

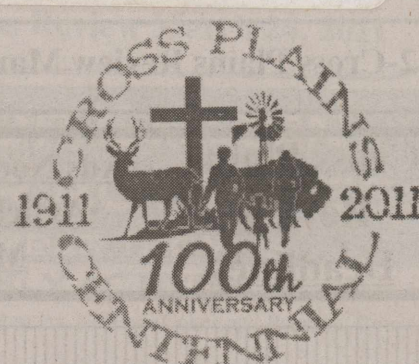
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Treadway Park Bridge Project Begins

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation in partnership with the City of Cross Plains has begun the Treadway Park Bridge project. Piers for the bridge have been poured and construction of the bridge should start soon. It is the hope that the bridge project can be completed prior to the Robert E. Howard/Barbarian Festival in June.

Corporate sponsors for the bridge are as follows: Barr Fabrication-steel for both the piers and the entire bridge structure, AEP-\$2,000, AMA Techtel-\$1,500, Jacob & Martin-Engineering Fees, Allied Waste-\$1,500. Individual contributors are as follows: John Hanke-\$1,000, Jeff McCoy-\$1,000.

Any business or individual contributing \$1,000 or more will be recognized with a permanent plaque proudly displayed at the entrance of the bridge. If you would like to make a donation in memory or in honor of your loved one, please contact City Hall at 254-725-6114 for more information. All donations are tax deductible.

Photos of Past Cross Plains Mayors Requested

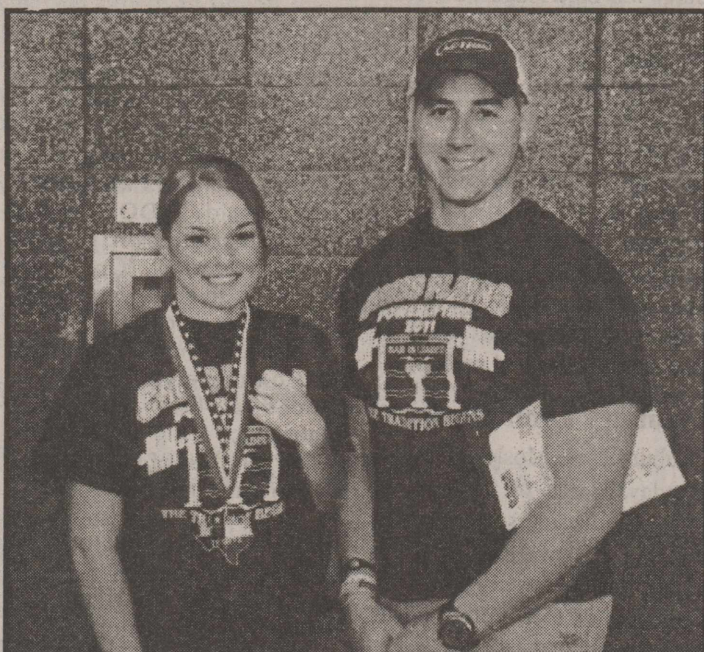
The City of Cross Plains would like to request pictures of past mayors. If you or any of the family of past mayors have pictures you would share, the pictures will be framed and placed on the wall in the council chamber at City Hall.

You may submit your pictures via the postal service at:

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email

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Please send photos that do not have to be returned.



SILVER MEDALIST—
Miranda Williams won the Silver Medal at the powerlifting state meet in Corpus. Miranda is pictured with her coach, Jessie Ellerbe.

Miranda Williams Becomes the First State Medalist from Cross Plains in Powerlifting

Miranda Williams, a senior at Cross Plains High School, is the second strongest 123 pound girl out of every 1A school in the state of Texas. By achieving the qualifying total of 650 pounds at the Regional Meet held in Odessa on March 5th. She gained eligibility to compete at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting State meet in Corpus Christi on Saturday, March 19th.

Miranda did an outstanding job representing Cross Plains High School and brought home a silver medal, which is the first state medal that anyone from C.P.H.S. has earned in powerlifting.

She completed a 250 pound squat, 130 pound bench press and

265 pound deadlift, giving her a 645 pound total at an actual bodyweight of 119 pounds. Not many girls, or even guys for that matter, can squat and deadlift over twice their bodyweight and bench press more than their bodyweight.

Miranda's bench press of 130 pounds was the highest of all 1A girls. She completed a whopping 275 pound deadlift, but the feat was not counted due to a technicality. Over the course of this season Miranda added over 100 pounds to her three lift total. Miranda had a tremendous powerlifting season and is a perfect example of how a little work will go a long way.

Submitted by
Coach Jessie Ellerbe

Cross Plains Quilting Club to Hold Antique Quilt Show

The Cross Plains Quilting Club is sponsoring an Antique Quilt Show to take place in the month of May. This is to coincide with the Cross Plains Centennial and will be held at the Cross Plains Library.

All quilts must be at least 50

years old and owners must live within 50 miles of Cross Plains. Watch for more information in the newspaper and start getting your old quilts ready.

A ribbon will be given for Best of Show and People's Choice.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND PERMITS:

The Cross Plains Sub Station for the Callahan County Tax Office located at 424 S. Main St. in the J.P.'s office will process vehicle title registration and permits from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm Monday thru Friday. All motor vehicle transactions must be completed by 4pm. The Sub Station has daily reports it must submit to the main office in Baird as well as to the State after it closes that days transactions.

Please make allowances in time for multiple transactions. All dealer transactions must be submitted before 3pm for same day processing. Any questions concerning these hours or other questions concerning the motor vehicle operations may be directed to the main office in Baird located on 1st floor of courthouse at 100 W. 4th St. Suite #101 or call 325-854-5820. 2-4c

Congressman Neugebauer Will be in Clyde on April 8th

On Friday, April 8th, Congressman Neugebauer will be at the Clyde City Council Chambers from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Please place this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Invite your neighbors and friends and encourage them to come and hear what our Congressman has to say.

Submitted by
Linda Swening

Ground Breaking March 15, 2011



CONSTRUCTION BEGINS —

Many supporters showed up for the ground breaking ceremony on March 15th for the new health care facility.



GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY —

(left to right) David Estes, Dannes Turner, Greg Henson, Dr. Al Kincheloe, Debbie Gosnell and Mandy Curry

ResourceCare Community Health Care Breaks Ground On Their Modern New Clinic in Cross Plains

On Tuesday, March 15, 2011, the first shovel of dirt was turned on the new ResourceCare medical clinic. After several years of planning, the vision of a modern medical clinic with the latest in technology is coming to fruition in Cross Plains. The new clinic will feature a rock exterior, and a concrete parking lot. The clinic will house the latest in many areas of medical technology.

One of the areas of latest technology in use involves electronic health records. The clinic's electronic health records connect all of the clinics within the ResourceCare system. The result of such technology allows for instantaneous access to all of a patient's records no matter which clinic they are visiting. Additionally, if a medical provider caring for a patient in the hospital needs to have access to the patient's record, this can be accomplished with the speed of the Internet.

The clinic is designed to provide care for the majority of health problems that may be encountered in a rural setting. Among the areas of healthcare offered are the evaluation of chest pain, shortness of breath,

abdominal pain, possible fractures, lacerations, evaluation for falls, Well Woman Exams including PAP smears, Texas Health Step exams for children, allergies and sinus problems, cough, emphysema, neck and spinal manipulative therapy, EKG, x-ray, lab work, spirometry evaluation of breathing problems, and a large number of other things such as DOT trucker physicals. The list of services offered extends significantly beyond this list, as the clinic's goal is to provide extensive quality medical care to all the citizens of the area.

ResourceCare clinics offer Medical and Dental care, as well as Licensed Professional Counsellor services, to patients of all socioeconomic areas. For those with insurance, whether it be Medicaid, Medicare, CHIPS, Blue Cross, United Healthcare, or a large number of other insurances, almost all insurances are accepted. Part of the vision of ResourceCare is to provide healthcare to all folks, regardless of their ability to pay. To that end, if a person does not have insurance, the fee they are charged is prorated based on the

income they earn. Thus, the cost may be extremely minimal if the person has minimal or no income.

ResourceCare wishes to thank many people who have brought this vision to a reality. Those who have helped make this dream a reality from a very long list, but tops on that list is your City Administrator Debbie Gosnell. Among those are the Economic Development Corp. of Cross Plains, our county commissioner Cliff Kirkham, Texas Heritage Bank Cross Plains President David Estes, the city council and a host of other folks, especially the patients who have entrusted their healthcare to us.

With the completion and occupation of the new clinic, our old clinic will receive a new lease on life. Among other things, a dentist will be offering dental care from that location. For us, this is very exciting, as dental care has a tremendous impact on a person's medical condition.

The new ResourceCare clinic is being constructed by local contractor Carouth Construction and is slated to be finished and read for service in August, 2011.

Submitted by
Al Kincheloe, D.O.

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C.P. Boys Powerlifting Team Compete at Regional Championship

The Cross Plains boys powerlifting team recently competed in the Regional 1 Powelifting championships held in Sundown, Texas on Saturday, March 12th. Michael Ramsey, Jeff King, Austin Thomas and Colton McWilliams were the qualifying representatives from C.P.H.S. The team as a whole tied for 7th out of 54 schools with 7 points.

Michael Ramsey qualified for the State Meet by placing 2nd in

the 114 pound weight class. Austin Thomas, in the 220 pound weight class and Jeff King in the 242 pound weight class, both placed 5th and received medals. Colton McWilliams competed as an alternate, but gained valuable experience that will serve him well for next year.

These young men did an excellent job representing Cross Plains High School and will all return next year to contend for a regional team championship.

Michael Ramsey's season is not quite over yet because he will compete at the State Championships in Abilene at the Taylor County Expo Center on Saturday, March 26th. If you happen to be in Abilene on Saturday, stop by and support Michael as he becomes the first young man from C.P.H.S. to compete for a Texas High School Powerlifting state title.

Submitted by
Coach Jessie Ellerbe

Name	Place	Wt.	Class	Squat	Bench Press	Deadlift	Total
Michael Ramsey	2nd	114		300	150	345	795
Austin Thoms	5th	220		550	255	440	1245
Jeff King	5th	242		500	285	435	1120

BUFFALO BASEBALL NEWS



The Buffaloes opened District play against Gorman. The Buffs scored 4 runs in the 1st inning. Cody walked - scored on a double by Blake. Pat hits a double scoring Blake, Golson hit a single. Taylor single drives in Pat. Zachs single drives in Taylor. The Buffs score 1 in the 7th. Cody hits a single and advances to 3rd by stealing bases and then scores on a fly ball.

Gorman scores 2 in the 3rd

inning with a base hit and 2 errors. Final score was Cross Plains-5 and Gorman-2.

Taylor gave up 1 hit and struck out 11 players on the Gorman team to earn the win. The Buffs then played in the Ranger Tournament. The 1st game, the Buffs lost 13-3 to DeLeon. Then they lost to Albany with a score of 11-7. The Buffs then played Grafford. The Buffs won that game with a score of 10-1. Blake and Taylor hit triples, Golson hit 2 singles, Blake, Taylor and Trisen had 6 RBI's. Taylor pitched and won his 2nd game.

The Buffs then played Golthwaite for their 2nd district game. The Buffs scored 2 runs when Blake hit a home run and when Cody

got a walk. In the 3rd, the Buffs scored 1 when Justin hit a single. Ryder had an error and a walk that made the score 3-3. Golthwaite hits a home run to take a 4-3 lead. The Buffs scored 2 in the 4th inning. Cody hits a double and scores when Blake hits a double. Pat drives in Blake bringing the score 5-4 Buffs in the lead.

Golthwaite scored 2 in the 5th on 2 errors and 2 walks bringing them into the lead with a score of 6-5. Golson hits a home run in the 6th to tie the game 6-6. Golthwaite scores on 2 errors and wins the game with a score of 7-6. The Buffs are scheduled to play May on Tuesday at May. Buffs will play Friday against Jim Ned JV at home at 5:00. See you at the game.



Callahan County 4-H State Fair of Texas Tag Orders Due

Callahan County 4-H State Fair of Texas tag orders are due to the Extension office by April 11th. If you plan on showing Lambs, Goats or Swine at the 2011 State Fair of Texas you must call in your tag order no later than April 11th. All Tags are \$7.00/tag.

All tag orders must be paid for when you order! Contact The Callahan County Extension Office to place your tag orders (325) 854-5835.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

Final 4-H Vet Science Meeting set for March 22nd

The 3rd and final Vet Science meeting this year is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

This will be the final meeting for this year. If you have any questions call the Extension office at (325) 854-5835. Hope to see you on March 22nd.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

Next Cross Plains Little League Meeting:

Monday, April 4th at 7pm First Baptist Church CP Also, remember to send your child's sign-up form to the Elementary. Once teams are full, we will no longer accept sign-ups.

Coaches Meeting for:

Machine Pitch Friday, March 25th at 7pm Location: Mexico City Contact: Matt Reed 254-725-6639

Tryouts for Baseball:

age 12 or under Friday, March 25th at 6pm Location: Baseball Field Contact: Colby Walker 254-725-4895

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World Heritage Student Exchange program, a public benefit organization, is seeking local host families for high school boys and girls from Spain, Germany, Thailand, Norway, China, Russia, France, The former Soviet Union Countries, Denmark, Italy, Sweden and more!

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Message from law makers to school districts: don't cut fine arts programs

AUSTIN - Fine arts courses are an essential and required part of the curriculum in Texas schools and should not be targeted for a disproportionate share of budget cuts by school districts, according to legislative leaders and fine arts advocates who gathered at the Capitol today along with hundreds of school children from across the state.

"We know that the state and school districts are facing unprecedented budgetary constraints," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, Chair of the Senate Education Committee. "Fine arts courses are just as essential as every other part of the required curriculum. In fact, fine arts courses are becoming increasingly critical in preparing students for the 21st century workforce."

House Public Education Committee Chairman Rob Eissler said, "All of the studies show that studying music and the other fine arts improves the

academic performance of students, produces higher test scores, increases attendance and reduces the dropout rate. That's why our schools must maintain strong fine arts programs at every grade level from kindergarten through high school."

As legislators discussed education funding at a Capitol press conference, choirs, bands, orchestras, ensembles and dance teams from 22 school districts began two days of performances in the Capitol Rotunda and on the Capitol's south steps for Fine Arts Days at the Capitol.

The performances for legislators and Capitol visitors are organized by the Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education every two years during legislative sessions to highlight the importance of arts education. The coalition represents more than 30 arts organizations in the state.

"Unfortunately, many people

have the misconception that music courses and other fine arts courses in our schools are an extracurricular activity or a nonessential part of our education system," said Robert Floyd, chairman of the Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education. "Nothing could be further from the truth. Fine arts instruction is required in all elementary grades and students must take at least one fine arts course in both middle school and high school. If fine arts courses are singled out for budget cuts, we will be cutting the heart out of our education system."

Floyd cited an analysis of data from the Texas Education Agency over the past five years. "And the results are clear: Schools with a higher percentage of student enrollments in fine arts courses achieved higher academic ratings and higher graduation rates," he said.

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WEDNESDAY- Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk	WEDNESDAY - Meat & Bean Chalupas, Salad, Strawberries & Bananas and Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk	THURSDAY - Fish or Hot Pocket, Coleslaw, Blackeyed Peas, Cornbread, Mixed Fruit and Milk
FRIDAY- Honey Bun, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk	FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun w/lett., tom., and pickles, Baked Wedges, Cookie and Milk

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ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEETING: MARCH 28TH 7:00 PM IN GYM FOYER

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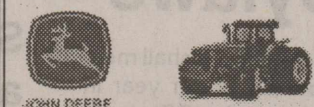


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And, on the 11th day of March, 2011, I filed a Notice of Estray in the Estray Book of Callahan County, Texas. I have made a diligent search of the register or recorded brands in Callahan County, Texas, for the owner of the said estray, but the search did not reveal the owner. Notice is hereby given that, if the ownership of said estray is not determined by the 30th day of March, 2011, said estray will be sold at public auction at Public Auction Coleman, TX.

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Think twice before tanning for prom season

Indoor Tanning increases risk of skin cancer

Despite a link between indoor tanning bed use and an increased risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, 2.3 million teenagers visit tanning salons every year.

In the spring, many tanning salon patrons are college students getting ready for spring formals, and high school students gearing up for prom season. So it's no surprise that melanoma is now the most common form of cancer in young adults 25-29 years old, and the second most common form of cancer in adolescents and young adults ages 15-29.

"The damage caused by the ultraviolet (UV) radiation from tanning beds and the sun is cumulative and often irreversible, and the earlier people start to tan, the higher their risk of developing skin cancer in their lifetimes," said Perry Robins, MD, President, The Skin Cancer Foundation.

"In fact, melanoma risk increases by 75 percent when indoor tanning begins before age 35."

If the threat of skin cancer isn't enough to scare young people away from tanning

salons, they should know that 90 percent of visible skin changes commonly attributed to aging are caused by exposure to UV radiation. Tanning accelerates the signs of aging, including wrinkles, leathery and fine lines, which can be seen as early as in one's twenties.

In addition to being dangerous and damaging to the skin, tanning is completely out of step with current fashion trends. The three leading ladies of the 2011 Oscars, Natalie Portman (Best Actress),

Melissa Leo (Best Supporting Actress) and Anne Hathaway (co-host), led the way with beautiful, untanned skin. While the fashion reviews were mixed, all agree that healthy, luminous skin was the accessory of choice.

Other Hollywood heavy hitters- including Nicole Kidman, Reese Witherspoon, Sandra Bullock, Scarlett Johansson, Annette Bening, and Jennifer Hudson- know that naturally radiant skin is what looks best on the red carpet. Clearly, the tanned look has lost its appeal.

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JAMES NICHOLS

Herman Dee Weaver (H.D.) "Tickie Tom" and Shirley Lee, twins were born on Easter Sunday in 1937. Elby Edgar "Erb" and Eva May (Wooten) Weaver, a Cross Plains native, moved from Arkansas to Texas in 1936 and rented the house in Cross Plains. He rented what is now the old Weaver home place in Cottonwood and started farming. Erb bought the farm the following year and the family moved to Cottonwood.

Erb was one of the best watermelon growers in this neck of the woods. He grew Georgia Giants and very few people have heard of them now days. Tickie Tom told of one they covered with a number three wash tub to keep the varmints from biting on it. The tub wouldn't fit all the way around it.

One of Tickie Tom's brothers was a rabbit hunter, especially jack rabbits. On this particular day Eva had sent Tickie Tom with a bucket of cool water over to the back field where his brother and father were plowing. She told him to follow a patch to the trees and then follow the trees around to the creek crossing where he would find them.

Well, it was a pretty big bucket for a boy of six or seven and just about the time Tickie Tom could see out the other side of the creek, his brother scared up a jack rabbit—a big one! All Tickie Tom could see was big ears, eyes and teeth as it hit him square in the chest. Knocking the breath out of him, it sent him and the water

bucket rolling back to the bottom of the creek. He said you could hear his brother laughing all the way to Cottonwood. Tickie Tom had gotten bowled over by a hare.

It was 1943 in Cottonwood and Tickie Tom was in Miss Gary's first grade class. She was calling the roll when she called out "Herman Dee." Tickie Tom just sat there. He had never heard that name before. Miss Gary walked over to his desk and popped him across the head a time or two with a ruler.

The next morning during roll call Herman Dee still didn't know whose name that was and just sat there. Miss Gary gave him a couple more whacks with the ruler.

On the third day during roll call he still didn't know the fellow with the name "Herman Dee" because at home he was called "Tickie Tom," but he hung out this time. He had all of that ruler he wanted.

As a young boy Tickie Tom ran everywhere he went. He was so thin that if he was a board he'd just have one side. His grandmother would say, "Eva, what's wrong with that boy? He sure looks bad. He's so poor, if he was a turkey he'd have to lean up on a fence to gobble."

H.D. grew up to be a great orator of poetry and was a Captain in the Houston Fire Department where he retired in 1981 and settled into a leisurely life of living in the country at Cottonwood.

Cross Plains Public Library Has ONLY 4 Hummels Left

The Cross Plains Public Library has only four remaining Hummel figurines from the late Joan McCowen's collection.

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\$100.00) and #7 Merry Wanderer (TM1, 1949: \$168.00).

If interested, stop by the library to view these items. You will get a great buy and make a good investment!

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

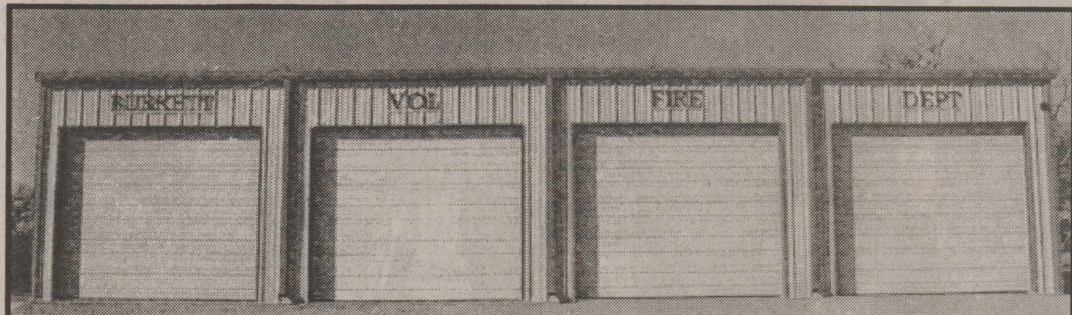
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BURKETT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Burkett VFD 3rd Annual BBQ Supper and Open House

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their 3rd Annual BBQ Supper and Open House on April 2nd at the Burkett Christian Life Center from 5 to 8 p.m.

Brisket, sausage, chicken and all the trimmings are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Takeout plates will

also be available.

Door prizes will be drawn from that were donated by local merchants along with Coleman, Abilene and Brownwood businesses. You may purchase tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. You do not have to be present to win.

A Split the Boot will also be

offered for \$1.00 tickets each. Only one lucky winner wins half of the money collected in the boot.

A Cake Auction, will be another highlight of the evening. A yummy variety of baked goods will be provided.

Make plans to attend this worthy cause.

Callahan County Predator Control Association Meeting Set for March 24

Tom Windham, President of the Callahan County Predator Control Association would like to invite all association members, Callahan County landowners, and tenants to attend a meeting to be held on March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in

the Callahan County Extension Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. This meeting is open to anyone interested in predator control within the county. The objective of this meeting is to update residents on the

Predator control activities within the county.

We are still accepting membership into the Association and the Annual Membership fees are \$50 plus .10 (10 cents) per acre.

If you would like to join the Association, you may come by the Extension Office in Baird to turn in your acreage and pay membership dues. If you have any questions about this program please contact the Extension Office at 325 854-5835.

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TURKEY CREEK RODEO CLUB NEWS

Russ Miller

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club (TCRC) is pleased to announce the schedule for this year's events, so mark your calendars so you can join in the activities.

March 26th—A work day will be held at 9 a.m. at the TCRC. The volunteers and club members will be hauling away leftover building supplies, doing some grounds keeping and other clean up jobs. A good turnout will lighten the workload for everyone.

April 16th—Our 1st Play Day. The Play Days are a buckle event and will be open to everyone under 18 years of age, including non-members. Events will include barrels, flags, poles and stakes. Sign-in begins at 9 a.m. and events begin at 10 a.m.

April 30th—A Ranch Horse Clinic will be held at the TCRC. Instructions will be given in dry work including reining

maneuvers, and in cow work including box, fence and roping.

May 7th—Our Centennial Event will be held at the TCRC. Events will include a Ranch Horse Competition and a Traditional Ranch Rodeo. The Ranch Rodeo will feature bronc riding, as an addition to the regular competitive events.

May 21st—2nd Play Day will be held. Again, sign-ins will begin at 9 a.m. with events beginning at 10 a.m.

June 4th—A Ranch Horse Competition will be held at the TCRC.

June 11th—The TCRC will participate once again in the Barbarian Festival with Pony Rides, Foot Races and will sponsor a group to provide Chuck Wagon Cooking.

June 25th—3rd Play Day will

be held with sign-ins at 9 a.m. and competition beginning at 10 a.m.

July 9th—A Ranch Horse Competition will be held at the TCRC.

July 23rd—4th Play Day will be held.

August 20th—5th Play Day. September 24th—The 6th and final Play Day at TCRC.

October 1st—A Bull Riding Event will be held at TCRC.

October 15th—The Play Day Awards Banquet will be held.

Also, a reminder, the TCRC monthly meeting will be Thursday, March 31, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Guests are welcome to attend.

We have a busy and fun year planned and hope that everyone will come out to join friends and neighbors in participating in or cheering on the competition.

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2011 are 7% higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2011 are up by over seven percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, March 16th.

Cross Plains' 2011 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$52,164.44, which is 7.07 percent higher than the \$48,717.43 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2010.

The payment to the city for March 2011 was \$15,631.92, which is 1.55 percent lower than the payment in March 2010 of \$15,878.77.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state's sales tax revenue in February was \$1.75 billion, an increase of 9.7 percent compared to February 2010.

"This is the 11th straight month that sales tax revenue has increased," said Combs. "Much like recent months, there were increases across all major sectors including oil and gas activity, manufacturing and retail trade. We will continue to monitor current economic conditions and gauge the effects on consumer and business spending."

On Friday, March 18th, Combs will deliver \$433.1 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts. Local sales tax allocations are up 7.1 percent compared to March 2010. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations are up 7.9 percent compared to the first three months of 2010.

Combs will send March sales tax payments of \$289.4 million to Texas cities, up 6.7 percent compared to March 2010. So far this year, sales tax allocations to cities are up 7.1 percent compared to the same point in 2010. Texas counties will receive March sales tax payments of \$27.1 million, up 11.1 percent compared to one year ago. County sales tax allocations so far this year are up 13.7 percent compared to a year ago.

The 174 special purpose taxing districts around the state will get \$18.2 million in sales tax revenue, up 15 percent compared to last March. Ten local transit systems will receive \$98 million, up 5.9 percent.

State sales tax revenue for February and March payments made to local governments represent sales that occurred in January.

For details of March sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2010	2011
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$48,717.43	\$52,164.44
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$15,878.77	\$15,631.92

special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

The Comptroller's April sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 8th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2011 started the year 27.83 percent higher than the 2010 payments. The city has received \$33,751.27 in 2010, while the 2010 tax payments to the city totalled \$26,401.56.

Baird's monthly payment for March 2011 was \$8,847.30, which is 29.63 percent ahead of the \$6,824.87 payment made in March 2010.

—The 2011 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 10.34 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2010. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$123,050.81 in 2010. The 2010 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$110,316.81.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for March 2011 was \$35,954.60, which is 17.51 percent higher than the \$30,597.91 payment reported to the city in 2010.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2011 payments to the town totalled \$3,470.04, down 16.88 percent from the 2010 payments to the city in the amount of \$4,175.13.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of March 2011 was \$1,034.53, which is 15.57 percent lower than the payment made in March 2010 of \$1,225.40.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2011 in Callahan County are higher by 10.74 percent compared to the 2010 payments in the county. Calla-

han County towns received sales tax payments in 2011 amounting to \$212,436.56 while the 2010 payments to the county towns totalled \$189,610.12.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of March 2011 were \$61,468.66, up 10.64 percent ahead of the \$54,926.34 in payments made in March 2010.

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

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

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

Baird collects 1.50 percent in local sales tax of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 0.50 percent allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

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

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

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Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports to host 4th Annual Charlie Greenway Silhouette Match on April 2nd

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will host their 4th Annual Charlie Greenway Silhouette Match and Archery Competition on April 2, 2011.

There will be approximately one hundred 4-H competitors from around the state who either shoot BB gun, pistol, rifle or archery events.

Competitors from as far away as Kent County, Travis County and Ector County, and as close as Taylor, Shackelford, Brown and Coleman Counties will participate in the events.

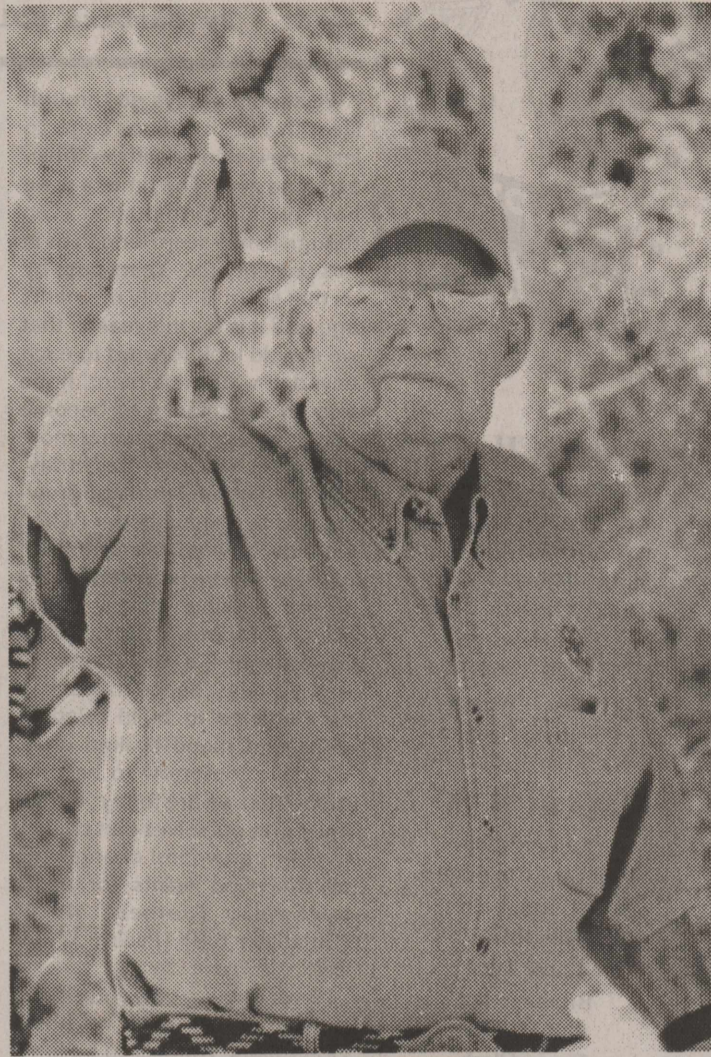
The silhouette match is named in honor of longtime coach and 4-H leader in Callahan County, Charlie Greenway of Baird.

Coach Greenway is recognized as an expert black powder and pistol competitor and Callahan County kids are lucky to have him as a coach.

If you have never been to the 4-H Shooting range we invite you to visit our facilities. The 4-H Shooting range is located about midway between Clyde and Baird on FM 18. Watch for signs.

Please come support the local Shooting Sports Program. There will be a large concession available, new restrooms and a new pistol range.

Come join the excitement and the fun!!



CHARLIE GREENWAY
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“Meet The Author” Features Abilene Christian Writer Karen Witemeyer

Cross Plains Public Library is pleased to have Christian author Karen Witemeyer as the next featured guest of their “Meet the Author” series to be held on April 12, 2011, at 7:00pm in the library’s conference room. Witemeyer has published three historical romance novels: *A Tailor-Made Bride*, *Head in*

the Clouds, and coming in April 2011, *To Win Her Heart*. *Publisher’s Weekly* says of *A Tailor-Made Bride*, “Witemeyer’s debut will grab fans in the historical romance crowd. She blends lively writing, storytelling prowess, and enough romance to keep the readers satisfied....”

Thought-provoking and entertaining faith-based fiction for sure.” Copies of her books are available for checkout at the library and will be available for purchase and autographs that evening. As always, admission is free and refreshments will be served. Mark your calendars and joins us.

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Cross Plains Public Library PEARL Project Needs Your Input!

The Cross Plains Public Library will receive \$1,000 to participate in Promoting and Enhancing the Advancement of Rural Libraries (PEARL), a study sponsored by the University of North Texas Department of Library and Information Science. The mission of the PEARL project is to strengthen the public library as an essential part of community life in rural Texas communities. Libraries cannot apply for the study, but rather have the honor of being selected.

Cross Plains Public Library was privileged to be selected as one of only eight among the 43 Big Country Library System libraries. We are the second group out of three that will be a part of this two-year study. To find what our constituents want in programs and services from our library, we are asking you to help us by filling out a **Needs and Assessment Survey**.

We have **four different surveys**—the first is for library patrons—these are available at the library and we encourage each of our patrons to fill out one. The second survey is for library staff and volunteers—these have already been distributed. The third survey is for community officials and leaders—these will be distributed to city council members, school board members and county officials. The fourth survey is for target groups—our library director and library board members will these to the Kiwanis, Beta Sigma Phi, Cross Plains Genealogy as well as local churches, the Cross Plains Senior Citizens’ Center, the Pool and Surf Shop and many others.

“Our goal is to reach as many people as possible,” says library director Linda Burns, “The most difficult part will be reaching the person who doesn’t visit the library or support us, and those

are exactly the people we need to hear from.”

The goals of this project are: enhance community cooperation between the target libraries and government agencies, civic organizations, educational and social institutions, community leaders and local residents; create individualized Community Outreach Plans for target rural libraries and train staff in plan implementation; create a web-based resource center of Community Outreach Plans and other resources useful to rural librarians including social networking tools to foster a virtual community; provide educational opportunities for rural librarians through semi-annual meetings and workshops.

Your cooperation in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

Texas AgriLife Extension Service to Offer Professional Food Manager Certification Training Course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. Food manager certificates will be valid for 5 years.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Taylor County, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$115 on May 16th & 23rd, at the Taylor County Extension Office located on

the Taylor County Expo Grounds. Cost includes training, materials, and the National Restaurant Association’s ServSafe certification examination. Registration deadline is April 29th.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with

health officials

- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, called “Food Safety: It’s Our Business,” call Marsha Alice Spraberry at 325-672-6048 or send an e-mail to mspraberry@tamu.edu.

A Cattle Queen ahead of her time

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

During the month of March we celebrate Women’s History Month and the many contributions generations of women have made to the fabric and culture of this great country. Texas has been home to scores of influential, intelligent, colorful and unforgettable females. From Emily West, the Yellow Rose of Texas, to Bessie Coleman, the nation’s first African American female aviator, and down the line to political trailblazers like U.S. Representative Barbara Jordan, U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and Texas’ 45th Governor, Ann Richards Texas is no stranger to powerful and strong women.

One of these was Elizabeth “Lizzie” Ellen Johnson, a young woman from Hays County, Texas, who did not let social norms of the day stop her from pursuing her dreams. Born on May 9, 1840, in Cole County, Missouri, Johnson and her family relocated to Hays County in the mid-1840s, where Mr. and Mrs. Johnson established the Johnson Institute, a private secondary school. After attending the Johnson Institute, Lizzie Johnson began teaching there and at several other schools in Central Texas. Though she continued teaching, she also took on bookkeeping duties for several well known cattlemen, such as George W. Littlefield and William H. Day.

On top of these responsibilities, she found yet another way to earn extra money by moonlighting as a freelance writer. Using a pen name, she wrote articles of short fiction for magazines and newspapers, such as *Illustrated Weekly*. Over time, she earned and saved enough money to invest in something she had observed and determine lucrative cattle. Johnson first

invested in a Chicago cattle company, and after three years, she had made significant profits that she in turn used to buy cattle and land.

Johnson registered her cattle brand on June 1, 1871, under the name of Elizabeth Johnson. She then purchased 10 acres in Austin – paying \$3,000 in gold dollars. According to some historical accounts, Johnson was able to grow her herd during the Civil War by overseeing a process called “brushopping.” With so many men away at war, and with few fences to keep cattle corralled, the population of unbranded cattle in the brush of South Texas began to flourish. During those times, unbranded cattle were “finders’ keepers’ for those willing to round them up and transport them. Johnson employed hands to do her “brushopping” for her – or combing the thicket for cattle.

In 1879, Johnson, tall and striking, married preacher and widower Hezekiah “Hez” G. Williams. While it is reported that Johnson cared deeply for Williams, she did not let her heart rule her business decisions and convinced him to sign a prenuptial agreement. During the course of their marriage, Williams would often make poor business decisions, and Johnson would agree to bail him out of his financial binds. But once he earned his money back, she expected him to repay her.

A woman who marched to the beat of her own drum, Johnson is perhaps best remembered for the literal trail she blazed when she became the first woman in Texas to drive her own herd of cattle up the Chisholm Trail. It is said that Williams accompanied her but drove his own, separate herd. It

was in this way that they would lead the rest of their married life – together but separate. Successful in business due mostly to Johnson’s acumen the couple enjoyed traveling and Johnson had a love for fine clothes and the newest fashion trends. When Williams passed away in El Paso in 1914, it is said that Johnson purchased a \$600, top-of-the-line coffin for him, and when she signed the bill of payment, she wrote across it, “I loved this old buzzard this much.”

In her final years, Johnson became somewhat of a recluse. She often dressed as if she were impoverished and survived on a meager diet of soup and crackers. For these reasons, when Johnson passed away on October 9, 1924, it came as quite a surprise to Austinites to learn she left behind a fortune of nearly \$250,000. Family members found thousands of dollars in diamonds locked away in her basement and other colorful items like exotic parrot feathers around her house.

Lizzie Johnson was a successful businesswoman, investor, cattle dealer and landowner – long before it was considered acceptable for a woman to enter these arenas. Her feisty determination, confidence and self-respect drove her to excel in a man’s world. Thanks to her contributions, Johnson paved the way for generations of Texas women to push the limits and pursue their dreams.

Sources: *Texas State Historical Association*; *The Cowgirls by Joyce Gibson Roach*; *Celebrating Texas distributed by McDougal Littell*; *Womenintexashistory.org*; *a project of The Ruthe Winegarten Memorial Foundation for Texas Women’s History*.

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester



We should always go through life with a fresh outlook eager to learn new things with enthusiasm and zeal. The time that we have on this earth is short even though it may seem long to us in this present time. Years pass by us that seem like only moments ago and it is for this reason that we should look forward to each new day with excitement, hope and an expectancy to become better, wiser, stronger and more able than we were yesterday. Life is all about learning, growing and becoming better. When we look forward to our tomorrows, we will be receiving from it all the blessings that it has to offer. Tomorrow offers us new opportunities, a new chance to learn, a new chance to teach, a new chance to build relationships and mend broken ones. We have tomorrow to become more than we are today, but we must give ourselves that chance to learn, grow and change into all that God wants for us to become. (James 4:14) (Galatians 6:9) (Psalm 37:23-26)

Never give up on yourself and think that you have no hope. Don't allow yourself to become so lackadaisical in life that you face each new day with boredom and with no appreciation for the gifts that you've been given. Recognize your blessings

and make up your mind to face tomorrow with new appreciation. Learn from it, grow from it and become better because of it. Use every chance you have to better your life and when you do take every opportunity before you, you will see great things take place. Believe in yourself again as God believes in you and great changes will begin to happen in your life. (Psalm 146:5) (Psalm 138:7-8)

I hope this message encourages your heart to learn all that you can each day that you can and become better today than you were yesterday.

From the internet

PEANUTS—SUGAR COATED

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
2 cups raw shelled peanuts, skins on

Dissolve sugar in water in sauce pan over medium heat. Add peanuts and continue to cook over medium heat, stirring frequently, until peanuts are complete sugared (coated and no syrup left). Pour and spread over ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 300° for approximately 30 minutes, stirring at five minute intervals.

Thank You!

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Doctors Visit Howard Museum —

Dr. Butka (left), doctor's sister Brenda, doctor to be Liz, writer to be Rachel, retired doctor, brother-in-law, Tom.

Dr. John Butka of Brownwood brought his visiting relatives to visit the Robert E. Howard Museum recently. It would have been a good time for somebody to get sick at the Museum as the whole bunch were medical doctors, with the exception of the youngest, who laughingly said she might end up writing medical mysteries! The visitors were from Nashville and were spending a couple of days exploring the interesting nooks and crannies around the area, with the Howard Museum and the Dr. Pepper Museum in Dublin at the top of the list.

ED Walt Delights Audience at the Library's "Meet the Author"

Last Tuesday's "Meet the Author" series at the Cross Plains Public Library packed in a crowd of 54 listeners to hear retired police captain Ed Walt share his experiences as a rookie in 1969. Walt told of the incident that inspired his book *The Hall Street Shoot-Out: A True Story of the Dallas Police Department's Biggest Gun Battle* when he was only twenty-four.

Walt relived experience that led up to that day and in the days that followed, recounting the events that fell into place to minimize a battle that in fact could have been much worse than it was.

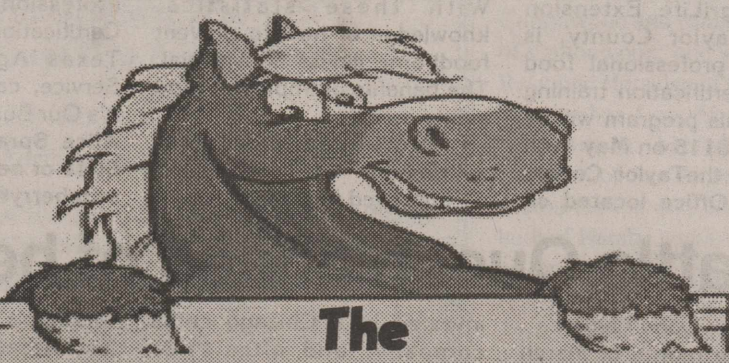
If you didn't get to join us and would like to hear about the gun battle that would grow to involve over a hundred officers and result in the shooting of ten people, including a TV reporter and four officers, then stop by the library and purchase a copy or check out the book. This battle, was in terms of duration, number of combatants involved, shots fired and persons shot, the biggest gun battle in the department's 130-year history.

After such serious discussion, Walt treated the audience to some levity with his Old Cop/Young Cop perspective. One example

was 'You might be a young cop if...you run four miles a day in case you may be called upon to chase down a fleeing perpetrator/ You might be an old cop if...you see no need to run as long as a bullet from your .357 is 1,370 FPS faster than any crook can run.'

At the conclusion, Walt answered questions from the audience and then autographed copies of his book. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and visiting with Ed and his wife, author Carol Walt.

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