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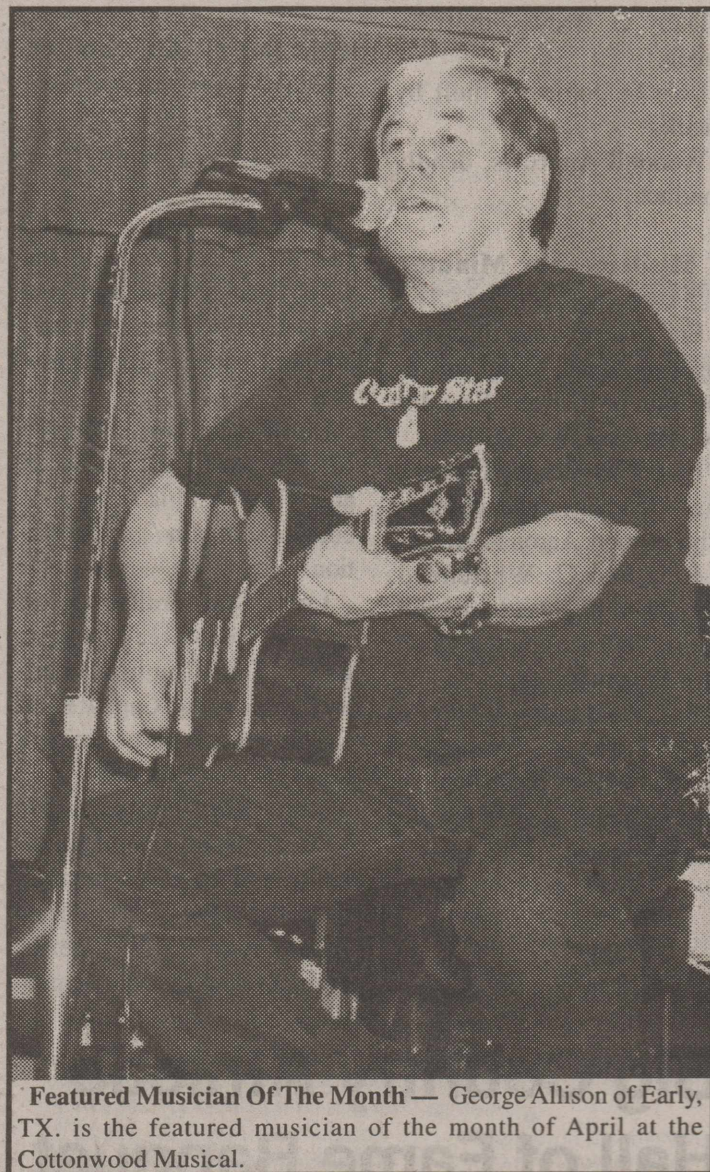


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## April Featured Musician of the Month at the Cottonwood Musical

George Allison of Early, is the featured musician for the month of April at the Cottonwood musical. Whether it is singing "Lucille" in the voices of Dean Martin, Ray Charles and Tiny Tim or singing the song he wrote about the Walmart bag on the moon, or tune from Dr. Zhivago, George Allison is a very talented entertainer.

He and his wife Barbara travel from Early to our musical the first Friday night of each month. Goerge lived in Brownwood during his childhood.

He first developed an interest in playing an instrument and bought his first guitar when he was 14 years of age. He started playing professionally in 1977. He plays the guitar and bass with an instrument, but he plays a harmonica with only his mouth and hands. George's favorite music to play is country and of course his own. His favorite artist is George Jones and the entertainer who influenced him the most was Hank Williams.

George's most memorable time was when he toured Scotland, England and Northern Ireland and saw his name in the headlines with he famous artists Ricky Skaggs, Del Reeves, Freddy Fender, Steve Warner and the Pirates of Mississippi.

The funniest time on stage that George recalls is when he was touring in Belfast, Ireland and someone had a ticking clock in their bag and it was thought to be a bomb!

We are so fortunate to have George come and perform at the Cottonwood Musicals. He is a very kind and humble man. The other musicians enjoy him coming in on their songs with his harmonica playing. Thank you George for sharing your talent with us!

You can see and hear George Allison sing and play at the next Cottonwood Musical on Friday night, April 6th. Come join us!

Submitted by  
Cookie Robinson

## "Feed a Mind; Feed a Body" Welcomes SUBWAY as a Partner in the Local GED Program

The Cross Plains Public Library has launched a new program in conjunction with its GED classes. "Feed a Mind; Feed a Body" provides food for GED students. Subway has agreed to lend its support by pledging a platter of sandwiches twice a month. Last Tuesday the first platter arrived, and at break time the students enjoyed a variety of subs for dinner. "Since classes start at 5PM and are not over until 9PM, our students don't have time for supper, and four hours is a long time to study without having something to eat," says library

director Linda Burns, "so we felt it was important to "feed their bodies" while "feeding their minds." Since the first class began on March 5th, library board members have been supplying fruit, bottled water, granola bars, Lunchables, chips and candy during break time for the teachers and staff. Patrons have also helped by dropping off home-baked treats and one anonymous donor left bags of peanut butter cups marked "for GED" in the library's night book drop!

Library board members Marsha

## Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society to Hold 1940's Census Release Party—Join the Fun

By Donna King Irby

The Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society will meet at 1:00 p.m. on April 2, at the Cross Plains Public Library. We want to invite all who love genealogy and family to come!

We will have a 1940's Census Party to celebrate the release of the 1940 Census. We will look at images for the Cross Plains area. This census will have more information than past ones. One exciting detail is that it will list the identity of the person who gave the information. (Now we will know who is responsible for that horribly incorrect information, if there is some!)

## Pioneer Historical Society Meeting

The Pioneer Cemetery Board Meeting will meet on April 9, 2012 at 6:00pm in the Cross Plains Dairy Queen.

This will be the first meeting of the new year and all visitors interested in the care of the cemetery are welcome.

Submitted by  
Lou Brooks  
Secretary

## Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627 Supports Space Exhibit

The Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627 recently hosted guest speaker Michelle Kaiser, who explained the plans for the *Columbia Shuttle Tire and Space Exhibit* that is being designed to display in Cross Plains and surrounding areas.

The focus of the exhibit is to educate, enlighten and entertain all ages, and sponsors are being sought for the purchase of books and materials in the traveling display.

Members of the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge donated funds to purchase the following books for the exhibit: *Our Solar system, I Want to Be An Astronaut, Sally Ride: Shooting for the Stars, The Moon, The Space Shuttle:*

We would like to remind folks that we have note cards for sale at the library with pictures of historical significance for Cross Plains on them; great for showing support and love of Cross Plains!

In celebration of the Cross Plains centennial, we are still accepting applications for the Cross Plains First Families Certificates for any ancestor who moved to the Cross Plains area before 1920. If you are interested, please obtain forms and instructions at the library or from one of the members of the Genealogy Society. You don't have to be a member of the Cross Plains Area Genealogical Society to apply.

## DADDY'S DYIN' WHO'S GOT THE WILL?

The ONE ACT PLAY will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 3:00pm at the Cross Plains High School Auditorium. Desserts will be served before the play. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Please make plans to attend this play. It is one that will be remembered.

Submitted by  
Judy Luter

## Now Taking Fish Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is NOW taking orders for their Annual Fish Program. Each year the District offers these fish to the general public on a first come, first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, Texas. **Supplies are limited so get your orders in EARLY!!!!**

This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Hybrid Bream, Red Ear, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Crappie and Goldfish. In addition they are

also offering Red Horse Minnows, Fathead and Gold Shiners.

**Fish order will be taken thru May 25, 2012 or until supplies run out.** The fish will be delivered to Baird. Pick up dates will be announced later. All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order.

For more information, contact the Natural Resources Conservation office in Baird at 325-854-1349 Ext. 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 West 4th Street—Suite B.

## Cross Plains American Legion Monthly Meets is this Evening

The regular monthly meeting of the Cross Plains American Legion Post #423 will be held at 6:00 p.m. today, Thursday March 29th at the American Legion Hall located on N.E. 1st Street. A meal will be served as usual.

All members are encouraged to attend and prospective new members are cordially invited. Remember that wives are always welcome.

Submitted by  
Ron Bell

## "Day Before Easter Feast" at Coonhunter Event in Cottonwood on April 7

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 7—for the Barbecue Dinner in Cottonwood in conjunction with the Battle Creek Coonhunter's Association UKC Coon Hunt.

The dinner which has turned into the "Day Before Easter Feast" features barbecue brisket, chicken, sausage, ribs—pulled pork, ham and pork chops. That's 7 meats, plus beans and coleslaw and dessert—all for only \$6.00. Members of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be serving the dinner cooked by Fire Chief Joe. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. (and runs

until about 7 p.m.) at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center. Plan to get there early.

The band, Eight Eighty East, comprised of Sid and R.W. Bogue of Cottonwood, will perform a variety of live music at the dinner.

Come out early and visit with the coonhunters and see the coon dogs at the Cottonwood Firehouse around the corner on CR 429, or stop by after dinner to see the dogs.

Proceeds from the dinner benefit the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.

## Get in Shape and Have Fun, Too—Join the Zumba Classes

A Zumba Class is held every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center on Main Street. You can get in shape and have fun at the same time.

This is not just for senior citizens! Anyone may join and there is plenty room for more to participate.

Classes are \$2.00 each, that goes to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens, or donate \$2.00 worth of canned goods.

Come out and join the group and learn how to Zumba. According to the present participants, you won't regret it!!!!

## Community Wide Children's Celebration of Easter Set for Saturday, April 7th

A Community Wide Children's Celebration of Easter is planned for Saturday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m. behind the First Baptist Church. The egg hunt will be open to all children ages birth through the sixth grade. Prize eggs will be given in all age categories.

No Christian would ever deny that Easter is a celebration of our Savior, but to many it has become more recognized for its pastel colors, egg hunts, fluffy bunnies and peeps.

Join us as we celebrate the New Life found in the resurrected Jesus!

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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

Easter weekend coming up—next weekend. If you have family coming in from out of town, it will be a great time to bring them come out to Cottonwood—and you won't need to do any cooking. First on Good Friday night, there's the Cottonwood Musical. That's April 6. Come hear musicians from all over the Big Country play at the Cottonwood Community Center. There's always something good cooking in the kitchen. Kitchen opens at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Then on Saturday, April 7th, the Battle Creek Coonhunters return to Cottonwood. The Barbecue Dinner starts at 5 p.m. at the Cottonwood Baptist Church

Family Center. Fire Chief Joe has lined up the menu—brisket, chicken, sausage, ribs—plus pulled pork, ham and pork chops! And, of course, beans, coleslaw, iced tea and dessert. You won't go away hungry. The dinner benefits the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group. Stop by the firehouse before dinner and see all the coondogs that have come from all across Texas to Cottonwood for the coonhunt.

Cottonwood's own Eight Eighty East will perform at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center during the brisket dinner. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed hearing Sid and R.W. play last time.

Sunday, April 8th is Easter Sunday. The Cottonwood Baptist Church Fellowship Dinner has been moved to right after church on Easter Sunday. Bring your family and a covered dish for the fellowship meal.

When you're out at the Cottonwood Musical next Friday night, look for the new Cottonwood T-shirts! You can pick one for yourself and some for your friends. They have Cottonwood, Texas written in an oval and are available in a variety of colors and they'll look great in any Easter basket! Shirts are \$15 for S-XL and \$18 for 2X-3X. Proceeds go to a good cause—the Cottonwood Community Center.

## Commissioners appoint two new election judges

Callahan County Commissioners voted Monday, March 26th to appoint two new election judges for the upcoming Republican Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, May 29th.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to appoint Nona Blackwell to the Precinct #1 (Clyde) election precinct and Becky Boen to the Precinct #7 (Oplin) election precinct.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and Deputy County Treasurer Jan Windham.

—The commissioners' court meeting minutes from the meeting on March 12th were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment, there was none.

—There was no action taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The burn ban remains lifted.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to purchase a John Deere loader for Precinct #2. There was a second by Commissioner Windham and the

motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to sign the Joint Resolution between Callahan County and the Republican Party for the upcoming Republican Primary Election. A second was made by Commissioner Windham and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—After discussion of the Safety Resolution, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table any action on the resolution. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Judge Corn abstaining.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to no sign the Seat Belt Use Policy. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which then carried with a 4-0 vote, with Judge Corn abstaining.

—After some discussion of the Accident Prevention Plan, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to not approve the plan. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0, with Judge Corn abstaining.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:02 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

## Love Fund Established

at  
Texas Heritage Bank  
for  
Jeremy and Monica  
Pancake  
Jeremy is the son of  
Randy & Phyllis  
Pancake of Cross Plains.

## Immunization Clinics Announced for Callahan County

Texas Department of State Health Services will be holding Immunization Clinics in Callahan County.

Flue vaccine will be available. For your convenience, please call for appointment, if no answer please leave a message.

Clinic schedules are:  
**Monday, April 9th**  
Cross Plains Housing Authority  
233 N. Main Street  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

**Wednesday, April 11th**  
Clyde First Baptist Church  
216 Austin  
10 a.m. - 12 noon  
1:30 - 3:00 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.

## Upcoming Events?

Contact  
**THE CROSS PLAINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce wants to know what your upcoming event is! We are putting together a community event calendar!

Any upcoming events you know of, please contact us and let us know!

Phone 254-725-7251  
Fax 254-725-4184.  
Locations 225 SW 5th Street  
www.crossplainschamberofcommerce.com

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 17, 2012 through March 23, 2012 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—252  
Complaints—70  
Fugitive Arrest-Deadly Conduct—1  
Fugitive Arrest-Malicious Assault—1  
DWI—1  
Driving While License Suspended—6  
**Vehicle Accidents**  
There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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## Library Notes

### Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
CLOSED FRIDAY

March 2-15, 2012

Patrons	168
Books Checked Out	141
Programs	32
Lapsit	3
GED	12
Teen Book to Movie	5
Other	12
Copies	162
Internet Users	68
Reference	15
Interlibrary Loans	2

### Donations

Ruth V. York  
Sandy Doss  
Billye Sinclair

### Memorials

Cross Plains Class of 1958  
In Memory of Alfred Bruton  
In Memory of Adair Elam  
In Memory of Lynn Mosley

### Book and Miscellaneous Donations

Charles Rodenberger  
Maranda Byrd  
Ed and Angela Bogart

### Volunteers

Kathy Anderson  
Wilma Lawrence  
Michelle Kaiser  
Marsha Ossowski  
Helen Parson  
Sue Bennett  
Lavonne Childress

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

## Cross Plains Public Library To Host Local Author Book-Signing

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold a book signing by local author K-Trina Meador on Saturday, April 7th, from 1-5pm at the library. Born in Jacksonville, Florida and raised in Cross Plains since she was four years old, K-Trina Meador is the youngest of five children. Growing up in a small town and being raised on a seventy-acre

farm gave her an appreciation for country life and the small town community. K-Trina has completed her first novel, *Journey to Freedom*, which is set amid the tumultuous backdrop of the American Civil War. It chronicles the harrowing misadventures of two star-crossed lovers through nineteenth century America, battling violence, prejudice, and

the inherent struggles of their time. You can read the first four chapters of the book on her website [www.kmeador.com](http://www.kmeador.com).

Stop by the library, meet K-Trina, purchase a copy of her book, and get her autograph; mark your calendars for Saturday, April 7th between 1pm and 5pm.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

## Want to Grow Your Own Vineyard?

Come visit with your friends and neighbors and discover the tools and methods of planting and growing a vineyard in Texas. The Cottonwood Community is the home of two of them. The Cottonwood Springs Vineyard is owned by Adrian and Sheila Allen, and the Nubbin Ridge Vineyard is owned by Bob and

Marsha Ossowski. This informative meeting will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 29th. Adrian Allen and Bob Ossowski will be the guest speakers.

Refreshments will be served. For further information, call Cookie Robins at 325-660-5771.

## RVOS Announcement

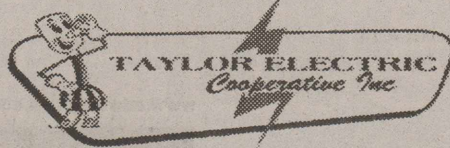
Due to health of Steve Propest, the RVOS office will be closed down. For all auto insurance, we will still be taking in payments. Call Steve and Kitty Propest or Chasity Marr.

Kitty and Steve 254-725-7447  
Chasity 325-201-7361

We are very sorry that we will no longer be at the office.

Thank you,  
Steve and Kitty Propest

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## BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir  
Cross Plains Church of Christ

### What Makes one Healthy

There are many hundreds of books and ideas on health. The current battle over whether government will or will not exercise power over health care will not end soon. Nutrition, modern medicine, heredity, and wealth all have their advances and set backs in making us healthy or chronically ill. While we make efforts to dispense better health care to all, we have become fatter with new more frightening diseases.

The most important battle for better health will never be fought and won in a medical lab or political vote. It is the battle being fought within us between good and evil. We must recognize the enemy. What is the source of selfish desire, cravings for things that harm us, gluttonous overeating, laziness, and drug dependency? There is an evil power waging war for our soul, second only to God. In our wealthy country, we worry about giving the poor free health care, free food, and free housing while ignoring the evil which wages war against their souls. We use our freedom and wealth to live independent from God, only to be enslaved by Satan.

Jesus defeated Satan in the central event of all history: the Cross. When we submit to Him, we have victory. We exchange selfish desire, cravings, and drug dependency for self control, weight loss, and peace of mind. With Jesus, the blind see, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news preached to them.

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.

## School Board Minutes

March 21, 2012

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Jim Cook, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, and Hoyt Foster. Bryan Bennett was not present.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent; High School Principal; Elementary Principal; and guests, Davy Crockett and Marc Morgan.

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by McWilliams to accept the minutes as read.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams to order a cancellation of the May 12, 2012 School Board Election due to unopposed candidates. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Foster that we sale bus # 7 at the Abilene Auction. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by Cowan to rescind motion to have parent present before any disciplinary investigation. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Ames to accept an approve the 2012 School Calendar. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Foster to accept the Update 93 as recommended by Tasb. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by Cowan to extend the Term Contracts of Secondary Teachers 2012-2013: Rhonda Atchley; Patricia Cook; Stephanie Forbus; Debbie Mitchell; Marc Morgan; Amanda Sowell; and Kathy Turner; 5 For 0 Against Cook Abstained on Patricia Cook.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Shepard to extend Term Contracts for Dual Assignment Secondary

Teachers 2012-2013: Matt Sowell; JoJo Morgan; and Brandi Purvis. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Foster and seconded by McWilliams to extend Probationary Contract for a Dual Assignment for Secondary Teachers: Dade Cosby and Daniel Kelley. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams to extend Probationary Contract 2012-2013 Secondary School Year Teachers: Keeka Byrd and William Norman. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Ames to extend Probationary Contract 2012-2013 Secondary Teacher 1/2 Time (her 4th year) for Judy Killgo. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Ames and seconded by McWilliams to extend Term Contracts for 2012-13 Elementary Teachers: Jamie Apple; Shawn Bullock; April Cowan; Becky Dillard; Deanna Golson; Terri Hunter; Kelli Hyles; Leslie Lawrence; Nora Odom; Janice Phillips; Melissa Richards; Karri Shepard; Pat Stephens; Crystal Webb; Kaymie Wells. For 4 Against 0 Shepard Abstained for Karri Shepard and Cowan Abstained for April Cowan

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard to extend Probationary Contract Employee for 2012-2013: Dixie Lewis. For 6 Against 0

The board went into executive session at 8:31 p.m. and returned at 9:27 p.m.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Foster to extend Continuing Contracts of Elementary Teachers 2012-13: Karen Richey; Vickie Walker; and Paula Winfrey. For 6 Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams to adjourn. For 6 Against 0

## 2012 District 7 4-H Roundup

The 2012 District Roundup will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 in San Angelo. The following events will be held at District Roundup: Educational Presentations, Judging Contest (Entomology ID, Range & Pasture Grass ID, Soils), Public Speaking, Share-the-fun, Senior Fashion Storyboard, and Senior Fashion Show.

If you would like to compete at District Roundup you must contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

All entries must register for Roundup on 4-H Connect and through the Extension Office.

4-H Connect opens - April 9th and Closes April 16th.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension office at 325-854-5835.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag/NR

## CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

APRIL 2 - APRIL 6

### BREAKFAST

MONDAY- Eggs, Biscuit, Jelly, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk

TUESDAY- Muffin, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk

WEDNESDAY- Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk

THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice and Milk

FRIDAY- HOLIDAY

### LUNCH

MONDAY- Burrito chili & cheese, Salad, Crackers, Apricots and Milk

TUESDAY- Sack Lunch: P.B. & J. Sandwich, Cheese Stick, Carrot Sticks, Apple and Milk

WEDNESDAY- Steak fingers, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Peaches and Milk

THURSDAY - Submarine Sandwich, Salad, Pickle Spears, Baked Chips, Ice Cream and Milk

FRIDAY- HOLIDAY

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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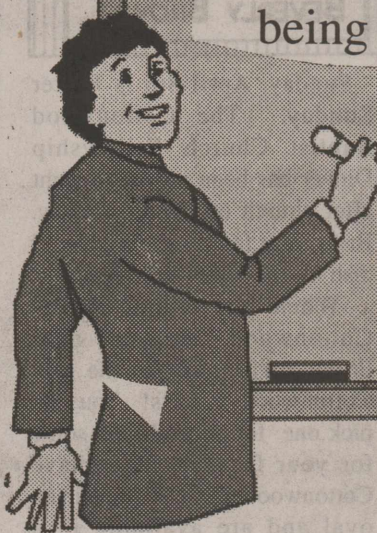
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April 3, 2012 for UIL Academic Meet being held at Cross Plains I.S.D.

Buses will run at 11:10 A.M.  
Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 4th at regular time

School Early Out at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 5th and Friday, April 6th (GOOD FRIDAY)  
Buses run at 1:10 p.m.

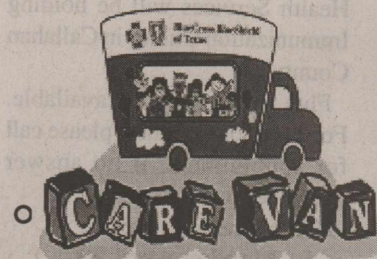
Classes Resume Monday, April 9th at Regular Time

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

Callahan County 4-H State Fair of Texas tag orders are due to the Extension office by April 13th. If you plan on showing Lambs or Goats at the 2012 State Fair of Texas you must call in your tag order no later than April 13th. All Tags are \$8.00/tag. All tag orders must be paid for when you order!

Contact The Callahan County Extension Office to place your tag orders (325) 854-5835.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag



## FREE Childhood Immunizations

(Available for children 2 months to 18 years of age)

### New! Free Dental Screening Available

Sponsored by:  
Abilene Care Van & Caring For Children Foundation of Texas

Thursday, April 5th  
5 pm - 7 pm  
Medical Care Mission  
1857 Pine, Abilene, TX

You MUST bring your child's immunization records to these clinics. Shots will not be given without a complete shot record.  
\*No appointment needed  
\*Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

## Cross Plains Public Library ASAP Will Talk About Possible Weather Events

With the approaching spring weather and the possibility of severe thunderstorms, the Cross Plains Public Library will have a program on tornado safety for the next After School Adventure Program (ASAP).

We will talk about how tornados are formed and what to

do in case of impending weather. We will be doing a science experiment by making a tornado in a bottle!

Join us Wednesday, April 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by  
Linda Burns  
Library Director

## Feeling like you paid too much in taxes this year?

This year, evaluate whether you can benefit from:

1. Tax-advantaged investments. If appropriate, consider tax-free municipal bonds to provide federally tax-free income.\*
2. Tax-advantaged retirement accounts. Consider contributing to a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or 401(k) to help lower your taxable income.
3. Tax-advantaged college savings accounts. Contribute or gift to a college savings plan for your children or grandchildren.

\*May be subject to state and local taxes and the alternative minimum tax (AMT).

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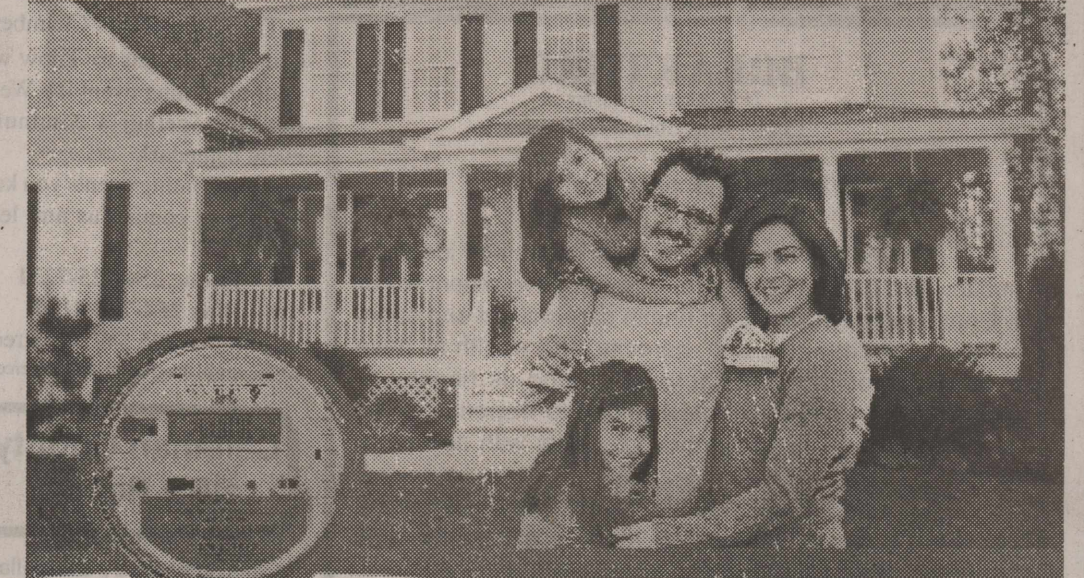


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We never knew what was going on in that mind of hers. Our late sister, Kathy Purvis, used to tell us how she would go to the nursing home in Rising Star and visit my mom and dad, before she passed away. She would describe how she had to talk to mother like a child. She had lost those remaining adult years and regressed to her younger years.

This article is not to tell you how mother spent her latter years, we want to tell you how she had enjoyed her life and celebrated it to the fullest.

Mother was the youngest of five children: She was born in 1920 to Louis and Virginia "Virgie" Neeb. In 1940 she married Jimmielee Payne and the couple had four children, James Payne of Fort Stockton, Jerry Payne of Brownwood, the late Kathy Purvis of Cross Plains and Melissa Baughman of Magnolia.

Mother and Dad spent their first several years after dad got out of the service out west of Cross Plains. He bought a section of land tried farming, but he years were lean and not good. Mother worked diligently as a homemaker and helped keep the family together. Those individuals who had gone through the Great Depression and the droughts of the 50's became

strong individuals who were dependent upon their loved ones and their families to get them through.

Finally, Mom and Dad moved into Cross Plains in 1960. Dad went to work for JRB Grocery, after working at odd jobs and Piggly Wiggly. Mother worked at the nursing home in Cross Plains for several years and finally finished up her working years at the local Dairy Queen.

All these years, even living out west of town and living down the street from the original Methodist Church, Mom and Dad were very active in the church. When the church started the Lord's Acre, they were right in the middle of preparing food and getting it delivered, along with many of the church members.

Mother spent hours working with her quilting friends preparing quilts for the Lord's Acre. One regret she had was not being able to work on her quilts.

Mother loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She loved young people. She was "young at heart" even in her middle years. My sister Melissa had many young friends during her high school years and mother loved them as if they were her own.

As the years progressed, Mother slowly started losing the ability to remember and was forced to face the problem that eventually made her the way she was. Jerry and his wife Laura moved to Brownwood from Wyoming after Kathy was facing her own

health problems. Jerry became Mom's companion, as well as Laura in the latter days.

She passed from this earth to God's Kingdom on Saturday, March 24, 2012. She was at Care Nursing Center in Early, Texas. She and dad had spent several years at the Rising Star Nursing Home. The family greatly appreciated all that was done at both centers. Mother had a lot of great people taking care of her. Some she knew who they were, and others she did not know.

Mother is the last of her generation. All her siblings had preceded her in death. She is the last of many families who lived west of town. Just imagine the homecoming they are having with Virginia, Gin's arrival in heaven. "Oh glorious day, what a reunion we will have when we see Jesus," as the old hymn goes.

Mother's services were held at First Methodist Church officiated by Kevin Martin, pastor of First Methodist Church, and Ronnie White, pastor of the First Baptist Church. The services were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains. Virginia Payne was buried in the Cross Plains Cemetery beside her late husband Jimmielee Payne.

The family would like to thank the Rising Star Nursing Home, Care Inn, Regal Nursing Home, Brownwood Regional Medical Center and Light House Hospice unit and their staff.

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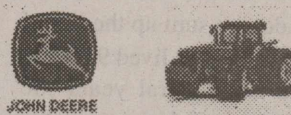
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If you have a Pirates Championship t-shirt, please wear it to the reunion. If not, shirts will be available at the reunion for \$10 each. Please join us in celebrating our State Championship.

Displays of school annuals, photographs, clippings, quilts, and other mementoes from past years will be exhibited in the library. A tour of the school buildings will be offered,

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Following a brief business meeting and "Meet the Pirates" program, the Eula Lions Club will serve a barbeque plate for \$8.00 per person.

Many classes have plans to extend their time of fellowship with classmates at local restaurants or homes. Everyone is urged to contact your classmates before the reunion so all classes may have a good turnout.

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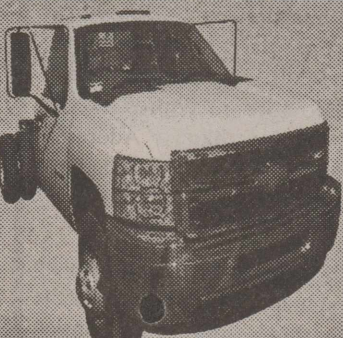


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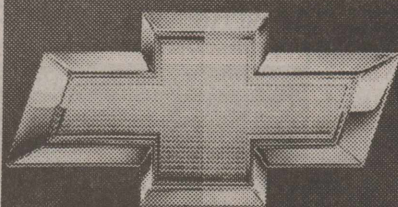
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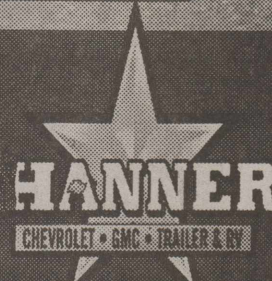


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# Rain brings hope, threat of disease to wheat crop

Above average rainfall has given farmers a crack at a bumper wheat crop, but a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert warns producers to be vigilant and not lose it through disease brought on by the favorable conditions.

"Recent rains in the Southern Rolling Plains and throughout West Central Texas have increased the prospects of getting an average or even an above average wheat crop this season," said Dr. David Drake, AgriLife Extension agronomist at San Angelo. "Unfortunately, the moisture also creates conditions ripe for fungal wheat diseases."

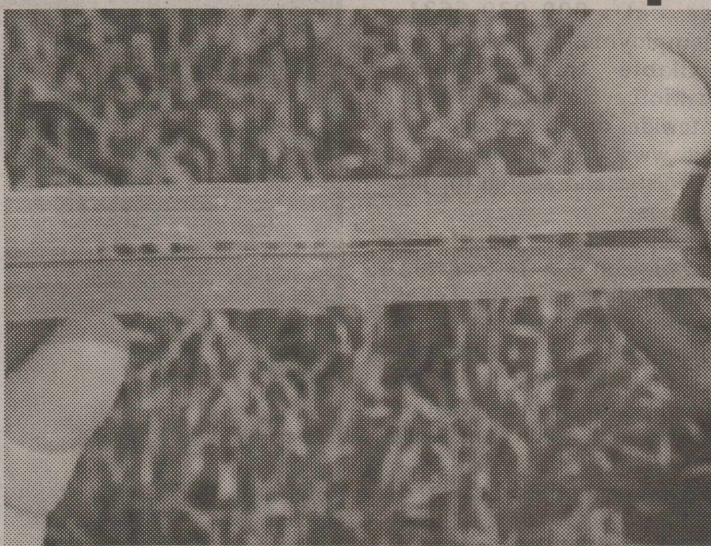
"Several fungal diseases attack the leaves of wheat and can quickly devastate grain yields. Leaf rust is one of the worst. It's been confirmed in South Texas and is spreading rapidly north as the season progresses."

Drake said the only known way to combat leaf rust is to plant resistant varieties or apply a preventative fungicide. Since the crop is fast approaching maturity, applying fungicide is now the lone alternative.

"Growers need to scout their fields every few days by walking out into the crop and looking closely at the plants," Drake said. "Leaf rust begins as small yellow spots on the leaves. Advanced infestations will have larger spots covered with powdery rust-colored spores which give the disease its name."

Drake said the spores are spread by wind or water and soon infect other leaves and plants.

Stripe rust, another fungal disease, is similar in appearance to leaf rust but



**BAD NEWS:** the yellow-orange spots on these wheat leaves near Brady show the initial signs of leaf rust. (Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. David Drake)

develops stripes across the leaf instead of spots. Cool temperatures contribute to stripe rust and so far, he said it's not been found this year.

"If producers do find rust in wheat, then they need to evaluate the condition and growth stage of the crop, its potential yield, the grain price and the cost of the treatment before proceeding," Drake said. "That's because a fungicide application will only protect the crop that's there. It won't compensate for a poor stand, drought conditions or low soil nutrients."

"If it is decided that the disease is present and there is a good yield expectation, then the crop is best protected as the flag leaf is emerging," he said.

Research has shown that the flag leaf, the leaf just below the head, can contribute up to 85 percent of the grain, Drake said. He said the best time to spray is when the flag leaf is emerging on up to the time of

its full emergence. Later spray applications are not as effective.

"Most of the wheat in our area is very rapidly approaching this stage," he said. "There are several fungicides that, if applied correctly, will provide very good control of both leaf and stripe rust. Always read and follow label directions no matter what you use. And hopefully, the rains will continue and the crop will exceed last fall's low expectations."

For more resources on identifying and controlling wheat diseases, see: <http://varietytesting.tamu.edu/wheat/index.htm> and <http://amarillo.tamu.edu/amarillo-center-programs/extension-plant-pathology/wheat-publications/wheat-disease-fact-sheets/>.

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# Project Pride Seeks Designs for Postal Cancellation

Who will submit the winning design for the upcoming Robert E. Howard Days postal cancellation? Project Pride invites all creative type folks to put their thinking caps on and start doodling. The cancellation, which will be available at the local station on Friday, June 8, is quite a time consuming process and thus, the early start.

Howard Days 2012 will be celebrating the 80th birthday of Conan, one of the most well-known characters created by Howard at the old Underwood typewriter in the little white house that is now the Robert E. Howard Museum. The Conan stories began appearing in the pulp magazines in 1932, just four years

prior to Howard's death in 1936.

The postal cancellation, which will be sent around the world from our local post office, may depict any type of birthday celebration design related to Conan.

The design must be 2 3/4 by 1 1/2 inches in a horizontal lay-out with "Robert E. Howard station"

# Time Capsule Planned

The Cross Plains Public Library is putting together a time capsule of items to be opened in 100 years. We are asking for items that would identify what it is like to be living in Cross Plains today. All items together must fit into a 5 gallon bucket, so space is limited. Items may be anything from a paper with writing or a photo to an object that shows today's technology such as an old cell phone.

Ideas may be submitted or you may wish to donate something. Not all items can be included due to limited space in the time capsule and all decisions will be at the discretion of the library board of directors. If you donated item is chosen, we will contact you for its acquisition. Donated items become the property of the library.

Items already included in the time capsule are: anniversary and centennial copies of the Cross Plains Review, the books *Footsteps of Approaching Thousands* and *Cross Plains Remembered*, a 2011 Merriam-Webster Dictionary, a church bulletin from First United Methodist Church's 125th celebration and a picture of their

float in the Centennial parade, the frock worn by Conan, the Barber, in "Murder at the Barbarian Festival", photos of the 2005 fire, a wooden token from the centennial celebration and more.

Once assembled, plans are to bury the capsule in the park next to the library under a cement slab. Deadline for items is being delayed until part two of *Cross Plains Remembered* is published.

If you would like to participate, please fill out this form and return it to the library or call the library for a pick up at 254-725-7722.

Suggestions for Time Capsule (If you need more space, please attach a separate paper)

Description of Item \_\_\_\_\_  
(you may enclose non-returnable photo)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated value of any donated item \_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions of item \_\_\_\_\_

What about this item would make it interesting to others in 100 years \_\_\_\_\_

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If donating, are you willing to sign a disclosure giving up possession of the item? \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by  
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# Lower state unemployment rate results in changes in benefits

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today announced that because the state's improving unemployment rate has fallen below the federal law standard for eligibility for a High Unemployment Period (HUP), TWC will begin paying extended benefits at a new maximum rate of 13 weeks beginning April 8, 2012. Lower state unemployment rate, results in changes to unemployment benefits. TWC will notify all affected UI claimants by mail.

This change is the result of Texas' total unemployment rate decreasing to a three-month average below 8 percent, the federal law

standard for HUP eligibility. TWC previously provided 20 weeks of extended benefits. After April 8, 2012, individuals who have already received at least 13 weeks of EB will not qualify to receive the remaining balance. Letters will be sent to approximately 35,000 claimants affected by the April 8, 2012 deadline.

Additionally, due to the state's lower unemployment rate, on March 10, 2012, Texas no longer qualified for Tier IV of Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC), which paid up to six-weeks of UI benefits in states with a three-month average unemployment rate of 8.5 percent or higher. The total maximum weeks of

UI benefits now available to an individual in Texas is 86 weeks, down from the previously available 99 weeks.

Individuals who qualified to receive EUC Tier IV benefits before March 10th will continue to receive the remainder of their benefits. However, TWC can no longer add new EUC Tier IV benefits to existing EUC claims after March 10, 2012. TWC will still pay EUC benefits at the Tier I-III levels through December 29, 2012.

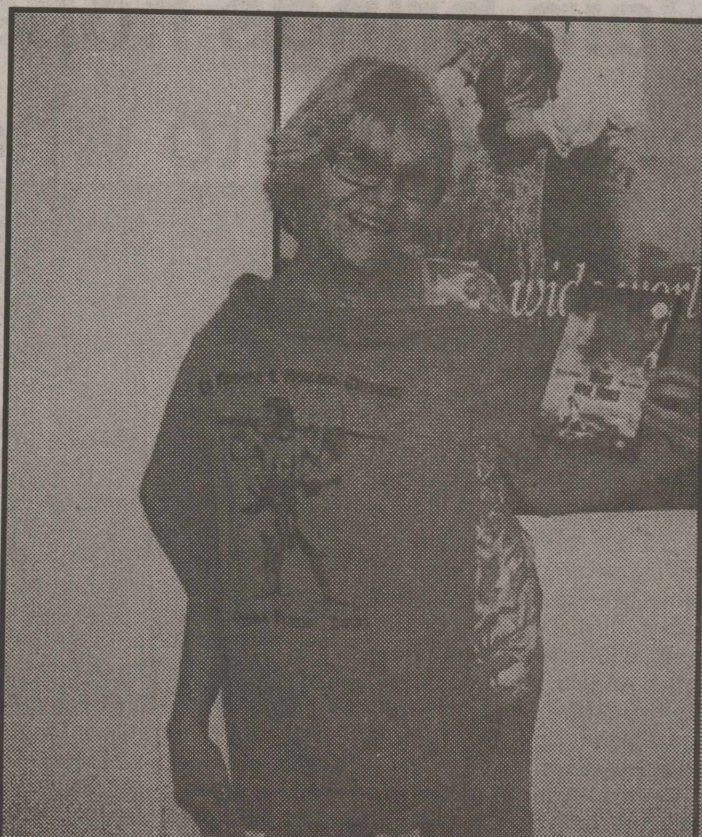
For more information and to update contact information, claimants may visit TWC online at

ui.texasworkforce.org or contact a UI Tele-Center toll

free at 800-939-6631. Reemployment services are available through local Workforce Solutions Offices statewide, or job seekers may visit [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com) to register and search for job postings.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call 512-463-8942 or visit [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).

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**Visitor To REH Museum** — Judy Motley visited from Bryan, Texas and toured the Robert E. Howard Museum with her sister Nora and brother-in-law Larry Pointer. "I've never been a fan," Judy stated. "But after this tour, I do believe I'll become one." The three of them left the museum and went to Main Street Pool House for pizza and ice tea. Then on to Nora's house, where the sisters watched the DVD, "The 'Whole Wide World'", which Judy purchased at the Museum. The movie was made from the book Novalyn Price wrote about Robert E. Howard, author of, "Conan, the Barbarian" and other great yarns.



## The Recipe Corner

### St. James Casserole

By: Dorothy Zinn, Clyde

- 1 (2 lb.) whole chicken
- 3 bay leaves
- 1-1/2 c. uncooked rice
- sliced almonds
- grated cheese

Boil chicken and bay leaves until tender, and cube. Cook rice in 3 c. chicken broth for 20 minutes. Place rice in large baking dish. Layer cubed chicken and almonds over rice. Cover with sauce.

#### Sauce

- 1-1/2 c. real mayonnaise
- 4 cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1 t. Curry powder
- 1 c. chopped onions
- 2 c. chopped celery

Mix together and pour over chicken, almonds and rice. Top with grated cheese. Bake 30 minutes at 350°.

If you would like to submit a recipe for consideration you can bring it by the Journal office at 312 N. 1st - Clyde; e-mail to: [clydejourn@earthlink.net](mailto:clydejourn@earthlink.net); mail to: P.O. Box 979, Clyde, TX 79510 or Fax to: 325-893-2780.

Please refer to Recipe Corner.

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### Local ranchers consider restocking

Rains have fallen and pastures are greening up. So is it time for local ranchers to restock cattle?

"The drought took its toll on many local ranchers last year," Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder said. "Many were forced to sell off cattle because there was nothing for them to eat."

Snyder said Callahan-Shackelford County cattlemen will take a number of things into consideration in their restocking

decisions. The biggest variable is the weather.

"Things look green now, but a lot of that is weeds," Snyder said. "If it quits raining, those weeds won't carry cattle through the summer."

On the plus side are high cattle prices, Snyder said.

"The cow/calf producer is in the driver's seat," Snyder said. "But I think we'll see a lot of caution as local ranchers consider restocking their pastures."

### Supreme Court ruling supports private property rights

A recent Texas Supreme Court ruling makes clear that the landowner owns the groundwater in place as part of their land, according to Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Sam Snyder. "This long-awaited decision on the *Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Day McDaniel* is another success in defending property rights," Snyder said. "The ruling says that a landowner's interest in groundwater in place cannot be taken for public use without adequate compensation."

Snyder said the ruling gives landowners a constitutional pro-

tection under takings laws regarding private property. However, he noted that ownership of groundwater does not preclude the regulation of groundwater for conservation purposes.

"The court recognized that groundwater conservation districts can regulate groundwater, even though it is the private property of the landowner," Snyder said. "This court decision provides a critical balance between the state and local entities' authority to conserve this precious resource and the landowner's right to use it."

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