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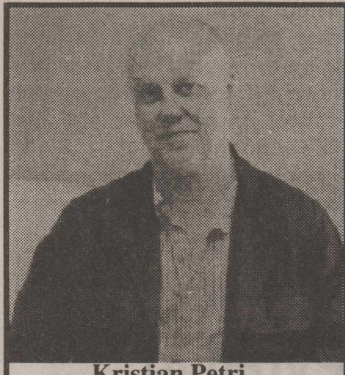


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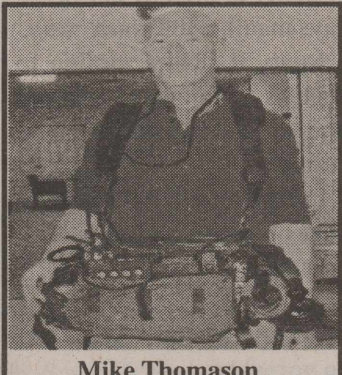
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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

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Kristian Petri



Mike Thomason



Pia Ulmi

Project Pride Hosts Swedish Filming Crew

A simple e-mail requested a tour of the Robert E. Howard Museum virtually exploded into a mini-festival last weekend. The request was from Kristian Petri, who turns out to be a free lance writer for the largest daily newspaper in Stockholm, Sweden. But in addition to the article he was doing for the literary / cultural section about Cross Plains, Texas as the home of the world-famous fantasy writer, Petri was hoping to do a lot of filming for a short movie about Howard and his impact on so many genres. Petri is quite well known for his short movies and documentaries in Sweden and has won numerous awards at the Cannes Film Festivals in France, Toronto and Belgium.

Pia Ulmi has traveled the world with her photo journalism business. She does a lot of

photography for business ads as well as doing the filming for movies and documentaries. She and Petri have worked on a few projects together and both assured us that Project Pride would get a copy of their finished film.

Mike Thomason had been recruited to round out the filming crew as he is a free-lance sound technician from Dallas and was readily available for the assignment. Anybody who has watched the Dallas Cowboys on ESPN has enjoyed Mike's skills as he is the man bringing the quality sound right into your living rooms during the pre- and post-game interviews.

He has also traveled around the world, using his own equipment to complement the skills of the others on the recording teams.

After a full morning of filming

throughout the Howard Museum and interviewing Project Pride members, the crew moved to the Public Library. Paul Herman, Howard scholar, collector and writer from Dallas was interviewed there about Howard, the Cross Plains writer and what all had impacted his writings. Then it was down to the little back room at Jean's, where Mark Finn from Vernon was filmed in a different setting about the wide scope of Howard's story telling skills. Both Paul and Mark are frequent visitors to Cross Plains and were most willing to give a day out of their busy schedules to assist in the project.

Several Project Pride members joined the filming crew and other guests for a very pleasant and entertaining dinner at Jean's; trying to explain why chicken fried steak is not chicken!!

please contact Connie Kirkham at 254-725-6500 (home), 254-725-6318 (work), or 325-665-0154 (cell).

Please help us make this fundraiser a success and accomplish the goal of completing the fence. We appreciate your help and we'll all benefit.

More details will follow in future publication of the *Cross Plains Review*.

Submitted by
Connie Kirkham

Project Graduation Planning Meeting Set for Tuesday, March 29th

Attention: Junior and Senior Parents

If you have a Junior or Senior student in Cross Plains High School, please join us for a Planning Meeting on Tuesday, March 29th, at 5:00 p.m. at the local Dairy Queen.

This meeting will be to plan the events, prizes, etc. for the upcoming Graduation Night's Party for Cross Plains High School 2011 Graduates.

If you can't be there and want to help or need further information, contact Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500, Jean McWilliams 254-725-6455 or Lurene McNutt 254-725-6121.

Project Graduation has been a successful program for many years and it continues to grow bigger and better each year. Help keep this worthy project strong.

To Guarantee Publishing In The Current Week's Paper, PLEASE HAVE Articles In By 2 p.m. Monday and Ads By Noon On Tuesday Of That Week

SAVE THE DATE

The Cross Plains Cemetery needs your HELP! Two sides of the cemetery need to be fenced like the east and north decorative fences.

Cliff and I are working with the Cemetery Board to raise funds to finish this project. Wouldn't it be nice to have the fence finished by Homecoming 2012???

On Friday, April 15, 2011, we are having a fundraiser for the fence. The event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The

meal will consist of brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans, coleslaw, dessert and drinks. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under.

We are hoping all the food, etc. will be donated so all the proceeds of the evening will be applied to the fence project.

If you want to donate money toward the fence, please specify that on your donation.

If you would like to donate or prepare meat, potato salad, etc.

100 Years of Faith in Cross Plains

Four of the present day churches in Cross Plains were actively providing spiritual guidance for the area residents while the town was still located down on Turkey Creek. The presence of the Baptist, Church of Christ, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches all played a major role in Cross Plains being established on such a strong-foundation of faith.

And that faith has helped us through the many, many difficult times we have encountered as a community. We have endured economic and natural disasters of all kinds. And we have been blessed many times over also with the caring, compassionate people who are immediately in our lives when a need arises.

As we celebrate our Centennial

with the myriad of fun activities that are being scheduled, the Planning Committee would like to encourage all the Churches (not just the larger congregations) to celebrate their history on the same Sunday, sometime this summer. Each church has its own heritage to embrace and each has its own story to pass on to future generations.

A member of the Planning Committee will be contacting Church leaders in the near future to coordinate a common date for all churches to "do their own thing."

The Committee will also be collecting the histories of the churches to be part of the over-all coverage of "A Century Plus of Faith in Cross Plains."

Callahan County Historical Commission Met March 8th

The Callahan County Historical Commission met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at the Putnam Community Center.

Following a meal prepared by Marlene Donoway of Putnam, the guest speaker, Mr. Harold Reese was introduced.

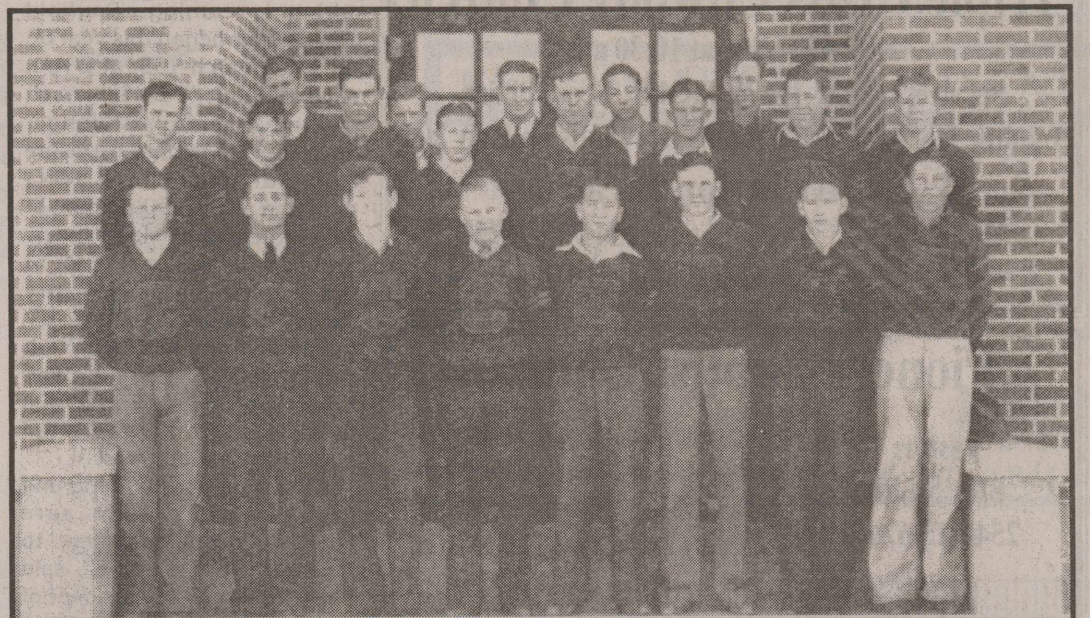
Mr. Reese has worked for the National Park Service as a guide

at Mount Rushmore, and the last few years he has worked at the National Park in Johnson City, Texas.

After Mr. Reese's presentation, a regular business meeting was conducted.

Submitted by
Beverly Ross
Secretary

Happy St. Patrick's Day



CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL 1933 FOOTBALL TEAM —

One of the old photographs that will be in the Barbarian Festival Committee's upcoming photo memory book, as part of the Cross Plains Centennial Celebration. Jane Bonner submitted this photo, but the names of the football players are unknown. Do you recognize any of them?

Gather Up Your Old Photos for Centennial Brisket Night — THURSDAY, March 17

Bring your old photographs and enjoy a Brisket Dinner at the Senior Citizen's Center Thursday, March 17th, from 5 until 7 p.m.

The Barbarian Festival Committee will be scanning your old photographs for their upcoming Cross Plains Photo Memory Book. You'll want your family, your photographs and memories to be included in this

centennial keepsake.

Put down your memories—or share them with the Barbarian Festival Committee and bring your old photographs to the Senior Citizen's Center. You can grab a brisket dinner with the trimmings and visit with friends. Your photos will be ready for you to take back home when you are ready to leave.

So, start looking through you

photo albums and shoe boxes and dig out some old photos for the book. And, be thinking about memories of people and places you'd like to share.

The Centennial Brisket Dinner will include brisket, beans, potato salad, dessert and a drink for \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. The proceeds benefit the Senior Citizen's Center.



RIBBON CUTTING FOR SALAMANDER'S —

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce hosted the event on Saturday, March 12th. Salamander's provides screen printing and embroidery for caps, t-shirts, sweat shirts, etc., plus personalizing of various items. Their services are available Monday thru Friday 12-6 and Saturday 10-2. Salamander's is located downtown on the west side of South Main Street. Mandy Sowell is the owner of the business, wishes to invite everyone to come by and see what they have to offer. A good crowd was on hand to wish Mandy well on her new venture. Isn't it great to see Cross Plains continue to progress.

Colby Walker Final Candidate in City Council Election—No Further Filings for School Board

Three seats will be available on the Cross Plains City Council. The terms of Peg Terrell, Lewis Fortune and Karen Lenz are expiring. Colby Walker was appointed to complete Lenz' term when she became ineligible for councilman by moving out of the Cross Plains city limits.

Incumbents Peg Terrell and Lewis Fortune have filed for the election along with Randy Strickland, David Mendieta and Homer Parson.

Appointee Colby Walker was the final candidate to file in the election. All three seats are two-year terms. The last day to accept filings was Monday,

March 14, 2011.

The 3-year terms of Donnie Dillard and Bryan Bennett are expiring on the Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees. Jack Shepard, Elvan Goode, Jr. and Lynn Porter have announced for the two 3-year positions. The deadline to file was also March 15, 2011.

The election will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Both elections are important for our community to continue to be successful and progressive. If you are a registered voter, decide which candidate you intend to support and be sure to vote. Your vote does make a difference!

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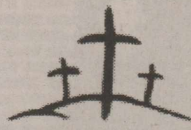
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DEATH NOTICE

Jerry Brown

Jerry Brown, of Cross Plains, Cross Plains is in charge of passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in an Abilene hospital. arrangements, but service details were not available. Higginbotham Funeral Home of

Spring Forward, but Fall Back on Sun Protection

One of the first signs that spring is coming, *Daylight Saving Time* began this year on Sunday, March 13th at 2 AM. An extra hour of daylight each day means not just longer days, but additional exposure to solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation. About 90 percent of all nonmelanoma skin cancers and about 65 percent of melanoma cases are associated with exposure to UV radiation from the sun. With this in mind, The Skin Cancer Foundation reminds everyone to take precautions before spending time outdoors.

"After a particularly long and arduous winter, I'm sure everyone is looking forward to *Daylight Saving Time*," said Perry Robins, MD, President of The Skin Cancer Foundation. "The sun may not feel that strong this time of year, but its UV rays still penetrate and damage the skin, so it's important to keep the skin protected. Even on cloudy days, about 80 percent of UV rays can still reach us."

In addition to being linked with skin cancer, the sun can also age the skin prematurely. Up to 90 percent of visible skin changes commonly attributed to aging (such as wrinkling and brown spots) are caused by the sun. By making sun protection a part of your lifestyle, you can spend time outdoors without jeopardizing the health of your skin. Be sure to follow The Skin Cancer Foundation's

Prevention Guidelines:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Do not burn.
- Avoid tanning booths and/or UV tanning booths.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- Examine your skin from head-to-toe every month.
- See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.

The Skin Cancer Foundation is the only global organization solely devoted to the prevention, early detection and treatment of skin cancer. The mission of the Foundation is to decrease the incidence of skin cancer through public and professional education and research. For more information, visit www.SkinCancer.org

Vets have new snakebite vaccine for your pets

Every year, rattlesnakes bite hundreds of dogs and cats in the Big Country.

Animals are naturally curious and get bitten while investigating the rattling or slithering snake. The venom injected by the snake causes immediate pain, swelling and tissue damage. The severity of bites varies greatly.

The damage done to the animal can range from mild swelling, to large areas of skin and muscle dying, to even the death of the animal.

Avoiding snakes is best. Keep dogs away from areas where snakes are likely to be: tall grass and weeds, brush and junk piles, old houses and barns. Avoidance training is also valuable to teach dogs to stay away from snakes. If your dog encounters a snake, try to call your dog away and leave the area. Never approach the snake and risk being bitten!

There is a vaccine produced by Red Rock Biologics that will

give your dog some measure of protection against rattlesnake bites. It causes the production of antibodies that act as a natural anti-venom. Animals that are properly vaccinated tend to have less swelling and tissue damage when bitten by a rattlesnake. They also recover more quickly. However, it is not absolute protection. Dogs that receive severe bites can still die even if properly vaccinated.

Any pet that is bitten by a rattlesnake needs veterinary care as quickly as possible, whether vaccinated or not.

Your veterinarian is the best-trained individual to determine what and how much treatment your pet requires following being bitten.

First aid for snakebites has proven to be of very little value. Getting prompt medical attention is best.

Call your veterinarian for information regarding the proper care and treatment of your pets.

Callahan County Courthouse News

CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Cynthia Marie Wheeler, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Michael J. Carpenter, plea of guilty to theft by check, 60 days in jail, \$300 court costs.

Jonny R. Riley, motion to dismiss to failure to identify granted, defendant in federal custody.

Dana Hogrell, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Charles N. Tarrant, request for extension of probation granted.

Anthony Lucas, request for extension of probation granted.

Marriage Licenses

Robert D. Edwards and Talema M. Justice, both of Clyde.

James A. Johnson and Alavone M. Schwartz, both of Abilene.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Darla G. Smedley vs. Noah Alexander Smedley, divorce.

Sun Safety Tips For Kids And Teens

There's no such thing as a healthy tan, say experts, especially among kids and teens.

"Children need to be protected from the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays, even on cloudy days," says Dr. O. Marion Burton, president of American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "Parents should make sure kids and teens are using a waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher when outdoors."

The AAP also strongly cautions teenagers against using tanning salons. While it may be a growing fad among teens today, artificial tanning is not risk-free and can cause skin cancer and eye damage just like sun tanning.

For more information, visit www.healthychildren.org.

U.S. Food Pyramid Gets Smarter

Remember the food pyramid you learned about in school? It's gotten a facelift.

Revamped a few years ago, the new food pyramid from the U.S. Department of Agriculture treats each food group as equally important and has new measurement recommendations. But the most interesting aspect of the new food pyramid is the new interactive features that have just been unveiled.

You now can create personalized food and exercise plans online at www.mypyramid.gov, to plan meals and track dietary goals. The site also boasts a new resource called MyFoodpedia, a database providing the calorie count of almost any natural food. You can search for any food, specify how you will prepare it and then get a calorie count.

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

Be on alert for the coyotes! They're starting to come right into Cottonwood. They come right up to the house and they're not afraid of humans. Keep an eye on your small children. A coyote might look like a dog to them.

The **BURN BAN** is ON. The Fire Control Group has been out on several calls in the last couple of weeks. Be real careful and if you see smoke anywhere, call Fire Chief Joe at 254-725-7281 or call the Sheriff's Department. Mary Ella Weaver has returned home from her recent surgery. We're all thinking of you! We wish you a speedy recovery.

Cottonwood was well represented at the Cross Plains Kiwanis Pancake Supper last Thursday. Arnie Smith and David Estes were in the kitchen cooking pancakes. Diane Smith and Adrian Allen were in the serving line. Dr. Charles Rodenberger of near Cottonwood (Admiral) was at the door.

Lou Rossen, who is new to our community, is part of the Centennial Singers, as is Russ

Miller. If you haven't heard the Centennial Singers lately, you really need to—they're great! They entertained with some new songs from the 1940s and 1950s including "Moonglow", "In the Mood", "When Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" and a couple more.

Thursday night on March 17, St. Patrick's Day, the Barbarian Festival Committee will be collecting and scanning photos for their upcoming Photo Memory Book about Cross Plains and the surrounding areas.

You might have some old photos of Cross Plains or Cottonwood—and a few memories that can be used in the book. They'll be there from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Senior citizen's Center. And, the Senior Center will be having a Brisket Dinner going on at the same time. Look for Teri and Gilbert, Diana Miller, Susan McNeel and the rest of the Barbarian group.

Tickets are going fast for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Thunder Creek

Trail quilt. It is a beautiful mix of golds, browns and oranges. There's a picture of the quilt on line at cottonwoodtexas.com. Call Deana at 254-725-7281 to get your tickets. If you're out of town and want tickets, you can mail a check and they'll send back a receipt. The address is: 13210 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The quilt will be on display at our next musical in April. The drawing for the quilt is on April 12.

Our next musical is on Friday, April 8. Mark your calendar now. Come out and join us for a variety of great music that begins at 5:30 p.m.

The Cottonwood Historical Association's Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, May 7. We always start off with coffee and visiting at 9 a.m. Then the meeting at 10 a.m. Followed by lunch. Make plans now for the meeting. Lots of Cottonwood folks come in from out of town for the day's events.

Cross Plains Public Library Hummel Collection Dwindling

Last fall, the Cross Plains Public Library received Hummel plates and figurines which belonged to the late Joan McCowen. These items were a very generous donation from the McCowen family. There are six figurines remaining and the Library Board is reducing the price to 50-60 percent off the lowest listed price, using **Hummel: An Illustrated Hand-**

book and Price Guide (published in 1995) as the basis for valuation of each item.

These figurines remain: #57/0 Chick Girl (TM2, 1950-1955; \$115); #82 School Boy (TM2, 1950-1955; \$248.00); #89/1 Little Cellist (TM2, 1950-1955; \$114.00); #20 Prayer Before Battle (TM2, 1950-1955; \$100.00); #7 Merry Wanderer (TM1, 1949; \$168.00)

and #53 Joyful (TM3, 1957-1960; \$82.50).

Figurine #2/1 Little Fiddler has a rare oddity in having both the TM1 insignia and TM2 stamp (1935-1948; \$465.00).

If interested, stop by the library to view these items. You will get a great buy and make a good investment.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

ATTENTION Centennial Fans

Because of the overwhelming response to the friendship quilt, we are going to put together a Centennial Wall Hanging. We are especially interested in older businesses of the city. If you would like to do a square, please contact Connie Kirkham 254-725-6500 Home, 254-725-6318 Shop or

325-665-0154 cell. The quilt hanging will be 8 inch squares. There will be a time limit, so please let me know ASAP if you would like to participate. I will piece the hanging when the squares are complete.

Submitted by Connie Kirkham

Centennial Corner

Spring must have come later back in 1917, as it wasn't until May 25 that Higginbotham's advertised: "Warmer days mean cooler underwear. We suggest for men and women MUNSING WEAR. Dainty cool union suits made of checked nainsook for men with no sleeves and knee length. For ladies, light weight knitted union suits with closed gores." And the priced ranged from 65 cents to \$1.25.

The Centennial Singers are an awesome group who practice on a regular basis in order to share their special harmony with the community. It's too bad that some folks feel the need to go right on with their visiting while the Singers are up front giving of their time and talents. But from those who can hear ----- we love you!!

PLEASE Continue to PRAY for RAINS to Heal our LAND

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LIBRARY NOTES

March 7-11, 2011

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References: 11

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Wilma Lawrence

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

"Meet The Author"

Features

Abilene Christian Writer Karen Witemeyer

Cross Plains Public Library is pleased to have Christian author Karen Witemeyer as the next featured guest of their "Meet the Author" series to be held on April 12, 2011, at 7:00pm in the library's conference room. Witemeyer has published three historical romance novels: *A Tailor-Made Bride*, *Head in the Clouds*, and coming in April 2011, *To Win Her Heart*. *Publisher's Weekly* says of *A Tailor-Made Bride*, "Witemeyer's debut will grab fans in the historical romance crowd. She blends lively writing, storytelling prowess, and enough romance to keep the readers satisfied.... Thought-provoking and entertaining faith-based fiction for sure." Copies are available for checkout at the library and will be available for purchase and autographs that evening. Mark your calendars and joins us.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Cross Plains-Main St. Pool Hoouse

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

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

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

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

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

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SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 21st - Movie Monday 10:00am Cokes and Popcorn, Computer Classes
Tuesday, 22nd - 10:00am Mexican Train Dominoes, 11:00am Exercise Class and Computer Classes
Wednesday, 23rd - Blood Pressure checks by Girling 10:30-11:30am and Computer Classes
Thursday, 24th - Exercise Classes 11:00am and Computer Class
Friday, 25th - Bingo 10:00 am

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center will be offering basic computer classes - **Generations On-Line**. Sign up with a peer coach for one on one learning. The classes are free and are held at the Senior Citizens Center. Stop being intimidated by computers! We can help with basic computer instruction. Call Vivian at 254-725-6521 and make an appointment today.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 21— MARCH 25

MONDAY- Mozzarella Chicken w/tomatoes, pasta, green salad, Bread/Dessert/Drink

TUESDAY- Cheeseburgers w/lett.,tom.,onions,& pickles, Baked beans, Dessert/ Drink

WEDNESDAY - Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, peas, Bread/ Dessert/Drink

THURSDAY- Beef Spagetti, green beans, fruit, Bread/ Dessert/ Drink

FRIDAY- Salisbury Steak, noodles, spinach, Bread/Dessert/ Drink

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

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

DIANA MILLER

The Cross Plains Garden Club met at the home of Janette Dugger on Friday, March 11, 2011. The meeting was called to order by President Eva Fleming with the Club Collect. A special prayer of healing was said for Mary Ella Weaver. As of this writing, Mary Ella remains in the hospital following gall bladder surgery. Members present were Janette Dugger, Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Billie Kelly, Sandy Lusk and Diana Miller. A special welcome to our newest member, Janette Dugger. Visitors were Gina Fleming and Marqueta Westbrook.

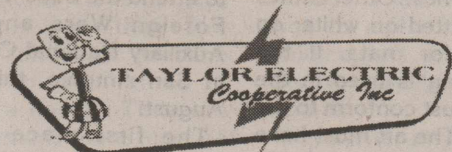
Minutes from the February 11, 2011 meeting were read and approved with no corrections. Eva reported that the Spring Convention for District VIII Garden Clubs will be held in San Angelo on March 18th-19th. Diana shared seeds from her hardy hibiscus with club members. Final plans were put into place for the upcoming **April 1st Plant Sale** sponsored by the CPGC. The sale will be held on Main Street, in front of Johnson's Dry Goods and Parts Plus. The sale will begin at 8:00am and will run until 1:00pm. This will be an

excellent time to freshen up your existing landscape or replace those plants which may not have survived the recent freeze. Gardeners and those interested in turning their brown thumbs into green thumbs will find a large assortment of bulbs and tubers including daffodils, day lilies and iris as well as roses, winter hardy succulents, begonias, ferns, ivy, and much, much more. Plan to stop by on Friday, April 1st and learn more about planting and plant care from our experts, or just come by and ask questions or share your gardening stories.

With the continued warm, dry weather, now is a good time to complete your flower bed and garden preparation. It's not too late to add an application of corn gluten meal to your landscape as both an organic pre-emergent and fertilizer. Warm season flower and vegetable seeds should be started indoors now for Spring transplanting if you want to get a head start on your garden.

The next CPGC meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 8, 2011. Visitors are always welcome. Please call (254) 725-7434 or (254) 725-9418 with questions.

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By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

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Priceless: 1. Having a value beyond any price; inestimable high value; 2. No price too high; worth dying for. Jesus portrays life with our Heavenly Father in these terms: A life worth giving all you have and following Him; a life easily distinguished from the world, and other religions. "If it cost me all I have, even my very self, I will follow Him." The world is hungry for this kind of purpose and meaning for life. You are priceless and Jesus proved it at the cross, giving you the avenue to freedom from guilt, fear, anger, and hopelessness. He offers forgiveness, peace, patience and value. Yes: It is true!

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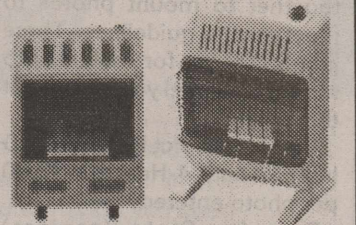
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MARCH 10, 2011-CP PIONEER RELAYS**

EVENT	NAME	PLACE	TIME/ DISTANCE
POLE VAULT	Shawna Lewis	2	7'
SHOT PUT	Cheyenne Cowan	3	29' 2 3/4"
	Alyssa Wheeler	2	30' 6 3/4"
	Nicole Eisenbach	6	26' 6"
DISCUS	Zoie Walker	1	104' 7"
	Desi Campbell	6	78' 7"
	Alyssa Wheeler		
LONG JUMP	Katharine Goode	1	14' 5"
	Lauren Goode		
TRIPLE JUMP	Lauren Goode	3	29' 10"
	Delany Ames		26' 1"
	Nicole Eisenbach		25' 1.5"
HIGH JUMP	Shelby Ames	1	5'
	Chelsea Branch	6	4' 6"
3200 METERS			
4X100 RELAY	Katharine Goode		
	Shelby Ames		
	Texas Sanders	1	53.41
	Audra Mayfield		
800 METERS	Shelby Thomas	1	02:35.1
	Chelsea Branch		
	Rosa Salazar	3	02:47.8
100 HURDLES	Audra Mayfield	1	16.96
	Texas Sanders	6	19.93
100 METERS	Cheyenne Cowan	5	14.11
	Alyssa Wheeler		14.91
4X200 RELAY	Katharine Goode		
	Zoie Walker		
	Shelby Ames	1	01:55.7
	Audra Mayfield		
400 METER	Lauren Goode	1	63.93
	Shelby Thomas	2	66.68
300 HURDLES	Texas Sanders	3	56.78
200 METERS	Lauren Goode	1	27.46
	Alyssa Wheeler		32.40
	Tori Robertson		33.50
1600 METER	Zoie Walker	4	06:37.2
	Rosa Salazar	6	06:39.3
4X400 RELAY	Katharine Goode		
	Shelby Thomas		
	Shelby Ames	1	04:22.3
	Lauren Goode		

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**CROSS PLAINS
SCHOOL
MENU**

**MARCH 21-
MARCH 25
BREAKFAST**

MONDAY- P.B.&J. Sandwich, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
TUESDAY- Breakfast Pizza, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
WEDNESDAY- French toast sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk
FRIDAY- Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, and Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY- Corn dog, Tater tots, Baked beans, Pudding and Milk
TUESDAY- Chicken nuggets, Gravy, Mashed potatoes, Green beans, Roll, and Milk
WEDNESDAY - Beef-Veg-etable soup, Grilled cheese, Crackers, Mixed fruit and Milk
THURSDAY- Chicken and rice, Mixed vegetables, bread stick, Pears and Milk
FRIDAY- Chicken patty on bun, pickles, pinto beans, brownie and Milk

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



**Final 4-H Vet
Science Meeting
set for March 22nd**

The 3rd and final Vet Science meeting this year is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be conducted at the Callahan County Vet Clinic. 4-H members are encouraged to mark this on your calendars.

This will be the final meeting for this year. If you have any questions call the Extension office at (325) 854-5835.

Hope to see you on March 22nd.

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA - Ag

**Callahan
County 4-H
State Fair of
Texas Tag
Orders Due**

Callahan County 4- H State Fair of Texas tag orders are due to the Extension office by **April 11th**. If you plan on showing Lambs, Goats or Swine at the 2011 State Fair of Texas you must call in your tag order no later than **April 11th**. All Tags are \$7.00/tag.

All tag orders must be paid for when you order!

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

Submitted by: Jerry Warren, CEA - Ag

**Elementary
G/T News**

Nominations for student participation in gifted education are now being accepted for students in grades K-6. Parents and community members are invited to nominate any child they believe exhibits intellectual characteristics that exceed those normally seen in children of the same age.

You may nominate a child by coming to the elementary office and completing nomination forms. Any parent is welcome to come by the office and pick up a Parent Handbook on Gifted Education.

For information regarding gifted education, you may call Pat Stephens 254-725-6123.

**March 28th Deadline
for Don't Mess with
Texas Scholarship**

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas high school seniors have until March 28th to apply for the Don't Mess with Texas scholarship.

The 8th annual scholarship is sponsored by Dow Chemical Company in partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. The first-place winner will receive \$3,000. The second- and third-place winners will receive \$1,000 each. Don't Mess with Texas is the litter prevention campaign of the Texas Department of Transportation. The scholarship is one of TxDOT's efforts to generate more youth involvement in Don't Mess with Texas, since research shows that age is the number-one predictor of littering behavior, with Texans ages 16-34 littering the most.

Any Texas high school senior who will attend a two- or four-year Texas college or university can apply. For the essay prompt, application, rules, and background information, visit <http://dontmesswithtexas.org/programs/scholarship/>. Winners will be notified in April. 2011 marks the 25th anniversary of the Don't Mess with Texas campaign.

**Dear Cross Plains Parents
and Community Members,**

As you know, our Nation and our Great State of Texas are facing troubling economic times. These hard times have been passed on to the people, the businesses, and the schools that choose to live within its boundaries. Our Texas Legislature is facing approximately a 20 billion dollar deficit. We, the Cross Plains School District, anticipate that this economic shortfall will be partly passed on to us.

We are busy preparing for the worst. Cross Plains ISD estimates approximately \$300,000 less money for the 2011-12 school year. We are looking at many different ways that we can cut expenditures from our budget. We hope to do this with minimal effect on our quality.

The Board and I have compiled a preliminary list. This is just the beginning. More cuts will most likely be necessary. Items on this preliminary list include:

1. Reduce the number of Personnel.
2. Reduce teacher and student travel.
3. Reduce all employee's supply budget.
4. Eliminate employee coffee.
5. Eliminate one bus route.
6. Eliminate tuition for students in dual credit classes.

With the cost of fuel, groceries, and insurance continuing to rise, we will have to ban together during these hard times. If we are smart and make preparations, we are confident that the School District and our Great Community of Cross Plains will prosper.

Thank you for your understanding!

Phil Mitchell, Superintendent
Cross Plains ISD

**Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans
of Foreign Wars Post 6873 to
sponsor the Young American
Creative Patriotic Art Contest**

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6873 in Abilene is proud to sponsor the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. All students in the 9th through 12th grades are eligible to enter.

This contest encourages high school students to express their artistic talents, demonstrate their patriotism and at the same time become eligible for funds to further their art education. The art must be on paper or canvas. Watercolor, pencil, pastels, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen and ink or oil may be used. Digital art may be used but must be on paper or canvas, no disc will be accepted.

The art must not be framed, but canvas entries must be on stretcher frames. Other entries must be matted on white; do not use color mats. If the American flag is used in the artwork it must conform to the Flag Code. The art must have been done during the 2010-2011 school year.

Local awards of \$100.00;

Auxiliary VFW Magazine and the Auxiliary Web site. 2nd place receives \$5,000.00; 3rd place is \$2,500.00 and 4th place \$1,500.00. The artwork of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th place National winners will also be featured in the Ladies Auxiliary National Magazine and their Web sight. Entry deadline is March 31, 2011. If you would like to enter please contact Jeanie Bell at 692-7325 for the official entry form.

\$75.00 and \$50.00 are offered for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The first place entry is forwarded on to the state competition and only one state winner will be sent to the National competition for judging and the chance to compete for 5 places, with the 1st place prize of \$10,000.00 plus a jacket, airfare, and two nights lodging to attend the 2010 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary National Convention in San Antonio, this coming August.

The first place National winner's art work will be featured on the Ladies

**Callahan-Shackelford
County Farm Bureau to
award scholarships**

These days money is tight and college is expensive. To aid local youth pursuing their education, Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) are offering numerous scholarships to qualified students.

"Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau offers scholarships each year to outstanding students in the county," said Phil Williams County Farm Bureau president. "It is critical for young people to receive a solid education in today's world, and we are proud to help out in any way we can."

In addition to local scholarships, TFB offers several scholarships for high school students who plan to enroll in an accredited university.

TFB's Young Farmer and Rancher (YF&R) scholarship is for high school seniors who would like to pursue a career in agriculture. The TFB District scholarship is awarded to two students from each TFB district and is based upon students' project activity and community

service. Students who attend the annual TFB Youth Leadership Conference are eligible to receive the Dick Mitchell scholarship and participate in the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. The contest promotes the fundamentals of the American free enterprise system through public speaking. Contestants from each district compete at the state level and winners receive scholarships.

Current college students also have opportunities for assistance through the TFB YF&R scholarship for enrolled college students.

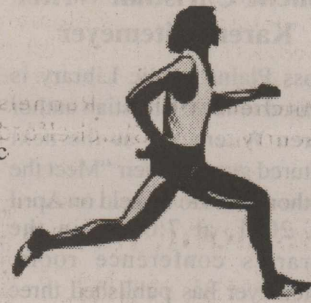
"By awarding these scholarships, Farm Bureau hopes that students will be encouraged to get a degree in agriculture and make it their way of life," Williams added.

For information on Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau scholarships, contact the county office at 325-854-1044. For information on Texas Farm Bureau scholarships, visit the website at www.txfb.org.

CROSS PLAINS PIONEER RELAYS MARCH 10TH RESULTS

JUNIOR VARSITY---Won 1st place overall with 146 points

(High Jump)---Banch---5'6"---1st Place
(4x100 Relay)---Stephenson, Willis, Ramsey, McWilliams---(49.29)---1st Place
(800)---Patel (2:33.31)---2nd Place
(400)---Willis---(61.6)---2nd Place
(300 Hurdles)---(47.03)---2nd Place
(200)---Branch---(26.30)---1st Place
(4x400 Relay)---Stephenson---60.26
Willis---60.47
Branch---60.30
McWilliams---60.33
(4:01.38)---1st Place
(Shotput)---Thomas---31'-5"---4th Place
(Discus)---Worcester---93'-10"---2nd Place
(Long Jump)---Stephenson---16'-0"---3rd Place
(Triple Jump)---Branch---35'-10"---1st Place
(1600)---Patel---6:00.09---3rd Place
(100)---Libbey---12.66---2nd Place
(4X200 Relay)---Stephenson, Branch, Libbey, Ramsey---1:44.13---1st Place



VARSITY---Won 4th place overall with 75 points

(Long Jump)---Wheeler---(19'-4")---2nd Place
(4x200 Relay)---Senclair, Golson, Erickson, Ford---(1:39.18)---4th Place
(110 Hurdles)---Border---(17.96)---1st Place
Self---(20.18)---5th Place
(800)---Pope---(2:23)---6th Place
(300 Hurdles)---Border---(47.35)---3rd Place
(200)---Hutchins---(23.96)---2nd Place
(Pole Vault)---Border---12'---1st Place
(Discus)---Self---95'0"---5th Place
(High Jump)---Senclair---6'---1st Place
(4x400 Relay)---Border---62.2
Golson---62.8
Senclair---57.9
Hutchins---55.9
(3:59.52)---4th Place



Callahan County 4-H Photography Project Meeting Monday, March 28th

Our County, District and State contests are just around the corner. To help us prepare for the upcoming contests, we will be having a photography project meeting on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Callahan County Extension Office located on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

Each of you is asked to bring your 8 X 10 photos to this meeting and we will work with each of you to get them mounted to meet contest regulations. Remember your photos need to be 8X10 for this meeting. Just bring your photos and we will work together to mount photos to meet contest guidelines. There is a \$5.00 fee for materials to mount and label your photos at this meeting.

Cost for District Photos (Jr. & Intermediate 4-Her) are \$2.00 per photo entered.

Cost for State (seniors) Photos are \$10.00 per photo entered.

This meeting will be the deadline to turn your photos into the Extension Office.

Make plans to attend on March 28th at 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact the Extension Office (325) 854-5835.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on March 23, 2011, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Call Meeting to Order
1. Open Forum
 2. New Business
 - a. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - b. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
 - c. Consider Budget Amendment
 - d. Listen and Discuss Program to Increase Thinking, Reading Skills, etc. (Denny Megarity)
 - e. Consider Depository Contract through August 31, 2013
 - f. Consider Paying a Portion of All Employee's

- a. Insurance Premiums for 2011-12 school year
 - g. Vote for Education Service Center XIV Board of Directors
 - h. Consider 2011-12 School Calendar
 - i. Consider 2011-12 Cheerleader Constitution
3. Personnel
 - a. Consider Level III Grievance Concerning a Reassignment
 - b. Consider Teacher Contracts for 2011-12 School Year
 - c. Review Auxiliary Personnel
 4. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Continue Ideas for Budget Cuts
 - b. Waiver approved for Bad Weather Days
 5. Adjourn.
- This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on March 20, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.



VETERAN OF THE MONTH AWARD

(left to right) John S. Campbell (son), Kelli Campbell-Hunton (daughter), John C. Campbell, and Doris Givens. On February 19, 2011, Doris Givens, member of the Nathaniel Davis Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a Certificate of Award to John C. (Pete-formerly of Burkett) Campbell, Jr., as Veteran of the Month for February 2011 in honor of his service as a B-17 Bomber Air Crew member in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Mr. Campbell served from November 1942 to September 1945.

"From the Great Atlantic Ocean to the Wild Pacific Shores"

A program will be presented on Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 pm titled "From the Great Atlantic Ocean to the Wild Pacific Shores" in Baird at the T&P Depot Museum at 100 Market Street. There is no charge. The museum will be open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., so come enjoy the program and the museum.

Local music historian Joe Specht will be playing such popular railroad tunes as Roy Acuff's "Wabash Cannonball", Hank Snow's "I'm Moving On", Patsy Cline's "Railway to Heaven" and many others. His entertaining commentary is part of an on-going schedule of Saturday programs at the museum.

Please call the museum at 325-854-2003 or go to the website at bairdtexasmuseum.blogspot.com or Facebook at Baird Texas T&P Railroad Depot Museum.

New Alzheimer's Association Workshop offered for individuals newly diagnosed with dementia

Most people feel completely overwhelmed when they hear that they or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another type of dementia. To equip and support persons who are newly diagnosed and their families, the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter has created a new workshop, *Taking Action After a Dementia Diagnosis*. The program will be offered in Abilene on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office of the Alzheimer's Association located at 301 S. Pioneer Dr., Suite 105.

Through this new offering, participants will learn more about the disease and its progression, and have the opportunity to talk to others traveling the same road.

Participants will also receive information about programs and services available through the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter, clinical trials, advocacy and the promotion of brain health for the person with dementia. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's.

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For students to get a free tuxedo rental, their high school counselor needs to email Allie Cassidy, Public Relations Coordinator at AL's Formal Wear, at Allie.Cassidy@alsformalwear.com.

Neugebauer announces the 2011 Congressional Art Competition

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX) is pleased to announce the 2011 Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*.

"Each year, the Congressional Art Competition allows us to showcase the many talents of young people across the nation. The winning entry from each Congressional District will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel in the United

States Capitol for one year," Neugebauer said. "This competition allows the entire country to see the artistic achievements and creativity of our high school students. I encourage all eligible students to participate and wish them the best of luck."

The competition is open to all high school students in the 19th District of Texas. The artwork must meet certain requirements which can be found by visiting <http://www.house.gov/house/ArtGuidelines.shtml>.

All final entries must be submitted electronically to Lisa Brooks at lisa.brooks@mail.house.gov by April 26, 2011. Entries must include the student's name, address, phone number, school, grade, and the title and medium of their work. For questions or concerns, please contact Congressman Neugebauer's Big Spring office at (432) 264-0722.

USDA Rural Development Office Day for Homebuyers

BAIRD, TEXAS, March 9, 2011 -USDA Rural Development representatives will be holding an Office Day in Baird on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from 10 am to 12:00 noon to provide housing loan and grant program information and applications to the public. The office day will be held at the City Hall, 328 Market Street, Baird, Texas. Representatives will be available to answer questions and assist individuals with applications.

USDA Rural Development offers home loans that allow very-low and low income residents in rural areas to purchase a home. These no down-payment loans can be used to purchase existing homes or to build new modest homes. The program finances loans for up to 100 percent of the home's appraised value with a repayment period of 33 years at a fixed interest rate, currently 4.500 percent. Mortgages may be subsidized to lower the monthly payments and will vary based upon an

applicant's household income. Applicants must meet income limits, and have adequate and dependable income, an acceptable credit history, and sufficient repayment ability, along with other eligibility criteria. The property must be located in an eligible area and meet other requirements.

USDA Rural Development also has loan and grant programs for home improvements and repairs for very-low and low income home owners. These funds may be used to make home repairs, handicapped accessibility, or remove health and safety hazards.

We invite anyone who is interested in learning more about these or any of our programs to come by and visit with us. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Brownwood Sub-Area Office at (325) 643-1585, ext. 4 or by visiting our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.

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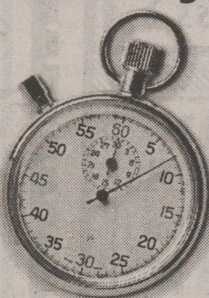
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Sex: Female
Age: 1 yr.
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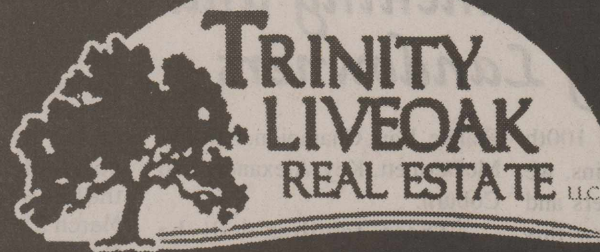
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200 SE 1st - Well kept older 3BR-1.5B home, central heat/air. New roof! REDUCED	49,000
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HOME WITH ACREAGE

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These families will be recognized and honored at the 2011 Ranch Rodeo. We are also asking landowners to be a part of a Centurion Landowners book that will tell the generations, brands, history and story of each family. The book will be displayed in the Cross Plains Public Library. We would like to have your family history/story by April 20th.

Do your research and come join us in honoring the landowners of the past as we celebrate the 100th birthday of Cross Plains.

Submitted by
Jane Bonner

Free Xeriscape Gardening workshop

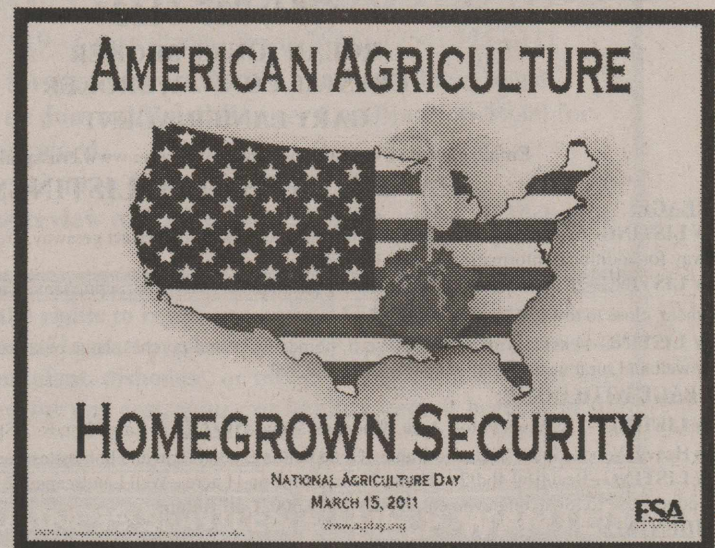
Create a beautiful garden with a minimum of watering right here in West Texas! With the help of the Abilene Public Library and the Big Country Master Gardeners, you'll be able to do more with less after the free workshop on Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library downtown. "Xeriscape Gardening" will be presented by Kathy Feagan and Audrey Gillespie, both Master Gardeners.

The term "xeriscaping" was coined in Colorado in the 1970s to mean "water wise landscaping" derived from the Greek word "xeros" which means dry. Some have the misconception, according to the presenters, that xeriscaping means that other than cactus, there is very little to choose from.

"There are many wonderful perennials, shrubs, trees, grasses, vines and shade plants to make your xeriscape garden a true work of beauty,"

according to Master Gardener Feagan, who will talk about what plant materials to use and where best to place them to thrive with little supplemental watering. Master Gardener Gillespie will discuss composting techniques, "a must for successful xeriscape gardening."

The Texas Master Gardener program is an educational volunteer program conducted by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service of the Texas A&M system. Applicants must complete 50 hours of specialized training for an internship and 50 additional hours of volunteer work before earning the Master Gardener certification. Locally the Big Country Master Gardeners disseminate horticultural information and do hands-on demonstrations in seminars, spring and fall plant sales and through demonstration garden projects.



Texas Farm Service Agency Celebrates National Agriculture Day

(College Station, TX) - March 8, 2011 - In recognition of National Ag Day on March 15, 2011, Juan M. Garcia, Executive Director for the USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Texas, thanks farmers, ranchers and others involved in agriculture for their hard work and commitment to the industry.

"Agriculture is an important part of our daily lives and is often taken for granted, but in these uncertain times, it should be remembered that American Agriculture is not only important for obvious reasons - food, clothing and shelter, but, the industry also plays an important part in homeland security," said Garcia.

Garcia refers to American Agriculture as, "Homegrown Security." He adds that the U.S. agriculture sector is almost entirely under private ownership and counts for nearly one-fifth of the Nation's economic activity.

"So, on National Ag Day, when we stop to thank farmers and ranchers who work day in and day out to provide a safe, abundant and affordable food, fiber and fuel supply, we should also take a moment to thank these same individuals for serving as first responders and as the front line of defense in the effort to protect our food and water sources," said Garcia.

According to Garcia, FSA's mission is to provide farmers and ranchers with the federal farm commodity and credit support they need to insure they remain viable in an increasingly unpredictable and

volatile global market.

Through more than 43 federal farm programs, FSA provides producers with an economic "safety net." These programs, authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, stabilize farm income, assist agriculture producers to conserve natural resources, provide credit for farm ownership and operation and help producers recover from the effects of natural disasters. FSA also maintains the USDA's feed, seed and fertilizer data which uses geospatial information to maintain a detailed database on related storage facilities - another important component in homeland security.

FSA understands and appreciates the amount of work that farmers and ranchers do on a daily basis to produce the nation's supply of food, fiber and fuel. Garcia encourages consumers to learn more about agriculture in their area and the people who produce the commodities we enjoy.

"We never want to find ourselves dependent on a foreign food supply. And as long as farmers and ranchers remain competitive in a global market and remain steadfast in protecting what's theirs, that won't happen," said Garcia. "Take time on National Ag Day to show your appreciation for American Agriculture our Homegrown Security."

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"Black-eyed Pea"

The story of the black-eyed pea being considered "good luck" relates directly back to Sherman's Bloody March to the Sea. An unhealed wound remains in some people of the southern states even today. On the other hand, the policy of slavery has been an open wound that has also been slow to heal, but okay to talk about.

In late 1864, it was called The Savannah Campaign and was led by Major General William T. Sherman. The Civil War campaign began on November 15, 1864 when Sherman's troops marched from the capital of Atlanta and ended at the port of Savannah on December 22nd. The campaign was meant to break the back of the South.

When the smoke cleared, the Southerners who had survived the onslaught came out of hiding. They found that the Blue Belly aggressors had looted and stolen everything of value and everything anyone could eat including all the livestock. Death and destruction were everywhere.

While in hiding few Southerners had enough to eat.

Starvation was now upon them. The Northern Army had taken everything they could carry and eaten everything they could eat.

The devastated people of the South found, for some reason, Sherman's bloodthirsty troops had left silos full of black-eyed peas behind.

The Northern people thought the lowly black-eyed pea was only used to feed livestock. They saw the black-eyed pea as the least thing of value, after taking grain for their horses, livestock and other crops to feed themselves. They just couldn't take everything.

So they left the black-eyed peas in great quantities, assuming it would be of no use to the Southerners, because all the stock that could be fed had either been taken or eaten.

Southerners awoke to face a new year in this devastation, facing massive starvation, if not for the black-eyed pea.

From New Year Day 1865 forward, the tradition grew to eat black-eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck.

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Faith, humor, a fresh start

(A family who lost everything in fire moves on)

By Greg Kendall-Ball
Abilene Reporter-News

Kathy Chesshir said there is life before the fire and life after the fire.

Chesshir and her husband, Charles, lost their home more than five years ago in a massive fire that swept through the Callahan County community of Cross Plains.

So she knows what the families whose homes were destroyed in the recent wildfire in Colorado City are going through.

"The first week, you're basically in shock. Complete shock. You never imagine that something like this will happen to you, and the next thing you know, firemen are knocking on your door, telling you to evacuate," Chesshir said.

Like the families in Colorado City, Chesshir said her family was given mere moments to leave their house. She grabbed her photo albums and threw them in the back seat of her car.

As she was pulling out of her driveway, she said firetrucks were pulling in. "I thought I'd be putting those photo albums back on the shelf later that night, since the firetrucks were there. I thought our house would be saved," she said.

Surviving that first week was possible thanks to family, friends and faith.

Chesshir said the family's basic

needs—socks, underwear, toothbrushes—were met almost immediately by members of their church. The next day, family from Oklahoma City drove down with a car load of clothes and shoes.

The Chesshirs lost nearly everything, but Kathy said she sees it as a blessing of sorts.

"God did a very, very efficient house cleaning for us. I didn't have to go through and decide what things to keep or throw away, like the love letters my husband wrote to me when we were dating 37 years ago," she said.

Her faith, she said, helped her put the loss of her material possessions in a spiritual context.

"A fire like that really reaches down into the depths of who you are," she said. "You know, if you can see something—touch it—it can burn and be destroyed. The things you can't see or touch, those things which can't be destroyed, those are the things that are real, are eternal."

Losing things you thought were so important, she said, shows you that you can survive without all the "stuff" that people accumulate.

"Depending on who you are, you can look at it as an end, or as a beginning. We looked at it as a chance to start fresh," she said.

But Chesshir is not drifting along in some sort of denial.

"You do have to allow yourself

to mourn the things that you've lost, even while recognizing that they are just things. I remember one night, lying in bed—our family safe—my breath just caught in my chest. My husband asked what was wrong. I had just remembered the video camera, with all the movies and pictures of our grandchildren. We had lost those," she said.

Keeping a sense of humor is important in staying sane, too.

"You have to be able to laugh about some things, or else you'll just be overwhelmed by depression and despair," she said.

They did rebuild their home, albeit with a few changes to the interior. Kathy remembered one night in the bedroom of their new home.

"We used to have this opening in the room next to where the sink in the bathroom was. One night I just reached out my hand to pour something out in the sink, and my hand hit the wall. That wall wasn't there in the old house. Some things like that, you just have to laugh about."

With a five-year head start on the path to recovery, Kathy said she is praying for the families who lost so much in Colorado City and wishes nothing but the best for them in the future.

"They'll always remember what life was like before the fire happened, but life goes on."



KIWANIS CLUB MEETING —

Clay Richardson and Judy Luter (middle and right), were guests of David Estes (left) at the Kiwanis meeting on March 8th. Clay and Judy shared pictures and stories of their recent trip to Sudan with the mission organization, Make Way Partners. They were there for two weeks and split their time between two MWP sponsored orphanages. Josh King of Cross Plains also made the trip. More information can be found at www.makewaypartners.org. Kiwanis meets every Tuesday at noon at Jean's.

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Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Be an Angel

We should always have a friendly countenance and demeanor about ourselves and remember that as children of the Lord, we should be quick to be kind, compassionate and loving towards everyone we come into contact with. Many times we see someone and know right away that they're having a hard time and need to be encouraged. We should take the initiative to be their "Angel" in that moment to lift them up, encourage them and show them how much life has to offer. We must remember that it is in looking at our blessings that we become encouraged and shown how privileged and favored we truly are.

Many times people simply need to be shown and reminded that goodness still exists in humanity and life no matter how difficult it may sometimes get can be enjoyed if we focus on the right things. We need to see how abundantly blessed we truly are and when we do, gratitude, thanksgiving and a cheerful heart will fill our being. Be encouraged to share joy whenever you see the opportunity and do all that you can to make a bad situation a little bit better.

Alzheimer's Association offers free workshop in Abilene

Abilene, TX — March 9, 2011 The Alzheimer's Association — North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Understanding Memory Loss: When Memory Loss Is a Problem" on Monday, April 4, 2011 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Rose Park Senior Activity Center in Abilene.

If someone you know has memory loss, this session may be helpful in better understanding the difference between normal, age-related memory changes and Alzheimer's disease. The workshop is free, but reservations are requested. To reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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

For more information, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907.

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Callahan County's jobless rate rises to 6.9% in January 2011

The unemployment rate in Callahan County jumped over one percent to 6.9% in January 2011, according to jobless figures released Friday, March 11, 2011 by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in January 2010 was 6.4 percent.

Of the 7,129 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,637 were employed during January 2011, and 492 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 6.9%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 5.8% in December, 2010. Of the 7,319 civilian labor force in the county during December, 6,897 had jobs while 422 or 5.8% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 6.1% in November 2010, 5.5% in October, 5.6% in September, 5.8% in August, 6.3% in July, 6.5% in June, 5.9% in May, 6.0% in April, 6.0% in March, and 6.1% in February 2010, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for January 2011 include: Brown, 7.9%; Coleman, 7.1%; Eastland, 7.9%; Jones, 7.8%; Runnels, 8.3%; Shackelford, 4.8%; Stephens, 8.7%; and Taylor County, 6.6%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 6.7% in January, 2011, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 83,000. There were 77,400 employed during January, 2011, while 5,600 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 6.7%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 83,100 in December, 2010, with total employment of 77,900 in December, while 5,200, or 6.2% were unemployed in December.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for January, 2010 was 6.6%, with the total workforce at 82,800, with 77,300 employed and 5,500 unemployed in January, 2010.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of January, 2011 was 8.5 percent. Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 8.0 percent. The state's unemployment rate in January of 2010 was 8.6 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for January, 2011 was 9.8 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of December, 2010 was 9.1%. The United States unem-

UNEMPLOYMENT		
Callahan County Unemployment	Dec.	Jan.
	5.8%	6.9%
Total Labor Force	7,319	7,129
Total Employed	6,897	6,637
Total Unemployed	422	492

employment rate one year ago in January, 2010 was 10.6%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate increased five-tenths of a percentage point to 8.5 percent. The December-to-January change was the lowest seen since 2008. From year-ago levels, the unemployment rate declined one-tenth of a percentage point. The national unemployment rate rose seven-tenths of a percentage point for an estimate of 9.8 percent. The Texas unemployment rate remained below the national unemployment rate for 43 consecutive months.

- Estimated at 12,150,800 persons, the Civilian Labor Force fell by 40,700 individuals in January. This month's Civilian Labor Force was recorded as the highest seen for January. The contraction Texas experienced in this series was the highest recorded for January since 2007. Since January 2010, this series has recorded an expansion of 143,000 Texans.

- The number of jobholders contracted by 100,400 Texans for an estimate of 11,115,200 persons. This estimate was the highest level recorded for January and was the first January estimate to break into the 11-million level for this series. Over the year, the number of jobholders grew by 135,000 persons. The number of individuals seeking employment expanded by 59,700 for an estimate of 1,035,600 jobseekers. This year's December-to-January change was the lowest seen since 2008. From year-ago levels, the number of those seeking employment expanded by 8,000 persons.

- The number of individuals continuing to receive unemployment insurance benefits climbed up 1,700 for a total of 160,800

Texans. In the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), 16 MSAs increased and nine declined in the number of those continuing to receive benefits. The Killen-Temple-Fort Hood, the Tyler, and the Odessa MSAs experienced the sharpest over-the-month decline among the MSAs by -5.6 percent, -5.4 percent, and -2.7 percent, respectively.

- The unemployment rate in all 25 MSAs rose for January. The Midland MSA and the Odessa MSA tied for the lowest over-the-month change of 0.3 percent in January. The Midland MSA unemployment rate was the lowest among the MSAs at 5.0 percent.

"HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE"

New Medical Center Breaks Ground

FRISCO, TX (Frisco Enterprise)—The face of the Frisco Square will change in the next year-and-a-half as a medical center will be constructed northwest of city hall. Forest Park Medical Center-Frisco has broken ground with construction now underway. The full service acute care hospital will focus on surgery and will have 50 patient beds, 12 operating rooms, and two procedure rooms.

In addition to the main facility, the site will include a 55,000-square-foot medical office building and parking garage. The hospital's managing partner, Alan Beauchamp, said the facility will be an economic benefit to the city. "The construction of the facility will bring several hundred new jobs, and once it is open for business, several hundred more jobs will be created," Beauchamp said. "Since we are a for-profit facility, we will bring in tax dollars to the city," he added. Vibrant Healthcare, who will operate the facility, opened a similar hospital on Central Expressway in Dallas in 2009.

Beauchamp said the facility has been a success and is already being expanded.

West Hiring 300 Workers

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Express-News)—West Corporation plans to hire more than 300 people at its Universal City call center after landing a new client. West's work force will increase to about 2,700 people in the San Antonio area, spokesman David Pleiss said. The Omaha, Nebraska-based call center and telemarketing company said the new full-time positions will be filled through April. Customer service and tech positions will pay \$10 an hour, while bilingual tech positions will pay \$11.50 an hour, Pleiss said.

Spring Branch Center to Re-open

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Chronicle)—Spring Branch Medical Center has been sold to a private equity firm that plans to reopen it as an acute-care hospital. McVey & Co. Investments LLC announced that it closed the purchase from HCA Gulf Coast Division and currently has commitments from 100 physicians who previously practiced at the hospital to come back. Houston Mayor Annise Parker said it "will mean jobs and accessible health care for the Spring Branch area."

"I just fell in love with the hospital's story," said Marty McVey, president of the Houston firm which invests in medical technologies. McVey said he anticipates Spring Branch running at full capacity and employing 650 staff within a year. He said the hospital plans a grand opening in late spring. Outpatient services will continue to operate and the 57 staffers currently there have all agreed to stay on according to McVey.

Pipeline Company Bringing Jobs to Robstown

ROBSTOWN, TX (Nueces County Record Star)—The Robstown City Council has approved a six-month lease with a pipeline company that could provide the area with an economic boost from 200 jobs it will be bringing for a construction project. In a letter presented to the council, Marc Tausend, agent and attorney-in-fact representing Enterprise Texas Pipeline LLC, expressed the company's desire to set up shop within the city limits of Robstown for a few months. The reason for the request is the company's construction of an 18.6-mile natural gas pipeline that will be running from Agua Dulce all the way to the outskirts of Robstown.

Callahan County Predator Control Association Meeting set for March 24th

Tom Windham, President of the Callahan County Predator Control Association would like to invite all association members, Callahan County landowners, and tenants to attend a meeting to be held on March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Callahan County Extension Office, located on the 2nd floor of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. This meeting is open to anyone interested in predator control within the county. The objective of this meeting is to update residents on the

Predator control activities within the county.

We are still accepting membership into the Association and the Annual Membership fees are \$50 plus .10 (10 cents) per acre.

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

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Healthy cattle, healthy food

Cattle raisers convention offers educational session on antibiotic use in livestock

Fort Worth, Texas-An in-depth discussion on preserving antibiotics for disease prevention and medical treatment in cattle herds will take place during the breakout session sponsored by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Animal Health Committee during the TSCRA Convention Weekend.

The convention will take place April 1st-3rd in San Antonio.

The session comes in light of recent federal legislation proposed in Washington that would severely reduce the ability for livestock producers and veterinarians to prevent and control diseases in livestock. Dr. Dee Griffin, professor with the University of Nebraska in the Veterinary and Biomedical Science Department, will speak about

the current attack on using antibiotics in cattle herds and the science supporting their continued use in food animals during the session.

"Texas cattle ranchers work extremely hard to take care of their animals so they can continue to provide safe and healthy beef to families around the world," said Griffin. "In order to do this, they must be able to responsibly administer safe antibiotics to prevent and control diseases."

Dr. Griffin is the winner of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners national award for Excellence in Preventive Medicine and their national award for Institutional Teaching, Research and Service Excellence. He serves on the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's Beef Quality & Safety Assurance

Advisory Board, on the FDA's Veterinary Medical Advisory Committee and on the Professional Animal Auditor's Certification Organization (PAACO) board.

Defending Antibiotics in Cattle Management" is just one of 9 breakout sessions scheduled to take place during the convention. As the largest cattle industry event in Texas, the TSCRA Convention is a must-attend for anyone involved in livestock production.

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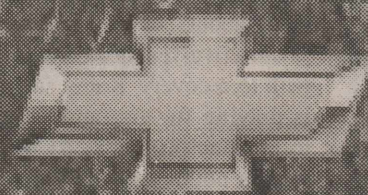
events, information on accommodations, and registration information can be found at www.tscra.org/convention. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association is a 134-year-old trade organization.

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First Annual Wild Hog Extravaganza set for March 18th-20th in Coleman

The Coleman County Hunters Association (CCHA) and Chamber of Commerce, Agriculture, and Tourist Bureau will sponsor the first annual Wild Hog Extravaganza starting March 18th through 20th.

The event will consist of three fun-filled festivities: An area hog hunt, Texas Antique Tractor Pull Association sanctioned tractor pull competition, and a Hog Wild Cook-off.

In order to raise more awareness concerning the feral hog problem in Coleman and surrounding areas, the Coleman Hunters Association and Coleman Wildlife Committee are joining forces to promote the eradication of hogs in our area. Two cash prizes will be awarded for the most pigs killed. First prize will receive \$500 + 20% payback from entry fees per team or individual and second place will receive \$350 + 10% payback from entry fees per team or individual. There will also be a category and jackpot for longest tusks. For complete rules, visit colemanhunters.com.

Entry fees for individuals or teams of two are \$125 or \$100 for CCHA members. Those wishing to participate must not only register and pay entry fees, but they must also check in the day of the contest for a

brief on the rules. All contestants and registered team members must check in at the front of the Bill Franklin Center at the Coleman Rodeo Grounds from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18th or 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday March 19th. Last minute registrations will be accepted up until 9:00 a.m. that day. Contestants may register and find rules online at colemanhunters.com. Landowners interested in sponsoring a team should contact the Chamber of Commerce at 325-625-2163.

The Texas Antique Tractor Pull will host a tractor pull in conjunction with the event on March 18th and 19th. TAPTA will allow practice pulls for tractors and pick-ups on Friday, March 18th starting at 4:00 p.m. Competition pulls will take place on Saturday, March 19th starting at 10:00 a.m. For registration and other information, contact Derry Rankin at 325-214-1330 or Kelly Blackerby at 325-660-8880.

The Hog Wild Cook-Off will take place March 18th and 19th at the Coleman Rodeo Grounds. Cook-off participants will have the opportunity to show off their pork barbecue skills with three competitions: Pork ribs, pork shoulder, and a unique category called "anything

bacon". The "anything bacon" category literally means that you can enter and compete with anything cooked with bacon. The contest will commence on March 18 at 5:00 p.m. Cook-off competitors are welcomed to set-up their stations and start cooking. Competitors will also be able to register and pay for entry fees at that time. Entry fees are \$30 per category for non-members and \$25 per category for Coleman County Hunters Association members. First place for each category will receive \$100 plus 70% payback, whereas second place will earn \$50 + 30% payback. Those attending Friday will be treated with LIVE MUSIC sponsored by Shoppin' Baskit. Judging will be at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011. Rules can be found at colemanhunters.com.

We hope that you will join us for a weekend filled with fun and exciting events. The Coleman County Hunters Association is a newly formed association that hopes to promote more hunting opportunities and social activities throughout the county. Whether you're a local or out-of-town hunter, we welcome you to join the association and come out to the event for a fun-filled country celebration!

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Sixth annual Clyde Woman's Club Fish Fry is March 26th

The Clyde Woman's Club sixth annual Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, March 26th at the Clyde Woman's Club Building located on South First and Rusk Streets in Clyde.

This year's fish fry will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Advance ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 4-12 years of age. Ticket prices at the door the day of the fish fry are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 4-12 years of age.

Clyde Woman's Club representative Dot Burson said this year's fish fry will include the usual menu items, including all-you-can eat fish, Word Estes' famous pinto beans, french fries, hush puppies and homemade cole slaw. Water and tea will also be served. Club members will also provide homemade peach cobbler included in the meal, however it is not all-you-can-eat.

Those attending may dine in the day of the event or takeout orders will also be available.

Tickets for this year's fish fry are available at Estes Real Estate, First Financial Bank-Clyde, First National Bank-Baird/Clyde, the Clyde Journal or from any Clyde Woman's Club member.

The Clyde Woman's Club will again provide meals to both



nursing homes in Clyde and Baird, courtesy of First Financial Bank, and First National Bank-Baird/Clyde.

Proceeds from this year's fish fry will go toward the upkeep of the Clyde Woman's Club building.

The Clyde Woman's Club Fish Fry Committee is made up of the Executive Board of the Woman's Club, the Board of Directors and the Building Maintenance Committee.

According to Burson, the annual fish fry is one of only two fund-raising projects held annually by the Woman's Club. She said the other fund-raiser is the annual Tour of Homes every December, and proceeds from

that fund-raiser go toward two \$1,000 college scholarships presented to two Clyde High School senior girls.

The Woman's Club representative said many area businesses help to keep the fish fry costs down thanks to their generous donations. Those businesses donating to this year's fish fry include: First National Bank-Baird/Clyde/Abilene, First Financial Bank-Clyde, Bailey-Howard Funeral Home, Clyde Dairy Queen, Thrifty's Food Mart, Blake Fulenwider Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep, Hanner Super Center, Turn 'N Burn from the Lathe of Steve Kniffen, Texas Classic Turning Bill Coots Turner, Happy Trails Rustic-Western, Geneva Dodson Realtors, TruBlu Catering/Bonterra Blu, Shady Oaks Restaurant, Lawrence Brothers IGA-Clyde, Friends of the Library, Elliott Park, Feathered Star, Smith & Son Farm Equipment, Edward Jones, Aristocats, Santa Fe Salon, Neal's Automotive, Outlaw Cleaners, Clyde Hardware & Supply, Re/Max Realtors Abilene, Clyde Journal, Clyde Texas Inc., Yates Cattle Company, Estes Real Estate, Matt Paul's State Farm Insurance Company, Hawk Portable Buildings, NAPA Auto Parts Clyde, and Clyde Study Club.

Spring is in the Air! Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March

Celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees, and the Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to participate.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2011 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

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

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

Arbor Day Foundation

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

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2011. Or join online at www.arborday.org/March.



MARCH 20

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Priscilla Perry
Kyler Stout
Mike Duke
Sandra Kelly
Jeffery Champion
Howard Phillips
Howard Lee

MARCH 21

Linda (Whitton) Hill
Wesley Markham
Lisa Vaught Campbell
Laura Ann Baum
Wesley Banks
Selena Twiner
Donna Roe
Andrea Hamer
Kimberly Goldsmith
Chris Orum

MARCH 22

Loli Vasquez
Barbara (Strickland) Lambert
Brian Kelly
Brenda Nelson
Marie Starr
Robert Ringhoffer
Randy Nickerson
Hannah Harris

MARCH 23

Kelly Gardner
Anna Jo McLain
Winnie (Boden) McGill
Diana (Purvis) Stover
Van Steven Young
Wesley Hutchins
H.H. Stout
Lisa Malvane
Linda (Larkin) Canales
Debbie Box

MARCH 24

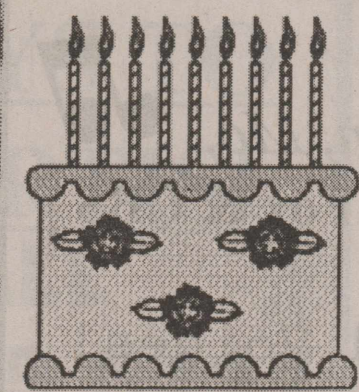
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Mrs. Weldon Newton
Mrs. Norma Lee
Calvert Sheppard
Don Scott
Becky Baird Overstreet
Mrs. W.E. Nowell
Donnie Duncan
Duane Hutchins
Tommy Potter
Christine Ferrell Morrison
Ty Johnson

MARCH 25

Tawni Nichols
J.T. Sheppard
Cindy Kinnard
Ronnie Richardson
H.G. Thornton
Theada Allen
Bill Richardson
Anita Rose
Cliffadean Hargrove
Johnathan Gardener
Beverly (Boles) Archer
Ashleigh Gallaway

MARCH 26

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Carrol Falkner
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Burkett VFD 3rd Annual BBQ Supper and Open House

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their 3rd Annual BBQ Supper and Open House on April 2nd at the Burkett Christian Life Center from 5 to 8 p.m.

Brisket, sausage, chicken and all the trimmings are \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Takeout plates will also be available.

Door prizes will be drawn for that were donated by local merchants along with Coleman, Abilene and Brownwood

businesses. You may purchase tickets for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. You do not have to be present to win.

A Split the Boot will also be offered for \$1.00 tickets each. Only one lucky winner wins half of the money collected in the boot.

A Cake Auction, will be another highlight of the evening. A yummy variety of baked goods will be provided.

Make plans to attend this worthy cause.

Callahan Co. Sheriff's Office Crime Report

Reported By: Ronnie Broadus
Communications Supervisor

03/07 4:52PM Received a call in the 400 blk. of CR 527 of and assault in progress. Deputy Livingston and Chief Deputy Collom responded where the contacted by a female subject who said she was trying to leave the residence and the male suspect wouldn't let her leave the home and assaulted her and began to drag her to his pick-up. Suspect was arrested and booked into the Callahan Co. Jail.

03/11 10:15PM Received a call from Officer Valdez with Abilene Police Department that a subject had come into Abilene Regional Medical Center with a dog bite to the wrist. Due to subject living in the 1200 blk. of PR 2431 Deputy Livingston responded and made contact with subject. Subject stated that the dog was there's and the dog had already been put down. Subject did not believe that the dog had rabies. Subject was treated and released from hospital.

03/13 10:38AM Deputy Bogart responded to the 1100 blk. of Gashouse Rd. on a noise complaint. Caller advised that the neighbors are running ATV's or motocross bikes all day and night. Deputy Bogart contacted neighbors and the

noise had stopped.
03/13 11:01PM Received a call in the 2600 blk. of CR 527 of and assault. Deputy Bogart responded and found that it was an argument between brothers. Subject had been struck in the face. Subject did not want to press charges. Subject did feel like he was going to pass out so EMS was called to scene and he was transported to the hospital for treatment.

Other activity from 3/07/2011 thru 3/13/2011:

Total Calls by SO - 27
Total Booked in Callahan Co. Jail (all Agencies) - 7
Arrest Made by SO - 3
Assist Motorist - 0
Assist Other Agencies - 6
Calls to Citizens EMS - 22
Calls to Clyde PD - 11
Calls to DPS - 8
Calls to Baird City Marshal Office - 3
Calls to Eula F.D. - 5
Calls to Cross Plains EMS - 7
Calls to Cross Plains F.D. - 4
Calls to Clyde F.D. - 6
Calls to Cross Plains P.D. - 7
Calls to Baird F.D. - 2
Calls to Hamby F.D. - 0
Calls to Cottonwood F.D. - 2
Calls to Putnam F.D. - 4
The burn ban is back in effect. Please notify the Sheriff's Office if you see smoke. With the dry conditions fires can spread quickly and become very large.

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04 Ford F150 4-door, V8, Looks/Runs good (White).....\$5,950
00 Chevy 3500 Dually, V8, 5-sp., crew cab, Looks /runs good Special \$3,500
00 Ranger XLT 4 door, S. Cab, V-6, Auto(Blue).....Special.....\$4,250
00 Ford Ranger XLT, Super Cab, V6, 5-speed, Step Side-Tan.....\$4,250
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