

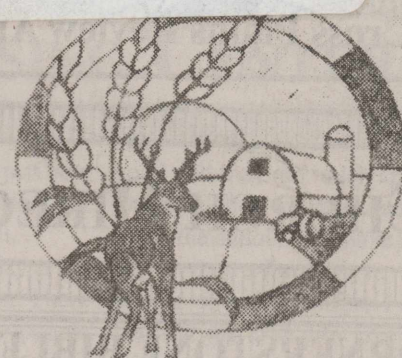
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WAGON ROADSIDE CAFE CELEBRATED SECOND GRAND OPENING—Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting for The Wagon Roadside Cafe. Pictured is David Estes (from left) (Vice President), Joe Kemp, Claudia and Walter Price and Barbara Dillard.



WAITING FOR A FREE HOT DOG—Keegan and Kyler King and Jesse Kitchens.

"The Gospel in the Feast" to be Taught at First Baptist Church

Bruce Rapp, with Jews for Jesus, will be with us this Wednesday, April 1st. He will be teaching "The Gospel in the Feast" as he illustrates and explains the historical, agricultural, spiritual, and

prophetic purposes of each feast, showing how each points to Jesus. The last time Bruce was with us, he taught and illustrated the Passover.

informative evening at First Baptist Church, 301 North Main, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Admission is FREE.

Invite your friends to this

Submitted by
Pastor Ronnie White

School Board Meeting Flowed Smoothly 7 Applicants Out of 66 Being Considered for Superintendent

By Kim Lambert
Special Writer

The regular meeting of the Cross Plains School Board began with the interim superintendent, Mr. Roy Dodds taking the opportunity to address the public for a few moments. Mr. Dodds started out by informing everyone that he is pleased to be in Cross Plains, and took a leave of absence from the Texas Association of Administrators to be our interim superintendent for the remainder of the school year.

He commented that there were many questions asked during the last regular meeting and as superintendent he would address some of these questions. He wanted the public to know that his

answers didn't necessarily reflect the boards feelings in any way, and that the law prevents them from responding to public inquiry during and open forum. Mr. Dodds informed everyone that his office door was always open to anyone who may have a question that they would like an answer to.

The first question Mr. Dodds gave an answer to was, "How does a principal get put in place without having a board meeting to hire one?" At anytime needed, administration can put a substitute in place, without needing board approval.

Mr. Dodds then went on to inform the public that public records for superintendents, any other school employee, or anything else you would like to check on about the school are on file and available for anyone to receive. He stated, "The thing that bothers me most about Cross Plains, maybe I am wrong in what I am fixing to say, I've been wrong before, I don't feel the trust that I'd like to feel from the

community. I am not going to lie to you. If I can't tell you the truth, then I am not going to tell you anything at all. I appreciate all the comments that I have received so far."

He explained about the school credit cards and informed everyone that there are 12 school credit cards, and they are located in Lurene's office. Whenever someone comes in for a credit card, they are required to sign their name, the credit card number and the date into a spiral notebook that is used specifically to keep track of the credit cards. Upon return of the credit card, the user must sign the card back in, date it, and provide receipts for all purchases made with the card. The receipts are then kept until the credit card bill comes in and is matched up to insure all expenses are accounted for.

Mr. Dodds responded about having an outside audit conducted. He replied that if he were coming in as superintendent,

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"Working Together" Community Wide Meeting Held Tuesday

By Special Writer
Kim Lambert

Members of the community were treated to a spread of colorful and informative brochures as well as small gifts that were on display as you walked through the doors of the Senior Citizens Center this past Tuesday evening for the Cross Plains Community Meeting.

The meeting commenced with David Estes, vice president for the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, informing audience members to feel free to ask the speakers any questions, and expressing his desire to resume these meetings quarterly.

There were several speakers

from different organizations who attended the meeting and gave very helpful information on what resources are available for small rural communities like Cross Plains. Each of the speakers thanked the community for the opportunity come out and explains their services.

- Dannes Turner- Economic Development Committee
- Patricia Butler- US Department of Agriculture
- Judy Wilhelm- Abilene Small Business Center
- Kristen Wright- West Central Council of Governments
- Gail Keiser- Area Agency on Aging
- Patty Davis- Regional 9-1-1
- Rhonda Vessel- Callahan

Coordinator
• Carolyn Putnam- Criminal Justice

Each of these ladies gave valuable information on how and where to go to apply for loans, how to check and verify a 9-1-1 address, where and how to obtain health services as well as correctional and peace officer training, and consultation for small businesses and business plans.

A delicious meal of hamburgers and chips was donated by the Texas Heritage Bank, as well as cookies donated by Subway.

The meal and information was enjoyed by over 40 members of the Cross Plains Community.

Dr. Lou Halsell Rodenberger Receives Stirrup Award

Dr. Lou Halsell Rodenberger was notified March 24 that she had won another Stirrup Award from the Western Writers of America for the best article published in 2008 in the Round Up. Her winning story was "The Grandmothers" of The Western Frontier. The award will be presented with the Spur awards at the annual meeting of the organization in Oklahoma City in June. Dr. Rodenberger is professor emeritus of English at McMurry University.

In her article on the Grandmothers she cites several western writers including Elmer Kelton, Paula Marks and Elizabeth Crook, but cites Jane Rushing with the following: "Rushing had written two novels before she realized that a strong

grandmother or grandmother-to-be starred in all of her fiction. She recognized that she had created a template for describing strong women like her Grandma Adams, who settled the Western frontier and raised children who themselves would become solid citizens. Rushing describes later in her memoir, *Starting from Pyron*. Rushing called this prototype the "Grandmother of West Texas".

Dr. Rodenberger lives between Cottonwood and Admiral and continues to review manuscripts. She had won the Stirrup Award in 2007 for her article on Tom Lea. As one Western Writer commented after winning his second Stirrup award, with two stirrups he could ride straight.

Local Real Estate Office Transferred to Another Area in the State of Texas

United Country Heart of Texas Real Estate has made the decision to combine the Cross Plains office with the Brownwood-Early office. The Cross Plains franchise will be transferred to another part of the state.

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COTTONWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE CONTROL BRUSH TRUCK

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's Brush Truck is really yellow!

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Forestry Brush Truck has been painted a bright yellow. The group's firefighters sandblasted the truck (with a lot of help from David Goble) and then applied a coat of primer (with a lot of help from Dustin Strength). Donald Strength and Clint Eubank of Strength's Paint & Body applied the yellow paint.

"We want to thank David for the sandblasting and Donald, Clint and Dustin for all their work and for the use of the building," commented Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fire Chief Joe Terstegge. "We're getting closer to having the truck on the road."

The Brush Truck, with tanks that hold 1000 gallons of water will double the water carrying

capacity of the fire control group. Terstegge added, "we need to reinstall the tanks and do some work on the truck to get it ready. Those things we will be able to do as time and money permit."

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is also in the process of building a new firehouse to house the Brush Truck.

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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
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Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

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

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10:00 a.m.
Michael Ingram, Pastor

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OBITUARY

Lucille Carmichael
Lucille Carmichael, 98, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, in Dallas. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at Hamlin Memorial Cemetery with P.B. Middlebrook, Jr. officiating. Services were under the direction of Adams Funeral Home in Hamlin.

Born Lucille Ollie Burkett on August 4, 1910, in Burkett to the late Arthur William and Stella May (Boyle) Burkett. She taught school in Cross Plains and while there she met and married Arthur Carmichael June 27, 1935. They had one son, Stephen Arthur.

The Carmichaels lived in Hamlin for many years and were active members of Hamlin Church of Christ. They owned and operated the Hamlin Ford dealership, along with the Sweetwater, Abilene and Midland Ford/Lincoln dealerships for many years. They moved to Abilene and were active members of Highland Church of Christ. Lucille was an avid supporter of Abilene Christian University. She was a teacher and a homemaker.

Lucille loved Greece and lived there for several years before returning to Dallas. She was confined to bed for the past 12 years.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Art in 1973, her beloved son, Stephen on May 15, 1960, her parents, one brother Curtis O. Burkett and one sister, Irene Burkett Hall Peffley.

Survivors include her nephews, Jim Hall and wife Jan of San Angelo, and his children, Jimmy Hall of San Angelo and Lisa Hall of Dallas; one special niece, Linda Hall of San Angelo; Phil Burkett and wife Mary of Abilene and their children, Vicki Burkett Johnson of Quinlan, Brad Burkett of Waxahachie, Blake Burkett of Colorado Spring, CO, Keith Carmichael of Abilene; nieces, Lynn Burkett Ware of Moorestown, NJ, Blix Hall Patterson of Houston, her daughter, Regina Scarsella of Lakeville, Minnesota, Dana Carmichael of Dallas; sister-in-law, Marie Carmichael of Abilene; an adopted son, Dino Roussos and family of Athens, Greece.

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Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative, District 53, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, TX 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0536.
Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call (512)463-0124.

Washington
Barrack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.
Randy Neugebauer, Congressman, 19th Tx District, 500 Chestnut St. Suite 819, Abilene, TX 79602. Phone (325)675-9779. For email access, go to <http://randy.house.gov>.
John Cornyn, 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington D.C. 20510. Phone 202-224-2934. Fax 202-228-2856. For email access, go to <http://Cornyn.Senate.gov>.
Kay Bailey Hutchinson, 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202-224-5922. Fax 202-224-0776. For email go to <http://Hutchinson.Senate.gov>.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 22, 2009 through March 28, 2009 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—158
Complaints—67
DWI—1
Driving While License Invalid—1

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

The 11th Annual Barbarian Festival Requesting Sponsors

The 11th Annual Barbarian Festival is Saturday, June 13, 2009 on the lot north of Dollar General. Sponsorship money goes towards the purchase of awards for the Tractor Show, Car Show, advertising, T-shirts, etc. Partial proceeds of the festival sponsors the Terry Jane Wyatt Memorial Scholarship.

The **Barbarian Sponsor**, donation of \$100 or more, includes your name on the back of the T-shirt, name of all advertising, name, photo and e-mail address on barbarianfestival.net and a free T-shirt. T-shirts are given to all car show entries and may be purchased at the festival.

The **Warrior Sponsor**, any donations less than \$100, includes your name on all advertising and on barbarianfestival.net.

The deadline to become a sponsor is May 22, 2009. 2009 Sponsors to date are:

Barbarian: Reed Construction/Box R; AAA Stowaway Storage; Turner Landscaping; Main Street Pool House & Surf Shop; Higginbotham Funeral Home; Cross Plains Review; Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestone; Callahan Furniture; Taste of Texas; City of Cross Plains; Pancakes Home Stitchin; Cross Plains EDC; Texas Heritage Bank; and Rocky Oaks Ranch - Stan and Jimmie Jernigan.

Warrior: Tim's Floral and Gifts.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact **Kandy Jones 254-725-4458**; **Susan McNeel 254-725-6498** or **Cindy Payne 254-725-6692** or mail to P.O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Be sure to check www.barbarianfestival.net for more information.

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COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Robert T. Davis, possession of marijuana.
Sidney D. Walton, possession of marijuana.
Robert D. Gilbert, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Kathy A. Blanton, DWI.
Roy James Little III, DWI.
Sean A. Branham, DWI.
Louis C. Agguire, resisting arrest.
Stephen J. Trent, harboring runaway child.
Brian Z. Lyles, assault, family violence.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael Whitmire, plea of guilty to criminal trespass, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$243 court costs, \$679 restitution.
Bryan Z. Lyles, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 2 year probation, \$100 fine, \$260 court costs.

Civil Filings

Miguel Angel Cerda and Erika Ovalle, divorce.
Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as trustee for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006 NC5 asset backed pass through certificates vs. Angela C. Larson and Brandon E. Larson and 402 Rusk St., Clyde, Tx. 79510, foreclosure application.
FIA Card Services, N.A., formerly known as Bank of America, N. A. (USA) vs. Emory A. Lusk, default on account.
First National Bank of Baird vs. Tracy Spivey, default on note.

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Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm
Children Choir 6:30 pm

Ronnie B. White, Pastor
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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT



COTTONWOOD FIRE VOLUNTEERS POUR CEMENT FOR NEW FIREHOUSE— Various members of fire unit busy at pouring concrete and getting ready to erect metal building that will be the new Cottonwood Fire House. (Photo by Wallace Bennett.)

Cottonwood to have Clean-Up days

COTTONWOOD CLEAN-UP DAYS

The Board of Directors of the Cottonwood Historical Association has asked all the citizens of Cottonwood to be present on Saturday, April 18, 2009, and Saturday April 25, 2009 from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm, both days.

The object is for volunteers to clean the property owned by the Association and get ready for the coming Annual meeting of the Association. That includes the Community Center, the Old Methodist, Episcopal Church

South, and the Old Post Office. Volunteers should bring brooms, dusting cloths, and yard equipments, such as mowers, shovels, rakes and other appropriate clean-up materials, and a sack lunch.

Consider this activity like the old fashioned Barn Raising project set for the arrival of the metal for the new fire house.

OOPS! I GOOFED!

In the article, printed a couple weeks ago about where to call to schedule the community center for use, the wrong telephone number was printed for Cookie

Robinson.

The correct number is 254-725-4127. You may call Cookie or Beverly Brown at 254-725-7369 for reservations of the center for Family Reunions or other events. (Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood or people living in Cottonwood concerning personal or local news. Telephone number is 254-725-7474. E-mail address is csb555@dishmail.net. Please remember, I can't print it if I don't know about it.)

Talent Contest DEADLINE April 30th

This year's Barbarian Festival slated for Saturday, June 13th, will feature a Talent Contest in two categories "14 to Adult" and "13 and Under".

The Talent Contest, the first held at the Barbarian Festival, will be a competition between Solo and Duet Vocalists and Small Groups that can perform with CD or acoustic guitar accompaniment. No electric guitars, equipment or amplifiers. The top finalist will perform live on the stage at the Barbarian Festival.

Deadline for entry in the Talent Contest is April 30, 2009.

More detail on the contest and the registration form can be found on the Barbarian Festival's website, <http://www.barbarianfestival.net>. You can also get more information on the contest and have a registration form mailed to you by calling Talent Contest Coordinator Mary Dunn at 254-725-7136. Registration fee is \$25.00 and goes toward the prize money awarded to the contest winners.

The Barbarian Festival, held the second Saturday each June in conjunction with Project Pride and Robert Howard Days, features a Car Show, Antique Tractor Show, Games, Kids Booths, Craft Booths, Antiques & Collectibles, Food, Petting Zoo, Live Music and other family attractions.

This year's festival will be held at a new location—on the large lot immediately north of the Dollar General store. The new location provides ample space for all the booths and events.

Alcoholic Anonymous Meetings Locally

Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are now being held in Cross Plains every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The meetings will be held at the Highway 206 Baptist Church located on North Main Street.

For additional information, contact Claude at 254-725-4496 and Diana 254-725-4670.

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RIISING STAR NURSING CENTER

Well, it sure has been a fun week here. We started off the week with two new residents which are C.W. Richter and Robert Boudreaux who are both here for rehab. We enjoy each and every one of our residents so it is hard to see them go home. We would like to say it is really nice to have you and we hope you both get better with the therapy. We also have with us now, Mrs. Dorothy Odom.

Then we had a great St. Patrick's Day party. Lots of fun with cookies and punch and of course some great music. We appreciated and enjoyed the family and friends that took the time to come by and indulge with

us. We are not quite sure just how the little leprechauns made it but a fun time was had by all.

We had a great time today at the Senior Citizens luncheon. There seemed to be a lot more people than the last time. That hopefully means the bugs and viruses are gone and we are on the mend. The food is always great and it is so nice being able to talk with everyone.

Well, it is with pride I say they have been REALLY good to me in Bingo. We have had several people win but so far just one each time in our Black-Out game. Hazel Campbell, Alvie Milam, Irene Starkey to name a few. The regular Bingo games are really

good and they are touch and go. One week they are okay and then all of the sudden you have a day like today where up to three people at a time bingo. I think they are just trying to give me a false sense of security.

We had a birthday party this week for Billie Lewis and Dorothy Clark our residents, and Rhonda Troxtell and Rhonda Cowan, our employees. We are always looking for entertainment of whatever sort for these events. If you or someone you know would like to come and entertain us please let us know.

Till next time may God bless and keep you.

Project Pride to Hold Monthly Meeting

Project Pride will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

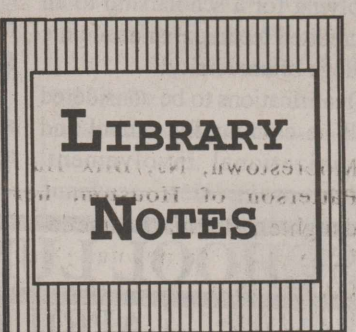
The main item on the agenda will be the Robert E. Howard Days coming up on June 12-13. All are invited.

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society News

The next meeting of the CPAGS will be Monday, April 6th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Public Library.

They will have a presentation on using land records in your genealogy research. Please join them for an interesting journey into our past.

Please note the days for our meetings have changed to the first and third Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at the Library. Anyone interested in family or area history is welcome to join us.



March 23-27, 2009

Patrons: 113
Books Checked Out: 164
Programs: 10
LAP: 7
Copies: 44
Reference: 8
Internet Users: 46
Interlibrary Loans: 2

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Bobby Hinkle

Notes from the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce

The Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11th, at the Rising Star City Park at 10 a.m.

The Easter Bunny is expected to make an appearance and there will be prizes galore for children to age 10.

All parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to bring youngsters to the park for a fun time.

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER NEWS

BY AMBER THOMAS

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

* Coffee is free starting at 9:00 am to all seniors (60+) in the center

* Dominoes, movies, puzzles and other activities start at 9:00 am for all people of all ages.

* Meals served from 11:45-12:45 for all seniors and their guests.

* The last Friday of each month an agency will be at the center to assist seniors with their bills.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 6th- Movie Day at 10:00 am

Tuesday, 7th- Exercise Classes- 11:00 am; "Chair Tai-Chi"

Wednesday, 8th- Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30

Thursday, 9th- Exercise Classes- 11:00am; "Chair Tai-Chi"

Friday, 10th- CLOSED for Good Friday

Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center is now selling pies!!

Each pie is homemade and made to order.

Pies available are:

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| Chocolate Cream | Chocolate Chip | Peach |
| Coconut Cream | Pineapple | Cherry |
| Pecan Cream | Lemon | |

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Please call 254-725-6521 at least 3 days in advance to place an order.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 6 - 10

MONDAY- Soft Tacos, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Chips & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
TUESDAY- Oven Fried Chicken, New Potatoes, Green Beans/Tomatoes, Bread & Dessert, Milk/Tea/Coffee
WEDNESDAY- Pork Chops,

Butter Beans, Spinach, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
THURSDAY- Ham, Sweet Potatoes, English Peas, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk
FRIDAY- CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY- NO MEAL
2nd & 4th Tue., Domino Night (42/84) Begins at 5:00 p.m.

ALBANY CAR SHOW
April 18, 2009
Downtown Albany, Tx
Registration 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
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SPEAK OUT

Our voices need to be heard in our National Capital. Human life is devalued more than our housing market. For the past three decades abortion is on the rise and millions of babies have been terminated. The silent majority remains silent and it's time to raise a voice.

April 6, 2009 is the day to mail a RED envelope to the President. On the OUTSIDE of the envelope write the following message:

The envelope represents a child who died because of an abortion. It is empty because the life that was taken is now unable to be a part of our world.

Send the red envelope to:

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

If you believe abortion is wrong, please send your RED envelope on April 6, 2009.

I encourage you to join with us for worship and Bible Study this Sunday at the Cross Plains Church of Christ.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
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Post Season Honors Continue to Roll in for Lady Buff Ballers

Several Lady Buff Basketball Girls were recognized in The Big Country for their outstanding achievement on the hardwood this season. The Lady Buffs finished the season 24-9, qualifying for the playoff for the first time since 1999, in a very tough District 11-A. They became Bi-District Champs, won a gold ball, and finally got to cut down the net.

They would lose a very close 26-29 decision to Haskell in the Area round. The Lady Buffs' success this season became more apparent as they watched Roscoe lose to Sudan in the State Championship, a team that just slipped away from the Lady Buffs in District. Then the Haskell Lady Indians lost by one to Roscoe in the Regional Quarter-Finals.

These young ladies did an outstanding job and their hard work and determination to be successful enabled them to play at a high level with some of the best teams the state had to offer.

With that comes team recognition and individual recognition from your peers. Congrats Girls, and to the returning and future Lady Buffs work hard for continued success and tradition.

In District 11-A the All District Selections were very tight with all of the talent that the district had to offer. Our team, school and community are well represented by these young ladies.

Co MVP

M.J. Vickers, Sr. Albany (FCA All Star, Big Country Super Team MVP, 1st Team All Regional, 1st Team All State)

Amber Shumaker, Sr. Roscoe (All Big Country 1st Team and Super Team, 1st All Reg, 1st All State, State Tour Honor Team)

Offensive MVP

Mirella Solis, Sr. Roscoe (All Big Country, 1st Team All Reg, 1st Team All State)

Defensive MVP

Emily Harris, Sr. Cross Plains (1st Team All District, All Big Country Class 1-A Honorable Mention)

Newcomer - Kaycee Baker, Sophomore Bronte

All District - Cross Plains

Krista Phillips, Sr. (FCA All-Star, 1st Team All District, 1st Team TABC All Region, Honorable Mention All Big Country)

Emma Bennett, Jr. (1st Team All District, Honorable mention TABC All Reg Team, Honorable Mention All Big Country)

Lauren Good, Fr. (Honorable Mention All District)

Terrah Augustine Sr. (Honorable Mention All District)

Note FCA All Star Game is Saturday, June 13 at Abilene Christian University

Submitted by
Coach Shawn Bullock

Cross Plains Junior High Girls Track Results

The Cross Plains Junior High Girls Track Team traveled to May last Monday night. They won the track meet by scoring 160 points. They did an outstanding job. Good going girls!!!!

Results were as follows:

400 M Relay - 1st - 57:41
Maci, Shelby, Megan and Texas
110 M Hurdles -
1st Megan Pointer, 19.07
2nd Texas Sanders 19.88
Cassie Smith
800 M. Run
1st Shelby Thomas - 2:48:02
100 M Dash
2nd Maci Whitson 14:16
3rd Katharine Goode 14:17
300 I.M. Hurdles
1st Megan Pointer 57:43
3rd Texas Sanders 61:21
Cassie Smith

200 M. Dash
4th Katharine Goode 31:35
6th Cheyenne Cowan 32:65
1600 M Run
2nd Shelby Thomas 6:52
1600 M. Relay - 5th 5:59:64
Chelsea Branch, Ashia Chambers, Jayden Kennedy and Christin Potter
800 M Relay - 1st 2:07:08
Cheyenne Cowan, Maci Whitson, Lindsey Ames, Katharine Goode
High Jump
1st Cheyenne Cowan 4'4"
2nd Lindsey Ames 4'4"
4th Chelsea Branch 4'2"
Shot Put
1st - Cheyenne Cowan 33'8"
3rd - Chelsea Branch 29'8"
Victoria Creamer
Discus
1st Cheyenne Cowan 70'2"
Nicole Eisenbach.

Track Results from May

High Jump- Kevin Baker - 4th
400 Relay- Kevin Baker, Allan Wheeler, Cody Self, Joe Wyatt- 2nd
400 M- Joe Wyatt - 4th

Jr. High Track Results from May

Discus - Preston Posuk - 6th
Long Jump - Daniel Higgins - 4th
High Jump - Daniel Higgins - 4th
Triple Jump - Dakota Gilliam - 1st
Pole Vault - Blake Hutchins - 1st
400 Relay - Craft, Hutchins, Higgins, Gilliam - 2nd Team
800 - Brandon Fulcher - 6th
110 Hurdles - Daniel Higgins - 4th
400 M - Dakota Gilliam - 2nd
300 Hurdles - Nathan Craft - 2nd, Colton McWilliams - 3rd
Blake Hutchins - 4th
1600 M - Brandon Fulcher - 5th
1600 Relay - Fulcher, Craft, Higgins, Hutchins - 1st

Attention High School Seniors

Applications from Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) are available to any senior who is interested in applying for a scholarship to an accredited technical or academic college or university. Qualifications to be considered will be community, school and organizational involvement, volunteer activities, academic standing and completion of the application questionnaire. Contact the school counselor for an application, and the deadline for submission to BSP is May 1, 2009. You may call Wanda Merryman at 725-4492 to request that an application be mailed to you.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

APRIL 6 - 10

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-EASTER HOLIDAY
LUNCH
MONDAY- BBQ on Bun, Corn on Cob, Baby Carrots with Ranch, Fruit Crisp, Milk
TUESDAY-Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peach Slices, Milk
WEDNESDAY - Fajita Chicken over Rice, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Bread Stick, Fruit Cup, Milk
THURSDAY- Grilled Cheese, Tuna Salad, Crackers, Tossed Salad, Diced Pears, Milk
FRIDAY- EASTER HOLIDAY

Texas Department of State Health Services

Immunization Clinics in Callahan County
Monday, April 6th
Baird Cafetorium, 400 W. 7th
Time: 10-12
Cross Plains House Authority
233 N. Main
Time: 2-4
Wednesday, April 8th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
Time: 10-12 & 1:30-3
Please Bring Child's Immunization Records.
If Child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

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Candidates for the Upcoming School Board and City Council Election

The three-year terms of Kim Crockett and Burlie Taylor are expiring. Candidates seeking the two positions are Jim Cook, Jane Alford Holmes, Darren T. Carter, Scott Childress, Ray Dodd, Charles Chesshir and Michael Cowan.

Seeking the unexpired one-year term currently held by Michael Cowan who was appointed to the position following Jim Cook's

include Mark A. Ring and Hoyt Foster.

The City Council positions of Edwin Weiss, Audrey Purvis and Peg Terrell are expiring. Seeking the 3 two-year term openings are Lewis Fortune, Karen Lenz, Terry Lichty, Gerald Brown, Henry Ring, James Nichols, Peg Terrell and Homer Parson.

The election will be held May 9, 2009.

Cross Plains FFA Participated in CDE Judging Contests

This past week the Cross Plains FFA participated in three CDE Judging contests. On Tuesday, March 24, the Dairy Foods and Poultry teams participated in the Cross Plains Invitational CDE Contest.

The Dairy Foods Team received 1st Place and individual awards were given to Tiffany Holland - 1st place, Emma Bennett-4th place, Terrah Augustine - 5th place and Zach Snell - 9th place.

The Poultry Team received 6th Place and individual awards were given to Kayla Lawrence - 2nd place and Cody Sliger - 18th place.

On Thursday, March 26, the Livestock, Dairy Cattle, Poultry and Dairy Foods teams participated in the TSU Invitational at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Participants were True Avants, Justin Golson, Emily Harris, Kayla Lawrence, Hayden Wyatt, Emily Foster, Austin Thomas, Shasta Bacon, Melissa Black, Cierra Odom, Zach Snell, Rachelle Allen, Payton Porter, Tiffany Holland, and Emma Bennett.

In the Dairy Foods contest Zach Snell and Payton Porter were awarded 13th and 18th Place High Individuals out of 429 participants.

Saturday, March 28, the Cross Plains Poultry Team traveled to College Station to attend the Texas A&M Poultry Clinic. This Thursday the CDE teams will travel safely to Canyon to attend the West Texas A&M Invitational. It is hoped that Cross Plains will be well represented and will bring back some awards.

Buffalo Baseball Update

The Buffaloes traveled to Goldthwaite last Tuesday for their second district game. It was a picture perfect day for baseball—warm and no wind. The fans were sitting in their lounge chairs cheering for the Buffaloes.

In the 1st inning, the Buffs scored 3 runs. Ford reached on an error; Reese followed with a base hit. Pat worked the count full and hit a 3 run home run.

In the Eagles 1st inning, two base hits and a walk made them one score. The score was Cross Plains 3 Eagles 1.

The Buffs failed to score in the 2nd inning. The Eagles scored 7 runs, 3 hits and a walk scored 2 to the score. Then 2 errors and a base on balls made 4 more runs.

The errors came with 2 outs which hurt the Buffs and forced Pat to throw more pitches, which hurt later in the game. The score was Goldthwaite 8 Cross Plains 3.

The Buffs failed to score the rest of the game and only had 2 hits the remainder of the contest.

Pat Border gave up 9 hits and struck out 5 and only gave up 4 earned runs.

The infield consisting of Ryder, Cody, Zack and Joe had several good plays. The Eagles scored 7 more runs and the final score was Goldthwaite 14 Cross Plains 3.

The Buffs district record is at 1-1 and season 2 -1.

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley

Buff Defeat May Tigers in Baseball

The Cross Plains Buffaloes played their third district game last Friday when they hosted the May Tigers.

Allan Wheeler started on the mound for the Buffs. May was held scoreless in the 1st and 2nd innings. The Buffs scored one in the 1st. Cody Ford walked, went to 2nd on a ball and advanced to 3rd on a pass ball. Two outs later, he scored when Pat Border hit a single.

In the 2nd, after one out, Jarred Eisenbach walked. He went to 2nd on a passed ball and scored on Ryder Foster's single. Ryder advanced to 3rd after 2 walks and scored on a ball making the score Cross Plains 3 May 0.

In the 3rd, May scored 3. A walk and a single, the runner scored when Allan was called for a ball. A home run drove in two Tigers. The score was Cross Plains 3 May 3.

The 3rd inning, but in the 4th they scored two runs. Ford walked, stole 2nd base scored on Reese Allen's single. Then Reese scored on Wheeler's single. At the end of the 4th inning the score was Cross Plains 5 May 3.

Pitching dominated the rest of the game, as neither team scored any runs. May did load the bases in their last time at bat, but after 2 outs they hit a pop fly to the infield and ended the game. The final score was Cross Plains 5 May 3.

Allan Wheeler picked up his 2nd game, going 7 innings. He gave up 5 hits and 13 K's and some defensive plays helped seal the victory for the Buffs. District record is 2 -1.


The Buffs will travel to Gorman Tuesday and play De Leon at home Friday at 5 p.m. See you at the games!

Submitted by
Coach Mitchell Atchley

JEWES FOR JESUS presents
"The Gospel in the Feast"
with
Bruce Rapp
6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 1st
First Baptist Church
301 N. Main Street Cross Plains, Texas
(254)-725-7629

Pray
For
Rain


* Thursday, April 9, 2009 - Early out before the Easter holiday at 2:30 p.m.
* Buses will run at 2:40 p.m.
* Friday, April 10, 2009- Easter Holiday
* NO HOLIDAY MONDAY- April 13, 2009 (Bad weather day- this day will be our make up day for missing school on January 27, 2009)
* Classes will resume on Monday, April 13, 2009

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he would have one done just to see where he stood. He said that he didn't see the need to have one done at this time, as the January Audit was fine and as he understood, they were still doing fine. He commented that the school board was not required to have one conducted, but recommended that it would be a good idea to have one done. It is normal procedure to have one conducted upon the arrival and departure of a superintendent.

Mr. Dodds said he had no problems with any of the students and that he couldn't ask for a better group of kids.

There are currently 66 superintendent candidates, and the board has met twice, for several hours, going through superintendent applications. The deadline for applications was March 20th, and April 9th is the date that the board hopes to name the lone finalist. The law requires that they wait 21 days before actually hiring the superintendent, and that date will hopefully be May 1st.

Dodds noted that if he had done anything right it was preserving the Buffalo Mascot head. When he moved into his office, there was a Buffalo Mascot head located in there. Two people were interested in purchasing it but it was decided that the trophy case be cleaned up and the mascot be display therein, considering it is the original Buffalo Mascot head.

Kim Crockett commented that the reason she was absent from last months meeting was due to health problems that she has been experiencing and that she had been waiting for two months for a scheduled doctors appointment that she could not miss. She expressed her regret for not being able to be at the meeting.

Mrs. Warlick presented her High School report to the boards. She informed the board members that they had received their 8th grade TAKS reading results in that day with 81% of students

passing. She reported that those who didn't pass would have two more chances to pass the exam, and that most of the students who didn't pass the first time were extremely close. Their next assessment is on 5th and 8th grade math on April 7th. Mrs. Warlick expressed her excitement for all of the upcoming events and activities that the school has planned for the busy spring season.

Mrs. Sowell gave her report for the Elementary school. She reported that the preliminary results for the 3rd grade TAKS reading came in with 93% passing and 5th grade came in with 88% passing. She commented that these are very good preliminary scores, and does not anticipate a problem with getting more passing results upon retesting. The TAKS 4th grade writing results aren't expected to come in until May, due to the time that is required for scoring. Mrs. Sowell reminded the board of their School Lunch Program Audit that was conducted in January of this year, and was proud to present a Certificate of Excellence, signed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, to Cross Plains ISD for their perfect score.

The needed repairs for the Ag buildings leaking roof was on the agenda again. Crockett read the bids that had been received aloud with Darrell Hargrove bidding \$3,261.31, Pat O'Brien \$5,320, and Thomas Hicks \$8,394 (without flipping the perlines). Mr. Dodds informed the public that the school was not required to take bids for this, as it is a repair job and will cost less than \$10,000.

Brian Bennett asked if it had been voted in the last meeting that Reed Construction not repair the roof, and was answered, "no." Kim Crockett asked if Mr. Reed had still offered to do the repairs for free at the last meeting, and was answered, "yes." Mr. Bennett expressed his opinion that he wished to have Reed Construction come in and repair the roof.

Judy Luter interjected to suggest to the board that whoever

they hire to do the repairs, that if the contractor is told to do, or not to do anything outside of what would normally be done for this job, it should be required that the personnel who gave the instruction should have to sign off on it.

Mr. Dodds agreed that it would be an excellent idea as to avoid any future finger pointing. Burlie Taylor made a motion to ask Darrell Hargrove to do the repair job, impeding that he meet any requirements for being insured and bonded set forth by the state. Michael Cowan seconded. The motion passed with a 5-1 vote with Bennett voting against.

Bus #3 is a 1993 model that is in very poor condition and it was recommended that the bus be taken to auction at the Region 14 Service center on May 2nd, as the school would receive a better price for it there than if they tried to sell it locally. Motion was made and passed.

Mr. Dodds recommended that no action be taken on the Charter busses #1 and #2 as the school had already spent a lot of money on them and they still don't run properly enough to be safe on the road. Charter bus #1 has had \$600 spent on a tow charge, \$7,950 spent on a motor sold "as is" with no warranty, and a pending bill for \$8,000 for the motor installation.

Former superintendent Mr. Tension gave the approval for the money to be spent on the bus. There was nothing about the bus, or the money spent on the bus brought up for the boards consideration during any previous meeting.

Charter bus #2 is blowing oil and leans dangerously when it turns. Mr. Dodds recommended that the board wait to make decision upon reviewing the amount of money that has been spent on the bus already, and whether or not it would be in the schools best interest to try to put more money into the busses or sell them both and buy nice busses. Motion was made and passed that no action be taken.

The school board voted to approve the Junior/Senior prom

THE DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION FOR HEALTH

DR. ALBERT KINCHELOE

TRIGGER POINTS

One of the most bothersome problems that we deal with is a condition that is commonly referred to as trigger points.

Trigger points occur in the muscle at an area very close to their attachment to bone by a ligament. These painful areas are most commonly located around the scapula (shoulder blade), the hips and low back, the neck, jaw, elbow and knee.

A trigger point can cause discomfort that may vary from a dull ache, to a sensation quite like a hot knife that is sticking into a person at their area of discomfort.

As a rule, trigger points result from overuse of the muscle. These can also be due to an imbalance in the way the muscles are used, or can even result from causes such as ruptured discs; previous surgeries, especially back, hip and knee; or even something as unusual as TMJ

syndrome of the jaw.

Quite often, trigger points of the neck or along the base of the skull can be the cause of chronic headaches.

While trigger points can certainly cause a person a great deal of misery, fortunately, their treatment can be fairly simple.

Several things are of benefit if you suffer from trigger points!

*Ice packs to the area for about twenty minutes on two or more occasions per day are often beneficial.

*Massage almost always is helpful.

*Often, a change in how one performs a certain task can eliminate or greatly diminish the discomfort of trigger points.

*Decrease caffeine intake as well as not skipping meals is very helpful as well.

*Additionally, a high protein, low carbohydrate diet most often

will lead to a further aggravation of the pain that trigger points most often produce.

*A good stretching program on a daily basis, coupled with a good night's sleep, is of tremendous benefit in winning the battle over trigger points.

*If needed, we can inject trigger points. The resulting decrease in pain allows the patient to engage in a much higher level of activities.

Many physicians inject trigger points with a steroid, which often offers benefits. However, we use a non-steroid medicine that has proven to afford our patients a very high level of relief.

If trigger points are causing a compromise in your level of comfort or preventing you from engaging in activities that you enjoy, we are here to help.

plans as presented by the students, as well as the Band trip to Dallas May 14-15, and Mrs. Green's trip to Houston scheduled April 3-4.

The Board approved the FCCLA State trip to Corpus Christi, with one qualifying group being scratched due to misconduct in San Angelo. The students have been reprimanded and are paying damages. The trip still needs one more male sponsor.

The 2009-2010 School Calendar was approved. The first day of school is scheduled for August the 24.

Board members voted individually for the Board of Directors place 5.

The ESC local agreement contract was approved, the previous minutes were read and approved with changes, and the bills were reviewed and approved.

The resignation of Jennifer Wooton was read and accepted by the school board.

The lists of recommended Elementary and High School teachers were approved respectively with the exception of Shawn Bullock, his contract pending a passing score on requested exit by May 29, 2009.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Delores Carter thanked Mr. Dodds for the way that the meeting was conducted and for including the audience in what was said and for explaining things.

Mr. Dodds called the *Cross Plains Review* Tuesday morning to report that the School Board has met on 3 separate occasions to screen the 66 superintendent applications and have narrowed it down to 7 candidates. The board will begin interviewing these 7

candidates on April 1st and April 2nd. The board plans to meet again on April 6th, and will name the lone finalist on April 9th.

All members of the board were present along with the Interim Superintendent, the Interim High School principal and the Elementary principal.

Guests in attendance were Matthew Sowell, Keeka Byrd, Scott Byrd, Helen Parson, Susan Holland, Marc Morgan, Bob Carter, Delores Carter, Judy Luter, Hoyt Foster, Cliffadean Hargrove, Jim Cook, Nora Odum, and Patricia Cook.

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

A Bitter Dose of Reality...

AN OBITUARY PRINTED IN THE LONDON TIMES

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense who had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; why the early bird gets the worm; earn your keep; Life isn't always fair; maybe it was my fault; and treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but misguided and overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student; only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student, yet could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Common Sense be-

came disillusioned when the "Boy Scouts" had to drop the "Boy" from its name.

Common Sense was floored when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault, if you tried to.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals entitled to receive better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his beloved parents Truth and Trust, by his good wife Discretion, his dutiful daughter Responsibility, and his wise son Reason.

He is survived by his 4 step-sisters:

- 1 Know My Rights.
- 1 Want It Now.
- Someone Else Is To Blame.
- 1'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral, because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

APPLESAUCE NUT BREAD

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1/3 cup cooking oil
- 1 t. Baking soda
- 2 eggs
- 3 t. milk
- 2 cups all-purpose flour, sifted.
- 1 cup chopped Pecans

Mix all together and bake.
Frances Watson

Preparing For Your Financial Future

When most of us think of investing, we immediately think of investing for retirement. While that is an important aspect to be considered, there are other pieces of the puzzle that are also important. Establishing a budget, investing early and regularly, and saving for post-secondary education should also be considered.

Establish a budget
Establishing a budget is a great first step in planning your finances. A budget is a useful tool for recording all of your income and expenses. By writing down how much money you earn and spend each month, you can see where your money is going. This will assist you in being able to prioritize your expenses and needs. Any money left over can be used for saving and investing. Even a small amount of money invested regularly can help.

Invest early and regularly, even small amounts
One reason to start a regular investment program early is to give your money as much time as possible to grow through compounding. If you haven't started investing yet, then consider starting now and getting into the habit. Just remember that the amounts you invest do not have to be large, especially if the money is taken directly out of each paycheck. You will be surprised how little you miss money you don't see. If you're already investing every month,

look for ways to contribute more through bonuses and monetary gifts.

A hypothetical example
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Submitted By: Matt Paul,
State Farm Agent

WILDFLOWERS Remain in BLOOM Despite Recent Drought Conditions

AUSTIN - Brown and green could dominate as the colors most visible along many Texas roadsides this spring, rather than the preferred pastels of wildflowers Texas motorists are accustomed to seeing this time of year.

Even though this may be the case, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) predicts roadways will not be completely without bright flora as wildflower seedlings struggled to survive the recent Texas drought.

"Lack of adequate rainfall last fall and throughout the winter has left very poor stands of wildflowers in some areas," said Dennis Markwardt, TxDOT vegetation management director.

"This year motorists might not see the usual amount of colorful, spring wildflowers alongside highways in several parts of the state."

The central Texas region is thought to have suffered the most from the drought's impact.

Typical areas of great wildflower stands throughout the area are expected to have a mere scattering of wildflowers this season.

But all is not lost. East Texas did receive adequate rainfall last fall and winter and is predicted to have brilliant wildflower displays this spring. In particular, Brazos County's Bryan-College Station area has already reported healthy stands of bluebonnets in the area. "Areas in east and northeast Texas should have some good displays of the Lance-leaved coreopsis or tickseed, starting in a few weeks through May," Markwardt added.

Normally, the peak wildflower blooming season draws tourists from across Texas and beyond to witness the colorful display each spring.

TxDOT buys and sows an estimated 30,000 pounds of wildflower seed each year.

As a reminder, TxDOT plants wildflowers for everyone's enjoyment. Picture-taking that leads to potential damage of wildflowers is discouraged. If too many wildflowers are trampled or damaged, they die and do not re-seed. Naturally, TxDOT also discourages picking wildflowers for the same reason.

TxDOT's wildflower hotline, providing statewide information on select wildflower locations, operates 24 hours a day at (800) 452-9292. The hotline will operate until late spring.

See more information on wildflowers at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/public_involvement/wildflowers/default.htm.

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NRCS Extends Floodplain Easement Sign-up to April 10th

TEMPLE, TEXAS, March 30, 2009-The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is extending the sign-up period - until April 10, 2009, - for floodplain easement assistance, a component of the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program.

Up to \$145 million has been made available to eligible landowners nationwide through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and includes both technical and financial assistance. This funding will restore frequently flooded land to its natural state; create jobs in rural communities nationwide when landowners establish these floodplain easements; as well as restore and protect an estimated 60,000 acres of flood-prone lands nationwide.

"NRCS wants to ensure landowners have ample time to apply for the program," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "This program is part of USDA's plan to mitigate the impact of future flooding by restoring the landscape to its natural hydrology and native

vegetation."

Floodplains generate many public benefits, such as increased flood protection, enhanced fish and wildlife habitat, improved water quality and a reduced need for future public disaster assistance. Other benefits include reduced energy consumption when certain agricultural activities and practices are eliminated and increased carbon sequestration as permanent native vegetative cover is reestablished.

All eligible landowners are encouraged to sign-up for the funding by visiting their local NRCS office. The sign-up, originally announced March 7th, will close April 10, 2009. For eligibility requirements landowners should refer to the EWP floodplain easement at www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/Floodplain/index.html

More information about NRCS and other conservation programs is available on the NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov or at your nearest USDA Service Center.

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Comptroller sends \$433 million in sales tax revenue to local governments

(AUSTIN) - Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today announced state sales tax revenue in February totaled \$1.74 billion, down 2.6 percent compared to February 2008.

"State sales tax collections declined in February as important sectors such as retail trade and construction continue to struggle, Combs said. "While state sales tax revenue has grown 2.8 percent through the first half of fiscal 2009, further declines are expected as the economy continues to weaken. Combs delivered \$433.4 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. Local sales tax allocations are down 0.6 percent compared to March 2008. So far this calendar year, local sales tax allocations remain up 2.2 percent compared to the first three months of 2008.

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

Combs sent March sales tax payments of \$291.1 million to Texas cities, down 0.7 percent compared to March 2008. Since Jan. 1, city sales tax allocations are 1.5 percent higher than the same period last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$27.5 million, up 2.5 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 7.2 percent higher than last year.

The 150 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$17.3 million in sales tax revenue, up 21.6 percent compared to last March.

Ten local transit systems received \$97.4 million, down 4.3 percent.

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

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 next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 10.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME... HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ME!!!

I am searching for my birth record. My parents are both deceased. My name is Charlesea Jean and I was told I was born on April 2, 1964 in Baird, Texas at around 10:30 p.m. I grew up in Cross Plains, Texas from 1964, until I graduated high school in 1982. However, there is no record of my birth in Baird or anywhere else!! The doctor who delivered babies during 1964 in Baird (Dr. Ernesto Vernezobre) passed away in 1979. I have contacted his wife and she has confirmed that the handwritten birth record I have (a hospital certificate from the Callahan County Hospital) is not her husband's signature. Too, the document appears to have been completely written by the same person. It appears the writing for the Doctor's signature is the same writing as the person who signed as the Hospital Manager. I have great reason to believe that I was born under another name and that my mother used a different last name.

My mother was 34 years old when I was born and she had another child almost 2 years old, who was hanging onto life in a Galveston Hospital. I have been told my mother had a difficult pregnancy which required shots (iron shots). My Mother's name was Dorothy June Baugh (Hamann) and I believe she was admitted to the hospital as Dorothy June, but using a different last name. I believe I was named the same name. Dorothy June. I believe I know the last name, but it is the name of a friend of my mother who is still living. Also, this same friend of my mother jumped through some hoops that were unnecessary when I confronted her via telephone. Her actions make me believe she knows where I was born and even though the statute of limitations has run out for writing a fraudulent birth record and there is nothing that could be done about her forging a birth record; she is tight lipped for unknown reasons.

I am not sure how long a hospital keeps medical/birth records. I have checked the birth records at the courthouse in Baird and there is nothing, no record of my birth! If anyone has records going back to 1964 will someone please look and see if there was a patient admitted around the last of March or early April 1964. I think the last name may begin with "P" along with the name Dorothy June.

Also, can anyone tell me what hospitals were in operation during 1964 which would have been accessible to someone living in Cross Plains?

I thank you in advance for any information you can provide me. Any information that you can provide will be kept in strictest confidence, if requested.

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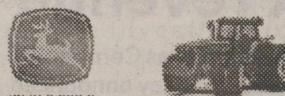
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT PERMIT NO. WQ0010434001

APPLICATION. City of Cross Plains, P.O. Box 129, Cross Plains, Texas 76443, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to convert Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0010434001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0171611) to wastewater disposal permit WQ0010434001 and amend the permit to authorize: a change in the method a wastewater disposal to dispose off all wastewater via irrigation of approximately 79.64 acres; a change in the limits and sampling frequency for Biochemical Oxygen Demand; and the removal of all limits related to discharge requirements. The domestic wastewater treatment facility and disposal area are located approximately 2,500 feet west of State Highway 279 and 4,000 feet south of State Highway 36 in Callahan County, Texas. TCEQ received this application on January 22, 2009. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at Cross Plains City Hall, 201 South Main Street, Cross Plains, Texas.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application.** That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask question about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive

Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or is requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline the submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application.** If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

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CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT—Pictured are front row (l-r) Chief Deputy J.D. Ravenscroft, Sheriff John Windham and Deputy Ed Bogart. Back row (l-r) Senior Deputy Tom Rumfield and Deputy David Underwood.

Meet your local Sheriff's Department

Chief Deputy J.D. Ravenscroft brings a vast amount of experience to the Callahan County Sheriff's Office with him, coming to Callahan County from the Metroplex area, serving there for 7 years, he also spent 14 months in Iraq training Iraqi Police Officers. J. D. holds an intermediate police officer certification, attending various schools and holds numerous police officer certifications. He welcomes the challenge of the position of Chief Deputy in a small rural department, and looks forward to many years serving the Callahan County Sheriff's Office.

Senior Deputy Tom Rumfield started his career with the Callahan County Sheriff's Office as a Communications and Corrections Officer, still maintaining those certifications to date. He attended the Law Enforcement Academy in Abilene receiving his appointment as Deputy in October 2004. Tom has been with the Sheriff's Office since that date serving as a field deputy and Jail Administrator, and now as Senior Deputy with Sheriff Windham. Tom is a valuable asset to this

Department and we are proud of Tom and the experience he brings to his position.

Deputy David Underwood began his career with the Callahan County Sheriff's Office in September 2004 as a Communications and Corrections Officer after 4 years of active duty service in the United States Army where he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. While working as Jail staff, David was again deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the Texas Army National Guard, where upon his return he attended the Basic Peace Officers school in Abilene and obtained his Peace Officers License, beginning his career as a Deputy in December 2007. David's experience from the military and training from various law enforcement schools combine to provide exceptional safety to the Citizens of Callahan County.

Ed Bogart, Deputy, began his law enforcement Career in Upton County as a Deputy in 1991, moving from there to the Police Department at O'Donnell, as a patrol officer.

In the years that followed, Ed began a second Career as a computer tech with some of the larger computer companies, but his love of law enforcement brought him back to law enforcement and Callahan County in August of 2008. Ed has been with us since that date as a Deputy. His eagerness to learn all he can about law enforcement, and his eagerness to do any responsibility or take on any case we have is surely an asset to the Department.

Sheriff Windham has been a certified peace officer and has worked in law enforcement since 1991. He has held numerous positions in the law enforcement field from communications to his new position as Sheriff, which gives him a vast amount of experience to rely on in this new era. Sheriff Windham is a compassionate, caring and impartial individual, making him a peoples' Sheriff. Callahan County is fortunate to have these individuals with their vast array of experience and knowledge to serve the citizens of this county.

Submitted by: Callahan County Sheriff's Department

Texas quail conservation and fundraising gala set for April 16th

Houston (Feb) - The distinct whistle of the quail, once a prominent hallmark across the open spaces of Texas, has softened to a faint echo in many parts of the state.

Can the trend be reversed? Landowners and leading quail researchers improving quail populations and restoring habitat in Texas say "yes", and they will share their success stories and ideas on April 16 in Houston at the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF) Quail Conservation Awards and Fundraising Gala. The TWAF Quail Conservation Awards were established to recognize ranches and leases that promote quail habitat and

restoration management in Texas. Preeminent quail experts such as Dr. Dale Rollins and Dr. Fred Bryant selected award finalists in two categories, Quail Stewardship and Quail Habitat Restoration, in a competitive process that included site visits and evaluations. The award winners and finalists will be recognized at the Gala. Dr. Rollins, Dr. Bryant and many of the other judges will be in attendance to visit with landowners and quail enthusiasts about techniques and strategies to improve quail populations and habitat.

A highlight of the event is the recognition of Joe Coleman of

Houston and A.V. Jones Jr. of Albany as recipients of the Alfred C. Glassell Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award in Quail Management.

The TWAF Quail Conservation Awards and Fundraising Gala begins at 6 p.m. (for the general public) on Thursday, April 16, at the Omni Hotel in Houston (4 Riverway, Houston, Tx, 77056). Individual tickets for the event begin at \$250, with ticket sponsorships beginning at \$500, and table sponsorships ranging from \$1,500-\$25,000. For additional information regarding the Gala, please contact, Erika Bowen at 210.240.6180 or ebowen@texas-wildlife.org.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

What is Child Abuse?

Child abuse is failure to provide for a child's basic needs. There are four major types of child maltreatment: physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, and emotional abuse.

Physical Abuse is physical injury that results in substantial harm to the child or the genuine threat of substantial harm from physical injury to the child. The physical injury (ranging from minor bruises to severe fractures or death) can result from punching, beating, shaking, kicking, biting, throwing, stabbing, hitting, burning, choking or otherwise harming a child. Such injury is considered abuse regardless of whether the caretaker intended to hurt the child.

Suspect Physical Abuse When You See:

- Frequent injuries such as bruises, cuts, black eyes or burns without adequate explanations
- Frequent complaints of pain without obvious injury
- Burns or bruises in unusual patterns that may indicate the use of an instrument or human bite; cigarette burns on any part of the body
- Lack of reaction to pain
- Aggressive, disruptive and destructive behavior
- Passive, withdrawn and emotionless behavior
- Fear of going home or seeing parents
- Injuries that appear after a child has not been seen for several days
- Unreasonable clothing that

may hide injuries to arms or legs

Neglect is failure to provide for a child's basic needs necessary to sustain the life or health of the child, excluding failure caused primarily by financial inability unless relief services have been offered and refused.

Suspect Neglect When You See:

- Obvious malnourishment
- Lack of personal cleanliness
- Torn or dirty clothing
- Stealing or begging for food
- Child unattended for long periods of time
- Need for glasses, dental care or other medical attention
- Frequent tardiness or absence from school

Sexual Abuse is when an adult engages in sexual contact or sexual activity with a child. Sexual abuse usually involves private parts. It can be especially difficult for boys and girls to tell someone that they are being sexually abused.

Suspect Sexual Abuse When You See:

- Physical signs of sexually transmitted diseases
- Evidence of injury to the genital area
- Pregnancy in a young girl
- Difficulty in sitting or walking
- Extreme fear of being alone with adults of a certain sex
- Sexual comments, behaviors or play
- Knowledge of sexual relations beyond what is expected for a child's age

• Sexual victimization of other children

Emotional Abuse is mental or emotional injury that results in an observable and material impairment in a child's growth, development, or psychological functioning. It includes extreme forms of punishment such as confining a child in a dark closet, making them the scapegoat, belittling and rejecting treatment for a child.

Suspect Emotional Abuse When You See:

- Over compliance
- Low self-esteem
- Severe depression, anxiety or aggression
- Difficulty making friends or doing things with other children
- Lagging in physical, emotional and intellectual development
- Caregiver who belittles the child, withholds love, and seems unconcerned about the child's problems

Tracy Wayne Richardson is BCFS' Universal Child Abuse Prevention Specialist, providing education, awareness, and a clear understanding of how our communities can help prevent child abuse.

BCFS' four-part special feature raising awareness about child abuse will be distributed on Mondays during April. For an interview with Richardson or another certified BCFS counselor regarding child abuse prevention, please contact 210-283-5136. For more information about BCFS, please visit www.bcfs.net.

Knights of Columbus Albany/Breckenridge Bass Tournament Slated for April 26 at Hubbard Creek

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus Council #11638 of Albany/Breckenridge will be holding the Fourth Annual St. Jude Knights of Columbus Open Bass Tournament on Sunday, April 26, 2009 at Hubbard Creek Lake in Breckenridge. Tournament will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Registration and check-in will begin at 4:00 a.m. and will take place at Sandy Creek Marina, approximately six miles west of Breckenridge. Fishermen can also register and check in on Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., also at Sandy Creek Marina.

First place will be a guaranteed \$1000, with 2nd and 3rd place receiving a pay out based on the number of paid entries. There will also be a Big Bass Calcutta. \$5 from each paid entry will go to the Big Bass Calcutta. Entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per person if entry forms are received by April 22, 2009, and \$50 thereafter. Complete rules and entry forms can be obtained by calling Michael Sitts at 254-559-1967; Marvin Phillips at 254-559-7452; or Tony Baeza at 254-559-6778. Interested fishermen should call to get update on status of tournament.

Look to the Cross Plains Review Classifieds for results.

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Drive safe to be safe

National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 6th-10th

Navigating construction can be difficult, not to mention risky for both drivers and workers.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages more than 1,000 highway projects at any given time on 80,000 miles of Texas roads. President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will bring another \$2.25 billion to the state, substantially increasing construction. As work volumes increase, so do crashes.

TxDOT will join the Federal Highway Administration and other transportation partners the week of April 6th-10th to observe the 10th annual National Work Zone Awareness Week. The event is designed to remember victims and raise safety awareness for workers and motorists.

Each year in Texas, there are more than 20,000 crashes and about 150 people killed in highway construction and maintenance work zones.

Since 1938, there have been 268 TxDOT employees killed in work zones.

In 2007, the Abilene District had zero work zone fatalities and 129 crashes. More than four out of five fatalities are motorists. Speeding and inattention are the most common causes cited. Rear-end collisions account for one in three crashes.

Safety is TxDOT's first priority, no matter what job behind the desk or on the highway.

Slow down and follow posted speed limits. Traffic fines are double in work zones.

Pay attention. Workers are often close to traffic.

Be patient. Delays can be frustrating, but it only takes a few minutes to slow down in a work zone.

Plan ahead. Leave early to reach your destination.

Drive safe to be safe.

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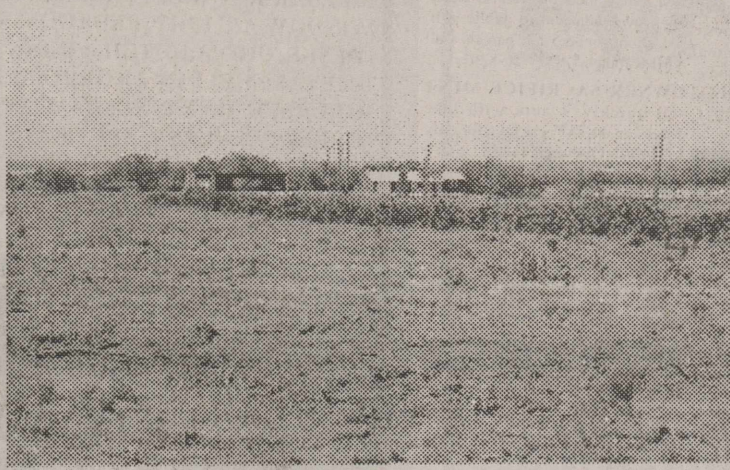
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A Bluebonnet By Any Other Name?

BY: SEN. JOHN CORNYN

Davy Crockett once famously said that Texas is "the garden spot of the world." If there's one icon that helps Texas live up to Mr. Crockett's compliment, it's our state flower, the bluebonnet. Every spring, the bluebonnet covers miles of Texas countryside in a sea of blue.

As it is always said, in Texas we do things bigger and better. Our state flower is no exception. Having just one state flower, as other states do, was not good enough for the State of Texas. In fact, Texas has five different species of the bluebonnet as our official state flower.

In 1901, the Texas Legislature took on what might have been an easy task in a less diverse state selecting the state flower. Debate was heated, with different groups and legislators lobbying intensely for their favorite species. One legislator, Phil Clement of Mills, Texas, made an emotional argument for the cotton boll, because cotton was one of Texas' lead crops. Clement called the cotton boll the "white rose of commerce."

Another legislator from Uvalde, State Representative John Nance Garner, fought for the prickly pear cactus, lauding its durability and the beauty of its blooms. He

ultimately did not win the debate, but because of his enthusiasm for the prickly pear, he was dubbed "Cactus Jack" a nickname that stuck with him for the rest of his life. Cactus Jack went on to serve as Vice President to Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The most compelling argument was made by John M. Green, of Cuero, Texas, with the help of an organization called the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Texas. When Green rose to the podium to suggest the bluebonnet, someone on the floor called out, "What the devil is a bluebonnet?" One explanation was given comparing the bluebonnet to the sunbonnets worn by Texas women in the pioneer days to protect their faces from the sun. Another called the bluebonnet by its Spanish nickname "el conejo" or "the rabbit" because of its resemblance to the tail of a cottontail rabbit.

Finally, representatives from the Colonial Dames organization stepped up to make their case for the bluebonnet with the help of a visual aide. They presented a painting of bluebonnets by Miss Mode Walker of Austin, which brought on a "deafening" round of applause. The bluebonnet had stolen the show. A resolution

making the bluebonnet, specifically the *Lupinus subcarneus*, the official state flower of Texas was signed by Governor Joseph D. Sayers on March 7, 1901.

The debate did not end there, however. Not everyone was content with the selection of the Texas Legislature. Different groups argued that the *Lupinus subcarneus* was not the most attractive of the bluebonnet family. They claimed another species, the *Lupinus texensis*, was bolder, more beautiful and should be named the official flower. For the next 70 years, this debate would ensue. In 1971, a solution was finally reached. Governor Preston Smith signed a resolution on March 8, 1971, designating both species of the bluebonnet as the official state flower, along with "any other variety of bluebonnet not heretofore recorded. As it turns out, three other species have been discovered.

The 70-year debate did prove one thing: Texans were passionate about bluebonnets. Over the years, this bright blue flower, which usually peaks in late March and early April, has been a source of inspiration for artists, poets, and photographers. Even the Texas Highway Department was moved to incorporate the bluebonnet in a landscaping and beautification project in the 1930s. As a result of their efforts, Texans and those traveling throughout our state can see fields of bluebonnets alongside most of Texas' major highways every spring.

Towns across Texas have developed wildflower tours and festivals to showcase their bluebonnets as the best and most colorful in the state. Every April, thousands of visitors flock to the historic cotton town of Chappell Hill for the official "Texas Bluebonnet Festival," complete with bluebonnet contests and crafts.

I hope this spring we can all pause to enjoy the beauty of our state's flower in any of its five forms. Indeed, the bluebonnet runs wild throughout Texas and deep in our state's history.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Turkey Creek Cook-Off May 16th

The date has been set for the Turkey Creek Cook-Off and Bull Bash for May 16th, hosted by the Cross Plains Roping Club.

It will soon be bar-b-que and rodeo time! We are all getting excited and ready for a great weekend!

We have added some kid events so no age will be left out. A good crowd is expected for the Cook-Off so get your teams ready for Brisket, Ribs, Chicken, Chili Beans and a Jackpot Cobbler. Call Lorna for more information on the Cook-Off 325-280-5496.

There are lots of surprises for

the Bull Bash, not to mention some of the best rough stock in the business. Last year we brought Big Tex as a bonus bull for the champion. Big Tex is now one of the top bulls of the PBR and may be Bull of the Year!

We will have another bonus bull this year. We can't wait to see what Jason Marks brings us. It will be a show not to miss.

Zach Harmon, Abilene's Musician of the Year, will be playing Texas Country and favorites to dance to after the Bull Bash. Everyone will love this band.

Call Dana at 325-280-0271 or Jason at 928-897-1135 for more information on the Bull Bash. We need your support and sponsorship for this event. Without it, this event is not possible and it helps every business in the community. Let's keep RODEO ALIVE in Cross Plains.

We are also selling tickets for 1/2 beef to be given away during the Bull Bash. Tickets are \$5.00 for 1 or 5 for \$20.00. Get yours NOW!

Submitted by
Dana Hall
Cross Plains Roping Club

Creeks rise in wake of brush control efforts Water flows despite drought conditions

By Dee Ann Littlefield
Water is scarce in Borden and Scurry counties in West Texas, where the annual rainfall is about 18 inches. That's the average, but as many farmers and ranchers in the area can tell you, it's the below-average years that require extra management and continuous planning.

In 1913, R.M. Clayton purchased a large track of land in Borden County, which he operated as the Muleshoe Ranch, near Gail, Texas. As his sons and daughters continued in the ranching business, the original ranch was divided up among heirs.

Clayton's grandson, Rich Anderson, and his son, John, continue to operate their portion of the original ranch, still branding the original Muleshoe brand.

Rich began working with the Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service, in the late 1950s, participating in the Great Plains Conservation Program. John, and his wife, Kevva, continue the conservation heritage on the land, implementing practices such as grazing management and water distribution. John currently serves on the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District board.

Other Clayton family members, Tim and Carol Wilson, operate the Rocker Ranch, which is part of the original Clayton ranch estate, and neighbors the Muleshoe Ranch. The Wilsons have been consulting with the NRCS since 1986, accomplishing goals outlined in their conservation plan.

Despite the good grazing management efforts, over the years, the Andersons, the Wilsons and many other ranchers in the area have experienced the invasion of salt cedar trees along their creeks. According to studies conducted by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, salt cedar and other invasive brush species have emerged in the upland areas, resulting in greatly diminished water supplies. TSSWCB studies report that plant species such as salt cedar, juniper, and mesquite have become dominant and caused extensive problems with water quality and quantity in the watersheds of the Upper Colorado River Basin, as they

have higher water consumption rates and more extensive root systems than most typical native vegetation, and therefore out-compete many typical native species.

All five members of the Upper Colorado SWCD are proactive stewards of their land; they felt that a more aggressive approach might be the key to managing the issue of invasive brush.

In 2002, Anderson and fellow SWCD board member Ted Crenwelge and the rest of the Upper Colorado SWCD board set out to see what they could do to reverse the invasion of salt cedar, mesquite and juniper trees on ranches in the area. They approached Kevin Wright, NRCS district conservationist in the Snyder field office, to provide some expertise and assistance with this project.

As a result of their efforts, Wright helped them and other ranchers develop conservation plans using the best science and technology available to achieve their economic and environmental objectives. The ranchers' primary goal was to work with nature to restore the range to healthy conditions, to the point it could provide environmental services such as wildlife habitat, improved grass cover to reduce erosion, and hopefully a better, more abundant supply of water. They wanted to do all this while managing their herds to produce a sustainable supply of food and fiber to provide income for their families.

Many Borden and Scurry county ranchers met with Wright about this project and were able to participate in the NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's brush program, which helped share the cost of removing salt cedar trees along the headwaters of the Colorado River. The first aerial treatment, applied in 2005, was so successful that many ranchers repeated the process in 2008, spraying along Mesquite Creek and its tributaries, which are all part of the Colorado River Watershed. As part of their restoration and water management strategies, they applied upland brush management to juniper and mesquite trees, monitored their cattle grazing and man-

aged their riparian areas to create optimal wildlife habitat.

"The outcome has been phenomenal," said Tim Wilson of the Rocker Ranch, "particularly on Mesquite Creek, which runs through my ranch. I have seen a dramatic increase in water flow."

The results of the collective conservation efforts can be seen, and heard, as formerly dry springs are now flowing again.

And it's not because of recent rains. Texas is currently experiencing severe drought conditions, and this area has only received seven-tenths of an inch since November. But this hasn't stopped the stream flow. These streams aren't just flowing; they are growing. In the areas where the brush treatment and other conservation practices have been applied, the streams are flowing downstream many miles beyond their historical stream flow. In fact, these treated streams in the Upper Colorado River Watershed are now providing additional water to Lake JB Thomas, E.V. Spence Reservoir, and O.H. Ivie Reservoir watersheds, which provide public water sources for several communities, including San Angelo, Odessa, Big Spring, Snyder and Abilene.

Through utilization of good conservation treatments, these streams have also made a new source of livestock water readily available, enabling the ranchers to manage their operations better and allowing them to not have to pump water out of an underground aquifer to supply their livestock and wildlife.

What started as brushy, dry creekbeds on some ranches in West Texas have turned into a new source of drinking water for the tens of thousands of people that rely on the municipal water supplies. Additional results of this private commitment to stewardship are the cattle enjoying more grass, many wildlife species are thriving in their improved habitat, and the ranchers are smiling about the success of it all.

Dee Ann Littlefield is public affairs specialist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Henrietta. For more information regarding the article she may be contacted at deeann.littlefield@tx.usda.gov or at (940)-538-4681.

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BRMC Community Education Schedule
Initial Certification for Healthcare Providers
Thursday, April 23
CPR for Healthcare Provider Renewal
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Free Diabetes Education
Tuesdays - April 7, 14, 21 & 28
Join us for an hour of educational information on various topics related to diabetes. Call 325.649.3313 to register.

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Healthy Woman
A free community resource designed to empower women with knowledge and confidence to make informed healthcare decisions. To join or register for upcoming events visit www.brmc-cares.com. "Healthy Woman" link.

Free Healthy Woman Physician Luncheon
Topic: Women's Bone and Joint Health
Tuesday, April 14th Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Adams Street Community Center - Brownbag

Join Dr. Marlen Streffling, Orthopaedic Surgeon for a discussion about women's bone and joint health. Learn about some common and not-so-common conditions of the bones and joints, including how to be proactive against disease that so often rob us of mobility later in life.

RSVP online at www.brmc-cares.com "Healthy Woman" or call 325.649.3391. For each person in attendance, or who enrolls as a new Healthy Woman or Senior Circle member on April 14th, BRMC will make a contribution to our local Meals on Wheels program.

Healthy Woman Supports "Great Moms Walk"
Saturday, April 4th 10:00 a.m. - Noon; Coggin Park
Free Admission - with suggested per child donation.
Join Healthy Woman as we support our local "MOPS" group. There will be pony rides, face painting, bounce houses and activities for the whole family!

Senior Circle
A social activity group for adults age 50 and older. Members receive numerous discounts from national and local businesses. For membership information visit www.brmc-cares.com "Senior Circle" link, pick-up a brochure at the BRMC front desk or The Rehab & Fitness Zone, or call Donna Hair at 325.649.3392.

Upcoming Senior Circle Events:
Senior Circle Covered Dish Lunch & Speaker
Topic: Recognizing Abuse by Adult Protective Services
Monday, April 20th at 11:30am; BRMC Meeting Room
Free Senior Circle Bingo
Monday, April 20th at BRMC; call for time
Senior Circle Fellowship Breakfast
Monday, April 27th at 7:30 a.m. in the BRMC Cafeteria

BRMC Community Involvement
2009 Patient Choice Award - Honoring Nursing Excellence
We're recognizing the best of the best in our team of nurses and we need your help in identifying one remarkable caregiver. To nominate your favorite nurse visit www.brmc-cares.com/nominations

World Health Day at Heartland Mall
Tuesday, April 7th
Please be sure to visit us as we celebrate World Health Day with Heartland Mall. For more information please call 325.646.8531.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 19th - 25th
We invite you to join a caring team of volunteer men and women who provide high-quality patient care through non-medical services. To apply visit www.brmc-cares.com "Community Relations" link or call 325.649.3399.

BRMC Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Friday, April 24th beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the BRMC Meeting Room
BRMC celebrates the wonderful men and women who choose to spend their personal time volunteering at our hospital. BRMC appreciates all the time and attention our volunteers donate to making BRMC a wonderful hospital.

BRMC Community Health Expo
Wednesday, April 29th - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Free event at the Brownwood Coliseum
Please join us for the largest health fair of the year. BRMC will provide free health screenings, educational information and more!

Support Groups
BRMC provides free meeting space to numerous support groups related to specific medical conditions. For a complete list of current group please call 325.649.3313.

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Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Needs Volunteers to Keep Roads Clean and Safe

Scattered among the wildflowers along the state's highways Saturday, April 4th, will be a dusting of orange vests. Persons wearing these orange vests will be the dedicated volunteers of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) program, said Mary Beth Kilgore, the Abilene District's AAH coordinator.

The people you encounter during the annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash Off on April 4th, will be some of the thousands expected to participate in the annual event, she said. These volunteers across the state will pick up tons of litter as they clean roadsides, parks, waterways and neighborhoods.

Last year about half of the district's 126 AAH groups participated in the Trash Off and this year we are hoping that more join in, Kilgore said. "It's quite possible while driving around on April 4th, that you may spot some of your family and friends doing their part to keep Texas clean." The Abilene District is comprised of 13-Big Country counties.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is the largest one-day statewide cleanup event in the U.S. and is a partnership

between TxDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB). The public is invited to participate by signing up online at HYPERLINK "http://www.ktb.org" www.ktb.org or calling 1-800-CLEAN-TX.

TxDOT needs more volunteers because it is facing a challenging year for trash pick-up. There are more roads to keep clean, and Hurricane Ike spread extra debris over parts of the state.

"Without volunteers, it could cost even more to keep Texas roads clean," said Doris Howdeshell, Travel Information Division Director for TxDOT. "That's why we have to continue changing peoples behavior through the Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention campaign, and we are so grateful to our dedicated volunteers who help keep Texas clean and safe."

During last year's Trash-Off, 61,000 volunteers collected more than 5 million pounds of litter.

Organizations such as social clubs, church and school groups and families interested in becoming a member of the AAH program, should call Kilgore at 325-676-6806 or e-mail her at mkilgor@dot.state.tx.us.

Callahan County 4-H Livestock Exhibitors place at major shows

When competing in a major livestock show, you are competing against some of the best animals in the state. In some cases there are more than 100 animals in each class, so to place an animal toward the top of a class is a major accomplishment. If you see a 4-H or FFA member that has competed at this level, be sure to congratulate them on their hard work.

Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo

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San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo

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San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo

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Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Brandon Black - 5th Place Junior Market Steer
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Keeping your home safe from wildfire

With much of the state experiencing severe drought conditions, all residents are encouraged to follow Firewise principals, methods designed to help homeowners reduce their losses by better preparing for wildfire.

"You can better protect your home from wildfire by reducing fuels through deliberate landscaping and creation of a defensible space around your home," said Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder. "It can make the difference between your home surviving a wildfire or not."

The Texas Forest Service encourages you to circle your home, looking for any path that a fire can follow.

"Clear dead wood and dense, flammable vegetation that is 30 feet or closer to your home, removing leaves and pine needles from gutters, roofs and underneath decks," said Snyder. "Stack your firewood at least 30 feet from your home and trim all tree branches hanging over your house including a radius of at least 20 feet around your chimney."

Create a barrier between your home and lawn by using river rock or some other nonflammable material. Keep the lawn trimmed to create a barrier to protect your home.

Have working fire extinguishers ready to go and most importantly plan an escape route and discuss it with your family. Have practice drills and include your pets.

Local, not statewide issues on the May 9th ballot

AUSTIN—While Texans will go to the polls on May 9th to decide many local issues, there are no statewide propositions on the ballot that day, according to Secretary of State Hope Andrade.

Rumors - fueled by an e-mail circulating around the state - of a constitutional amendment on the ballot regarding the homestead tax are not accurate, Andrade said.

"Our office has been contacted by many citizens that received or heard of the e-mail," said Andrade. "We want to make sure people have correct information and are prepared to vote on the issues before them. Many cities, school districts and other local entities will be holding important elections, but there are no statewide constitutional amendments on the May 9th ballot."

The deadline to register to vote in the May election is Thursday, April 9th. Individuals who need to register to vote may obtain an application from several county offices, many post offices, libraries, or from the Secretary of State's voter information Web site: www.VOTEXAS.org.

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Community Wide Yard Sales Announced for April 25

If you are considering having a yard or garage sale this spring, plan on joining with your neighbors and several organizations who will draw the crowds to Cross Plains on Saturday, April 25.

Beta Sigma Phi (BSP) is announcing the annual Community Wide Sale for that day, so place it on your calendars NOW. A cash drawing will be offered to those individuals who sign up for the low fee of \$3.00 to help pay for publicity in the surrounding towns.


Church groups, youth groups, civic organizations, clubs or

neighborhood groups are encouraged to have special sales, bake sales, car washes, or any other fund-raising activities to coincide with the community event. Fees for organizations will be \$5.00.

Call Wanda Merryman at 725-4492 to sign up and be eligible for the drawing. Maps with addresses of sale participants will be distributed on the morning of the event.

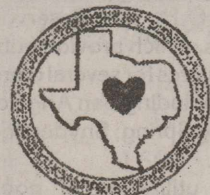
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Submitted by Carol Bennett



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Hors d'oeuvres, water, tea and coffee will be served.

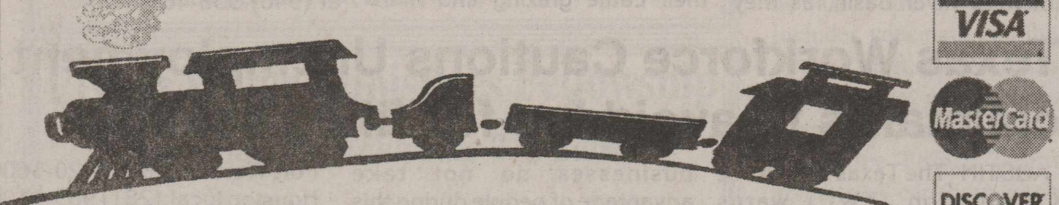
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