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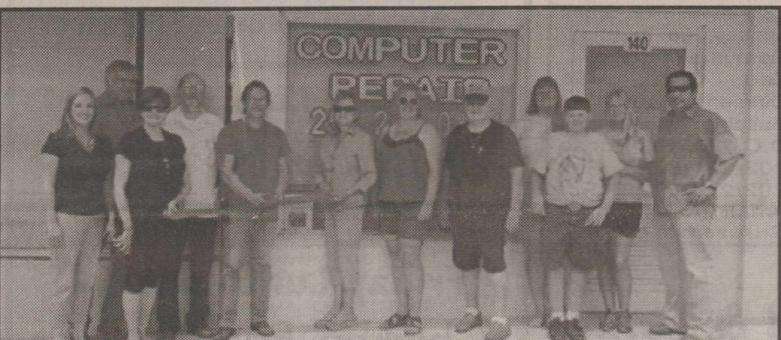
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Water Under the Bridge — Clovis Simons and Sean Conaway are checking out Turkey Creek after 9 - 10 inches of rain fell in two days. Thank you God for Healing rain. Photo submitted by Frances Thornton See additional photo on page 12

The last "Gully Washer" for the Cross Plains area was the last week in June, 2007, with total rainfall for that month at 14.10 inches and 2007 year end total of 50.60 inches.



Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Welcomes new Business — Fidler Computer Repair is the newest business in town to be recognized by the Chamber. Fidler Computer Repair owner is Tom Fidler. Located at 140 S.Main St. Contact phone number is 254-270-0314. Stop by and pay them a visit! Tell Tom the Chamber sent you!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Hosts Annual Banquet

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 25, 2013, 6:30 pm at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Guest Speaker this year will be Dallas Houston "The Voice of Brownwood." There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. The banquet will be catered by Staghorn Cafe' of Cross Plains, Texas and the menu includes a Chicken Fried Steak Plate served with baked potato, green beans, gravy, rolls, tea and chocolate cake for dessert.

Commerce would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend our banquet. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at the Chamber Office, which is currently located at 225 SW 5th (Hwy 36), Cross Plains. The Deadline to purchase your tickets is Wednesday, July 24, 2013 at noon.

The Chamber looks forward to seeing you at the Banquet!

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Thank You God

For The Healing Rain

Cross Plains Public Library to Host a Book-to-Movie Pushing The Limits Wrap-Up

Back by popular demand, the Cross Plains Public Library will host a final *Pushing The Limits* wrap-up event on Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Many patrons enjoyed the 4-part series which highlighted the subjects of knowledge, connection, nature and survival. This Book-to-Movie event will focus on Charles Frazier's *Cold Mountain*, the story of a soldier's perilous journey back to his beloved at the end of the Civil War. It is a love story set in a

savage, yet magnificent land, where human beings contend with the inhuman solitude of the wilderness. This book was selected because it encompasses the four subjects previously studied in *Pushing The Limits*. Books are available free of charge at the library.

Please join us for the movie followed by a discussion and Dutch treat supper at Jean's Feed Barn.

Submitted by
Mitchell Kaiser

Two from Callahan County awarded Houston Livestock Show scholarships

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo officials traveled to the Texas FFA Convention in Dallas to award 70 high school seniors with four-year, \$18,000 college scholarships, totaling \$1.26 million, on Wednesday, July 10th.

Two of the 70 seniors are from Callahan County. Cody Cedergren, a Clyde High School FFA member, was awarded a four-year \$18,000 college scholarship. Also, Katharine Goode, a Cross Plains High School FFA member, was also a recipient of a four-year \$18,000 college scholarship.

The first Show scholarship was awarded to an FFA member from Bellaire High School in Houston 57 years ago. Since that time, more than \$22 million has been awarded to 2,700

Texas FFA members, with more than 280 current scholars.

In 2013, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has dedicated \$24.6 million to scholarships, research, endowments, calf scramble participants, junior show exhibitors, School Art participants and other educational programs.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since its beginning in 1932, the Show has committed more than \$330 million to the youth of Texas.

The 2014 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will run March 4 - 23. For more information, visit www.rodeohouston.com.

The Next Cottonwood Country Musical is set for FRIDAY, July 26th

The next Cottonwood Musical has been scheduled for Friday night, July 26, 2013.

The schedule for the Cottonwood Country Musical has been changed from the first Friday night each month to the fourth Friday night each month. So mark your calendars. Come to Cottonwood, Texas Friday night, July 26 to enjoy the great entertainment from the musicians of the Cottonwood Country Musical.

The concession opens at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m. The concession will be serving chopped barbeque sandwiches, chips, drinks and our usual desserts. The sandwiches will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Desserts, coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be available for sale throughout the evening.

Come out to Cottonwood, Texas Friday night, July 26, 2013 and enjoy a chopped barbeque sandwich meal and the great performance of the musicians for the evening.

Submitted by
Cookie Robinson

Cross Plains Public Library Receives Grant From Tocker Foundation

The Cross Plains Public Library has received a grant for \$1724 from the Tocker Foundation for much-needed tech equipment. The funds were used to purchase a large format wireless All-in-One (color printer, scanner, copier and fax) and two laptop computers-all for patron use.

"It's great to have these new laptops," states library director Linda Burns. "So many times, especially during the summer and after school, we don't have computers available to meet the demands of our patrons. Two more laptops will alleviate this problem during peak hours."

The new wireless printer is up and running, so any patron who uses the library's laptops, or brings their laptop from home,

can enjoy the use of the new All-in-One.

The Tocker Foundation, which previously had paid for furniture and shelving for the library, as well as other needs, was created in 1964 to implement the philanthropic interests of Phillip and Olive Tocker. After years of supporting a wide range of community-based causes, the foundation discovered a need in small, rural Texas libraries serving populations of 12,000 or less. In 1992 the foundation board decided to focus grant distributions in this way. The foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular needs of the community.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

Services Held for Rev. Wright Mose Price, Jr., former Burkett pastor, Wednesday, July 17th

Reverend Wright Mose Price, Jr., age 88, went to join his Lord and Savior on July 13, 2013 in Brownwood, Texas. He was a Baptist Preacher, and for 43 years pastored churches in Pottsville, Rock House, Flat, Santa Anna, and West Shore Baptist which he founded near Corpus Christi. His last pastorate was at Burkett where he served over 16 years. He loved spreading God's Word and witnessed wherever he went.

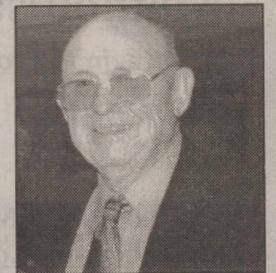
He was born to Wright Mose Price and Mazie (Malone) Price on October 14, 1924, in Cameron, Texas. He married the love of his life, Verna B Fuller, on March 28, 1945. They were married for 68 years.

Wright was a graduate of Yoe High School in Cameron, attended the University of Texas, and graduated from the Chriswell Bible Institute in Dallas.

He was a pilot, having learned to fly as a teenager when he was too young to get a pilot's license. During World War II, at 17 years old, he joined the Naval Air Force and was an instructor for pilots to land on Naval Ships in the ocean. His passion for flying lasted his lifetime. He owned, built and rebuilt small planes, and always had one or more in his airplane hangar.

Wright was a man of many talents, interests and skills. He was 32nd degree Mason, and a Ham Radio enthusiast. He drove an ambulance, worked for the railroad, the highway department, and taught at the Gatesville State School. He was an accomplished butcher, and worked for Wood and Robinson as well as A.G. Thompson Grocers in Hamilton, Texas. He owned a blacksmith shop in Hamilton.

He had a passion and love for traveling with his children and grandchildren. He took them to all 49 states in the contiguous USA in his "Old Blue" van, even driving to Alaska three times. The



Reverend Wright Mose Price, Jr.

memories made during those travels will live on and be passed down for many generations to come.

He is survived by his wife, Verna, of Brownwood; daughter, Dianne Mobley and husband Jerry of Dallas; daughter, Dora Warlick and husband James of Cross Plains; daughter, Nora Odom of Cross Plains; and son, David Price of Dallas; sister, Nora Martin of Houston; and brother, Stanley Price of Cameron. He is also survived by eight loving grandchildren: Kyle King, Terrill Smith, Roger Rudloff, Brandon Smith, Rodney Rudloff, Tim Price, Amy Price, and Aaron Price; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a host of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers Bruce Price and Jimmy Price.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at the Heartland Funeral Home. Interment followed at Eastlawn Memorial Park with his grandchildren serving as pallbearers.

Online condolences may be made at: www.heartlandfuneralhome.net Memorials may be sent to: Alzheimers Foundation or American Diabetes Association.

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Pastor Max Evans

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Wednesday: Evening: 7:00 P.M.

Ladies Class - Wednesday:
10:00 A.M. (at the church activity
center on East Hwy 36)

Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

Obituary

Darwin Troy Crockett, Jr.

Darwin Troy Crockett, Jr., 76, our beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great-Grandfather, passed away quietly Saturday, July 13, 2013, at Abilene Regional Medical Center. Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 16th, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3325 N. 12th Street. Burial, with military honors, was at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, directed by Abilene Funeral Home.

Mr. Crockett was born August 30, 1936, in Abilene, Texas to Darwin Troy Sr. and Doris Maxine Crockett. He spent his life in the service of others as manifested by the career paths that he chose, first serving in the Marine Corps and later in the Army, retiring at the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1984, followed by a second career as a school teacher at Cooper High School, retiring in 2010.

D.T. lived an incredible life filled with amazing journeys and adventures, including serving in Vietnam. D.T. never lacked for anything to say and never knew a stranger. D.T. was a constant pillar of strength to his family and those around them, always willing to help, no matter the day or time, spending countless hours working on their behalf. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and loved and lived the gospel. He will always stand as an excellent example of a husband and father. He will be greatly missed by all of those who loved him, leaving an empty space that can never be filled.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Helen Crockett; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry Crockett and Sandra; his children, David Alar Crockett, Sheri Lynn Schwartz, Robert Troy Crockett, Philip Andrew Crockett, Debra Ann Crockett, Melissa Helen Crockett Clement, Emily Marie Crockett Boyett and Travis Urian Crockett.

Jerry Baierd & Texas Tradition at Grand Ole Oplin this Friday

The Grand Ole Oplin would like to invite everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music and a lot of fun. July 19th, JERRY BAIERD & TEXAS TRADITION will be here playing the kind of songs that will make you want to get up and dance, and on July 26th, MUDDY CREEK will be returning playing some more of your favorite two steps and waltzes.

The Oplin Community Center hosts the GRAND OLE OPLIN and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our Friday evening dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and

end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our Friday night dance is \$5.00 per person. Snacks are invited to be shared by all during the band's break. Smoking and alcohol are not allowed at any of our community center functions. Please go to www.grandoleoplin.com for further information.

The Callahan County Rifle Club will benefit from the dance this Friday night and will also be having a cake auction. So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to The Grand Ole Oplin. We'll see you there.

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John 8:32

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Pastor Len Smith

For information call 325-206-0277

Call For Prayer Anytime!

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Here are their addresses:

Austin

Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

Jim Keffer, State Representative, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0656.

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call (512) 463-0124.

Washington

Barack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Mike Conaway, U.S. Congressman, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 2000, Midland, TX 79705, 1-800-882-3811, e-mail access, conaway.house.gov.

John Cornyn, U.S. Senator 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-2934. Fax 202/228-2856. For email access, go to http://Cornyn.Senate.gov

Ted Cruz, 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-5922. Fax 202/224-0776. For email go to http://Cruz.senate.gov.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Christy A. McDonald, theft.
Marie V. Mendez, assault - family violence.

Luis Luna, assault - family violence.
Joseph L. Williams, assault.
Joseph L. Williams, resisting arrest.

Jack Ancell, assault - family violence.

Jessica R. Martinez, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Brannon D. Gannaway, DWI.

Charles C. Zara, evading arrest.

Lionel Saldana, theft.

Logan J. Dodds, possession of marijuana.

Clint E. Coats, possession of a dangerous drug.

Nicholas W. Morgan, harassment.

Ray F. Decker, Jr., DWI.

Jyrrad S. Manners, theft by check.

Cheryl A. Salazar, theft by check.

Angela L. Noble, furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Christina D. Rivers; Jonathan R. Nelson; Danny M. Cannon.

Jeff L. Yates, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Joe Bob Powers, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Victoria E. Hindman, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$250 fine, \$424 court costs.

Jason W. Howard, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$250 fine, \$424 court costs.

Robert Boykin, Jr., order for writ of habeas corpus seeking bail reduction granted.

Misti D. Rollins, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$324 court costs.

Robert C. Tittleton, plea of guilty to possession of controlled substance, 30 days in jail, \$324 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Marion L. McMahon and Peggy Newman, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Shannon Suzette Nettleton, order granting change of name of adult.

Dana-Mae Cheyenne Lowe and Jason Edward Lowe, divorce granted.

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Sunday School

9:30

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship

Jared Huntley/Students

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

We haven't seen rain like this since 1974! I remember back then the roads being flooded for days! The ruts were deep and water was everywhere. My father and aunt from Pennsylvania were visiting and let me tell you, the trip into town was a wet, sloppy (and sometimes scary) event. The dirt roads were much, much worse back then. Folks either got stuck or slid off the road into the ditch. It happened a lot. You'd stop and pull them out (or they'd stop and pull us out).

Rain gauges all around Cottonwood were overflowing in the past day or so...folks reported over 10 inches of rain in a little more than 24 hours! Fred St. Peter reported 12 inches up his way. Russ Miller had 10.5 inches at his place. Barbara Worley had 10.5 right in Cottonwood. Billie Kelly got 10 inches of rain. Thank you Lord for this wonderful rain!!!

Our prayers are with the family of Everett Wilcoxon. Everett passed away on July 7th. He was

a brother to Melvin, Gene and Frank Wilcoxon, Lillie Childers, Delilah Goble, Laverne Ballinger and Violet Edwards, all of whom have passed except Frank and Violet. Everett was well known here in Cottonwood.

Vacation Bible School at Cottonwood Baptist Church will be held Sunday, July 28th through Wednesday, July 31st from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This year's program is "Kingdom Rock—Where Kids Stand Strong for God." To get more information on Vacation Bible School call 254-725-6819 or 254-725-6266.

The 75th Annual Woody Reunion was a great success. Family members toured the old home places and the Methodist Church, the Post Office and the cemeteries on Saturday. Kids of all ages had a great time on the water slide. The musicians that came to the Community Center to play on Saturday night were a real treat!

One of the highlights and surprises of the reunion was the

display of the four ancient wooden and leather hand-made puppets. Over 125 years ago, one of the Woody ancestors used to have a puppet show on a stage in a covered wagon. He also lived in the wagon and drove it all across the lower United States giving shows. He had a large group of puppets at the time, and now over 100 years later, it's amazing that these four puppets are still around. Family members really enjoyed this piece of history.

Woody family members came from all over the country, as well as Texans from all over Texas. Some of the family at the reunion who we've been missing here in Cottonwood: Ethel Champion and Calvin Champion from San Angelo, Dorothy Woody, Nelda Woody Wilcoxon and Marie Woody Brown. Many, many more family members made it to the reunion. There were pretty blue t-shirts made to celebrate the 75th reunion.

Opera House Country Musical this Saturday

The Opera House Country Musical show will be Saturday, July 20th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Opera House located in Anson, Texas.

A Bar-Q supper will be held before the musical starting at 5:00 p.m. The plate includes drink & dessert and cost \$6.00.

For further information call Marlon Smith at 325-370-0329 and leave a message.

Cross Cut Reunion Sunday, July 21, 2013

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 21, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All Alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family are invited to attend as we enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a silent auction and a brief Cross Cut Cemetery Association annual business meeting.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will open at 9 am for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

Please call Juanita Byrd at (254) 725-7472 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

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

July 8-11, 2013

Patrons	151
Books Checked Out	142
Programs	80
Miss Sue's Little Readers	29
Summer Reading Program	42
Others	9

Copies	30
Internet	38
Wi-Fi	5
Interlibrary Loans	0
Reference	14

Donations

City of Cross Plains

Book Donations

James Wilcox
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Volunteers

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Nicholas Meador
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Senior Citizens Center Activities

JULY 22-26

Monday, 22nd - Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure Check Encompass

Tuesday, 23rd - Exercise 11:00

Wednesday, 24th - Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure Check Girling

Thursday, 25th - Exercise 11:00/BINGO 11:15

Friday, 26th - Exercise 11:00

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JULY 22-26 2013

Monday - Salisbury Steak w/gravy/Potatoes/

Black-eyed Peas/Bread/ Dessert/Drink

Tuesday - Baked Chicken Breast/ Rice w/mushroom

gravy/Green Beans/Bread Dessert/Drink

Wednesday - Chili Beans/ Sliced Onions/Tomato/ Spinach/Bread/Dessert/

Drink

Thursday - Chicken

Tenders/Potatoes w/gravy/ Creamed Corn/Bread/ Dessert/Drink

Friday - BBQ on Bun/ onion/pickle/Pinto Beans/

Fruit/Dessert/Drink

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

75th Annual Woody Reunion was held July 13 - 14

A lot of folks had tons of fun this weekend in Cottonwood at the community center. We drove thru the country reminiscing about old home places; we went thru the old post office and Methodist church building; we held a memorial ceremony at the old cemetery for one of our beloved family members; we slid down the water slide about a million times; we listened to some wonderful musicians playing great country music; we looked at pictures of the old and the new and we loved on each other. The meat for Sunday's meal was cooked by the Cottonwood Historical Association and it was awesome! We held our newly resurrected group photo and were blessed with a cooling breeze

while doing it on the steps of the building. We had a wonderful photographer who took family portraits as well as our group photo.

The building was decorated with a large banner welcoming everyone as well as a "Hawaiian vacation" theme inside. We shared stories of the crazy things we used to do "back when".

Wow, we have some "wild and crazy" kinfolks! There were folks there from Virginia, California, Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, Arizona, as well as all over Texas and some other states I've already forgotten. We ate, we laughed, we played, we visited and we ate some more. It was a wonderful family reunion."



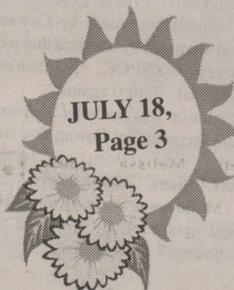
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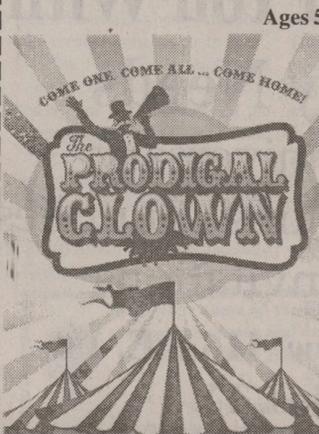
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6:00-9:00 pm
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Encouraging and Rewarding Excellence Re-Thinking Texas Teaching

By James Golsan

Recently, the National Council on Teacher Quality released a troubling report on teacher preparatory programs. The conclusion of the study—that many programs are not adequately preparing new educators to teach effectively—begs the question of whether the lengthy process prospective teachers go through in these colleges is always the best means to ensure that a teacher will be effective in the classroom.

The raw numbers of the NCTQ study are alarming. Only 4 of the 1,200 elementary and secondary education prep programs surveyed were given four out of four stars. In contrast, 163 of the programs were given no stars and a warning label for candidates to those schools, saying they were unlikely to get much return on their investment.

There are two sets of victims here. The first are would-be educators who are investing in these inadequate programs and coming out ill-prepared to teach. The second are students who are not receiving the level of quality instruction needed to prepare them for college or the workforce.

What, then, are the options? To a certain extent, this problem must be addressed at the higher education level. Reforming the education colleges, and holding them accountable based on their outcomes, will be a strong step toward ensuring more of our teachers are well prepared when they enter the classroom for the first time.

A second option would be to go around the education colleges altogether. Thomas Fordham, in a report entitled "The Teachers We Need and How to Get More of Them: A Manifesto," called for widening the entry paths into the teaching profession. He suggested that lengthy certification processes with an emphasis on pedagogy would only serve to block otherwise highly qualified individuals from getting in front of our classrooms.

According to Fordham, "[A] better solution to the teacher quality problem is to simplify the entry and hiring process. Get rid of most hoops and hurdles. Instead of requiring a long list of courses and degrees, test future teachers for their knowledge and skills. Allow principals to hire the teachers they need."

In Texas, that means streamlining the certification process as much as possible and shortening the time it would take a qualified professional, say a former engineer interested in teaching calculus, in front of the classroom.

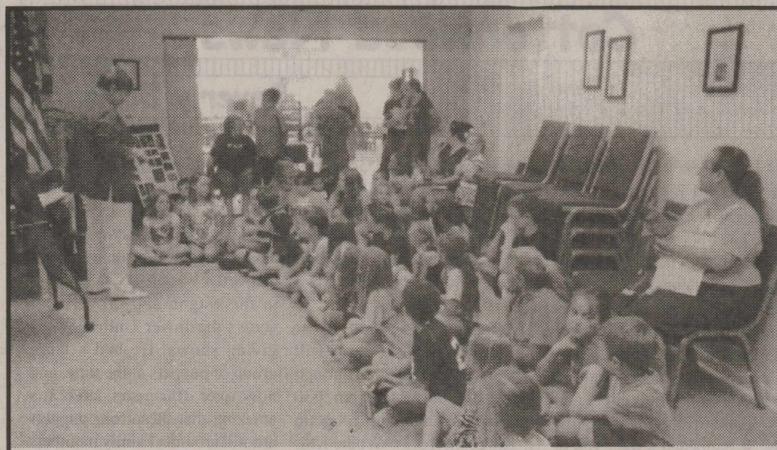
That said, getting high quality talent in front of the classroom is only the first step Texas should take toward strengthening our teaching pool. Encouraging excellence in the classroom is also important, as is rewarding it. Unfortunately, the manner in which we currently compensate our teachers—through a state mandated minimum salary schedule that rewards experience over excellence on an incremental, yearly basis—does neither of those things.

How can we expect school districts to reward their best teachers—potentially at the six figure level—if the existing system constrains them into paying all their employees more or less the same wage? Furthermore, what incentive do educators who have not yet honed their craft have to improve? Whether they perform well or poorly, the salary schedule system grants them a raise the following year.

We have many excellent teachers in Texas' public schools. Unfortunately, the report by NCTQ highlights the fact that nationwide, not just in Texas, we have a serious problem with educator preparation.

Problems in educator preparation lead to problems in the classroom, which is unfair to both the teachers who were short-changed in their learning experience and, in turn, unfair to students who are being short-changed in the classroom. The education colleges need improving, there is no doubt. But there are ways Texas could improve entry paths into the teaching profession, as well as improve the incentives toward becoming a great teacher. There are a lot of great teachers in this state. There's no reason we can't have more.

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Miss Linda — Bat Presentation



Miss Sue Class — Making Chicken Puppets.

Local Library's Summer Reading Program Draws Lots of Children

The Summer Reading Program at the Cross Plains Public Library featured animals with wings last week. Miss Sue's group of 6 year olds and younger learned all about chickens through funny stories and dances. Their craft was a squawking chicken puppet. A program for all ages about bats, a different animal class than birds even though they can fly, was presented by Miss Linda.

Information, books, and video from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was used to educate the children about important facts and beneficial aspects of bats to our environment. Bats are a unique mammal and fascinating to learn about. The most common bat in our area is the Mexican free-tailed bat which are vital in controlling insect pests. There are 20 million bats that live in Bracken Cave,

Texas, eating approximately 200 tons of insects nightly. Without them we would increase the demand for chemical pesticides, jeopardizing whole ecosystems of other animal and plant species, and harming human economies.

Join Miss Sue next week at 1:00 p.m. for fun time with balloons! Our 2:00 program will be presented by Cross Plains Police Officer Jarrod Potter. We'll see you then!

Callahan County Friends of the NRA selling banquet, raffle tickets

The first-ever fund-raising banquet for the Callahan County Friends of the National Rifle Association will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 217 Oak Street in Clyde, on Saturday, September 7, 2013. The banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the doors opening and the banquet should conclude around 9:00 p.m.

The Little Pit restaurant in Clyde will cater this year's banquet.

The menu for the banquet will include: brisket, sausage and two vegetables, with tea or coffee and peach cobbler for dessert.

The banquet ticket price is \$25.00 per person. This year's banquet will be a non-alcohol event. Tickets for this year's banquet are available from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal.

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA will also be selling tables at this year's banquet. The table prices include:

The Friends of the NRA is offering a Special Table package for the Callahan County Banquet. The Special Table for Eight is \$1,750, which includes a Colt AR-15 LE 6900 556 with a 16 inch barrel.

A Basic Table of Eight: \$200, will receive eight dinner tickets.

The Bronze Table: \$750, will receive eight dinner tickets and



a gun package.

The Silver Table: \$1,500, will receive eight dinner tickets and gun package.

The Gold Table: \$2,500, receives eight dinner tickets and your choice of one of two gun packages.

The Platinum Table: \$5,000, will receive eight dinner tickets and your choice of two gun packages.

Tickets can be purchased by either check, cash or credit card. Make checks payable to Callahan County Friends of the NRA. Tickets for this year's banquet can be purchased from Don Boles Insurance Agency in Clyde, Longacre Gun Shop located at 358 Chestnut in Abilene, Amy Day, Don Boles, Kevin Meir, Dennis Van Vleet, Charles Branton, or Mike and Lyn Walker.

Also, in conjunction with this year's banquet, the Callahan County Friends of the NRA are selling raffle tickets for a Colt LE6900 AR-15. Only 400 tick-

ets will be sold for this rifle. The drawing will be held at the Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet. You need not be present to win. Ticket prices are \$10.00 each. Pre-affle tickets for the Colt LE6900 AR-15 can be purchased from any Friends of the NRA committee member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal.

Proceeds from this raffle will benefit the West Texas Friends of the NRA and the NRA Foundation.

Mike Walker and Reggie Pillans are co-chairmen of the committee which will be putting on this year's banquet. Michelle Ratliff is secretary of the committee. Lyn Walker is treasurer of the committee.

Jack Cannon, Senior Field Representative for the NRA said the Friends of the NRA is a grassroots offshoot for the NRA Foundation 501 C nonprofit organization. He said the NRA Foundation is a nonpolitical organization which has held some 1,100 fund-raising banquets nationwide over the last year. He said the Friends of the NRA donated over \$250,000 to support youth shooting sports, FFA organizations, 4-H shooting sports clubs, Boy Scouts, Junior ROTC, law enforcement organizations, as well as educational, historical, and gun safety course and more than 175 other programs.

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

7-11-2013

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Superintendent, H.S. Principal, Elem. Principal and guest Coach Purvis.

Prayer was led by Shepard.

Motion was made by Bennett

and seconded by McWilliams that we approve minutes as read. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Richey that we accept the Budget amendment #4. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we accept the 2013-14 Student Handbook. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Richey that we accept the 2013-14 Student Code of Conduct. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we accept the 2013-14 Employee Handbook. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we accept TSPCC Insurance proposal. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Cowan that we take no action on track renovations. 7 for 0 against.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Shepard to adjourn. 7 for 0 against.

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Texas Sales Tax

Holiday Aug 9,10 &11

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 9th -11th.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"Texas families can take advantage of the sales tax holiday when doing their back-to-school shopping," Combs said. "The tax holiday applies to a variety of items ranging from pens to jeans to help shoppers around Texas save some of their hard earned money."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at www.TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$74.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The dates for the tax holiday weekend are established by the Legislature in the state tax code. The sales tax holiday has been an annual event since 1999.

NEED HELP WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES?

The Salvation Army Service Center, located at 403 Lakeway Drive in Brownwood (325-646-5369) will be assisting Cross Plains I.S.D. School students with school supplies for the upcoming year.

Sign up on July 16th from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and July 23rd

from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Bring an adult photo ID and child's birth certificate, shot record, Medicaid Card/Food Stamp Letter or Report Card.

Pick up date for the school supplies will be August 20th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Texas Education Agency Division of Career and Technical Education

Cross Plains ISD offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture Science, Family Career Education, and Computer Tech nology. Admission to these programs is based on interest and age appropriateness.

It is the policy of Cross Plains ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Admndments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Diana Dobbins, at 700 N. Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6121. The Section 504 Coordinator is Phil Mitchell at 700 N.Main Street in Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6121.

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Baird Summer Sizzle is planned in downtown July 26th & July 27th

The Baird Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Baird Summer Sizzle on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and July 27 in front of The Arches in downtown Baird.

A Cook-Off is being planned, along with entertainment, vendors, family fun and a street dance, featuring Spur 490 from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 27th.

A Silent Auction will also be held during the Summer Sizzle with the auction closing at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 27th.

Cook-off teams are now being accepted at the Baird Chamber of Commerce, according to Christy King, President of the Baird Chamber of Commerce. Entry fees for the cook-off are \$75.00, which will qualify the team to cook up to three meats or \$30.00 for one meat (meat categories include: brisket, ribs and chicken). Jackpot Beans

and Jackpot Dutch Oven Dessert will also be awarded. The entry fee for Jackpot Beans and Jackpot Dutch Oven Dessert is \$20.00 for each category. The entry fee deadline for the cook-off is Monday, July 22nd.

Vendor Booths under the Arches on Market Street during the Summer Sizzle are \$40.00 and vendor booths outside are \$30.00.

The Baird Summer Sizzle is being held in conjunction with the State 4-H Shooting Sports Games taking place at the Calahan County 4-H Shooting Range on July 22nd through July 27th.

For more information about the Baird Summer Sizzle or to obtain an official entry form for the cook-off, contact Christy King at (325) 669-0363 or Joanne Moomaw at (325) 829-1754.



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USDA Invites Applications for Loans to Fund Community Facility Projects

TEMPLE, July 8, 2013 — USDA Rural Development has recently been awarded over \$60 million in additional funding to be dispersed for community facility projects throughout Texas. Funding is authorized through the Department's Community Facilities Direct and Guaranteed Loan Program.

"We are very pleased to announce available funding in the form of low interest loans used to develop or improve essential facilities and equipment in rural communities that have experienced a lack of capital during these challenging times," said Paco Valentin, Rural Development Texas State Director. "Funds to promote local and regional food systems, healthcare and education broadband protocol, renewable energy/energy efficiency projects, public safety/public service facilities and equipment, are in much demand these days."

USDA Rural Development's community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes for essential community facilities and services. Funds may be used for a wide range of various community projects. These include, but are not limited to, projects such as those which will enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, farmers markets, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, and community centers. Funding can also be used for new and improved water and wastewater facilities or to purchase public safety equipment such as ambulances, firefighting equipment, and other emergency required implements.

Community Programs can make and guarantee loans to develop essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Community Programs can guarantee loans made and serviced by lenders such as banks, savings and loans, mortgage companies which are part of bank holding companies, banks of the Farm Credit System, or insurance companies regulated by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Community Programs may guarantee up to 90% of any loss of interest or principal on the loan. Community Programs can also make direct loans to applicants who are unable to obtain commercial credit.

Applications are now being accepted to fund projects meeting the criteria for community facility loan programs, as outlined on HYPERLINK "http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html" http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html

USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding this program or any other USDA Rural Development Programs, contact your nearest Rural Development office, all listed on our website HYPERLINK "http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx".

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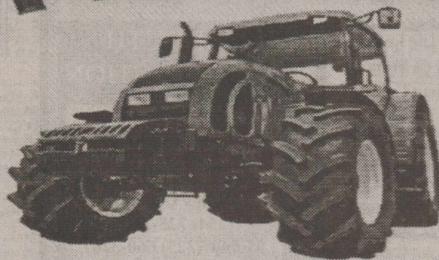
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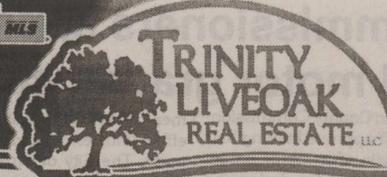
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18172 CR 421 — 2 BR-2B Charming Brick UNDER CONTRACT later well, beautiful oaks	115,000
209 NE 5th — 2BR-1B open living & kitchen, bonus room, partially fenced yard	59,000
216 S. Liveoak — Great project for rental income: 2 Homes, 4BR-1B & 1BR-1B large lot, cellar	55,000
304 Joyce-Rising Star- 2BR-1B frame home, hardwood floors, privacy fence, well w/o pump	34,880
309 College-Rising Star- 2BR-2B, mx. SOLD beautifully landscaped, fenced, well-kept	36,000
324 NE 7th-Cross Plains- 2BR-2B, frame home, metal roof, partially fenced yard	55,000
325 NW 4th-Cross Plains- 3BR-2B manufactured home, appliances included, 2 car garage	139,900
500 N. Ave. D-Cross Plains- 3BR-1B large Brick Craftsman style on 3 city lots, hardwood floors	45,000
512 S Main — Rising Star- 3BR-1B Craftsman style, garden shed, rear patio, move in ready	75,000
532 Ave. E — 3BR-2B frame home on 2 lots, many renovations, detached 2 car garage, pecan trees	69,900
624 S. Chestnut- 2BR-1B Frame home, all new plumbing, all new electrical	22,000
625 N. Main- 2BR-1B Frame home, 1.5 acre lot, elec. & gas, dishwasher & garbage disposal	47,500
633 N. Main — 2BR-1B frame home, well-kept, a/c window units, gas heat, metal roof, partially fenced	33,000
633 NE 3rd — 3BR-1B, central h/a. New roof — Owner financing available	35,000
731 N. Ave E — 3BR-2B newly constructed home on corner lot, ceramic tile in kitchen & baths.	67,500
901 NE 4th St — 2BR-2B 1,088 sq.ft., wood siding, metal roof, city water & sewer, central h	79,900
6330 CR 551 — Lake Brownwood — Newly remodeled 3BR-2B home, propane stone fireplace,	99,900
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HOME WITH ACREAGE

3+/- Ac. — Coleman-3BR-2.5B Brick home, 1811 sq.ft., Central h/a, 2 car garage REDUCED	90,000
3+/- Ac. — Rising Star, 3BR-2B ctri h/a, covered patio, metal roof, 2 wells, seasonal draw, shop	155,000
4+/- Ac. — 3411 NW 1/2 Cross Plains- 3BR-2.5B Brick, fireplace, metal workshop, 2 car carport	179,900
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50.61 Ac. — 3BR-2B home w/large porch 2 car carport, 2 strg. bldgs, 26 ft deep stock tank	289,500
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45+/- Ac. — Native pasture, paved road frontage, one stock tank, electric and co. water available	119,250
49+/- Ac. — Gorgeous Views! Oak trees, post oak, few mesquites, pond & co. water available	137,200
50+/- Ac. — Heavily treed, native grasses, areas for food plots, pond, co. water REDUCED	109,900
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76+/- Ac. — Near Putnam, 2 tanks, few trees, 15 acre wheat field, barn, .5 mile of I-20 frontage.	171,000
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Commissioners approve bids to sell motor grader, chip spreader

Callahan County Commissioners' Court approved taking bids on the sale of a motor grader and chip spreader during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held Monday, July 15th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second from Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to put a motor grader belonging to Precinct #4 up for bids.

On a motion by Commissioner Windham and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-9 to put up for bid a chip spreader belonging to Precincts #1, #2 and #3.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 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 County Treasurer Dianne Gunter. Also attending the commissioners' court meeting were Bob Childers and Bob Favor.

—The minutes from the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, Commissioner Farmer commented that he was having a water tank for a truck being built.

—Charles Kimbrough of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado and Acosta LLP, came before the commissioners' court to talk about the Cottonwood Cemetery Road being or becoming a part of the County Road system. Mr. Kimbrough said that sufficient facts do not exist to establish that the Cemetery Road is a part of the County's public road systems. He recommended that no action be taken on a request that Callahan County maintain the Cemetery road. No action was taken due to a lack of a motion.

—Commissioners' recessed the meeting at 10:28 a.m. and was called back to order at 10:38 a.m.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Cross Plains and Callahan County. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

The Interlocal Agreement follows:

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

City of Cross Plains and Callahan County Precinct 4

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 791.000, Interlocal Cooperation Act, The City of Cross Plains and Callahan County, to maximize the capability of both organizations and to better serve the Citizens of Callahan County and the City of Cross Plains enter into this Interlocal Agree-

ment. This contract shall be in effect until terminated by either party. The City of Cross Plains expenditures are approved by the City Council through the annual budget.

Section 1 - Authorized Agents: The City Secretary and the Commissioner of Precinct 4 are authorized to share equipment, manpower, maintenance capacity, tools, and expertise in the amount and frequency prudent to enhance the community of both parties.

Section 2 - Street Improvement: Callahan County work crews will be working with the City of Cross Plains to improve the following roads:

NE 2nd Street from Avenue A - Beech Street-700'

SW 2nd Street from Avenue E—Avenue F-350'

SW 2nd Street from Avenue F - Chestnut Street-540'

SW 3rd Street from Avenue F - Chestnut Street - 540'

If there is enough material left: SE Beech Street from NE 1st - NE 2nd (Small portion in front of Community Center parking lot) Plus others if material allows.

Section 2.1 - Scheduling: This work shall be scheduled and conducted on times agreed upon by the City of Cross Plains and Callahan County.

Section 2.2 - Cost Sharing: When conducting work for the City, the City of Cross Plains

agrees to pay fuel and other related costs of Callahan County while working on City property.

Section 2.3 - Traffic Control: The City of Cross Plains will provide traffic control by notifying the public of the schedule of work, providing and using barricades, and using police assistance.

SIGNED this the 15th day of July, 2013.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge
Callahan County, Texas
(s) Cliff Kirkham
County Commissioner Precinct #4

ATTEST:
(s) Donna Bell,
County Clerk

Approved: City of Cross Plains

ATTEST:
(s) Ray Purvis,
Mayor
(s) Debbie Gosnell,
City Secretary

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Judge Corn seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Extension Agent's Quarterly Impact Report

Callahan County Extension Agent gave the Callahan County Commissioners' Court an update on the County Extension Agency and the 4-H activities for the summer-to-date during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, July 15th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioner Tom Windham made a motion to approve the July 2013 quarterly impact report presented by Extension Agent Warren. Commissioner Harold Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The quarterly impact report follows:

Agriculture & Natural Resources

On April 1st, 8th & 15th assisted multi county Beef Cattle Shortcourse at Taylor County Expo Center.

On April 25th assisted with Multi County Weed & Brush Symposium at the Big Country Hall in Abilene.

On May 3rd held Multi County Wheat Tour including Callahan, Jones, Shackelford Taylor Counties.

On June 13th conducted Water Conservation program for home owner Titled "The 40 Gallon challenge & private Water Well Testing" at the Clyde Library.

4-H and Youth Development

On April 6th the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports held a Novice Shotgun Shoot at the Shooting Sports Range in Baird.

On April 13th the Callahan

County 4-H Shooting Sports held it's 6th Annual Charlie Greenway shoot and the Archery Spring Fling.

On April 26th the District 7 4-H Rifle Contest was held at the Callahan County Shooting Sports Range. Participants from 23 counties came to participate in the event.

On April 27th the Callahan County 4-H Horse Club held their Spring 4-H & Open Horse Show at the Callahan County Riders Club. Participants from as far as San Angelo came to participate in the event.

On May 18th the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports held a End of School Blowout Archery Shoot at the County Range.

On May 2nd the Egg to Chick program kicked off in the Baird Elementary 3rd grade classroom. The Egg to Chick program, this project helps students learn biological concepts and develop a deeper understanding of the life sciences.

On June 8th & 9th Callahan County 4-H Rifle members participated in the 4-H Round-up Indoor Rifle match in Victoria, TX.

On June 15th the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports held a Whiz bang shotgun contest at the County Range in Baird.

On June 18th the District 7 4-H Horse Show was held in Sweetwater.

On June 22nd the Callahan County Shooting Sports held an Summer Blast 2013 Archery Shoot at the County Range in Baird.

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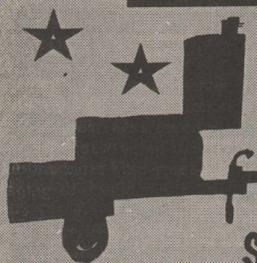
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Having recently moved to Cisco as a convenient location between his job in Abilene (by way of Wisconsin) and her job in DeLeon, Josh and Amber Draeger were astonished to learn that the home of his very favorite new author was just a few minutes down the road. And they equally amazed that they could arrange a personal tour on a week-end.

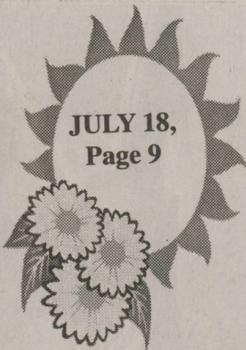
Josh is still exploring the wide array of Howard stories, but at this point is more into the fantasy realm. The names of the editors, illustrators, writers, etc. that run throughout the gamut of publications found in the Museum gift shop are slowly becoming familiar to him. They have already put the date of the June 2014 Howard Days on their calendars to come down and actually put faces to names.

Josh is employed by the Jacob & Martin Civil Engineering firm

in Abilene. Knowing that Tarleton University in Stephenville is one of the few universities to offer a degree in water resource engineering, he readily moved to Texas to become a hydrologist. His job with the Christian based firm is to design water infrastructures for municipalities, river authorities, water districts and private organizations.

Amber is an aspiring writer hoping to get her first manuscript accepted soon on her way to becoming a writer for TV, radio, movies, etc. Reality demands that she keep her day job and to that end, she is the Vice President of the family owned La-Tex Associates company located in DeLeon. The company provides inspection code services to the gas and oil industry.

Another first for the Museum: A hydrologist and code inspector.



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Next Generation Agricultural Conference Thursday in Abilene

Abilene — Who will be feeding the growing population of the U. S. in the next 50 years? As the current generation of farmers and ranchers age the next generation must take over. Capital Farm Credit and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will be hosting a conference designed to help the next generation of producers transition into the business or current farmers and ranchers expand their operations.

The 2013 Next Generation Agricultural Conference is scheduled for **Thursday, July 18 in the Big Country Hall located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene** is designed to provide production and financial management tools to farmers and ranchers.

"The main topics that will be covered include farm financial management, agricultural economic forecasts, general agri-

culture, and farm planning and budgeting," said Dr. Jason Cleere, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service beef cattle specialist. "Keeping up with the latest operational strategies, available credit and risk management practices are the key to the most successful large and small operations. These conferences will assist with providing information that can be incorporated into their operations, making them more profitable."

Cleere said, "The conference will feature presentations on analyzing the performance of an operation, potential to expand an operation, purchasing or leasing equipment, operation diversity, and the ag economy in the southern region and where we are heading," he said. "The program will also discuss developing a marketing plan for the farm and ranch, protecting your operation from volatile commodity markets and weather, new

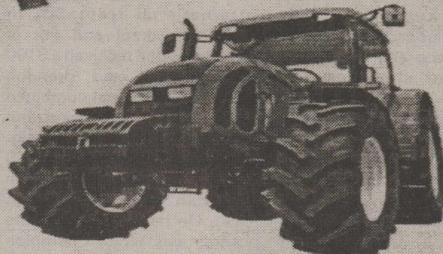
tax and estate laws as well as programs on rebuilding the cow herd."

Featured speakers from AgriLife Extension include Cleere, Dr. Ron Gill, beef cattle specialist, Dr. Mark Welch, grain economist, Wayne Hayenga, economist, all from College Station; Dr. Jason Banta, beef cattle specialist, Overton, Dr. Stan Bevers, economist, Vernon.

Experts from Capital Farm Credit will include Jason Gibson and Dan Byerly. Brian Briggeman, Kansas State University agricultural economist will be one of the featured speakers. He will provide an overview of the Southern Plains agricultural economy and provide some insight into where we are headed. There is no cost for the conference.

You can register by calling the Abilene Capital Farm Credit Office at (325) 677-6007 or toll free at 1 (866) 466-0905.

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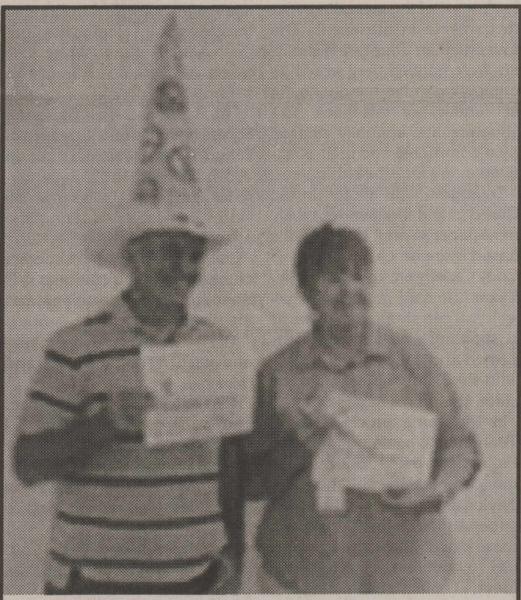
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Winners — Jim Cook and Judy Killgo

Cook Crowned Crank-off Champ

Jim Cook walked off with the Ice Cream Crank-off Champ crown at the July 4th event at the Methodist Church. In spite of Patricia's cries of "fraud" because she had actually made the ice cream and Jim had merely plugged in the machine, he claimed the crown and promptly put it on top of his cowboy hat and walked off for another hot dog. Cook's entry was called "Malt Ball," although he remembered it as being "mothball ice cream" from his youth.

The fun-filled annual event drew a crowd of well over 100 to enjoy hot dogs and lots of ice cream sampling before they made their final decision in the people's choice division. Receiving the most happy face stickers on the tank tags and winning the Golden Scoop Award was Larry and Judy Killgo for cherry concoction Prior

to that vote, a panel of anonymous judges had awarded Cook's entry with the most points and that score added to his votes in the people's choice category made him the big winner.

Several contestants have already thrown down the gauntlet to challenge all comers in next year's contest. Tim and Andy Byerly of Breckenridge and Roger Corn, Callahan County Judge, are all agreeable to returning as anonymous judges. The folks joining the church closest to the Crank-off date next July will join the ranks in the sequestered room.

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Crank-off somewhere close to July 4th and start experimenting. Who knows, your concoction just might be a winner.

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Members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team at the 11th Annual Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout (l-r)—Brandon Hobbs, Ted Pitzer, Will Meier, Matt Jacob and Megan Jacob.

11th Annual Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout

The 11th Annual Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout was held on July 11th - 13th at the San Angelo Claybird Association Gun Club near San Angelo. 4-H members from all over the state participated in the 3-day event which included competitions in American skeet, American trap, whiz-bang, international skeet, international trap and sporting clays. Each participant shot at a total of 350 clay targets. At the conclusion on Saturday afternoon, awards were presented to top ranking shooters in all age divisions. This was followed by the presentation of \$70,000 in Larry Ratheal memorial scholarships to graduating seniors. Scholarships are awarded each year to 4-H members who have portrayed outstanding character as well as excellence in shotgun shooting sports. Close to \$500,000 in scholarships has

been presented over the past 11 years.

Callahan County 4-H was represented in the event by shotgun team members Brandon Hobbs, Matt Jacob, Megan Jacob and Ted Pitzer. These four shot well and recorded some personal best scores. Will Meier also attended the event as a representative of Callahan County 4-H and assisted event officials with scoring and other duties. In the Junior division, Matt Jacob placed 5th in American skeet, 4th in American trap, 4th in whiz-bang, 2nd in international trap and 3rd in sporting clays. Matt was also the 5th High Overall Junior and received a \$100 Academy gift card. In the Intermediate division, Megan Jacob was presented with the 3rd place Ladies High Overall award. In the Senior I division, Ted Pitzer placed 3rd in American skeet and received a

\$100 Academy gift card. Brandon Hobbs placed 1st in sporting clays, 3rd in international skeet, 4th in international trap, 5th in American skeet and 6th in whiz-bang and received a \$100 Academy gift card. Brandon attained the highest combined score in his age division and was presented with the Senior I High Overall Award, a 700 Remington Varmint bolt-action centerfire rifle and Boyt gun case. On hand to present the awards was World Champion skeet shooter Drucilla Meier. Drucilla is a former Callahan County 4-H shotgun team member, long-time participant in the Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout, recipient of the Larry Ratheal scholarship in 2011 and former member of the National Champion Texas 4-H State Shotgun Team.



LOCAL 4-H SHOOTERS WIN NATIONAL TITLE—Four Callahan County 4-H shooting sports members are pictured with the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational trophy after the

Texas 4-H shooting team won the national championship held June 23rd-28th in Grand Island, Nebraska. The Texas 4-H shooting sports congregation has won 14 of the 15 National 4-H Shoot-

ing Sports Invitational team titles. Callahan County 4-H shooting sports members pictured left to right include: Hayley Ancinec, Barrett Ancinec, Cody Cedergren, and Kailey Hart.

Callahan County 4-H shooters help Texas claim National 4-H Shooting Invitational

Four Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports members, along with 30 fellow Texas 4-H shooters, claimed the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational held June 23rd-28th in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports members Barrett Ancinec, Hayley Ancinec, Kailey Hart and Cody Cedergren were members of the Texas 4-H shooting sports team which captured its fourteenth national title in the past 15 years. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational was started in 2000 and Texas 4-H shooters have won every national championship, except for 2010, when the state of Missouri took the team title.

Callahan 4-H member Cody Cedergren said the shooting competition was held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 25th-27th, and the awards presentation was held on Friday, June 28th. Cedergren said Missouri again thought they took the national title, however when all the scores were counted, Texas again won the national championship.

To qualify for the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational, Texas 4-H shooters must apply by August of the preceding year to compete in the event. The four Callahan County 4-H shooters were notified they would be competing in the national meet in January of this year. The shooters are annually chosen by a committee and their qualifications include their character.

Cedergren was quoted in the Grand Island Independent daily newspaper saying, "In Texas it's based more on character," said Cody Cedergren, 18, from Clyde, Texas. He said more than how well you can shoot, the Texas 4-H shooting association is concerned about the kind of people who should be representing the state, the article stated.

In the same article, George Tennant of Washington County, Pa., who drove 1,222 miles to the competition with his son, Taylor, was quoted in the newspaper article saying, "To see these kids still have the opportunity to continue this program is great," Tennant said, noting that

some states don't have a shooting sports presence, sometimes because of a political stance against guns. "This is the kind of thing that is developing the right approach to guns. When it is taken away, it's not going to help the situation."

The National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held in Grand Island, Nebraska through 2016. More than 550 participants and their families from 36 states participated during the event.

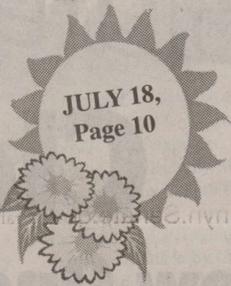
Callahan County 4-H shooters competing in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational and their results included:

Air Pistol: Hayley Ancinec, second place overall individual, and third place team.

.22 Pistol: Barrett Ancinec, sixth place, overall individual and first place team.

Small-bore Rifle: Cody Cedergren, second place overall individual, and second place team.

Air Pistol: Kailey Hart, 15th place overall individual, and third place team.



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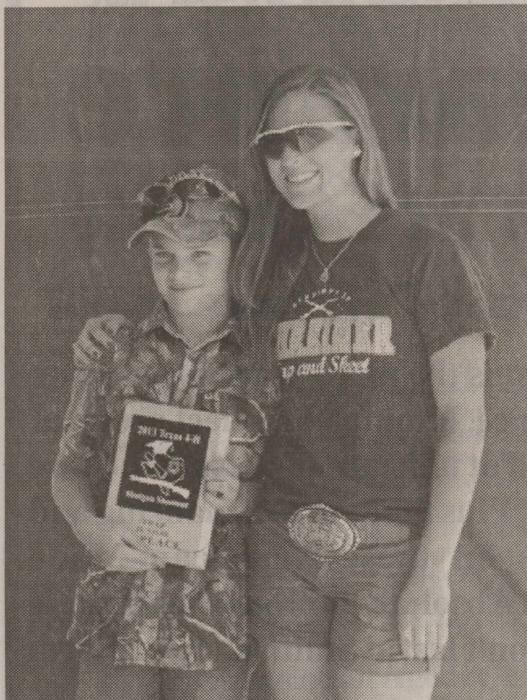
Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from July 6, 2013 through July 12, 2013 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—108
Complaints—79
DWI—1
Driving While License Invalid—2
Tampering with Evidence—1
Possession of Marijuana—2

Vehicle Accidents

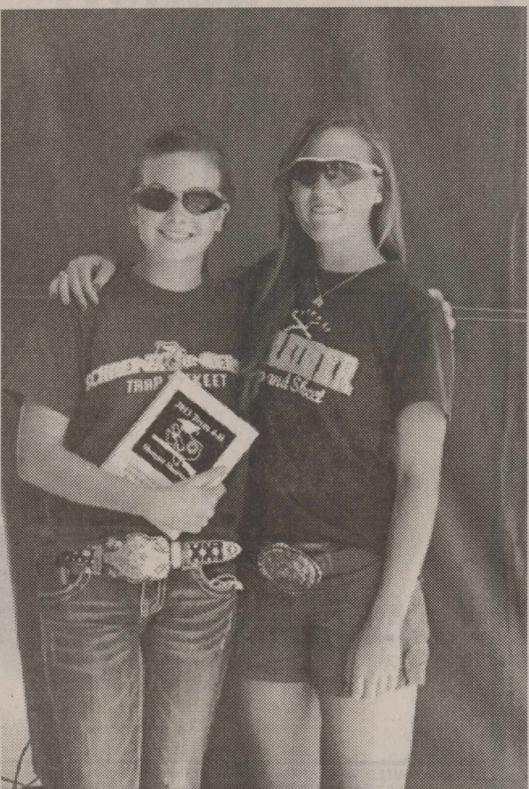
There were three vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.



Matt Jacob, Callahan County 4-H shotgun team member with Drucilla Meier at the Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout. Matt placed in five of the six events and was 5th High Overall in the Junior division.



Winner of the Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout Senior 1 division High Overall award was Brandon Hobbs of Callahan County 4-H, shown above with Drucilla Meier. Brandon placed in five of the six events and attained the highest combined score in the entire shoot.



Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout 3rd High Overall Ladies Intermediate division winner was Megan Jacob of Callahan County 4-H, shown with Drucilla Meier.



Senior 1 American skeet 3rd place winner at the Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout in San Angelo was Callahan County 4-H shotgun team member Ted Pitzer. Ted's award was presented by Drucilla Meier.

When our money is tight, home town shopping is just right.

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2013 are 5% higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2012 are higher by over five percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, July 10th.

Cross Plains' 2013 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$126,360.71, which is 5.03 percent higher than the \$120,308.21 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2012.

The payment to the city for June 2013 was \$19,064.30, which is 6.04 percent higher than the \$17,978.29 payment made in June 2012.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, July 10th, that state sales tax revenue in June was \$2.17 billion, up 9.1 percent compared to June 2012.

"Growth in sales tax receipts was led by business sectors such as manufacturing and construction," Combs said. "Remittances from the oil and natural gas industry remain strong, while sales tax revenue was also notable for restaurants—a consumer sector."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their July local sales tax allocations totaling \$578.3 million, up 8.1 percent compared to July 2012.

Combs distributed \$377.4 million in July 2013 allocations to Texas cities, which is up 7.7 percent from July 2012 and higher by 6.7 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$38.6 million in July 2013 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 8.3 percent compared to July 2012 and higher by 8.3 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$132.4 million in July 2013 sales tax allocations, which is 8.9 percent higher than July 2012 and up 7.4 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$29.9 million in July 2013 allocations, which is 10.2 percent higher than July 2012 and higher by 13.1 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$578.3 million in July 2013, which is 8.1 percent higher than July 2012 and up 7.3 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in May.

For details of July sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

Total yearly sales tax payments	2012	2013
	\$120,308.21	\$126,360.71
Total monthly sales tax payments	2012	2013
	\$17,978.29	\$19,064.30

the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allcocsum/compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2013 started the year 9.39 percent higher than the 2012 payments. The city has received \$76,105.52 in 2013, while the 2012 tax payments to the city totalled \$69,569.36.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2013 was \$11,889.72, which is 19.98 percent higher than the \$9,909.16 payment made in June 2012.

—The 2013 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 12.02 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2012. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$346,092.21 in 2013. The 2012 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$308,937.38.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for June 2013 was \$44,624.15, which is 4.99 percent higher than the check in June 2012 of \$42,500.06.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2013 payments to the town totalled \$7,777.75, which is lower by 12.72 percent from the 2012 payments to the city in the amount of \$8,912.11.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of June 2012 was \$766.74, which is 57.46 percent lower than the \$1,802.80 payment made in June 2012.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2013 in Callahan County are higher by 9.57 percent compared to the 2012 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2013 amounting to \$556,336.19

while the 2012 payments to the county towns totalled \$507,727.06.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of June 2013 was \$76,344.91, which is 5.75 percent higher than the \$72,190.31 payments made in June 2012.

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

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

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

Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

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

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

Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Here are their addresses:

Austin

Rick Perry, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

Jim Keffer, State Representative, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0656.

Troy Fraser, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call (512) 463-0124.

Washington

Barack Obama, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Mike Conway, U.S. Congressman, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 2000, Midland, TX 79705, 1-800-882-3811, e-mail access, conaway.house.gov.

John Cornyn, U.S. Senator 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-2934. Fax 202/228-2856. For email access, go to <http://Cornyn.Senate.gov>.

Ted Cruz, 455 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-5922. Fax 202/224-0776. For email go to <http://Cruz.senate.gov>.

PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Marqueta Westbrook



Winner of The Pioneer Quilting Club Quilt — Sammie Hughlett

Hello to all! We are really thankful for the rain and the cooler weather the Lord has blessed us with. It has been wonderful!

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our club's quilt raffle. We had a drawing on Saturday, July 6th, at the Rising Star Open Air Market. Our Winner was Sammie Hughlett from La Mesa, Texas. Congratulations, Sammie! The raffle was a much bigger success than we hoped and all the funds will go to repair and refurbish the building. Hopefully we can get some more windows in and repair the roof. Again, thank you all!

We have been busy quilting on a pay quilt and, if all goes well, we should finish it this week. Another one is ready to go in the frame and we are excited about that. We have also been working on a quilt for Glenda Phillips. When that one is finished we plan to put our rehab quilt in. This is a quilt we do every year for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center telethon in January. A beautiful quilt top has been donated to us this year so we are anxious to get started on it.

We invite you all to come quilt with us or just come sit and visit. And remember, "Friendships are sewn one stitch at a time."

Getting to the root of the problem

Root damage is a major, unseen cause of tree failure

One of the major causes of tree failure is root damage. When a tree's root system has been extensively damaged, the whole tree can fall to the ground - or onto your house.

"Most homeowners look up to assess the trees in their landscape," notes Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Unfortunately, a significant amount of the information on tree health and structural integrity lies unseen below ground."

Trees may fall over because the roots can no longer anchor their weight. In the urban and suburban landscape, roots can be lost or damaged by excavation, trenching, soil compaction, excess fill, paving, fungal decay, or environmental stresses such as drought or flooding.

"Some of the indicators of root problems can be detected by homeowners, while others can only be diagnosed by a professional arborist using specialized examination methods," says Andersen.

Homeowners should look for signs and symptoms that could indicate root problems. Common symptoms include decline in the tree canopy, usually starting at the top but occasionally affecting one side or major branches throughout the canopy. A tree with an increasing lean, especially with soil heaving around its base, is another sure symptom of root problems. Signs of root problems include dead roots, broken roots and presence of

fungal fruiting bodies (mushrooms) at the base of the tree or radiating out from the base.

On the way down ... causes of root damage

Sometimes it is obvious that utility trenches, repaving, grading or soil compaction occurred in the tree's root zone. To determine how the root damage might affect the health of the tree, a professional arborist can estimate how much of the rooting area was affected within the Critical Root Zone (CRZ). The CRZ is a circular area around the stem of the tree, usually smaller than the area defined by the outer reaches of the tree's branches, known as the drip line.

Think of the tree as both a structure and a living organism. As a rule of thumb, up to 40 percent of the root system can be damaged - causing problems for the living organism - before the tree's structure is seriously impaired. Conversely, the tree can be biologically healthy while the main roots it counts on for support are deteriorated. Factors to consider include a leaning tree, direction of prevailing winds relative to decayed roots, and soil conditions.

It can be difficult to assess damage to the root system. A tree may have a restricted root system because of impervious soils, or limited space to grow due to buildings or sidewalks. If new curbs or sidewalks were installed or trenches dug for utilities, essential roots could

have been damaged or removed during the construction. If any of the main roots inside the CRZ are damaged or missing, the risk of tree failure is greatly increased.

What can you do?

Be on the lookout for the signs and symptoms of root damage. These symptoms can be subtle, even undetectable to the untrained eye. A professional arborist can accurately diagnose root problems and potentially take corrective action. To find a professional arborist, contact the Tree Care Industry Association, a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org.

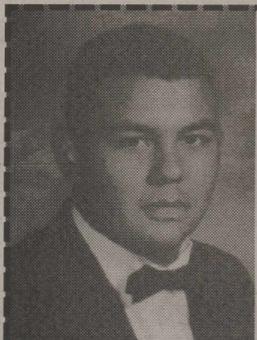
Alzheimer's Association to Offer FREE Workshop in Abilene

Abilene, TX — The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "THE BASICS: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease," on Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105, in Abilene.

This workshop is designed for anyone who would like to know more about the difference between the changes that can accompany normal aging and Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Seating is limited. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.



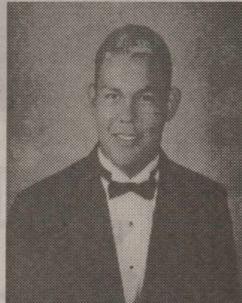
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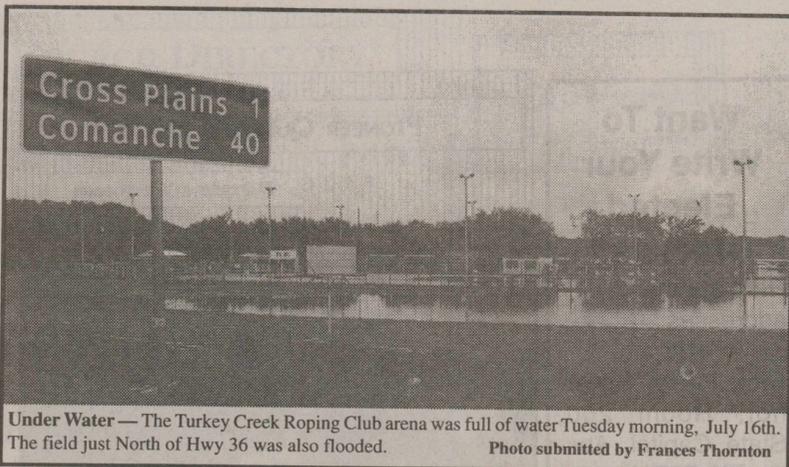


Double the Trouble but Double the Fun!!

You kept me on my toes and having to do double takes and thinking to myself which ones which, but you have both made me proud.

Love you, Mom Sara, Kim, Aiden, and Kash





Under Water—The Turkey Creek Roping Club arena was full of water Tuesday morning, July 16th. The field just North of Hwy 36 was also flooded. Photo submitted by Frances Thornton

Comptroller Susan Combs returns \$1 billion to Texas unclaimed property owners

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today she has returned \$1 billion in unclaimed property to rightful owners since she took office in 2007. This is the largest sum of money ever returned by a Texas Comptroller.

"When I took office in January 2007 I was committed to return as much unclaimed money as possible to owners who may have forgotten about it," Combs said. "We launched extensive outreach efforts and streamlined processes to help reunite more owners with their money."

The Comptroller presented Austin firefighter Greg Reddish with \$2,009.64 today, which took total payments across the landmark threshold. Approximately 1.1 million claims have been approved since 2007 totaling \$1 billion over six and a half years. Unclaimed property payments began in 1962, and approximately \$900.8 million was returned in the 44 years prior to Combs taking office.

The Comptroller added new features in the claims process and expanded outreach efforts to increase the amount of

returned money. They include:

- An automated-review process for claims up to \$5,000 that matches information in online claim forms to data in the unclaimed property system in order to expedite those claims.
- Access to a dynamic public records database to help efficiently verify claimants and speed up approvals – decreasing the time to pay claims filed by original owners from 45 days to about 20 days.
- Grass roots staff that sets up at events such as expos, the Texas State Fair and events with county treasurers to help Texans find and claim their unclaimed property on the spot.
- Improvements to the Unclaimed Property website that make it easier for claimants to identify and submit a claim for property.
- Annual notification letters to owners of certain types of property valued \$100 or more that was reported to the state in the preceding year.
- Brochures in libraries promoting the unclaimed property program website phone number.

Unclaimed property includes forgotten utility deposits or other refunds, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, cashier's checks, dividends, mineral royalties, dormant bank accounts and abandoned safe deposit box contents. Businesses turn over property to the unclaimed property program after the property they're holding has been dormant for generally between one to five years.

"We will continue our efforts to get as much money back into the right hands," said Combs. "I encourage people to search our website at any time or call us to see if they have money waiting for them and start the process of getting that money back. After all, it's your money!"

There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property the state is holding, which means there is no time limit for owners to file a claim – they can do so at any time.

To search for unclaimed property and begin the claims process, visit the Comptroller's Unclaimed Property website at www.ClaimItTexas.org or call 1-800-654-FIND (3463).

Unclaimed property includes

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Virginia Pope Honored on Her 93rd Birthday

"I feel so blessed that I was able to attend Sunday school and church on my 93rd birthday," Virginia Pope noted. Her birthday was Sunday, July 7th. Bobby Jack McCowen played "Happy Birthday" on his harmonica at church in her honor.

When she arrived home a host of family and friends were there to wish her well, also. All of her children were able to attend and she was delighted.

A hamburger and hot dog meal with all the trimmings was served. There were four cakes and best of all homemade ice cream.

"They sang Happy Birthday to me. It was humbling and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. The Lord is so good to me," she stated.

Virginia is a very special person and everyone wishes her many more wonderful years.

Submitted by
Vanda Anderson-Draper

135 Year Tribute to Texas Outlaw: Sam Bass

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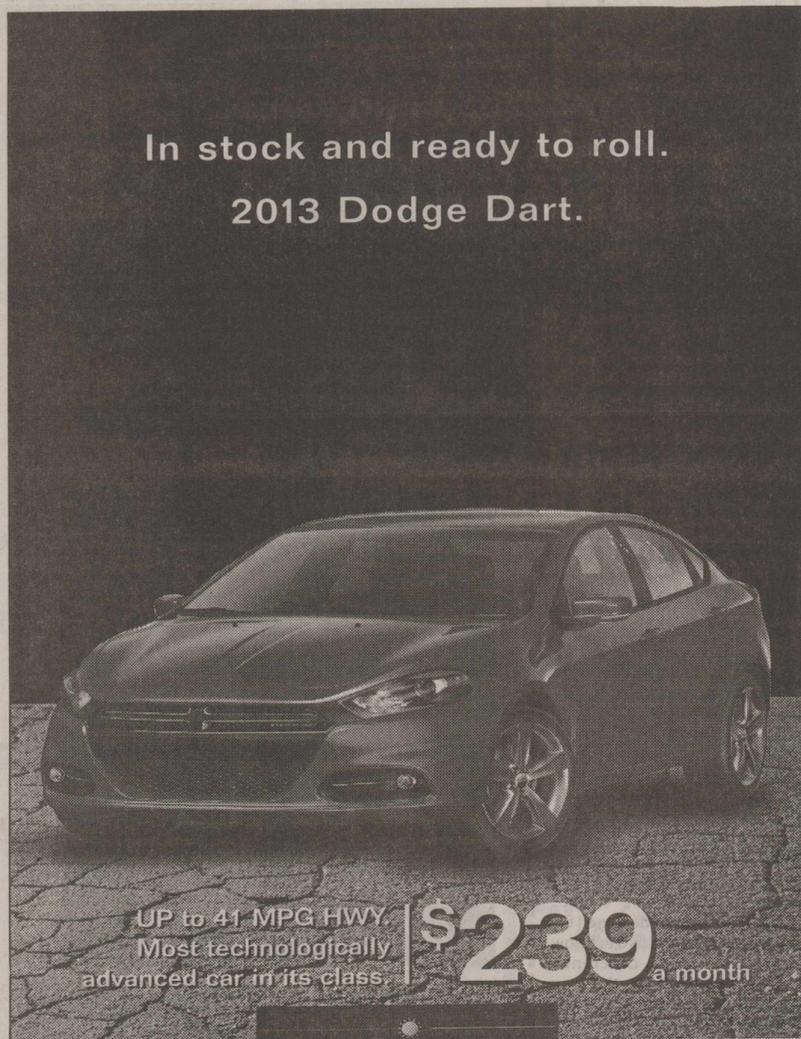
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