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Holden Senclair, Senior,

Buffaloes Holden Senclair

and James Rhyne were named

to the 2016 Texas Associated

Press Sports Editors Class 2A

all-state high school football

Holden Senclair, CPHS

Senior, was named to 2nd

James Rhyne, CPHS Junior,

Team All-State Punter.

team rosters.

**Second Team All-State** 

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**Buffaloes Senclair** 

and Rhyne Named



Katy Jo Morgan, left, and Shana Yates, right, received All Tournament at the Zephyr Tournament on Saturday. Lady Buffs and Buffaloes Basketball photos inside.

# **Christmas Eve Service** at Methodist Church

By Christmas Eve, the details have all been nailed down for family gatherings on Christmas Day and it's time to slow down and ponder the reality of that first Christmas so long ago. As the Christian world prepares to celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Methodist Church warmly invites the community to its traditional candlelight service.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, the congregation will share in the anticipation of God's greatest gift to mankind - His Son, Jesus Christ.

Following the story of Christ's holy birth through scripture readings and music, everybody will be invited to share the Lord's offered to all who believe in this miracle. We welcome Jesus into our hearts as a reminder that gift with others as a token of our love for God.

The community is invited to attend. to share in this special time of worship in the Sanctuary

#### Free Gift Wrapping at the Library on **December 20th**

The Cross Plains Public Library will offer gift wrapping on Tuesday, December 20th, at the library from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a free-will donation.

Our gift-wrapping service was a big hit at the Christmas Craft Fair, so we are repeating it for last-minute shoppers. Drop off your packages at lunchtime and pick them up after work! Our professional gift-wrapper will have your presents looking beautiful under the tree!!

made beautiful by poinsettias donated by members of the church. What a meaningful way to move into the real meaning of Christmas!

#### 4 His Glory Christmas Cantata "Joy" at Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 18th

4His Glory will present their annual Christmas Cantata at the First Presbyterian Church Table where Communion will be on Sunday, December 18th at

The program titled "Joy". Bring a friend and enjoy of God's love for us and share the free performance. Refreshments will be served afterward. Everyone is invited

### **House Fire** West of Cottonwood Monday **Evening**

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group were called out to a structure fire west of Cottonwood on Monday

The two departments, with assistance from the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department and CPVFD's water tanker, worked to extinguish the blaze.



### **Matt Reeves Takes Second** Place in Steer Wrestling at **Wrangler National Finals**

PRCA Steer Wrestler Matt Struxness. Reeves, of Cross Plains, took second place at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas on Saturday night.

Reeves threw his steer in 4.0 seconds flat, winning 2nd place in Round 10 behind J.D. Overall in the National Finals,

Reeves finished 3rd place in the Average and 2nd place in the World Standings.

Photo from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA).

#### मममामामामामामामामामामामामामामा Cookbooks For

# **Christmas Giving** A new Methodist cookbook binder style enables you to

has arrived just in time for Christmas giving. Selection of recipes from former members of the church as well as lots of good recipes from current members to enhance the holiday season. The three ring

add your own favorite recipes to the book. Just \$15.00 and can be purchased at the church anytime; call 725-7377 during office hours or 725-4993 to make special arrangements.

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# Almost Ready for the Road: **CPVFD's "New" Brush Truck**



**Cross Plains VFD's** "New" 1998 Stewart and Stevenson M1083 Diesel Cargo 5 Ton 6x6 Truck is almost ready for service. The truck from the Texas A & M Forest Service received the tank, pump and other firefighting equipment this week.



Cross Plains Cheerleaders showing their "Pray for Iraan" t-shirts tehy purchased to help the Iraan Cheerleaders with medical expenses. The group joined cheerleaders from across the state cheering for Iraan at Shotwell Stadium last Friday night. From left to right: Amber Fidler, Shiloh Dodge, Jordan Hampton, Kinlee Mathews, Caley Box in front: Madilynn Shepard and Taylor Wyatt. More photos of the cheerleaders inside.

### **Senior Center Open House** on Thursday, December 15th Features Music, Handbells and Fried Fish

The Cross Plains Senior a.m. Fried Fish with oven fried Center will have an Open House okra, coleslaw, baked beans this Thursday, December 15th, and hushpuppies is on the from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir will perform at 11:30 a.m.

James Reynolds and Ellen Steinle will perform at 12:15

The Cross Plains Elementary Third Graders will be at the Center at 12:25 p.m. for a Christmas Party.

Lunch will be served at 11:45

Snacks will be served throughout the Open House, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come by the center and see the lovely Cowboy Christmas decorations, enjoy the music and the party with the children, visit with the seniors and the staff and to have a good time.



James Rhyne, Honorable Mention, All-State **Offensive Lineman** 

received an Honorable Mention in All-State Offensive Lineman. The 2016 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 2A all-state high school football team, released Sunday.

Voting by Sports Editors across the state was based on regular-season performance.

#### **Angel Tree** Names Ready at the Bank; Return Gifts by December 16th

Names are being added to the Community Angel Tree at Texas Heritage Bank. If you would like to adopt an angel to buy gifts for, you may do so at the bank.

Please return your gifts (unwrapped) to the bank by Friday, December 16. If you are not able to shop, but would like to make a monetary donation, you may also do this at Texas Heritage Bank.



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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### **COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Morning Worship	11:00 AM
Ministry Activities	3. 10.11 110.201
Youth Meet at Pool House	6:30PM
Thomas Fetes Pastor	

Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor Friendly Church

Church (254) 725-6266

### **Pioneer Baptist Church**

#### Pastor: **Dwaine Clowers**

**Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley** 

**Bible Teaching** 

Phone: 254-725-7574 Sunday School......10:00am Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

#### **Living Water Ministries Fellowship**

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

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

#### **Rowden Baptist Church**

Pastor: Wayne Lenz Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

# **First United Methodist Church**

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 254-725-7377 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Parsonage 254-725-7694 **Sunday Worship** 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street www.crossplainsfumc.org

# 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.

John Ward, Interim Pastor

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

www.firstbaptistcp.com

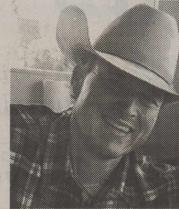
### **CROSS PLAINS** CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M. Bible Class: 9:45 A.M. **Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.** Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M. Ladies Class - Wednesday: 10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36) Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

#### **OBITUARIES**



#### **James Michael Tennison James Michael** Tennison

CLYDE - James Michael Tennison, 39, one of a kind, died Friday at his home in Eula. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at the Bailey-Howard Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde with Rev. Ronnie White officiating. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Robert Lee Cemetery.

James was born June 10, 1977, in Abilene, to Jackie and Marilyn (Little) Tennison. He was a 1995 graduate of Robert Lee High School where he was a competition shooter, winning state three years in a row. He attended Tarleton State University where he continued competition shooting. He moved to Clyde from Buffalo Gap in 2009.

At the time of his death, James owned and operated Buffalo Gap Scale Company. He previously worked for the Tom Green, Hamilton and Callahan County Sheriff's Departments. He was a member of Beltway Baptist Church South in Abilene.

James is survived by his parents, Jackie and Marilyn Tennison of Clyde; his fiancé, Brandi McKibben and daughter Layla of Clyde; two sons, Jerrid (Cowboy) and Jayce (Scooter) Tennison, both of Clyde; three daughters, Jayme Tennison of Clyde, Kelsi and Jennah Tennison, both of San Angelo; one brother, Jackie Tennison, Jr. of Abilene; his maternal grandmother, Mary Ellen Little of Abilene; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made at www. baileyhowardfuneralhome.



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### Trans-Pecos Striped Whiptail

The Trans-Pecos Striped Whiptail (Cnemidophorus inornatus heptagrammus) is one of eleven species of "racerunners" that live in Texas, and it is the only representative of its race that occurs in this state. It is a common species that can be observed throughout the western portion of the state, particularly areas west of the Pecos River. It may also be found in adjacent areas of New Mexico and Mexico as well.

The habitat that this colorful little lizard typically prefers are areas of rocky soil with low vegetation, particularly in and around rocky arroyos and rocky hillsides. It can also be frequently than other whiptail species, near residences and in parks where there is ample moisture from irrigation.

whiptail species that occurs in Texas, if not the actual smallest. a total length slightly over 9 between 7 and 8 inches. The many other reptile species, the background coloration is nor- high metabolism of this lizard with either seven or eight light afternoons. stripes that run lengthwise from species lacks the numerous light pers and other arthropods. spots that appear in random order between the light stripes. The tail is oviparous, which is a comparatively long tail, which fancy way of saying that it lays can be up to twice the length eggs. After emerging from the coloration, as is the head, throat, true sense of the word), males fullprice71@gmail.com and forelegs. This appealing blue



Trans-Pecos Striped Whiptail (Cnemidophorus inornatus heptagrammus)

in appearance.

birds do, but rather are depen- for and care for themselves. dent on outside sources for

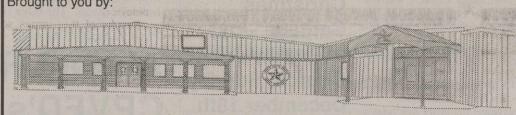
This species of lizard is a dietary

seen, although substantially less coloration is always accentuated will search out females to mate. in adult males. The belly scales After mating, the female will lay are much larger and plate-like a small clutch of eggs (between 2 and 4) in moisture retaining Trans-Pecos Striped Whiptails, soil. Older, large females can lay The Trans-Pecos Striped Whip- like other lizard species, are two to three clutches of eggs per tail is an elongated reptile that "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. summer. After approximately is covered with small granular This means that they do not two months of incubation, the scales of equal size along its back generate heat from the inside delicate, pale blue, 4-inch long and sides. It is one of the smaller of their body, as mammals and young emerge prepared to fend

These lizards are incredibly ner-Very mature adults only attain heating and cooling. They are vous, quite wary and exceptionally active throughout the day from difficult to approach closely in ½ inches; the average adult is March to November, and unlike the field. They are constantly on the move, foraging for food in the ground cover and loose soil. mally very dark brown or even enables it to be observed during Occasionally they will stop to bask black, and the back is adorned the hottest part of the summer in between meal items, but their metabolism is such that they will begin to forage within minutes the neck to the tail. These lines carnivore generalist, feeding on of stopping. Their movement is can be white, yellow, or a com- just about any small invertebrate based on short bursts of speed, bination of the two. Unlike most animal that it can fit into its rarely more than a few feet at a other species of whiptails that mouth. It feeds principally on time unless they feel threatened. call Texas home, this particular small beetles, ants, grasshop- To observe this elusive creature, watch for little darts of blue as The Trans-Pecos Striped Whip- they scurry between ground

Editor's Note: Michael Price of the animal's body length, winter-long brumation period would love to hear from folks! He is almost always bright blue in (reptiles do not hibernate in the can be reached by email at www.

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# **Senior Citizens Center Activities**

#### Dec. 19th -Dec. 23rd

Monday-19th Crafts with Chris 10:30/Exercise 11:00/ Music Monday -Sing & Play Along 6:00 pm Tuesday 20th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 pm-Wednesday21st Exercise 11:00/Foot Care by Kindred at home of Eastland

Thursday-22nd Exercise 11:00 Friday-23rd Exercise 11:00/Cisco Nursing Rehab-Bingo 11:15 Christmas Meal

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**

#### Dec. 19th - Dec. 23rd

Monday 19th - Swiss Thursday 22nd - Chili Steak, Steamed Rice, Broc-Dogs, Cheese, Onions, Relish, Chips Dessert, coli, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday20th- Baked Friday 23rd-Chicken Breast, Lettuce Tomato, Salad, Sweet Potato Fries, Bread, Dessert Bun, Onion, Pickle Slices,

Pinto Beans, Fruit, Dessert

CHRISTMAS MEAL Baked Ham, Sweet Pota-Wednesday 21st-BBQ on a toes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert MEAL IS SERVED -

11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

# Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains (1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)



Al Taylor, Preacher Phone: 254-725-7522 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

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

and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

Lady Buffs Play Zephyr Here, then Play in Zephyr Tournament

The Lady Buffs played Zephyr here in Cross Plains last Tuesday night, then played in the in the Zephyr Tournament Thursday through Saturday.

Grace Goode lead the Lady
Buffs scoring in the Zephyr
game with 13 points. Results
of the game.

Lady Buffs vs. Zephyr
December 6, 2016
Zephyr 37
Lady Buffs 34
Scoring:
Jacy Bien 2
Shana Yates 11
Macee Steigleder 9
Katy Jo Morgan 9
Grace Goode 13
Hanna Fortune 3

Results of the Zephyr Tournament Games:

Lady Buffs vs. Blanket December 8, 2016 Blanket 30 Lady Buffs 54 Scoring: Jacy Bien 15 Shana Yates 4 Macee Steigleder 6 Katy Jo Morgan 9 Grace Goode 13 Brooke Lynn Bell 7

Lady Buffs vs. Hamilton
December 9, 2016
Hamilton 38
Lady Buffs 21
Scoring:
Jacy Bien 2
Shana Yates 9
Hannah Crockett 2
Macee Steigleder 2
Katy Jo Morgan 4
Brooke Lynn Bell 2

Lady Buffs vs. Jonesboro
December 10, 2016
Jonesboro 46
Lady Buffs 44
Scoring:
Jacy Bien 3
Shana Yates 11
Hannah Crockett 3
Katy Jo Morgan 8
Grace Goode 14
Hanna Fortune 3
Brooke Lynn Bell 2

Katy Jo Morgan and Shana Yates were named "All Tournament" at the Zephyr Tournament.







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# Varsity Basketball Season in Full Swing The Buffaloes Varsity Zephyr 46

Cross Plains 38

Cross Plains 39

San Saba 37

Cross Plains 49

3rd Place Game

Cross Plains 52

November 29 Cross Plains 50

November 22 Robert Lee 25

Cross Plains 45

Santo 39

Cherokee 54 (Overtime)

Santo vs. Cross Plains

Cross Plains vs. Robert Lee

Lometa Tournament,

December 1, 2 and 3

Marble Falls Faith 49

The Buffaloes Varsity Basketball Team played in the Evant Tournament over the weekend and the in the Lometa Tournament the weekend before

Results of the games so far this season.

Evant Tournament, December 8, 9 and 10

San Saba 49 Cross Plains 53 (Overtime)

Moody 52 Cross Plains 49

Cross Plains 31 Hico 37

Cross Plains 50 Riesel JV 48

Cross Plains vs. Zephyr December 6

Go Buffaloes!

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#### Junior High and High School Basketball Schedule

December 16, Friday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Girls and Boys) play Eula there, starting at 4 p.m. District Game.

December 20, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Girls and Boys) play Roby there, starting at 4 p.m.

December 30, Friday - Varsity Girls and Junior Varsity Girls play Gorman there, starting at 1 p.m.

December 30, Friday - Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Evant there.

January 3, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Girls and Boys) play Baird here starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

January 5, Thursday - Junior High Girls and Boys A and B Teams play Baird here starting at 5:00 p.m.

January 6, Friday - Varsity Girls and Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys play at Panther Creek starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.



January 9, Monday - Junior High Girls and Boys A Teams play at Santa Anna starting at 6:00 p.m.

January 10, Tuesday - Varsity Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play May here starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 13, Friday - Junior Varsity Girls play Brownwood 9th Grade at Brownwood, starting at 4 p.m.

January 13, Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Santa Anna there, starting at 5 p.m. District Game.

Schedule subject to change.

Public Fax (254) 725-7225



#### Notice Of Meeting- Board of Trustees, Cross Plains Independent School District, 700 North Main Street Cross Plains, Texas

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

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on December 14, 2016, 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
December 14, 2016 (8:00

p.m.)
CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Open Forum

New Business
Approve Minutes from Previous
Meeting
Review Bills/Finance Penort

Review Bills/Finance Report Consider 2015-16 Audit Report (Cam Gulley) Personnel

Consider Recommendations for Technology/Business Position Superintendent's Report

Tornado Shelter/Gym Grant is Approved

Christmas Concert - Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 Board/Teacher Appreciation Dinner - December 15 at 7:00 Final Exam Schedule

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

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 9, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

meeting.

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# **Buffaloes Junior** Varsity Boys vs Zephyr



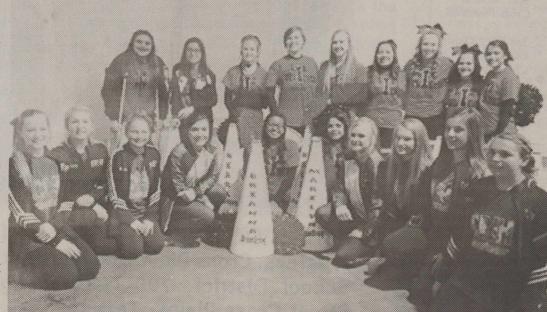


**Lady Buffs Junior** Varsity Girls vs Zephyr





# **Cross Plains Cheerleaders Cheer** for Iraan at Football Game



Cross Plains Cheerleaders with the Iraan High School cheerleaders.

Cross Plains cheerleaders joined cheerleaders from all over Texas to support Iraan Friday night after their cheerleaders were involved in a bus crash claiming the life of their cheer coach the previous

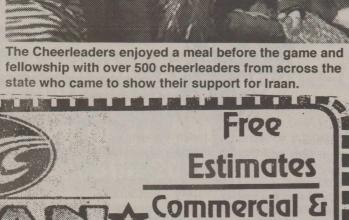
Cross Plains cheerleaders joined the Iraan cheerleaders for a meal before the game.

Cheering the Iraan Braves on to victory were: Amber Fidler, Shiloh Dodge, Jordan Hampton, Kinlee Mathews, Caley Box, Madilynn Shepard and Taylor Wyatt.



The Cheerleaders enjoyed a meal before the game and fellowship with over 500 cheerleaders from across the

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#### **Holden Senclair** Named in Big **Country Top 10**

Buffaloes forward Holden Senclair was named Number 2 of the Big Country 10 Ten by the Abilene Reporter No December 4, 2016.

Senclair averaged a doubledouble of 18 points and 12.5 rebounds over four games in the previous week.

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Notice Of Meeting- Board of Trustees, Cross Plains Independent School District, 700 North Main Street Cross Plains, Texas

A Special Meeting (Board School. Training) of the Board of Trustees of Cross Plains ISD will be held on December 14, 2016, Room of the Cross Plains High

No formal action will be taken. The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with beginning after the Regular the Texas Open Meeting Act Board Meeting in the Board on Friday, December 9, 2016.

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# **Cross Plains Elementary UIL Academic** Meet; District Champions 5 Years in a Row

Cross Plains Elementary is the 2016 District Champion in academics. The Elementary academic teams went to Eula on December 7th to compete

District UIL academic meet. Forty-six students in grades 2-6 won the meet over six other schools. There were over 200 students from Baird, Cross Plains, Eula, May, Panther Creek, Rising Star, and Santa Anna who came to compete in the events. The students' hard work and practice paid off with a winning total of 852 points and first place in the District competition.

This is the fifth consecutive year Cross Plains Elementary has won the District UIL Academic meet. We are extremely proud of our UIL participants and their coaches.

Here is a list of the coaches, grade levels, events, participating students, and their accomplishments.

Chess, 2nd Grade - Coach Kelli Hyles; Haylee Gregory, 4th; Langly Potter, Jayden Phillips, 3rd team.

Creative Writing, 2nd Grade Coach Cyndi Beggs; Jeffery Yates, 2nd; Kyndall Purvis, 3rd; Haylee Gregory.

Storytelling, 2nd Grade -Coach Cyndi Beggs; Virginia Allen, 3rd; Claire Moses, 5th; Delanee Vasquez.

Chess, 3rd Grade - Coach Kelli Hyles; Cullen Ellis, Jaci McDaniel, Trace Johnson.

Music Memory, 3rd Grade Coach Cathryn Rasbury; Alivia Allison, Karsyn Bennett, Graci Strickland, Josie Jordan, Alayna Chance.

Ready Writing, 3rd Grade -Coach Melissa Richards; Cullen Ellis, 4th; Addison Daliege, Trace Johnson.

Spelling, 3rd Grade - Coach Charlese Harris; Addison Daliege, 1st; Cullen Ellis, 2nd; Jaci McDaniel; 1st Team.

Oral Reading, 3rd Grade - Coach Melissa Richards; Addison Daliege, 1st; Karsyn Bennett, 4th; Avery Switzer.

Art, 4th Grade - Coach Mindy Whitaker; Graydon Albrecht, 1st; Kade Purvis, 2nd; Chase Rutland, 5th; 1st Team.

Chess, 4th Grade - Coach Kelli Hyles; Kade Purvis, 1st; Kadie Carouth, Stryker Dillard.

Music Memory, 4th Grade -Coach Cathryn Rasbury; Kade Purvis, 1st; Graydon Albrecht, 4th; Rhianna Lee, 5th; Katelyn Gregory, Kadie Carouth; 1st

Number Sense, 4th Grade - Coach Patricia Cook; Kadie Carouth, 5th; Katie Sutton, Stryker Dillard.

Oral Reading, 4th Grade -Coach Melissa Richards; Kade Purvis, 1st; Stryker Dillard, 6th; Rhianna Lee.

Ready Writing, 4th Grade Coach Mindy Whitaker; Graydon Albrecht, Stryker Dilllard, Kadie Carouth.

Spelling, 4th Grade - Coach Charlese Harris; Chase Rutland, 4th; Graydon Albrecht, Kadie Carouth. Art, 5th Grade - Coach

Stephanie Walker; Reya Dean, 1st; Alex Parker, 2nd; Gage Fortune, 4th; 1st Team.

Chess, 5th Grade - Coach Kelli Hyles; Asher Moses, Alex Parker, Able Wheeler. Dictionary Skills, 5th Grade

- Coach Jamie Apple; Alex Parker, 1st Grade; Abigail Mauricio, Kenzie Snell; 1st

Listening, 5th Grade - Coach - Coach Kelli Kyles; Jake Bell, Deanna Golson; Dusty Wyatt, 1st; Reya Dean, 4th; Able Wheeler; 1st Team.

Grade - Coach Nora Odom; Reya Dean, 1st; Asher Moses, 2nd; Alex Parker, 3rd; 1st

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# Junior High Girls vs **Rising Star JH**



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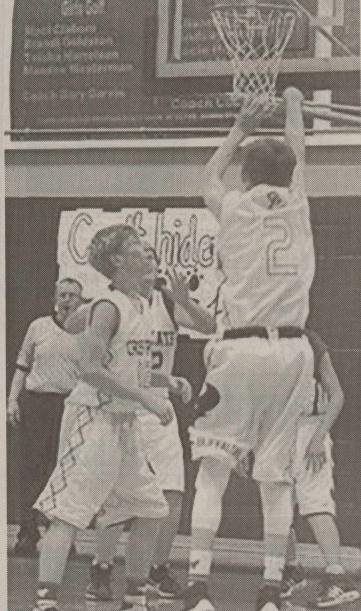
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# Sam Houston and the Kansas-Nebraska controversy

The year was 1854, and the Mexico and to bring it into the replace him. nation was bitterly divided United States, and served Texas The Kansas-Nebraska Act once again over slavery. Sam Houston, now a U. S. Senator for Texas, was in the middle of the debate, faced with a choice between his political career and the act rejected. As Houston Kansas would erupt into its own the future of the nation.

explosive Kansas- Nebraska Act. For years, Congress had walked the delicate tightrope trying to balance the interests and civil broil." Houston voted between North and South. Increasingly, the slavery question dominated every political only southerner to vote against Act. America now headed headargument, and Congress tried to avoid discussing it just as much. But this new legislation reopened the festering wound.

The act, introduced in January 1854, was a cynical political ploy by Sen. Stephen Douglas of Illinois to try to make Chicago the hub of the transcontinental railroad. This meant that all railroads going to the West Coast would be routed through Chicago, meaning a fortune for the city and the state. Other potential hubs included Memphis, Tennessee, and New Orleans, Louisiana, which would include more southerly routes through more populated areas, including

Douglas initially proposed organizing the entire area from the border of the Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma) to the border with British Canada into the Nebraska and Kansas Territories. This area was the last unorganized remnant of the Louisiana Purchase, and the 1820 Compromise had forbidden slavery in the area. Douglas called for the compromise's repeal by allowing slavery into the new territories while territorial voters decided the final status of slavery.

The nation had 16 free states and 15 slaves states in 1854 plus five territories that would come in as free states in the future. Texas was the slave state admitted. With no more pro-slavery territories, southerners were increasingly worried about being outnumbered and surrounded. Immediately, sharp opposition to the bill arose. Southern politicians rallied around it as their last chance to bring a slave state into the union, except Houston. Houston had been a protégé of President Andrew Jackson and was an ardent Unionist. He had fought for the nation in the War of 1812 as a young man, bled for Texas to free it from

proudly as its U.S. Senator and passed, it was a disaster. It former president.

Compromise be upheld and isted between North and South. characterized the choice, "Our civil war with hundreds dead The vote was on the politically children are either to live in af- as pro-slavery and anti-slavery ter time in enjoyment of peace forces fought for control of the

> for them of anarchy, discord, against the demands of Texas and southern politicians - the supportforthe Kansas-Nebraska the legislation - and faced bitter long into the coming civil war. criticisms in letters and newspapers across the region.

> clear, regardless of the conse- enth governor with a landslide quences. He told his wife that 57% of the vote. the criticism "falls off me like water off a duck's back."

> with the people of Texas, this was story was later featured in John a time before the Seventeenth Amendment and U. S. Senators ning work Profiles in Courage were still chosen by the state in 1956. Sometimes integrity legislatures. Though Houston's is more important than ambition term would not expire until 1858, legislators immediately voted not to return Houston to a third term. In 1858, Supreme Court native, writer, and history pro-Chief Justice John Hemphill fessor. He can be reached at was elected by legislators to drkenbridges@gmail.com.

completely destabilized the Houston demanded the 1820 sense of compromise that ex-. . or the alternative remains territory. As it was, 86 members of the House of Representatives in both of the major parties lost their seats because of their

Houston, however, would not be stopped. In 1859, the people Houston's conscience was elected him as the state's sev-

The story became another example of Houston's patriotism While Houston was popular and legendary integrity. The F. Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winor popularity.

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Historic Pioneer Hall (and museum) at Anson has been the Ball home since its construction completion in 1940. The Ball is designated an official state historical event by the Texas Historical Commission to promote its historic preservation and celebrate its Texas history.

1885 Ball rules remain in effect. Ladies are required to wear dresses on the dance floor. Gentlemen must check in hats, spurs and guns. No drinking, smoking, spitting, fighting, cussing, shooting or riding horses is allowed in the Hall.

The Ball was memorialized by rancher/poet Larry Chittenden with his famous poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press, 1893). The poem with music was later published in the John Lomax classic compilation Cowboy Songs & Other Frontier Ballads (Macmillan Company, 1910) and Lomax attended the 1939 Ball. It was first performed at the 1946 Ball by cowboy folklorist Gordon Graham. The Ball is portrayed in the large 1930s mural at the Anson Post Office and the 1930 watercolor painting by Maxine Walker Perini on permanent display at Abilene's Grace Museum. Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Edna Ferber recognized the & ages 13-18, children 12 & "Cowboy Christmas Ball at Anson in Jones County" in her memorable novel Giant. There is also a permanent historical exhibit of the Ball and Hall in the Southwest Collections Library at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The preeminent history of the Ball, its origin, preservation and continuation has been written by Dr. Paul H. Carson, emeritus professor of history at Texas Tech University. It is a classic, impeccably researched, historically accurate and thoroughly documented story (DANCIN' IN ANSON - A History of the Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball, Texas Tech University Press, 2014, www. ttupress.org).

The Ball is also the acknowledged genesis for the Cowboy Christmas concerts throughout the country performed by America's #1 cowboy singer Michael Martin Murphey and his Rio Grande Band. They have highlighted the Ball one night for the past 21 years (www. michaelmartinmurphey.com). Muddy Creek is the faithful house band that has played the other two nights for many

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Saturday, December 17 -Muddy Creek Band & Texas Cowboy Santa with candy for kids (\$10 adults, \$5 seniors

under + active duty military free).

The nightly Ball begins at 8 pm and concludes at 12 midnight in old Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, TX 79501. It is held the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before December 25th. Additional information may be obtained from the website at www. ansoncowboyschristmasball.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association conducts the annual 3 day Ball as well as owns and maintains Pioneer Hall. It is a Texas nonprofit corporation organized in 1937, an IRS 501(3)(c) taxexempt public historical charity, and composed of area couples and a few local volunteers who freely contribute their time, service and resources. The Ball was copyrighted in 1937 and remains exclusive Association property. A \$500 college or vocational school scholarship is available annually to the Jones County high school student writing the best Ball history paper. Jones County high school students also run the hat/coat check booth and concessions stand keeping all proceeds for their school projects.

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(Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association Historian)



Cross Plains Public Library board members Linda Burns and Michelle Kaiser display the new rug for the Children's Discovery Center. The rug was purchased with funds from the Pauline Lawson estate to protect the new carpet. The Garland D. Rhoads Foundation and the Gil & Dody Weaver Foundation donated funds to purchase new carpet for the library.

## **Cottonwood News** by Beverly Brown

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire students. Control and Cross Plains Volunteer were called out west of to Cottonwood on a structure fire on Monday evening.

visited with her mother Dena Nickerson for a few days this

Candlelight services will be held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church later this month.

On Thursday December 15th, the Cross Plains ISD Christmas Concert will be held in the school auditorium at 6 p.m. The concert features the CPHS Band and the Elementary Music

4His Glory and the First Presbyterian Church will have their Christmas Cantata "Joy" this Sunday evening, Dena Jo Hines of Weatherford December 18th at 7 p.m. 4His Glory features the voices of Matthew and Mandi Sowell, formerly of Cottonwood, along

with Connie and Rhonda Swift. In observance of the holidays, no Cottonwood Musical will be held in December.

The Burn Ban is OFF. Please call the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444 to let them know you are planning to burn.

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# Library Offers Children's **Programs**

Cross Plains Public Library's "Learn About..." Program is a structured readiness program for preschool children ages 3-5 every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. November through April. There will also be a LAPsit program available at the same time for children under the age of 3. A parent must accompany the child for this program.

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# First Presbyterian Church Presents 4His Glory Performing

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Composed & Arranged by

Joel Raney

Sunday, December 18th

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# Cross Plains 2016 retail sales lower by 11% compared to 2015

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2016 are just over eleven percent lower than 2015, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, December 7th.

Cross Plains' 2016 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$226,108.24, which is 11.10 percent lower than the \$254,474.99 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2015.

The payment to the city for December 2016 was \$19,746.73, which is lower by 7.48 percent from the December 2015 payment of \$21,344.84.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today, Wednesday, December 7th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$627.6 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 0.2 percent more than in December 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in October by monthly

"The cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, El Paso and San Antonio continue to see significant increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Houston, Sugar Land and Plano saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations."

Hegar sent Texas cities \$408.1 million in December 2016, which is higher by 0.2 percent compared to December 2015 and higher by 1.0 percent year-

He reported \$36.4 million in December 2016 allocations to Texas counties, which is lower by 2.9 percent compared to December 2015 and lower by 5.3 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$143.5 million in December 2016 sales tax allocations, which is 0.3 percent lower than December 2015 and higher by 1.10 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$39.6 million in December 2016 allocations, which is 5.0 percent higher than December 2015 and higher by 2.2 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$627.6 million in December 2016, which is 0.2 percent higher than December 2015 and higher 0.7 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent

**CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS** 

Total yearly sales tax payments	2015 \$254,474.99	2016 \$226,108.24
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$21,344.84	\$19,746.73

tax monthly.

For details of December sales compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns the state's sales tax. reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

started the year 5.21 percent Economic Development Corpohigher than the 2016 pay- ration and one half of one per-2015 tax payments to the city Volunteer Fire Department). totaled \$270,846.08.

November 2015 of \$22,723.70.

the City of Clyde have amount- to reduce property taxes. ed to \$791,157.15 in 2016. during the same payment peri- percent is allocated to the city. od were \$663,715.16.

\$53,052.57.

month of December 2016 was

monthly sales made in Novem- \$544.71, which is 19.77 perber by businesses that report cent lower than the December 2015 payment of \$678.96.

Merchants collect the state tax allocations to individual and local sales tax and send cities, counties, transit systems it to the Comptroller's office and special purpose districts, with their tax returns. The state locate the Monthly Sales Tax keeps its 6 1/4% share and Allocation Comparison Summa- returns the local one percent ry Reports on the Comptroller's sales tax each month to the Web site at http://comptroller. local governments. Cities and texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/ counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent -The City of Baird reported for the City of Clyde, one-half that sales tax payments in 2016 of one percent for the Clyde ments. The city has received cent to reduce property taxes \$284,962.87 in 2016, while the (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in Baird's monthly payment local sales taxes, of which 1.00 for December 2016 was percent is allocated to the city \$21,486.86, which is 5.44 per- and 1.00% is allocated for ecocent lower than the payment in nomic development in the town. Baird collects 2.00% in local -The 2016 sales tax pay- sales tax of which 1.00% is ments in the City of Clyde are allocated to the city, 0.50% is 19.20 percent higher than the allocated to the community's payments made to the city in economic development corpo-2015. The sales tax rebates for ration and 0.50% of one percent

Putnam collects 1.00% in lo-The 2015 payments to the city cal sales tax of which all 1.00

All local sales taxes must be The City of Clyde's monthly approved by local voters and payment for December 2016 may be used for any legal city was \$48,708.60, which is or county expenses. Most areas 8.18 percent lower than the put the money in their General December 2015 payment of Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, The City of Putnam report- maintaining roads and law ed the 2016 payments to the enforcement, the Comptroller town totaled \$7,711.28, which said. Some cities use up to an is lower by 30.80 percent from additional one percent of city the 2015 payments to the city sales tax to help fund local in the amount of \$11,153.12. economic development and to Putnam's tax payment for the reduce property taxes.

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# Plains 4-H

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### **Cross Plains** Community Calendar

~~ December ~~

Dec 15 - Open House, Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dec 15 - Cross Plains I.S.D.

Christmas Concert, 6 p.m. Dec 16 - School's out for Christmas Holiday Dec 18 - Christmas Cantata

"Joy", 4His Glory, First United Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Services at First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m.

Dec 25 - Christmas Dec 26 - Library closed through January 2nd. Dec 31 - New Year's Eve

~~ January ~~ Jan 1 - Happy New Year!

Jan 3 - School starts back after the holidays; Library open after the holidays

Jan 4 - Cross Plains Public Library ASAP, 4 p.m. Jan 12-14 - Callahan County Junior Livestock Show and

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Department of Public Safety (DPS) today graduated five Troopers and five canines from an eight-week training program. These new canine teams will join 46 other DPS teams stationed throughout Texas, including seven explosive-detection teams stationed in Austin.

"Illicit drugs are a substantial threat to public safety in our communities, and these specially-trained DPS Troopers and dogs are a part of the department's efforts to detect and disrupt drug trafficking operations across the state," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Canine officers are a tremendous asset to the agency, and we are incredibly proud to add these five new teams to our ranks."

Three of the dogs were obtained from the U.S. Department of Defense, and the other two were received



through donations. This canine graduation class includes two German Shepherds, a Dutch Shepherd, a Belgian Malinois and a Wirehaired Vizsla. All the newly-trained dogs will be used for drug detection.

So far in 2016, DPS canine teams assisted in the seizure of approximately 5,000 pounds of marijuana, 90 pounds of cocaine, 63 pounds of heroin, 191 pounds of methamphetamine and \$3.6

million in cash.

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# **Cross Plains ISD Christmas Holidays** Monday, December 19 - Monday, January 2

School will dismiss at 1 p.m. on December 16th. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at the regular time

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# Library After School Program Features Nestor, The Long-Eared Donkey

The Cross Plains Public Library held their monthly After School Adventure Program this past Wednesday. The children enjoyed watching the Christmas movie, Nestor the Long-Eared Donkey.

Each child received a free book, Maddie O'Brien's Christmas Donkey. The movieto-book program is a courtesy of a Texas Reads grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. In keeping with our "donkey" theme, the children made a donkey craft out of clothespins.

Our next ASAP will be January 4, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!





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# **Hollywood Legend Texas Bob Is Coming to Dinner**

Plans are still underway, but and did for Paul Newman what we are excited to announce that Bob Hinkle, author of "Call Me Lucky - A Texan in Hollywood" will be our speaker at a fundraising dinner at First Oscars for their roles. United Methodist Church on calendars!

studio, Bob Hinkle's career has spanned the latter half of the 20th century. Whether acting, directing or producing. Texas Bob has touched the lives of many of the entertainment industry's marquis names. His own accomplishments can be attributed to a passion for living, a talent for entertaining, and flair for the dramatic."

Hinkle had many roles in movies and TV, including "Hud," "Wagon Train," "Wells Fargo," "Gunsmoke," Ranger," just to name a few.

Then, in 1955, the classic movie "Giant" marked a turning point for Hinkle. His down-home drawl made him the perfect candidate to coach Rock Hudson, Carroll Baker, Dennis Hopper, Mercedes McCambridge and James Dean to "talk Texan." (Dean later presented his friend Hinkle with an Oscar for his contribution to the film's towering success.) Hinkle then took his experience from "Giant" to the set of "Hud"

he had done for James Dean by coaching Newman, Patricia Neal and Melvin Douglas to be Texans. Neal and Douglas won

Hinkle's career was not limited January 21st, so mark your to "talking Texan." He did a variety of notable things: "From the rodeo to the creating and directing the pig scramble in "Hud," signing an unknown singer named Glen Campbell to a country music series, developing and promoting "Evel Knievel" as he became the world's best known showman-daredevil, and being the personal manager for Marty

Hinkle says his most memorable achievement, however, goes back to winning a \$20 bet that he could get a date with the Queen of the Rodeo in Moses Lake. After "Bonanza," and "Walker Texas / introducing himself to Sandra Larson, he dedicated his bull ride to her along with a tip of his hat from the center of the arena. Sandra not only went to the dance with him that night, but married him a year-and-ahalf later! The Hinkles raised three children and now live back in Texas.

After our dinner, Hinkle will be available to autograph copies of his book, which will be available for sale. Join us for a fun and entertaining evening!

### The Big Read "The Great Gatsby" 1920's ERA Postmark **Design Contest Begins**

In preparation for The Big Read in beginning February 28, 2017, the Cross Plains Public Library is holding a Pictorial the Cross Plains Library. Any Postmark design contest. It age can enter. The winning must include "The Great Gatsby artist and their postmark will be Station", Cross Plains, TX 76443 and March 31, 2017. Review. Contact person for this The design area is 2" tall by event is Helen Parson at 254-

(in black and white only) is Thursday, January 5, 2017. Entries should be submitted to announced in the Cross Plains 4" wide. Deadline for entries 725-4422 (309 N Ave D).



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The Library will be closed December 26-January 2 for the Holidays.

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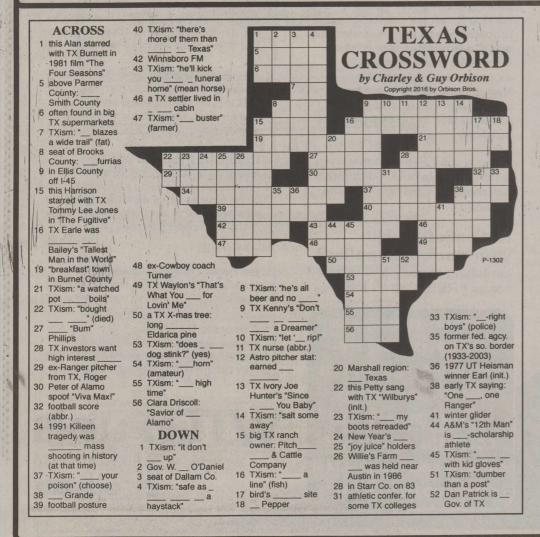
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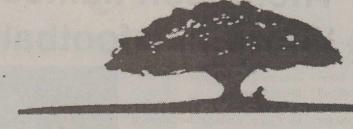


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# Russell Thompson named new Cisco College Wranglers football coach

Russell Thompson has been named the new head football coach at Cisco College, according to athletic director Ryan Johnson. Thompson comes to Cisco from Tyler Junior College, where he has served as assistant football coach for six seasons.

"Coach Thompson brings a wealth of experience in junior college football, particularly the Southwest Junior College Football conference," Johnson said. "I am impressed with his philosophy of the complete student athlete and how it translates to success in the classroom and on the field. Coach Thompson is a proven coach, recruiter and mentor. We are excited to have him lead our football program."

Thompson said that his vision for the college's football team is to develop young men to be better citizens. But "there's no question" that equally important is his goal "to get this program back to where it once was, and that's to be competitive," he said.

"There's no crystal ball that will dictate the future of whether you're going to be successful on the field or not, but I know Cisco College has a history of being great, and that's what I envision.

I envision getting good kids out here, that meet what Cisco has to offer, that fit in well with the Cisco community, but win championships. We want to come out here and start competing."

Thompson said that every coach has different visions, "but I know this, if you get the right kids out here, and you work hard—we're not building rocket ships, and we're not reinventing the wheel--it takes hard work and it takes dedication from your athletes and your coaching staff, the community, the college.'

He said he chose to come to Cisco College because it has been a fierce competitor to teams he coached in the past. "In the '80s and '90s, I remember Cisco Wrangler teams coming over to East Texas, whether it was Tyler Junior College or wherever, and competing and winning those

"But this place is a very, very special place. It has always in my mind been a gold mine. I think you could come out here and be very, very successful. You've got to work hard when you come out here, but that's anywhere.'

He stated that when he was coaching at Garden City, Kansas, he had many players that went on to Nebraska or Oklahoma. "We had a lot of big time Division I football players; this was in '05 . . . but we came down here and we got our butt kicked by Cisco Junior College."

"I remember in '07, when I was at Kilgore College, we had won the regular season championship, with one game left. We had come out to Cisco, to win and go in with a perfect regular season. But we lost. It came out Cisco beat us. Good teams, but you can win out here. This, I promise you, is a gold mine. It's a great opportunity, there's no question.'

Coach Thompson sees sports as helping young men to develop their work ethic, and to developing their sense of loyalty, not only to their school but also toward their family. "In today's society, when you've got single moms, single dads, it very important to me what being involved in athletics can do for young men and young



New head football coach Russell Thompson, left, is welcomed to Cisco College by athletic director Ryan Johnson. Thompson comes to Cisco from Tyler Junior College, where he served as assistant coach for the past six

"I've been very fortunate," he said. "Whenever I started coaching, I've been around some great head coaches: I've been around some great assistant coaches. I was raised right. I come from a divorced family, but my father stayed in my life, and helped raise me and my two brothers. My dad was a prison guard. My mother was a secretary for a lumber company. So hard work was all we knew. And without an education, without coaches snatching me up and making me go to class, making me do what I'm supposed to do, I wouldn't be sitting here giving

this interview to you." As for athletes' academic performance, he said, "Football is short-lived. It does not last forever," he said. "A very, very small percentage go to the NFL. Even if you go to the NFL, without an education, when your money runs out, you have nothing to fall back on, and you've got little kids that depend on you, to provide as a father - it's difficult out in the real world without an education.'

Thompson said he loves the small-town atmosphere of Cisco. "Igrewupin Jacksonville, Texas. Jacksonville now is a town of about 13,000, but when I was there it was a town probably of about 10,000. I grew up out in the country, so I grew up hunting and fishing, in a small-town atmosphere, so I'm right at home here."

In addition to fishing and hunting, "more than anything, I love raising my little girl, Rebecca. She's 10 years old. And my wife has been tremendous: we've been married 20 years." His wife Susan, who is an accountant, has always been willing to pack up and move to follow his career. He said they are excited to raise their daughter "in a great town, with a great school district, the Cisco ISD." He loves the slower pace of Cisco. "That's how I was raised. And to be able to raise my daughter in an environment like that is the world to me."

Thompsonbeganhiscoaching career in 1997-1998 at East Central University in Ada, Okla., where he graduated. In 1999, he coached at Sulphur High School in Sulphur, Okla., for "probably one of the best

# Grand Ole Oplin December Line-Up

You'll find the Holiday Spirit at the Grand Ole Oplin, located at the intersection of FM 604 and FM 2926. Our country western dances are alcohol and tobacco free. If you'd like to share the refreshments at intermission, bring snacks or

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Are you concerned.... The

younger generation has all

years past, if someone died, people gave money instead of flowers. Now they don't do either. It takes everything little departments can scrap together to make ends meet. The CPVFD has to come up with \$25,000 per year just to operate. Callahan County donates \$600 per year. The rest is funded by the city donation, standing at the street corner on Memorial Day (of which half goes to the fire department and half to the EMS), Fish Fry, Chili Supper and donations from citizens of Cross Plains and surrounding communities. Thank you for your time and money given to the CPVFD. Without your help, you will not have a Fire Department.

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#### Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharg ing defendants under deferred adjudication: Daniel J. Howe; Brittany J. Pence; Michael Myers.

Daniel B. Rodriguez, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Anthony Joseph Miller, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Gunnar David Scoggin, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted for plea to other case:

#### Marriage Licenses

Daniel Brady Martin and Natalie Nicole Jones, both of Clyde.

> **42nd District Court** John Weeks, presiding

> > Civil Filings

Susie Marie Juanita Horn, name change.

Casey Joe Huddleston vs. Kimberly Maelena Huddleston, divorce.

**Civil Minutes** 

Brandon Wayne Loehman and Jamie Jo Loehman, divorce granted.

Tonya Marie Waldron and Curtis Ray Waldron, divorce granted.

**Criminal Minutes** 

Molly B. Teague, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Jennifer M. Chapman, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.



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at Garden City Community

College in Kansas 2005-2006.

He returned to Kilgore Junior

College again from 2007-2010.

From 2011 to the present, he

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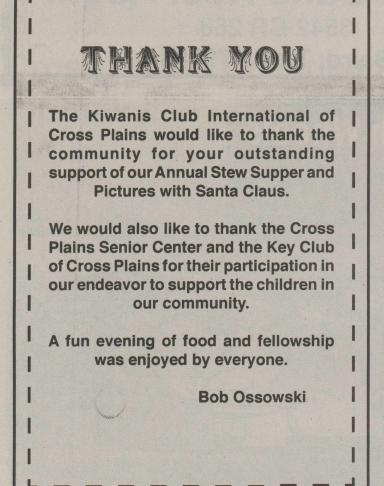
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We Look Forward to seeing you on our new Sale day Thursday, Jan. 5th, 2017.



Senior Captain Bryan McConnell with the Houston Fire **Department** 



Army Lt. Col. Joe Hallatchek and retired Army Sargeant **Major Nate Thomas** 

#### **Fire Captain, Army Lieutenant Colonel and Sergeant Major Visit Howard Museum**

Colonel and Sergeant Major visit Museum

Seldom do we have visitors with ranked titles all on the same day, but it happened last Friday when three visitors showed up at the same time. Senior Captain Bryan McConnell with the Houston Fire Department arrived just ahead of retired Army Lt. Col. Joe Hallatchek and retired Army Sargeant Major Nate Thomas.

McConnell is in charge of one fire district in Houston and, as such, supervises 36 fire fighters. He is also certified to work with the EMS in the same area. As is typical of many visitors, he had gotten hooked on the Conan comics as a young teenager and gradually discovered Howard's other genres. And like a lot of visitors, he was hard pressed to name a favorite character or book. He still has the Howard Days on his bucket list, but has always been on a family trip during that weekend and has never been able to attend the event yet. He was on his way to Lubbock to help his Red Raider son move

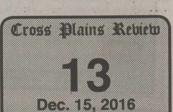
Fire Captain, Army Lieutenant to another dormitory before the Christmas break.

Hallatchek is a 23 year veteran on the Army, graduating from West Point with an emphasis on civil engineering. He and Thomas have served on the same base at different times; both were in Germany at the same time. Hallatchek is moving to Ft. Bragg in North Carolina where he will continue as a civil engineer to the Army. Having read most of Howard's stories, he found one book he hadn't already read and snatched it up.

Thomas was in the artillery defense area, having served in the Desert Storm arena for a number of years. He is currently CEO of his own company providing every advertising and marketing tool imaginable; including business cards, banners, brochures, signs, embroidery and screen printing on apparel and websites. He is not a Howard fan, but was just along for the day trip up from San Antonio.

Each day is a new adventure at the REH Museum.







### **COOKBOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING**

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#### Notice Of Meeting- Board of Trustees, Cross Plains Independent School District, 700 North Main Street Cross Plains, Texas

Notice Of Meeting-- Board of Trustees Cross Plains **Independent School District** 

A Called meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on Thursday. December 15, 2016, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

CALLED MEETING December 15, 2016 (8:30

CALL MEETING TO ORDER **New Business** Consider 2015-16 Financial Audit (Cam Gulley)

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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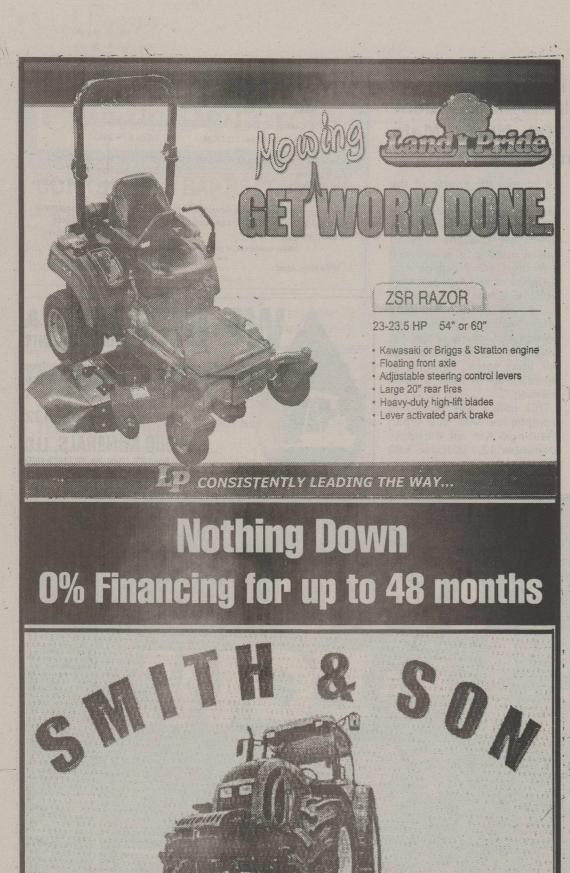
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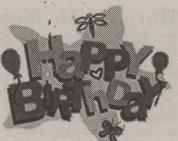






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December 19
Brittany Franke
Dwayne Wilson
Ruth Letney
Weldon McCorkle
Melissa Parrish
Mrs. Betty Jones
Greg McNutt
David Reed
Betty Micham
Regina Curry

Karen Scott McClure

December 20
Adalynn Pitmann
Cadence Nadine Nickerson
Shaela Fulcher
Robert Ray Simons
Don Penn
William Reynolds
Bonnie Sheppard
Rocky Champion
Ted Don Archer
Peggy Lee Mireless
Hannah Chambers
Patricia (Meador) Hopkins

December 21
Rylan Mills
Allen Woody
Cranz (Skipper) Nichols Jr.
Jimmy Crawford
Carsyn Walker
Eddie Hendrick
Beth Meador
Tommy Phillips, Jr.
Riley Allen
Peggy Brock

December 22
James (Bim) Goble
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Peter Perry
Mrs. B. Crow
Gary D. Gilland
Jerry Walker
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Lindsey Meiron

December 23 Bo Barr Douglas Dallas Kenneth Sowell Jason Beauchammp **Bobby Sipes** Mrs. Kenneth Thate Janet Riser Cliff Waddell III Barbara (Purvis) Batton Lauretta Johnson Tommie Neff Star (Dobbs) Burleson Mrs. Bertha Hoyt Lawana Freeman Ida Witney **Brian Haun** Vanessa(Taff) Mathison Sheila Mc Wherson Laura Johnson **Danielle Marion** Don Baskin

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# Freelance writer visits Museum

Michael Argrestra was in town last week doing an article for Texas Monthly that highlighted the hometown of John Hanke, and of course he sought out the REH Museum. He was impressed that both Howard and Hanke had come from the same small town and that both had made world wide impacts with their accomplishments.

Argrestra is a well published freelance writer who has written about tech, books, film, and TV for Slate, Atlantic, and Wall Street Journal nationally and for Texas Observer and Austin Monthly locally. He's been writing the Chronicle 's "Help Desk" tech advice column

since August 2014. One of his articles appeared in Texas Monthly last month and dealt with an artist with an extremely eccentric approach to painting musical artists.

He had grown up in the New England area and had moved to Texas to earn his Master's Degree in creative writing at UT. Like so many of our visitors who discovered the Conan stories as teenagers, Argresta had become acquainted with the comic books and paper backs long before he launched into some of the other genres.

Argresta planned to grab a bite here before returning to Austin.

# Thank you

Thanks to Cottonwood Vol. Fire Control and Cross Plains VFD, Rising Star VFD for the rapid responce to the fire near our place.

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