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## Village Market and the Cross Plains High School Burglarized

On the night of February 18 and the early hours of February 19th, the Village Market and the Cross Plains High School were burglarized. Two doors entering Village Market were broken out and two subjects entered, stealing cigarettes above the cash register. A video surveillance camera recorded the actions of the two subjects.

Entry into the high school gym was gained by the subjects

cutting two locks off the new gym door with bolt cutters taken from the maintenance building. While in the school approximately \$5,000.00 worth of video and computer equipment were stolen. Also taken from the boys' locker room were five pairs of basketball shoes and game bags. Subjects also entered the portable classroom buildings and the cafeteria.

Two bicycles were stolen from

a resident across from the gym.

Both subjects, Jeff Ray Honea (20) and Preston Dillon Browne (17), were arrested and are in the Callahan County Jail charged with burglary of a building.

All major items have been recovered, except for one pair of shoes, and one computer was destroyed.

Submitted by  
Don Gosnell  
Chief of Police

## Callahan County Schools to receive \$909,000 in stimulus

AUSTIN (2/20/09) - The stimulus bill wheels are turning in D.C. and in Texas. Officials throughout the state are just waiting for guidelines about how to access the funding and how it can be spent, said Mary Scott Nabers, president and CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc., an Austin-based research and procurement consulting firm that is tracking the funding flows into Texas.

Approximately \$4 billion for education and public schools will be headed to Texas, an estimated \$909,000 of that amount going to schools in Callahan County.

Some of the money is allocated by formula and other funds will come down to local school districts in the form of grants. School districts, receiving money to be directed to special programs, are expected to spend a large amount for technology, equipment, energy

enhancement and construction.

As with other funding sectors in the bill, such as transportation infrastructure, technology, homeland security and energy programs, the funds will result in more work opportunities for Texans and hundreds of contracting opportunities for vendors and service providers. Those interested in selling to government - whether to school districts, cities, counties or state agencies - should get involved immediately, said Nabers.

Throughout the country, government entities are watching to see how the funding will flow and who will have oversight. Once the money is

released, a federal Web site, www.recovery.gov will allow citizens to see how it is spent.

A breakdown of estimated amounts that Callahan County public schools will receive from the Economic Recovery Package follows. For a statewide look at all school districts in Texas, click on www.spartnerships.com.

About Strategic Partnerships, Inc.: SPI (www.spartnerships.com) was founded in 1994 in Austin, Texas. Its staff of consultants, researchers and budget analysts are all former government executives who work in the area of government procurement.

Baird Independent School District	\$140,000.
Clyde Consolidated Independent School District	\$434,000.
Cross Plains Independent School District	\$180,000.
Eula Independent School District	\$155,000.

## Community Shower Friday, February 27th, for Fred, Dana and Family Who Lost their Home to a Fire

Cottonwood and Cross Plains are co-hosting a Community Shower for Fred, Dana and family, who lost their home in Cottonwood to a fire February 4, 2009. Their house was completely destroyed and all their belongings. The family had insurance on the structure but not the contents. It is the desire everyone involved to help them get their household replenished and get back to normal.

The shower will be held Friday, February 27th, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham, 20235 FM 2707, Cross Plains.

Selections are at:  
Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones  
Higginbotham's  
Johnson's Dry Goods  
Dollar General  
Tim's Floral and Gifts.

Earthtone colors are planned to be used throughout the house with yellow and light blue in the kitchen. The family have one king-size and two full-size beds. Western cowboy style decor is preferred. Everything will be greatly appreciated.

Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be served. Come and encourage this family as they rebuild their life.

## Project Pride's monthly meeting to be March 3rd

The monthly meeting of Project Pride will be held Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00pm at the Public Library. Plans for the June 12-13 Howard Days are coming together - there is still a place for all to get involved. Come check us out.

## EDC/Planning Committee Semi-annual Meeting to be Held Thursday, February 26th

The EDC in conjunction with the Cross Plains Planning Committee announce their semi-annual meeting to discuss progress concerning initiatives for the enhancement of our community.

Building on ideas presented at last year's meeting, our goal is to meet and discuss ideas we feel are relevant for the continued success of our city. Ideas to be discussed

are funding, growth and infrastructure.

The funding aspects of this plan will indicate the need for discussion of property taxes. The public's input in these matters are vital and your attendance is requested Thursday, February 26th, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Submitted by  
Rick Potter

## Community Residents Demanding Answers from School Board Trustees

By Kimberlee Lambert  
Special Writer

The Cross Plains I.S.D. held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 19. The main topics of discussion during the open forum were on subjects not even on the agenda.

Many public guests expressed their concern and opinions on the controversial "Sex Survey" that was allegedly passed out to Cross Plains 7th and 8th graders recently. Parents and family members of the students were appalled at the explicit nature of the survey and the fact that parents weren't made aware that the children would be taking the survey before they were handed out.

Susan Holland stated, "...what was on the survey was totally inappropriate, there were things in there that, I as an adult, had no clue about until I was 24 years old. My child now, who is 14 years old, and a daughter who is 16, now know things that I knew later in life. I would like the person who headed the committee to be fired. Initials were on the survey itself, also the paper that was supposed to be signed by the parents...that should have been gone over with a fine tooth comb. Not only the individual who headed the committee, but any other personnel who signed and approved the survey should be fired."

Shannon Armor also spoke about the survey saying, "When it comes down to it, its accountability. Whatever the intentions of the teacher who did it, the law was broken. You send a note home for late lunches, you send a note home about anything else, but we didn't get any type of notification about any type of survey. I just think it's inappropriate, and I think that the person who did it should be held accountable, all held accountable. To me, this school always passes the buck, and blames others instead of doing what is right. If you don't do something, then us, as a community, will know this board is exactly what everyone says it is: passive and clueless. This is your job. This is what you

were hired to do. Do something about it."

Johnnie Posuk commented, "I have a son in the 8th grade and he was handed out this survey without my knowledge. I didn't receive any information about it. In fact, he was embarrassed and ashamed to tell me about it, and I am embarrassed with this city and this school, that it would condone something like this. My son has been exposed to something, that I as his parent, feel was not the time for him to be introduced to. The mere fact that there were other students involved in drawing up this survey, to me, is ludicrous. And I think as a school board, you all should be inflamed about this. I have supported you and voted for you in every election, and I expect you to do something about this! With all the turmoil in our school district, it appears to me, as a parent, that there is no one at the top, nobody, to take the blame, nobody to run this school district. I am not here to insult anybody, I just wish that someone would take the reins of this school district."

There were other concerns of the public brought up in open

forum, with a variety of issues. Judy Luter commented on how curious it was that so much has been said and circulated around the community about the survey, yet there was nothing on the agenda about it for this meeting. She noted that there was already an interim high school principal in place without any board meeting to hire the person. She wasn't positive how the whole process worked, but she didn't understand how the school had an interim principal without going through the protocol to hire one.

Susan Holland said she may not have worded her question right concerning the superintendent's payoff for his resignation. She remarked, "I don't know if were playing a word game or not, but when I asked whether or not he was going to be paid out for the rest of his contract, he answered to me. No, not after he resigned. I would like to know from the school board if he is going to be paid now, tomorrow, the day after, before his resignation, after his resignation, or anytime that I am living and paying taxes. Are

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## Parker Ironworks Receives Offer of \$15,000 Loan/Grant from the Cross Plains EDC—Public Hearing Scheduled

By Kim Lambert  
Special Writer

The Cross Plains Economic Development Committee held a special called meeting Tuesday, February 17.

The first topic of discussion was about a proposal for a loan that was submitted to the committee by Jeff Parker. The loan amount requested was \$30,000, and would be used for payroll and capital expenses for his ironworks business, Parker Ironworks, located on North Main Street.

After a lengthy discussion, Bryan Bennett moved to give Parker a loan/grant in the amount of \$15,000 for the purchase of a trailer and the remainder to be used for capital. The loan/grant would be a 60% loan and a 40%

grant to be paid back over a five year period at 3% interest. Trailer that would be purchased with some of the loan money and a C&C cutting system Parker owns will be used as collateral for the loan/grant. It is a stipulation that Mr. Parker stay in business for a minimum of 3 years to be able to qualify for the last 40% of his loan to be forgiven as a grant.

Mrs. Gosnell informed the board of her attendance at the quarterly TMCN meeting. She advised the board that there are a lot of Chamber of Commerce members that attend these meetings. She suggested talking to the Chamber about who might be a possible candidate to attend these meetings with her.

Discussion was held concerning the annual events in Cross Plains

and how the EDC can promote each one.

The annual budget was briefly touched on during the meeting and Debbie Gosnell is going to set up a workshop to finish up the budget.

EDC members also quickly talked about the upcoming Strategic Planning Session that is scheduled for February 26, 2009 at 6:30 P.M.. The meeting will be held in the Community Center.

Members of the EDC present were President Dannes Turner, Vice President Jerry Cassle, Era Lee Hanke, Joe McWilliams, Bryan Bennett, and Director Debbie Gosnell.

Kerry Mann and Kimberlee Lambert were present for the meeting.

## SILENT AUCTION

A Silent Auction is being conducted by the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Unit on the items donated back from their drawing to earn additional funds for the benefit. Items include:

1. Banquet for 25 people
2. Longhorn calf
3. Cooked briskets (2)
4. Subway 6" sandwiches
5. Tax Preparations (2)
6. House insect spraying
7. Free tanning
8. Oil and filter changes (2)
9. 4 hours of shredding/mowing
10. One cord of mesquite wood
11. Jean's Feedbar Dinner - 4
12. Fishing at Rolan Jones
13. One shade tree.

If you would like to place a bid call Mary St. Peter at 254-725-6762. The winners will be announced March 16, 2009.

## Superintendent Criteria Survey Must be Turned in by Friday, February 27th Your Participation IS Important

The Superintendent Criteria Survey for the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees needs to be returned by Friday, February 27th. According to Interim Superintendent Roy Dodds, "We would like to have the public's input."

Surveys may be turned in at the Cross Plains Superintendent's office or the Cross Plains Review.

The survey results will be summarized for the board's review, and every effort will be made to find the superintendent that will best meet the needs of the Cross Plains district, including working for the

betterment of the students, staff and community.

The superintendent search is being conducted by the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board and Interim Superintendent Roy Dodds.

Dates to remember:  
March 20, 2009  
Close Applications

April 9, 2009  
Name Lone Finalist

May 1, 2009  
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As of Friday, February 20, twenty-nine applications had been received.

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**Pastor: Wayne Lenz**  
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods  
 Bible Study...10:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
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**OBITUARIES**

**Kevin Don Bradshaw**  
 and  
**Conner Redford Bradshaw**  
 Kevin Don Bradshaw, 46, and his son, Conner Redford Bradshaw, 4, died Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

A memorial service was held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Southwest Park Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Woodard officiating, directed by The Hamil Family Funeral Home.  
 Kevin was born on December 31, 1962 in Spur, Texas to Nancy Ann (Hale) and Dudley Don Bradshaw, and had been a resident of the Abilene area since he was a child. He was a service technician at Hendrick Medical Center.

Kevin was a Baptist. He loved hunting, gardening, cooking and cookouts, and watching western movies. He could fix or build anything.

Most of all, he loved his kids, and he loved his nieces and nephews as if they were his own children.

He is survived by his wife, Amber (Adkins) Bradshaw of Abilene; son, Colton Bradshaw of Anson; daughter, Haley Bradshaw of Abilene; father, Don Bradshaw of Abilene; and mother, Nancy Braly of Cross Plains. He is also survived by a brother, Doyle Bradshaw of Merkel; sister, Kelly Edwards of Abilene; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nephews.

Conner Bradshaw was born September 25, 2004 in Fort Worth. He loved to play outside, especially digging in the dirt. He also loved to watch cartoons.

Conner is survived by his mother, Amber Bradshaw; brother, Colton Bradshaw; and sister, Haley Bradshaw; paternal grandmother, Nancy Braly and paternal grandfather, Don Bradshaw; and maternal grandparents, Sharon and Gary Akins of Crowley; aunt, Kelly Edwards and Heather Akins; uncles Doyle Earl "Duncle" Bradshaw and Wayne Thomas; as well as numerous great-aunts, great-uncles and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Children's Miracle Network, 1900 Pine Street, Abilene, TX 79601; or to a benevolent fund set up for Haley Bradshaw, Account #0211044605 at First Financial Bank in Abilene.

**Doris Matthews**  
 COLEMAN—Funeral services for Doris Matthews, age 81, of Coleman were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 19, 2009, in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with Rodney Martin officiating and assisted by the Rev. Dianne Cree. Burial followed in the Coleman City Cemetery.

Doris died Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at Abilene Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 29, 1927, in Bell County, to Charlie C. and Aubrey Scott Rozzell. She graduated from Coleman High School. On October 8, 1947, she was married to Leck Matthews in Coleman. She graduated from the Overall-Morris Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. She worked for many years as an LVN at the hospital and Holiday Hill Nursing Home. She was a member of the Gouldbusk Methodist Church and the "42" Club at Gouldbusk.

Survivors include her husband, Leck Matthews of Coleman; four children, Linda Halfmann and husband Rudy of Coahoma; Lexia Bagley and husband Ron of Cross Plains; Lorri Thweatt and husband Davey of Coleman and Lester Matthews and wife Tip of Abilene; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter.

Memorials may be made to the Coleman Public Library, 402 Commercial Ave., Coleman, TX 75834.

**Callahan County DPS Report**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 15, 2009 through February 21, 2009 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
 Warnings—118  
 Complaints—45  
 DWI—2  
 Driving While License Invalid—2

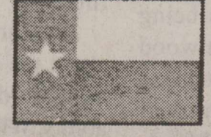
**Vehicle Accidents**  
 There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.



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**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**Roger Corn, Presiding**  
**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Shawna Jordan, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Deborah McGuire, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.  
 Joseph Lee Williams, motion to withdraw as surety granted.  
 John C. Jones, request for extension of probation granted.

Stephen J. Lawlor, compromise settlement agreement and order granted.

Inez Hernandez, order releasing cash bond granted.

Anthony Fiorentini, request for extension of probation granted.

Jeremy W. King, plea of guilty to criminal mischief, 60 days in jail, \$280 court costs.

Renea L. Trent, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jeanette Geisel Gray, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

D. Shannon McClenan, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.

Paul A. Eisenman, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for time served in jail.

Nicole E. Sulick, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Christopher Paul Carrion, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
**John Weeks, presiding**  
**Civil Filings**

David Lewis Builders Inc. vs. Bill Hicks d/b/a Wholesale Flooring and Stone, damages.

Mary Chick Fiscus and Rex Dean Fiscus, divorce.

Nathan Martin Kolby Tinkle and Marlana Elizabeth Tinkle, divorce.

Brandon Stanfield and Shauna Star Stanfield, divorce.

**Civil Minutes**

The State of Texas vs. \$5500 U.S. currency, default judgment granted.

Mary Miller and Sam Miller, divorce granted.

**Criminal Indictments**

Jacob A. Jones, retaliation.

**Criminal Minutes**

James Salway, order discharging defendant from probation (no deferred adjudication).

Order discharging defendants from probation under deferred adjudication: Charles C. Zara; Theresa Nicole Newcomb; Jerry Simons.

Thomas Lee Johnson, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Jeremy W. King, plea of guilty to retaliation, 3 years in prison, \$403 court costs.

**Marriage Licenses**

Freddie G. Childers of Cross Plains and Tanva G. Anderson

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2008-2009 VARSITY BASKETBALL GIRLS—Bi-District Champs.

## Lady Buffs Bow Out of State Playoffs

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs bowed out of the State Playoffs Friday night in Breckenridge before a full house at Breckenridge Fine Arts Center and Gymnasium. It was a great night of basketball with three games involving 6 good basketball programs.

The final score of the contest was 29-26, Haskell. The Lady Buffs played stellar defense all night, holding a Haskell team to 29 points, who on the year averaged close to 60.

We talked about going into this game and leaving it all on the floor every ounce—and I am proud to say that I think that these young ladies did just exactly that.

It was a good night for the program. I think that the two things that made the team and myself the most proud were our effort and the crowd that followed and believed in these young ladies.

We easily had the largest crowd at the games this night in order to fill our side in a large gym like the one we played in. This was very rewarding as a player and a coach.

The night saw the last games for

three seniors who have meant the world to me and the program. They have been good examples of what it takes to be part of a team and the sacrifices it takes to be successful. I know without a doubt that these three young ladies, Krista, Emily and Terrah, will continue to make the Lady Buffs proud after their days at CPHS are over. Their effects have been felt all the way down to the four and five year olds who want to be like them. Thank you!

The Lady Buffs will return three juniors who have now become seniors, Emma Bennett, Amanda Dunaway and Kayla Lawrence. Also returning are four freshman now sophomores, Lauren Goode, Shelby Ames, Samantha Dickson and Zoie Walker.

Look for this nucleus of returners, along with the girls from the JV and incoming freshman to again put together another run in 29902010. The bar has been set and now is when tradition starts and continues.

A special thanks goes out to my family, my son, Jordan, Christin Hyles and friends, and coaches who stood by us through thick and

thin to get this turned around. We received numerous letters and e-mails from fans and old CPHS Coaches expressing the joy and pride they had for the team.

It has really been fun enjoying the growing pains and success that we had. It's like watching a child learn to crawl, walk, and then run.

Also to all the parents, fans and supporters of the program, without your backing and support things would not have changed—stability will overcome.

To the managers, Shasta Bacon, Emily Foster, Cheyenne Cowan and Jayten Ames, thanks for keeping me in line and knowing where my man purse was at all times!

Finally, to the players, thanks for a great year 23-9, Rising Star Tournament Champs, Cross Plains Tournament Champs, Bi-District Champs (yes, your name is on a gold ball!), Area Finalist and most of all Cross Plains Buffaloes FOREVER! All are proud of you—we are from Cross Plains and it can be said with PRIDE!!!

Submitted by Coach Shawn Bullock

## One Straw Short of a Smoothie: Way Ahead of the Game

Four students from Cross Plains High School went to Weatherford on Saturday, February 21, to compete at the Destination Imagination Greater Fort Worth Regional Tournament, and came home with an impressive list of first year accomplishments.

Destination Imagination is an educational organization that is designed with the thought of teaching critical and creative thinking to students of all ages. The organization works with more than 250,000 students around the world each season to teach the processes of Creative Problem Solving and teamwork which in turn helps to build stronger leaders for the future.

Students from kindergarten to university-level form teams of up to seven members, select from a list of challenges, and start building a solution to their problem which they will present at contest. The solutions include creative projects that require use of science and technical knowledge as well as a presentation aspect that draws on theatrical and language skills.

This year, high school teacher Amber Green applied for a grant to be a pilot school in the program. After earning the funding, Mrs. Green assembled a team of seven students who showed potential for success in this area in their classroom performance.

The team chose to complete the structure challenge titled "A New Angle". In this challenge, the team was required to build a structure of less than 9 inches in height and 30 grams in weight out of nothing but wood and glue. The structure had to be built using two separate pieces that joined at the small ends of angles and fit the dimensions of the structure tested

where weights are placed on it until it is crushed at the tournament. Along with their structure, the team had to present a theatrical presentation about two different art forms and how they merge to create a new art form.

Of the seven original members of the Cross Plains team, dubbed "One Straw Short of a Smoothie" by its members, only four made it through to competition. Those members, Amanda Carpenter, Emily Foster, Lauren Goode and Cody Slinger, made an impressive showing at the regional tournament. They came home with 3rd place Overall in the Structures Challenge, 1st place in the Instant Challenge category and the "Spirit of Discovery & Imagination Award."

The Challenge Master gives this special award only if he deems the team to demonstrate outstanding and extraordinary levels of sportsmanship, volunteerism, and spirit. One Straw Short of a Smoothie is the first team to be awarded this award for the Structures Challenge in ten years.

The imagination and creativity of these students, as well as the other members of the team that contributed to their solution but were unable to compete (Amanda Dunaway, Rosa Salazar and Robbie Saltus) are to be applauded. They have stepped outside of our community and proven to a new group of spectators that the students of Cross Plains ISD are capable of anything they set their minds to.

Congratulations One Straw Short of a Smoothie! We are all very proud of your accomplishments and look forward to hearing of your success again next year.

Submitted by Amber Green

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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

MARCH 2 - 6 BREAKFAST

MONDAY -Sausage, Biscuit, Gravy, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
TUESDAY- Pancakes, Sausage Link, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
WEDNESDAY-Sausage-n-blanket, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

FRIDAY-Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

LUNCH  
MONDAY- BBQ on Bun, Corn on Cob, Baby Carrots, Fruit Crisp, Milk

TUESDAY- Oven Crispy Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Honey, Milk  
WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad, (chili beans, salad, rice, corn chips, & cheese), Pineapple Chunks, Milk

THURSDAY- Lasagna or Corn Dog, Broccoli, Garlic Stick, Diced Pears, Milk

FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Baked Wedges, Rice Krispie Treat, Milk

## Field Trip Planned in March for Local Library ASAP

Students who attend the After School Adventure Program, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library in March will be taking a field trip down the street to Phyllis Pancake's Home Stitchin'.

We will meet at the library for a lesson about monogramming and the many items that can be decorated by monogramming.

Phyllis will explain how she obtains the patterns used and the process of selecting the artwork.

Since we will be walking down to her shop for a tour, we will require a signed permission slip from those parents not attending the program with their children. Forms will be available at the library.

## Whitney Petree is Student Teaching in Cross Plains I.S.D. Agriculture Department

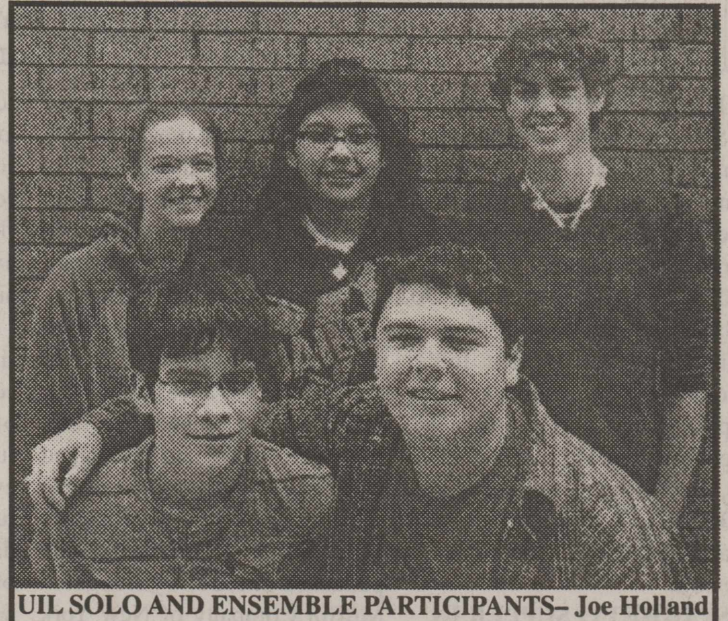
Ms. Whitney Petree, senior Agricultural Services and Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun her student teaching in the Cross Plains Public Schools. She is under the supervision of Mr. Roy Richey and Mr. Marc Morgan, agricultural science teachers.

Ms. Petree will be in the community for ten weeks for the purpose of receiving training in agricultural science teaching.

This agreement has been made by mutual agreement between Cross Plains I.S.D. and Tarleton State University.

The student teacher will assist with all activities concerning the local agricultural science program. Upon completion of this training period, she will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development from Tarleton State University.

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UIL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS— Joe Holland (front, from left) and Cody Slinger; Amber Parker (back, from left), Esmeralda Sanchez and Jake Estes.

## Band Students Compete in UIL Solo Ensemble Contest at Howard Payne

Saturday, February 7th, five students from the Cross Plains High School Band competed in UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest at Howard Payne University. Jake Estes (Senior), Cody Slinger (Junior), Amber Parker (Junior), Esmeralda Sanchez (Junior) and Joe Holland (8th grade) put their musical talent to the test.

Each student in the competition is given a solo written for their specific instrument which they spend countless hours practicing prior to the competition.

Each student performs their solo for a single judge. The judge then gives them a rating accordingly. The solos range from easy to very hard (grade 3, 2, 1 respectively).

If the student chose a grade 1

and performs it from memory they have a chance to advance to the state level.

Once again Jake Estes chose a grade 1 xylophone solo and performed it from memory. Jake received a superior rating and will advance to the state level which is held at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in May.

The other four contestants did a wonderful job on their solos, three of which were their first attempt at solo and ensemble contest.

I am so proud of them for their hard work and dedication. Thanks for all you add to the band!

Submitted by Matt Sowell, Band Director

## Cross Plains Buffalo Baseball Begins

The Cross Plains Baseball Buffs' first game was this past Tuesday against Eula, if the game wasn't cancelled due to their extended basketball season.

The Buffs first home game is Friday, February 27th, against Rotan at 5:00 p.m.

Baseball practice started two week ago with six non-basketball players and then February 16th all the baseball players starting practice.

Playing this year is the lone Senior, Joe Wyatt; Juniors, Reese Allen, Jarred Eisenbach, Nick Adams; Sophomores, Pat Border, Allan Wheeler, Taylor Savell, Cody Ford, William Pope, Tony Kemp, Chad Switzer, Zach Hedfelt; and Freshmen, Ryder Foster, Austin Thomas and Jayten Ames.

Come out and support the Buffs. See you at the games.

Submitted by Coach Mitchell Atchley

## Cross Plains Buffaloes 2009 Baseball Schedule

Jan. 30	Fri	1st day for non-basketball players	
Feb. 16	Mon	1st day for team baseball practice	
24	Tue	CP @ Eula	5:00
27	Fri	Home vs. Rotan	5:00
March 3	Tue	Home vs. Tolar (2 games)	4:30 & 7:00
6	Fri	OPEN	5:00
12 - 14	Thur-Sat	Ranger Tournament	TBA
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20	Fri	Home vs. Evant	5:00
24	Tue	CP @ Goldthwaite	5:00
28	Sat	Home vs. May	2:00
31	Tue	CP @ Gorman	5:00
April 3	Fri	Home vs. DeLeon	5:00
7	Tue	CP @ Evant	5:00
10	Fri	Home vs. Goldthwaite	5:00
14	Tue	CP @ May	5:00
17	Fri	Home vs. Gorman	5:00
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# Allergies have you cooped up and feeling down?

The wind is howling. Temperatures are well below freezing. And you're curled up on the sofa with the cat, a good book and a crackling fire.

How could you possibly feel so lousy?

Maybe it's the indoor air that's chock full of allergens or irritants.

"Depending on what you're allergic or sensitive to, winter can be a really awful time of year," says Dr. Robert Bush, allergy and asthma researcher and professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH).

Allergens are substances that create an allergic response - material like pet dander, dust mites, mold, mice and cockroaches. Irritants can cause symptoms but not an allergic response. They include dust particles and fine particulates like fuels, gases and odors.

Bush points out one misconception about dust-mite allergies when people are cooped up in winter. He says dust mites can be less of a problem in winter as compared to more moderate times of the year.

"Dust mites thrive in humidity. When you turn on the heating system, the air dries out and dust mites die," says Bush.

Even so, some dust mites can survive and a tidy but closed-up house may provide plenty of troubling allergens.

"Even very clean homes have some things that can trigger allergies," Bush observes. Recent research shows the

average home can have several potential allergy sources. A study in the March, 2008 issue of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology said 52 percent of American homes have six or more allergens and 46 percent had three or more at high levels.

"If you're having allergy symptoms, it's tough to pinpoint the source unless you get an allergy skin test or blood test," says Bush.

"You need to know what's causing your symptoms to develop an effective plan."

Bush says after you have identified what's bothering you, there are a number of steps to reduce allergy triggers or irritants in your home:

**Control Humidity Levels**  
Bush says ideally, home humidity levels should range between 30 to 40 percent. Providing an environmental balance with humidity is especially important in bedrooms.

**Remove or Change Things that Harbor Allergens**

The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) says carpet removal can make a big difference. For dust mites, encase pillows and mattresses in anti-allergy pillowcases and covers. Wash rugs and bedding regularly in hot water.

**Monitor Heating and Air-Exchange Systems**

Replace furnace filters regularly. Have a heating and air-conditioning engineer check your home's air exchange rate.

Watch for and Eliminate Mold Sources

Bush says if there is a mold level in your home during winter, there is an indoor source like a water leak or standing water. The only way to eliminate mold is to remove the moisture that's causing it. A musty or moldy smell alone doesn't necessarily mean your home has a mold problem.

**Avoid Allergy Sources**  
If you're allergic to pet dander, the only effective way to eliminate the allergen is to keep pets out of the house. Bush says it takes six months to clear a home of allergy sources from pets. If removing the pet is not practical, keep it outdoors and out of the bedroom as much as possible.

**Take Care When Vacuuming**  
Bush says there isn't much research on the effectiveness of HEPA-filtered vacuum cleaners. He says this type of vacuum might reduce pet-allergen exposure but not necessarily dust mites. There's evidence that a regular vacuum cleaner with a double-layered bag could help with dust mites. Since vacuuming flings dust and particles into the air, it might be helpful to wear a mask while vacuuming.

Regardless of what you or family members are allergic to, a combination of steps is the best way to make indoor air more comfortable.

"Changing one thing won't do much." The trick is to find a combination that really works for you and stick to it," said Bush.

*Producers May Apply for Crops Not Covered by Federal Crop Insurance*

## Non Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program Requirements

(Baird, TX) - Feb. 17, 2009 - Robert Frost Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Callahan County reminds agricultural producers of the need for insurance coverage for crops in order to be eligible for the agency's Disaster Assistance Programs. Application closing dates for coverage in Callahan County are March 16, 2009 for spring seeded crops such as Haygrazer.

Producers must purchase at least catastrophic (CAT) level of insurance for all insurable crops and/or FSA's Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for noninsurable crops to be

eligible for the USDA Farm Service Agency Disaster Assistance Programs.

"Crop insurance is an important risk management tool for farmers, but it's not available for all crops. That's why NAP is so important," said Frost.

NAP is a federally funded program that provides coverage to producers for non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including but not limited to fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turf grass

and forage crops. However, crops that FCIC deems as ineligible due to practice or yield are not covered by NAP.

"Producers must apply for coverage before a disaster strikes," said Frost. "Like regular crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone."

NAP applications for coverage must be filed using Form CCC-471 and service fees must be paid by the sales closing date. Application sales closing dates vary by crop.

For county and crop-specific information, please contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2.

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Dear Friend,

We never know what trials and tribulations others are going through and as children of the Most High God we should be quick to help and give a word of encouragement when we see the need for it. The Lord Jesus Christ calls us the children of light. We are commanded to unburden those who are down-trodden and lift up those who have no strength to stand on their own.

We simply need to think of how we would want others to help us if we were in need and apply that same love and hope towards those who do need what we can provide. The Lord has promised that every act done in His name will bring forth a proper reward. We don't do good deeds simply to be praised, but because we do, the Lord is proud of us and promises to bless us in kind. Be encouraged to lend a helping hand when you see the opportunity. You will benefit more than the recipient simply by knowing you helped to make a bad situation a little better. I hope this message speaks to your heart to never judge or condemn anyone. All of us face different trials in life and need to be shown love and acceptance and told that it's not as bad as it seems right now.

Dwayne Savaya

Think of all the ways that you can encourage someone who is having a bad day. Just a hug or a pat on the shoulder can make someone feel better. Taking a moment just to listen can also help. We all want to give vent to our feelings once in a while. The gift of a listening ear can mean a lot when we are feeling discouraged. It makes us feel we are worth being listened to.

One of my worst mistakes was failing to help someone when I easily could have done so. The opportunity was lost forever and I feel that I let Christ down. We help Him by helping others and I lost my chance.

Remember to treat others like you want to be treated and to give a helping hand whenever you can. You never know who you are helping.

BHW

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## USDA Extends Comment Period for Regulation on Payment Limitations and Payment Eligibility

(Baird, TX), Feb. 6, 2009 – Robert Frost, Executive Director for the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Callahan County announced today that following Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's announcement that the comment period for the regulation defining actively engaged participation in a farming operation has been extended for an additional 60 days, FSA is seeking a diverse range of comments from different areas of the United States and farming communities.

With this extension, the public may continue to submit comments until April 6, 2009. The extension document is available at [HYPERLINK "http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/federalNotices?are=home&subject=are&topic=frd-ii"](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/federalNotices?are=home&subject=are&topic=frd-ii) <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/federalNotices?are=home&subject=are&topic=frd-ii>.

The regulation, published Dec. 29, 2008, invited comments on the interim rule for implementation of key eligibility requirements for many FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs. The regulations were revised as mandated by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) to make changes in payment eligibility, payment attribution, maximum income limits and maximum dollar benefit amounts for participants in CCC-funded programs. In addition, certain provisions were incorporated that are

discretionary.

The actively engaged provision requires that individuals and entities must be "actively engaged in farming" with respect to a farming operation in order to be eligible for specified payments and benefits. To be "actively engaged in farming," the individual or entity must make significant contributions to the farming operation of (1) capital, equipment, land, or a combination; and (2) personal labor or active personal management, or a combination.

Under rules in effect since 1988, not every member of an entity is required to contribute active personal labor or management. The interim rule requires each partner, stockholder, or member with an ownership interest to make a contribution of active personal labor or active personal management. The contribution must be regular and substantial, and documented as well as separate and distinct from any other member's contribution. The rule limits the ability of passive stockholders to continue to realize benefits from the entity.

The substantive rule changes make the requirement for adding new persons to a farming operation more restrictive. The addition of a person to an existing farming operation can be met through an increase of 20 percent of base acres to the operation; previously the requirement was an increase of 20 percent in cropland.

# Three for the Heart

MADISON, WIS.—Taking care of your heart is hard.

Or it can certainly seem that way. Heart disease remains the number one killer of men and women in the United States. That part is easy to grasp. Yet every week seems to bring a news report or study that identifies a new threat to one of your body's most vital organs.

But heart health doesn't have to be confusing or complicated. To simplify, heart experts at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health have boiled the question down to the three best and the three worst—things you can do for your heart.

"If you can incorporate these things into your daily life, you're giving yourself a much better chance to enjoy a long and healthy life, free of heart disease," says Dr. James Stein, director of preventive cardiology at UW Hospital and Clinics and professor of medicine at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

Let's start with the bad news. If you're doing any of the following, you're increasing your chances of heart disease.

**Puffing.** If you're one of the millions of Americans who are still smoking, know this: With every puff, you're dramatically increasing your chances of suffering a life-threatening heart attack. The chemicals in tobacco smoke raise blood pressure, reduce good cholesterol (HDL) and damage your blood vessels. But if you can find a way to quit and stay away from smoking permanently, you can reduce your risk almost immediately, and eliminate tobacco's negative effects within three years.

"There's really no more significant thing you can do to improve the health of your

heart than quitting smoking," says Dr. Michael Fiore, who heads the UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention. "It's startling how much it can reduce your risk."

**Finishing the entire six-pack:** While several recent studies have suggested that consuming moderate amounts of red wine may be beneficial to the heart, excessive drinking of wine, beer or hard liquor can result in both weight gain (see next item) and increased blood pressure. And if you're a chronically heavy drinker, you're poisoning your heart and risking cardiomyopathy, an enlarged and permanently damaged heart.

"Alcohol's effect on the heart is not straightforward," says Stein. "But a good general rule of thumb is not to drink alcohol for heart health. If you do drink alcohol, drink only in moderation. That means no more than one ounce of hard liquor, four ounces of wine or 12 ounces of beer per day."

**Inflating the spare tire.** Researchers have recently discovered that belly fat, in other words, a sizable spare tire is a huge predictor of heart disease risk. In fact, at least one recent study has suggested that for every two inches you add to your gut, your risk of heart disease increases nearly 20 percent.

Now for the positive steps: **Get a risk assessment.** Most Americans are dangerously unaware of how much their age, genetics and lifestyle choices affect the health of their heart. UW experts agree that assessing your risk of a heart attack or death is the single most important thing you can do.

Your doctor can help you identify the important numbers your blood pressure and your cholesterol and assess your

risk. Or you can use a helpful online tool to do this assessment at home (see sidebar).

"If you're middle-aged and have more than one risk factor for heart disease family history, hypertension, smoking or abnormal cholesterol, for instance you also should think seriously about having a picture of your arteries taken," says Stein. He has pioneered the use of ultrasound scanning to measure the amount of plaque on the walls of the carotid arteries as a means of assessing a patient's risk of heart disease.

**Reduce your weight.** Notice the distinct absence of the word "diet." While losing weight is the ultimate goal in terms of keeping your heart healthy, UW experts urge getting there through eating smaller portions of healthy foods, not by experimenting with the latest fad diet or forgoing food altogether.

"The question really comes down to the type and amount of food you're eating," says Dr. Matt Wolff, chief of cardiovascular medicine at UW Hospital and Clinics. "Not every diet is designed to help you have a healthy heart. Healthy diets are low in red meat, fried foods and sweets. They emphasize fruits, vegetables, nuts, whole grain, fish and poultry."

**Exercise.** Outside of eating right, the best way to reduce your weight is getting off the couch and doing something, anything, to stimulate your heart muscle.

"The more you exercise, the better you'll do," says Stein. "Find ways to burn energy. Even walking for half an hour three times a week can have a positive effect on your heart's health."

Three up, three down. Your heart will thank you for it.

**Sidebar: Heartdecision.org** Think assessing your heart-disease risk is too challenging to contemplate? Wait a second. It turns out there's an easy-to-use tool that can help you and you can find it online at heartdecision.org.

It's the brainchild of Dr. Jon Keevil, an associate professor of medicine at UW School of Medicine and Public Health. He first developed it as a medical resident in the mid-1990s.

Using algorithms based on the famous Framingham Heart Study, heartdecision.org uses basic info about a patient's blood pressure and cholesterol levels, as well as a few facts about family history to calculate how likely an individual is to suffer a heart attack over the next ten years. Patients can work with their physician to obtain the information to plug into the tool.

"There is a large chunk of the population that is unrecognized as being at high risk for heart disease," says Keevil. "Patients may slip by a clinician's attention when they only have slightly elevated risk factors, but have many of them. Piling all these pieces together surprises some people."

Keevil estimates his site has had 50,000 hits in the past four years, from people across the globe. Recently, traffic has picked up as physicians and patients begin to pay more attention to preventing heart disease.

"The bottom line is that people need to know their blood pressure and cholesterol levels, says Keevil. And if any of these raise a flag, we need to look at their absolute risk to make best treatment recommendations."

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF CROSS PLAINS—** February 17th meeting was chaired by Kathy Chesshir. Her guests were George Cormack, Executive Director for Central Texas Opportunities headquartered in Coleman. C.T.O. is the governing agency for Head Start. Hannah Adams is the Community Services Manager coordinating caseworkers covering a seven county area, helping people "get out of poverty".

## C.P. Public Library's Meet the Author featured "Stars"

The Cross Plains Public Library hosted Joe Specht, author and researcher for Texas Music, for another "Meet the Author". His program focused on Slim Willett's song "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes".

Approximately 50 people attended the "Stars" history review held February 17 at the Cross Plains Community Center.

The song "Don't Let the Stars Get in Your Eyes" was recorded first in 1952-53 by Slim Willett. He was working as a disk jockey on Abilene's KRBC Radio and TV Show. Slim got the idea for the song from a letter from a GI

servicing in Korea as a request for his girl back home.

There were 4 versions by different singers on the Top 10 list at the same time. Perry Como's recording of the song sold over a million records. The song is still being recorded today by artists all over the world. There are over 90 different versions in many musical styles and languages.

Memorabilia of Slim Willett's song were on display for all to enjoy. Refreshments were served by members of the Library Board.

Submitted by  
Helen Parson

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JEWEL BARNETT

## 95th Birthday for Jewel Barnett to be held February 28th

A party celebrating Jewel Barnett's 95th birthday will be held Saturday, February 28th from 2 pm to 3:30 pm at the home of Sharolyn Walker in Cross Plains. Barnett also resides at this address.

Relatives and friends are invited to come by and wish her "Happy

Birthday" during this time.

The party is being hosted by her daughter, Carolyn Morgan and her husband, Bob and their children are Sharolyn Walker and her children.

Your presence will be your gift to her.

## Community

we paying him any extra money for anything? I want copies of the contract. I want copies of checks, statements, anything to do with any money that is handed out to Mr. Tennison."

The only document that has currently been released concerning Mr. Tennison's resignation is a letter from Tennison to Kim Crockett that states, "I hereby tender my resignation effective February 27, 2009 contingent upon the Board agreeing to pay as severance the remainder of my 2008-2009 contract salary through June 30, 2009. Should the Board desire, I hereby agree to be reassigned to the position of Assistant Superintendent. I will be on retainer as a consultant to the district, upon request, until July 1, 2009." This letter was signed by both Jackie Tennison and Kim Crockett and dated January 19, 2009. However, when documents on public record concerning Mr. Tennison's resignation were requested from the school, they could not be found at the time of the inquiry, and were promised to be faxed. As of this time, no other documents have been received, and the monetary amount of Mr. Tennison's severance pay is not yet known.

Rusty Reed spoke during open forum concerning the ongoing issue with the new ag building roof and the letter from Mueller that was read in its entirety during last month's regular meeting. Rusty handed out a copy of the letter he received from the President/CEO of Mueller and stated that it could be read publicly. He noted that the letter stated that the company did, in fact, send the wrong materials and what Mueller meant was the school board should hire a competent and experienced contractor rather than school employees telling them how to do it. Reed said, "Every question that came up about the building, they were told what to do by the superintendent. The trim was wrong, we knew the trim was wrong. We were told to put it up anyway. The bracing that is missing and causing a potential hazard—we were told to take the bracing down because it was blocking a window. It's because of the superintendent. He's the one who started the building, and he's the one who caused all the problems. The last thing I want to say is before you make a decision on the roof tonight, I wish you would put it off until next month. Jackie will be gone and you can make your own decision

in your own way, and I told you I would do it for FREE. All I ask you to do is what is right. What's right for the taxpayers and the city of Cross Plains."

Scott Childress, former School Board President, spoke about the school's credibility saying, "There are a lot of charges here that will hopefully not go unanswered. We don't want to be known as a district that is corrupt. We have an issue with concrete that has gone somewhere. We have an issue with a school employee that has gone to Buffalo Gap to work on computers during school time. We have an issue of credit cards being used. Who's signing for it? We don't know, but that should be part of an investigation. We do know that the Board needs to take these charges seriously."

Tommy Ames addressed the public saying, "These are all legitimate questions and concerns. We do have a process to go through. We cannot correspond with you during this time. We can't answer the questions, and I don't like to sit up here and act like we're dodging these questions. All of your questions can be put on a board agenda."

Luter then asked what the proper procedure was to get an

item put on the agenda, but unfortunately, the board members were not allowed to respond with her at that time. They did agree that it could be published in the newspaper and put on the schools website.

The board went on with the scheduled agenda items. They reviewed a bid received for labor to replace the ag roof building, but voted instead to take no action on the item for the time being.

The Junior and Senior Prom was approved to be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Abilene on May 16. Roy Dodds interjected that he would like to be consulted about the rules and drafting the permission slips considering he would be held accountable as interim superintendent.

The Barbarian Festival, along with Project Pride was approved to use the school facilities and equipment June 2009.

They also voted to accept the West Texas Food Service Co-op contract.

Upon returning from executive session the board voted to extend Margie Sowell's contract through 2011 as elementary principal. Kevin Bryant the Athletic Director was given a two year, 12 month contract. The board voted to offer Dora Warlick an agreement for Interim Secondary Principal for the remainder of the 08-09 school year. They also voted on and signed an agreement with Roy Dodds as Interim Superintendent with Mr. Tennison remaining as a consultant to the principal and superintendent.

Board members and employees present were Vicki Dillard, Tommy Ames, Burlie Taylor, Michael Cowan, Donnie Dillard, Bryan Bennett, Jackie Tennison, Dora Warlick and Margie Sowell.

Guests were Rusty Reed, Johnnie Posuk, Shannon Armor, Delores Carter, Helen Parson, Judy Luter, Scott Childress, Cody Reed, Debbie Reed, Patricia Posuk, Terry Lichty, Brent Hamlin, Rhonda Hinten, Susan Holland, Tonja Walker, Annette Nickerson, Nora Odom, Scott and Keeka Byrd, Shera Gary, Marc Morgan, Becky Dillard, Deanna Golson, Susan Hartman, Blake Foster, Tiffany Holland, Keith Lawrence, and Kimberlee Lambert.

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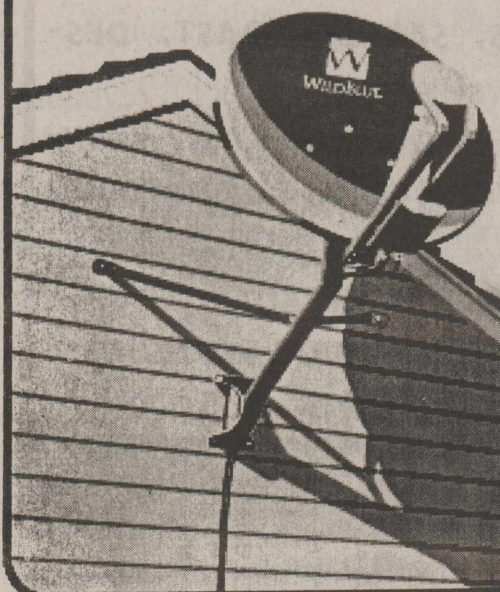
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## Texas Sheriff Visits Capitol

Callahan County Sheriff John Windham was one of more than 100 Sheriffs and other law enforcement officers from around the state that visited the 81st Legislature on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. The Sheriffs traveled from near and far in an effort to express their interest in what legislative actions are taken, show their support of lawmakers, and exhibit a strong unity among the Sheriffs of Texas.

The Legislative Committee and staff of the Sheriffs Association of Texas coordinated this special event to facilitate the Sheriffs' involvement in the legislative process. Resolutions were passed in both the Senate and House recognizing the Sheriffs and the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. Sheriffs spent the remainder of the day meeting with their individual Senators and Representatives to discuss

pending legislation and provide input on bills that affect the citizens of the State of Texas. The Sheriffs feel this contact is crucial to providing meaningful law enforcement in their counties.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a nonprofit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. The Legislative Committee is appointed by the President of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas and is composed of Sheriffs from around the state. For more information on the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, call Steve M. Westbrook, Executive Director, Sheriffs' Association of Texas, 1601 S. IH 35 Austin, Texas 78741-2503, 512-445-5888, or visit [info@txsheriffs.org](mailto:info@txsheriffs.org).

## Cottonwood Historical Association to Hold Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, April 18th

The Cottonwood Historical Association announced today that they will be having a **Spaghetti Supper Night** on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Community Center in Cottonwood.

Proceeds from the Spaghetti Supper will go toward the care and maintenance of the Cottonwood Community Center, formerly the old school building.

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



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She was born December 31, 2008. Morgan weighed 7lbs. 7 oz. and was 20.25 inches long.

Morgan lives in San Angelo with Hayden and parents, Jeremy and Monica Pancake. She has loads of family.

Maternal grandparents are Linda Ribera of Minnesota, Dan Ribera and fiancée Susan Bengé of New Mexico. Maternal great grandparents are Evelyn Serreyn of Minnesota and Maxine Ribera of New Mexico.

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For information about times and fees please call The Taylor County Extension Office at (325) 672-6048.

Submitted by: Hoss Sasin, CEA - Ag

## 1st Annual Hog Hunt Sponsored by the Baird Volunteer Fire Dept.

The 1st Annual Hog Hunt is sponsored by the Baird Volunteer Fire Department is set for April 3rd and 4th. The cost is \$150 per team, with up to 4 man teams.

There will be side pots for the heaviest sow and boar and also the smallest pig. Entry fee for side pots is \$25.00 (cash only).

The hunt begins at 7 p.m. April 3 and weigh in will be at 7 p.m. April 4.

One member must be present for the reading of the rules at the Baird Fire Station at the corner of 3rd and Market Street in Baird and sign in at 5:30 p.m. April 3rd.

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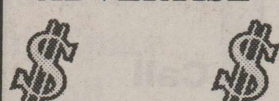
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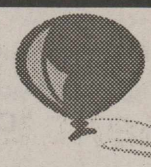
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