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Cross Plains Ambulances OUT OF SERVICE

This headline could be permanent rather than just for a day or so now and then! There have been days recently when our ambulances had to be taken out of service for the day due to not having enough attendants (EMT's or ECA's) to go on possible runs. This was the case last Saturday (March 26th) from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. It was also the case on some other days this month and recent ones.

Our Volunteer Ambulance Service procedures, per State requirement, call for two attendants to be on the ambulance before it goes on a call. In earlier days of the ambulance service, there were always attendants as well as a driver. Now, if the driver is also a certified attendant, we "roll" with only one other attendant. This is certainly not always the best of situations since we most often have 30 to 45 miles

to travel to the hospital after we pick up the patient, but sometimes it is necessary if the ambulances are going to be in service. If the driver is not also a certified attendant, we must have another attendant - a total of two - in order to run.

If we call the ambulance(s) out of service too often, we will lose our certification from the State. Speaking in behalf of the Cross Plains Volunteer Ambulance Service, if we do not get several people to take a class, become certified and then follow through by being available to serve, we could very well be without local ambulance service in the Cross Plains area. An ambulance would have to come from Clyde, taking from 30-45 minutes or more, probably a time of one hour or so in all after the call comes in. This is not what we want, it is not what I want, and I/we don't think that

is what people of this area want.

Hopefully, this is a "wake up call." Pardon the pun, but it is "as serious as a heart attack" - or a stroke, or a - you name it. We need some help! We need more volunteers! We need some drivers! But what we need most is some to take the ECA/EMT class and become qualified and certified to work in the back of the ambulance as attendants!

If this is serious enough to you, please help us do something about it. If you can't take the class, try to persuade others who can to do so. If you can take the class, please "step forward." Let me or someone on the ambulance service, especially our coordinators, David Parker and Debra Childers know. We are trying to get a class to begin sometime soon after June 1.

Submitted by
Bob Pipes

TxDMV Cross Plains Sub Station to be closed April 19th

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) will be holding a Spring Training for employees of the Tax Office on April 19, 2011. The motor vehicle section of the Cross Plains Sub Station at the J.P.'s Office will be closed on this day. The Tax Office in Baird at the courthouse will be open but with a skeleton crew. The TxDMV will be training on subjects in commercial registration, rebuilt and assembled vehicles, mechanic and storage liens, trusts and salvage.

Attending training sessions such as this, helps to keep our deputies up to date on the current laws and changes mandated by the State. This allows us to provide the best service possible to the citizens of Callahan County.



Named A Rita Finalist For Best First Book of 2011 By Romance Writers of America — Karen Witemeyer

"Meet The Author" Abilene Christian Writer

Be sure to join us on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00 pm in the Cross Plains Public Library's conference room, when we present Christian author Karen Witemeyer as the next featured guest of our "Meet the Author" series.

Witemeyer is a deacon's wife and mother of three who believes the world needs more happily-ever-afters. To that end, she combines her love of bygone eras with her passion for helping women mature in Christ to craft historical romance novels that lift the spirit and nurture the soul.

After growing up in California, Witemeyer moved to Texas to attend Abilene Christian University where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology. It was also there that she met and married her own Texas hero. He roped her in good, for she has lived in Texas ever since. In fact, she fell so in love with this rugged land of sweeping sunsets and enduring pioneer spirit, that she incorporates it into the pages of her novels, setting her stories in the small towns of a

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Screening

Parents are asked to register their children who will enter Pre-Kindergarten next fall. Cross Plains Elementary offers Pre-Kindergarten to all children who will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2011. Pre-Kindergarten will be offered if a sufficient number of four year olds register for the program.

It is important that students register as soon as possible in order to plan classes for 2011-2012. Class sizes for Pre-K may be limited.

Students who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2011 are eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten is a full day program. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students. If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K at Cross Plains Elementary, you will NOT have to go through the screening process. If your child has not been enrolled in Pre-K, and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, please register for screening.

Early childhood screening will be conducted at the same time as regular Pre-K and Kindergarten screening. They early childhood program is a program to help

those children ages 3-5 who show to be developmentally delayed or have a suspected disability.

Early Childhood, Pre-K and Kindergarten screening will be conducted Friday, April 15, 2011 at Cross Plains Elementary School. Please call the Elementary Principal's Office at 254-725-6123 to make an appointment for your child. The screening will take about sixty minutes. Each student's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability, and developmental growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on their child's progress at the time of the screening.

Parents are reminded that, in order to enter school in Texas, the student must have a state approved birth certificate, social security card and a current immunization record.

Immunization requirements: Hepatitis B - 3 doses by age 4; DTaP - 5/4 doses with one on/after 4th birthday; Polio - 4 doses with one on/after 4th birthday, 3 doses if 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday; Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) - 2 doses with 1st dose on/after 1st birthday; Varicella- 2doses

on/after 1st birthday; Hepatitis A - 2 doses with the 1st dose on/after the 1st birthday.

Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record and social security number for the child at the time of registering. Also, you will be asked to complete the Nations School Lunch Program information form on the day of pre-registration.

Estimado Padre o Guardian: El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cross Plains ofrecera un programa de pre-kindergarten si hay quince ninos que cualifiquen para tal servicio. Para poder ser elegible para este programa, un estudiante debe tener al menos cuatro anos de edad y satisfacer por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos:

- * incapacidad de hablar y entender ingles
- * desventajas educacionales
- * Si usted cree que su nino (a) o un nino (a) que usted conozca satisfice uno or mas de estos requisitos, por favor se comunica con le escuela

Sinceramente,
Margie Sowell
Director de la Escuela

Immunization Clinics Announced in Callahan County

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding Immunization Clinics in Callahan County. Flu and pneumonia vaccine will be available.

Clinic schedule includes:

Monday, April 11th
Cross Plains Housing Authority
233 North Main
10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Wednesday, April 13th
Clyde First Baptist Church
216 Austin
10 a.m. - 12 noon
and
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's immunization records. If the child has Medicaid or CHIP, please bring their card.

For more information call
325-754-4945.

REMINDER
Sign-up forms and payments for t-ball, machine pitch, and team pitch were due on March 28th. If you have not submitted your payment, you need to make arrangements to do so because the no pay no play rule will be enforced.

Dates to remember:
April 9th and April 16th are set as clean-up days. We need volunteers to help get things ready for the new season.

April 30th: Opening Day. The parade will begin at 9am.
Contact Jaci Ellerbe at 725-6746 with any questions.

Photos of Past Mayors NEEDED

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

You may submit your pictures via the postal service at:
City Hall
P.O. Box 129
Cross Plains, TX 76443
or
email
deb@crossplains.org.
Please send photos that do not have to be returned.

Cottonwood Musical this Friday Night April 8

Come out to the Cottonwood Community Center this Friday night and hear some of the best music in the Big Country at the Cottonwood Musical. Musicians from across the area will be performing some of your favorites from country, rock and roll, blues and a variety of other music. Admission to the musical is free.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with the music starting at 5:30 p.m. Chuck Patrick will emcee the event.

Sloppy Joes, sandwiches, pies, iced tea, coffee, soft drinks and a special homemade dessert will be available in the kitchen. Proceeds from the kitchen will toward the care and maintenance of the Community Center.

Last Call for Cross Plains Photo Memory Book

Centennial Cheeseburger Night April 12th

Bring Your Old Photos of the Cross Plains Area, School Kids, Businesses and Family

Need Photos from Burkett, Rowden, Pioneer, Cottonwood, Atwell, Cross Cut

Looking For Photos like: Odom's Cafe, Cox's Supermarket, JRB's, Truck Stops, Pioneer Drive-In, Christmas Tree in Middle of Main St., Foster's, Old Post Office, Old City Hall, Early Little League Teams, Photos of the "Picnic"/Old Settlers

One-Of-A-Kind Special Memento of Cross Plains Will be Created

Texas Heritage Bank

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"What's Inside"**

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New Hours Announced for the Cross Plains Review

**Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Fridays
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Open thru Lunch Daily



Guiding The Tour — Bob (from left) and Scott Childress of Cottonwood.



Prepared For Everything — The crowd got to see all the sights from the comfort of a hayride trailer.

Texas Fruit Growers' Spring Meeting

The Texas Fruit Growers' Spring Meeting was held in Eastland and Cottonwood March 25-26. Friday night the meeting was held in Eastland where about 50 attendees had a barbecue dinner catered by Hardin's BBQ. Billy Higginbotham, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Overton Experiment Station, had an excellent talk on feral hogs. Monte Nesbitt, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, College Station, presented as informative program on growing blackberries. Dan Rohrer, fruit grower in Fredericksburg, talked about high tunnel technology and Texas Department Agriculture's

research grant for growing peaches. Saturday morning, the group assembled at the Cottonwood Community Center for coffee and doughnuts. They enjoyed learning more of the local history of Cottonwood and seeing the quilting club's works in progress. Wilma Lawrence, Cross Plains, gave an educational talk on first aid and farm safety. She brought thoughts based on many years of valuable experience. Darrin Rozell from Red River Chemical Company spoke on the effectiveness of generic chemicals versus name brand chemicals. He also talked about surfactants and sprayer

calibration. Saturday morning after the speakers, the group adjourned to the Childress Farm and took a hay ride tour of their enterprises. The hay and one trailer were furnished by Jimmy Joy, Norma Farmer and Lucino Mauricio were tractor drivers with Bob and Scott Childress narrating the tour. It included a 1/4 acre pig trap, peach orchards, bee hives, pecan orchards and cleaning barn, black-eyed peas, high tunnel peach experiment and pick-your-own blackberries. The program was well attended and attendees enjoyed seeing and learning about this part of Texas.

LIBRARY NOTES

March 28-April 1, 2011

Patrons:	164
Books Checked Out:	194
Programs:	24
LAP	10
Lapsit	8
Other	6
Copies:	250
Internet Users:	69
Reference:	8
Interlibrary Loans:	4

Donations:
Curt and Ginny Hoskins

Book Donation:
Ginny Hoskins

Volunteers:
Sue Bennett
Beverly Ross
Lavonne Childress

Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Corner

Perhaps the reddish brown ball with black grooves is the only similarity between the current "March Madness" and basketball in December of 1938!!

The terminology of sportswriters at *The Review* varies considerably from our daily report of today—"Cross Plains and Cross Cut monopolized honors at the latter's invitational basketball tournament last weekend. Cross Plains boys defeated Cross Cut in the finals of the masculine division, and the Cross Plains sextet was victorious over Cross Cut girls 26-20 for the feminine diadem."

Don't forget the final Centennial Cheeseburger/Picture Scanning at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 12—scanning begins at 4 p.m., sandwiches at 5 p.m. MAKE IT A TRIPLE—pictures, cheeseburgers and Meet the Author at the Cross Plains Public Library at 7 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 4th Movie Monday 10:00am Cokes and Popcorn, Computer Classes
Tuesday, 5th -10:00am Mexican Train Dominoes, 11:00am Exercise Class and Computer Classes
Wednesday, 6th - Nutrition Education, Computer Classes
Thursday, 7th - Exercise Classes 11:00am and Computer Class
Friday, 8th - Bingo 10:30 am

NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER:

Electric Skillet, Roasters and Griddles

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

VOLUNTEER DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Cross Plains Senior Center is in need of a few great people to help deliver Meals on Wheels for the Seniors in this great community! Drivers and runners are both needed. If you know your way around Cross Plains then driving would be a great way to help. If you don't know your way around but are willing to ride and take the meals up to the houses, then we have openings for that too! If interested or available, please call the Center at 725-6521.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

APRIL 11—APRIL 15

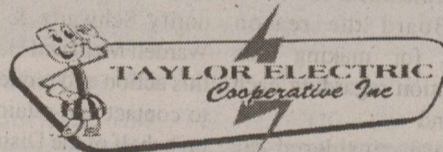
MONDAY- Smothered Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread/ Dessert/ Drink
TUESDAY- Beef Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Salad, Bread/Dessert/ Drink
WEDNESDAY - Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread/ Dessert/Drink
THURSDAY- King Ranch Chicken, Butter Beans, Greens, Bread/Dessert/ Drink
FRIDAY- Pepper Steak, Noodles, Limas, Bread/Dessert/ Drink

MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Continue to Pray for RAIN

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Cross Plains Review Deadlines •Ads Noon on Tuesday •Articles Noon on Monday



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BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

Dependence on Government

According to scripture, (Romans 13) governments are instituted by God and exist as Gods servant, an agent of wrath, to bring punishment on the wrong doer. Our respect and our taxes are to be given to government not only because of possible punishment, but in obedience to God.

The men entrusted with establishing our government some 220 plus years ago patterned a constitution very consistent with the teaching in scripture to provide protection from all wrong doers. The United States still leads the world in providing its people and its allies with protection from outside forces of evil. We are very dependant, everyday, on our government successfully protecting us from evil doers, both within and without our borders.

When government fails to provide protection from evil, or is no longer able to provide that protection, we sink to "every man for himself" and eventually government collapses. The bad news is we are seeing our government transforming from "protection provider" to "welfare provider." A majority in our country have now become dependant on government not for protection, but for personal welfare. In order for this to occur, government must not only be big, but also oppressive. As we observe this trend we will continue to see successful attacks on our security.

Our respect and taxes must continue toward our government but our trust and dependence must be in Jesus Christ.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus
433 N. Main St. 254-725-6117
Worship....6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible
Sunday Morning Bible Class..9:45a.m. Sunday Evening
Study...7:00p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Wednesday
7:00 pm

Cross Plains-Main St.
Pool House

Do you struggle with hurts, resulting from addictions, divorce, anxiety, depression, grief, co-dependency, negative family issues, or abuse? Have you been ordered to attend a support group?

All of us struggle with life's hurts, hang-ups and habits of one kind or another.

Celebrate Recovery is a recovery program based on the principles taught by Jesus Christ in Scripture. These principles run along with the AA 12 Step Program.

Join us on Wednesday's at 7 pm as we listen, share and learn how to recover, heal and help others do the same.

Celebrate Recovery has a light meal at 6:45 pm. This group is sponsored by the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE
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254-725-6111
116 S.E. 1ST ST
CROSS PLAINS
TEXAS



Inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: NEVER LEAVE YOUR PARTNER BEHIND. In the cooling embers of his marriage, it's another story. As he and his wife prepare to enter divorce proceedings, Caleb's dad asks his son to try an experiment: The Love Dare. But is it too late to fireproof his marriage? His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb must face his toughest job ever.....rescuing his wife's heart.

Sunday, April 10th.....6:30 pm

Free Admission

First Baptist Church
301 N. Main
Cross Plains, TX 76443
(254) 725-7629

Beta Sigma Phi Wants You for our Scholarship

Is college in your future? Are you seeking a career in a technical trade? Perhaps you are hoping to succeed in the arts? Are you attending school now and are planning on attending next semester?

If you are graduating from Cross Plains High School in 2011 OR if you are a graduate of Cross Plains High School and are a returning college student we

would like to hear from you! From now until May 2, 2011 we are accepting applications for our scholarship that will be announced on May 20. The scholarship is in the amount of \$500.

Seniors may pick up an application from the Cross Plains High School Counselor or contact her at 725-6121. Other applicants

can also stop by the CPHS counselor's office to pick up an application.

This annual scholarship is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Do not forget...the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship this year is May 2nd.

Callahan County 4-H hosts Novice Shotgun Shoot

On Saturday, April 2nd the Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Shooting Sports group kicked off the 2011 season by hosting their first-ever Novice Shotgun Shoot. The shoot was held on the same day as the Charlie Greenway Silhouette Match, and took place at the Callahan County Shooting Range between Clyde and Baird.

The Novice Shoot was open to 4-H members who are new to 4-H Shooting Sports and in their first year of shotgun competition. The purpose was to give new shooters competition experience in a slower-paced, safety-oriented, fun way. Members of the Callahan County 4-H Shotgun team, coaches and parents worked to provide a great day of shooting for these newcomers to the sport.

This event is quite possibly the first-ever 4-H county shoot

of its kind to be held in the state of Texas. The 4-H participants traveled from far and wide, representing the following counties: Runnels, Ector, Erath, Tom Green, Brazoria, Comal, Childress, and Frio. Colton Allcorn represented Callahan County in the event and was awarded 2nd place in Junior Skeet and 2nd place in Junior 5-Stand.

Our county 4-H shotgun team is looking forward to another successful shooting season. Team members will be traveling to out-of-town competitions beginning this month and will be competing at our home range during the 16th Annual Callahan County 4-H Fun Shoot on May 28th. 4-H shotgun competitions will continue thru the summer leading up to the State 4-H Contest at San Antonio in late July.

Callahan Co. 4-H Clubs Collecting Money for Community Service Project

The Callahan County 4-H clubs are collecting money for Breedlove Food Inc. which produces, packages, and distributes food to underprivileged people of the world in such places as Africa. This is a part of the District 7 4-H community service project.

If you are interested in supporting our 4-H students please give your donation to a 4-H member, or send it to Rose Barcomb at the County Extension office in the Courthouse in Baird. All funds must be turned into the extension office by April 27th. You can contact the Extension Office at (325) 854-5835. Thank you for supporting Callahan County 4-H and our youth.

Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

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www.BrownwoodQuiltersGuild.org
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Workshops scheduled for Saturday & Sunday 8:30am-12:00pm
\$40 per person, supply list will be provided upon registration.

Student Exchange Program Needs Your Help

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

Host families are asked to include the student as a member of their family. Couples, single parents and families with and without children in the home are all encouraged to host. You can choose a student for a semester or for the school year.

Each World Heritage student is fully insured, brings his/her

own personal spending money and expects to contribute to his/her share of household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

Imagine the world of peace and greater understanding, imagine yourself as part of the solution! Today's teens are tomorrow's parents, international business people and possible even future political leaders! Share your corner of America by helping a foreign exchange student experience life in your area!

For more information call 1(800) 888-9040 or email info@world-heritage.org.

9th Annual Youth Job Fair assists youth & employers with summer employment opportunities

Abilene, Texas—In an effort to assist young job seekers in finding summer and part-time employment, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, and Cumulus Radio will sponsor "Hot Dog-I Got a Job!" Area Youth Job Fair on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th Street. Job seekers, age 16-21, are invited to meet representatives from businesses and to complete applications for employment.

Over 30 businesses are expected to be in attendance. Registration is FREE to all job seekers and employers seeking to hire for summer job openings. Applicants will receive assistance from professional staff in completing applications and marketing themselves to potential employers. In preparation for meeting employers and completing applications, job seekers should bring a pen, their social security number, and dress appropriately for an interview.

Power 103 and 98X will be broadcasting live from the event and providing door prizes. Job seekers will receive a coupon for a hot dog, courtesy of Wienerschnitzl. "This event allows us to assist local employers in obtaining summer help and provides applicants the convenience of applying for a number of jobs in one location. It's a win-win opportunity for employers and applicants," states Mary Ross, Executive Director of the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas. Job seekers may complete pre-registration forms by visiting the Workforce Solutions website at www.workforcesystem.org, or by e-mail youthjobfair@workforcesystem.org. For more information about the job fair or other services for job seekers, contact Workforce Solutions at (325)795-4200.

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is an equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities (1-800-735-2989 TDD or 1-800-735-2988 voice) for accessible communication.

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Continue
to
PRAY
for
RAIN
to Heal
our
Land

2 Chronicles
7:14

If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive them their sin and will heal their land.

ANNUAL
SPRING
CLEANUP



The City of Cross Plains' annual spring cleanup is scheduled for the month of April. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of getting rid of their unwanted items. Citizens will be able to get rid of items other than household garbage, tires, paint or other items considered hazardous waste. A chipper will run weekly to provide for residents who have brush already cut and stacked beside the road. If residents want the clippings, it will be left for the homeowner's use. Elderly & Disabled residents may call City Hall (254) 725-6114 during this week to request help with large items. Residents who pay a water bill are

reminded that there are only two cleanups per year and are encouraged to participate in order to get rid of unwanted items at no charge.

Citizens are reminded that there is a City Nuisance Ordinance against allowing weeds to grow to a height over of 12". If residents do not keep their weeds and grass cut to a height of less than 12", the City will mow the lots. If the invoice is not paid within 30 days, a lien will be placed against the property. The City has a list of contractors that do this type of work and would be glad to furnish that to anyone needing this service.

Transmission-line easement seminar set for April 12th in Anson

Meeting to help property owners negotiate eminent domain

ANSON - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a transmission line easement seminar at 6 p.m. April 12th in the Anson High School Auditorium.

Steve Estes, AgriLife Extension agent in Jones County, said the seminar is meant to provide information to property owners who may soon be affected by proposed Public Utility Commission of Texas-authorized transmission lines.

"The PUC has authorized private companies to construct electrical transmission lines across our area and given these companies the power of condemnation to acquire easements to do so," Estes said. "This seminar is meant to help property owners gain information regarding their rights when facing condemnation and negotiating easement agreements."

Judon Fambrough, attorney and senior lecturer with the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University will be the key presenter.

Seminar topics will include:

- How the power of eminent domain works.
- Receiving adequate compensation for affected property.
- Property owners' rights once land is condemned.
- Minimizing property damages during and after construction.
- What negotiating powers do property owners have?
- Key points easement agreements should include to minimize property damage.

"The odds of a property owner negotiating out of having an easement on their land once the final route is selected are very slim," Estes said. "From that point on, it is imperative that property owners know and take the necessary steps to ensure they receive the best possible agreements that meet their needs while minimizing the overall impact on their property."

Individual registration is \$10 at the door.

For more information call the AgriLife Extension office in Jones County at 325-823-2432.

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TxDot approves super-heavy permits to haul transformers across Texas

AUSTIN — Three long-haul rigs, each loaded with a transformer, journeyed across the state earlier this week to meet a late afternoon shipping deadline at the Port of Houston.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) approved super-heavy permits for a Texas company to haul the loads at gross vehicle weights of 510,000, 430,000 and 420,000 pounds. The transformers are headed to Japan to aid in disaster relief in the aftermath of a destructive earthquake and tsunami.

Twenty feet wide and 197 feet long, the super-heavy loads left Sweetwater the morning of April 4, 2011 and are traveling south along Texas highways to the final port destination. They

will then be offloaded onto a vessel and shipped to Japan.

Maintenance employees in six TxDOT districts Abilene, Brownwood, Fort Worth, Waco, Bryan and Houston will provide traffic control as the big rigs move across Texas.

"It took a great deal of coordination in a short period of time to pull this off," said Carol Davis, Motor Carrier Division director. "TxDOT divisions and districts worked closely with an engineering consultant to accomplish in a few days what would normally take weeks."

TxDOT's Motor Carrier Division issues permits to carriers for loads exceeding legal size and weight limits, working closely with the districts to make sure loads



TRANSFORMERS BOUND FOR JAPAN TO AID IN DISASTER RELIEF WERE HEADED ACROSS TEXAS EARLIER THIS WEEK.

move across the state safely and efficiently. In 2009, the agency issued over 500,000

such permits, 6,235 of those exceeding 200,000 pounds.

Oplin Cemetery Work Day set for April 16th

The Oplin Cemetery will be holding a work day on Saturday, April 16th (weather permitting). The work day will mainly concentrate on trimming trees and folks are asked to bring rakes, wheel barrows, tree trimmers and other necessary tools. Our work day will begin sometime around 8:00 a.m. and hopefully (with enough volunteers) end around noon. The Oplin Cemetery is located on F.M. 2926, about a quarter of a mile east of F. M. 604 S.

Be sure and wear your working gloves and if you need more information please call Mr. Doug Campbell at 325-529-4301.

Callahan County Predator Control Association News

The Callahan County Predator Control Association is working in conjunction with the USDA Wildlife Service in eradicating feral hogs from the county. The Association currently has 55 paid members for a total of 111,244 acres enrolled. USDA Wildlife Services has completed 726 hours of field work and 40.7 hours aerial work from October 1, 2010 to March 24, 2011. The Association feels that we have made good progress in reducing the number of feral hogs and other predators in Callahan County.

The objectives of this organization are to assist landowners and tenants in eradicating the feral hogs throughout the county by working with USDA Services. Feral hogs cause thousands of dollars each year in damages to field crops, fences, cattle pens, hay stacks as well as destroying wildlife habitats. This is a growing problem for Callahan County as well as the

State of Texas that will take several years to eliminated these feral hogs or at least reduce the number present in the county to minimize the damages that these animals cause.

We are currently taking membership into the Association. The membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. The Annual Membership fees are \$50 plus .10 (10 cents) per acre. Membership fees are used to pay the Associations contract with USDA Wildlife Services for their work in the county.

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

Jan Windham
Secretary/Treasurer

Heart to Heart Ministries News

Hello Callahan County. God is at work here in our county. We wanted to let everyone know that Heart to Heart Ministries serves all of Callahan Co. and not just Clyde. If you or someone you know needs assistance with food, please call one of the numbers listed below.

Friday, March 22nd Heart to Heart Ministries was blessed by a large donation. We will be using it to buy food and help us get into our own building. If you have a building or maybe an older house that we could lease/rent, please call one of us. Please continue to make donations of money or food, for we assist many and what we have won't last as long as we would like for it to.

On April 13th at 9:00 am, we will have a meeting at the Clyde First United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall at 217 Oak. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and be a part of God's Blessings.

Contact Heart to Heart Ministries at:
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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

APPRECIATION

Spring is continuing to work her wonders in the mountains this year. The skies are full of sunshine with only a few clouds floating on the wisps of the winds. My flower box is full to overflowing with purple phlox. A patch of bluebonnets sits proudly next to my front porch. A million dandelions dot the fields. Thousands of bees and butterflies are doing their best to help them flourish and grow. In the morning the birds sing their own "Ode to Joy" while in the evening a blanket of stars keeps you warm in the cool night air.

It seems too that this year I am appreciating Spring's beauty more than ever before. I am standing outside a bit longer in the morning to admire the rising sun and am staying out a few more minutes each night to gaze at the smiling moon. I am lying down on the warm grass to smell the flowers and am taking the time to rescue the few, stray moths that fly into my house. I am taking deeper breaths of the fresh, Spring air and am saying some extra "Thank You's" to God for giving us such a blessed time of the year.

Perhaps this greater appreciation comes from the long and difficult Winter we had this year or perhaps as I am getting older and wiser I am finally beginning to see the glory and majesty that was around me all the time. Either way I am grateful and happy. There is nothing sadder than passing by a treasure everyday and not seeing it.

This world is full of beauty,

wonder, and delight. It is full of countless blessings given to us by our loving Father above. All we have to do is open our eyes to see them and open our hearts to feel them. Don't ignore these glorious gifts from God. Don't allow yourself to pass them by. Open the door of your soul and welcome them in. Let them warm you, nourish you, and strengthen you. Let them become one with you. Then go out and share their joys with everyone.

By Joseph J. Mazzella
From the Internet

Sweet and Sour Chicken

- 1 t. Onion salt
- 1/2 t. Pepper
- 2 cups Tomato juice
- 1/4 cup Vinegar
- 1/4 cup Soy Sauce
- 1/4 Cup Sugar
- 1/8 t. Garlic powder
- 8 ounces carrots
- 4 T. Pineapple juice
- 1 Medium Dill pickle, cut in 1/2" slices

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Brown on all sides. Put in casserole dish—combine tomato juice, vinegar, soy sauce, garlic powder and sugar and mix together.

Save half of mixture. Add carrots, pineapple, and pickle to 1/2 mixture and spoon over chicken in dish. Bake at 350° for one hour then add pineapple juice to remaining tomato juice mixture over chicken. Heat two minutes.

Juanita Fields

NFL receiver Jordan Shipley to speak at FCA All-Star Banquet

Who: Keynote speaker, NFL wide receiver Jordan Shipley

What: Fellowship of Christian Athletes Victory Banquet, honoring the 2011 Myrtle Greathouse Big Country FCA All-Star Classic roster of football and basketball players, cheerleaders and coaches

When: Sunday, April 17th, 4 p.m.

Where: Abilene Civic Center NFL wide receiver Jordan Shipley, a former Texas Longhorn, will be the featured speaker at the 2011 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Victory Banquet on April 17th at the Abilene Civic Center.

The banquet will begin at 4 p.m. A limited number of tickets for the Victory Banquet are available to the public and can be purchased by contacting the Big Country FCA office at 325-795-0020. Tables of 10 are available for a donation of \$500 and individual tickets are \$50.

Shipley, who led all AFC rookies in receiving yards for the Cincinnati Bengals in 2010, will also help introduce this year's class of players,

cheerleaders and coaches for the 12th Annual Myrtle Greathouse Big Country FCA All-Star Classic.

After earning first-team All American honors in his senior season at Texas, Shipley was drafted in the third round by the Bengals in 2010. His 600 receiving yards ranked second among all NFL rookies.

Shipley started a storied high school career as a freshman at Rotan, where his father, Bob, was head coach. The Shipleys then moved to Burnet, where Jordan set state career records for receptions (264), receiving yards (5,424) and receiving TDs (73). He was a Parade All-American and was named Class 3A Player of the Year in 2003.

Bob Shipley is now head coach at Brownwood High School.

The 2011 All-Star Classic, featuring the girls basketball game followed by the all-star football game, is set for June 4th.

Information about the Big Country Chapter of the FCA can also be found at www.bigcountryfca.org.

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Emergency Farm Loan Applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by Drought, March 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Texas, Richard G. Young said today.

Callahan, Coleman, Eastland, Jones, and Shackelford Counties are five of 84 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack eligible for loans to cover part of production losses resulting from the Drought, March 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Richard G. Young said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business,

whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Richard G. Young, said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until November 28, 2011, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Richard G. Young

said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson, Texas is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional Information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usdagov>.

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Clyde, TX - KIOTI Tractor, a division of Daedong Industrial, held their annual dealer meeting at the Marriott Crabtree Valley in Raleigh from February 21-23, 2011.

A reception dinner was held on the last evening of the dealer meeting. At this reception Michael Boucher, KIOTI's Senior Director of Sales and Operations in North America, introduced the 2010 Million Dollar Dealers, with Peter Kim, Executive Vice President. Both Boucher and Kim handed out the award plaques. "We are extremely pleased," states Kim, "that during these competitive economic times, that C. Smith & Son Farm Equipment has been able to successfully

achieve this level of sales."

Located in Clyde, TX, C. Smith & Son Farm Equipment offers the full line of KIOTI Tractors and UTVs along with complete KIOTI parts and service support.

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KIOTI Tractor is located in Wendell, North Carolina.

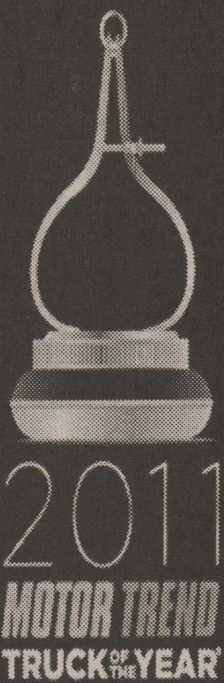
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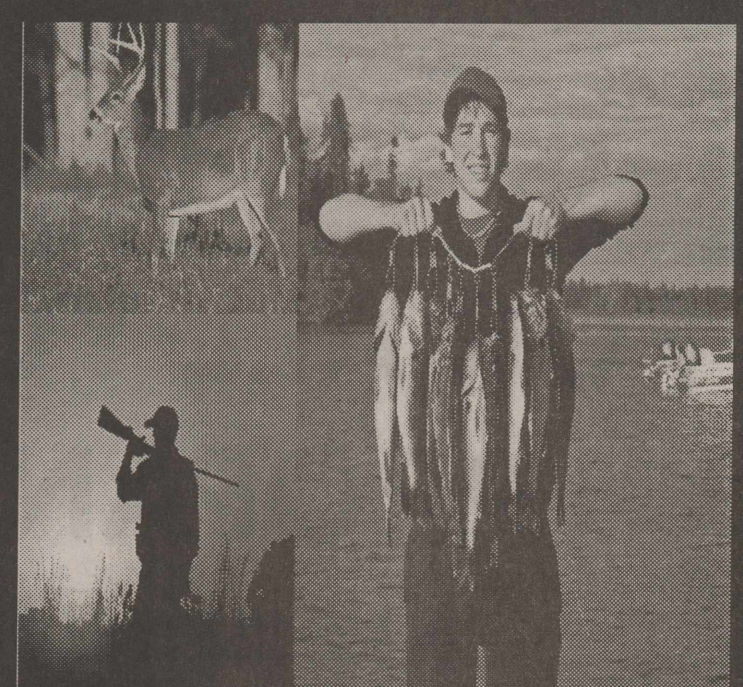
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Hawley Hay Day is May 21st in downtown Hawley

The Hawley Hay Day will be held Saturday, May 21st in downtown Hawley with a Pony Express starting things off at 8:30 a.m.

All proceeds from the Hawley Hay Day will go back into the Hawley Holiday fund.

The parade will kickoff at 10:00 a.m., followed by food and vendor booths all day in downtown Hawley.

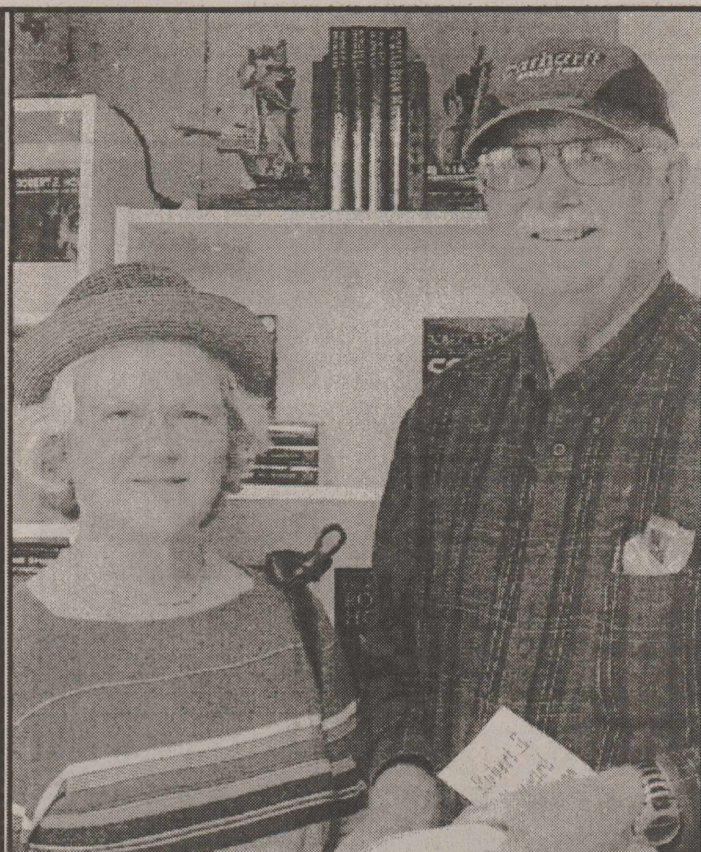
A cook-off and bake-off will also be held during the event. Cookers and bakers are asked to set up on Friday night on the west side of the Hawley Volunteer Fire Department. All entries will be turned in at City Hall. Saturday turn-in times are as follows:

Desserts 11:00 a.m., Beans 11:00 a.m., Hot Sauce 11:00 a.m., Chicken at 12:00 noon, Ribs at 1:00 p.m. and Brisket at 2:00 p.m. Results will be announced at 5:00 p.m. at Hawley City Hall.

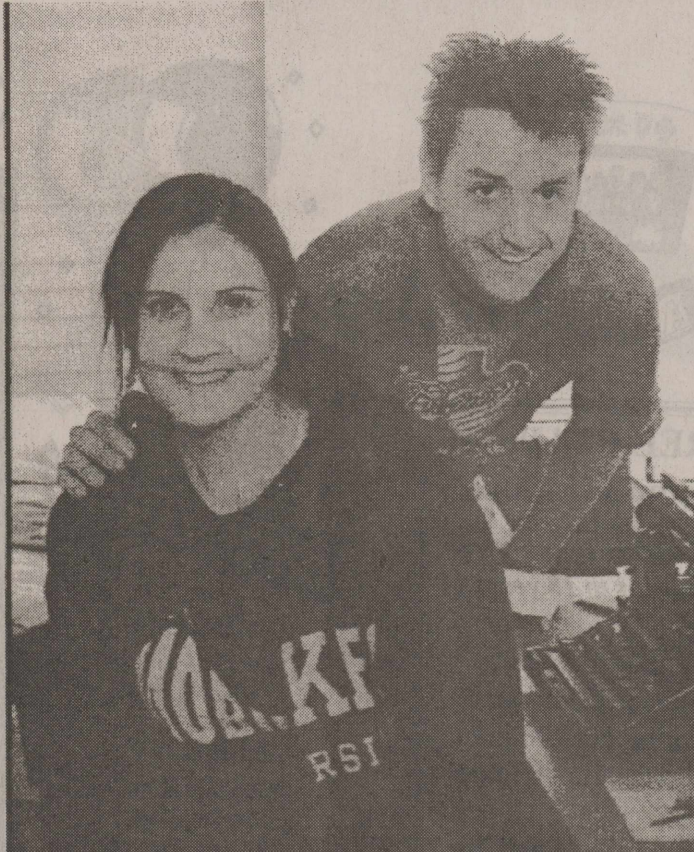
A Hot Dog Eating Contest will be held at 11:00 a.m. The Horseshoe Pitching Tournament will take place at 12:00 noon and a Karaoke Contest will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Street Dance will conclude the Hawley Hay Day from 7:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Please go to the Hawley City Hall Monday through Thursday to sign up for events or call Shelley Lord at (325) 537-9528.



Visitors Continue To Pour In — Pictured are Susan and Floyd Freeman of Salida, Colorado. Floyd is a forester and has worked for the US Forest Service for many years. He prepares management plans and supervises their implementation throughout the state of Colorado. He has been a long time fan of Robert E. Howard's writings, especially the fantasy, and his wife says she supports him in it. After searching the internet for information, they planned their vacation to include a stop in Cross Plains to visit the Museum. They took pictures (both outside and inside) and made purchases. Their plans will take them all the way to Mississippi and then perhaps a more northern route on the return trip.



Special Visitors at Howard Museum —

Laurie Powers, currently of Shreveport, LA, but formerly from Coleman County near Santa Anna. She is Lead Composer at the Worldwide FX Visual Effects Studio in Shreveport, LA.

James Going, currently of Shreveport, LA, is from Amsterdam, NY. He is a 3D artist with Worldwide FX.

Worldwide FX has the contract for creating environments and adding special effects for the new Conan movie that is being filmed in Bulgaria. The movie is due out on August 19, 2011 in USA with Jason Momoa starring as Conan. Momoa was born in Honolulu and reared in Iowa.

Laurie and James are co-workers and neither are great Howard fans, but, as many others do, knew he had created Conan, The Barbarian, and other fantasy characters.

As they began to work on this particular film, interest grew. Laurie knew about Cross Plains as she grew up near here and is the niece of Era Lee Hanke.

A trip was planned to visit the Howard Museum and learn more about the person who had envisioned this Hyborian Age and created the great character in the movie they had been working on for the past several months.

Callahan County Sheriff's Office Weekly Crime Report

Reported By: Ronnie Broadus, Communications Supervisor

3-28 7:26AM Received a call in the 12000 blk. of I-20 East of a stolen vehicle from a business. Deputy Bogart responded to the scene and made contact with the company. Taken was a 2008 Dodge pick up 4-door 3/4 ton gold in color. Information was taken and report made. Case is still under investigation.

3-29 6:56PM Received a call of a possible domestic disturbance in the 3600 blk. PR 2541. Deputy Livingston responded and made contact with subjects. Female subject stated was having problem with male subject at her home. Male subject did leave property. No physical violence occurred.

3-31 2:57PM Received a call of someone shooting a gun in the 4300 blk. of PR 1120. Sheriff Windham responded to the area and patrolled the area and was unable to hear or find anyone shooting.

4-2 9:46PM Stolen property was reported on FM 1178 in Southwestern Callahan County. Chief Deputy Collom responded and made contact with property owner who stated someone had cut the locks on his gate. Taken were a 4 wheeler and possibly a black trailer. Report was taken and the case is still under investigation.

Other activity from 3/28/2011 thru 4/03/2011:
Total Calls by SO - 26
Total Booked in Callahan Co. Jail (all Agencies) - 7
Arrest Made by SO - 5
Assist Motorist - 0
Assist Other Agencies - 4
Calls to Citizens EMS - 17
Calls to Clyde PD - 19
Calls to DPS - 4
Calls to Baird City Marshal Office - 10
Calls to Eula F.D. - 2
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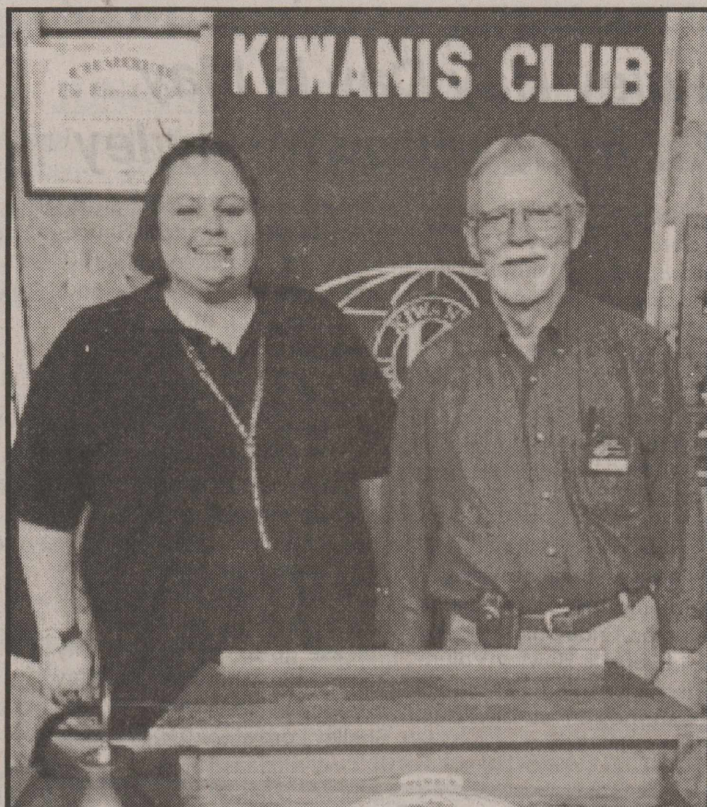
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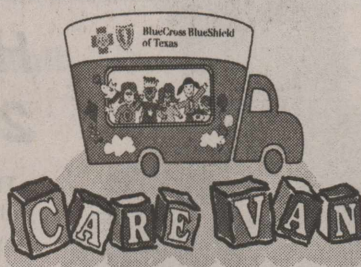
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MARCH 29TH KIWANIS MEETING —

Mandy Sowell (left) and Matt Sowell (not in photo) were the program for the March 29th noon meeting of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Program. Ronnie White arranged the program and Bob Pipes (right) served as their host, along with the other members of the Kiwanis Club. Matt and Mandy told about their business that they recently purchased from the Pancakes ("Home Stitching") and renamed "Salamander's Apparel." Since the Sowell's are both employed full time by Cross Plains ISD, they run the business mainly after school hours and on Saturday (10am-2:00pm.) Matt is in charge of the embroidery computer-operated machine that has a choice of several colors of thread. Mandy does the silk-screening on T-shirts, caps, shirts, and other apparel. It was very interesting and informative to learn about the two processes of personalizing apparel, and we join the rest of the community in being very proud that the business remained open with home-grown people still owning and operating it. Please accept the Kiwanis Club members' invitation to join them in the meeting each Tuesday from 12:00 noon til 1:00 m at Jeans' Feed Barn, East Room. Submitted by Bob Pipes



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6th Living Generation —

Pictured is Beatrice Shockley who is 97 (will be 98 in May) holding the first of her 6th living generation, Michelle Paige McKinley who was born February 14, 2011. Beatrice lives in Bonham, Texas. She is the grandmother of Mary Graves of Cross Plains.

**Texas Greatest Bar-B-Q
Friday, April 15th**

The plans for Friday, April 15th 5-7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center are coming together. That's the date for our fundraiser to help with the expenses to complete the decorative fencing on the west and south sides of the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery. Please make plans to attend and help with the cost of the event. The meal will consist of bar-b-q brisket, sausage, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, the trimmings, dessert, tea and coffee. A Cake Auction will also be offered with lots of good baked items from local cooks!

We still need donations for cakes, potato salad, beans and sausage. Our goal is to have all the food donated so all the proceeds can benefit the fence project. If anyone has an e-mail log for your classmates, please e-mail them the information concerning the cemetery project. Many ex-students have relatives buried in the local cemetery. Please help us so the cemetery will have a clean "finished" look! Thanks ahead of time.

Submitted by
Connie Kirkham

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All For 1 Ministries has announced that the TEARING DOWN THE WALLS TOUR featuring Seventh Day Slumber with special guest Stellar Kart and Kiro's will perform in Clyde on Saturday, May 14th at 7PM in the Clyde High School Naoma Huff Performing Arts Center. Seventh Day Slumber is a DOVE award winning band who spend a large amount of time out on the road playing at large concert festivals as well as smaller venues like Clyde. All For 1 Ministries is partnering with several churches in Clyde to make the event happen. All For 1 founders Billy and Tracy Deel say they are excited about the opportunity to help bring a positive event to the community and could not do it without help from the local churches and community involvement. Tickets are \$10 each or for group purchases of 10 or more tickets are \$8 each. All tickets will be \$15 at the door. Tickets are now on sale at First Baptist Church Clyde, First United Methodist Church in Clyde, and Mardel Christian Supply in Abilene. For more information you can call 325-893-2232.

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Agriculture Secretary Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General West Announce Process to Resolve Discrimination Claims of Hispanic and Women Farmers

Obama Administration's Efforts Will Bring Finality to Longstanding Claims of Discrimination in USDA Program Delivery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25, 2011 - As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General Tony West today announced the establishment of a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

"The Obama Administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA's history," said Vilsack. "Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can now come forward to participate in a claims process in which they have the opportunity to receive compensation."

"Under the resolution announced today, USDA and Hispanic and women farmers will be able to move forward

and focus on the future," said Tony West, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice. "The administrative process being established will give Hispanic and women farmers who believe they suffered discrimination the chance to have their claims heard."

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. This announcement follows the Obama Administration's settlement of longstanding litigation brought by African American farmers and Native American farmers.

The program announced today provides up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of

certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to claimants to participate in the program.

Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

In conjunction with this announcement, USDA is launching an outreach effort to potential claimants that will include a call center for farmers and ranchers, a website, public service announcements, and in-person meetings around the country. Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov. Beginning February 25, 2011, individuals can register to receive a claims package by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA is addressing civil rights complaints that go back decades, and today's announcement is another major step towards achieving that goal. USDA is committed to resolving allegations of past discrimination and ushering in "a new era of civil rights" for the Department. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the *Pigford II* settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the *Keepseagle* settlement with Native American farmers. Meanwhile, Secretary Vilsack continues to advocate for resolution of all remaining claims of past discrimination against USDA.

National Observance Week Highlights Work Zone Awareness

"Safer Driving. Safer Work Zones. For Everyone."

AUSTIN - For many motorists, the first word that comes to mind when encountering a highway construction work zone is delay. The word that should come to mind is caution.

Each April, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) joins the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), national transportation associations and numerous other state DOTs for National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) to remember victims and to raise awareness about safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones. This year, NWZAW is being observed April 4th-8th.

Work zones can be hazardous for both motorists and highway crews working to improve Texas' highways. However, TxDOT has seen a 35 percent decrease in work zone fatalities in 2009 from the previous year because of increased safety measures and public outreach efforts.

While work zone fatalities and crashes have declined significantly, there is still work to do. In 2009, 108 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas. In the 13-county Abilene District, there was one fatality in 2009 and 88 crashes in the work zone.

"One work zone fatality is one too many. We are continuing our efforts to educate motorists on the dangers of speed and distracted driving in work zones," said Fred Underwood,

Texas Transportation Commissioner. "Each of us has the power to protect lives as we drive. We just need to put our cell phones down, stop adjusting the radio and focus on driving safely."

TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway with more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects underway at any given time. With so much construction, motorists frequently encounter work zones.

In 2009, there were 3,871 distracted driver crashes in work zones, involving 7,837 vehicles. These distracted driver crashes resulted in 27 fatalities.

In 2009, 66 percent of work zone fatalities were male.

Forty-six percent of all work zone fatalities for 2009 were 35 years old or younger.

Four out of every five work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone.

One in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision. Of the 108 work zone fatalities in 2009, 40 were drug and alcohol-related.

Underwood said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians. For more information about work zone safety or to download our newest Public Service Announcements, go to www.txdot.gov, search work zone.

Honor our Nation's servicemen and women in May

AUSTIN, Texas—The approach of Military Appreciation Month in May is a good time to honor our servicemen and women in Texas. To pay tribute to those who served, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages travelers to visit the National Museum of the Pacific War, dedicated to telling the real story of the Pacific Theater of World War II. Located on a six-acre site in Fredericksburg, the museum features the new George H.W. Bush Gallery, Admiral Nimitz Museum, Plaza of Presidents, Veterans' Walk of Honor and Memorial Wall, Japanese Garden of Peace, Pacific Combat Zone, and the Center for Pacific War Studies.

In remembrance of veterans throughout the state, thematic travel guides dedicated to Texas' involvement in the Civil War and World War II direct heritage travelers to significant historic sites, including Galveston, where the Emancipation Proclamation was first announced in Texas on June 19, 1865. Showcasing

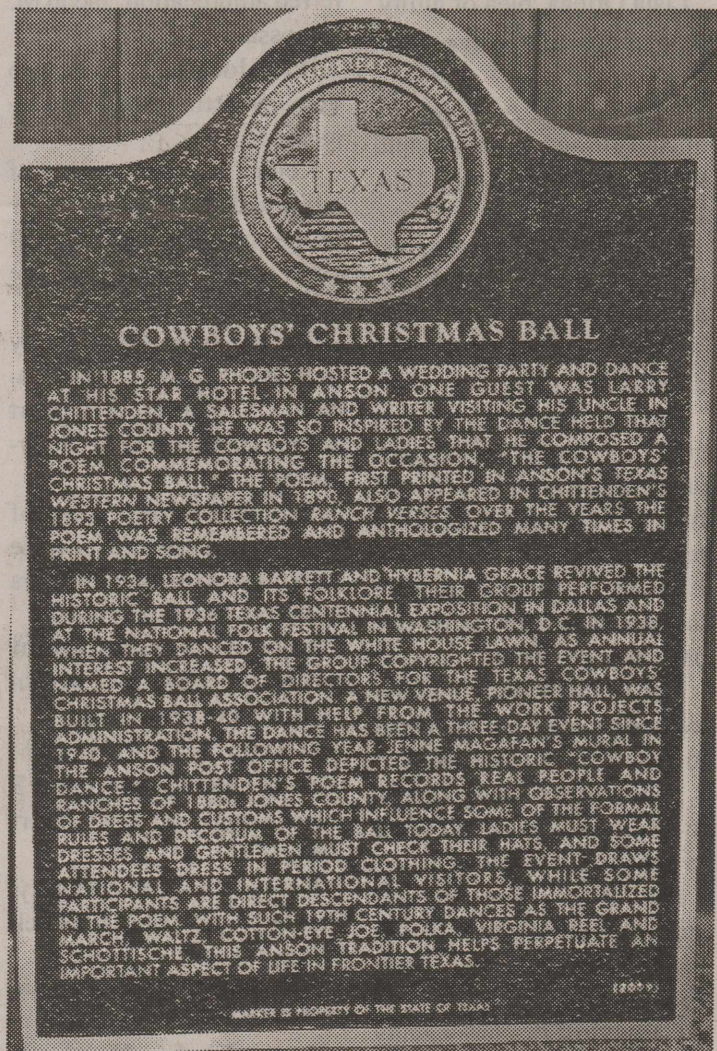
the world's largest collection of aviation nose art, the American Airpower Heritage Museum in Midland celebrates military aircraft in World War II through a rotating exhibit of 20 restored airplanes including the world's only flying B-29 Superfortress.

The THC will also be participating in Park Day on May 10th, an annual event that encourages volunteers to clean and repair the grounds of Civil War battlefields. In conjunction with Park Day, the THC will dedicate a new radio broadcast repeater in Brownsville at Palmito Ranch Battlefield National Historic Landmark (NHL), the site of the last land battle of the Civil War.

To learn more about the National Museum of the Pacific War visit www.texashistoricsites.com. To download or request a copy of the THC's Texas in World War II and Texas in the Civil War travel guides visit www.thc.state.tx.us or call 866-276-6219. For additional information about Park Day at Palmito Ranch Battlefield NHL call 512-463-5833.



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COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL HISTORIC PLAQUE

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball recognized by Texas Tech University

We are pleased to announce that Texas Tech University, Southwest Collections/Special Collection Library has recognized "The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball" for its contribution in the History of West Texas.

Everything pertaining to the "Ball", from 1885 will be gathered, compiled, categorized, copied, photographed, and stored at the Southwest Collection Library at the Texas Tech University Campus. This information gathering process will be on going as the "Ball" continues as a living document. Personal and public documents will be researched to add to the collection. In the end the data will be available through the internet for research, for a look into the past as well as the present and for historical use. Part of the "Ball's" collection has already been sent to Lubbock for the process to start. Some of these items are Miss Barrett's Ledger and

Diary, hours of VHS tapes, 8mm film, check books, meeting minutes, photographs, notes, logs, and the list goes on and on. There is still a vast amount of material to collect and save. Any personal notes, photos, documents, thoughts, memorabilia, video, anything that would pertain to the "Ball", we would like a copy to add to the collection if possible.

This is a very exciting time for "The Texas Cowboys Christmas Ball" as we gather this information. On April 16, 2011 curators from Texas Tech University Southwest Collection/Library will come to Pioneer Hall for the purpose of information gathering. These gentlemen wish to visit, interview, review, and copy any material related to the "Ball". The time for this event is Saturday, April 16th at 9:00 a.m., Pioneer Hall, 2300 Ave. G, Anson, TX. Please join us as we move the grand event into the future.

Preservationist throughout the state honored by Texas Historic Commission

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently recognized several preservationists throughout Texas who have made major contributions to preserving the real places that tell the real stories of our state's past. Award winners were featured during the THC's 2011 Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Austin, March 31st-April 2th.

Among the awards presented was the 2011 Award of Excellence in Media Achievement, which commended South Texas Public Broadcasting KEDT-FM's radio show "The Shape of Texas." On the air since 1999, the show consists of two minute episodes reported and written by Texas journalists, architects and historians. Sites highlighted on the program include the National WASP World War II Museum in Sweetwater, the historic 1886 Bosque County Courthouse, and the 1940s-era Tee Pee Motel in Wharton.

The THC's two most prestigious awards, the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award and the Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology, were presented to Jean Ann Ables-Flatt of Terrell and Teddy Lou Stickney of Midland, respectively.

For more information about THC awards and a complete list of 2011 honorees, contact the agency's History Programs Division at 512-463-5853 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us. Videos highlighting award winners will be featured on the THC website later this month.

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