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## Steve Odom appointed temporary Clyde JP

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court appointed Baird Justice of the Peace Steve Odom as the temporary Justice of the Peace for Clyde following the recent death of Clyde JP Roy Chapman.

The commissioners' court took the action Thursday, January 2nd during the commissioners' court regular meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Chapman, the Justice of the Peace for Precinct #1 (Clyde) passed away Friday, December 27th at an Abilene hospital following a brief illness.

Steve Odom, who is the Justice of the Peace for Precinct #3 (Baird) was appointed as the temporary JP for Precinct #1 by County Judge Roger Corn until the outcome of the upcoming March Republican Primary.

Two men, including Sheriff's Deputy Alan Tom Rumfield, 57, and retired Clyde Police Chief Jerome Chaney, 64, will be seeking the Clyde JP's office in the March 4, 2013 Republican Primary Election.

Odom stated he had been filling in off and on for Judge Chapman from May until December of last year, while Chapman had been out of the office. Odom said he'll spend some time every day at the Clyde JP Court taking care of the court's docket.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court approved a motion with a 3-0 vote to appoint Odom as the temporary Justice of the Peace for Precinct #1.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to or-

der at 1:36 p.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to retain Allison, Bass & Associates, LLP, of Austin to assist the County with the development of one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zones (CETRZ), pursuant to 222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which carried with a 3-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to ratify the publication of a Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the County to advertise a public meeting to be held on the topic of a possible creation of one or more CETRZ (County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone) in Callahan County. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to schedule a meeting of the commissioners' court on Thursday, January 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Baird, with the first item of business including conducting a public hearing to receive public comment on the formation of one or more CETRZ zones in Callahan County. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 1:52 p.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion passed with an unanimous 3-0 vote.

## Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes ranked tenth in Class A Division II

The Cross Plains High School Lady Buffaloes basketball team is ranked twentieth in the state of Texas in Class A Division II, according to the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association basketball poll.

The TGCA poll, released Monday, January 6th includes:

- Class 1A Division 2
- 1. Roscoe Highland (17-0)
- 2. Frost (14-2)
- 3. Follett (12-1)
- 4. Calvert (11-1)
- 5. Morgan (10-2)
- 6. Buckholts (15-4)
- 7. Eula (17-4)
- 8. Nazareth (13-3)
- 9. London (14-2)
- 10. Cross Plains (10-4)
- 11. Evant (9-2)
- 12. Moulton (12-3)
- 13. Walnut Springs (12-5)
- 14. Miami (13-3)
- 15. Gorman (12-4)
- 16. Leakey (11-3)
- 17. Evant (10-3)
- 18. Leggett (12-4)
- 19. Goodrich (12-4)
- 20. Hermleigh (10-4)
- 21. Strawn (14-5)
- 22. Cotton Center (12-4)
- 23. Saint Jo (13-6)
- 24. Paducah (12-7)
- 25. Lipan

## Services Held For Kenneth Sowell of Cross Plains

Charles Kenneth Sowell, age 68, passed from this world on December 30, 2013 in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Kathy Monroe officiating assisted by Wayne Lenz; burial followed in the Burkett Cemetery.

Kenneth was born in Brownwood the oldest son of Geneva and Charlie Sowell. He grew up in Cross Cut and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1964. He attended Tarleton State University for two years. Kenneth was a multi-talented worker, he worked in the oil fields, trucking, construction, and farming and ranching.

Kenneth is survived by his wife of 40 years Margie Young Sowell of Cross Plains; two brothers, Stuart Sowell of Cross Plains and Richard Sowell and wife Klynn of Eula; nieces Amanda Sowell, Malysa Sowell, Alana Young; nephews Matthew Sowell and Deane Young.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

## Cottonwood Country Musical

After taking time out for the holidays, the Cottonwood Country Musical is scheduled for Friday, January 24, 2014.

An enjoyable night is expected with the usual musicians from the surrounding areas.

Serving begins in the kitchen at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m. Watch your papers for more details.

Submitted by: Cookie Robinson

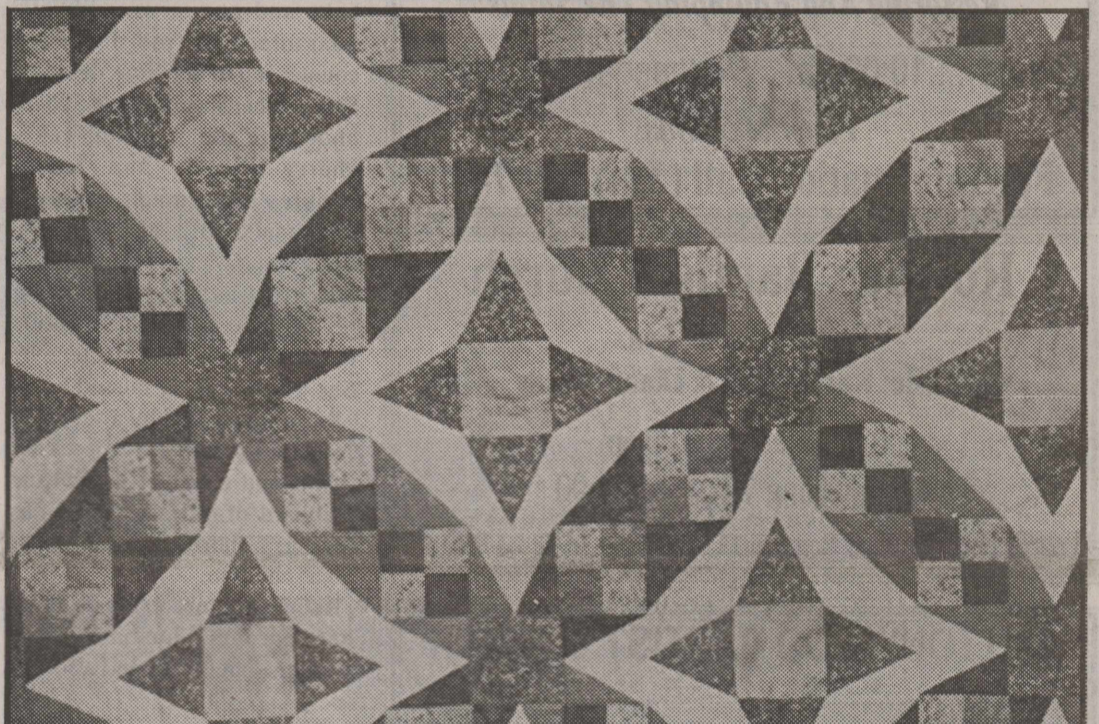
## CROSS PLAINS VFD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will host their annual Chili Feed this Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

The proceeds will go toward the newly purchased Ford 550 Fast Attack truck.

Cross Plains VFD received a \$18,000 grant from the Texas Forestry Service. CPVFD will still have to pay \$60,000 out of department money.

CPVFD has purchased 18 lots from Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, dirt work and a new 70 ft. X 120 ft. metal building has been purchased. We are hoping to pour a concrete slab in about 2 weeks.



**Starry Skies** — A sky full of blue stars waiting to be wished upon, the beautiful "Starry Skies" quilt in shades of blue and white hand pieced and quilted by the Cottonwood Quilting Club and available in the Rehab Auction. The quilt is a double 78" X 86". It is item number 900 at rehabauction.org. The auction ends on January 18th.

## 2014 Baird Jr. Livestock Show this Saturday

Danny Vestal, Baird Agriculture Instructor, would like to invite everyone out for the upcoming Baird Jr. Livestock Show. The 2014 Baird Jr. Livestock Show will be held at the Callahan County Show Barn in Cross Plains on Saturday, January 11th. Judging starts at 9:00 a.m. with weigh-in starting at 8:00 a.m. for all animals.

The sponsors for the Baird Jr. Livestock Show are as follows: Champion Belt Buckles are sponsored by: Marian Windham/Richard Windham & Sons - Rabbits & Poultry; Jeff & Cindy Clark - Meat Goats; Jarod & Jennifer Bellar - Market Lambs; Karen Johnston with Texas Farm Bureau - Market Swine; Doug

Johnston with Snap on Tools - Beef Cattle; 7-Elliott Angus Ranch - Breeding Heifer. Showmanship Plaques are sponsored by Tom and Jan Windham. The First Bank Texas - Baird are sponsoring the Ribbons and Rosette.

The students have worked with their animals for several months in preparation for the upcoming stock show season. The Baird Local Show is an opportunity to prepare for the County Show as well as the major shows across Texas. There will be a concession stand during the show and all proceeds go to help with the premium sale at the County Show.

Please come to the show and support the youth of Baird ISD.

## FISH FRY FUNDRAISER

### Set for January 17th

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their 6th Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, January 17th at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. Dinner will be served from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., and take outs are available.

Onion rings were such a hit at last year's Fish Fry that they are back on the menu this year—along with fried catfish (or chicken), French fries, beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies, iced tea and dessert—all for \$7.00.

The meal will be cooked by Cottonwood's firefighters.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the maintenance and repair of the firetrucks and to purchase insurance and gasoline for the trucks. Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control is supported solely by donations. It is with your help that the trucks keep running.

Tickets for the Pressure Washer will be available at the dinner and the drawing will be held later in the evening. Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control 25th Anniversary books will be available. The books are \$15.00 each.

## Community Blood Drive Scheduled on January 14

A community blood drive will take place in Cross Plains on Tuesday, January 14. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be at the First Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Meek Blood Center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at sixteen area hospitals.

"The Cross Plains community

contributed seventy two pints of lifesaving blood in 2013", said Frances Baker, donor recruiter for Meek Blood Center. "I would like to thank the donors in this community on behalf of those who were the grateful recipients of their generosity."

Changes have been made to streamline the screening process

and some previous restrictions regarding medical conditions and medications have been lifted. Those who have eligibility questions can speak with the Meek Blood Center supervisor at 325-670-2880.

Each donor will receive a tote bag and a complimentary total cholesterol test.

## Rural America and the Medicaid Gap

By John Crabtree, johnc@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

A recently released Center for Rural Affairs report (<http://files.cfra.org/pdf/medicaid-expansion-a-rural-issue.pdf>) examines differences between rural and urban states regarding the decision of whether they would expand their Medicaid program as provided in the Affordable Care Act.

The healthcare law extends Medicaid eligibility to nearly everyone under age 65, earning up to 138 percent of the 2013 federal poverty income level - \$15,856, or \$32,499 for a family of four. As a result of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on June 28, 2012, however, each state has the option of whether or not to expand. So far, 25 states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid with 25 states declining or delaying.

Whatever the reasons, rural states appear less likely to expand Medicaid, leaving nearly 1.8 million rural Americans in a "coverage gap," earning too

much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough for premium subsidies through health insurance marketplaces. This represents about four percent of the total rural and small town population in the 24 non-expansion states for which data is available, comparable to the number of people nationally informed their policies from the individual health insurance market were not compliant with the healthcare law. In non-expansion states, rural health care provider networks will be stretched, possibly to the breaking point. Small towns may be left without crucial pieces of healthcare infrastructure, rural residents may be left without institutions to attend to their healthcare needs, and rural communities may be denied jobs and economic activity.

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Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

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**Al Taylor, Preacher**  
Phone: 254-725-7522  
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

### Pioneer Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Dwaine Clowers  
**Music Director:** Barbara Jo Medley  
Sunday School.....10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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**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  
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM  
**Thomas Estes, Pastor**  
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Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

## First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM  
Music- Connie Swift  
Lead Singers: 4His Glory  
**Pastor Kathy Monroe**  
208 N. Ave. D

## CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443  
**Minister: RICK AUSTIN**  
**SUNDAY:**  
Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.  
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.  
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.  
Ladies Class - Wednesday:  
10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)  
Office: (254-725-6117)  
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

# Obituaries



**Ruby Jones**

Ruby Mae Jones, 92, of Cross Plains, passed away on December 29, 2013. Funeral services were held at 2pm at Higginbotham's Funeral Home in Cross Plains with Charles Chessier officiating. Burial followed at Burkett Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham's Funeral Home. Ruby Jones was born on August 19, 1921, at home in Coleman County to Leonard and Mary (Hounshell) Jennings. She graduated from Cross Cut High School in 1939. Ruby married Bob Jones on August 10, 1939. They were blessed with two sons, Leonard and Ron. They were married for 40 years prior to his death on Feb. 11, 1979.

Ruby was a member of the Church of Christ in Cross Plains. She enjoyed playing canasta, forty-two, and traveling to bluegrass festivals. She loved to bake and guests were always guaranteed to find a kitchen counter full of delicious desserts. Some of her specialties included, chocolate pie, coconut cake, cherry crunch, and lemon cookies. She made the best homemade rolls and biscuits. Ruby always had a beautiful yard full of flowers and award winning pecans. She always had a smile on her face and a big hug to give. She will be greatly missed.

Ruby is survived by a son, Ron Jones and wife Kay of Cross Plains and daughter-in-law Sue Hubbard of Odessa. Ruby has five grandchildren and eight great-children.

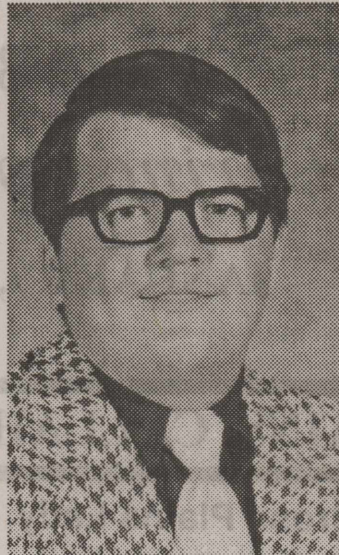
Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers, one sister, and a son.

### Southern Baptist Convention of Texas Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Seminary Extension Course

This fall we will be studying Disciplines of Discipleship, a 2 hour course using Fruitful Discipleship by W. Edward Thiele. We will be meeting in Breckenridge Thursday evenings.

If your church has interest in joining our study in the winter months (January 23rd-May 15th) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone, 254-725-7749. This is a Cross Plains number. Again we appreciate the opportunity to serve this association. Thanks Cross Timbers for your support throughout the years.

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**ROY STEPHEN PETTY**

### Roy Stephen Petty

Roy Stephen Petty, age 57, of Baird, Texas, passed away January 4, 2014, at his home. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at the Pioneer Revival Center in Cross Plains, Texas. The family chose cremation and arrangements were handled by Parker Funeral Home of Baird. Remains will be interred in the Columbarium at Ross Cemetery in Baird at a later date.

Steve was born in Gorman, Texas on August 15, 1956, to Edward and Dorothy Coppinger Petty. He lived in Cross Plains most of his life where he graduated from Cross Plains High School and then worked at Aileen's in Abilene, Lakeway Grocery, and Cross Plains Discount Center. Steve moved to Austin for 13 years where he was an independent cab driver before his health forced him to retire. He moved to Baird 7 years ago. He was a life-long Methodist.

Steve loved his extended family and their noisy get-togethers. He was a devoted movie buff and kept his many nieces and nephews supplied with hundreds of DVD's. There was no bigger Dallas Cowboy or Texas Ranger fan to be found, and he never missed watching a game.

Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Petty of Baird, 3 sisters, Marcia Voigts and Dianne Gunter, both of Baird, and Paula Kelley and husband Mike of McEwen, Tennessee; 6 nieces, Lori Higgins of Baird, Allison Voigts of Ft. Collins, CO, Kellie Maxwell and husband Shannon of Searcy, AR, Ginger Thoni and husband David of Richmond, VA, Michelle Shields of Cross Plains, and Kaci Bennett and husband Michael, also of Cross Plains; 2 nephews, Bobby Voigts of San Antonio, TX, and Eddie Neal Gunter and wife Tracee of Baird; 11 great-nieces and nephews; and 3 great-great-nieces and nephews.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, his sister, Doreen Shields, and his grandparents, EK and Alice Coppinger and Ed and Pearl Petty.

**Parker Funeral Home**  
Baird, Texas  
141 E. 3rd St.  
Baird, TX 79504  
(325) 854-1333

### LOVE FUND

A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

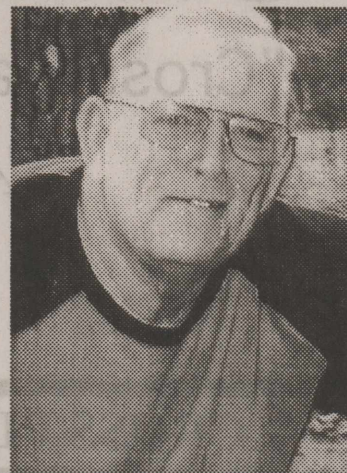
## First United Methodist Church

**Kevin Morton, Pastor**

Office 725-7377 Parsonage 325-624-5634  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

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**LLOYD PURVIS**

### Lloyd Purvis

Lloyd Purvis, 69, of Lubbock, formerly of Abilene, passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2013. A Memorial Service is scheduled at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 in North's Memorial Chapel, 242 Orange St. with Dr. Michael Harbour officiating. Burial will be in Ryan Chapel in Diboll, Texas at a later date.

Lloyd was born March 24, 1944 in Eastland, Texas to John M. and Bobbie Nell (Brashear) Purvis, Jr. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1962. While at Abilene High he served as treasurer of FFA and was a member of the Livestock Judging Team and won numerous awards. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Abilene Christian University in 1969. Lloyd and his family settled in Lufkin, Texas in 1971, where he worked for the United States Department of Agriculture. He received many letters of commendation. He was an avid fisherman and a member of the Lufkin Bass Club. He loved spending time with his family and friends. Lloyd had an outgoing personality and never met a stranger. He was a member of the Church of Christ. After retiring in 2000, he reconnected with his high school sweetheart, April Austin and they married in 2008 where they resided in Lubbock, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents; one son, Timothy Blaine Purvis; son-in-law James Altamari and several nephews.

He is survived by his wife April Purvis. One daughter, Kim Altamari. One son, James Michael and wife Darla Purvis. Step-daughter, Traci Butler. Grandchildren, Matthew Altamari, Paige Purvis, Cody Purvis and Annalisse Butler. One great-granddaughter Kylie Purvis. Sisters: Johnelle Hicks and husband Victor, Joretta Watts and husband Albert, Jackie Hoyt and husband Roy, Debbie Diggs and husband Joe; one brother, Donald Purvis and several nieces and nephews.

Lloyd was the grandson of the late Robert Obara Brashear of Cross Plains.

Online condolences can be made at [www.northsfuneral-home.com](http://www.northsfuneral-home.com).

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## First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School 9:30

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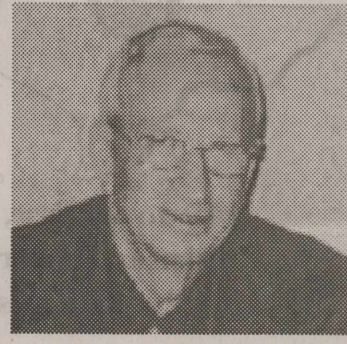
6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

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**Billy "Bill" Freeman**

Billy "Bill" Freeman, age 79, of Euless, passed away Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the Heartland Manor Care Nursing Home in North Richland Hills, TX. Memorial service was held at 9:00 a.m. at the Airport Freeway Church of Christ on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in Euless with Larry Nunley officiating.

Graveside services were held at 3:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains following visitation at 2:30 p.m.

He was born October 9, 1934 to Cecil and Fannie (Flippin) Freeman in Pioneer (Eastland County), Texas. He graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1953. Bill worked in banking, insurance, and real estate. Bill married Billie Crawford in Brownwood in 1961. He lived in San Angelo and Bryson before making his home in Euless. He was a member of the Airport Freeway Church of Christ. Bill had a passion for learning new things, working hard and spending time with his grandkids.

Survivors include his wife Billie Freeman of Euless; son Kerry and Cathy Freeman of Burleson; daughters, Kayla and John Fazekas of Arlington, Kami and John Todd Cornett of Amarillo; brother, Bob Freeman of Coleman; sisters, Maxine Poindexter of Lawn and Viola Hudson of Fort Worth; five grandchildren, Ellie, Brock, and Grant Cornett and Jacob and Janna Fazekas.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Higginbotham Funeral Home  
PO Box 9  
Cross Plains, TX 76443  
Phone: (254) 725-6153

## Love Fund

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

# Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

You have got to see the beautiful blue star quilt that the Cottonwood Quilting Club made and donated for the West Texas Rehab Auction! It has blue stars on a bed of white surrounded by varying shades of blue. Go to [rehabauction.org](http://rehabauction.org) and look under quilts for item number 900 to see a full color photo and place a bid. The quilt is a double 78" X 86". Great job quilters! The auction ends on January 18, 2014.

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Sowell in the loss of their loved one. Kenneth passed away on December 30th. Our prayers go out to his wife, Margie and brother Stuart Sowell of Cottonwood and his brother Richard and wife Kynn of Abilene and to the rest of the family.

We also want to send our sympathy to the family of Bewell Neff on his passing.

Steve Petty of Baird passed away on Saturday. He was the son of Dorothy Coppinger Petty of Baird and an uncle to Kaci Bennett. Steve was well-known in Cottonwood during his high school days. He graduated with the Class of 1975. Our prayers go out to Dorothy and the family.

The Fish Fry is coming up soon--on Friday, January 17th at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. This is the 6th year for the Cottonwood volunteer Fire Control Group to hold a fish fry. On the menu--Fried Catfish or chicken, onion rings, french fries, hushpuppies, beans and coleslaw, along with iced tea and dessert. All for only \$7. To go dinners are available. Serving begins at 5 p.m. and lasts until about 7 p.m. Come and have a great dinner and visit with your

friends and neighbors and local firefighters and their families.

The proceeds from the Fish Fry go toward the repair and maintenance of the firetrucks and keep the trucks filled with gas and running and ready for service when needed. The Fire Control Group is supported by donations and fundraisers only.

The date of the Fish Fry, January 17th, coincides with the Callahan County Livestock Show, in which many local kids participate in. If you're out at the stock show, be sure to stop by the Fish Fry for dinner.

Those visiting with Billie Kelly and Keith over holidays were Brian Kelly and Marvin Morris of Abilene, Dennis and Kathy Kelly of Brownwood, Jimmy Kelly of Cross Plains and Rebecca Whitescotton.

Fred and Mary St. Peter had Christmas Day lunch with their son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Chris St. Peter where their daughter-in-law works, at the Heritage Nursing Home in Cisco.

Chris' mother, Delorice Mark joined them for lunch.

Family members visiting in the homes of Dena Nickerson and Bill and Annette Nickerson over the holidays were Dena Jo and Curtis Hines, Jeffrey and Trina Hines and family, all of Hamby, Kelly Dobson and Jadon of Abilene, Jeremy Franke and Whitney Windham and Jewel of Abilene. Connie Potter, Gerald and Ricky Jo Brown and boys, Portious and Kara Potter and children, Kevin and Jessica Nickerson and families, Willie and Jenny Nickerson and family--all of Cross Plains, Mary Jo and Joseph Pennington and children of South Lake and Mary Ella Weaver of Cottonwood.

Over the Christmas holiday, family members visiting in the home of Carlile and Summer Albrecht were Charlotte and Alton Haston and family of Jacksboro, Emma Sue Albrecht and Mara of Jacksboro, Ed and Sharon Albrecht of Boerne, Andrew and Zephora Albrecht and Avery of Lake Worth, Gayla and Lee Creamer and Barbara and Donnie Worley -- all of Cottonwood. Cole Haston, U.S. Navy, stationed in San Diego, California, son of Charlotte and Alton Haston of Jacksboro, was here for Christmas. This is the first time he has been home for Christmas in the five years since he joined the military.

Forest and Jessica Creamer, Tyler, Parker and Alec of Bay City spent Christmas Day with his parents, Gayla and Lee Creamer and Nathan. Victoria Creamer was here on holiday break from Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Teri and Gilbert came out and had New Year's Day dinner with Beverly Brown. We enjoyed pork roast, black eyed peas and sauerkraut around a small table in the basement.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control sent two trucks out to a fire off of FM 880, north of Cottonwood last Friday. Please be careful if you burn and stay with your fire until the last embers are out.

Remember, the burn ban is still off. Please exercise caution if you plan to burn. Let the Sheriff's Office and your local fire chief know before you light the match. Here in Cottonwood, call Fire Chief, Joe Terstegge at 254-725-7281, and the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Library Hours

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

December 23-31, 2013

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Books Checked	62
Programs	0
Copies	24
Internet	18
WiFi	1
Interlibrary Loans	2
Reference	8

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## Senior Citizens Center Activities

January 13-17

**Monday, 13th** - Exercise 11:00  
**Tuesday, 14th** - Flu Shots 10:00/Manicures 10:00  
Guardian Home Health  
**Wednesday, 15th** - Exercise 11:00/*Foot Care*  
sponsored *Girling Home Health/Bingo* 11:15  
**Thursday, 16th** - Exercise 11:00/*Gospel Concert*  
FBC 7:00  
**Friday, 17th** - Exercise 11:00

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

January 13-17

<b>Monday</b> - Hamburger Steak/ gravy/Potatoes/Carrots/Bread/ Dessert/Drink	<b>Thursday</b> - King Ranch Chicken/Let/Tom Salad/Corn/ Bread/Dessert/Drink
<b>Tuesday</b> -Steak Fingers w/ gravy/Potatoes/Peas and Carrots/ Bread/Dessert/Drink	<b>FRIDAY</b> - Chili Dogs/ (onions, cheese)/Oven Fries/ Jello/Cookies/Drink
<b>Wednesday</b> - Ta <sup>o</sup> Salad/ Spanish Rice/Pinto Beans/ Chips/Birthday Cake/Drink	<b>MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M</b>

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## Cross Plains American Legion Post #423 Welcomes New Members

The Cross Plains American Legion Post #423 has experienced a recent growth in membership and would like to encourage all local and area Veterans to join their organization. The group meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on N.E. 1st Street and Beech Street in Cross Plains. Wives of veterans are welcome to attend and a meal is served at each meeting. All veterans are cordially invited to attend.

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## 27TH ANNUAL "TET" REUNION HONORING "ALL VETERANS"

There will be a "TET" Reunion honoring all veterans on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in the Display Building located in Abilene, Texas at 12:00 (noon).

There will be food, drinks, displays, and a USO Show.

All veterans and their families are welcome to attend. Bring "In Country" Memorabilia.

For more information call: 325-690-0750, 325-672-4003, or 325-676-2291.

Please mark your calendars and attend.

## Guardian Home Health to Give Flu Shots at Senior Citizens January 14th

Guardian Home Health will be giving Flu shots to persons 55 and older on January 14th from 10 a.m. to 2p.m., at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

# BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL PRE-DISTRICT UPDATE



The Cross Plains Buffaloes have been playing the round ball for right at 2 months. They concluded pre-district play on Friday, January 3rd as they made the long trip to Westbrook, which gave them a 6-8 record going into district Tuesday versus the May Tigers. The Buffaloes opened their season with a big win over the Roby Lions, 63-35. Senior guard, Colton McWilliams led all scorers with 17 points, senior forwards, Cutter Halsel and Justin Willis added 16 and 12 respectively. Willis was big on the boards grabbing 14 rebounds. Cross Plains then made the tough trip to #20 Eula as they lost to the Pirates 71-47. The Buffaloes were led by freshman guard, Holden Senclair with 16 points. He canned two threes on the evening. Halsel led all rebounders with 10.

Cross Plains hosted 2A Comanche right before the Thanksgiving Break. The Indians were a solid ball club and were too much for the Buffaloes as the Buffaloes fell 59-33. Halsel led the Buffaloes in scoring with 10, Justin Willis had 6 rebounds to lead in that category; he also stepped up and took 3 charges.

Next up after the break was the Zephyr Bulldogs as they came to Cross Plains Gymnasium. The Bulldogs stole one as they went home with a 34-25 win. The Buffaloes failed to put the ball in the basket and shot terrible from the charity stripe. Halsel had 12 points to lead all scorers on the evening. Junior guard, Korbin McLean had 4 steals to lead the Buffaloes. The Buffaloes tried to

battle the winter front that hit in early December as they traveled to the Lipan Tournament, they were only able to get one game in before it was cancelled. They got lucky and drew the #1 in Class 1A Division II, Texline, who features one of the top 1A players in the state in junior guard, Aaron Gutierrez. He put up 38 on the Buffaloes. Josh Branch would not be timid, as he scored 10 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in just his second game back from injury. In the Zephyr Tournament, the Buffaloes played De Leon in the first round, they lost the heartbreaker, 46-43, as a 3 point desperation shot to send it to overtime was just off the mark. Halsel had a game high 24 points, Holden Senclair chipped in with 9. Branch was a monster on the board with 17 rebounds.

Cross Plains defeated Sidney 53-37, and Veribest in the Consolation Game to bring home the hardware by the score of 56-24. Josh Branch had a double-double with 21 points and 17 rebounds. Cutter Halsel was named to the All-Tournament Team for his efforts. He averaged 14 points and 11 rebounds through the three games. Before the Christmas Break, the Buffaloes traveled to De Leon for a rematch, but were unable to get the win as they fell 59-39.

After the brake, the Buffaloes traveled to the Anson Christmas Classic and went 1-2 overall.

They lost to Seymour in the opener by the score of 54-41, after being down just 20-19 at half. Halsel and Senclair netted 12 each.

In their second round matchup the Buffaloes took on Bronte, they lost in a defensive nail-biter 36-35 to set up the last game of the tournament against 2A Merkel.

The Buffaloes played arguably their best game of the year, limiting turnovers and passing the ball very well in 48-34 win. Halsel went for 22 points, as senior guard Tristen Stephenson and Justin Willis chipped in 6 each. Tyler Henderson was the man behind the scenes dishing out 4 assist and nabbing 6 steals. Halsel once against earned All-Tournament Honors averaging 14 points per game and 6 rebounds.

As the Buffaloes traveled to Lohn, senior forward, Josh Branch had a huge game with 25 points (season high) and 17 rebounds to lead the Buffaloes over Lohn, 67-31. It was Cross Plains highest scoring outing of the season. Cutter Halsel had 6, junior Korbin McLean had 4, Tristen Stephenson with 3, Wesley Carver with 4, Rylan Laminach 4, Holden Senclair with 6, and Justin Willis finished it up with 4 points.

In the final pre-district game against Westbrook, Halsel led all scorers with 17, followed by Stephenson's 13. It was a good matchup to conclude pre-district and get ready for May.

By the time this article has gone to print, they will have faced May and be preparing to host Panther Creek Friday, 8:00 in Cross Plains. JV game will be at 5:00.

The Buffaloes are ready for a district run, and look forward to the community coming out to support.

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Cross Plains  
School Menu  
January 13-17

### BREAKFAST

**Monday**-Sausage Kolache, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fruit or Juice, Milk

**Tuesday** - Cheddar Omelet Wrap, Fruit or Juice, Milk

**WEDNESDAY**- Breakfast Pizza, Fruit or Juice, Milk

**THURSDAY** - Waffles, Sausage, Fruit or Juice, Milk

**Friday**-STOCK SHOW

### LUNCH

**Monday** -Chicken Fajitas w/ pepper & onion garnish, Charro Beans, Seasoned Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Milk

**TUESDAY**- Country Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup, Milk

**WEDNESDAY**- Beef & Cheese Chalupas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Rosy-Applesauce, Milk

**THURSDAY**- Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick, Milk

**FRIDAY**- STOCK SHOW

## Callahan County Riding Club End of Year Banquet

The Callahan County Riding Club met for their annual banquet on Saturday, December 14th. Trophies were given to the following for high point person in each age category.

Lead Line: Haylie Salcido  
6 & Under: Ryli Hollis  
7 to 9: John Galinak  
10 to 11: Devyn Speer  
12 to 13: Mika Davis  
14 to 17: Jayme Tension  
18 & Over: Tracy Davis  
Overall high point person for the year was Mika Davis and she was presented with a saddle.

New officers were voted on and the new officers are:  
President: Paul Kinslow  
Vice-President: Teri Hollis  
Secretary Treasurer: Diana Wasson

Arena Director: Ronald Perkins  
Concessions Director: Mike Kinslow

Announcer: Monte Sheppard  
A big thank you goes out to sponsors and businesses that donated door prizes for the banquet. Thank you to Acco Feeds, Clyde Farm and Ranch, Cowboy Bling, Cowboy Way, Jackson Brothers Feed, Jessi Speer, and Wasson's Dozer Work.

Submitted by:  
JerryWarren CEA Ag

## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

Kristalinda Hook, motion to withdraw as surety.

Misdemeanor Filings

Marriage Licenses

Tony Winfrey, criminal trespass.

Lane H. Simpson, driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

Melinda K. Kevil, DWI.

Mark A. Lujan, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Shane Lee Hailey, assault causing bodily injury, family violence.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Sergio Puga, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Justin L. Clark, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Oscar B. Salmeron, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Travis C. Ashcraft, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Christy A. McDonald, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Gregory Matthew Bishop and Rachel Marie Day, both of Baird.

Michael Wayne Johnson of Clyde and Rebekah Chelle Hawkins of Cisco.

Robert Jonathan Little and Maria Moncerrat Dominguez, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding  
Civil Minutes

Cristal Mauldin and Kenneth Mauldin, divorce granted.

Courtney Fortune and Jason Fortune, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Derrell W. Gibson, judgment revoking probation.

Cyle K. Griffin, judgment revoking probation.

Steven R. Murray, judgment revoking probation.  
Kennedy C. Lim, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 3 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$354 court costs.

## SHERIFF'S CORNER

By Sheriff Terry Joy

A "thank you" from the Sheriff's Department to all of the people who were involved in the search for Ruby McCord Lester. It is heartwarming to see the care, concern and dedication the folks of Callahan County show for one another.

Mrs. Lester was reported missing on Christmas Day. Within fifteen minutes friends, neighbors, and organizations were assembled to begin the search for Mrs. Lester. What a blessing to see all of the people working together! The search continued until late night on Christmas Day; and, searchers reorganized very early on December 26th. The morning was very cold; how-

ever, searchers were dedicated and determined.

A special thank you to the Sheriff's Department deputies, Clyde Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Baird Marshal's Office, Texas Department of Criminal Justice and their dogs, Parks and Wildlife Department, local fire departments, Dustin Johnson of Cedar Ridge Aerial Services, friends, neighbors and other volunteers.

We are so fortunate to live in a county where citizens are so caring and respectful of others. When tragedy strikes and/or emergencies arise, people come forth to offer support and assistance.

Thank you Callahan County!

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## Early Dismissal for Livestock Show

\*Thursday, January 16, 2014— Early out at 1:00 P.M.

Buses will run at 1:10 P.M.

\*Friday, January 17, 2014— Student and Staff Holiday for the Callahan County Livestock Show.

\*Classes will resume on Monday, January 20th at regular time.



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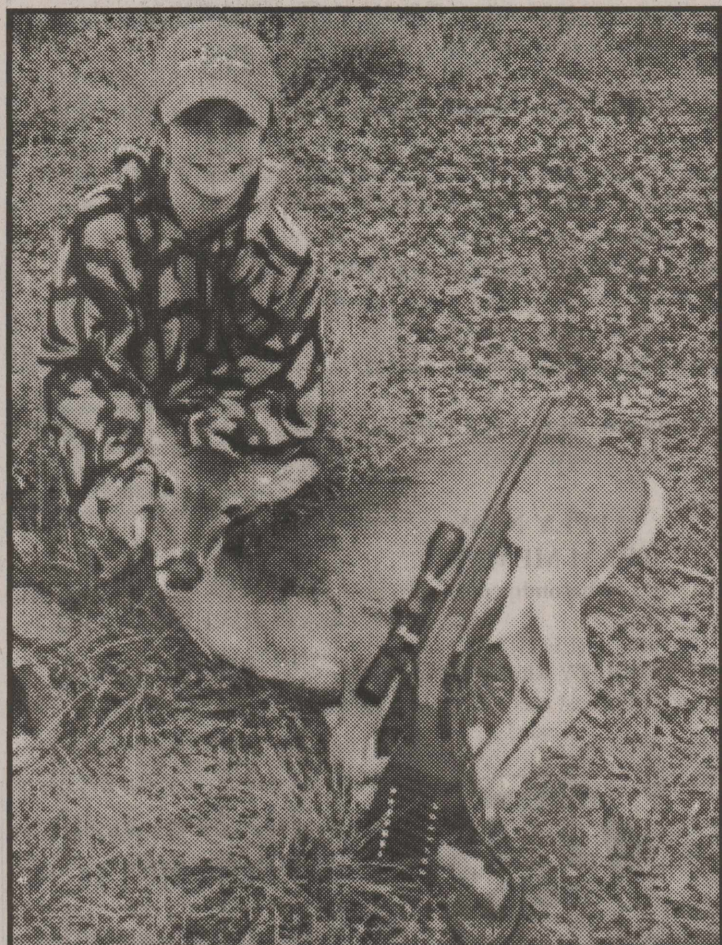
## Weight Warriors

We are a group of great people looking to lose it — weight — that is! Some of us have been on this journey for awhile now — others have just hopped on. Either way, this group is here to support, share, inform, motivate, and work through whatever challenges and successes come our way. So if you want good group support, some laughs, good friendship, and yes — to lose it, come join us. All you need to be is a great person with a desire to lose weight to join us regularly. This is how we share our experience in this battle we call weight loss.

We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church. There is no charge to join us — just bring a non perishable donation to the local food pantry. This way as we lose, we are helping others.

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**My First Deer** — Evelyn Paige Williams, age 10 (pictured) shot her first deer. She is the granddaughter of Katie Williams and great-great granddaughter of Lorraine Bryson both of Cross Plains. Congratulations Evelyn.

## Celebrate the New Year in Texas with 10 free flowering trees from the Arbor Day Foundation

Residents of Texas can ring in the New Year with 10 free flowering trees by joining the Arbor Day Foundation any time during January 2014.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two Sargent crabapple, three American redbuds, two Washington hawthorns, three white flowering dogwoods.

"These beautiful trees will give your home in Texas lovely flowers with pink, yellow and white colors," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1st and May 31st, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2014. Texas residents can also join online at [arborday.org/january](http://arborday.org/january).

## Plant ice resistant trees

Winter storms that coat everything in layers of luminous ice leave a very beautiful but dangerous calling card. We know ice covered trees are susceptible to breakage from the added weight. But if you take a look around your yard, how do you know which of your trees are more likely to give in to the devastation of ice layers?

"There are a number of growth features that increase a tree species' susceptibility to breakage in ice storms," says Tchukki Andersen, BCMA, CTSP\* and staff arborist with the Tree Care Industry Association. "Among them are: included bark, decaying or dead branches, increased surface area of lateral (side) branches, broad crowns or imbalanced crowns, and fine branch size."

Included bark results from in-grown bark in branch junctions. This is a weak connection and increases the likelihood of branch breakage under ice-loading conditions. "As an example," says Andersen, "Bradford pear branches are known to break during ice storms; this is because they commonly have included bark in branch junctions. In contrast, the Aristocrat pear has few branches with included bark and sustains less damage during ice storms."

Decaying or dead branches are already weakened and have a high probability of breaking when loaded with ice. The surface area of lateral branches increases as the number of branches and the broadness of the crown increase. With an increased surface area, more ice can accumulate on lateral

branches; the greater ice load results in greater branch failure.

Many broad-leafed tree species, when grown in the open, form broad crowns (decurrent branching), increasing their susceptibility to ice storms. Examples include Siberian elm, American elm, hackberry, green ash, and honey locust. Trees with imbalanced crowns are also more susceptible to ice damage. Generally, though, susceptibility can vary greatly depending on the time of year, geographic location and overall health of the tree.

Ice storm damage management and prevention: Plan, then plant. Think about your future. When planting a new tree in your yard, you should have a clear understanding of the size that tree is expected to grow. Is it too close to the house? The overhead wires? The sidewalk? Proper tree placement, away from structures, will reduce property damage. Trees should not be planted in locations where growth will interfere with above-ground utilities - branches that grow into power lines and fail during ice storms create power outages and safety hazards.

Trees pruned regularly from a young age should be more resistant to ice storms as a result of removal of structurally weak branches, decreased surface area of lateral branches, and decreased wind resistance. Professional arborists can install cables and braces to increase a tree's tolerance to ice accumulation in situations where individual trees must be stabilized to prevent their failure.

After storm damage has occurred, hazardous trees and

branches require immediate removal to ensure safety and prevent additional property damage. Trees that can be saved should have broken branches properly pruned to the branch collar (stubs and flush-cut pruning result in weakly attached sprouts and future insect and disease problems). Loose bark should be cut back only to where it is solidly attached to the tree. A split fork can be repaired through cabling and bracing.

Tree species resistant to ice damage can be planted to reduce tree and property damage from ice storms:

Find a professional: A professional arborist can assess your landscape and work with you to determine the best trees and shrubs to plant for your existing landscape. 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](http://www.treecaretips.org).



Harvest Coordinators Jane Dement, June Park, and Pam Loper (not pictured) present a check in the amount of \$2000. to Katie Dunn, Director of Callahan County Nutrition Project to benefit Meals On Wheels in Callahan County. Proceeds were raised from the Harvest Concert last November featuring Holly Tucker, Elliott Park and One Voice. Harvest would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported this project.



Harvest Coordinators Jane Dement, June Park, and Pam Loper, (not pictured) present a check in the amount of \$400 to Clyde Center for the Performing Arts directors Carrie Conner and Karen Hogue to help support CCPA cultural projects and programs in our community. Proceeds were raised from the Harvest Concert last November featuring Holly Tucker, Elliott Park and One Voice. Harvest would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported this project.

## Comptroller's Office offers Vital Resource for Business Owners

AUSTIN — During the month of January, the Comptroller's office will conduct 14 free taxpayer seminars across the state. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms, and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services will also be available to help taxpayers manage their accounts online. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Texas business owners by making resources and information accessible. Conducting these seminars and making our team of tax specialists available provides guidance for businesses," said R.J. DeSilva, spokesperson for the Comptroller's office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/seminars.html). Those who are unable to attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can also be found on the Comptroller's website, [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us).

## Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department News

Cross Plains VFD received fire page at 8:59 on Saturday morning, reporting smoke in the alley between the bank and the housing authority. Upon arrival the CPVFD found that unit #5 was on fire. After suiting up with proper gear, firemen quickly entered the house through the back door to find a couch and Christmas tree fully engulfed.

Using methods taught in training exercises, the fire was quickly extinguished. Due to the quick response time and a well-equipped fire department, the other three units received only light smoke damage. This fire is still under investigation by State Fire Marshal.

Cross Plains VFD received 3 other calls this week. CPVFD responded to hay/trash fire on hwy 880.

CPVFD responded to a yard fire in the city. Thanks to neighbors and water hose, the fire was controlled before it grew in size.

Cross Plains VFD received a call Monday night about downed highline electrical wires. CPVFD found 1 wire down and 1 transformer blown. Thanks to good neighbors for stomping out the fire before it grew in size.

Please report any burning to

county SHERIFF OFFICE, all burning out in the county needs to be extinguished by 5:00 p.m. All burning in the city limits require a burn permit and an inspection before burning.

Be sure that fireplace ashes are cold before disposing of them. Always wet ashes with water before leaving.

Cross Plains VFD will host their annual Chili Feed on Saturday, January 11th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains. The proceeds will go toward the newly purchased Ford 550 Fast Attack truck. Cross Plains VFD received an \$18,000.00 grant from the Texas Forestry Service. CPVFD will still have to pay \$60,000.00 out department money. CPVFD has purchased 18 lots from Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, dirt work and a new 70 ft. X 120 ft. metal building has been purchased. We are hoping to pour a concrete slab in about 2 weeks.

Thanks to everyone who has donated time and money towards this endeavor. Thanks to all truck drivers and truck owners for hauling base rock for the pad. Thanks to Diamond P Aggravate for supporting CPVFD.

Submitted by  
Ricky Carouth  
Fire Chief



## The Recipe Corner

### Zesty Beef Stew

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Cook Time: 3 1/2 Hours

#### Ingredients:

- \* 1 pound beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
- \* 1 package (16 ounces) frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- \* 1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- \* 1 1/2 cups water
- \* 1 can (8 ounces) pizza sauce
- \* 2 tablespoons medium pearl barley
- \* 1 tablespoon dried minced onion
- \* 2 teaspoons beef bouillon granules
- \* 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes




#### Directions


\* In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine all ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 hours or until meat is tender.

**Yield: 6 servings**

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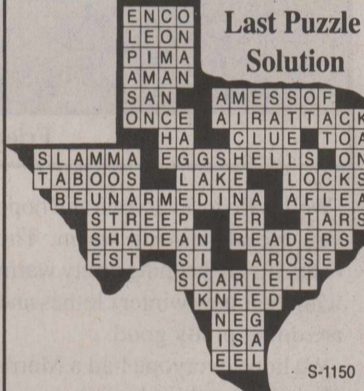
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- 8305 Hwy 279, Lake B'wood-Updated 3BR-2B, shop & RV space...**\$75,000**
- 901 NE 4th-2BR-2B, 1,088 sq.ft. wood siding, metal roof, central h/a...**\$79,900**
- 140 S. Ave A-3BR-2B brick, new tile & carpet, appliances, corner lot...**\$94,950**
- 503 W. College, R.S.-Nice 3BR-2B brick, new ctrl H/A & flooring, deck...**\$115,000**
- 314 S. Graves, R.S.- 3BR-1.5B with 2 Ac., garage apartment, barn...**\$119,900**
- 18524 CR 421, CP- 3BR- 2.5 B, C/H/A, fenced, nice yard, water well...**\$124,000**

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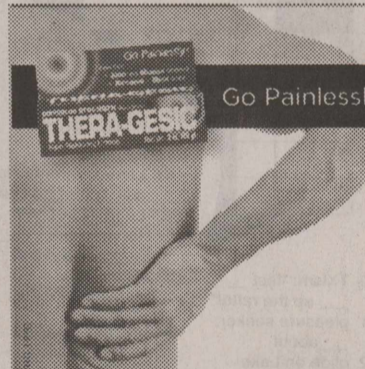
- 116 SW 5th- Office Space with 3 separate offices, lobby, kitchenette, conference room, full bathroom...**Reduced**...**\$65,000**
- 905 West College, R.S.- Hwy 36, 4,998 sq. ft. metal/brick bldg, 3BR-1.5B living qtrs, 10 BR-1B rooms for motel/asstd living ctr, owner fin/lease...**\$125,000**
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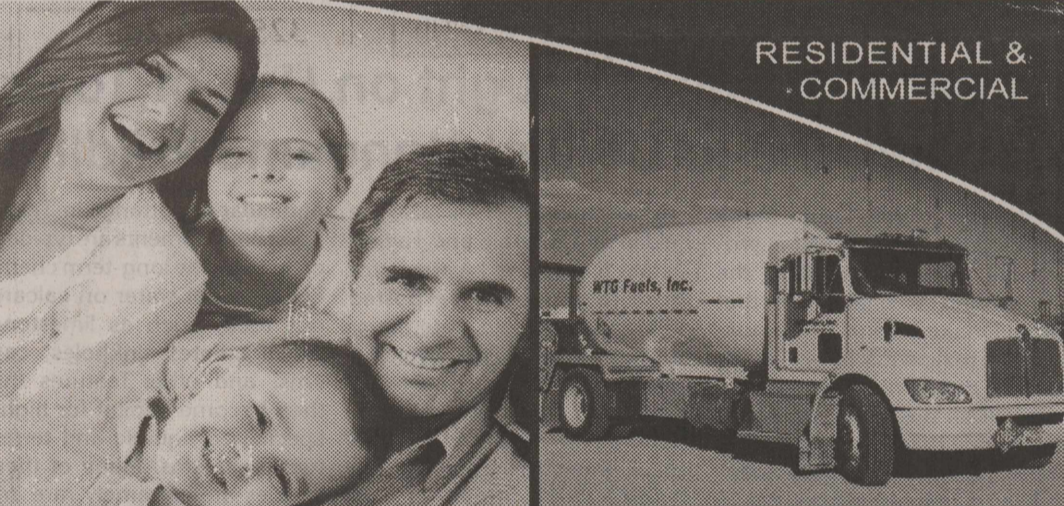
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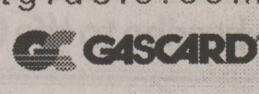
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## Cross Plains Public Library Hosts "Meet the Author" January 23

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a "Meet the Author" on Thursday, January 23, at 7:00 p.m., in the library conference room, featuring western writer Denzel Holmes. Holmes was born and grew up in Sheffield, Texas, near the Pecos River. Electricity had not reached south to the family home in 1940, so he was born at 3AM to the light of kerosene lamps. The rural upbringing influenced his desire to write Western in later years. After harboring the idea for forty years Denzel retired from his career as a Federal auditor and took up the pen. His first novel, co-authored with Tom Schliesing, was an epic of the German

immigration to Texas, titled *Texas Victory*, published in 2003. His book *Last Race* is based on the history of Belton, TX, where he now resides. Holmes has just published his 7th book, *Concho*, where two men from different worlds converge on the West Texas Concho River. Each has dreams that both conflict and blend. The myriad of outside dangers press both men to the breaking point.

Mark your calendars to join us. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. Holmes will be available to autograph his books.

—submitted by Michelle Kaiser

## Forage Seminar set in Cross Plains January 28th

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m.

The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Gerald Hobson, Dupont, Robert Frost, FSA County Executive Director, Sammy Wilson, NRCS District Conservationist, Dr. Rob Harle, DVM/Rancher, Dr. Charles Allen, Entomologist Specialist, Bill Thompson, Extension Economist Dr. David Drake, Agronomy Specialist, and Paul Weiser, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Gerald Hobson will discuss "Weed Control Options on Native and Improved Pastures"; Robert Frost and Sammy Wilson will discuss "FSA & NRCS Program updates"; Dr. Rob Harle

will discuss "Let the cows bale your hay"; Dr. Drake will discuss "Wheat variety trials"; Bill Thompson will discuss "Economics of Graze out vs. Grain"; Dr. Charles Allen will discuss "Insect Control on Coastal and Native Pastures", and Paul Weiser with the Texas Department of Agriculture will be on hand to give an hour of Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$20 to those that pre-register by Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, after January 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a \$25.00 fee to be paid at the door.

This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Warren, CEA AG/NR  
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## New Year's Resolution Don't Pay What You Don't Owe

Just in time for the New Year, a reminder about those "Walking Fingers." Our thanks go to Dr. Glen Hall, for alerting us to an offer that looks a lot like a bill for \$492.81. You may have gotten one too.

The company, Yellow Book 5335 N Kings Hwy #216 Myrtle Beach SC 29577 is faxing a "Statement" to area business. BBB opened a file on this com-

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