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## Taylor Electric Cooperative awards scholarships to local students

Taylor Electric Cooperative is proud to award scholarships to 16 area high school graduates. These recipients were chosen by judges who are educators from schools within Taylor Electric's 11-county service area. Students were judged in several categories, including academic accomplishments, community involvement and financial need. Each student faced tough competition, vying for the awards with students from the 15 high schools within the Taylor Electric service area.

Many of these students participated in more activities than can be mentioned here, such as multiple sports, student clubs and church youth groups, as well as volunteer roles for area non-profits. The scholarship awards \$1,000 toward the students' first year of college.

This year's outstanding scholarship winners are the following:

Kirstin Awalt is a 2010 graduate of Wylie High School and was salutatorian of her class. She has been a longtime active member in the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church High School Choir. She plans to major in public relations and advertising at the University of Texas at Austin.

Shasta Bacon is a 2010 graduate of Cross Plains High School, where she was a varsity cheerleader, tennis player and member of the Future Farmers of America. She graduated from high school with 27 college hours and plans to complete her basic courses at Cisco College before transferring to Tarleton State University to study fashion merchandising.

Emma Gail Bennett is a 2010 graduate of Cross Plains High School, where she was head cheerleader and star basketball player, earning a spot on the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Girls Basketball League, as well as the 1<sup>st</sup> Team for All-District Basketball. She will attend Tarleton State University and major in physical therapy and kinesiology.



EMMA BENNETT

Laura Louise Brothers is a 2010 graduate of Eula High School, ranking third in her class. She has been active in University Interscholastic League (UIL) competitions, focusing on editorial writing and computer skills. She plans to attend Abilene Christian University and continue pursuing her interest in technology, with the goal of becoming a software designer.

Jessica Callahan is a 2010 graduate of Jim Ned High School, where she competed in UIL events and served as National Honor Society president and vice president of the Student Council. She plans to attend New York University and study psychology.

Kelly Brooke Farmer is a 2010 Wylie High School graduate. She was a member of the WHS National Honor Society, as well as a dancer with the Turning Pointe Academy of Performing Arts and active at Wylie Baptist Church. She plans to attend Baylor University.

Brooke L. Galle is a 2010 graduate of Eula High School, where she ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in her class and served as class president and a cheerleader, as well as played on the basketball, tennis, and track teams. She plans to attend the University of North Texas and pursue a degree in broadcast journalism.



SHASTA BACON

Madison T. Galle is a 2010 graduate of Eula High School, where he served as class vice president all four years of school, as well as team captain for the basketball team. Galle has a love for history, serving as a volunteer to help restore Fort Griffin State Park and working at Buffalo Gap Historic Village. To that end, he plans to pursue a degree at Angelo State University and become a professor specializing in Civil War history.

Marissa Griffin is a 2010 graduate of Blackwell High School, where she ranked second in her class. She was an officer for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), a varsity cheerleader and active in FFA and 4-H events. She will attend Angelo State University and study animal science and plans to go on to earn her doctorate in Veterinary Medicine.

Colt L. Helmer is a 2010 graduate of Merkel High School. He is an Eagle Scout and has been an officer for the Taylor County 4-H Club, serving on the district and state councils for that organization. He will attend Angelo State University, where he plans to study theatre arts and communications.

Kathryn Jones is a 2010 Honor Graduate of Jim Ned High School. Among her

extra-curricular activities at school was membership with the Future Business Leaders of America, Math Club, FFA, and National Honor Society. She will attend Texas Tech University and pursue a degree in exercise sports science.

Colin Penton is a 2010 graduate of Hawley High School, where he played football, basketball, baseball and ran track, as well as was a member of the National Honor Society and theatre troupe that competed in UIL One Act Play. He will attend Tarleton State University and plans to study engineering.

Katelyn Scott is a graduate of Merkel High School and the winner of the Taylor Electric employees' children scholarship award. She has been active with the girls' softball team and plans to start her college education at Cisco College and then transfer to another institution to study physical therapy.

Chris Weaver is a graduate of Eula High School. He was active in the band, played baseball and served as 4-H president during his senior year and is a First Place winner of the Voice of Democracy speech contest. He will attend Texas A&M University and study computer and electrical engineering.

Tyler Wise is a 2010 Honor Graduate of Jim Ned High School. He played on the football, basketball, tennis and baseball teams and was a member of the Honor Society, Student Council, Math Club, FCA, FFA and numerous other activities. He plans to study civil engineering at Texas Tech University.

Travis White is a graduate of Blackwell High School. A member of the National Honor Society, he also played football, basketball and competed as an actor in UIL One Act Play competition, as well as earned the Nolan County 4-H Gold Star Award. A fourth-generation rancher, he plans to study engineering and continue the family tradition of ranching.

## Saddle Up for Saddle Ridge Ranch at First Baptist Church VBS

Saddle up for Saddle Ridge Ranch! Set among the stunning vistas and wide-open spaces of Big Sky country, Saddle Ridge Ranch is a place where kids can ask questions and discover the answers found in God's Word.

During their day at the ranch, kids will visit Worship Rally Valley and the Bible Study Bunkhouse. Around the ranch they will also experience:

- \*Crafts at Blazing Star Stables
- \*Missions at Firefly Cavern
- \*Music at Campfire Creek
- \*Recreation at Mustang Mountain
- \*Snacks at the Big Sky Grill.

It's Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church of Cross Plains like you've never experienced before! Children finishing Pre-K through 6th grade are admitted free from 6 to 9 p.m. June 14-18th.

A Kick-off event will be held Sunday, June 13th at 6 p.m.

Submitted by Teri Brown

## Last Chance to Make Reservations for Howard Dinner

This Friday, June 4, is the deadline to make reservations for the June 11 Celebration Dinner hosted by Project Pride in conjunction with the annual Robert E. Howard Days. Mexico City is catering their scrumptious fajita dinner with all the trimmings for only \$12.00 per person.

Reservations may still be made at the Library, Texas Heritage Bank and City Hall, or a call may be made to 725-4993 or 725-6265 and a Pride member will make suitable arrangements for payment.

The Cross Plains Community Center will open at 5:30 p.m. on June 11 for previewing and early bidding on the Howard memorabilia that is being donated from around the world to benefit the Howard Museum. The silent auction will contain an assortment of rare books, audio CD's of Howard's stories and numerous paperback—lots of good reading and listening materials.

Paradox Entertainment of Sweden has donated a two-book set of letters written back and forth between Robert Howard and H.P. Lovecraft. Lovecraft, being 16 years older than Howard, was quite well established as a writer when the two began a life-long correspondence.

The two were similar in many ways: both were precocious readers, largely self-educated, extremely literate and opinionated and both determined to make a comfortable living with the written word. In some ways, they were sounding boards to each other for all kinds of ideas and in other ways, Lovecraft was the teacher. The cover of one of the

books has a drawing of the west side of the new Main Street of Cross Plains in late 1911 or early 1912. One can pretty well deduce that the books will read in part like a history of early day Texas and Cross Plains and will go for a pretty penny.

The Center will be effectively decorated to reflect the theme of the evening; that of "Illustrating Robert E. Howard." Along the dining tables will be the clever copies of the comic strip, "Two-Gun Bob" created by Jim and Ruth Keegan and produced locally for the tables by Ann Beeler. Each person will receive a notepad created especially for the dinner by the Keegans. Our own local artist, Mary Barton, is making a centerpiece for the speaker's utilizing her own art supplies.

The Keegans will present the main portion of the evening as they share their adventures of working together for 27 years in the art world. They are among the premiere level of illustrators in demand for their work with Howard's prose. Among all their other endeavors, they are involved with the art department of the Robert E. Howard Foundation, which produces many of the books available at the Museum.

Howard Days are shaping up to be the traditional educational and inspiring weekend it has developed into over the past 24 years. If you've never joined the group for the celebration dinner, this would be a great year to start your own tradition of seeing Cross Plains through the eyes of our visitors. It's a great view!

Friday, June 4—don't miss the deadline for reservations.

## County receives a good clean audit

Callahan County received a clean audit from the Abilene audit firm of Davis Kinard & Company, according to County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

Gunter reported on the 2009-2010 annual independent audit to the county commissioners' court at its regular meeting held Thursday, May 27th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

According to Gunter, Callahan County received a good report from Davis Kinard & Company, P.C. with a clean audit.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the county commissioners voted 5-0 to accept the audit report. On behalf of the commissioners' court, County Judge Roger Corn expressed their thanks to County Treasurer Gunter and her office for the work that they do.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the regular commissioners' court meeting

## Local Vehicle Registration and Title Office Announces Closing Dates

The Vehicle Registration and Title Office will be closed June 7th thru June 11th for vacation.

If you need title work or registration you will need to go to the Courthouse in Baird. Their hours are 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

to order at 10:00 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter, and County Clerk Donna Bell.

—Minutes from the previous commissioners' court meeting were signed and approved.

—Under public comments, there was none.

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## Barbarian Festival Slated for Saturday, June 12th

Just a few days now until the 12th Annual Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 12th, from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. The festival will be held on the large lot next to Dollar General, on Hwy 206, just north of the Hwy 36 intersection, in Cross Plains.

The festival starts at 9 a.m. with a parade down Main Street. Parade line starts up at 8 a.m. at the Cross Plains I.S.D. Football Field. You can ride your horse, tractor, bicycle or 4-wheeler, drive your antique car or truck, or get together a group to walk the parade. Bicycles and 4-wheelers will be judged for decoration. To be a part of the parade call Cheryl or Joe at 254-725-6876 or 254-725-7281.

This year's festival salutes our area Firefighters and EMS Personnel.

The Antique Car and Truck Show, always a crowd favorite, is back and bigger than ever! Cars and trucks will be judged in many

categories, including Convertible, Unfinished and Best of Show. Bring your antique car and join in the fun.

Antique Tractors will again be a part of the festival. Ride your old John Deere in the parade and then be a part of the festival. Tractors will be judged for Most Unique, Best of Show and Top Ten Tractors.

You'll be able to browse Arts & Crafts Booths, Collectibles, Decor, Candles, Jewelry and other items.

A variety of food, from barbecue to hamburgers to hot dogs will be available at the festival.

For the kids, there's a large Bounce House and other games and rides. The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club will be offering Horse Rides and Dummy Calf Roping.

Supervised children will be able to play the NASCAR Radio

controlled Car Race Track for FREE—courtesy of Texas Heritage Bank, Texas Heritage Insurance and Texas Auto Credit.

Live music, a talent contest and lots of family fun round out the event.

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club will hold their Ranch Rodeo Fundraiser at 6 p.m. the day of the Barbarian Festival at the local arena. Events include Pennin', Muggin', Milkin' and Loadin'. Call 325-665-2419 or 254-725-0002 after 7 p.m. for more details.

Get all the details on-line at the Barbarian Festival's website <http://www.barbarianfestival.net>.

The Barbarian Festival is held the second Saturday each June in conjunction with Project Pride and Robert Howard Days. Cross Plains is the hometown of Robert E. Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian.

Submitted by Teri Brown



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Evening Service.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

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Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching  
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**Pastor: Sam Stone**

Sunday Morning Worship.....10:30 AM  
Wednesday Worship.....7:00 PM

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Pastor: Billy Smith 254-725-6268  
Sunday School.....10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

### Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz  
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

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

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### GOSPEL MISSION

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### 44th Little George Haven's Cowboy Camp Meeting June 18-27

The 44th Little George Haven's Cowboy Camp Meeting will be held June 18-27th on Highway 84, between Coleman and Santa Anna.

In the days of the Old West, cowboys and their families would periodically come together for worship and fellowship under the stars in the Western heritage style. There was nothing fancy or modern: just their wagons or buggies, a campfire, a couple of "pickers" n' fiddlers" and alot of good Bible preaching.

In the spirit of this great tradition, the Cowboy Camp Meeting was born in 1966 and will continue as did those great heroes of the faith who blazed the trails for evangelism across the early American frontier.

The camp meeting is sponsored by Mrs. Lucy Havens and the Texas/American Fellowship of Cowboy Churches.

Daily activities for children and youth include Bible study and prayer times led by Jeromy Connell, Pastor of Heart of Texas Westmoreland, Stagecoach Cowboy Church in Waxahachie. Opening Day Activities are June 18th. Other activities include Mutton Bustin, Playday, Team Roping, Buckout, a full Rodeo, Tail Rides, Trail Walks, Horseshoes/Washers, Tours of sights of the Western Trail Circuit Rider Museum Tour.

Call Kent Battenfield 325-648-2813 or Sam Stone 325-662-3562 for trail ride information.

### NRCS Urges Landowners to sign-up now for Conservation Stewardship Program

TEMPLE, TEXAS, May 12, 2010 - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications from Texas agricultural landowners for the next Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) funding cycle that ends on June 11, 2010. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis and those not received by June 11 will be considered for funding after Oct. 1, 2010.

"CSP supports ongoing stewardship of private agricultural lands by providing payments for maintaining and enhancing natural resources," said Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas.

Congress limited enrollment for CSP nationally at 12.7 million acres per year. Applicants will compete within state-identified ranking pools, which in Texas are water quantity, soil erosion, plant health and condition, water quality, and animal health.

Producers are encouraged to apply for CSP now to ensure their applications will be considered during this funding and ranking period. However, they can make their final decision to participate in the program before they sign a contract. USDA expects the CSP final rule, which establishes the policies and procedures for the program, to be announced within the next several weeks.

CSP, authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland.

Potential applicants are encouraged to use the CSP self-screening checklist to determine if the new program is suitable for their operation. The checklist highlights basic information about CSP eligibility requirements, contract obligations and potential payments. It is available from local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offices or on the NRCS Web site at [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

CSP offers two types of potential payments an annual payment and a supplemental payment. The annual payment will be determined by estimating the environmental benefits produced by the conservation activities a producer installs and maintains. A supplemental payment is available to participants who receive an annual payment and adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation on cropland.

For more information about CSP, please visit [http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

CALLAHAN COUNTY Citibank (South Dakota),  
COURTHOUSE NEWS N.A. vs. Tina Holden, breach  
Roger Corn, Presiding of contract.

### Misdemeanor Filings

Matthew Burchett, driving while license suspended (DWLS).

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Shelah R. McFadden, order amending conditions of probation granted.

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
John Weeks, presiding

### Criminal Minutes

Daniel C. Bailey, request to amend conditions of probation granted.

Shane Powell, order releasing defendant from state contracted intermediate sanction facility.

Carlos Benavides, Jr., order discharging defendant from probation, no deferred adjudication.

Michelle McCrary Rogers, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Rhonda K. Czeto, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

### Civil Filings

Jerry and Nikia McGough vs. Tammy Jean Dugan, default on note.

Linda Lou Yocum vs. Billy Frank Sammons, divorce.

Melissa A. McMahan and Willis McMahan, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

Bradley Ray Glenn and Darelyn Donnette Glenn, divorce granted.

Lance Hunter Cockerell and Ashley Renae Cockerell, divorce granted.

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### First Baptist Church

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9:30 am

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Wednesday

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## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

I hope everyone had a pleasant Memorial Day weekend.

The George Coats Family Reunion will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center this coming weekend June 5th and 6th.

The Community Center is available for reunions, gatherings and meetings. There are still some weekend dates left during the summer. Call Cookie Robinson for details and bookings at 325-660-5771.

The Fire Control Group and the Historical Association will have a booth together at the Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 12th.

The Fire Control Group will be selling barbecue brisket sandwiches and the Historical Association will have the Cookbook and Cookbook Supplements for sale. Come and look for us at the festival.

Another Cottonwood Musical is in the works for Friday, July 16th. All area musicians are invited to come and play. If you'd like to be on the program, call and let Cookie know at 325-660-5771.

Copies of the New Cookbook Supplement are going fast, but we still have some available, as well as, some of the Original Cottonwood Cookbook and the

First Supplement.

This new book "Volume Two" features a second ring binder and more recipes and photos and lots of history. The ring binder also has plenty of room for the first cookbook supplement to fit in it. It'll be a great addition to your Cottonwood Cookbook and Supplement.

To order the new supplement, send \$20 plus \$4.50 shipping to Cottonwood Historical Association, P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Give me a call for shipping costs on multiple books at 254-725-7369.

## Annual Scranton Exes Homecoming Saturday followed by Scranton Musical

Scranton, TX, June 2, 2010: Friends, former students and teachers of Scranton Schools will gather Saturday, June 5 at the Scranton Community Center in western Eastland County for the annual Scranton Homecoming. Registration begins at 1 p.m., and visitation will continue throughout the afternoon.

Scranton Homecoming is now scheduled on the same day as the monthly evening musical at Scranton, and events have been condensed to make the day shorter for attendees, according to Robert Shrader, Scranton Exes President.

"For the first time, we will have no noon meal," Shrader said. "But there will still be plenty of time for people to visit old friends and later enjoy the food served before the

Scranton Musical. We'll have beverages and snacks available in the afternoon."

The Homecoming schedule: 1:00 p.m. - Registration and Visitation  
2:00 p.m. - Group Picture  
2:30 p.m. - Recognitions, awards and election of new officers  
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Visitation

The day's events conclude, starting at 5:30 p.m., when "supper's ready" for the Scranton Musical. The \$7.00 home-prepared meal is an annual fund-raising activity to help sustain the Scranton Community Center. Entertainment by area musicians begins at 6 p.m.

The last class graduated from Scranton High School in May of 1964. The school system consolidated with Cisco I.S.D. the following fall.

## Activities at Burkett June 12-13th Mark Your Calendar!

**Community Dinner:** Saturday, June 12, at 6 p.m. at the Christian Community Center (Methodist Church Building). Everyone is invited.

We have good cooks and lots of food. Paper goods, bread, tea and coffee are provided. Please bring food and have a great time. You can play 42, Dominoes, cards or just visit.

**Burkett Homecoming and Memorial Service:** Sunday, June 13, 2010.

The Homecoming will start with lunch at 12:30 at the Christian Community Center. We ask each one to bring food. Paper goods, drinks and bread will be provided. We will have a short meeting after we eat.

The Memorial Service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at the Cemetery Pavilion with Dwayne Clower, Burkett Baptist Pastor, as our speaker.

Submitted by Linda Brady

## Date Announced for Cross Plains High School Class of 1965 Class Reunion

The Cross Plains High School graduating Class of 1965 will hold their 45th Class Reunion Saturday, June 26th at the Pat DeBusk Ranch near Burkett.

Friends are welcome to come visit from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. If you would like to come visit, please call Eddie McAnally 325-573-6436 or Bob Robinson 325-660-5771 for details.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY WORKS

Celebrate Recovery follows the 12 Step Recovery Program. The purpose is to focus on God's healing power through fellowship with others. By working the 12 steps and the 8 Beatitude Principles, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our problems.

The first step is, "We admitted we were powerless over our addiction and compulsive behaviors, that our lives had become unmanageable." *I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. (Romans 7:18)*

Who needs it? Men and women. Anyone ready to start a new life. The guilty, sad or compulsive. The church and the unchurched. The addicted and their families. Anyone in need of recovery.

Meetings are held at the Main Street Pool House on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm. A light supper is served at 6:45 pm. This CR Group is sponsored by the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

## LIBRARY NOTES

May 24-28, 2010

Patrons: 116  
Books Checked Out: 97  
Copies: 32  
Reference: 6  
Internet Users: 68

### Book Donations:

Judy Luter  
Ginny Hoskins

### Memorials:

Pauline Lawson  
In Memory of Lerlene Fortune

### Volunteers:

Suzy Stiver-Nash  
Arlene Stephenson  
Sue Bennett  
Megan France  
Sheldon Libey

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

### AUDIT

—Under agenda item IV-Resolution for a Solid Waste Grant, no action was taken.

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

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Monday, 7th** - Movie Monday 10am, Cokes and Popcorn.  
**Tuesday, 8th** - 11am Exercise Class. 10am Mexican Train Dominoes.  
**Wednesday, 9th** - Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30am-11:30am  
**Thursday, 10th** - 11am Exercise Class. 10am Mexican Train Dominoes.  
**Friday, 11th** - No Activities Planned  
**Saturday, 12th** - Barbarian Festival - 8:00am Bake Sale & Breakfast Fundraiser, 1:00pm Pool Tournament, 1:00pm Domino Tournament

### Senior Center Needs

A few items the Center could really benefit from...  
**ROASTER OVEN - LARGE CROCK POTS**

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 7-JUNE 11

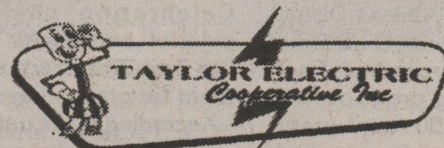
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**WEDNESDAY** - Chicken Spaghetti, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Bread & Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
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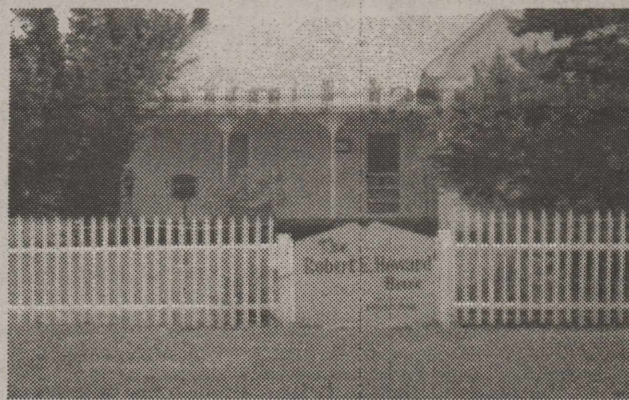
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## PROCLAMATION



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WHEREAS, we the City Council of the City of Cross Plains wish to dedicate a day to honor and recognize a man for his contribution to our community,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ray Purvis, Mayor of Cross Plains, Texas do hereby proclaim June 11, 2010, as

## ROBERT E. HOWARD DAY

and invite citizens to join in the local commemoration.

In Witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Cross Plains to be affixed this the 19th day of May, 2010.  
Ray Purvis, Mayor

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Cross Plains Church of Christ

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**2010 MASONIC LODGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT** — Cody Sliger - pictured with Debbie Mitchell, CP High School Counselor (from left) and Herman Weaver, Master of Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627 AF & AM.

### Cody Joe Sliger Recipient of Masonic Scholarship

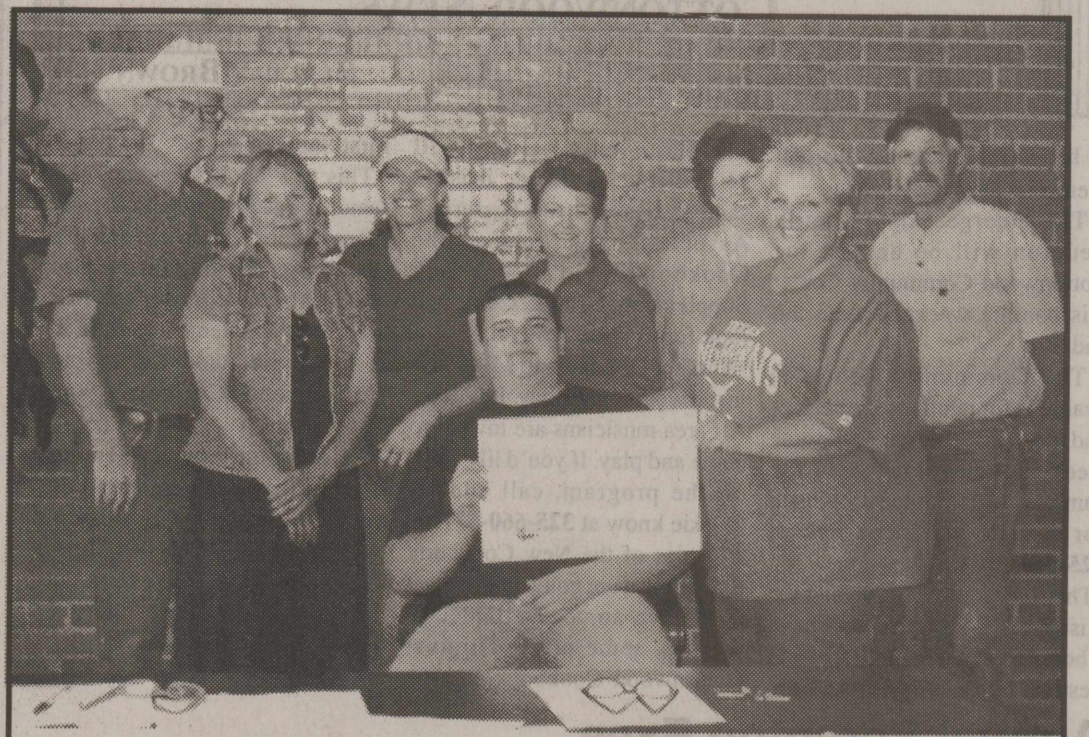
Cody Joe Sliger was presented at \$500 scholarship Thursday, May 28th by H.D. Weaver, Master of Cross Plains Masonic Lodge #627 AF&AM. The scholarship is presented annually by the Masonic Lodge to a graduate of Cross Plains High School who had demonstrated

both academic excellence and commitment to the community.

Cody has maintained a 97 grade point average while actively participating in many activities at C.P.H.S., including the National Honor Society, FFA, Student Council, Key Club and band. In addition he serves as an

EMS volunteer for the Cross Plains EMS unit.

Cody is the son of David and Lenell Sliger of Cross Plains. He plans to use the scholarship to further his education at West Texas College in Snyder, where he will major in Sports Medicine.



**CONGRATULATIONS BEN** — Terry Jane McWilliams-Wyatt Memorial Scholarship winner Ben Schaefer with Barbarian Festival Committee members Russ and Diana Miller (from left), Kandy Jones, Mary Dunn, Cindy McCahren, Susan McNeel and Greg Turner.

### Ben Schaefer Receives Terry Jane McWilliam Wyatt Scholarship

Cross Plains High School 2010 Senior Ben Schaefer is the winner of this year's Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship. Ben, the son of Phillip and Susan Schaefer, plans to attend Tarleton State University in

Stephenville this fall as a Mechanical Engineering major. Ben already has 41 college credit hours accumulated toward his degree.

The \$1,000 scholarship will help

toward the cost of tuition and books.

The scholarship, given each year by the Barbarian Festival Committee, is in memory of Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt.

### Cross Plains High School receives \$350 grant for Project Celebration

ABILENE, Texas—The Texas Department of Transportation is once again providing a \$350 mini-grant to area high schools to help defray the cost of all-night high school graduation events.

Called Project Celebration 2010, Cross Plains High School is among 29 high schools in the Abilene District taking part in TxDOT's graduation program. Each participating school will receive a \$350 mini-grant. Other Callahan County high schools involved in Project Celebration 2010 are Baird, Clyde and Eula.

"Teenagers have been known to mix alcohol and drugs into their celebrations. By providing these mini-grants to schools, TxDOT is helping support hundreds of high schools across the state as they provide organized and chaperoned graduation or after prom activities. These activities encourage teenagers to celebrate sober," Becky Estrella said. "I have a teenaged daughter and

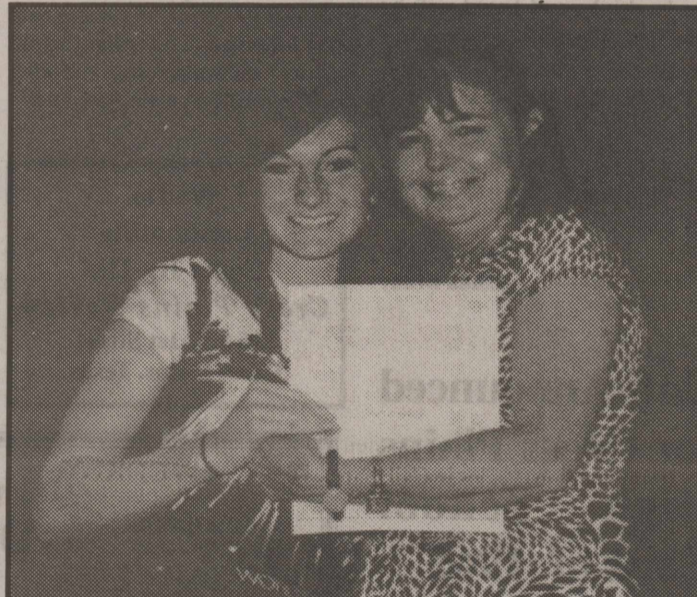
knowing that these types of activities are available makes me breathe easier." Estrella is the Abilene District's traffic safety coordinator.

Estrella visited the participating high schools in the district. In addition to the \$350 each school will receive, she presented the Project Celebration chairperson colorful backpacks with the Zip-Zero-Zilch-Nada slogan on them for graduating seniors.

According to the traffic safety coordinator, these mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Celebration event, but to provide seed money for schools to start and support alcohol and drug-free parties for high school students. The funds are to be used to cover expenses such as printing, materials, postage, supplies, room rentals, and the like.

According to Estrella, this program, which began in 1984 with only two schools, is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state.

## 2010 Cross Plains High School Award Winners



**W.G. MCCOY SCHOLARSHIP** — Shera Gary was presented the W.G. McCoy scholarship of \$1000.00 by Dannes Turner.



**BETA SIGMA PHI SCHOLARSHIP** — Tiffany Holland was presented a \$500 scholarship from Debbie Mitchell, high school counselor.

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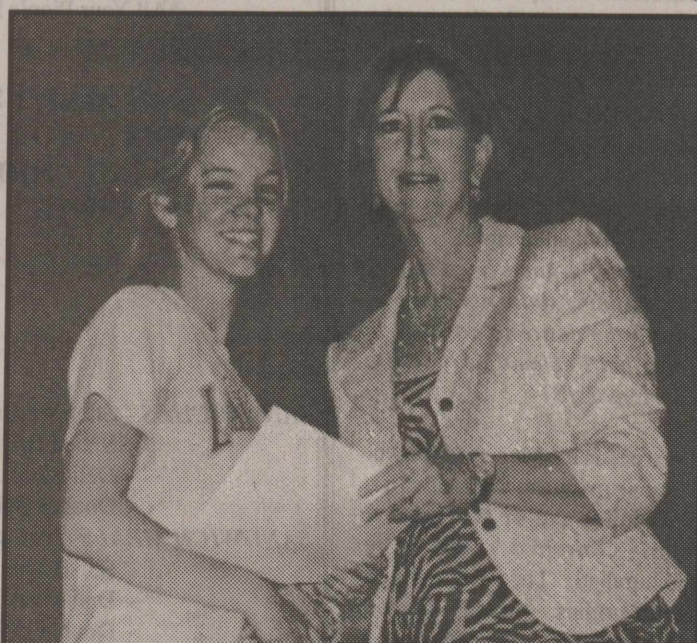
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**SUPER S FOODS** — Melissa Black was presented a \$1000 scholarship by Super S Representative, James Brewer.



**GLEN FLEMING MEMORIAL AWARD** — Amber Parker - \$500 Scholarship - presented by High School Counselor, Debbie Mitchell.

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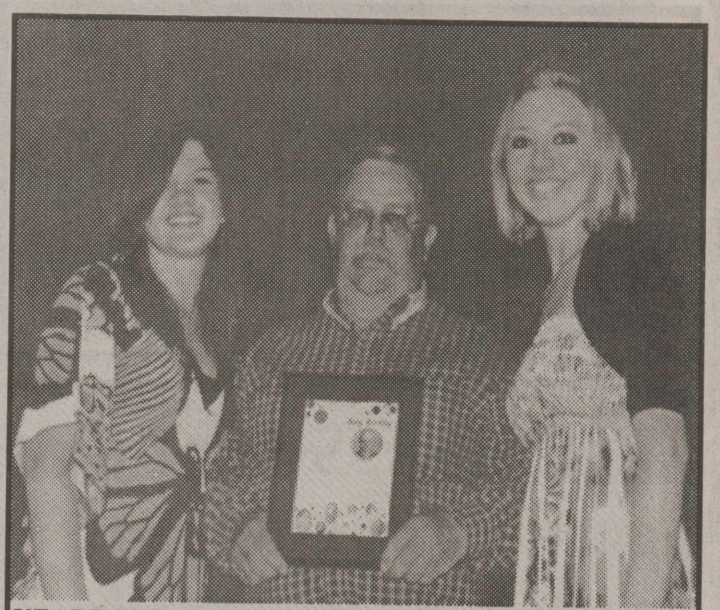
# Awards Presentation



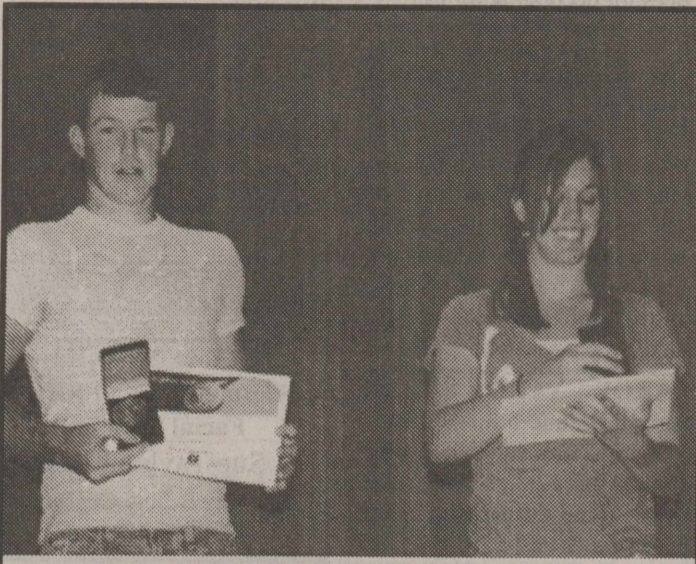
**HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION** — Shera Gary was presented the Horatio Alger Association scholarship of \$20,000 from Debbie Mitchell, high school counselor.



**COCA-COLA TEACHER AWARD** — Shera Gary presented Mr. Gary Webb her former math teacher his award from Coca-Cola. Shera nominated Mr. Webb as a teacher who had influenced her and made an impact on her learning. He received a certificate and a paper weight.



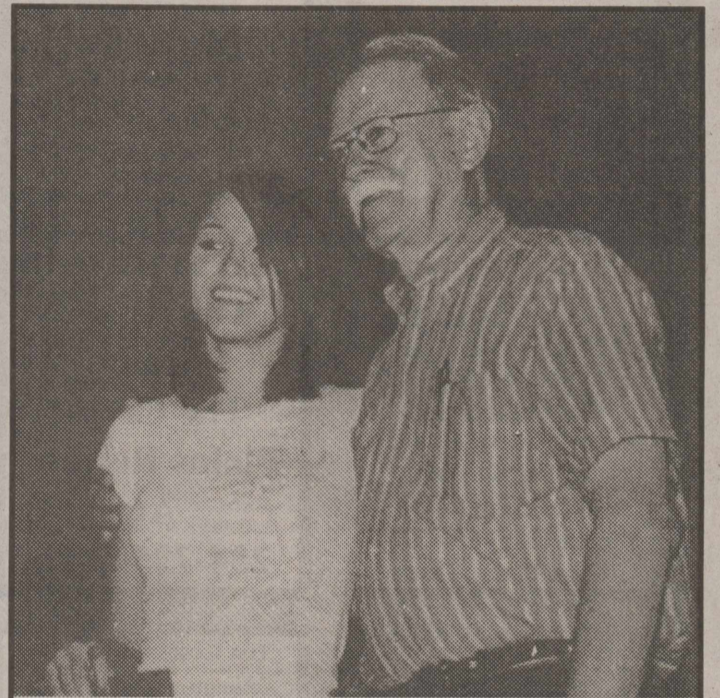
**YEARBOOK DEDICATION** — Shasta Bacon and Emily Foster, high school annual staff representatives, present Mr. Roy Richey with the honor of dedicating this year's yearbook to him.



**NATIONAL SCHOLAR/ATHLETE AWARD** — presented to Jerrad Eisenbach and Emma Bennett by SSG Christopher Mouton (pictured separately).



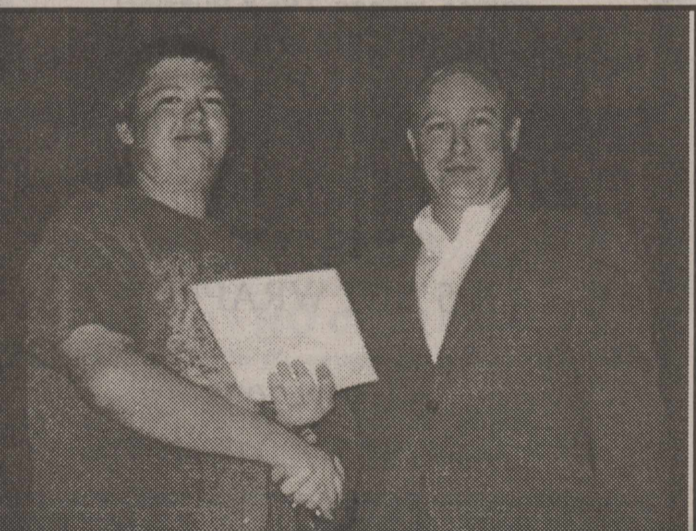
**NATIONAL SCHOLAR/ATHLETE PRESENTER** — Christopher Mouton, from Stephenville.



**KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** — Bob Pipes, President of the local Kiwanis Club presents Samantha Dickson with the Sophomore Scholarship of \$100.00.



**COCA-COLA SCHOLAR** — Shera Gary was presented the Coca-Cola Scholar Scholarship of \$10,000 by high school counselor, Debbie Mitchell.



**ROBERT E. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP** — \$1000 scholarship was presented to Zach Snell by Paul Herman, representative of the Robert E. Howard Foundation.



**KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** — Mr. Don Holland, Lt. Governor of the Division 12 TX-OK District of Kiwanis Intl, presented Samantha Dickson with the Key Club Sophomore of the Year Award.

## Immunization Clinics to be Held in Callahan County

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216 Austin  
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and  
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Sun.,	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Jesus on Trial in 2010
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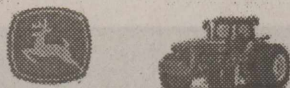


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**Dairy Cows and Alligators** — Tom Browning has spent most of his life in Athens. His daddy had the first dairy there. "We milked thirty cows twice a day," says Tom, "and sold the milk for ten cents a quart, delivered. He went out of business in 1942. When you milk thirty cows twice a day, it's quite a job. We had a Delco light plant back in those days. We had a big boiler to wash the bottles. We did every bit of it: bottled it, delivered it and sold it for ten cents a quart."

The delivery wagon was a popular sight around Athens. "He had a Model T truck first, then graduated up to a Model A. We used that old Model A truck for years. It had the words BROWNING'S JERSEY DAIRY PHONE 152 painted on it. There weren't very many telephones. Every time someone got one, they added that number to it, so we were 152."

Tom grew up going hunting and fishing and it seemed only natural that he have a career as a game warden. He's retired now and

lives beside a private lake just outside of town. Every room of his house is like a museum with all kinds of Indian artifacts, pocketknives, animal skeletons and other memorabilia he collected during the years as a game warden. Each item is carefully displayed in large cases with glass tops. He enjoys showing the articles to visitors and telling them about his adventures. Tom worked all over the state and knows about the flora and fauna of several parts of Texas. He has a keen woods sense and knows when to hunt or fish. He spends a lot of time doing both. Some of the trophies on his wall indicate his deep knowledge of the outdoors. Tom's family loved practical jokes. "I had an uncle that lived at Paducah, Texas and farmed several sections of land. This was back in about the mid-thirties, I think it was. He wrote my daddy a card and wanted him to send a three-foot alligator up to Paducah. Some people out of Dallas had built a big lake down

here called Cogen Creek Club and there's alligators in it. "My daddy got one of the guides down there to catch a three foot alligator. He crated it up and sent it to my uncle, Otis Browning, in Paducah, Texas. My uncle got it and put it in the back of his pickup, which had about three inches of dirt in it. He watered it down a little bit and pulled in at the local cafe. Within about fifteen minutes there must have been fifty people looking at that alligator in the back of his pickup.

"One of the gentlemen there was about 85 years old and had the reputation of always having the last word. If you told about something, he told something that would top it. He looked at that alligator and asked Otis where he got it. My uncle said he plowed it up. And man replied, "when I first come to this country we used to plow them things up coming and going." He wasn't about to be outdone.

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## Oplin Homecoming and Community-wide dinner this Saturday

The Oplin Community Center will be holding its bi-annual Homecoming and Community-wide dinner on Saturday, June 5th. Everyone that has ever lived in Oplin or is now living in Oplin is invited. Come out and meet your neighbors, visit with the old-timers to learn about Oplin's history, visit with our fire department volunteers to see how you can help, or just plan on coming out to enjoy a nice dinner with old and new friends.

The Oplin Community Center volunteers will cook and serve brisket and sausage; everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert to complete our meal. We'll open our doors around

9:00 a.m. just in case you'd like to come early and visit for awhile and lunch will be served around noon (depending on how long our community Master of Ceremony, Doug Campbell, talks).

The Oplin Community Center is located at the intersection of F.M. 604S and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. For further information on the Homecoming or Community-wide Dinner please call Alice Denunzio at 529-4646 or Judy Woodard at 529-3129.

So be sure and mark your calendar for June 5th and come on out for a nice neighborly afternoon.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from May 23, 2010, through May 29, 2010 include:

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings—49  
Complaints—31  
Possession of a Controlled Substance—1  
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# Farm Safety Day June 29th

A Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for children ages 9 to 15 is being planned for Tuesday, June 29th at the Taylor County Expo Center from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The event is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension in Callahan, Coleman, Fisher, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford and Taylor Counties in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. According to Luther Dunlap, coordinator for the event, children often see farm and livestock operations as exciting playgrounds - providing endless hours of fun and adventure. But these facilities and the livestock and equipment on them also can set the stage for tragedy.

Each year, many children are killed or injured on America's farms and ranches. According to Dunlap, "This summer, safety days such as the one being hosted by Texas AgriLife Extension and the Progressive Agriculture Foundation, are being held in many locations across the U.S., Canada, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa to teach rural children how to prevent injuries and reduce the risk of farm incidents." During the safety days, children participate in interactive activities that reinforce the importance of taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends. Hands-on demonstrations teach participants lifesaving first aid techniques and reveal the hidden hazards of farm surroundings. Demonstrations focus on farm hazards, associated with electrical safety, rattlesnake safety,

weathersafety, ATV safety, fire safety, dog and animal safety, drug awareness, bee awareness and passenger safety.

International, state/provincial, and local sponsors of the safety days hope participants will maintain a healthy respect for farm hazards throughout their lives, and that, ultimately, the number of deaths and injuries among rural children will decline. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days are sponsored by Bunge, Agrium, Toyota, The Farm Credit System Foundation, Inc., John Deere, Monsanto, and Pioneer.

The safety day program allows community leaders to structure a safety day that covers basic farm safety issues and first aid, as well as addressing specific local needs. Local farmers, manufacturers, and merchants donate their time and equipment to ensure that each safety day is a fun and valuable learning experience.

Parents can register their children to participate in the safety day by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County at 325-672-6048. Registrations must be received by June 14th. A \$5 registration fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a take-home bag, and a safety day T-shirt.

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## Texas AgriLife Extension Service to Offer Professional Food Manager Certification Training Course

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, 1 in 4 Americans will become sick, 1 in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die due to a foodborne illness.

Under the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) jurisdiction each food establishment is required to have one certified food manager on site.

Many of you have already received a letter from the Texas Department of State Health Services regarding this. Under these new rules, each food establishment permitted by the Texas Department of State Health Services must have one certified food manager. Food manager certificates will be valid for 5 years.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Taylor County, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$110 on July 12th & 19th at Taylor County Extension Office located on the Taylor County Expo Grounds. Cost includes training, materials, and the State food manager certification examination. Registration deadline is June 28th.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals

prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential. The benefits of improved food safety include:

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with health officials
- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness
- By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:
  - identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
  - preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
  - teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
  - complying with government regulations
  - maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
  - controlling pests

Foodborne illnesses can be prevented by following simple food safety practices. For more information about the Professional Food Manager Certification Training course of Texas AgriLife Extension Service, called "Food Safety: It's Our Business," call Martha Alice Spraberry at 325-672-6048 or send an e-mail to mspraberry@tamu.edu.

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

I Just Love This!

Morning Motivation

When I woke up this morning lying in bed, I was asking myself; What are some of the secrets of success in life? I found the answer right there, in my very room.

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The Roof said... Aim High  
The Window said... See the World.

The Clock said... Every minute is precious.  
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The Door said... Push hard for your goals.

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1 medium onion, sliced  
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Parmesan cheese  
salt and pepper to taste.

Stew onions and squash until tender enough to mash well. Add salt, pepper, butter. Layer squash, cracker crumbs, undiluted soup in 1 1/2 quart casserole dish. Bake at 400° until top begins to brown. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over top. Serves 5-6.

Frances Dunman

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# Beta Sigma Phi Summer Status

A big "Thank You" is extended to the community mothers and daughters who attended the BSP Mother's Day Luncheon held this past month at the FUMC and to the Red Hat Alliance of Brownwood for their entertainment.

The entertainment was enjoyed by all and included the modeling of hats by attendees of all ages and provided by the Red Hats ladies.

The audience really got into the spirit when "Elvis" performed, with swooning and screaming, and equally fun were performances by "Shirley Temple", "Tammy Wynette", "Brenda Lee", "Teresa Brewer" (remember her?) and many others. "Minnie Pearl" was the funny and clever mistress of ceremonies.

Centerpieces, prepared by BSP members, were decorative bottles

filled with spicy vinegars. They covered the colorful tables and were given as door prizes, along with other personal gifts donated by members.

A special Silent Auction of three elegant gifts contributed significantly to the fundraising success of the event. Sharon Parr was the chairperson of the luncheon planning committee.

Tiffany Holland, accompanied by her mother, Susan, was a guest of honor as this year's BSP scholarship recipient.

The BSP ladies are taking a summer break after installation of new officers for the coming year. Incoming officers will be President Wanda Merryman, Vice-President Jacque Childress and Jane Holmes, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Hunsaker, Corresponding Secretary Jane

Bonner, Treasurer Lavonne Childress, and Extension Officer Nora Odom.

You are encouraged to be thinking about the Fall Community Wide Sale, which will again be sponsored by BSP and held the first Saturday in October. Plan to participate with a yard/garage sale, and/or ask your organization to have a bake sale, sidewalk sale, car wash or any other creative way to take advantage of the publicity in the surrounding towns.

Beta Sigma Phi's primary mission through these fundraising endeavors is to provide scholarships to local students, as well as fund service projects and donations to other community organizations.

Submitted by Carol Bennett



## The Summer Reading Express

train rolls into town on June 9th at the Cross Plains Public Library! There will be eight exciting weeks every Wednesday of special programming plus Engineer Sue's Little Riders and great Teen and Tween activities.

Sue Bennett will be the Engineer in charge of the Little Riders starting at 1:00 p.m. for ages 3 to 6 years old. The children will be getting a ticket each week to travel to fun places in the world. There will be fun stories and exciting crafts along the way.

Mark Finn, award winning author and creative director of theater, will start the summer train rolling for our special programming at 2:00 p.m. on June 9th. He will be reading and telling stories in his dramatic fun

way.

Over the next few weeks we will have Jeff Salmon from Frontier Texas! presenting a living history program; then Donnel Clark will talk to the children about "Cross Plains Old and New." We will be having a tour of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, as well as a tour of the Ambulance with the Emergency Medical team. The Texas National Guard from Brownwood will be bringing their big machinery again, which was a real treat last summer.

We will be meeting at a special time at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21st because the Southwest Mobile Dairy will be doing our program. They will be bringing live dairy cows and they are more

comfortable in the morning hours.

We will finish up the summer programming on July 28th with a field trip to Pat Gordzelik's place to learn all about ROCKETS! We will be using a school bus for transportation and each child must have a parent's written permission or a parent attending with the child to be able to go. We will leave the library at 2:05 p.m. and return to the library at ?????

The Teens and Tween programs will be at 3 p.m. each week and will be led by Tiffany McCaghren and Tori Robertson. Come join them for creative times!

All aboard... the Reading Express at the Cross Plains Station (Library)!

Submitted by Librarian Linda Burns

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## Callahan County Library News

New large print books at the library are: A River in the Sky by Elizabeth Peters, Silent Killer by Beverly Barton, Angel's Peak by Robyn Carr, Never Love a Lawyer by Jo Goodman and New Moon by Stephenie Meyer. These books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries Grant money. The last of the TexShare Databases are: Vocational and Career Collection™ provides full text coverage for nearly 350 trade and industry related periodicals. World History Collection xxx offers a global look at history and contains cover-to-cover full text for 150 titles. Full text dates back as far as 1964. The majority of full text titles are available in native (searchable) PDF, or scanned-in-color. Searchable cited references are also included in this database. WorldCat (the OCLC online union catalog) is the world's most comprehensive bibliography, with more than 86 million bibliographic records and nearly 1.2 billion holding representing the collections of more than 10,000 libraries. WorldCat is updated daily and is now easier to search than ever. TexShare Databases are provided free to the citizens of Texas by the public libraries of Texas and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Contact your local library for the web address, login and password.

From the Past Callahan County Clarendon March 26, 1881 Vol. 2, No.1

Baird The reporter of this paper on last Tuesday morning took a seat in Mr. Patterson's Hack, bound for the little city of Baird... I sauntered around the depot for a short time, where I could see what was there and

what was going on. I saw lots of freight piled up in the house. The agent appeared to be quite busy at that time. I can say one thing of the agent - he appears to be a perfect gentleman and can give a man a civil reply to a question, which is one qualification most people think a depot agent cannot possess. - Besides being depot agent, he is the agent for the sale of lots in the town. I saw Mr. Joe E. Wright, the forwarding man, was quite busy seeing to loading some freight on wagons. From the depot I sauntered over across the street to the grocery house of Geo. P. Johnson. I found Mr. Johnson quite busy straightening around as he has just set up in business, here. Besides his grocery business, he runs a restaurant, in which line he receives a liberal patronage. He is quite an interesting gentleman and full of business. Before I left here, Mr. W. C. Whitley, of Whitley's Eating House, dropped in. He boasts of a good run of customers and will commence to build a new house about the 25th inst, 18X40 feet and two stories high. Mr. Whitley is quite pleasant when he drops in to see a neighbor, and I judge he is the same at home, from the customers he gets. From here I dropped in at the next door to see what J. F. Hart was doing, but John, as he is familiarly called, was out. I did not call for a drink, but know I would have got something good if I had, as his customers say he keeps that which is good. In one end of the saloon young Mr. Johnson, son of Geo. P., does the barber business for the entire town. (To be continued).

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## The Parade is Coming!

What do antique cars, marching bands, fire trucks, horses and bicycles all have in common? They'll all be in the **Barbarian Festival Parade!** Early Saturday morning on June 12, cars, trucks, bands, dancing groups, firemen will line up at the north side of the CPHS Football Field for the ceremonial march down Main Street to Barbarian Festival!

You can be a part of the parade! Just get out your marching shoes, bicycle, four-wheeler, horse, antique car and come and join in the fun!

I want to ride my \_\_\_\_\_ bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ 4-wheeler in the parade.  
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Send the registration form to Parade c/o Joe Terstegge, 13210 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443 and we'll have you signed up and ready to go. All you'll need to do is start decorating your bicycle or 4-wheeler.

This year's parade may turn out to be the largest ever as many, many area groups and organizations have already signed up to be in the parade. If you know you'll be there, give Cheryl or Joe, the parade chairmen, a call and let them know at 254-725-6876 or 254-725-7281.

Parade line up starts at 8 a.m. June 12; parade begins at 9 a.m.

Kids bicycles and 4-wheelers will be judged for prizes, so use the registration form below to get signed up for those.

# Callahan County's jobless rate falls in March to 6.1%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County fell three-tenths of one percent in March 2010, according to jobless figures released Friday, April 30th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County in February 2010 was 6.4 percent.

Of the 7,275 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,829 were employed during March 2010, and 446 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 6.1%. The county's unemployment rate one year ago in March 2009 was 5.0%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate is one of the lowest rates in the Big Country. Of the counties which border Callahan County, only Shackelford County's unemployment rate of 4.5 percent is lower than Callahan County's 6.1 percent unemployment rate.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 6.4% in February, 2010. Of the 7,270 civilian labor force in the county during February, 6,806 had jobs while 464 or 6.4% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 6.4% in January 2010, 5.8% in December 2009, 5.9% in November, 6.4% in October, 6.3% in September, 6.1% in August, 6.7% in July, 6.7% in June, 5.7% in May, and 4.9% in April, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for March 2010 include: Brown, 7.5%; Coleman, 7.7%; Eastland, 8.1%; Jones, 8.3%; Runnels, 9.3%; Shackelford, 4.5%; Stephens, 7.4%; and Taylor County, 6.2%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 6.4% in March, 2010, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 84,100. There were 78,700 employed during March, 2010, while 5,400 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 6.4%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 83,900 in February, 2010, with total employ-

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Feb.	Mar.
Total Labor Force	7,270	7,275
Total Employed	6,806	6,829
Total Unemployed	464	446

ment of 78,500 in February, while 5,400 were unemployed in February.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for March, 2009 was 5.5%, with the total workforce at 81,600, with 77,100 employed and 4,500 unemployed in March, 2009.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of March, 2010 was 8.2 percent. Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 8.3 percent. The state's unemployment rate in March of 2009 was 7.0 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for March, 2010 was 10.2 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of February, 2010 was 10.4%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in March, 2009 was 9.0%.

### Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of a percentage point to 8.2 percent for March 2010. This estimate was in line with the ten-year-average February-to-March change and was the fourth highest rate recorded for March since 1976. Since March 2009, the unemployment rate increased by 1.2 percentage points. The national unemployment rate was 10.2 percent. Since March 2009, the national unemployment rate increased by the same margin as the state of Texas. Despite having the same level of annual growth, the Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national rate for 33 consecutive months.

The Civilian Labor Force expanded by 30,900 persons for an estimate of 12,123,100. This month's Civilian Labor Force was the highest level recorded since 1976. The ten-year-average February-to-March change was 16,100 individuals. Since March 2009, the Civilian Labor Force expanded by 2.9 percent or 346,200 people.

The number of employed Texans grew by 42,400 for a March 2010 estimate of 11,127,900 workers. The current estimate of employed work-

ers was the highest level for March and the second highest level recorded dating back to 1976. In the past year, Texas added 179,800 people into the ranks of the employed. The number of those seeking employment opportunities declined by 11,500 for an estimate of 995,200 Texans. This was the highest recording for March dating back to 1976. Since March of last year, the number of unemployed increased by 20.1 percent, or 166,400 people.

The number of individuals continuing to file for unemployment insurance benefits decreased by 12,400 for a total of 202,100 claims. In the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), 23 decreased and two increased in the number of those continuing to file for unemployment benefits. The Tyler, the Texarkana and the Longview MSAs experienced the sharpest over-the-month change with -15.3 percent, -14.3 percent and -13.3 percent, respectively.

The March unemployment rate for the MSAs showed 20 MSAs decreased, four remained unchanged and one increased. The Amarillo MSA posted the lowest unemployment rate among the MSAs for three consecutive months at 5.6 percent.

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

**Natura World Establishes U.S. Headquarters**  
WICHITA FALLS, TX (Business Wire)—Natura World Inc., an Ontario, Canada-based manufacturer of sustainable, earth-friendly mattresses, announced it would establish its U.S. headquarters in Wichita Falls. The plant will provide up to 400 jobs for Wichita Falls and its surrounding communities in years to come.

The Wichita Falls Chamber of Commerce and Industry finalized an agreement with the mattress manufacturer, which will acquire a 478,000-square-foot plant and 100 acres of land that will house their U.S. corporate headquarters. "We are excited to welcome this environmentally focused company to Wichita Falls," said Mayor of Wichita Falls Lanham Lyne.

"This project simply would not have happened without the participation of the Texas Enterprise Fund and area leaders all pulling in the same direction," the mayor added.

### Surgical Mask Maker Opens Facility

NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TX (Fort Worth Star-Telegram—Dianna Hunt)—Surgical mask producer Prestige Ameritech returned to its roots with a celebration marking its expansion and resumption of work at a closed facility that relocated jobs to Mexico. The company's newly christened Global Pandemic Preparedness and Response Center is expected to expand to 250 jobs over the coming year, with hopes of eventually restoring the 1,000 jobs lost to Mexico.

Most masks now are made in Mexico and China, but Prestige Ameritech is gradually reclaiming the market. "Prestige Ameritech is taking back America's mask supply," said company vice president Mike Bowen at the reopening ceremony. The company has already expanded from about 80 employees to about 200 in the past year.

### Facebook to Open Sales Facility

AUSTIN, TX (City of Austin)—The Austin City Council approved a \$200,000 economic development incentive proposal for the social networking service, Facebook, to establish a 200-person Austin-based sales and operations facility. "We are delighted to formally announce that Facebook will open an on-line sales and operations office in Austin. The area's world-class educational system and talented workforce give us the means to quickly establish a strong outfit," said Grady Burnett, Director of Global Online Sales and Operations at Facebook. City officials indicate recruitment and hiring by Facebook has already started in the Austin area.

### HUD OKs \$167 Million for Hospital

AUSTIN, TX (Austin Business Journal)—The developers behind a planned eight-story West Austin hospital have been approved for a HUD-backed \$166.9 million loan. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced it would insure the mortgage capital that will be used to build the future Lakeway Regional Medical Center. The agency estimates the 103-bed hospital will create about 2,429 full-time jobs and pump \$450 million into the Lakeway community once fully built. The HUD release said the hospital will include a helipad, parking garage, 23 emergency department beds, and six room operating department.

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## Grand Ole Oplin June Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to announce the band line-up for the month of June, 2010. Muddy Creek will be joining us on June 4th playing all of your favorite country tunes, on June 11th Country Classics will be playing the kind of music that makes you want to get up and dance, on June 18th Jack Rosser will be at the Grand Ole Oplin playing your favorite two-steps and waltzes, and returning on June 25th Muddy Creek will be playing some more of your favorite country tunes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our dances begin each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our dance is \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed.

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## Barbarian Festival Booth Space Still Available

Booth spaces are still available at this year's Barbarian Festival, held Saturday, June 12th, in Cross Plains. You can be part of the festivities and the fun—but only if you hurry.

Booths are available for \$50.00 for 12' X 12' space. You can sell arts and crafts, trinkets and other items, take donations for your organization, bring rides and games, sell food, beverages, snow cones, etc. Come out and join in the fun!

The Barbarian Festival will be held on Saturday, June 12th, on Hwy 206, just north of the Hwy 36 intersection. This year's festival features a parade, arts and crafts booths, games, rides, food, beverages, car show, tractor show, live music, vocal talent contest and lots of family fun!

Sign up now and reserve your place at the Barbarian Festival! Get more information on booth space by calling Diana Miller at 254-725-9418. Get the Vendor Registration form online and all the details online at the Barbarian Festival's website <http://www.barbarianfestival.net>.

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

Submitted by Terri Brown

## Addition to Library Contest Winners

The following names were inadvertently left off the article in last week's newspaper.

Under the 4th grade assignments: the 2nd and 3rd place winner's names were omitted:

2nd Place Creed Goode  
3rd Place Joseph Crockett.

Under the 5th grade assignments: the 3rd place winner was omitted:

3rd Place Grace Goode.

## Tree Management Seminar set for June 8th

Texas AgriLife Extension will hold a Tree Management Seminar June 8th at the Callahan County Extension Office located on the second floor of the Courthouse in Baird. <http://www.childressfarm.com>. Registration will start at 5:30 p.m. and the program will be from 6 to 8 p.m..

The program will be conducted by Melissa Sturdivant, County Extension Agent of Horticulture in Taylor County. Melissa will cover many of the common questions and problems that are associated landscape trees in our area. So, come participate in a afternoon of learning and don't forget to prepare your questions.

For more information call the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.  
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JUNE 6

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Mary Callaway  
John M. Lapata  
Michael Gregory  
Greg Rogers  
Debbie Markham  
Edward Pancake

JUNE 7

Harold Merrill  
Roger Williams  
Mrs. Billy Wright  
Nan Ree (Elliot) Rice  
Ricky Smith  
Sheila Teeters  
Teresa (Potter) Kennedy  
Tonjia (Potter) Kennedy  
Theresa Cheshier  
Camile Newton Glasshoff

JUNE 8

Zula Elliott  
Bobby Johnston  
Donna (Erwin) Ames  
Carlie Bludworth  
Fred Smith  
Rolan Bryan  
Thomas Bryan  
Carl Smith  
Matthew Shane Smith  
Matthew Tyler Reed  
Terrell Shane Smith

JUNE 9

Mrs. O.M. Bailey  
Danev Ratliff  
Rita McKee  
Charles Ray Green  
David Adams  
Celeste Taylor  
Charity Renee-Waggoner  
Bill Steele  
Nancy Childers  
Addison Pearl Lee  
Jordan Bullock

JUNE 10

Charles McCord  
Beth Arnold  
Troy Seals  
Cynthia Smart  
Bill Watson  
Scotty Elliott  
Robert McMillan  
Mrs. H.L. Ford  
Brandi Adams  
Samantha Hutton  
Scott Brame

JUNE 11

Nancy Mayes  
Mrs. Vernon Phillips  
Mrs. Wilburn Weiss  
Jimmy Joy  
Samantha (Bomar) Beaty  
Marie (Havens) Anderson  
Daniel Crockett  
Joby "Scooter" Winfrey  
Robert "Bob" Stubblefield

JUNE 12

Dwayne Lee  
Brandon Kent Smith

JUNE 13

Glenda Carlisle  
Bill Anderson  
Jackie Cantrell  
Johnny Covington  
Robin (Merrill) Parbough  
Cheryl (Merrill) Daniel  
James Weiser  
Russchelle Wise  
Lisa Wheeler  
Bill McCowen  
Tiffany Joy  
Carrie Bowden

## Scranton Homecoming Musical set for Saturday

The Scranton Homecoming Musical is Saturday, June 5th starting at 1:00 p.m. The musical follows homecoming activities.

The kitchen will be having their one fund raiser for the year. All proceeds are used to operate and improve the community center. There will be bar-b-que with all the trimmings. Adult dinners will be \$7.00. There will be some sandwiches and homemade pies available.

All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group. Mark Ray will be the emcee. Come join the fun and support the community center so that we may continue to serve the community of Scranton.

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**HOUSTON VISITORS TOUR HOWARD MUSEUM** — Taking advantage of a long weekend, Diana Heritage and Tom Hopwood, of Houston, took dead aim on Cross Plains and the Robert E. Howard Museum. Diana is a psychoanalyst in private practice and in preparation for presenting a paper to the Houston and Galveston Analytical Association, she was doing research on the environment where Howard had grown up. Tom is an Executive Coach, who specializes in helping large energy corporations around the world develop the most effective leadership possible. They were last seen enjoying an early lunch at Mexico City before ambling through Rising Star on their leisurely journey back to Houston.

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