read a lot of Howard's stories, but was quite surprised to see that it all happened in such a small place. He has been with Lockheed Martin as a sub-contract administrator for rocket and satellite parts.

CPVFD To Hold Brisket Dinner

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, September 6th for Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Barbeque Dinner. Brisket, ribs, chicken, and sausage are all on the menu, along with side dishes and dessert. The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the new Firehouse. Work continues on the inside of the firehouse but funds are needed to complete the building.

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
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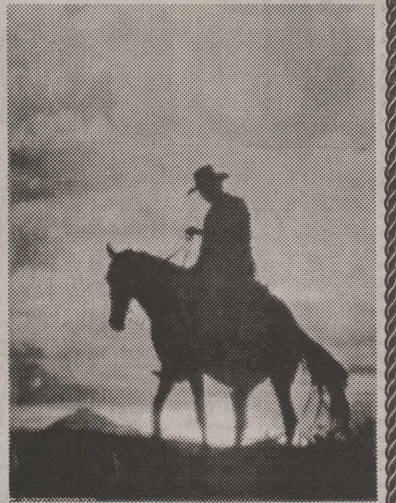
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Thank you from Russell ("Scooby") Barnes' Family



We would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to everyone that supported our family before, during, and after Russell's death. We know that everyone loved him as much as we did and showed that by supporting him and our family during this time.

We want *each every one of you* to know that we appreciate every single prayer that was said, every person that took time out of their day to bring food to help our family, the beautiful flowers and plants for his ceremony, all of the people who donated monetary support, and especially all the kind words and emotional support each person gave during this difficult time. Our family would like to also send a very special thank you to Lorna Muniain for opening her home to all of the out of state family and taking care of them while they were here, she is a very special lady with a beautiful heart. We tried to send out thank you cards to every person but during a time like this we may have missed someone and want you to know it was not intentional as well as ensure we say thank you to anyone and everyone that helped us during this difficult time. We would not have been able to fare as well as we did without the love and support of such wonderful people. God blessed us with a wonderful circle of people and we truly appreciate such a blessing!

We would like to thank "ALL" of the livestock crew men of Dublin Livestock and Graham Livestock Sale barns for their efforts and time taken to raise the funds to support the family with Russell's services. We would like Mr. J.T. Pratt and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Rhodes to know that we are forever grateful for all the extra effort that was put into assisting our family during this difficult time. All of you were instrumental in allowing us to provide Russell with a beautiful ceremony. We would also like to thank Pastor Ronnie White for officiating the ceremony for Russell and extend a gracious heartfelt thank you for providing a wonderful service that allowed all of his friends and family to ponder, grieve and even laugh during the services. Pastor White allowed people to walk away with the assurance that even though this "Cowboy Rode away" to be with our heavenly Father he was saved and may very well be "Dancing in the Sky!"

With deep *sincerity* our family thanks each and every one of you....

Family of Russell ("Scooby") Barnes

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DPS Troopers arrest Drunk Drivers during July 4th enforcement

AUSTIN - Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers made more than 1,000 DWI arrests during a special enforcement period that spanned 11 days and included the July 4th holiday. The enhanced DWI enforcement effort took place from June 27th - July 7th. "Impaired drivers are a danger to themselves and other travelers across the state, and DPS troopers are dedicated to helping prevent deadly crashes by getting dangerous drivers off the road," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "These holiday patrols are aimed at saving lives and encouraging safe driving practices." DPS Highway Patrol troopers made 1,051 DWI arrests during the July 4th enforcement period. Of those arrests, 219 were the direct result of a Texas Department of Transportation grant, which allowed increased patrols in high-risk locations during times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. DPS enforcement also resulted in more than 15,000 speeding citations, more than 2,500 seat belt/child safety seat citations, 626 fugitive arrests, and 564 felony arrests during this time period.

A Love Fund

has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Russell "Rusty" Barnes to help with expenses

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

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

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Love Fund

A Love Fund has been opened for Rickey Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank for medical Expenses!

Love Fund

A Love Fund has been Set at Texas Heritage Bank in Memory of Brenda Waggoner to help the family with expenses.

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.



James, Christine and Alex Embrey of Fort Hood, TX



Jenifer Pacheco and Tracy Hayward of Abilene, TX



The Lewis Family

Embrey, Pacheco, Hayward, Lewis Family Visit REH Museum

Last Saturday was one of those typical days at the REH Museum. Visitors with a scheduled tour were viewing the house when folks driving by noticed cars in the lot and stopped to see the Museum. James, Christine and little Alex Embry from Ft. Hood had made advance arrangements to see the Museum. James is in the nuclear biological and chemical

operational unit that secures dangerous sites for the engineering battalions. Christine is studying at Central TX College in Killeen to become a medical lab technician while Alex was busy being a 3 year old. James was the Howard fan of the family, having read a variety of Howard's stories. Jennifer Pacheco and Tracy Hayward of Abilene were

just cruising around the area visiting places of interest before Tracy was transferred from Dyess to another Air Force base. She is the operational manager responsible for processing work orders for the maintenance department. Jennifer is also stationed at Dyess. The Lewis family from Pioneer returned for a second visit. David had moved

to the area from Ada, OK and is employed by Ebaa Iron Manufacturing in Eastland. He had enjoyed Howard's writings for years and likes to visit the Museum to widen his knowledge of Howard and his lifestyle. With him were his wife, Tesia, daughters Araden and Shyla and niece, Stacy.

Library Notes

Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tues. 11:00pm to 7:00pm
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Memory of Alice Roby

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Volunteers

Peggy Brock
Ginny Hoskins
Linda Burns
Wilma Lawrence
Sue Bennett
Helen Parson
Michelle Kaiser
Polly Beeller

Local Kiwanian to Speak on Handguns

Roy Boyd will be speaking at Cross Plains Kiwanis meeting on July 29th and August 12th. His topic will be introduction to handguns for the non-shooter. He was and instructor for 12 years in California before moving here. Kiwanis meet at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesdays at Jeans Feed Barn. Join us for these informative meetings.

Callahan County Riding Club 2014 Schedule

Aug 9th, Sat. Aug 23rd, Sat. Aug 30th

Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have a \$50.00 sponsorship or if the participant did not make the 9 required they can buy in at \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also parents/guardians must work in the concession stand once per person participating and bring a case of drinks and a dessert. Sign-ups will be between 6:00 and 6:30 pm.

Trainers will begin at 6:30 pm Competition begins at 7:00 pm.

Any rain-outs or make up days will be held on the open weekend or on Fridays or Sundays depending on weather and options of membership.

Follow the club on Facebook at Callahan County Riding Club or you can call Paula Kinslow for more information 325-893-4054 or 325-829-1381.

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Do you have an hour a week you could volunteer to help others? The Cross Plains Senior Center delivers meals to homebound Monday-Friday and are needing volunteers and substitute volunteers. If you would like to deliver or willing to be a substitute if needed, please call the Center. 725-6521

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Blue Grass Gospel Musical

A blue grass musical featuring Bill Burnes and others will be held Saturday August 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Gospel Mission located at 716 S.E. 1st street in Cross Plains. Everyone is always invited to come and enjoy the great music. It is sure to be an entertaining evening.

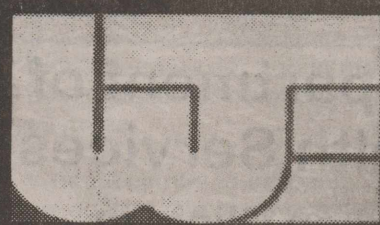
SAVE THE DATE! CROSS PLAINS COMMUNITY CANCER WALK SATURDAY, OCT 11TH

Mark your calendar now for Saturday October 11th for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk. Get ready to dress up and decorate for this years theme - Hollywood Lights Night of Stars. Be your favorite movie or television star. Decorate your booth to look like a theater, drive-in theater, concession stand, the red carpet or other Hollywood related ideas.

New this year - Donate canned goods to be used in the illuminary bag (instead of sand) with battery tea light. Canned goods to be donated to the Food Pantry and Senior Center for the Holidays.

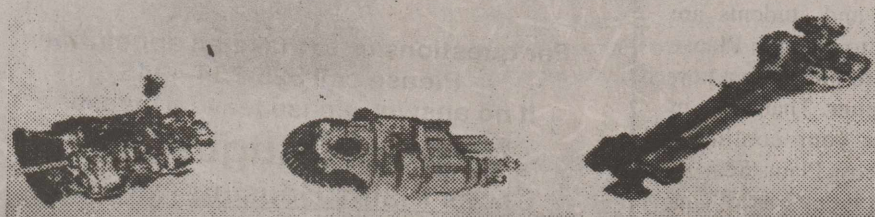
If you would like to help with the planning send an email to cindypayne@hotmail.com or contact Dannes Turner or Melissa Richards.

The Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund is assisting 15-20 cancer patients from the Cross Plains area with travel expenses for treatment.



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TANF benefits, all children in your household are eligible for free meals. If you have questions, call the school at 254-725-6121 to speak to Tammie Tennison, the reviewing official.

Your children can get free or reduced price meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart. For an application and Income Chart, please call or come by the school offices and one will be provided to you. Application forms will also be included in the registration packet of each enrolling student. Only one application per household should be completed; all children in the household can be included on the form.

If you would like an application, have other questions or need help, please call 254-725-7430

Students may charge up to five (5) days per student. After the fifth charge, until the balance is paid, since we will not allow a student to go hungry, a peanut butter and jelly lunch will be offered to your child.

There will be no charges allowed the last three weeks of school.

This policy has been implemented to insure that the lunch prices remain as reasonable as possible. If at any time you need to know your child's account balance or have questions about

your child's balance, please call Tammie Tennison at 254-725-6121 or access your child's account at www.myschoolbucks.com.

If a child has a food allergy or special dietary need, please notify us immediately. Special dietary arrangements to accommodate your child will require a doctor's note on file in the cafeteria. This note must be renewed each year.

Immunization clinic at Cross Plains Housing Authority on August 11th

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering a childhood immunization clinic on Monday, August 11th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Cross Plains, at the Cross Plains Housing Authority located at 233 N. Main in Cross Plains.

Please bring the child's immunization records with you. If

your child is one year old or older and has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children. If your child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the card.

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

Texas Sales Tax Holiday this weekend - August 8th to 10th

Austin—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers the annual sales tax holiday is scheduled for this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 8th—10th.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100. from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8. on every \$100. they spend during the weekend.

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at www.TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$82.7 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Cross Plains ISD offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture Science, Family Career Education, and Computer Technology. Admission to these programs is based on interest and age appropriateness.

It is the policy of Cross Plains ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Cross Plains ISD will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Leslie Lawrence, at 700 N. Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6121. The Section 504 Coordinator is Phil Mitchell at 700 N. Main Street in Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6121.

2014-2015 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

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PK-12	\$ 1.10
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Adult	\$ 1.75
Juice	\$.25

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Milk	\$.25

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Main Dish	\$ 1.50

2014 Cross Plains Buffaloes Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Aug. 15	Winters	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Aug. 21	Irion County	Irion	6:00pm
Aug. 29	Menard	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Sept. 5	*****OPEN*****		
Sept. 12	De Leon	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Sept. 19	Roby	Roby	7:30pm
Sept. 29	*Gorman	Gorman	7:30pm
Oct. 3	*Ranger	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Oct. 10	*Santo	Santo	7:30pm
Oct. 17	*****OPEN*****		
Oct. 24	*Baird	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Oct. 31	*Albany	Albany	7:30pm
Nov. 7	*Perrin-Whitt	Cross Plains	7:30pm

* Denotes District

2014 Cross Plains Buffaloes JR High Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Sept. 11	Deleon	Deleon	5:00pm
Sept. 18	Roby	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Sept. 25	*Gorman	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Oct. 2	*Ranger	Ranger	5:00pm
Oct. 9	*Santo	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Oct. 16	*****BYE*****		
Oct. 23	* Baird	Baird	5:00pm
Oct. 30	*Albany	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Nov. 6	* Perrin-Whitt	Perrin-Whitt	5:00pm

* Denotes District

2014 Cross Plains Buffaloes JV Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Aug. 30	Golthwaite	Cross Plains	10:00am
Sept. 4	Haskell	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Sept. 11	Deleon	Deleon	6:00pm
Sept. 18	Clyde	Clyde	5:00pm
Sept. 25	*Gorman/Mason	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Oct. 2	*Ranger	Ranger	6:00pm
Oct. 9	*Santo	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Oct. 16	Miles	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Oct.30	*Albany	Cross Plains	6:00pm
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Parent Meetings Scheduled for CP I.S.D. Secondary School

Parent Meetings Scheduled for Cross Plains Secondary School

Cross Plains Secondary School has parent meetings scheduled for August 11th, 12th, and 14th. These meetings will be a time to review your student's schedule, meet some of the teachers, learn about any policy changes, and generally get answers to any questions you or your student may have about the 2014-2015 school year.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, August 11th:
7th grade meeting at 6:00 P.M.
8th grade meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, August 12th:
9th grade meeting at 6:00 P.M.
10th grade meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 14th:
11th grade meeting at 6:00 P.M.
12th grade meeting at 7:00 P.M.

All parents and students are encouraged to attend. Please bring \$3.00 to purchase a new student planner. Thank you in advance for your continued support of Cross Plains School! It is great to be a Cross Plains Buffalo, and we are looking forward to another great year of success in learning. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Mitchell at 254-725-6121.

Citizens and property owners of Cross Plains

The City of Cross Plains would like to remind its citizens of the Nuisance & Weed Ordinance. Due to the recent rains that we have received, the weeds have grown tall and over the limit for what the Ordinance calls for.

If you own lots that have not been mowed, please take care of

having them mowed to avoid the City having the lots mowed and billing you for the service. If the invoice is not paid within 30 days the city will attach a lien against your property. If you have any questions concerning the Ordinance, please contact City Hall @ 254.725.6114.

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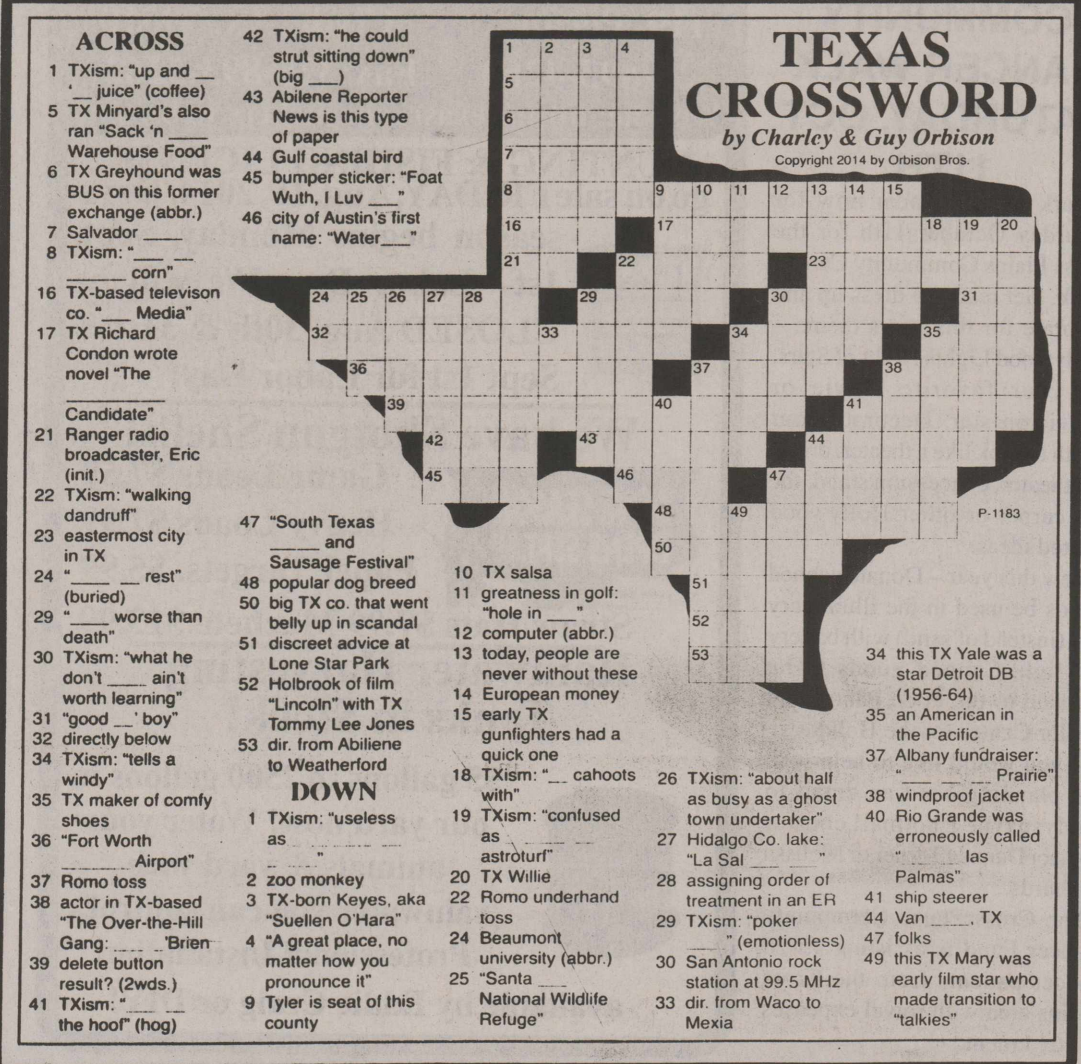
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**NOTICE OF MEETING—BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **August 7, 2014**, beginning at **8:00 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
August 7, 2014 (**8:00 p.m.**)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Open Forum
- New Business
 - Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Review Bills/Finance Report
 - Propose a Tax Rate for Both Maintenance and Operations AND Interest and Sinking for the 2014-15 School Year to be Published in the Cross Plains Review
 - Consider Policy Update 100 as Recommended by TASB
 - Consider Change Order on High Jump Apron Superintendent's Report
 - Track Update
- 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, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

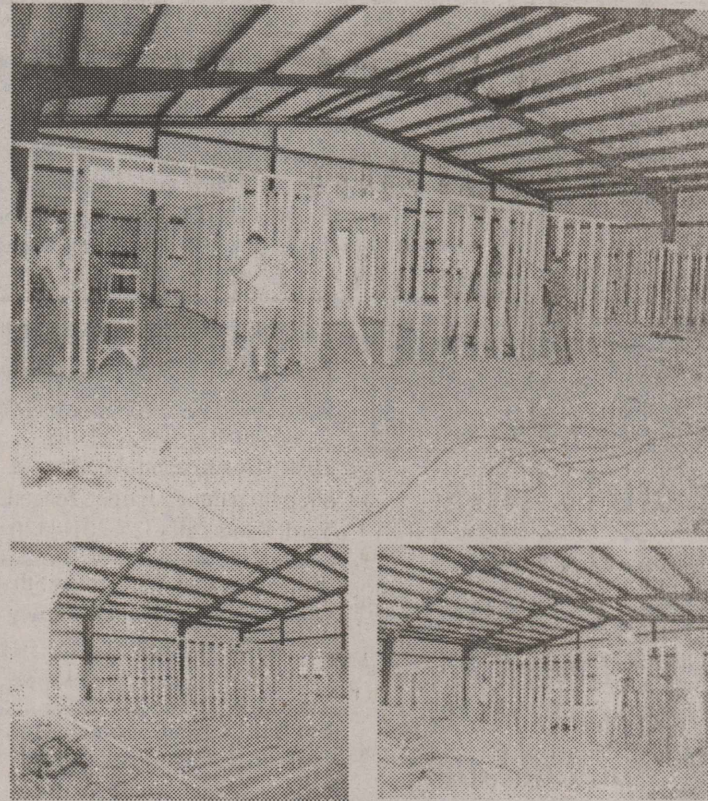
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**NOTICE OF MEETING—BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees will be in Tier 3 Training (Budget Training) on **Thursday, August 7, 2014**, beginning at **6:00 p.m.** The purpose of the training will be to review the budget for 2014-15 and make changes as needed. The training will be conducted by Becky Seale with the Abilene Educational Service Center. **No official business will be conducted.**

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The walls are going up on the inside of the new firehouse. These walls will section off a bunker gear room, communications equipment room, training room, a HASMAT shower, storage, restrooms, offices and a kitchen area.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Barbeque Dinner on Saturday, September 6th to help raise money for the new building. Brisket, ribs, chicken, and sausage are all on the menu, along with side dishes and dessert. The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Mark your calendar now to save the date for the dinner.

While progress continues on the new building, funds are still needed to complete the firehouse. Your donations and support and helped us get this far.



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**Check It Out! At the
Cross Plains Library**

More books for teens and young readers are flooding the library these days. If you haven't visited lately, you're missing out! There is something for everyone's taste as we still have \$\$ left from the J. Frank Dobie Trust for books to add to our collection.

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-submitted by Michelle Kaiser

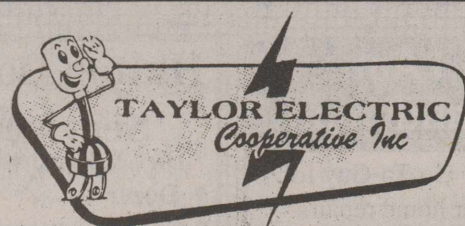
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Kids 10 and under are invited to join in the fun at Splash in the Park! on Wednesday, August 13 beginning at 2:00p.m. in the Cross Plains Public Library Park. Hosted by Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the good times will begin with free hot dogs provided by the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. Then kids will kick off their shoes to do some toe painting with paints and butcher paper courtesy of the local Kiwanis. Once their masterpiece is complete, they can rinse off their feet while splashing in the sprinkler and enjoy frozen pops.

Cost for the activities is 1 can of food per child for the local food pantry. Registration is required and parental permission is a must! Pick up a form at the library and sign up by August 6th. Children must wear swim shoes or flip-flops, a swimsuit, and bring a towel. No one will be allowed into the library once they have started painting and/or are wet! Parents should bring a lawn chair to relax in while the children paint and play!

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Cisco College Gearing Up for Annual Fall Information Festival

Cisco College – Abilene will host the 2nd Annual Fall Information Festival Thursday August 7, 2014, from 5 to 8 p.m. Last year's event enjoyed a tremendous turnout with several hundred people taking advantage of being able to preview all the programs offered by the college, plus get bilingual help with FAFSA, financial aid and college applications. Even more programs will be previewed this year, and potential students of all ages and their families are encouraged to attend. Students can talk to professors and instructors, gain admission and even enroll in classes during the event. Assistance for Veterans and military families also provided.

The band "Our Version" will provide musical entertainment and more than a dozen vendors

are on board to give out valuable information, services and prizes, along with refreshments.

CVS Pharmacy plans to have a clinic on site to administer meningitis vaccinations, which are required for all incoming students under the age of 30.

Many great door prizes will be given away, including the grand prize, a Kindle Fire HD. There are two chances to win this notepad. One Kindle will be given away at this event, and then another drawing will be held for everyone who enrolls for classes from 7/2-9/1/2014. The winner will be announced on Cisco College's Facebook September 2nd.

Last year's winner of the grand prize came to the Fall Information Festival check out the College's welding program. She spoke with the department instructor and enrolled for the

course. When she won the Kindle she was elated, as she had no device to access the Internet for her college and class information. She graduated last spring and is now working at a high paying industrial career.

Many people never attend college because they cannot find a way to start. The purpose of this event is to show the community what Cisco College has to offer, and to help find a way for anyone who wants higher education and career opportunity to realize their dreams.

We invite the entire Big Country community and all media out to this event. Last year's Fall Information Festival welcomed several hundred people and we expect more this time. Hope to see you there.

Texas Historical Commission rolls out brochure and web pages for iconic Bankhead Highway

AUSTIN, Texas—Once known as the "Broadway of America," the Bankhead Highway was one of the nation's earliest transcontinental highways, dating back to 1916 and extending from Washington, D.C. to San Diego, California. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently published a Bankhead Highway brochure and web pages dedicated to the Texas portion of the iconic roadway, which stretched from Texarkana to El Paso.

The brochure provides an overview of the history and significance of the Bankhead Highway, which transformed travel in the state and introduced the new industry of highway tourism to Texas. After the roadway was completed in the 1920s, numerous businesses, attractions, and services for motorists emerged, including gas stations, auto repair garages, diners and cafes, motels, hotels, and motor courts. Reminiscent of that golden era of travel, the new brochure will be available for travelers at highway stops across the state. It will be displayed at Texas Travel Information Centers and places such as convention and visitors bureaus, museums, and libraries located along current routes based on the old Bankhead Highway.

The brochure is also available to download at the THC's Historic Texas Highways and Bankhead Highway web pages, which expand upon the story of the roadway and offer additional resources such as maps, photos, survey and project information, and existing points of interest along the roadway. There is also a Google Earth-based map that allows travelers to plan ahead to visit heritage tourism attractions near the historic highway or take a virtual drive down the Bankhead.

These resources originated with the Texas Historic Roads and Highways Program, created to clarify the links between our

modern highways and their antecedents and to explain the evolution of our roadways over time. The THC and the Texas Department of Transportation jointly administer the program, established by the Texas Legislature in 2009 with the goals of identifying and commemorating historic highways in Texas, and producing a series of interpretive publications to encourage heritage tourism.

After surveying and documenting more than 850 miles of the Bankhead Highway in Texas, snapping more than 10,000 digital photos, conducting countless hours of research, and writing numerous reports, the two-year program is reaching its conclusion. The new brochure and web pages are part of the outreach efforts to make the information available to consultants, researchers, and the general public, and to motivate heritage tourists to experience the Bankhead Highway.

"The Bankhead Highway was the first all-weather roadway to connect Texas' big cities such as Dallas, Fort Worth, and El Paso with smaller, rural communities such as Weatherford, Cisco, and Van Horn," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "Along the way, services for motorists cropped up, some of which are still operational today, such as Hotel El Capitan in Van Horn or Theo's Drive-In hamburger stand in Grand Prairie. It is our hope that curious heritage travelers today will venture out and explore these treasures from our past."

Fortunately, many of these resources remain intact. In Texarkana, the historic route along 7th Street is lined with motels, restaurants, and gas stations built for motorists during the 1940s-60s. Similarly, the Deep Ellum neighborhood in Dallas retains evidence of 1920s-era Bankhead Highway businesses along Commerce Street.

One of the best collections of historic motels (1930s-60s) along the entire highway's path can be found on South 1st Street in Abilene. In smaller towns such as Mount Vernon, Ranger, Eastland, and Big Spring, Main Street business districts still have respectable collections of auto-related businesses dating to the mid-20th century.

In the coming months, the THC plans to create lesson plans and additional resources using the tremendous amount of research data gathered during the Bankhead Highway project. These items will be added to the new Bankhead Highway web pages.

The second, similar two-year project of the Texas Historic Roads and Highways Program is also getting underway. The north-south Meridian Highway extended from the Mexican border to the Canadian border, which in Texas ran roughly from Wichita Falls through Fort Worth to Waco before splitting to go to Laredo and Galveston. Also known as "Camino del Norte" or the Northern Road, the Meridian Highway roughly parallels Interstate 35.

To view the new web pages, or to download or order a copy of the brochure, visit www.thc.state.tx.us/bankhead. For more information, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512.463.5853.

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Driver's License Office in Baird is now open

The Driver's License Office on the second floor in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce has now moved our future meetings to every third Thursday of the month

TPPF releases *Putting the Student First - School Finance for Texas*

Texas must start funding students rather than school bureaucracies

AUSTIN – The Texas Public Policy Foundation today released *Putting the Student First – School Finance for Texas*. This report, authored by Foundation Senior Fellow James Golsan, discusses the history and future of school finance in the Lone Star State.

"School finance is a complex, contentious issue that has been argued in the Texas courts, repeatedly re-worked, and regularly re-designed over the last half century," said Golsan. "Through all of this legal and political wrangling, education spending continues to rise - and academic performance remains static.

"No adjustment Texas has ever made to its school-finance formula has ever brought long-term stability to its education system. Going forward, Texas must change three things about

the way it funds its schools: it must eliminate glaring inefficiencies by implementing school choice and other market-based reforms; it must seek to prevent future lawsuits by designing a constitutionally efficient system; and finally, it must fund the student first."

The paper can be read in its entirety here: <http://txpo.li/putting-students-first>

James Golsan is a Senior Fellow with the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin.

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Gun raffle, banquet tickets now available Friends of the NRA banquet is fast approaching

Tickets are now available for three guns which will be raffled away, as well as this year's banquet to the 2014 Callahan County Friends of the NRA annual Banquet scheduled for Saturday, August 16th at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce Activity Room in Clyde.

Tickets for the Callahan County Friends of the NRA raffle are \$20.00 each. Only 250 tickets will be sold.

Three guns will be raffled this year including:

#1 Benelli Ultra-Lite 12 gauge (2012 Gun of the Year).

#2 Springfield XD3" 9 mm.

#3 Ruger Stainless Hawkeye M77-270 with the NRA logo.

Raffle tickets can now be purchased from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal office located at 312 North First Street in Clyde or Longacre's gun shop located at 358 Chestnut Street in Abilene.

This year's Friends of the NRA Banquet will be held at the Clyde



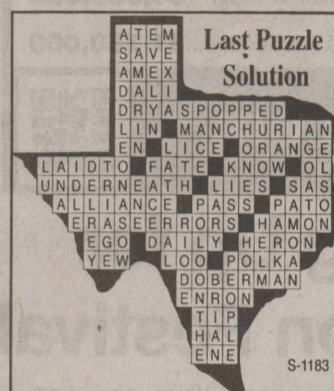
Chamber of Commerce Activity Room on Saturday, August 16, 2014. Banquet tickets can now be purchased from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at

the Clyde Journal office located at 312 North First Street in Clyde or Longacre's gun shop located at 358 Chestnut Street in Abilene. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person.

Teen Night at the Movies

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a Book-to-Movie viewing of the newly-released movie "Divergent," based on the novel by Veronica Roth on Friday, August 15, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with popcorn, soda, and "movie theater" snacks served. Copies of the book are available at the library. Teens aged 13-18 are invited to join.

Previously, a separate girls book discussion was held about "He Texted: The Ultimate Guide to Decoding Boys" by Lisa Winning and Carrie Henderson McDermott and a boys' teen book discussion was held about "Seeing Red" by Katherine Erskine. Participants in any of these events are entered in a drawing for 2 movie passes to a theater in Abilene.



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Senior Citizens Center Activities

Aug 11th - Aug. 15th

Monday-11th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-12th Exercise 11:00/ Guardian Home Health Manicures

Wednesday-13th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure- Girling Home

Thursday -14th Exercise 11:00

Friday -15th Exercise 10:45 /Crazy Hat Day Bingo 11:15

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.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Aug 11th- Aug 15th

Monday 11th - Cheese Burger- (Lett/ Tom/ Pick/Onion) Chips and Dessert

Tuesday 12th - Pork Cutlets, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert,

Wednesday 13th - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Lett/ Tom Salad, Bread, Dessert,

Thursday 14th - Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pasta Salad, Pudding, Cookie

Friday 15th - Chili Beans, Tom/ Onion, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert

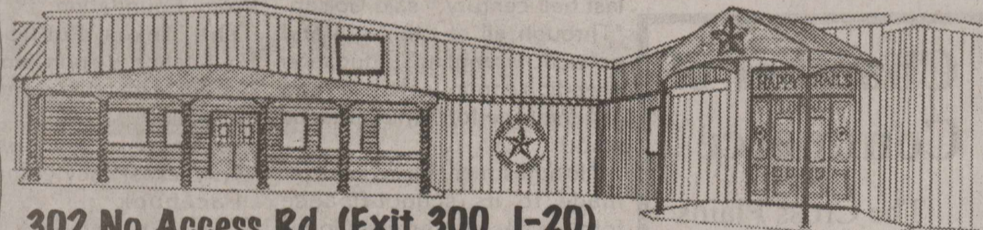
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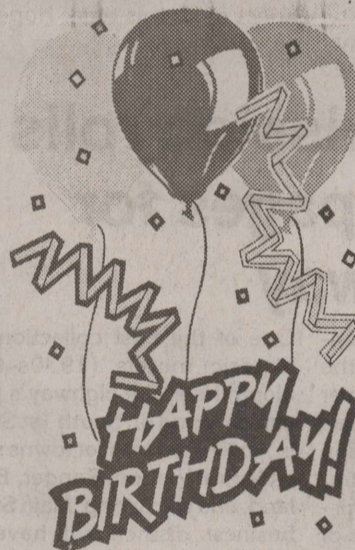
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August 8

Sterling Switzer
Benji Switzer
Gage Womack
John David Edwards
Chance Ray Watson
Mrs. Elvis Scott
Bill Wood
Carol Region
Shirley (Walker) Grant
Marlinda Wilson
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Krista Phillips
Mrs. Freddy Thate
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Mike Kelly
Whitney Brienne Clark



Community Announcement

August 9

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Robin Haile
Thomas Casey
Ernest Ledbetter
Thelma Smith
Michael Edington
Stephanie Kay Hutchins
Evelyn Tyler
Kevin Switzer
C.M. Paulk, Sr.
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Misty Bush

August 10

Rusty Combs
Leatrice Nixon
Sammy Balkum
Hannah Marr
Mrs. James Apple
Jay Hutchins
Richard Lee
Brenton Calvin McNutt
George Shewmaker
Allison McGowen

August 11

Savana Wyatt
Mrs. Mary Lou Chamber
Marie Baugh Branham
Richard Carl Waldraff
Lance Wilson
Tracie Stephens
Donald Baird

August 12

Connie Jean Potter
Jeanie Marie Glenn
Bill Souther
Alma Gossett
Rowena Herring Anderson
Charles Mack Kelly
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Mrs. Charnel Hutchins
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Vivian Harris
Dillon Dee Whiteley

GED and English as a Second

Language (ESL) classes will be starting soon! Classes are currently offered in Abilene, Ballinger, Brownwood, Cisco, Coleman, Cross Plains, Del Leon, Hamlin, Snyder, Stamford and Sweetwater. Please call 325-671-4419 before August 25th for more information. Classes are sponsored by Abilene Independent School District.

Clases de GED y Para aprender ingles se empezaran muy pronto. Se ofrecen clases en las areas siguientes: Abilene, Ballinger, Brownwood, Cisco, Cross Plains, Coleman, De Leon, Hamlin, Snyder, Stamford y Sweetwater. Favor de llamar al numero 325-671-4419 antes del 25 de Agosto para mas informacion. Clases son gratis y son patrocinadas por El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Abilene.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting a craft sale on Friday, Dec. 5, from noon until Santa arrives in the evening parade and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8am-noon. We are putting out the word now, so that crafters can be working on holiday projects to bring in some extra \$\$\$ for the holidays. A reserved space will be approximately 8x10 for only \$10. More details will follow.



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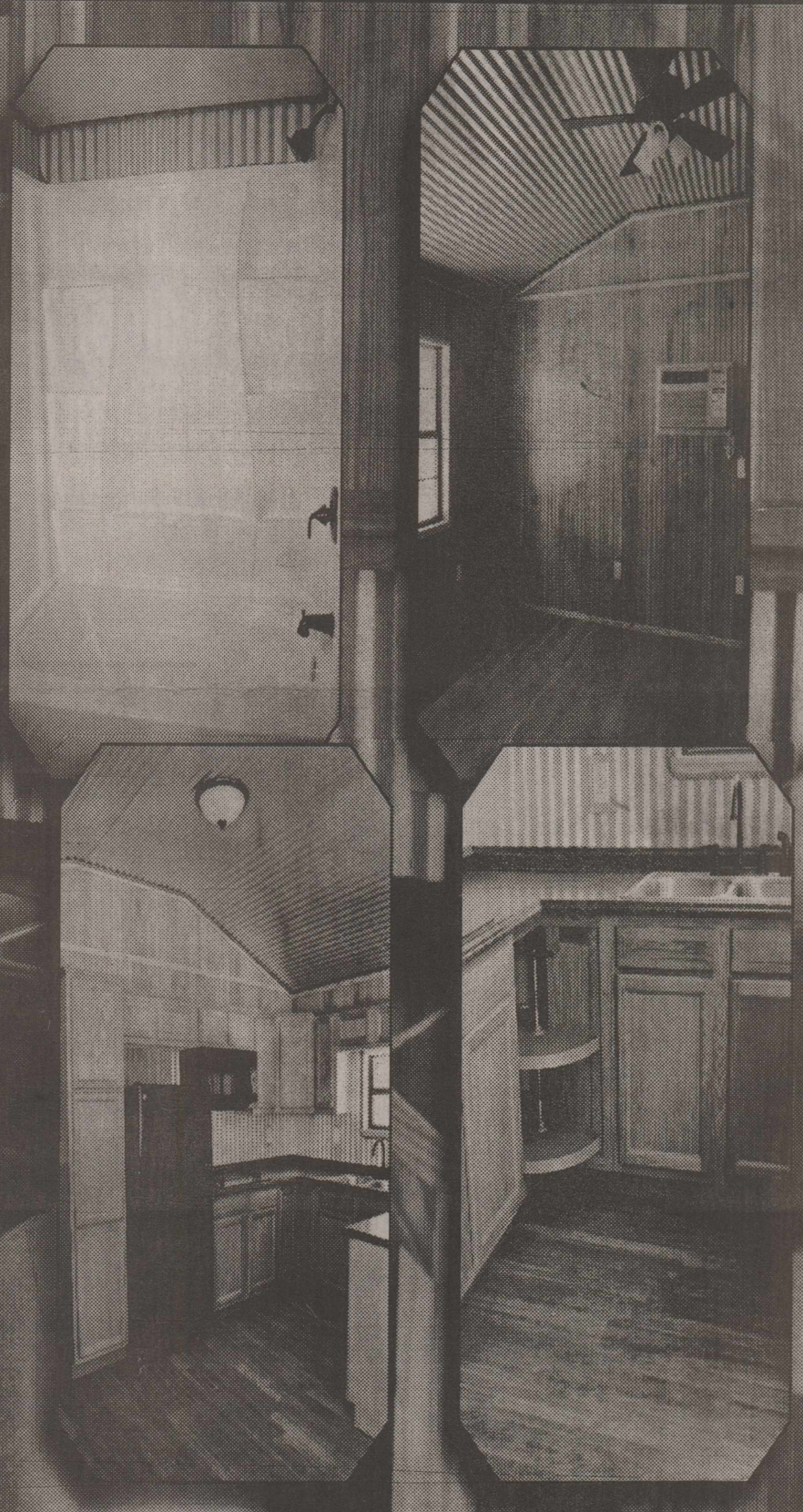
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Cottonwood News

by Beverly Brown

The kiddos start back to school in less than three weeks. Soon, it will be time to watch out for the big yellow bus. Where has summer gone?

Many people from Cottonwood turned out for the First United Methodist Church, Cross Plains Fish Fry last Saturday night, including Adrian and

Sheila Allen, Bob and Marsha Ossowski, Herman and Naomi Weaver, Russ and Diana Miller, Joe and Deana Terstegge. Bryan Bennett and Roger Hinkle

assisted with the fish frying. The cemeteries have been freshly mowed and look nice. Thank you Adrian.

Lowes Market will be doing a Hamburger and Hotdog Cookout for the Community

Cancer Fund on Friday, August 29th - that's the Friday before Labor Day.

Joe Terstegge and Roger Hinkle will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill outside of the store. Joe's crew will be there helping out, too. You won't want to miss this. All proceeds benefit the Cancer Fund.

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Receive 10 Free White Flowering Dogwood Trees By Joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August

Nebraska City, Neb. - Add color to your landscape year-round by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in each member's area, which falls between October 15th and December 10th. The 6-inch to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

"Dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard

throughout the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter," said Matt Harris chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the free white flowering dogwood trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to: Ten Free Dogwoods, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2014, or join online at arborday.org/august.

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Next week is National Health Center Week in the United States and in conjunction with the nationally-recognized week Texas Governor Rick Perry signed a proclamation declaring August 10-16, 2014 as Health Center Week in Texas.

ResourceCare is the local health center for Callahan, Shackelford and Stephens counties, with five different clinic locations in Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains, Albany and Breckenridge.

Patrick Muncie, Information Technology/Facilities Maintenance Director for ResourceCare, said Governor's Perry proclamation contains some information about health care that many may not know. The Governor's proclamation follows:

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At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the significant contributions that health centers and their health care professionals provide. Through their service they are empowering healthier communities across the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim August 10-16, 2014, to be

Health Center Week in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 3rd day of July, 2014.

(s) Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

Women's Health Program Saturday Open Clinic

ABILENE, Texas - The Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District's women's health program - EPHC, will be conducting an open clinic event, Saturday August 16th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District, 850 N. 6th St.

During this open clinic event, women throughout Abilene and the surrounding counties will have the opportunity to be screened for the EPHC women's health program, see a clinician and receive health information. Prizes, refreshments and giveaways will also be available.

The EPHC women's health program provides expanded primary health and preventive health services for women who qualify at no cost. Services include annual well woman exams, mammograms, Pap test, high blood pressure and diabetes management, family planning and birth control methods, STD and HIV testing. Abortion services are not offered.

The open clinic event is available for women, 18 years of age and older, who are uninsured and have no Medicaid, Medicare or similar health services. Proof of income must be provided for women who are employed.

For more information on the open clinic call 325-676-6634.



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American Dog Tick

As with most nature enthusiasts, I spend a large amount of time during the warmer months outdoors. While on these field jaunts, I am constantly aware of the dangers that predators can pose, and although the majority of these thoughts are about carnivores such as mountain lions or black bear, these larger predators are not the most commonly encountered predator. That distinction just might belong to the American Dog Tick.

The American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*) can be encountered throughout the continental United States, with the higher elevations of the Rocky Mountains being the exception. This includes every eco-region in the entire state of Texas. While there are three other species of hard-backed tick found in the western portions of the state, the American Dog tick is by far the most commonly encountered.

American Dog ticks are similar to other arachnids such as spiders and scorpions in that they have eight legs and two body parts. However, unlike other arachnids these two body parts are connected by a wide "shield"; this shield gives them a more uniform body appearance. The mouthparts (chelicerae) are clearly visible protruding from the anterior portion of their body. Adult females can be up to 1/2 an inch in length, while the males are much smaller, only attaining a total length of about one third of the females. The coloration depends on the life-stage that the animal is currently going through, with juveniles and hungry adults being a dark brown with small light spots to a slate gray coloration when engorged with their food.

This species of small blood-feeding parasite goes through a life cycle consisting of four stages. The first stage is the eggs which are laid on the ground after the adults mate. Upwards of 1,000 or more can be laid by the female, who dies shortly after egg deposition. These eggs hatch sometime between two weeks to two months, depending on environmental factors such as temperature and humidity levels. The second portion of their life cycle is known as the larva stage. At this stage, the juvenile ticks only have six legs, and despite a high tolerance for going long periods of time without food, a large percentage of them die off. At this stage, they will actively seek a host, which is usually small rodents. After a blood meal, they will drop to the ground and molt into the eight-legged stage known as the nymph stage. Again, they will actively search



American Dog Tick
(*Dermacentor variabilis*)

out food during this time, although the host items may increase in size to dogs, rangeland animals, and even humans. After engorging on the blood of its host, it will then molt and enter the final portion of their life cycle, the adult stage. It is at this stage where sex determination is possible, and both sexes will feed for several days before they copulate. Males can breed with several females, afterwards he will die. After mating, the female drops to the ground to fulfill her life's mission of depositing her eggs and then perish. The entire life cycle takes less than one year to complete.

Like legends of folklore and the recent topic of Hollywood's infatuation of vampires, ticks of all species are blood-feeders of the hosts they come into contact with. The American Dog Ticks, as the name implies, primarily use canines as hosts for the nymph and adult stages of their life cycle, although humans will be substituted as hosts as well. Adult ticks are often found in a "waiting position" in low-lying vegetation. They will use the third pair of legs to hold on to

the leaves of the vegetation while the other three pair of legs are waved about attempting to grasp a potential host. They feed by utilizing their chelicerae to make a small incision in the skin, followed by the insertion of the other mouthparts to literally drink the blood of the hosts. These feedings usually last anywhere from two days to two weeks, depending on the stage of the life cycle they are in.

Many communicable diseases can be directly attributed to ticks, and while most mammals that come in contact with them are not affected, occasionally there can be detrimental consequences to such interaction. Lyme's disease, spotted fever, and anaplasmosis are a few of the diseases that have been reported. If you receive a bite from one of these small arachnids, contact your doctor as soon as possible. Your local veterinarian or pest-control company can assist you with the removal of these nuisances.

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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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Michael Stultz, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
Ryan R. Schaffner, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Lory Faye Blackburn, theft by check.

Samantha May Branch, theft by check.

Kerry C. Shelton, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Thomas L. Johnson, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Lory F. Blackburn, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Zachary K. Green and Cristi Leigh Jackson, both of Baird.
Harce Leon Gibbs and Judy M. Smoot, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Gregory J. Robertson, plea of guilty to DWI, 2 years in prison, \$424 court costs.

Brandie M. Beaschocia, plea of guilty to theft, 5 year probation, \$500 fine, \$344 court costs, \$20,000 restitution.

Reynaldo Balcazar, Jr., plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$359 court costs.

Dove Season begins September 1st in Callahan County

AUSTIN - Dove hunters will have more opportunity later in the season with dates and bag limits finalized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department this last week.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the 2014-2015 Texas dove season, including a 70-day season and 15-bird daily bag statewide, and a 16-day early teal and Canada goose season.

The traditional September 1 dove season opening day in the North and Central Zones remains; this year falling on Labor Day Monday. However, the first segment in those zones will be shorter than last season, closing on Monday, Oct. 20. The season will reopen Friday, Dec. 19 and run through Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 in the North and Central Zones.

Callahan County has both North and Central Zones, with the dividing line along Interstate 20. The North Zone in Callahan County is all land north of I-20, while the Central Zone in Callahan County is all land south of I-20.

In the South Zone and Special White-winged Dove Area, the first segment will be shortened by five days compared to last year, and those days would be added to the end of the second

segment. The South Zone opens Friday, Sept. 19 and runs through Monday, Oct. 20. The second segment will run Friday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015.

The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

The Special White-winged Dove Area will be restricted to afternoon only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full September weekends on Sept. 6-7 and 13-14. Hunting in this area will reopen Friday, Sept. 19 and continue through Monday, Oct. 20, and then reopen Friday, Dec. 19 through Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015. During the early two weekends, the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. Once the general season opens, the aggregate bag limit will be 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves.

A 16-day statewide early teal and Eastern Zone Canada goose season will run Saturday, Sept. 13 through Sunday, Sept. 28. The daily bag on teal remains six, with a possession limit of 18. Bag limit for Canada geese will be three and a possession limit of 6 in the Eastern Zone only.

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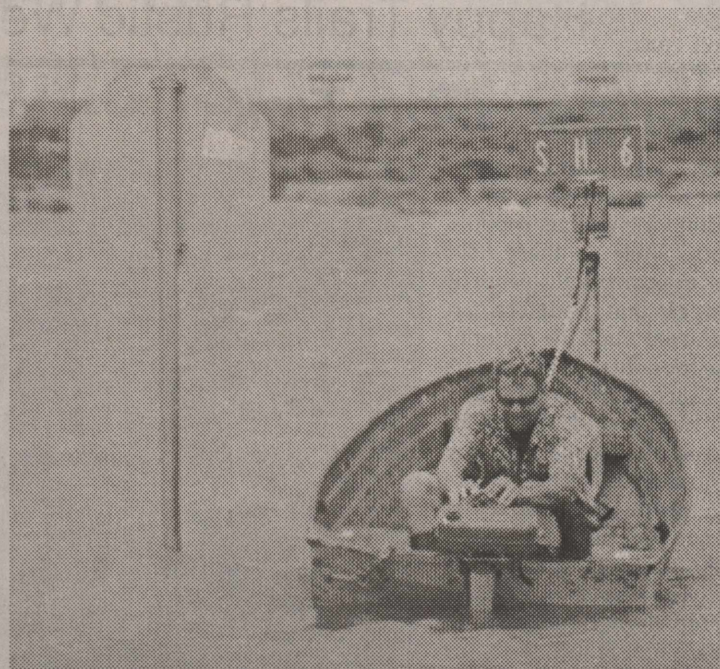
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BRA study to improve flood plain knowledge for the lower Brazos River basin

Texas history records numerous devastating floods along the Brazos River, particularly its lower reaches. Though the construction of a series of dams upstream eased the problem considerably, parts of the river basin continue to flood periodically.

But a new project partnering the Brazos River Authority and other state and local organizations is intended to help protect residents in the lower Brazos basin when the river leaves its banks in the future. In May, the Texas Water Development Board approved a \$514,783 grant to help pay for the first phase of a flood protection planning study of the lower Brazos.

The project, also financed with matching funds from local governments and organizations, is to study flooding issues from the Grimes/ Waller county line to the Gulf of Mexico. That area's population is booming, jumping from about 52,000 people in



1970 to an estimated 627,000 in 2013. Fort Bend County continually ranks in the top 10 of the nation's fastest growing counties. Yet, floodplain information

for portions of the lower Brazos basin are lacking or outdated.

This new study is designed to help remedy that problem. The study will update floodplain information for that region in the lower Brazos basin, which includes identifying existing flood risks, recommending flood protection measures, and developing more accurate floodplain management tools. This will benefit short-term flood forecasting and response as well as long-term planning issues along the river. When completed, the study will provide local communities, counties and drainage districts with detailed and updated information to help with land-use planning, emergency response and sound floodplain management.

The BRA will manage and administer the study, which is expected to take three years to complete. Though the BRA will not dedicate funds to the project, it will contribute in-kind services worth an estimated \$29,000. Additional grants and matching funds will be obtained to pay for the study's final phase.

The Brazos River can be a mighty and sometimes destructive force that is continually changing. With the Texas population growing and increasing numbers living near the river, floodplain information must be updated periodically. This new study is a great stride in that direction.

At 79, Social Security still an engine for the Texas economy

By Julia Castellano-Hoyt

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Frank Kormos remembers the dusty cemeteries of rural North Texas where he helped lay to rest poverty-stricken seniors during the Great Depression. "Before Social Security, there were people starving and they hardly had any place to live," said Kormos. "They didn't have retirement. That just didn't exist. And when these folks passed, we would just go and dig graves for them in humble country cemeteries."

Raised on small farms, Kormos, now 99 and living in Dallas, is a retired automotive engine expert, as well as a veteran of the U.S. Army and Army Reserves. The longtime volunteer for AARP Texas started collecting Social Security a quarter-century ago. He sees the program as far more than a safety net for people to retire with dignity and security. "It's the best thing we ever did in this country," he said. "Social Security is the greatest thing that could have ever happened."

August 14th is the 79th anniversary of Social Security, which President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law to protect ordinary Americans "against the loss of a job and poverty-ridden old age." In Texas today, 3.6 million, or one of seven residents, receive Social Security, including 88 percent of all Texans over the age of 65. Texans earn their benefits through a lifetime of hard work. As a result, it insures families against the loss of income caused by retirement, disability, or death.

Like Frank Kormos, I also grew up in rural Texas. Raised in the small town of Poth, outside San

Antonio, I had five brothers and two sisters whom my father supported until he died of lung cancer. After his death, our family members took jobs to support ourselves. It was the survivor benefits offered to my mother by Social Security that kept us from being destitute. But my plight is hardly unique. Each year, Social Security lifts 789,000 Texan retirees from poverty. Nearly 41 percent of Texas' 65-plus population would fall into incomes below poverty if not for Social Security. As such, Social Security is an engine for Texas' growing economy.

As a vast program often subject to debate over its long-term outlook, misunderstandings exist about Social Security, said AARP Texas volunteer Carla Penny of Austin who previously served on the national AARP Policy Council. Penny said many younger workers, especially "Millennials" born after the 1980s, fear Social Security may not be available to them or future generations. But she and other experts insist that while steps eventually need to be taken to address the solvency of the program, Social Security is strong overall. A new Social Security Trustees' report finds that the combined Old Age, Survivor and Disability Insurance Trust Fund can pay full retirement, survivor and disability benefits for approximately two more decades, and about 75 percent of benefits beyond that time for at least several generations more. In response to the July 28 report, AARP Executive Vice President Nancy LeaMond says what ought to happen now is "an honest, open, national

discussion about the value of Social Security and its importance to millions of retired workers, spouses, children, veterans, and persons with disabilities."

Penny, of Austin, agrees, and she said there are probably a dozen or more ways Social Security could be strengthened. Delaying discussion in Washington, if not also action, she said, will likely only result in the need for more drastic remedies.

When it comes to the importance of Social Security, there's strong advocacy in Houston from Ronnie McNab. He's 50 and a new AARP member. He works part-time at a food pantry and is unable to keep longer hours due to health conditions following an accident that hospitalized him for six weeks with a coma and memory loss. He collects Social Security disability benefits. "If I wasn't on Social Security, no kidding, I would have to live out on the streets," he said. "For me, it's definitely necessary. I'm making it because Social Security is part of the mix."

Julia Castellano-Hoyt is a volunteer with the AARP Texas Executive Council. She is retired from the City of San Antonio where she was the first Hispanic woman to serve as an assistant to the mayor and the first Hispanic social services administrator. She also worked as a teacher and served on the Bexar County Welfare Board. She also served in the military as a member of the Women's Army Corps. AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, with a membership of nearly 38 million, including more than 2.2 million Texans.

TWC Receives \$5 million in Nation Emergency Grants to Serve Long-Term Unemployed

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) was granted \$5 million in National Emergency Grant (NEG) funding from the U.S. Department of Labor to train workers facing long-term unemployment. Eight local workforce development boards will use the funding to provide work-based training opportunities in high-demand occupations to long-term unemployed workers, focusing on Unemployment Insurance (UI) recipients who are likely to exhaust their benefits. Veterans and military spouses who meet the criteria set for dislocated workers will receive preference in selection for the programs supported by this grant funding.

"TWC is committed to helping Texans find jobs and get back on their feet," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Innovative programs developed by our local workforce partners are available to help job seekers improve their skills and secure employment."

The eight workforce development boards included in the grant funding will implement or expand on-the-job training, registered apprenticeships and existing partnerships with employers in high-growth fields. The boards will place participating job seekers in bioscience, defense, nanotechnology, manufacturing and renewable energy industry jobs.

"This funding will support programs to assist Texans facing long-term unemployment find good jobs in industries that will provide opportunities for years to come," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Texans are ready to work and TWC is proud to support these initiatives to help equip Texas workers with the skills they need to succeed."

TWC will leverage all available resources, including the Workforce Investment Act programs, UI, Wagner-Peyser Employment Services, public

assistance and veterans' programs to complement the new programs launched from the NEG funding and better serve participating job seekers. Texas was one of 32 states along with Puerto Rico and the Cherokee tribal nation-awarded funding from a total of \$154.8 million made available through the Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker National Reserve fund.

"The programs supported by this funding will ensure that the employers that fuel the Texas economy will have a competitive workforce for years to come," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade.

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Farm Credit Bank of Texas Reports Asset Growth at Mid-Year

AUSTIN, Texas— Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), a cooperatively owned wholesale funding bank, reported strong mid-year results, highlighted by sound credit quality and steady growth in assets and net income.

Total assets were \$16.86 billion at June 30, 2014, compared with \$16.21 billion at Dec. 31, 2013. Gross loan volume was \$12.30 billion, compared with \$11.78 billion at year-end.

The bank's loan portfolio includes direct notes to its affiliated lending cooperatives and other financing institutions, as well as capital markets loans that provide capital and liquidity for regional, national and multinational food, agribusiness, energy and rural infrastructure companies. At mid-year, 98.6 percent of the bank's loan portfolio was classified acceptable and special mention, compared with 98.2 percent at year-end. Provisions for loan losses decreased \$5.8 million during the first six months of 2014 compared with the same period in 2013.

"We have been strengthening our earnings engine by building our portfolios of loans and investments, and are witnessing improvement in our strong credit quality," said Larry Doyle, chief executive officer. "In addition, the bank has developed and

maintains a strong level of capital and sufficient reserves. Our ongoing stability is the key to our mission, which is to be a reliable source of competitive financing for agriculture and rural America."

The bank maintained strong earnings, despite tightening interest rate margins that are being felt across the banking industry. Net income for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, was \$46.5 million and \$91.3 million, respectively, compared with \$42.6 million and \$96.4 million for the same periods in 2013.

The Austin-based bank and its 15 affiliated rural lending cooperatives make up the Texas Farm Credit District — the largest network of rural lenders serving Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Together, the district institutions reported net income of \$117.2 million and \$223.4 million for the three months and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, compared with \$103.6 million and \$219.4 million for the same periods in 2013.

"Farmers and ranchers in our territory have seen some improvements in economic and climate conditions in the first half of the year," said Jimmy Dodson, FCBT board chairman. "The quality of the loan portfolios at the bank and across our

district mirrors the strength of the agriculture industry in our part of the country."

Collectively, district lenders reported loan volume of \$18.23 billion at June 30, 2014, up from \$17.73 billion at Dec. 31, 2013. District assets totaled \$23.02 billion at June 30, 2014, compared with \$22.37 billion at year-end. Credit quality remained strong, with 98.2 percent of district loans classified as acceptable and special mention, compared with 97.8 percent at year-end. Provisions for loan losses decreased \$15.1 million during the first six months of 2014 compared with the same period in 2013.

The results discussed herein are preliminary and unaudited. The bank's financial statements and the combined statements of the Texas District for the quarter ended June 30, 2014, are expected to be available on or about Aug. 8, 2014.

The district is a part of the Farm Credit System, the nation's largest source of financing for agriculture and rural America. Nationally, the System reported combined net income of \$1.20 billion and \$2.34 billion for the three-month and six-month periods ended June 30, 2014, compared with \$1.10 billion and \$2.25 billion for the same periods in 2013.

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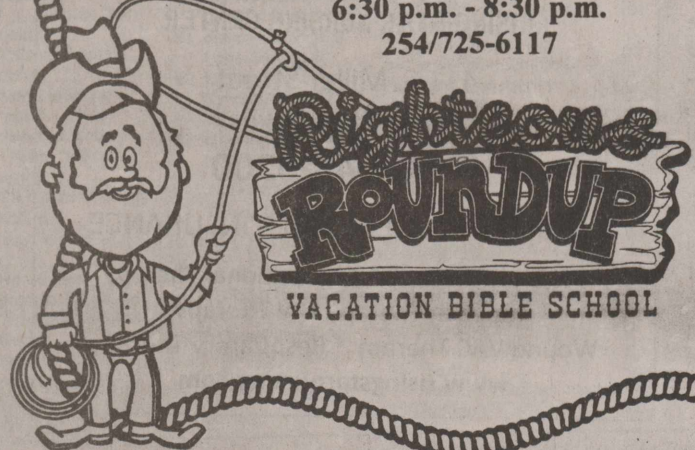
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Texas Game Warden Field Notes

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

• **Smoke Signals**—A game warden patrolling the Lakeside subdivision noticed a car parked at the end of a street. When he approached the vehicle, he saw the passenger smoking something. The driver sped off and turned onto another street without using his blinker. A traffic stop was made and as the warden approached the vehicle, a strong odor of marijuana could be smelled. During the vehicle search, the warden found a backpack with a scale, zip lock bags, individually wrapped bags of marijuana and two larger bags of unprocessed marijuana. The individual was placed under arrest and taken to the Webb County jail.

• **"Owls" Well That Ends Well**—Two Starr County game wardens attending career day at a local high school got a chance to make one student wiser, at least when it comes to game laws. While speaking to a student, the wardens learned that he had an owl in captivity. After a few more questions, the wardens were able to locate where the owl was being kept. The owl was recovered and released.

• **Blood-shot Eyes Were a Clue**—Two game wardens were patrolling Lake Brownwood with a Brownwood Lake patrol officer when they stopped a pontoon boat for a routine water safety check. The operator had blood-shot eyes and slurred speech. One of the wardens took the driver ashore for further testing, including field sobriety tests, and arrested him for boating while intoxicated. The man consented to a blood draw and was transported to the Brown County Jail.

• **Safety First**—A Shackelford County game warden and a Stephens County game warden received a call about three teenage boys missing at Hubbard Creek Lake. The boys had left

before dark in a canoe and had not returned. The wardens found the boys stranded on an island in the middle of the lake. They said the wind was too strong for them to paddle back across. They were returned to their parents at the boat ramp.

• **With a Little Help From My Friend**—A Tarrant County game warden was checking bank fishermen at Benbrook Lake, when she noticed a man walking carrying an ice chest full of fish quickly to his truck. After contacting the subject, the warden found two ice chests full of white bass. The man said he was told by his friend that the limit was 75 white bass per day. The man insisted that he was under his limit. A total of 56 white bass were in the man's possession. The warden seized 31 white bass, issued citations, and gave the man a copy of the Outdoor Annual. Cases pending.

• **In the Heat of the Night**—A Shelby County game warden patrolling Toledo Bend boat ramps and camping areas checking night fisherman, noticed a campfire along the shoreline near a boat ramp. As he approached the fire, he heard cast nets hitting the water. After watching the two subjects fish for a while, he made contact. The warden found an ice chest containing bass, crappie, and catfish. Multiple citations were issued for undersized largemouth bass, and fishing using illegal means and methods. Cases and restitution pending.

• **Wild Blue Yonder**—Four Tarrant County game wardens and a K9 warden assisted local agencies by patrolling the perimeters of the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base in Fort Worth during the Air Power Expo that featured the Blue Angels. In addition to patrolling for water safety, the wardens made sure boaters maintained a safe distance from the airfield and end of the runway.

• **Fifteen and Seven Equals Ticket and Jail**—A Montgom-

ery County game warden performed a water safety check on a 15-foot boat with seven adult passengers on Lake Conroe. The boat was found to only have three lifejackets, displayed invalid registration, and had no fire extinguisher. Following field sobriety tests, the driver was also arrested for boating while intoxicated. Charges are pending.

• **Fishing For Trouble**—Two Zapata County game wardens and a Jim Hogg County game warden patrolling Falcon Lake stopped a vessel for a water safety check. During the inspection, the game wardens discovered a largemouth bass in an ice chest with its head removed. When the wardens asked the fishermen what they did with the head, they replied, "We were using it as gar bait." A citation and a warning were issued. Cases pending.

• **Caught Red-Handed**—A Starr County game warden and a state trooper made a traffic stop and noticed the passenger had fresh blood on his hands. The man said they had just cleaned a deer, but the driver said it was a lamb. One thing they agreed on was that they were going to buy ice and put the meat in a cooler. After the stop, the trooper and warden followed the vehicle back to the residence of one of the men and saw the men packing meat in an ice chest. After a few questions, the two admitted to having just cleaned a whitetail deer. Criminal charges were filed.

• **Pointing Fingers**—A Travis County game warden was observing Lake Austin bank fishermen on the opposite shore, when two men walked by his patrol vehicle carrying three large black bass and fishing poles. When the warden approached the men, they said they did not have a fishing license. When asked who the fish belonged to, they denied ownership. When asked whose fish they were, they pointed at each other and then

pointed to a friend who was sleeping in the pickup truck. Citations were issued to the men in possession of the bass.

• **Pest Control**—A Henderson County game warden was given information about a deer that had been shot. The warden drove to the suspect's location and questioned him about the deer. After speaking to the man for a while, he admitted to shooting a doe and hauling it off because it was in his garden. The warden briefed him on the laws of shooting deer and alternative ways to keep deer out of his garden. Cases are pending for shooting a doe during closed season and waste of game.

• **"Just Wanted To Be The Cool Mom"**—While patrolling a Lake Bryan recreation area, a Brazos County game warden and Grimes County game warden noticed a group of five young people drinking alcohol in the early evening. As the wardens approached them, members of the group tried to hide the bottles of alcohol. All five were under age and admitted to drinking alcohol, which had been provided by one of their mothers. The mother was contacted and 40 minutes later arrived on scene. She admitted to buying the alcohol and said that she "Just wanted to be the cool mom." She was arrested for providing alcohol to a minor, a Class A misdemeanor.

• **Special Delivery**—Three Galveston County game wardens were responding to a nuisance alligator call on High Island and were on their way to the ferry when they noticed a driver who appeared to be in distress. The wardens found that the driver was in labor and on her way to a hospital in Galveston to deliver a baby girl. With one warden driving her car, escorted her to the ferry and took her to the hospital where she was taken straight into the delivery room. Mom and daughter were doing fine at last report.

Callahan County Historical Commission seeking the public's help

The Callahan County Historical Commission is searching for information and, especially, pictures of the airport that was located north of Baird on 283. If you know someone, who was connected to the airport in some way or has pictures that were taken there, please call

Felix Manionn at 325-854-5948 or Judy Luther at 254-725-7222 with the information.

The commission is in the planning stage of erecting an historical marker at the site of the airport.

Submitted by:
Elnora Pursell Scott

TxDOT seeks public input on Long-Range Transportation Plan

Statewide series of open-house meetings will address future transportation needs, solutions

AUSTIN—Beginning Monday, the Texas Department of Transportation will host a series of 25 statewide public meetings to welcome citizens feedback on a long-range plan for the state's future transportation needs.

"With our population growing at such a rapid rate and with federal funding being more unpredictable than ever, planning for the future will be increasingly critical as we strive to meet our state's future transportation needs," said retired LtGen J.F. Weber, USMC, TxDOT executive director. "We encourage the public to join us and to provide input so we can best align available resources with areas of need."

The Texas Transportation Plan (TTP) 2040 will define TxDOT's long-range goals for all transportation modes - roadways, transit, rail, ports, aviation, pedestrian, bicycle and freight. The plan also will address the state's aging infrastructure and offer solutions for managing and prioritizing transportation funding and assets.

An interactive investment tool and exhibits outlining the statewide initiative will be presented at each meeting. Participants are invited to ask questions and provide written

comments on the direction of the plan, which is scheduled to be completed and ready for public hearing and adoption by the Texas Transportation Commission this fall.

A schedule of meetings and related information can be found here or at www.txdot.gov by searching for TTP 2040.

For media inquiries, contact Mary Belle Turner, TxDOT Abilene District public information officer, at marybelle.turner@txdot.gov, (325) 676-6817 (office) or (325) 267-5176 (mobile).

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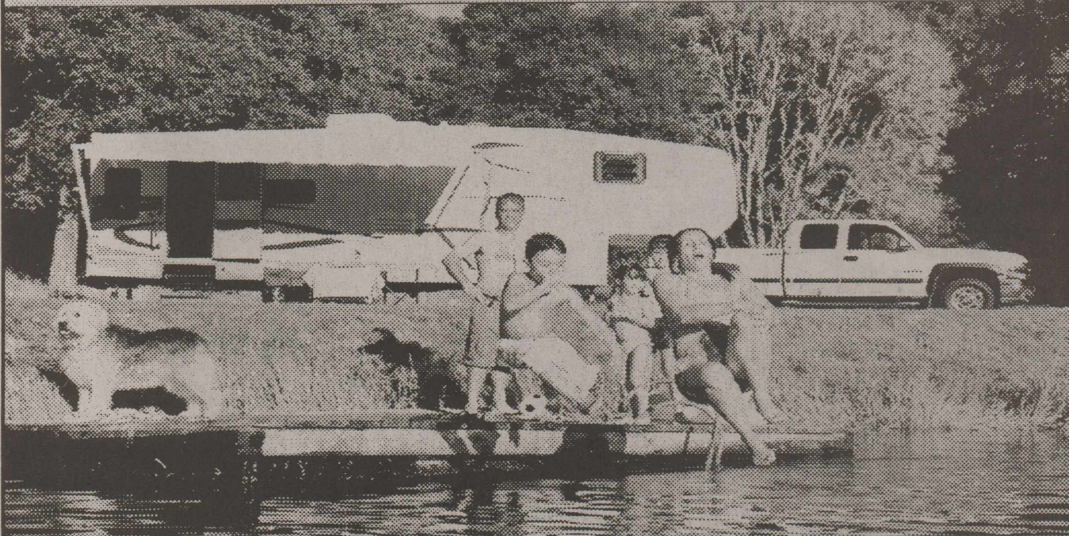
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Funds Build Safe, Affordable Housing for Farm Workers USDA Announces Funding Availability for Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants

TEMPLE, July 8, 2014 — Agriculture Acting Under Secretary Doug O'Brien today announced the availability of more than \$33 million to provide safe and affordable housing for farmworkers and their families through the HYPERLINK "http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-Farm_Labor_Loans.html" Farm Labor Housing Program. Through this program, loans and grants are provided to farmers, farmers associations, family farm corporations, Indian tribes, non-profit organizations, public agencies and farmworker associations to develop or improve multi-family housing facilities for farmworkers and their families. Funds also can be used to build, repair or improve adjoining facilities such as playgrounds, spaces for child care, computer rooms and community centers.

"USDA's Farm Labor Housing Program is the only national source of construction funds available to buy, build or improve housing for farmworkers," O'Brien said. "This important funding will help farm laborers - and especially seasonal, migrant workers, who play such a vital role in America's agricultural industry - gain access to safe, affordable housing."

Nearly \$24 million in loans, \$8 million in grants and \$1.5 million in rental assistance is available through today's announcement. Applications for Farm Labor Housing assistance are due to the Rural Development state office on September 2. More information about how to apply is available on page 37274 in the July 1, 2014 Federal Register, or by contacting the Texas USDA Rural Development office at 254-742-9770.

Since 2009, the Obama Administration has provided more than \$164 million in Farm Labor Housing assistance to construct or renovate more than 4,300

apartments for farmworkers and their families.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way - strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities.

USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

USDA seeks applications for grants to help repair housing in rural areas

TEMPLE, TEXAS, June 11, 2014 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to preserve and repair housing for very-low- and low-income families living in rural areas.

"USDA provides grants to qualified organizations so they can help rural homeowners and rental housing owners make repairs and improvements," Vilsack said. "These grants help families with limited incomes preserve their housing and improve their living conditions. They can be used for a variety of needs, such as repairs to resolve health or safety issues or for energy-efficiency improvements to reduce utility costs. The program also boosts economic activity for housing contractors in rural areas who are hired to make the home upgrades and repairs."

"The cost of maintaining a home is challenging for many rural homeowners," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "This funding, available through Rural Development Housing Preservation grants, will help rural property owners make improvements to ensure their homes are decent, safe, sanitary and energy-efficient."

The funds are being made available in USDA Rural

Development's Housing Preservation Grant program. Eligible applicants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and non-profit and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program.

Up to \$3.9 million is available in Fiscal Year 2014. Applications are due July 28, 2014. More information on how to apply is on page 33495 of the June 11, 2014 Federal Register or online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-06-11/pdf/2014-13631.pdf>". For additional information contact the USDA Rural Development Texas State Office Housing Program at (254) 742-9770.

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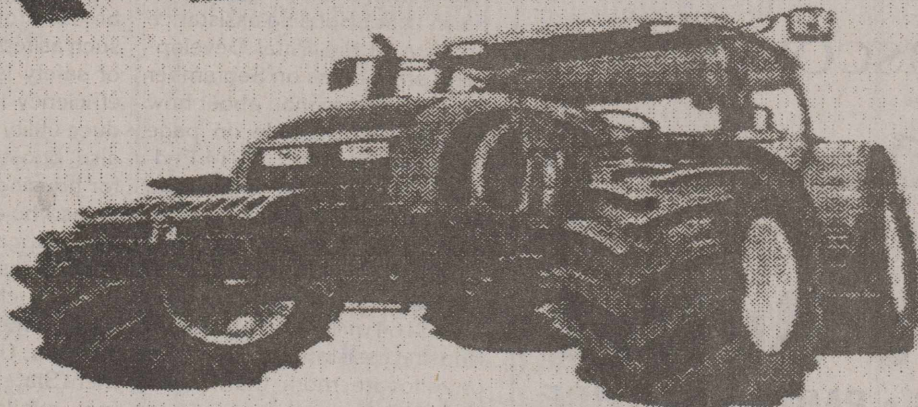
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