

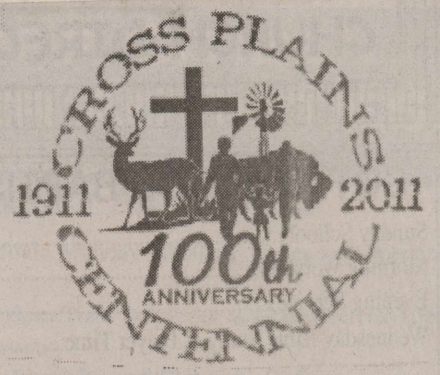
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Howard Days—A GREAT Success

Another two days spent with folks who are now "friends from around the world" has come and gone. Project Pride volunteers are weary, even as we are still on an adrenaline high. Each greeter and docent at the Howard Museum has a special story to share as they connected with visitors in unique ways.

Without a doubt, the most unique experience came late on Saturday afternoon when a young man from **Moscow, Russia** arrived—totally unexpected by anybody. Carrying his I-pad, Constantine moved through the Museum, asking the usual questions and taking notes about 'Howard the Man' and 'Howard the Writer' and taking the usual pictures—captivating the docents as he went. Although there was some difficulty understanding his English, he was really quite adept at handling our Texas accents! And his I-Pad was in English, to boot!

The Robert E. Howard Foundation ships Howard related

books all over the world and it was noted that their first shipment ever had gone to Russia just a couple of months ago. And now Constantine shows up—sounds like Howard is still making inroads into new areas.

Following the very successful silent auction at the Celebration Dinner on Friday where \$1600 had been raised for the Museum, an impromptu auction took place at the Pavilion on Saturday. The gift shop in the Museum had been totally renovated recently and the old door had been removed as it no longer fit the handicap accessible doorway into the shop. As far as Project Pride members can ascertain, the door most likely was a closet door when the Howard's lived there. Almost as a joke, the old door was propped up by the tables in the Pavilion and a bid sheet taped to it.

Bidding took off and at the 3:00 closing time, Matt Williams from Brownwood was on top of the heap with \$60.00. Fredrick Malmberg, CEO of Paradox

Entertainment in Sweden, dashed up to make a bid, only to find he was too late—the auction was closed. Not to be denied the historic door, he immediately offered Matt \$100, but the young man refused the offer and in true Texas style said, "Let's do some horse trading for this."

A crowd gathered around and laughed along with the action until an agreement was made. Matt was satisfied with an autographed original copy of the movie poster announcing the release of the new Conan movie and two tickets to the premiere of the movie in Austin in mid-August. Project Pride got the \$60, Matt got his treasures and Fredrick was last seen, trying to find a way to get the door to Burbank, California.

More details and pictures from the event will follow next week, but please checkout the appreciation ad elsewhere in this issue.

Submitted by
Arlene Stephenson



People's Choice Award — This years "People's Choice Award" goes to Justin Thomas' 1985 Chevy Pickup.



Best Car — David Goble's 1956 T-Bird took "Best Car" honors at the Barbarian Festival.

Antique Quilt Show Raises Funds for Matching Libri Grant

The Cross Plains Public Library Board of Directors, staff and volunteers would like to thank the Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Pioneer Quilting Clubs for donating their proceeds from the Antique Quilt Show to our Libri foundation Matching Grant.

This grant, which was announced in early May, allows the Library to raise up to \$350 which will be matched 3-to-1. Thus our library will receive \$1,400 worth of new, quality hardcover children's books.

through the Foundation's **BOOKS FOR CHILDREN** program. The May quilt show raised \$231.50 of the necessary funds and donations during the Robert E. Howard Days brought in the balance.

The Libri Foundation was established in 1989 for the sole purpose of helping rural libraries acquire new, quality, hardcover children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. Since October 1990, the Foundation has

donated over \$4,800,000 worth of new children's books to more than 3,000 libraries in all 50 states.

Books have been selected from the Foundation's 700-title booklist, which has been highly praised by participating librarians for the quality and variety of fiction and nonfiction titles offered. When they arrive in 6-8 weeks, the books will be used in a new Centennial Puzzle contest. Watch for details on the contest.

First Baptist Church Celebrated their 121 Year Anniversary

Editor's Note: The following story was published in the *Cross Plains Review* in 1992, written by Jack Scott. Joyce (Tyler) Jones submitted the following article to honor the recent 121st anniversary of the First Baptist Church. It has been edited due to available space. The celebration last Sunday included an old-fashion day, with members dressing in other eras and dinner on the ground was enjoyed following the service. **Vanda Anderson**

This was a rough, rugged land 100 years ago when 18 trail-blazing pioneer men and women gathered in a little, one-room schoolhouse near the banks of Turkey Creek and organized the first Baptist church in Cross Plains.

The Indians had been pushed into reservations and the country was being settled by families seeking cheap land and new opportunities. A sprinkling of frontier cabins had been built in the valley near a little stream which was an often used campsite by the first white men to pass this way. There was a general store, blacksmith's shop, post office and doctor's quarters.

It was in this setting that the church had its beginning. The date was the second Sunday in June 1890, the ninth day of the month. Names of the charter members are only partially remembered. It is known that Major Edward Surles was the first pastor. A founding deacon was P. Smith and other original members included Mr. and Mrs. Sam Eldridge, Dan and Steele Ford, Mr. and Mrs. John Hembree, Fred Price and N.C. Gautney.

When Christ said unto Peter: "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He undoubtedly included the efforts of 18 Christians in the fledgling, little community of Cross Plains. The congregation they founded has withstood turbulent times during the intervening century. It sent its young men to five for-

eign wars, survived droughts—one of which was rated the worst in 1,000 years—came through epidemics and financial panics, remaining steadfast in its mission to proclaim and further gospel of Jesus Christ.

It has been the consecration and dedication of Christian men and women, sheperded by 32 pastors, all great and godly men who left deep footprints in the character and history of this church. In order of appearance on the local scene, our pastors have been: Revs. Edward Surles, A.T. Ford, R.D. Carter, a Bro. Powers, Ben Richbough, W.J. Cooper, W.D. Vinson, W.J. Rogers, H.R. Williams, L.S. Smith, a Bro. Parker, G.W. Thomas, A Bro. Strickland, S.A. Rogers, Ben Richbough again, J.H. Littleton, H.O. Hearn, J.H. Hunt, A.E. Hill, Graves Darby, C.A. Voyles, V.M. Tatom, C.E. Poe, D.E. Simpson, Joe Miller, J.W. Chapman, D.R. Philley, V.D. Walters, Don Turner, Roger A. Butler, E.V. Brooks, Curtis Simpson, Toby Irwin, Burlie Taylor and Michael Hale. (Since 1990 there has been Jim Odell, Wayne Lenz, Interim Pastor Jimmie Mize and currently Ronnie B. White.)

Five rural churches have merged with the Cross Plains congregation and members from them have been vital leaders in the growth and advancement of the cause here. First to come in was Board Flat in 1904, followed by Dressy in 1954, Rowden in 1962, Atwell in 1963 and Cross

See FBC Page 11



Salamander's Apparel — The booth sold official Barbarian Festival and Centennial T-shirts. See additional Barbarian Festival photos on pages 8,9 and 10.

1,200 Folks Attend Annual Barbarian Festival

The Barbarian Festival was a GREAT success! The huge shade trees in Treadway Park provided the perfect place for the event and it was much cooler than downtown.

The newly added bridge over Turkey Creek connected the two parks wonderfully. Displaying the classic cars in the park on Highway 36 was neat. The vehicles could be under the shade, along with their owners, for more comfortable viewing.

The recently constructed bathrooms were yet another good addition to the festival.

People of all ages turned out to

stroll through crafts, jewelry and all kinds of booths, view antique and classic cars, trucks and tractors, listen to live music and enjoy all kinds of tasty treats.

David Goble of Cross Plains was the big winner in the Tractor Show. He received "Best of Show" award and the "People's Choice" award. The top 3 tractors belonged to: Clarence Chambers of Brownwood, Sheryl Goble of Cross Plains and Bobby Jack McCowen of Cross Plains.

In the Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show, Justin Thomas of Cross Plains won the "People's Choice Award" for his

1985 Chevy Pickup. "The Best of Show" was 1957 Blue Chevy owned by Kenneth McCoy of Abilene.

The "Best Car" Award went to David Goble for his 1956 Peacock and white T-Bird. The "Best Truck" Award went to Marc Newman of Abilene for his 1979 GMC Pickup.

Prizes were awarded throughout the day with the proceeds benefitting the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund.

EMS service for the festival were provided by Verna and George Mathews.

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Music Director:
 Barbara Jo Medley

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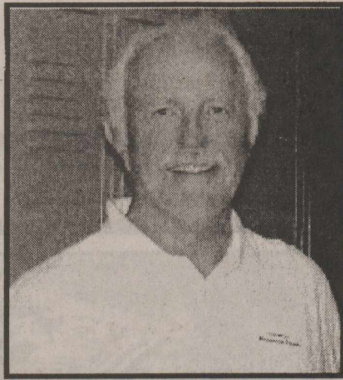
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OBITUARIES



Larry Dale Melton

Larry Dale Melton, born July 12, 1949 in Monahans, Texas, went to be in the presence of the Lord on June 9, 2011. He was dearly loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed. He was a mighty man of God; his total dedication to his Father in Heaven was an inspiration to all who knew or met him, and his heart for spreading the Gospel of Christ took him around the world, from the prisons of Texas to the remote wildlands of Brazil, Mozambique and Mongolia.

He was pastor of Aspermont Community Church, missionary for Christ for the Nations, and founder of The Cross Missionary Organization, all done to bring glory to God, hope to the lost, and edification to his brothers and sisters in Christ. He was a dedicated father, faithful husband, beloved grandfather, son-in-law, brother, uncle and friend, and devoted fan of the Texas Rangers, Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, and Texas Longhorns. Above all, he was a good and faithful servant, always.

At the time of his death, he was pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in History at Texas A&M Commerce with the hopes of teaching into his later years. As a younger man, he attended McMurray University in Abilene, served in the USAF-Air Intelligence, worked in management with the U.S. Postal Service, culminating his appointment to the position of Postmaster in Bonham, Texas, and was a skilled and tireless painter, remodeler, and craftsman, often working alongside John Worthy, an arrangement that led to some of the most memorable stories ever told in the Melton and Worthy households. He was a talented speaker, writer, and preacher and will be remembered for his incredible work ethic, his devotion to his children and grandchildren, and his ability to succeed in so many diverse endeavors.

He is survived by his wife, Jan Melton of Greenville; children Chelsea Kring and husband Darren of Lindale, Camin Melton of New York, NY; grandchildren Alex and Colby Kring; sister Glenda Weiss and husband Wilburn of Cross Plains; brother Bill Melton of Cross Plains; many nieces, nephews and cousins; extended family Lucille Worthy, Leo and Patricia Faubion and their children and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Lee and Gladys Inez (Baucom) Melton; sister, Gatha Porter; brother, James Gary Melton; and father-in-law, John Worthy.

Funeral services were held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Greenville, under the direction of Coker-Mathews Funeral Home. Rev. Terry Blankenship officiated. Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at Cross Cut Cemetery, near Cross Plains.

Elizabeth Lou Melton

Elizabeth Lou Melton, age 84, of Cross Plains has left this world to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Elizabeth requested cremation and funeral services were held Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

Elizabeth ran the successful family business in Cross Plains for many years until retirement.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clyde Melton; a daughter, Cheryl Trenary; and a son, Richard Melton.

Survivors include her son, Thomas Melton; grandson, Scott Trenary; great-grandson, Brennan Trenary and adopted family Vickie Sellers, Ric Sendejar and Jamie Sellers; along with many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 5, 2011 through June 11, 2011 include:

Cases Investigated

Warnings—194
 Complaints—94
 Driving While License Invalid—9
 DWI—3
 Unlawful Possession of Firearm—1
 Open Container—2
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—3
 Fugitive Arrest-Burglary of Habitation—1
 Fugitive Arrest-Theft by Check—3
 Fugitive Arrest-Fraud—1

Vehicle Accidents

There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.



Keep Trying

By Geneva Nelson
 Cross Plains

I keep trying, Lord,
 I am trying.
 I keep hoping, in this
 moment,
 you see that
 I am trying!

I keep trying, Lord,
 I am trying.
 And I hope that I am
 somehow buying,
 just one moment in
 your presence,
 with all my trying!

I keep trying, Lord,
 I am trying.
 Please look down here,
 from the heavens,
 And see this soul,
 this soul IS TRYING!

I believe it, in my heart
 Lord,
 it is ALL about the
 trying.
 AND I - AM - TRYING!

Happy Father's Day

To get your name on the Birthday Column,
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 and birth date (Month and Day) or Call 254-725-6111

COURTHOUSE NEWS

CALLAHAN COUNTY
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 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Johnny R. Shaw, theft by check.

Neva K. Yates, theft by check.

Christal Smith, driving while license invalid (DWLI).

Clyde G. Hall, criminal mischief.

Justin Reutter, criminal mischief.

Jimmy Calwell, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Cody W. Isenberg, plea of guilty to DWLI, 10 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$299 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Jimmy D. Ballard and Joann S. Garza, both of Clyde.

James N. Hughes of Clyde and Brenda Lea Harris of Crisfields, MD.

Brian W. Metcalf and Courtney E. Connel, both of Clyde.

Clinton W. McArthur and Shauna S. Stanfield, both of Clyde.

Joshlin O. Nelson and Heather M. Gillespie, both of Cross Plains.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Clyde Economic Development Corp. vs. Aha Salon: Tamra Ratliff individually and as partner of Aha Salon; and Dena McDowell individually and as partner of Aha Salon, debt/contract.

Mark Miller vs. Carol L. Windham, individually and as independant executrix of the estate of James Kennard Windham, deceased, damages.

Civil Minutes

Darla G. Smedley and Noah Alexander Smedley, divorce granted.

Dawn Hopkins-Williams and Thomas Williams, Jr., divorce granted.

Sebastian Blake Gallegos, changing name of adult granted.

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Wednesday

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 email: www.firstbaptistcp.com

PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

The Pioneer Quilting Club met last Tuesday at the Pioneer Community Center. There were only four of us present: Lou Grider, Glenda Phillips, Barbara Jo Medley and Marqueta Westbrook. Olena Ezzell lost a sister and we share in her sorrow. Some were sick and we hope they are feeling better and are able to be back with us soon. And, the busy season of summer is here and there are a lot of different activities going on. Just know that you are all missed!

Wanda and Don Nelson dropped by the clubhouse and we had a wonderful visit with them. We all ate lunch together and really enjoyed it.

Our Community Center is a very old building and sadly in need of repairs. We are in the process of replacing the windows and we have plans to continue renovating

our clubhouse. The Pioneer Ex-Student Association gave us a generous donation and we appreciate it so much. It is our goal to improve and update the Center but still retain the historical integrity of the building. We would like to see the Community Center being used for reunions, meetings and gatherings.

We are taking donations at this time to help preserve the Pioneer Community Center. If you would like to help, please send your donations to:

**Pioneer Community Center
1602 CR 254
Rising Star, TX 76471.**

Everyone is welcome to come and quilt with us, or just drop by and visit. We meet every Tuesday and we would love to see you. And remember, "When life gives you scraps, make a quilt!"

Pioneer Historical Association/Cemetery Board to Have Called Meeting

The Pioneer Cemetery Board has called a special meeting for 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 20th, at the Cross Plains Dairy Queen.

Several matters need to be

discussed so all members are asked to please attend, if at all possible.

Submitted by
**Lou Brooke
Secretary**

Addition to Veterans Tribute

D.V. Goode and Donald E. Johnson were inadvertently deleted from the list of World War II veterans who were honored during the recent Memorial Day tribute article.

Both men proudly served their country and are among the World

War II veterans who are still living. Their service to our country was greatly appreciated, as were all the others honored and those fallen.

**Vanda Anderson
Editor**

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

**Wednesday
7:00 pm
Cross Plains-Main St.
Pool House**

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.

LIBRARY NOTES

June 6-11, 2011

Patrons: 374
Books Checked Out: 116
Programs:
REH 234
Copies: 240
Internet Users: 89
Reference: 25
Interlibrary Loans: 1

Memorials:
James and Jean Alexander
In Memory of John Adams

Donations:
Robert E. Howard Fans

Book Donations:
Diana Matherne
Jessie Kitchens
Dennie McHaney
Damon Sasser
Charlyne Connelly

Volunteers:
Sue Bennett
Suzy Stiver-Nash
Wilma Lawrence
Ginny Hoskins
Judy Luter
Bobbie Hinkle
Michelle Kaiser
Bob Childress

True Vine's 1st Annual Bazaar August 6th

True Vine will hold its 1st Annual Bazaar on August 6th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Coleman. There will be Craft Booths; Flea Market Booth; Inside Bake Sale; Church Wagon BBQ and More; and a Cake Walk every half hour.

Drawings for Raffle items held at 5 p.m. (not necessary to be present).

Train rides will be available for the children.

For additional information call Kay Oles, 520-249-2859.

Centennial Corner

How ironic and progressive that we are reminded via the Internet of all the comments we made back in 1955. And we did say all these things, right? Well, OK, if we were adults back then and we tuned in to the economy of the times.

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$10.00

Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$1,000.00 will only buy a used one.

If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit; 20 cents a pack is ridiculous.

Did you hear the Post Office is thinking about charging 7 cents just to mail a letter?

If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 25 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

In retrospect, these may have been the "good ole days" by today's standards, but at the time, they were not all that great.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, 20th- Movie Monday 10:00am. Cokes and Popcorn, Computer Classes.

Tuesday, 21st- Mexican Train Dominoes at 10:00, Exercise Class 11:00 and Computer Classes.

Wednesday, 22nd- Blood Pressure Checks by Girling.

Thursday, 23rd- Exercise Classes 11:00am and Computer Class.

Friday, 24th- Bingo at 10:30 am.

Would you like to learn Spanish?

The Cross Plains Senior Center will be offering Spanish Classes on Monday evenings. This is a basic Spanish class and is available to Adults in the Cross Plains area and surrounding community. If you are interested, please call the Center to sign up. 254-725-6521

HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

Brandin' Wall

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center has plans to make the north outside wall of the Center into a Brandin' Wall. The wall will be painted and then brands will be made out of metal art and attached to the wall. If you or your family has a brand and would like to have it on the wall, you may purchase them for \$100 for the first brand, \$75 for each additional brand. The brand will measure approximately 2 foot by 2 foot and will be powder coated black. In addition to the wall, there will be a Brand Book that will tell who the brands belong to. Stay tuned for more information about the book! Please bring your brand by the CP Senior Center and be one of the first to be a part of Cross Plains history! The following ranches have already reserved their space: Richard and Sharon Parr, Rusty and Debbie Reed, Randy and Judy Foster, Cliff and Connie Kirkham and the Fleming Family (Neil & Jo Veda Fleming Bush.) Call Amber if you have any questions, 254-725-6521.

VOLUNTEER DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Cross Plains Senior Center is in need of a few great people to help deliver Meals on Wheels for the Seniors in this great community! Drivers and runners are both needed. If you know your way around Cross Plains then driving would be a great way to help. If you don't know your way around but are willing to ride and take the meals up to the houses, then we have openings for that too! If interested or available, please call the Center at 725-6521.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 20— JUNE 24

MONDAY- Sweet & Sour chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread/dessert/drink
TUESDAY- Pork Chops, Hominy, Mixed Greens, Bread/dessert/drink
WEDNESDAY - Pepper Steak, Noodles, Limas, Bread/dessert/drink
THURSDAY- Roast Beef, Potatoes, Black eyed peas, Bread/dessert/drink
FRIDAY- Chicken Salad Sandwich, Shoepeg Salad, Fruit, Bread/dessert/drink

Happy Father's Day

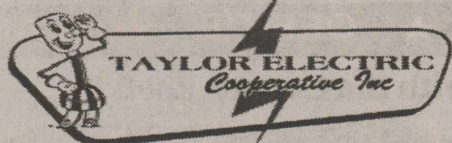
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

New Hours:

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Happy Father's Day

BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir
Cross Plains Church of Christ

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As certain as birth is the beginning of our conscious existence, death is coming to all. Death is as much a part of life as any other event. The only uncertainty of death is its time.

Death may come today or tomorrow. What we do with our time becomes vital because death is approaching each of us. If you knew you only had 1 year to live or one month, every moment would become precious. Life is indeed precious, and death is only a reminder of fact.

A dying person usually becomes very aware of every relationship and strives to improve that relationship. If you had only a short time to live, how would you seek to change relationships? Would you forgive more easily and love more passionately?

Death forces us to consider God and the possibility of life beyond the grave. We also must consider accountability for our life and the consequences of our decisions. The death of Jesus and His blood given for our failures begins to have real meaning.

If birth is the expulsion from the womb so that we may experience a fuller life; then death is the expulsion from this realm to one greater. Life ain't bad; neither is death.

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7th-12th Grade End of Year Awards

Junior High School

7th Grade

Colton Bradley - Most Outstanding - Texas History
Rebekah Crockett - Most Outstanding - Math and Science
Teagan Fortune - Most Outstanding - English
Michael Foster - Most Improved - 7th Grade TAKS
Zachary Gartman - Most Outstanding - Texas History and Math
Cheyenne Hass - Most Improved - Texas
Shelby McWilliams - Most Outstanding - Career
Meghan O'Briant - Most Improved English
Billie Pointer - Most Outstanding - English
Phoenix Sanders - Most Outstanding 7th Grade TAKS
Chance Thompson - Most Improved - Texas History
Zachery Thompson - Most Improved - English and Science
Justin Whiteley - Most Outstanding Science
Seth Wyatt - Most Improved - Science

8th Grade

Missy Broecker - Most Improved - English
Taryn Estes - Most Outstanding - Math, English, and Algebra I
Megan France - Most Improved - Science
Ricky Higgins - Most Improved - U.S. History
Brenna Kleiber - 1st Place Reader \$200 Gift Card to Wal-Mart
Kaitlyn Koettel - Most Improved - U.S. History, English; Most Outstanding - Science
Stephen Saltus - Most Outstanding - U.S. History and Science
Ariel Sneed - Most Improved - Math
Allanta Wheeler - Most Outstanding - U.S. History, Math, English; Most Improved - Science

9th Grade

Michael Carpenter - Most Outstanding - Biology, English I, Geometry; 6th Place UIL in Science; Top 10% in Class
Nicole Eisenbach - Most Outstanding - Algebra I
Michael Ramsey - Most Outstanding - World Geography
Sarah Rogers - Most Improved - Spanish I
Texas Sanders - 6th Place UIL Informative Speaking; 6th Place UIL Prose Interpretation; 2nd Place Team in Speech
Shelby Thomas - Most Outstanding - Spanish I; Top 10% in Class
Justin Willis - Most Improved - Spanish I and English I
Angus Worcester - Most Outstanding - Biology, English I and Geometry

10th Grade

Erica Barron - Most Outstanding - IPC; Key Club Member
Cheyenne Cowan - Most Outstanding - AP World History, Spanish II, Algebra II, Chemistry
Victoria Creamer - Most Outstanding - English II, Algebra II; 5th Place UIL in Headline Writing
Dania Delgadillo - Most Outstanding - Spanish I; 6th Place UIL Poetry Interpretation; 2nd Place Team in Speech
Robyn Douglas - Most Improved - World History
Dakota Gilliam - Most Improved - English II

Katharine Goode - Most Outstanding English II, Speech; Key Club Member; 1st Place UIL Prose Interpretation; 2nd Place Team in Speech
Joe Holland - Key Club Member
Sheldon Libey - Most Outstanding - World History
Hayley Megarity - Most Improved English II; AP World History; Key Club Member
Gema Sanchez - Most Improved Speech
Maci Whitson - Most Improved - Spanish II; Key Club Member

11th Grade

Rachelle Allen - Most Outstanding - English III; Key Club Member
Jayten Ames - The Shepperd Edge Award; Key Club Member; 2nd Place Team in Speech
Shelby Ames - The Shepperd Edge Award; Key Club Member
Charleen Avants - Most Outstanding - Math Models
Tray Coffman - Most Improved - U.S. History
Samantha Dickson - The Shepperd Edge Award
Ryder Foster - The Shepperd Edge Award
Lauren Goode - The Shepperd Edge Award; Key Club Member; 2nd Place UIL Poetry Interpretation; 2nd Place Team in Speech; 3rd Place AR Reader \$100 Gift Card to Wal-Mart
Skyler Halsel - The Shepperd Edge Award; Key Club Member
Ethan Koettel - Most Improved - Spanish II
Tiffany McCaghren - Most Improved English III
Mitul Patel - Most Improved - English III; Most Outstanding - Spanish II, Pre-Calculus, Algebra II, Chemistry, U.S. History
Rosa Salazar - The Shepperd Edge Award; Most Outstanding - Spanish III; Most Improved - Pre-Calculus; Key Club Member
Robbi Saltus - 5th Place UIL in Science
Cody Self - The Shepperd Edge Award
Chance Senclair - Most Outstanding - English III; Most Improved - Spanish III
James Sullivan - The Shepperd Edge Award; Key Club Member; 5th Place UIL in Computer Science; 2nd Place Team in Computer Science
Kenzie Taff - Most Improved - Spanish III; 1st Place UIL in Ready Writing
Austin Thomas - Key Club Member
Zoie Walker - The Shepperd Edge Award; Most Outstanding - Spanish III, Pre-Calculus; Physics; Astronomy; 6th Place UIL in Editorial Writing; 6th Place UIL Literary Criticism; 5th Place UIL Ready Writing
Kristin Willis - Key Club Member

12th Grade

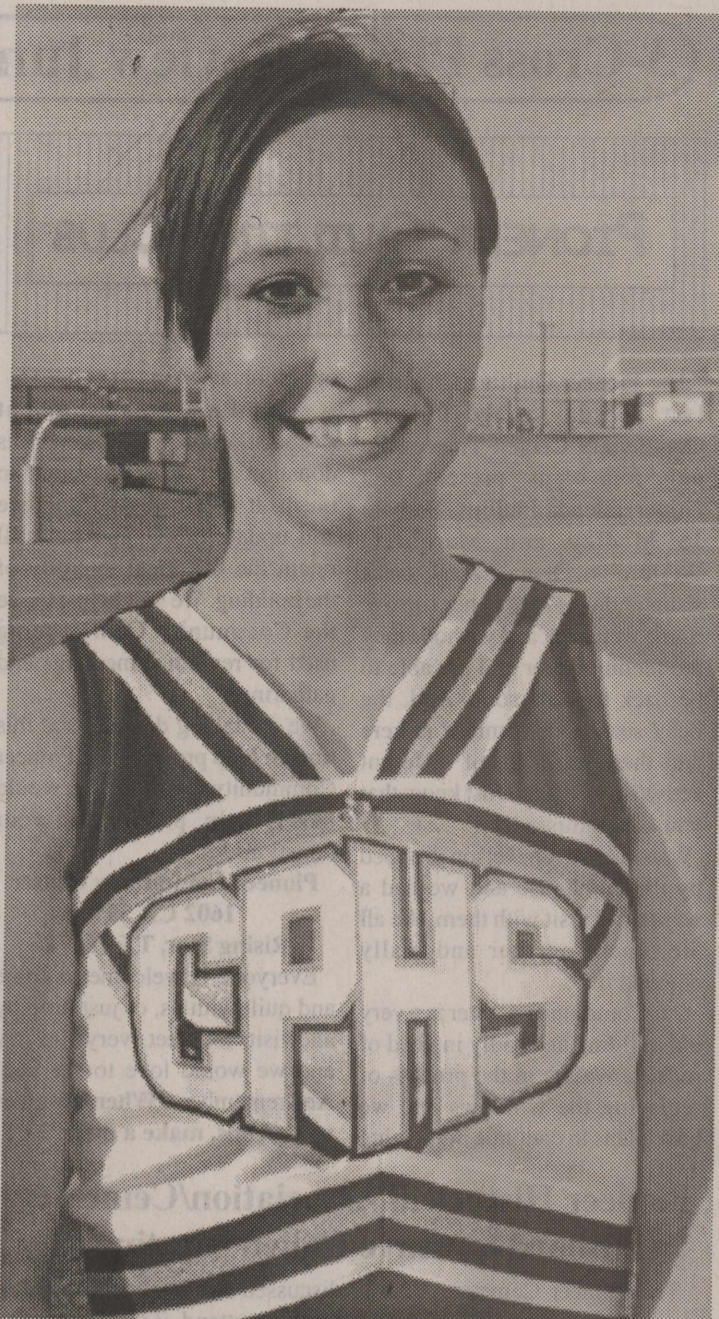
Delany Ames - Most Outstanding - English IV; Most Improved - Accounting; Key Club Member
Patrick Border - Most Improved - English IV, Algebra II
Misty Bush - Key Club Member
Ben Dugger - Most Improved - Algebra II
Gavin Erickson - Most Outstanding - Government
Justin Golson - Most Outstanding - Economics
Joel Hinten - 6th Place UIL Computer Science; 2nd Place Team Computer Science
Tonei Kemp - Most Improved - Government

Shawna Lewis - Most Outstanding - A&P; 2nd Place UIL Literary Criticism; Academic Discus Award; 2nd Place AR Reader \$150 Gift Card to Wal-Mart
William Pope - Most Improved - Economics
Dillon Whiteley - Most Outstanding - Pre-Calculus, Accounting; 2nd Place in UIL Computer Science; 2nd Place Team Computer Science
Miranda Williams - Most Outstanding - Algebra II

2011 Senior Scholarships

Delany Ames - Cisco College \$1,500; First United Methodist Church \$500; Robert E. Howard \$1,000; Barbarian Festival Scholarship in Honor of Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt \$1,000 - **Total Scholarship \$4,000**
Kevin James Baker - Cisco College \$1,500
Patrick Ryan Border - Cisco College \$1,500; First United Methodist Church \$500 - **Total Scholarship \$2,000**
Misty Katheryn Bush - Cisco College \$1,500; DARS Scholarship \$10,000; **Total \$11,500**
Benjamin Wayne Dugger - Cisco College - \$1,500
Gavin Blaine Erickson - Cisco College \$1,500; Hardin Simmons University Dean's Scholarship \$32,000; Hoard Payne University Heart of Texas Scholarship - \$48,000 **Total \$81,500**
Cody Eugene Ford - Cisco College \$1,500; Cen-Tex Credit Union Mary Ruth Williams Youth Scholarship - \$1,000; McMurry University - \$32,000; **Total \$34,500**
Justin Clay Golson - Cisco College \$1,500; Cisco Faculty Tuition Scholarship \$7,500; **Total \$9,000**
Thomas Scott Haile - Cisco College \$1,500
Zachariah Leo Hedfelt - Cisco College \$1,500
Joel Thomas Hinten - Cisco College \$1,500; South Plains College John L. Smallwood Leadership Scholarship \$1,000; Leaf Hunter Scholarship \$250; **Total \$2,750**
Tonei Ray Kemp - Cisco College \$1,500
Audra Haley Mayfield - Graduating as a member of the National Society of High School Scholars; Cisco College \$1,500
Walter William Pope - Cisco College \$1,500; Super S Foods Scholarship - \$1,000; **Total \$2,500**
Taylor Leegene Savell - Cisco College \$1,500
Chad Zachary Switzer - Cisco College \$1,500
Luke Eric Thompson - Cisco College \$1,500
Robert Allan Wheeler - Cisco College \$1,500
Dillon Dee Whiteley - Cisco College \$1,500; South Plains College \$1,000; Cross Plains Garden Club - \$500; **Total \$3,000**
Miranda Marie Williams - Cisco College \$1,500; Beta Sigma Phi \$500; **Total \$2,000**
Hayden Cole Wyatt - Cisco College \$1,500; Masonic Lodge \$1,000; America Boer Goat Association \$1,000 plus a laptop valued at \$1,200; FFA Booster Club Scholarship \$500; **Total \$5,200**
Savana Rene Wyatt - Howard Payne University Heart of Texas Scholarship - \$48,000; McMurry University Merit Scholarship - \$40,000; Baylor University

Provost's Gold Scholarship - \$34,000; Angelo State University Carr Scholarship - \$3,500; ASU Hazlewood Award - \$6,850; Lake Brownwood Lions Club - \$500; Masonic Lodge - \$1,000; Cross Plains Class of 1961 - 3rd Highest Ranking Student Scholarship - \$1,000; Cisco College \$1,500; LeGrand Scholarship - \$4,000; **Total \$140,350**
Tyler Tru Avants - Cisco College \$1,500; Tarleton State University CDE Scholarship - \$1,000; Top 10% - \$2,000; **Total \$4,500**
Shawna Danielle Lewis - Cisco College \$1,500; Highest Ranking graduate of Cross Plains High School; 1 full year tuition at Texas Woman's University - Approximately \$7,000; Baylor University Presidential Gold Scholarship - \$54,000; University of North Texas Presidential Scholarship - \$28,000; Brownwood Lion's Club - \$500; Texas Woman's University Presidential Scholarship - \$28,800; Masonic Lodge - \$1,000; W.G. McCoy - \$1,000; Rowden Baptist Church - \$500; Daughters of the Republic of Texas - \$150; Top 10% - \$2,000; **Total \$124,450**
Total Scholarship amount for the Cross Plains High School Graduating Class of 2011 was \$442,250.00



FCA ALL-STAR CHEERLEADER—Cross Plains High School senior Delany Ames was a member of the South All-Star Cheerleaders during the 12th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic held Saturday, June 4th in Abilene. Delany, who plans to attend Texas Tech University, has participated in Student Council, Key Club, basketball, cross country, track, softball and cheerleading at Cross Plains High School. She is also the CPHS Senior Class Treasurer.

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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 June 16, 2011, beginning at 6:00 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
 - A. Hear and Discuss Concerns from Employee Concerning Coaching Stipend
2. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - B. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
 - C. Approve Transfer Students
 - D. Consider Property and Automobile Insurance for 2011-12
3. Personnel
 - A. Approve Resignations

(if any)

- B. Approve 2011-12 Salaries for Employees
- C. Consider Paying Level I Amount Toward Employees Health Insurance (\$325 per mo.)
4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Report from the Legislature
 - B. Any Board Member Interested in Running for TASB Board of Directors
 - C. TAKS Results
 - D. Electricity Bids in July
 - E. Fuel and Milk Bids in July
 - F. Breakfast and Lunch Prices in July
5. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on June 13, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. by Phil Mitchell for the Board of Trustees.

Multi-County 4-H Sewing Workshop

Youth interested in learning about clothing and sewing, as well as the 4-H program, are invited to participate in a Multi-County Sewing Workshop on Tuesday, June 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the southeast corner of the Taylor County Expo Center facility in Abilene. Registration is due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 16th.

To register, call the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048. A list of supplies needed will be given when you register. Cost for the camp is \$5 and may be paid the day of the event. The workshop is open to all youth that have completed the 3rd grade and up. Participants will

make a tote bag, a fleece blanket, and a felt bag to take home. Two community service projects that will benefit newborn babies will also be a part of the workshop.

For more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office: 325-854-5835; the Fisher County Extension Office: 325-776-3259; the Nolan County Extension Office: 325-235-3184; the Shackelford County Extension Office: 325-762-2233; or the Taylor County Extension Office: 325-672-6048.

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2011 MORAN HOMECOMING ANNOUNCED

The 2011 Moran Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22, according to an announcement by the Moran Ex-Student & Teacher Association. The Moran Bulldogs are scheduled to host the Woodson Cowboys for the homecoming football game on Friday night, with the remaining homecoming activities scheduled on Saturday as usual. A parade and street dance are among the activities being considered again this year if there is enough interest, participation and volunteers willing to help. The Association members also need your help updating their mailing list, which contains addresses for ex-students and faculty/staff members, current and ex Moran residents and their children and grandchildren. It has been updated according to information currently known. However, there are likely several addresses that have changed since the 2009 Homecoming that the Association is unaware of. If your address is one of those or if you know of someone who is not on the mailing list, but who would like to be, please contact Duston at 325-945-3145 (if no answer, please leave a message), send us an e-mail to moranhomcoming@aol.com, or send us a message on Facebook at www.facebook.com (search for Moran Messenger Moran Texas).

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Emergency communication moves more toward social media venue

AUSTIN—Hurricane season has arrived along with a flurry of activity around the state government agencies, volunteer groups and private sector partners, all getting ready for the next big storm.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plays a critical role in storm education, evacuation and recovery. So each year, along with its hundreds of partners, the department begins, months ahead of time, preparing for the possibility of seasonal storms.

At the top of the preparation list is evaluating the agency's communications efforts.

This year the emphasis is on social media. Building on an already effective program, TxDOT will expand its social media reach even more to communicate hurricane information faster and more efficiently.

The agency entered the world of social media in early 2009 with Twitter and Facebook applications. Two years later, TxDOT has 5,466 Twitter followers and more than 4,000 Facebook fans. The numbers grow hourly.

"Social media is the future of

communications," explained Amadeo Saenz, TxDOT executive director. "If the last few years have taught us anything, it's that social media is an effective way to reach thousands of Texas citizens."

To keep up to date with happenings in TxDOT's Abilene District, sign on to the district's Twitter account, Mary Beth Kilgore, Abilene District public information officer, said. That account can be accessed at <http://twitter.com/TxDOTABLPLO>.

TxDOT relies on Twitter and Facebook to communicate storm preparedness and highway conditions information to social media users. This season, each tweet will carry a specific storm-related hashtag to provide an easy way to catalog all the tweets and allow all Twitter users to quickly find hurricane information.

Locate all TxDOT Twitter feeds at http://www.txdot.gov/news/twitter_feeds.htm and TxDOT's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TxDOT.

Other steps the agency takes each year to prepare for the storm season include:

Reviewing emergency management plans and training personnel on emergency traffic control measures, debris removal and other recovery procedures;

Participating in regional and statewide emergency drills with other agencies and local jurisdictions;

Identifying and preparing facilities and equipment needed for quick mobilization;


Reviewing evacuation plans making sure contraflow routes are open (no lane closures); and

Testing all Dynamic Message Signs (DMS).

A comprehensive hurricane preparedness section on the agency's website includes information on road conditions and evacuation procedures, in addition to links to other agencies with information on local conditions including the www.texasonline.com, a state website. Regional maps online show evacuation routes, all accessible on the Web at TxDOT's site, www.txdot.gov.

For more information, contact the TxDOT media relations office at 512 463-8700.





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10.18 Ac. - 9 acres improved coastal pasture, good fences with small 2BR-1B farm house.	70,000
13.33 Ac. - 2BR-2B mobile home with scattered trees and 10 acres of coastal.	84,500
14.184 Ac. - 2BR-2B mobile home with beautiful views, pond & scattered trees.	65,000
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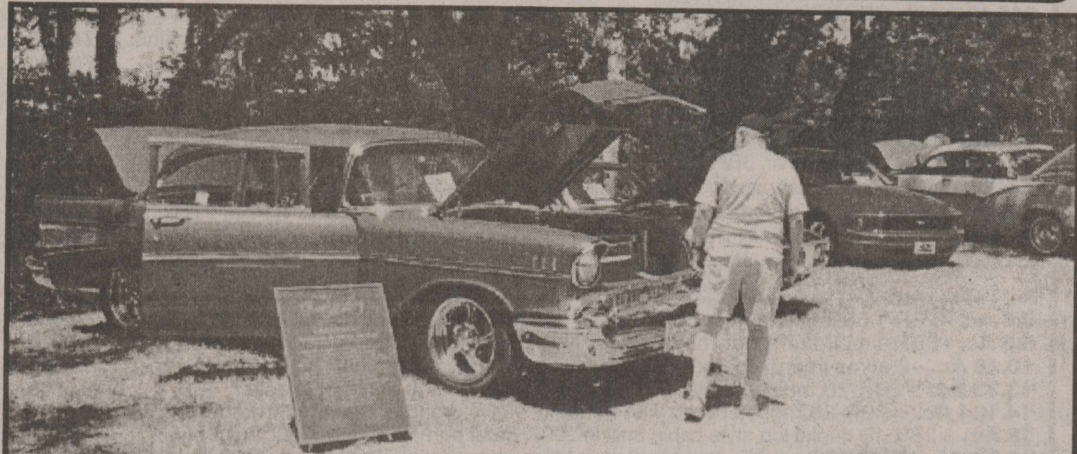
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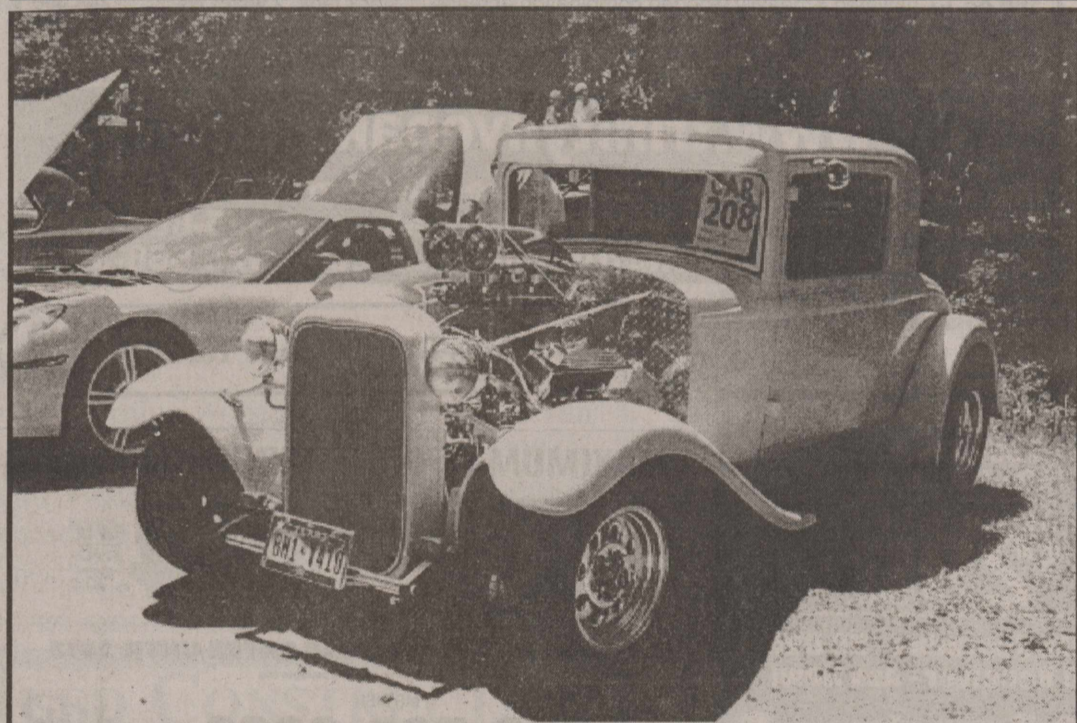
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Best In Show — The “Best In Show” 2011 goes to the 1957 Chevy owned by Kenneth McCoy of Abilene.



Best Truck — This 1979 GMC Pickup owned by Marc Newman of Abilene won “Best Truck.”



Car Show — These beauty’s were among the several cars and trucks in the Antique and Classic Car Competition.



Classic Car and Truck Show — Everyone enjoyed looking at the entries in the Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show.



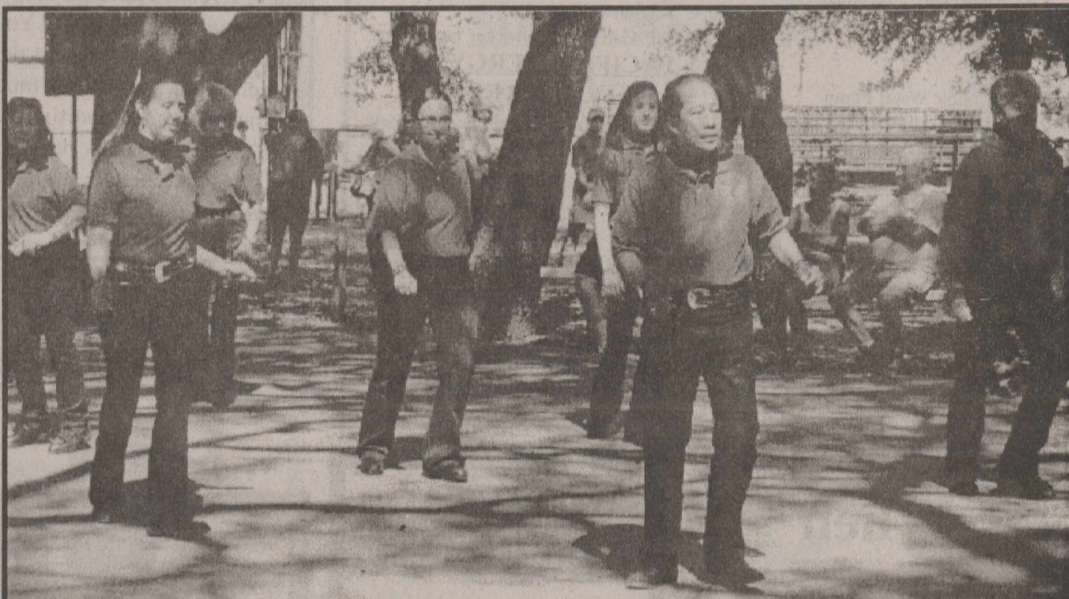
Library Fundraiser — Bob Childress and Michelle Kaiser make plans for the library’s fundraiser “Murder at the Barbarian Festival” in September.



Musical Entertainment — The audience enjoyed music throughout the day from the “Class of ‘57.”



Sing, Sing, Sing — The Centennial Singers performed at the Barbarian Festival.



Texas Tornadoes — The Texas Tornadoes delighted the audience with their footwork and dance steps.



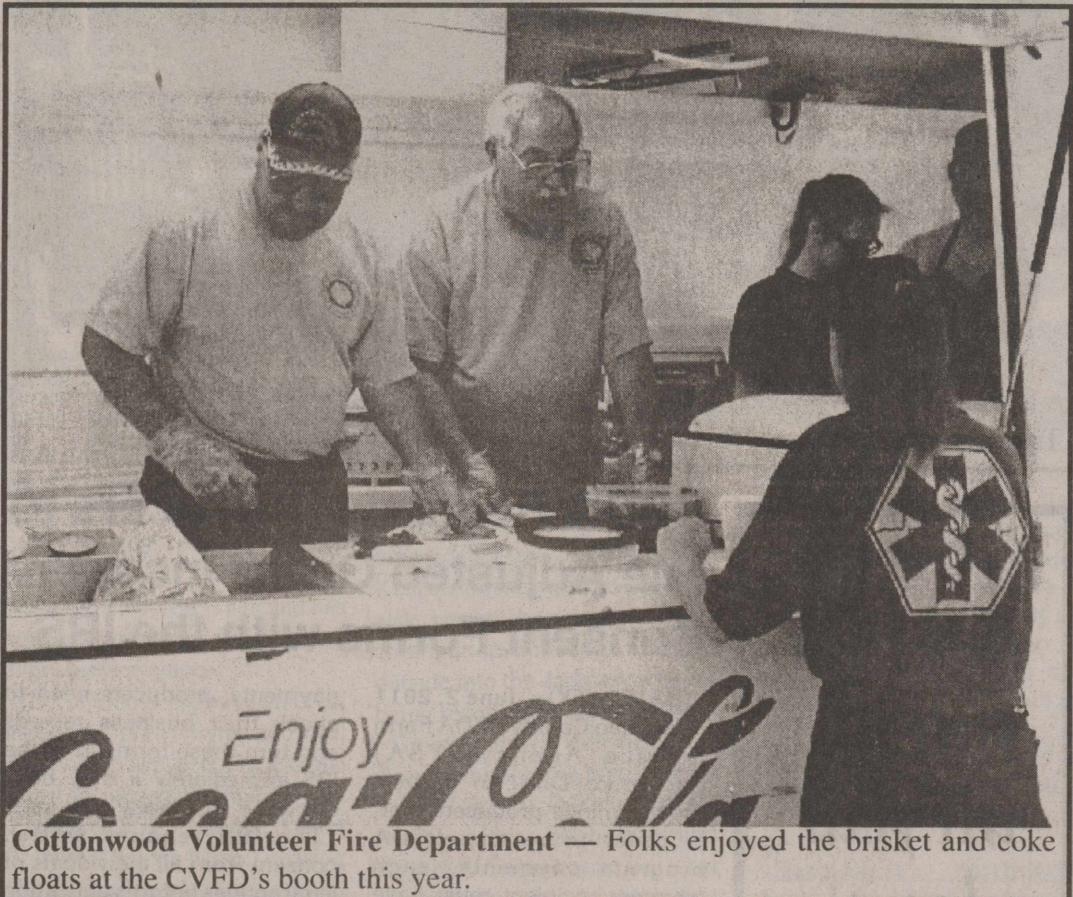
Tractor Show — These are two of the entries for the Tractor Show 2011.



Oink Oink Here — The famous Bubba’s BBQ Smokehouse Pig entertained the kids.



Barbarian Festival 2011 Prize Giveaways — Many prizes were given away during the day with the proceeds benefiting the Terry Jane McWilliams Scholarship Fund.



Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Department — Folks enjoyed the brisket and coke floats at the CVFD's booth this year.



Free Ice Cream — Of course all the kids young and old enjoyed this tasty treat.

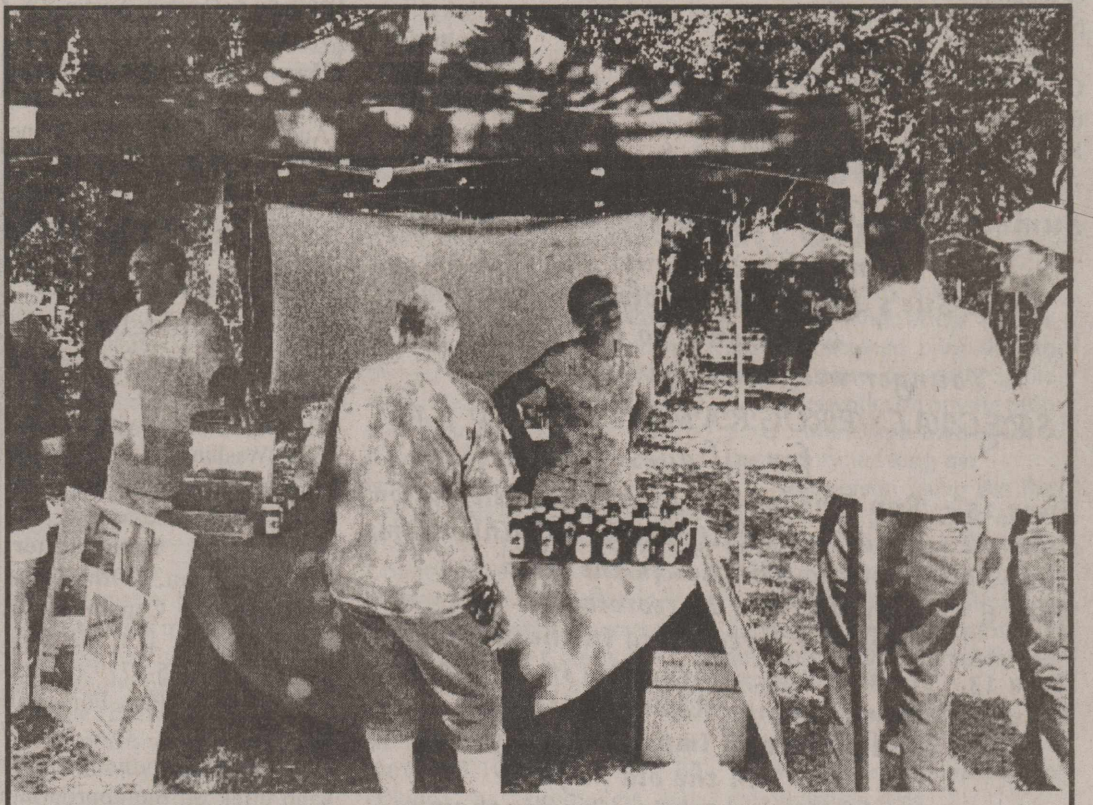
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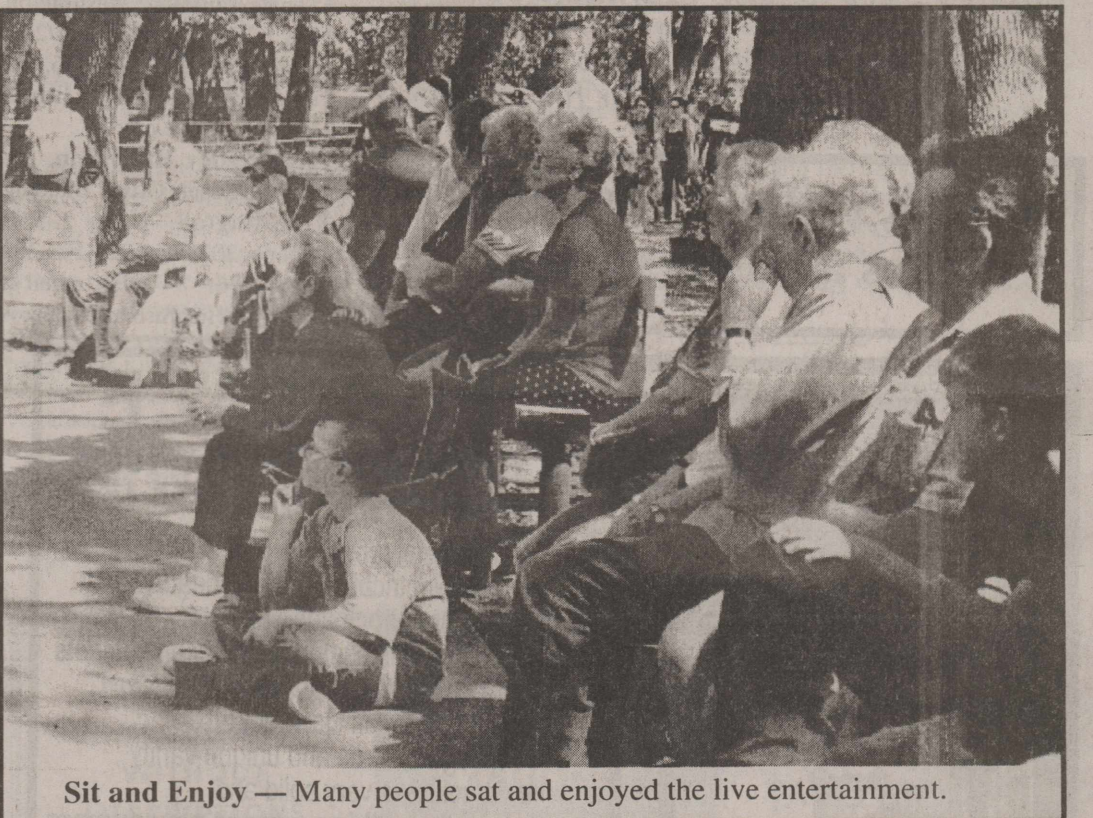
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Live Entertainment — Many people sat and enjoyed the music played at the Festival this year. Some even enjoyed dancing to the music.



No Bees Here, Just Honey — Honey for Sale at the Swinney Bees booth. SWEET!



Sit and Enjoy — Many people sat and enjoyed the live entertainment.



Turkey Creek Rodeo Club — The kids enjoyed horse rides from the TCRC.



Sand Art Booth — Kids young and old had a blast making sand art at this year's Festival.



Cross Plains Remembered — Many festival-goers ordered a copy of the Barbarian Festival Committee's upcoming book "Cross Plains Remembered"



Can you say Bling Bling — Jewelry, candles and all kinds of crafty stuff was at this booth.

Summer Reading Program "Lets Celebrate Cross Plains Centennial and Dig Up a Good Book"

The Summer Reading Program, "Lets Celebrate Cross Plains Centennial and Dig up a Good Book" at the Cross Plains Public Library got off to a great start Wednesday afternoon. Children signed up to challenge themselves to read 10 books this summer, or read 300 minutes, to earn a certificate and prizes.

Miss Sue had a wonderful class, "Dig in...Eat" at 1:00 for the three to six year-olds. Going along with the theme, Miss Sue read books about food. The children made pizza magnets with their choice of toppings, and then snacked on pizza flavored fish crackers.

Ron Rhodes, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, presented the 2:00 program for all ages. Ron explained what Centennial

means and told interesting facts about Cross Plains in the early days.

At 3:00, Shelby Thomas and Texas Sanders, both sophomores from Cross Plains High School, led the Teens and 'Tweens in fun projects.

Next Wednesday, June 22nd, Miss Sue's class will be "Dig Down—Build Up". Our program for all ages will be a tour of Higginbotham's historic building and store. The Teens and 'Tweens will be having more exciting projects.

Come join your friends and us for a great day at the library!!

Submitted by
Linda Burns
Library Director

Summer Reading Program at Local Library

June 15th - August 3rd

Miss Sue's Little Archaeologist 1:00 p.m.
Children 3 to 6

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SPECIAL PROGRAMMING 2:00 p.m.
for all ages

June 15 - Ron Rhodes - C.P. Centennial Celebration

June 22 - Field Trip to Historical Higginbothams

June 29 - Historic Ranches in the Area

July 6 - Randy Turner, Meteorologist

Weather forecasting in the old days

July 13 - Rolan Jones - Gardening in the old days

July 20 - Mary Irving - Railroad Museum

History and importance of trains in the old days

July 27 - Field Trip to Jessica Cunningham's

Art Gallery and Old Methodist Church

August 3 - Roy Reddick - Furniture Building

TEENS AND 'TWEENS - 3:00 p.m.

Come join your friends for fun and games!

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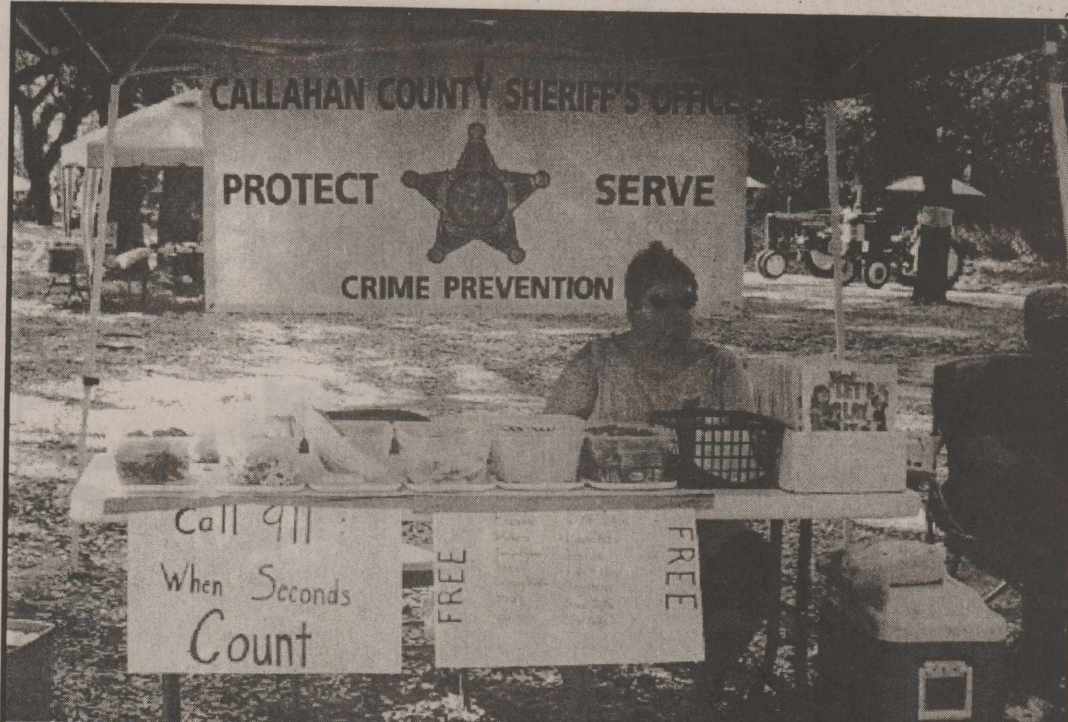
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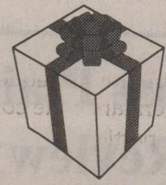
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USDA Reminds Producers to File Adjusted Gross Income Consent Forms with the IRS

(BAIRD, TX) — June 2, 2011 — Callahan County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Robert Frost reminds producers that, in order to receive USDA program payments, each payment recipient must have an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) verification consent form on file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The consent form authorizes the IRS to verify for FSA whether a payment recipient's AGI meets the eligibility requirements for FSA programs. The form became a requirement for payment eligibility beginning with the 2009 crop year, however many program participants have not complied with this requirement.

"IRS and USDA reports show that, nationwide, FSA is still missing the required consent forms from many producers for 2009 and 2010," said Frost. "In order to avoid an interruption of program

payments, producers need to check their business records and turn these forms in to the IRS immediately if they have not done so already," he said.

The IRS requires written consent from all individuals or legal entities before verification of the average AGI can be provided to USDA. Individuals must submit form CCC-927 and legal entities must submit form CCC-928. Without these forms on file, producers will not receive USDA program payments.

Frost further clarifies that these consent forms are required for payments received from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as well as those received through FSA. Completed forms must be returned to the IRS.

For more information on AGI eligibility requirements or the AGI verification process, contact the Callahan County FSA office at (325) 854-1049 ext 2.

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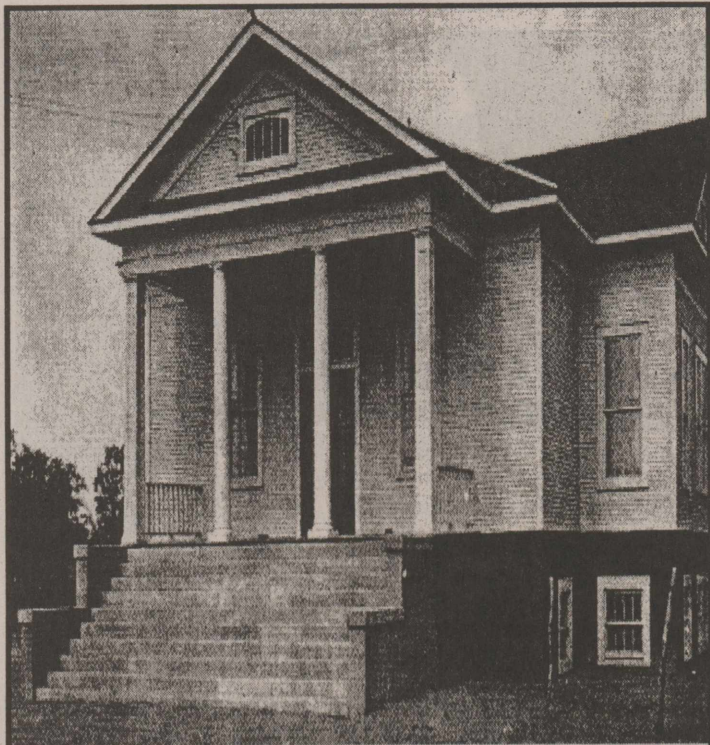
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Brings Back Memories of Days Gone By — Old First Baptist Church Building — Photo taken July 11, 1925.

First Baptist Church

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Old records are sketchy but it is known that Mrs. M.F. (Suma) Dill's membership has been continuous since 1923 and she has been a dedicated worker through the intervening 67 years. Others with lengthy tenures and their date of membership include: Jack Scott 1925; Lorena Armstrong Wright 1930; Gretna Wright Payne 1931; Juakana Westerman Scott 1935; Bobbie Westerman Edmondson 1937; Waldene Smith Foster 1940; Oscar Tyler and Fay Stephens Tyler 1941, and Margaret Clark McNeel, who was baptized here in 1942 owns the distinction of being the only person alive to have been on the Cradle Roll 59 years (now 80 years) ago and has been present at services here most every service since.

This church is proud of all of its members, both young and old, and those in between. There is one very special person, though, who is revered by all. That one is Cora Howland, who is herself nearing 100 years of age, but continues to serve this church and the Lord in so many ways.

Sad occurrences were the funeral services held here for people so dear to many. There have been double and even quadruple funerals conducted from this church. The four were, of course, the Dickie Huntington

family in 1953.

There have been many humorous happenings. A well-remembered one being when Deacon Ross Henley dozed off during a Sunday morning service and fell from his seat in the choir. Pastor Ed Poe, who was preaching at the time, digressed only to remark: "Be careful Ross, you'll wake up the whole congregation" and then went right on with his sermon.

Perhaps the most dramatic occurrence was at the closing of a revival here in the early 1920's. Just as the benediction was about to be pronounced, the front door of the church swung open and in paraded four fully-robed Ku Klux Klansmen. They walked down the aisle, handed the evangelist a cash contribution, turned and marched outside into the darkness without being recognized.

Greatest revival ever held here was probably the one led by Will Hogg in October 1928. Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists cooperated in that undertaking. Services were held in a tabernacle, adjoining the Baptist church. Crowds ranged from 500 to 1,000 and instead of passing collection plates, ushers utilized old-fashioned washtubs. Two hundred people united with local churches, 102 of them being added to the Baptist roll.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Past Hurts

Many times we allow our past hurts and heartbreaks to keep from living life to its fullest potential. What we must realize is that no person will escape being hurt in this life. It is all a part of living and being alive. As long as we have breath in our lungs, we should expect to get hurt at some point in our lives, but getting hurt should not keep us stagnant in life. Just because we have suffered heartbreak does not mean that we should give up on all people and not allow ourselves to trust again. Life is all about second chances. God offers second chances to us so we should also give ourselves a second chance to live life to its fullest potential. That entails getting past what has happened to us and using it for our benefit to become better, wiser and stronger than we were before.

We must always keep in mind that past hurts can do two things; they can make us bitter or they can make us better. We can either become stagnant and stay in that negative state of mind, or we can rise up, learn from that situation and use our life to be a blessing to ourselves as well as to those around us. Be encouraged and know that your heart has a resilience like none other. The Lord can heal every brokenness that our hearts have

suffered and give us a strength that we never thought was possible. Do all that you can to move your life in a positive direction using all that you have learned and experienced to better your life and don't be afraid to trust again. You may have suffered at one time, but your latter end is sure to be much brighter and much more victorious than any of the former miseries that came your way in times past. (Romans 8:28) (Ecclesiastes 7:8-10)

I hope this message inspires and challenges your heart to see that you can get past any old hurts that you have suffered before. You can become better because of that negative situation and use what you've learned to set your life towards a blessed and bright future.

From the internet

Watergate Salad

- 1 box pistachio instant pudding
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County Burn Ban remains in effect

Callahan County Commissioners took no action concerning the Countywide Burn Ban during the county commissioners' regular monthly meeting held Monday, June 13th, which means the County Burn Ban remains in effect.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

Section 2.1 - Scheduling: When conducting work for the City, the City of Baird agrees to pay fuel, material costs, and other related costs of Callahan County while working within the Baird City limits.

Section 2.2 - Cost Sharing: When conducting work for the City, the City of Baird agrees to pay fuel, material costs, and other related costs of Callahan County while working within the Baird City limits.

Section 2.3 - Preparation: Callahan County will assist the City of Baird with grading, rolling, crowning, and doing minor ditch work before priming, paving, blade patching, and fog sealing is done.

Section 2.4 - Traffic Control: The City of Baird will provide traffic control by notifying the public of the schedule of work,

the following streets: **Spruce, Walnut, Pine, Seventh, Arch, Market, and Mesa Drive.**

providing and using barricades, and using police assistance.

SIGNED this the 13th day of June, 2011.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge
Approved: Precinct #3
(s) Tom Windham
Commissioner Precinct #3

Attest:
(s) Donna Bell,
County Clerk
Approved: City of Baird
Jeff Barton, Mayor
Nancy Turnbow,
City Secretary

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table the Resolution for Number of Reserve Deputies until the next commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—One bid was submitted for a Motor Grader for Commission-

ers Precinct #4. The bid was submitted by Warren Cat. The bid was in the amount of \$73,000. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to accept the bid with the condition that a leak on the motor grader be repaired. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve Ricky Wayne Jowers as a Reserve Deputy for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioners approve order prohibiting the use of fireworks in Callahan County

The Callahan County commissioners' court approved an order prohibiting the use of certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, June 13th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to prohibit the use of certain fireworks for the Independence Day holiday period.

On the 13th day of June, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County adopted the following order effective immediately:

ORDER PROHIBITING USE OF FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Commissioners' Court has determined that during the July 4th fireworks season, the rural acreage in the county not under cultivation for a period of at least twelve months are determined to be extremely hazardous for the danger of fire because of high grass and dry vegetation and allows the Commissioners' Court of a county to prohibit the sale or use of restricted fireworks in specific areas in Callahan County; and WHEREAS, on the 13th day of

June, 2011, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County has determined that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County adopts this Order prohibiting the use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County.

A. No persons may detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks classified under 49 C.F.R. part 173.100(r)(2) (10-1-86 edition), as "skyrockets with sticks, and "Missiles with fins" in any portion of the unincorporated area of Callahan County.

B. This Order does not prohibit:

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives.
2. Large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation (TEX. OCC. CODE, Chapter 2154).
3. The sale of "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."

C. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-

way of a county road.

D. If the landowners' permission is obtained prior thereto, persons may detonate, ignite, or use fireworks on private property in unincorporated areas of the county, as long as:

1. The person using the fireworks is not intoxicated as defined in Vernon's Act, Civil Statutes Art. 62011-1 (a) (2),

2. Reasonable precautions are taken concerning proximity to structures and flammable vegetation.

3. Children are adequately supervised by adults.

4. Water is readily available for extinguishing fires.

E. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally violates a prohibition established by this Order. An offense under this order is punishable by a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days. An individual, individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

APPROVED THIS THE 13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2011, BY THE CALLAHAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

(s) Roger Corn
County Judge

(s) Donna Bell
Attest: County Clerk

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Cross Plains' retail sales in 2011 are 5% higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2011 are up by over five percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

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

Cross Plains' 2011 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$100,432.95, which is 5.30 percent higher than the \$95,377.40 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2010.

The payment to the city for June 2011 was \$16,010.11, which is 1.70 percent higher than the payment in June 2010 of \$15,742.39.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Friday, June 10th, that state sales tax revenue in May was \$1.95 billion, up 9.9 percent compared to May 2010.

"Spending in sectors such as the oil and gas industry and manufacturing helped increase state sales tax revenue," said Combs. "Retail spending also grew. Texas has now had 14 straight months of sales tax revenue increases."

On Friday, Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$468.7 million in local sales tax allocations, up 7.2 percent compared to last June.

Combs will deliver June sales tax allocations of \$311.8 million to Texas cities, up 6.6 percent compared to June 2010. So far this calendar year, city sales tax allocations are up 6.3 percent compared to the same time period last year. Texas counties will receive sales tax payments of \$30.3 million, up 13.6 percent compared to last June. So far this year, sales tax allocations to counties are up 12.8 percent compared to 2010.

In addition, \$21 million goes out to 179 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 13.1 percent compared to last June. Ten local transit systems will receive \$105.3 million in sales tax allocations, up 6.2 percent compared to a year ago.

June's sales tax allocations represent sales that occurred in April.

For details of June sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2010	2011
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$95,377.40	\$100,432.95
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$15,742.39	\$16,010.11

The Comptroller's July sales tax allocation will be made on Monday, July 11th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2011 started the year 22.26 percent higher than the 2010 payments. The city has received \$63,912.08 in 2011, while the 2010 tax payments to the city totalled \$52,272.55.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2011 was \$8,668.36, which is 29.17 percent ahead of the \$6,710.48 payment made in June 2010.

—The 2011 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 3.50 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2010. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$254,266.21 in 2011. The 2010 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$263,507.17.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for June 2011 was \$38,308.60, which is 17.37 percent higher than the \$32,636.43 payment reported to the city in June 2010.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2011 payments to the town totalled \$7,353.42, up 2.71 percent from the 2010 payments to the city in the amount of \$7,159.11.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of June 2011 was \$2,106.42, which is 102.31 percent higher than the payment made in June 2010 of \$1,041.14.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2011 in Callahan County are higher by 1.82 percent compared to the 2010 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2011 amounting to \$425,964.66 while the 2010 payments to the

county towns totalled \$418,316.23.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of June 2011 were \$65,093.49, up 15.96 percent from the \$56,130.44 in payments made in June 2010.

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

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

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

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

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

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



BETTY JOE TABOR SHOWS A MUZZLELOADER, MEDALS AND SOME PAPERWORK BELONGING TO HER GREAT-GRANDFATHER, EDWARD SHORT. Photo by Anita Tucker

Great-granddaughter is keeper of history

The following story was reprinted from the Van Buren County Democrat, Clinton, AR.

By Anita Tucker
Van Buren County Democrat

Betty Joe Tabor likes old things.

The Clinton native who owns three newspapers in Texas with her husband, has inherited several items from her great-grandfather Edward Short, who was a Union soldier in the Civil War.

Among those items are a muzzleloader, his Civil War medals and paperwork filled out when he applied for a pension. She says one of her cousins has asked why she holds onto all the old items, but Tabor wouldn't dream of letting most of them go.

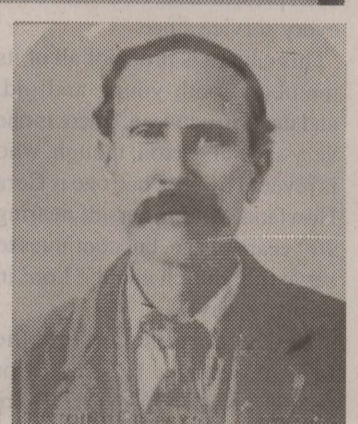
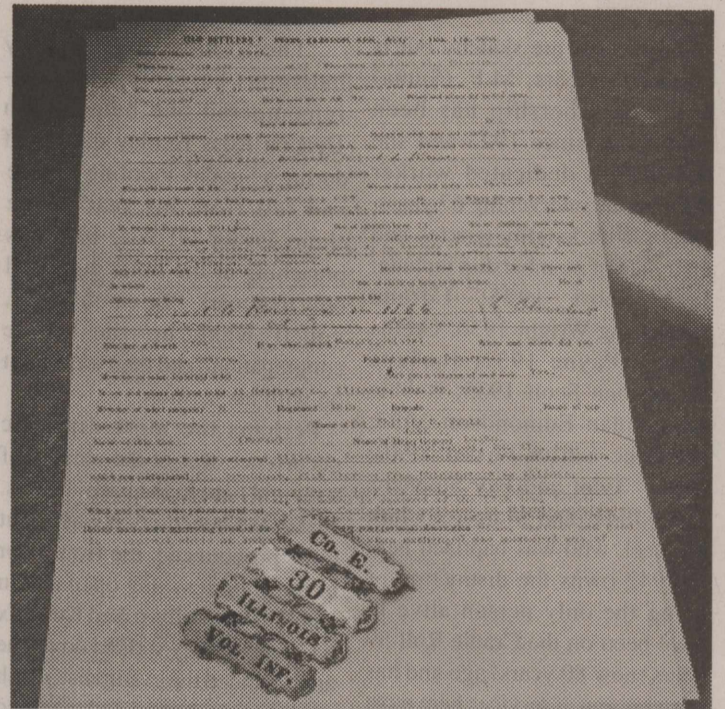
Her great-grandfather was born in Randolph County, Ill., on May 18, 1842. He was part of Sherman's historic march to the sea and was held prisoner for two months at the notorious Andersonville Prison in Georgia.

Here is his story from the 1923 files of the Van Buren County Democrat:

Uncle Edward Short, Clinton's oldest citizen, last Friday commemorated his 80th birthday anniversary in the enjoyment of health, physically and mentally, given to but few men of his years. How few readers of this sketch will pause for a moment to consider what eighty years means to the life of this nation, and the progress it has made, since our venerable friend and citizen first beheld the light of day. The year of his birth was three years before Elias Howe perfected the sewing machine, one of the most useful inventions of all time. During the 17 years that followed, more than 20,000 different articles were patented, adding to the comfort of home and lightening the burdens of life.

It was fifteen years after Uncle Edward was born when the first effort was made towards building a railroad west of the Mississippi river. This road was surveyed from Memphis to Little Rock and work started in 1858, but was discontinued until after the war when work was resumed, construction being completed in 1869. In 1866, Uncle Edward, with his parents, journeyed to Kansas, the trip from Chester, a steamboat landing on the Mississippi between Cairo and St. Louis, to Kansas City, being made by steamboat. The remaining 190 miles, to their objective point, was made by wagon, the entire trip requiring almost two months time.

Uncle Edward's residence in Arkansas dates from January 1897 when himself and family settled on what is now known as the J.F. Rogers place, five miles south of Clinton. A few years thereafter, they moved to a farm near Damascus, where they resided until nine years since when they came to Clinton. Two years after his arrival in Kansas, Uncle Edward was married to Miss Frances Chilson, whose society and companionship it is yet his pleasure to enjoy. Mrs. Short is now in her 75th year. To them 11 children have been born, eight surviving, as follows: Mary Alice now Mrs. Pitman of Pueblo; Nellie Lauretta, now Mrs. Henry Kruger of Kansas; Minnie, now Mrs. J.E. Sanders of Conway;



Chester, Gilbert (Neeley's Landing, Mo.), Fred, Myrle, now Mrs. S.K. Patton, and Frances, now Mrs. Ant Rogers.

Uncle Edward is a veteran of the Civil War, serving as a member of Co. E, 30th Reg., under Brig. Gen. Force, John A. Logan, Major General. He enlisted in Randolph county, Ill., Aug. 2d, 1861, and served until July 22, 1863, when he was taken prisoner at Atlanta, Ga. After serving 60 days in the Confederate prison at Andersonville, Ga., was exchanged by special arrangement between Generals Sherman and Hood, and his three-year enlistment service, having expired, was mustered out.

During his enlistment, he saw service in Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Georgia. Among the principal engagements in which he participated were Ft. Donaldson, Chickamauga and the Vicksburg Siege.

A later edition of the Democrat, printed in 1932, carries the obituary of Mrs. Frances Short. She was born at Columbus, Ohio, on Sept. 25, 1844, the daughter of Alfred and Mehitabel Chilson. At the time of her death, she was 82 years, 6 months and 4 days old.

To share your stories and photographs of Civil War ancestors, e-mail editor@vanburencountydem.com or call 745-5175.

Edward Short dies
Reprinted from the Van Buren County Democrat, 1928

Edward Short, age 86 years, 3 months and 17 days, died at the family home in Clinton at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday evening September 5, 1928. Interment took place at the local cemetery Thursday afternoon, services at the grave being conducted by M. B. Lefler in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Mr. Short was born at Chester, Randolph County, Illinois, May 18th, 1842, being one of 11 children born to

William A. and Sarah Housman Short, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter a native of Illinois.

In 1866, following the close of the Civil War, Mr. Short located in Kansas where he met and on May 9th, 1868, was united in marriage to Miss Frances Chilson, the ceremony being said by the Rev. E. C. Chilson, a brother to the bride and a pioneer circuit rider in Kansas.

To this union eleven children were born and eight of whom, with their mother, survive, as follows: Mary Alice, now Mrs. Matthews of West Lafayette, Indiana, Nellie Lauretta, now Mrs. Henry Kruger of Holton, Kansas, Minnie, now Mrs. J. E. Sanders of Conway, Chester of Clinton, Gilbert of Puxico, Missouri, Fred of Damascus, Merle, now Mrs. S. K. Patton of Clinton, and Frances, now Mrs. Ant Rogers of Bee Branch.

With his family Mr. Short moved from Salina, Kansas to Van Buren County, Arkansas in 1897, settling on what is known as Upper Choctaw. A few years thereafter they moved to a farm near Bee Branch, where they continued to reside until some 14 or 15 years since when they moved to Clinton.

Mr. Short was a veteran of the Civil War, enlisting in 1861 at the age of 19 as a member of Company "E" 30th Illinois Infantry. He participated in Grant's campaign in Mississippi and Sherman's march to the sea. He was taken prisoner at Atlanta, Georgia, July 22, 1863, and after spending 60 days in jail at Andersonville, Georgia was exchanged by special arrangement between Generals Sherman and Hood and subsequently mustered out of the service.

Mr. Short made a profession of religion in early manhood and identified himself with the congregational church. His membership continued until his death, extending over a period of more than 60 years. He was a man of positive and pronounced views upon all moral issues and reared his family in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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National Restaurant Association's ServSafe Exam to be Offered with Professional Food Manager Certification Training in July

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

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

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

Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Taylor County, is offering a professional food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$115 on July 11th & 18th, at the Taylor County Extension Office located on

the Taylor County Expo Grounds. Cost includes training, materials, and the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe certification examination. Registration deadline is June 23rd.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

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

- Increased customer satisfaction
- Improved relationships with

health officials

- Prevention of bad publicity and law suits due to foodborne illness

By attending the course, foodservice managers will learn about:

- identifying potentially hazardous foods and common errors in food handling
- preventing contamination and cross-contamination of food
- teaching and encouraging personal hygiene for employees
- complying with government regulations
- maintaining clean utensils, equipment and surroundings
- controlling pests

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

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New Book on History of Cross Plains Available at Library

Ann Beeler's book, *Footsteps of Approaching Thousands*, a history of the early days of Cross Plains, is now available at the Cross Plains Public Library. Beeler has gathered together items and photos collected for years into an extensive coverage of the founding of the town, the names of people who formed many of the first organizations here and mention of a great many of the businesses through the years, just in time for our Centennial celebration.

The book begins with the early days of Cross Plains in 1877, before the incorporation of the town, through to the sale of the lots and the creation of the first

city government and utilities. Beeler devotes chapters to the schools and churches, the cemetery and early transportation. Then she travels through World Wars I and II. Early businesses, organizations and families, including Dr. Howard, are the focus of much of the book.

Beeler also devotes a chapter on events and landmarks, including myths and legends surrounding the town, plus the wildfire of 2005.

Books are \$15 each and all proceeds benefit the library. Stop by and purchase your copy today.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

Cross Plains Remembered Photo Memory Book Available Soon

Cross Plains Remembered, the photo memory book compiled by the Barbarian Festival Committee, has been sent to the printers and will be available in mid-July.

The book features numerous photos of Main Street throughout the years, as well as photographs of many businesses, places and

people—including many group school photos from the 1930s and 1940s.

You can pre-order a copy of the book. Send a check for \$20 for the book, plus \$3 shipping to

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Stars and Skies of Texas: Star Party

Albany, Texas —Fort Griffin State Historic Site presents their monthly **Stars and Skies of Texas: Star Party**, an event taking place June 25th at 8 p.m. This is a family friendly event that will keep everyone entertained. If you've never been star gazing at Fort Griffin, then you have truly been missing out!

Fort Griffin has been described by many Texas astronomers as having some of the darkest, clearest skies in Texas and is considered one of the premiere hot spots for astronomy!

Every month astronomers from all over Texas travel to Fort Griffin to share their telescopes, laser pointers, and knowledge of the night skies with all who care to join them. This will be one of several star party events this summer. What makes this particular star party at Fort Griffin unique is that it is going to be held on the second weekend of the annual Fort Griffin Fandangle, which offers families even more to do in the nearby town of Albany. Star

gazing will begin after dark in the baseball field of the Fort Griffin campground.

For the basic cost of general admission to Fort Griffin State Historic Site, a family can create a memorable experience for both kids and adults alike. General admission to the site is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students (age 6-18), and age 5 and under are free.

Military personnel and their families get in FREE through the summer-long Blue Star Museum program that began Memorial Day weekend and ends Labor Day weekend. Discounts are also available to those who check-in to the event via their smart phone Facebook app and/or have purchased a Fandangle ticket prior to arrival.

Other Stars and Skies of Texas star parties this summer will be July 9th, August 6th and September 3rd. For more information about this event, their camping fees, or what Fort Griffin has to offer, please visit www.visitfortgriffin.com. For reservations call 325-762-3592.

Happy Father's Day

\$300 REWARD

FOR RETURN OF LOST

Female English Setter

Last seen south of FM 2287, west of
Cross Plains

Was wearing orange safety collar and tag



Thumbelina as a pup

Thumbelina is white with brown ticking, has brown and white ears and lots of freckles on her nose. She is medium to large in size (weighs about 55 lbs.) She could have lost her collar and is most likely hiding in an abandoned building.

254-725-7174 (H) or 817-897-4654 (C)
Loved family pet that likes to swim and chase bugs,
so could have traveled long distance.
PLEASE HELP US FIND HER!!!

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"Murder at the Barbarian Festival" Reveals More Suspects

Cross Plains Public Library will present the first in a planned series of supper plays titled "Murder at the..." on Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. Our inaugural production is titled "Murder at the Barbarian Festival"—what better way to start off the series than by highlighting an event held each year in honor of our most famous citizen?

The play takes place in the town of 'Crossed Plains' and we spoofed the names of some of our good-natured citizens (with their permission, of course). Every character is fictional and in no way reflects the person we poke fun at! The evening will be full of laughter and we promise to test your powers of observation.

Tickets will go on sale in August.

Last week, we introduced you to Bonnie and Biff Dirksam (who will be played by "spoofees" Connie and Cliff Kirkham), Barbara Seville (played by Helen Parson) and Conan, the barber. This week meet Amanda Vanderson (played by Kandy Jones), Belinda Barnes (played by Diana Miller) and Ricky Barnes (Played by Russ Miller).

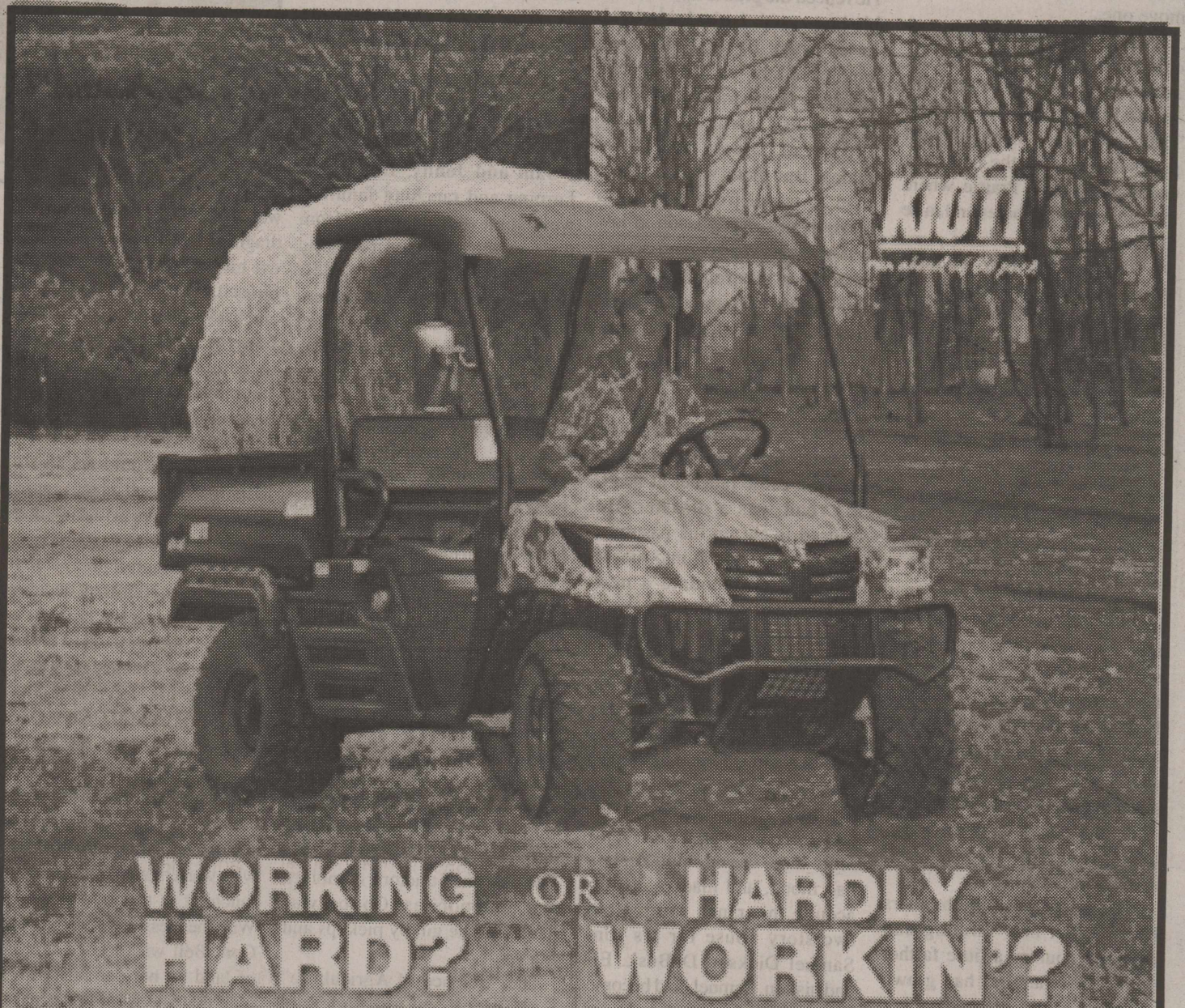
Amanda Vanderson works for the local newspaper the *Crossed Plains PREview*—'where we report the news BEFORE it happens! She also hosts a TV news segment "On the Go with Crossed Plains PRE-view." She lives in a spacious apartment above the local newspaper office. On her meager salary, how does she afford the rent?

Belinda Barnes is a native of Crossed Plains and is the town's current librarian. Belinda met her husband, Ricky, at the Fort Worth Livestock Show and fell madly in love with him. She oversees security of the Howard manuscripts and letters while they are displayed at the library during Robert E. Howard Days and the Barbarian Festival.

Ricky Barnes owns a guinea pig farm south of town and is married to Belinda, who doesn't know that Ricky was married before. In fact, everything Ricky told Belinda about his past is a lie.

We hope that you will join us for a fun-filled evening. Be sure to watch next week as we unveil more characters and suspects.

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser



WORKING HARD? OR HARDLY WORKIN'?

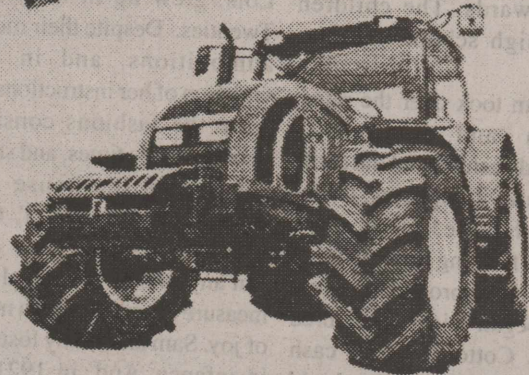
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DeBusk-Koenig Ranch — 134 Years of Family Owned Farm and Ranch

—A story of land, a family, a house and a way of life

This family's farming and ranching legacy began in 1868, in Lee County, Virginia. The civil war had recently ended. Elias DeBusk had returned home to his wife, daughter and two teenage sons, after fighting for the Confederacy. Elias was from a large family of hard-working people. His grandfather, his father, and other members of his family had made a living by owning and operating grist mills in what had now become a post-war wasteland. Many farmers and businesses had been destroyed. Virginia was war-torn and politically divided. The previously pioneer economy was in shambles. Elias' sons, Elija and Andrew thought it was time to move on.

The adventurous brothers convinced the family to strike out in search of new land a new life on the frontier known as Texas. The pair dreamed of owning vast parcels of land on the relatively unpopulated Texas Prairie, where they would build homes and raise families.

William Andrew (Andy) DeBusk and Elijah (Eli) DeBusk, married their sweethearts, and the pair gathered up their young brides, their parents, their sister, their brother-in-law and all the belongings they could load into a couple of covered wagons, and readied themselves for a journey West.

The brothers arrived in Texas and first settled in Collin County northwest of Fort Worth.

Years later, in a newspaper interview, Sarah DeBusk said that the group was weary and homesick when they arrived. There was nary a tree in sight, and the group longed for the lush valleys of their Virginia homeland. But Eli and Andy were determined to make their fortune in its new land. The group settled in the area and found the local people hospitable and welcoming.

After a few years the brothers heard about new farming and ranching country a little farther west. Their families had grown and each couple now had babies. The brothers were excited about the prospect of acquiring larger tracts of land and settling on the less-populated grass prairie out west. So, in 1877, the family made their way to the northwest corner of Brown County, just south of what would someday become the town of Cross Plains. There on the Pecan Bayou is where Eli DeBusk acquired the tract of land that would begin the DeBusk-Koenig family's farming and ranching legacy.

Records indicate that he purchased the 926 acre tract for \$1250. Eli and his wife Sarah Catherine Ball made their home on this parcel of land. Eli's parents, Elias and Martha DeBusk also made their home there, where they remained until their deaths. The young couple had two small children when they moved to Brown County and six more children were born. Eli was determined to be successful and he purchased more and more land in Brown County. When he acquired more land than he and his children could farm and care for, he leased out tracts to other families. By the time he died, he owned over 4,000 acres in Brown County; and two sections of land in the Panhandle near Idalou.

Eli believed cotton farming was the most profitable business of the time, and Andy preferred raising cattle. Soon both were prosperous in their chosen fields. In 1892 they completed the construction of a large two-story, prairie style frame house on the tract now Ranch Headquarters for Dick Koenig's "DK Ranch". Andy owned the land at the time, and he chose a site next to the largest live oak tree around. He built the house out of lumber shipped by rail car from Fort Worth. It was constructed entirely of wood and assembled with square nails. The exterior walls were built of wood installed in a "shiplap" manner.

The interior walls and floors

were constructed of solid wood planks, and it was roofed with wooden shingles. The huge floor beams were set upon hand-hewn stone pillars. Upon completion, the year "1892" was carved out of wood and mounted prominently beneath the east gable.

This house still stands and the basic structure of the house has remained intact. It has survived wind, hail and tornadoes. And it has been continuously occupied by the DeBusk descendants since it was built. It is currently occupied by my father, Robert Dixon (Dick) Koenig.

Upon completion, the house was occupied by Andy, his wife Martha (Mat) and their children. He fenced the prairie land around his home with barbed wire and raised cattle. By 1912, the area was becoming more populated, and more people traveled between the country towns of Burkett, Cross Cut, Dressy and Cross Plains. But there was no direct road to travel from Burkett to Cross Plains. Andy's son-in-law was a country road commissioner, and he was determined to run a new county road straight through the DeBusk Ranch. The road made sense in every way. It would improve travel, encourage commerce between the local towns and help farmers get their crops to market. However, for Andy, a cattle rancher at heart, the road was a disaster. He refused to cut up his pastures, and carve his ranch into pieces just to accommodate a new county road.

In the end, Andy's son-in-law prevailed, the new road was built straight through the middle of the DeBusk ranch, less than 100 yards from the east side of the house. Andy was so disgruntled that he decided to leave. His brother, Eli, who had been steadily acquiring more and more land, seized upon Andy's bad mood, and made a deal to acquire this ranch and the big two-story house for his son, Samuel Dickson DeBusk. Eli and his son, Samuel, had become successful cotton farmers, so the new road was a bit of a benefit to them. They would divide the land into fields for their crops and grazing areas for their cattle.

Samuel had married Frances Virginia "Jenny" Broocke, a local girl from a prominent land-owning family from the community of Grosvenor. Sam's parents, Eli and Sarah, still lived just down the road on the original tract of land purchased in 1877, but all of his brothers and sisters had moved to other areas of Texas where Eli had been acquiring land for cotton farming.

In 1912 Sam and Jenny moved into the two-story house along with their children where they would remain for the next 46 years. It was Sam and Jenny who made the house a home. They were parents of six children. Raymond, Cora Bell (my grandmother), Clara and Jo moved into the home along with their parents. Lois and Jack were born afterwards. The children attended high school in Cross Plains.

When Sam took over the reins, the ranch land was mostly unimproved pasture, and the cattle were primarily Longhorns. Under his stewardship, the land became a prosperous farming and ranching operation. He improved his cattle herd and began raising pure bred Herefords. Cotton was the cash crop, and it was harvested and sold at local markets. Oats and corn were raised to feed the livestock. Seed grain for next year's crop and grain to feed livestock were harvested and stored in hand-built wooden granaries. One of these granaries is still on the farm today.

As a child, my father remembers sitting on the seat of the horse drawn, iron-wheeled wagon with his grandfather, Sam, and hauling feed to the cattle. Some of the equipment still stand in front of the house. Perhaps it serves as a reminder of a time when life was

simpler and work was harder. Perhaps it is just yard art that evokes fond memories in my father's mind.

In 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Sam was on the Board of Directors of the local Farmers and Merchants Bank in Cross Plains. He understood better than most of his peers how the panic generated by the crash of the stock market would ruin the banking industry. He rallied his neighbors and tried to convince them not to make a run on the bank and cause it to become insolvent. Nevertheless, the depositors panicked, and continued to withdraw all their money. Still Sam refused to do so. As a result of his loyalty to the financial industry and the local bank, he eventually lost all of the funds he had on deposit with the Farmer's and Merchants' Bank. He also lost the 320 acre cotton farm his father, Eli, had given him on the high plains of Texas near Idalou.

Sam and Jenny, like many farming and ranching families, were somewhat insulated from the harshness of the crumbling economy because of their self-sustaining life-style. Sam, Jenny, the two-story house and the family farming and ranching operation survived the Great Depression.

In the early 1940's the Rural Electric Co-Op brought electricity to the area. Modern conveniences made their way into rural American both in the home and on the farm. Horses and railroads were no longer the only means of transportation. Refrigerators replace ice boxes. The Industrial Revolution had finally made it to the farm in Texas. Sam purchased his first tractor around 1940. He used the tractor for pulling a plow to break the ground, but continued to use his teams of horses to plant and cultivate his row crops for many more years. By the 1950's, the DeBusk's had tractors, combines and automobiles. Cotton was hauled to the gin by pickups and trailers.

The "Science of Agriculture" was in full swing, and Sam studied the new trends. He continued to improve his Hereford herd following emerging research in herd management. New varieties of cotton and oats were planted to maximize crop production. Sam cut hay in the summer and stored it to feed his cattle in the winter.

Jenny made certain that her family read the bible, attended church services and supported the local Methodist ministry in Burkett with their tithes and service. She was well-educated for a woman of her time, and she insisted that all of her children be well educated. Her sons and daughters attended elementary school at the Comal School House and high school at Cross Plains. Cora Bell obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Teaching from Texas Women's University in Denton in 1920, a relatively uncommon achievement for a woman of her time. The youngest DeBusk girls, Jo and Lois, grew up in the Roaring Twenties. Despite their mother's admonitions, and in direct violation of her instructions, they wore the fashions considered risqué for the times, and sneaked away from the house in the family's Ford Model T, to date without chaperones.

In any family there is always a measure of tragedy and a measure of joy. Sam and Jenny lost a child in infancy. And, in 1921, their oldest son, Raymond, a tall statuesque boy of 18 with a bright future and burning desire to be a rancher, dove into Turkey Creek head first and broke his neck. His parents carried him in the buckboard wagon to the hospital in Brownwood. My Dad recalls his mother telling him how the family pulled over twice along the bumpy dirt road to let Raymond die in peace. But Raymond survived. He returned home, paralyzed from the neck down after being told he would never



Historical Two-Story House — The Dick Koenig Family is pictured on the family ranch.

walk again. Raymond proved this diagnosis otherwise. He began to use his arms and he rehabilitated himself by crawling to the barn and back on his arms and elbows. Later he learned to sit, and then to ride a horse and to walk. Raymond achieved his goal of becoming a cattleman. By the time my father, Dick, was a teenager, he would spend time helping Raymond tend to cattle in summer pastures in the mountains of New Mexico.

In 1958, when Sam and Jenny were in their 70's, they decided it was time to pass the farming and ranching operation on to the next generation. So, just as Eli had done for his son Sam, Sam's oldest daughter, Cora Bell, wanted to see that the family's farming and ranching tradition continued. Her son, Robert Dixon "Dick" Koenig, was the only one of Sam and Jenny's grandchildren who was engaged in farming and ranching in the immediate area. With the blessings of her siblings, Cora Bell was deeded this tract of land by her parents, with the plan that she would later pass it on to her son and daughter.

Cora Bell married Alford John "Freddie" Koenig, on April 22, 1921. Freddie was the son of a German immigrant, George Gustav Koenig, who was also a farmer and rancher just southwest of Cross Plains. The Koenig's owned a home just up the road from the DeBusks.

The combination of Cora Bell's sharp wit and Freddie's German work ethic proved to be good. They farmed and raised cattle a few miles down the road from Sam and Jenny after they married. Two children were born to the couple, Frieda Bell Koenig, born on November 22, 1925, and Robert Dixon "Dick" Koenig, born on January 7, 1936. They were raised on the family's land in Coleman County in a house that no longer stands and were educated at the Burkett schools.

Dick was 12 years younger than his sister, and at the time he was a young teen, the family was financially well-off in comparison to many of their contemporaries. Hereford cattle were still the only breed that was prevalent in the area. But when Angus cattle began to gain some notice, Dick was the first youth in Coleman County to show an Angus steer at the County Livestock Show. He had a great deal of success showing his cattle in Coleman, Fort Worth, Houston and San Angelo. In high school Dick was also an excellent student and a very competitive basketball player.

When Dick graduated from high school, Freddie offered his son a choice: "I'll send you to college or help you get started in the farming and ranching business." Dick chose the second option. So in 1954, he married Ruth Sharon Henson and the pair became the 5th generation of DeBusk heirs to pursue the dream of farming and ranching near Cross Plains. Dick believed he could get a higher

education through self-study, but he might never have the financial means to get started in the farming and ranching business without the help of his parents.

In retrospect, Dick made a wise decision. His parents were in their middle 50's when he graduated from high school and cancer would take both their lives within the next seven years.

Dick and Sharon's first house was halfway between the home of his parents and his grandparents. His first endeavors as a farmer and rancher were on this land he leased between his parents and grandparents. When Dick and Sharon's first two children, Suzie and Sam, were born, they were the only grandchildren of Cora Bell and Freddie and the only great-grandchildren of Sam and Jenny to reside in the immediate area. They became the third generation of children to play under the old oak tree in Jenny's backyard almost every Sunday afternoon. Cora Bell died in 1960 and Freddie in 1961. Jenny DeBusk remarked that no parent should ever have to bury a child; at age 1 or age 59, it was still outside the natural order of things.

In 1962 Sam and Jenny moved to Cross Plains and Dick Koenig had recently inherited a portion of this DeBusk land from his mother and he bought another share from his sister, Frieda. Sam and Jenny wanted Dick and Sharon to move their young family into the two-story house. Dick began renovating the 70 year-old house and in the spring of 1963 he moved his wife and three children into the ranch headquarters for the DeBusk family ranch for three-quarters of a century. Dick was 27, Sharon 25 and their oldest child Suzie, was 7, their son Sam, who was named after Dick's grandfather was 4, and Sherry was an infant. JoJo was born 3 years later.

All four children graduated from Cross Plains High School and attended Texas colleges. They were active in 4-H, FFA and Junior Rodeo. Sherry and Sam won Grand Champion Steer at the Fort Worth Fat Livestock show in 1976 with a Hereford-Angus cross-bred steer they called "Black Baldie." Sherry became quite competitive as a barrel racer in high school. Sam made the Rodeo Team at Sul Ross University and JoJo made the Rodeo Team at Tarleton State University, competing in the National College Finals as a breakaway roper twice. As an adult, Sherry still competes in Cutting Horse Events and Sam still competes as a steer wrestler on the Pro Circuit. Sharon was an avid horsewoman and competed in team penning and cutting horse competitions into her 60's.

In the family tradition, Dick and Sharon stressed the importance of education to their children. Dick served on the C.P.I.S.D board for many years. JoJo and her husband, Marc Morgan, are currently teachers at Cross Plains, carrying forward the family's

legacy.

Dick continues to raise wheat, oats, yearling cattle and a cow-calf operation, but his markets are no longer local. Wheat is trucked to Fort Worth to sell. Cattle are sold in lots to big packing companies, straight from the feed lot in Tulia, Texas. Dick has learned to make educated guesses about the price of his crops by studying the daily market reports from Chicago and financial news from other sources. He subscribes to a Satellite Service that brings him up-to-the-minute market reports, weather reports, and other information that is vital for the decision making process. He has learned to use commodity futures contracts, forward contracts and hedging to reduce his risks and lock in profits. He continues to attend monthly classes, lectures and seminars to improve his business acumen. HE diversifies by using stocks, bonds and other investments. Farming in today's world is big business. And it is affected by global economy. Dick's intelligence and hard work have kept him and his family in the industry for over 50 years.

The giant John Deere tractors pull plows across his fields covering 36 feet at a time while burning 10 gallons of diesel per hour. It is not uncommon for Dick to plow 120 acres between daylight and 4 o'clock, and his son-in-law, Marc, to come straight to the field at the end of the school day and cover another 80 acres before dark. The tractor has an on-board satellite system that used GPS technology allowing it to drive itself down long straight rows, with minimal assistance of the operator. The climate controlled cockpit has a second seat, next to the driver that is useful in training another family to operate the machinery or giving a grandchild a ride.

The self-propelled combine can harvest as much as 4,000 bushels of wheat in a day's time. The modern equipment allows Dick to plant crops on almost 2,000 acres each year, a feat that would have seemed absolutely impossible to his great-grandfather.

The Hereford cattle have been replaced with cross-breds with hybrid vigor. They gain weight faster and are better adapted to the Texas climate. In addition to his yearling operation, Dick also has a cow herd of about 200 mother cows. The cross-bred cows are all bred to Angus bulls because the Angus-cross calves gain enough weight to grade "choice" by the packing houses in the shortest amount of time. Although a cattleman always needs a good roping horse, most of the round ups today are accomplished with four-wheelers, and the cattle are worked and branded in hydraulic chutes.

In 1999, Dick reacquired the first tract of land that his great-grandfather, Elija, purchased in this part of Texas 134 years ago. The tract sits on the Pecan Bayou, and it was home to Elija's

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parents, Elias and Martha DeBusk, the oldest generation of DeBusks to live near Cross Plains. Dick intends for this land to remain in his family for at least another 134 years.

Dick's wife Sharon, passed away in 2008. But today, Dick is still 75 years young. His son, Sam, with wife Brandee and son, Spade, live on Koenig land 1/2 mile from his house. Sam is involved in the daily business of the farm and ranch. Sam and Dick have a business together called Koenig and Koenig Cattle. Sam still rodeos in his spare time, even though we all know he is much too old for that now. Six-year-old Spade loves to ride the tractor with his "Ganner", Dick, and he can roundup cattle on his own four-wheeler or pitch in at the chutes during branding time.

JoJo and Marc, live with their daughter, Katy Jo and Kiley, just across the highway, overlooking

the ranch, on land they purchased from Dick. They manage their own cattle herd and farm land and help Dick out with the family business. JoJo coaches softball and basketball. Katy and Kiley are both excellent students and good softball players.

Dick's granddaughter and Sam's daughter, Savannah, and her husband, Matt Reeves, live in another house on Koenig land. Savannah and Matt help out with the cattle and farming operation when they are not working or competing in rodeos. Savannah is a Registered Nurse and a graduate of Tarleton State University, while Matt has a Master's Degree in Agribusiness from Texas A&M. Savannah is a professional barrel racer, and she won the Calgary Stampede last year. Matt is a steer wrestler and has been to the PRCA National Finals Rodeo three times.

Dick's daughter, Sherry and her husband, Scott Odom, live near Clyde, where they manage their own land, cattle and horse

operation. Sherry has worked in the oil industry for over 25 years. The couple have been raising, training and showing cutting horses for several years. Scott is retired from the Department of Agriculture. His daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren live in Albany, Texas. Scott and Sherry enjoy traveling to College Station to watch his alma mater, Texas A&M, compete in football and basketball.

I, (Sue Koenig) have now retired after working as a lawyer and Judge in Tarrant County for 25 years. I still work part-time as Family Law Mediator in Fort Worth. I obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Tarleton State university and a Law Degree from Baylor University. I live in Weatherford with my husband, Les Bailey. I am the proud grandmother of the latest generation of DeBusk-Koenig descendants, James and Cade, who were born in 2010. They are the sixth generation of Dick's

family to be born in Texas, and the eight generation to reside in Texas. My oldest daughter, Lindsey Stephenson Van Newkirk and her husband Jake Van Newkirk live in Aledo and they are the parents of nine-month-old Caden Grey Van Newkirk. Lindsey has a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Texas A&M and an Masters in Business Administration from the University of Colorado and works in the Real Estate industry, while Jake has a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Fort Lewis Colorado and is a designer.

My youngest daughter, Megan Stephenson Collins, is married to Matthew Collins. Both obtained Bachelor's degrees at Texas A&M and met while pursuing Master's Degree at the George H. Bush School of Political Science at Texas A&M University. They are parents of eleven-month-old James Barrett Collins, the first child of the eight generation of Texans on Dick's side of the family tree. Matt proudly serves

our country as an officer in the Army and the family reside in Columbia, South Carolina. They chose "Barrett" as the middle name for their son in honor of William Barrett Travis who was the Texas commander at the Battle of the Alamo.

Dick is rightfully proud of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He can also be very proud of the legacy of hard work, determination, education and family values that he, his parents, grandparents, and great grandparents have left to this family. Dick's home, the big two-story house, is still Ranch Headquarters, and the family's "Grand Central Station."

Dick's head is still "in the game." The "game" is the way of life of a farmer and rancher in Texas. He still runs the family business and he currently serves on the Finance Committee at the Cross Plains United Methodist Church. And in addition to his business skills, he can probably still beat you in a game of "21"

with the basketball. Submitted by V. Sue Koenig

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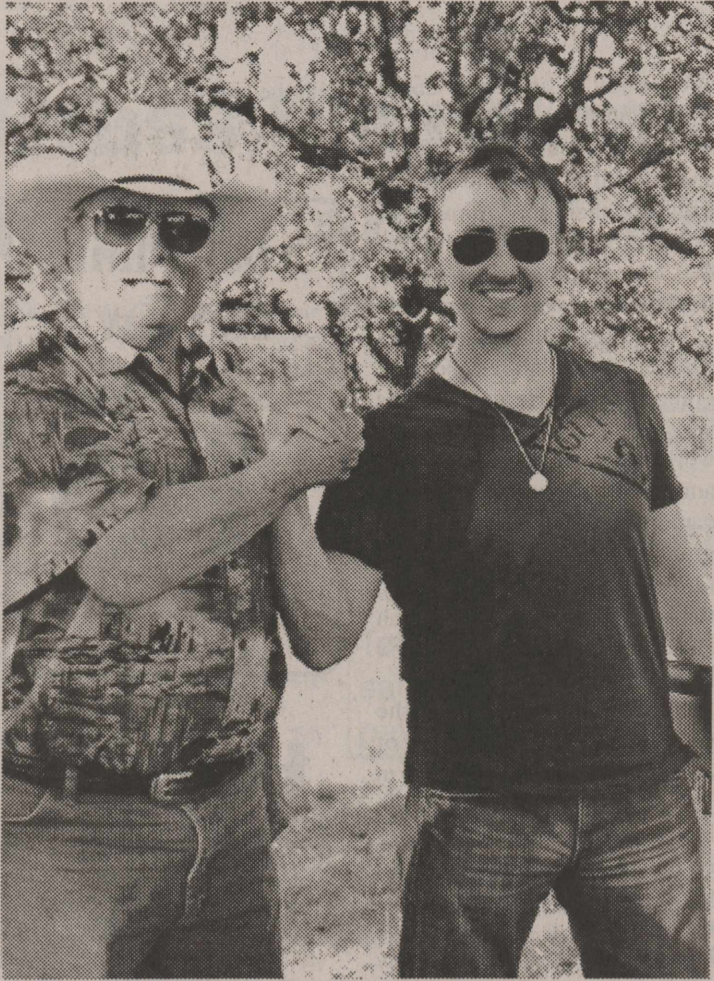
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BAIRD RANCHER John Compere (left) is thanked by Moscow journalist Konstantin Podstreshuy (right) at the Caddo Peak Ranch west of Cross Plains during the conclusion of the Cross Plains' Robert E. Howard Days conference last weekend. The conference hosted scholars from France, Russia, Scotland, 18 states and 50 Texas cities. The Russian writer interviewed the local rancher in preparation for a story on Howard and his works, including the history and culture of this West Texas area where Howard lived and wrote. Robert E. Howard (1906-1936) was the famous writer and poet from Cross Plains who often hiked up Caddo Peak for inspiration. Photographed and submitted by: Dolores Compere

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The personal relationships that we have with our loved ones are a gift that should be cherished and thought upon throughout our life. We have been given gifts that are meant to enrich us, strengthen us, encourage us, lift us up, and simply be there for us and these gifts are called our family. They are the ones who love us most and no matter what happens, they are the ones who will be there for us in good times and in bad. That is why we should be thankful for our family and do all that we can to let them know of our appreciation and help to make their life just a little bit better. Being there for one another is what strengthens our relationships and proves to be the solid bond that holds us together for generations.

Be encouraged to both be thankful for your loved ones and make known to them how much they mean to you. Making our love known is much more valuable to them than just keeping it to ourselves. We may love someone to no end, but if we don't tell them how we feel, then it is a missed opportunity to brighten their day and encour-

age them with our love. Seize every opportunity that you have to spend time with your family because in the end they are the ones who will mean the most to us.

I hope this message encourages and challenges your heart to see the importance of being with your loved ones. They are our greatest blessings and inheritance.

Dwayne Savaya
From the Internet

BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

1 frozen bag of chopped broccoli
1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup grated cheese
1/2 stick margarine
1 can mushroom soup
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped onion

Brown onion in margarine until tender. Add soup and mayonnaise. Cook broccoli according to package directions. Add to above mixture. Layer in casserole dish alternating with bread crumbs and cheese. Top with bread crumbs. Bake 30 minutes at 350° or until brown.

Ester Daniels

FSA Schedules Eight Guaranteed Loan Program Webinars

(COLLEGE STATION, Texas) - June 13, 2011—USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Farm Loan Chief Eddie Trevino announced that eight guaranteed loan program-lender webinars will be held from June through September.

The guaranteed loan program allows FSA to form a partnership with lenders to ensure that agricultural producers have an affordable and reliable source of credit available. When making guaranteed loans, FSA guarantees the loan up to 95% of the loss of principal and interest. This loan program allows banks to keep their long-term agricultural customers as well as form relationships with new producers who do not qualify for traditional commercial loans.

"The guaranteed loan program is a good way for banks to continue extending credit to viable agricultural producers while mitigating their risks," said Trevino.

Webinars will be offered bi-monthly at no cost to the participants and last no longer than two hours. The first webinar is scheduled for June 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

All webinars will open with

general loan making and loan servicing updates and then transition into topic specific discussions. The following are webinar topics will be offered: Developing Adequate Loan Narratives; Lo - Doc Application Requirements; Environmental: Making a Difficult Issue Work Timely; Meeting Additional Credit Needs Mid-Cycle; Subsequent Year LOC Advances and Servicing Requirements; Rescheduling/Deferring Loan Balances/Installments; and Filing a Loss Claim: What's Needed and When.

Any webinar session may be attended to maintain compliance with the required annual training for Agency Certified and Preferred Lenders. Lenders who are new to the program or interested in participating are encouraged to register for the webinars.

To view the guaranteed lender webinar schedule or register please visit http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA%20File/tx_glswebinars_2011.pdf. For more information regarding the guaranteed lender webinars, please contact John Cowan, farm loan specialist in the Texas State FSA Office at (979) 680-5229 or john.cowan@tx.usda.gov.

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Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 5.9% in April 2011

The unemployment rate in Callahan County fell four-tenths of one percent to 5.9% in April 2011, according to jobless figures released Friday, May 27, 2011 by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in April 2010 was 6.0 percent.

Of the 6,972 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,558 were employed during April 2011, and 414 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 5.9%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 6.3% in March, 2011. Of the 6,957 civilian labor force in the county during March, 6,519 had jobs while 438 or 6.3% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 6.9% in February 2011, 6.3% in January 2011, 5.8% in December 2010, 6.1% in November, 5.5% in October, 5.6% in September, 5.8% in August, 6.3% in July, 6.5% in June, and 5.9% in May, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for April 2011 include: Brown, 6.7%; Coleman, 6.6%; Eastland, 6.9%; Jones, 7.6%; Runnels, 7.6%; Shackelford, 3.7%; Stephens, 7.7%; and Taylor County, 6.1%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 6.2% in April, 2011, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 81,600. There were 76,500 employed during April, 2011, while 5,100 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 6.2%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 81,300 in March, 2011, with total employment of 76,000 in March 2011, while 5,300, or 6.5% were unemployed in March 2011.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for April, 2010 was 6.1%, with the total workforce at 83,900, with 78,800 employed and 5,100 unemployed in April, 2010.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of April, 2011 was 7.7 percent. Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 8.1 percent. The state's unemployment rate in April of 2010 was 7.9 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for April, 2011 was 8.7 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of March, 2011 was 9.2%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in April, 2010 was 9.5%.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Mar.	Apr.
	6.3%	5.9%
Total Labor Force	6,957	6,972
Total Employed	6,519	6,558
Total Unemployed	438	414

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

For the first time in six months, the Texas unemployment rate fell below 8.0 percent, as it was recorded at 7.7 percent for April. The monthly drop of four-tenths of a percentage point in April this year was identical to the one seen a year ago. The unemployment rate has declined by eight-tenths of a percentage point since January 2011. The national unemployment rate decreased by five-tenths of a percentage point to 8.7 percent, which marked 46 consecutive months in which the Texas unemployment rate was lower than the national rate.

• Estimated at 12,248,400 Texans, the Civilian Labor Force hit a new all-time high in April. Over the month, the series added 32,900 individuals. From year-ago levels, the Civilian Labor Force expanded by 112,400 persons.

• The number of employed Texans also reached a new high in April at an estimated level of 11,306,100 individuals. Texas added 74,800 persons over the month into the ranks of the employed population. Since January 2011, the number of employed expanded by 191,000 persons. The number of those seeking jobs experienced the sharpest drop seen in April since 2004, a decline of 41,900 persons for an estimated total of 942,300 individuals. Since the start of 2011, Texas has experienced a decrease of 93,200 jobseekers.

• Among Texans who filed for unemployment benefits in March, 6,900 of them did not continue to file in April, leaving a total of 138,400 persons collecting unemployment benefits that month. Since last April, 45,100 Texans stopped receiving unemployment benefits. In the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), 23 experienced an over-the-month decline in demand for unemployment benefits while two ex-

perienced an increased demand. The two MSAs that increased in continued claims were the Wichita Falls MSA and the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA, with rates of 1.3 percent and 0.6 percent, respectively.

• The unemployment rate for all 25 MSAs in Texas declined this month. The two MSAs that posted the sharpest drop in the unemployment rate over the month were the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA and the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA, which each declined by 0.5 percentage points. The Midland MSA posted the lowest unemployment rate at 4.4 percent.

"HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE"

Austin Council OKs Incentives

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman)—Barry Harrell—The Austin City Council approved \$1.2 million in incentives for eBay Inc. and its PayPal subsidiary in a deal that would see the internet companies agree to add 1,000 high-paying jobs in Austin over the next 10 years. Council members voted unanimously to approve the economic development contract, which authorizes the city to award eBay and PayPal economic development grants of \$250 for each local job created and retained, up to a maximum of \$1.2 million.

The agreement calls for a staggered addition of jobs, with at least 50 created in Austin by the end of 2011, with an average salary of about \$107,000. That average salary would rise to about \$139,000 by 2020. Terence Spielman, director of PayPal's Austin operations, said, "What the incentive does for us is really focus the entire enterprise—the eBay enterprise, which is really a family of businesses—on the Central Texas area as a high-talent growth area for us." The city estimates its net benefit from the company's growth in Austin over

10 years will be \$3.1 million.

TD Ameritrade to Expand
FORT WORTH, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—TD Ameritrade Holding Corp. plans to expand its Fort Worth operations with the help of \$1.2 million in Texas Enterprise Fund incentives. Governor Rick Perry and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce announced that the investment is expected to create 490 jobs over four years. TD Ameritrade, an investment firm with more than 8 million U.S. client accounts, provides brokerage services and processes trades and other financial transactions. The company employs about 1,000 people in Fort Worth.

Boeing Selects San Antonio for Freighter Work

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—Boeing's Global Services & Support business unit in San Antonio has been selected to receive five 747-8 Freighters used in the airplane manufacturer's flight test program. This work is in addition to the 787 Dreamliner modification and refurbishment work. Both are expected to create over 800 new jobs in San Antonio. Boeing announced last month that it would be hiring 450 people to work on the 787 Dreamliner.

Wendy Parker, spokeswoman for Boeing, says the reason San Antonio was selected is that the Boeing site originally chosen lacked the physical capacity to accommodate the 747-8 refurbishment. "Boeing San Antonio is a great location for this commercial work. We have the capacity and the workforce here has established an outstanding performance record," Parker says. Boeing's Global Services & Support business unit presently has 1,800 full-time employees at its site at Port San Antonio.

Company Expanding into Longview

LONGVIEW, TX (Tyler KETK (NBC) 56)—The Longview Economic Development Corporation (LEDCO) announced that American Home Patient, Inc. will be expanding their Patient Contact Center Operations into Longview. They will occupy an existing building in Longview and will employ up to 220 people when fully operational. According to Steve Metcalf, president of LEDCO "American Home Patient will invest in new equipment and facilities in the City of Longview, Gregg County, and the Longview Independent School District. The total payroll, benefits, capital investment and taxes paid will reach \$80 million over the next ten years."

Far From Home, But Not Lost

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Ten years ago, a group of 130 young men arrived in Dallas after a nearly impossible journey that included thousands of miles walking through jungles and desert and years living in refugee camps with minimal rations. These were the "Lost Boys of Sudan."

When the Second Sudanese Civil War broke out in 1983, thousands of boys from the predominately Christian southern Sudan were sent running from their family homes and villages to escape a likely death at the hands of Khartoum forces from the North, who targeted young males in an attempt to stamp out a new generation of rebel fighters.

Thousands of these displaced young boys found each other in the jungle and banded together to seek safe harbor. They began a journey with no real leader and no clear direction, but a common goal of escaping death. Those who managed to survive the daunting conditions—a lack of food and water, disease, and attacks by lions, hyenas, and other wild animals at night—headed south until they eventually reached Ethiopia, where they stayed in a makeshift camp until that nation, too, broke out in civil war in 1991. On the move again, the boys made their way to Kenya, where they were told they could finally find refuge. This meant crossing through southern Sudan once more, facing the threat of attacks by Khartoum forces and a continued lack of provisions. Perhaps the most terrifying hurdle was crossing the Gilo River, which separates southwestern Ethiopia from Sudan. Some horrific accounts depict younger boys clinging to those who knew how to swim as they crossed. Some drowned, others were killed by crocodiles.

Those who survived made their way to a United Nations camp in northern Kenya. Rations were meager, often only one meal a day, but education was provided. Many of the boys learned English, not knowing at the time just how valuable those lessons would prove. One journalist dubbed them the "Lost Boys" after the group of orphans in Peter Pan, and while it's not a nickname they necessarily like, it stuck. In 2001, after many of the boys had spent nearly 9 years at the camp, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees recommended about 3,800 of

the Lost Boys for resettlement in the United States. An agreement was reached with the U.S. government and the resettlement process ensued.

Today, there are Lost Boys living in nearly 40 cities across the country. In Dallas, a network of churches, charities and volunteer organizations have helped the 130 Lost Boys who settled there to attend school, find jobs and secure living arrangements. Highland Park Presbyterian Church, for example, has funded 80 percent of the tuition costs for the Lost Boys living in Dallas. To date, a majority of the Lost Boys who settled in Dallas have become U.S. citizens. I was proud to participate in a naturalization ceremony several years ago during which several of these young men became citizens.

I recently had the chance to meet with a group of Dallas' Lost Boys. Today, these young men are far from "lost," with college degrees and quality jobs under their belts, but many of them still long for home and the families they were forced to leave at such a young age. Some have been able to locate and reconnect with their families; others are still looking. Several of them told me of their passion for human rights and their desire to return to Sudan, to provide relief to refugees and further the cause of peace there.

I couldn't have been more impressed with these young men, who have overcome unspeakable tragedy and insurmountable odds. They are intelligent, grounded, thoughtful individuals who keep their focus on the future and how they can make the world a better place. They have been through more hardship than many of us can even imagine, and yet they have a positive spirit about them that is contagious and inspiring.

As they commemorate the 10th anniversary of their arrival in Dallas, I wish this particular group and all of the Lost Boys of Sudan the very best. And I applaud the efforts of the many generous Texans and Americans who have helped them resettle and find opportunity. We have a long way to go toward peace in Sudan, and I hope the story of the Lost Boys will continue to inspire us to reach that goal.

For more information on the Lost Boys living in the Dallas area, visit: www.friendslostboys.org.

Sources: Dallas Morning News; Friends of the Lost Boys - DFW

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Emergency Farm Loan Applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by wildfires that occurred from February 23, 2011 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Texas, Richard G. Young said today.

Callahan, Eastland, Jones, Shackelford and Stephens Counties are five of 119 counties in Texas recently named eligible for loans to cover part of production losses resulting from the wildfires that occurred on February 23, 2011 and continuing. Richard G. Young, said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan", Richard G. Young, said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will

have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 30, 2012, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson, Texas is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Additional Information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

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Special thanks to the Review for its generous and on-going coverage, the Cross Plains Public Library for hosting the panel discussions and the use of some tables, to the school for the use of the auditorium, staff support and technical equipment, to Heritage Bank for their tables, to Curtis Cooper for a ton of ice, to the City for the use of the Community Center and for the gigantic mowing efforts to make everything look its best, to the Post Office for the special commemorative cancellation.

To all the Museum docents and Pavilion workers, to Don Clark and Wimpy McCoy who made the historical tour happen - we appreciate you!

It takes the entire community to pull off an event of this nature that just continues to grow and we thank you all for your efforts.

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It will be a great day when we walk the golden streets and visit with our kin.

For the Lord has said if your slate is clean, we will tread the golden streets together.

It will be a great day when we gather up for the covering and send our brothering to the Promise Land.

For the Lord has said if you will ask for forgiveness, I will wipe your slate clean.

It will be a great day when the old preacher says, Heavenly Father we hope he asked for forgiveness and hope He sent plenty of lumber up, for He sure made a mess of things here on Earth.

It will be a great day when the digger is called to put a clean shirt on his back and a smile on his face.

And we all gather up for the covering to send our brothering to the Promise Land.

For the Lord has said whosoever believes in me, shall be with me in heaven. Amen.

Applications Needed for Helping Hearts and Hands

If you are a homeowner and your home is in need of minor repairs: painting, plumbing, insulation and caulking. The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative would like to extend a hand to assist you.

FREE assistance is available to homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or low income. Applications are available now at the Senior Citizens Center, Texas Heritage Bank and City Hall.

The application deadline will be at the end of September and if you need any assistance in filling out the application,

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This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be in set in the fall of this year.

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The biggest PRCA rodeo in west Texas features stock from 7 time PRCA Stock Contractor of the Year Stace Smith, and many top ranked cowboys. The featured entertainment will be Kevin Fowler & Kyle Bennett on Friday, June 17th, and Sonny Burgess with Four Barrel on Saturday, June 18th.

All ticket information is available on the web site which is www.colemanrodeo.com. Everyone is invited to come and have a great time.

Cookbook donations needed

The Baird Drive In is sponsoring a cookbook drive to enhance the cookbook section of the Callahan County Library.

You can donate a cookbook in new or good condition, or make a monetary donation to purchase new cookbooks. Donation will be accepted until July 10, 2011, and can be dropped off at the Baird Drive In.



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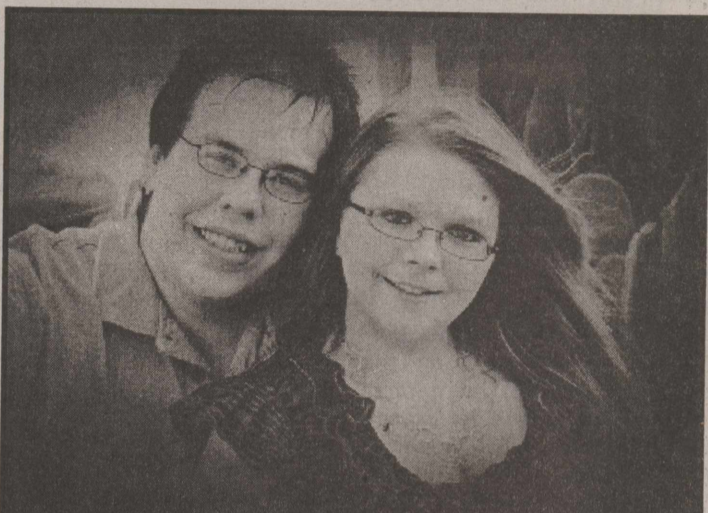
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Engagement Announcement — Tyler and Reagan Nichols would like to announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their big sister, Tawni Nichols, daughter of Darby and Shannon Nichols of Willis, TX, to Thomas Gary, son of Don and Brenda Gary of Coleman County, TX. The wedding will be at the Grace Museum in Abilene, Texas on July 23, 2011 at 7:00pm.



Nelson - Gillespie Wedding — Josh Nelson and Heather Gillespie of Cross Plains will be married in ceremonies at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on June 25, 2011 at 4:00pm. The prospective groom is the son of Brenda Weiss of Cross Plains, TX, and the late James Nelson of Rising Star, TX. The elective bride is the daughter of Michelle Todd Dickey of Blanket, TX, and Benjamin Gillespie of Sweetwater, TX. Heather is a 2010 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is employed at Richeson Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. Josh is a 2005 graduate of Cross Plains High School and is employed at Richeson Dairy Queen in Cross Plains. All friends and family are invited to attend. A following reception will be held in the Family Life Center.

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