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Steaks Provided by Staghorn - Jack and Barbara Baum with Rusty and Shelly Burke of Washington DC led the long line at the Howard Days Banquet.



An Exciting Place To Visit — The Robert E. Howard Museum proved to be a popular place to visit

Annual CANSAT Competition

Finals Announced

for the entire family. See additional photos on page 11

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 **Available NOW**

Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2, the second Cross Plains Remembered book is on the stands and available now at Texas Heritage Bank, the Senior Center, Salamander's, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Cross Plains Review, Cross Plains Library or Connie's Cuts and Curls. The book is \$20.

The new book features more photos, other material gathered at the scanning events at the Senior Center this spring. In fact, so much material came in during those scanning events that it wouldn't all fit into Volume 2. Rather than condense the histories and not use some of the photographs, the material has been divided into two books. So a third book, Cross Plains Remembered Volume 3 will be available in late August.

Family histories and photos, school photos, photos of Burkett, Pioneer and surrounding areas, Veterans photos and lots of others are in the Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2.

To order a copy of Cross Plains Remembered Volume 2 or Volume 1, send \$20, plus \$4.50 shipping

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Barbeque Dinner & Battle Creek Coon Hunt in Cottonwood Saturday, June 23rd

Next Saturday, June 23rd is the annual Barbeque Dinner in Cottonwood which is held in conjunction with the Battle Creek Coon Hunter's Association UKC Coon Hunt.

The Barbeque Dinnerfeatures barbequed brisket, chicken, and pork plus pinto beans, mashed potatoes, iced tea and dessert - all for only \$6.00...What a deal!!

Members of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be serving the dinner cooked by noted brisket cook, Fire Chief Joe.

Dinner starts at 5 p.m. (and runs until about 7 p.m.) at the Cottonwood Baptist Church Family Center.

The Cottonwood Baptist

Church is located on FM 1079, iust off FM 880, north of Cross Plains.

The dinner music will be provided by the band, Eight Eighty East, comprised of Sid and R. W. Bogue of Cottonwood, who will perform a variety of live music at the

Come out early and visit with the coon hunters and see the coon dogs at the Cottonwood Firehouse around the corner on CR 429 or stop by after dinner to visit with the huntersthe

Proceeds from the Barbeque dinner will benefit the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group!

Everyone Welcome!!

Rolan Jones to Speak on Organic Gardening

The next Cottonwood 3. Formulas for organic sprays Community "get together" will be Thursday, June 21st, at 10:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Rolan Jones. The topic will be "Organic Gardening".

speaking on are:

1. The importance of crop

rotation. 2. Foods that you didn't know

would grow in this area.

and fertilizers.

4. The nutritional value of organic foods versus those grown with chemicals.

Come join us at the Some of the items he will be Cottonwood Community Center on Thursday, June 21st at 10 a.m.

> Submitted by Cookie Robinson

Mesquite Management Field Day is June 21st

The Callahan County Extension office will be having a Mesquite Management Field Day on

FREE this Saturday

Farmers Market Vender Fee June 23rd - 8 a.m. - 12 noon

All Vendors Welcome

Come Early and Set-Up Your Booth

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry Planned for June 29

fabulous Fish Fry! Bring your tea! family, friends and neighbors to the First Baptist Family Life Friday, June 29th! Thank you for Center in Cross Plains and enjoy an evening out, while supporting your local fire department.

This Fish Fry starts at 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for Friday, and runs until 8:00 p.m. There June 29th, because it is that time will be plenty of fried fish, of the year—Cross Plains chicken, hushpuppies, French Volunteer Fire Department's fries, coleslaw, dessert and iced

> We hope to see you there on your support

Submitted by Laura Lawson Secretary CPVFD June 21, 2012. Field Day participants will meet at the Fillin' Station in Putnam at 8:30 a.m. A brief discussion about the demonstration sites to be visited will be presented. This will include location & Demo trials at each location.

The groups will then travel by caravan to each location and Dr. Charlie Hart, Associate Department Head and Extension Program Leader for Ecosystem Management, will discuss demonstration trials at each location. Included in the trials will be a new herbicide SENDRO which is now available.

The fee for the field day is \$10. 2 CEU's will be given.

You can pre register by contacting the Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.



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For the second year in a row, the annual CANSAT Competition (WWW.Cansatcompetiton.com) was held near Cross Plains. The event was held on the Jim Burkett Ranch off Highway 206, and again directed by Pat Gordzelik. There were an estimated 500 plus participants and spectators who attended the event.

One of the teams from the United states was from Abilene, Texas. Tarleton State University's first year at the competition garnered them 6th place overall. Their interest in the competition was sparked by going to a Kiwanis meeting in Cross Plains and hearing speaker Pat

Gordzelik talk about the international rocket competition offered to college engineering students.

Preparing For Blast-Off — This team is making last minute checks. See additional photos on

Program originators Ivan Galysh from the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington DC, and Jim Kirkpatrick from the American Astronautical Society, expressed that this was the "best event ever" in the 12 year history of the competition, and expressed their desire to come back to Texas next

2012 CANSAT Competition

1st Place - Istanbul Technical **University - Team UYARI**

2nd Place - SRM University, India - Team WelkinSat

3rd Place - India Institute of **Technology - Team GARUDA**

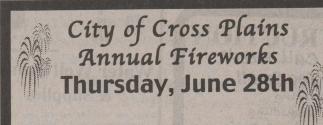
4th Place - Istanbul Technical University.

Team Rankings and Scores as 1st - Istanbul Technical

University- UYARI - 94.50%

2nd - SRM University -WelkinSat - 90.93% 3rd - Indian Institute of Technology - 90.62%

See CANSAT Competition Page 12



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Sunday Evening Worship.	6:00pm
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Obituaries



Coky (McAnally) Loving

Coky Loving, age 74, of Santa Fee, TX, passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at her home.

She was born on October 27, 1937, to Claude M. and Pauline (Thate) McAnally. She attended Business College and worked as a secretary for Dow Pipeline.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Loving of Santa Fe; daughters, Stacy Geringer of Dallas, and Kim Geringer of Santa Fe; step-son, Jason Dwayne Loving of Livingston; step-daughters, Stephanie Loving of San Marcos, Jennifer Loving of Woodland, Shari Tuggle of Houston, and Beth Ann Cameron of Cleveland; and grandchildren.

Michael Lee 'Mike' O'Brien

Michael Lee "Mike" O'Brien, 41, died Thursday, June 7, 2012, near Basin, Mont. Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Friday at The Hamil Funeral Home, 6649 Buffalo Gap Road. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Satuday at Burkett Cemetary in Burkett.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from June 9, 2012 through June 15, 2012 include: Cases Investigated

Warnings—348 Complaints-91 Driving While License In-Fugitive Arrest—1 DWI-1

Vehicle Accidents There were five vehicle accidents investigated during this time span

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June 21, 2012

Homestead Happenings

Happy First Day of Summer to everyone! We're celebrating 50's week and are having so much fun. The week will be culminated with a Sock Hop featuring employees in 50's attire and a performance by everyone's favorite Elvis impersonator, Harvey McFadden. Join us as we celebrate our June birthdays at 2 p. m. and stay for the Elvis concert.

Next Friday night we will be having our "Homestead Drive Inn Theater". The movie promises to be great fun complete with concession stand, and ushers. Looking for a fun evening? Join us!

Our Father's Day Brunch was a big success. We honored all of our fathers and they had a wonderful time visiting and

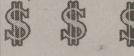
We are still in need of a church group to provide a short service for our residents. If you or your church would be interested please give Lisa a call at 854-1429.

Until next week from our home to yours - God Bless!

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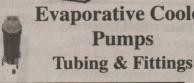
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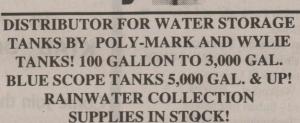






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Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Rhonda G. Ross, driving while intoxicated (DWI). Cameron Nichols, minor in possession of alcohol. Zachary Garcia, driving while

license suspended. Travis D. Wheeler, driving while license invalid.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Carolyn Rose, motion to dismiss to criminal trespass granted in the interest of justice.

Rhonda B. Powell, motion to dismiss to theft granted for plea to other case.

> **42nd District Court** John Weeks, presiding

> > **Criminal Filings**

Cheryl K. Richardson, unlawful possession of food stamps.

Criminal Minutes

Tammy Champagne, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted. Oscar L. Sell, order dismissing motion to revoke probation and amending conditions of proba-

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Texas lake and river swimmers reminded of potential health risks

WACO, Texas (June 14, 2012) -With summer starting to heat up, people across the Brazos River basin are heading to nearby rivers and lakes. However, the conditions that make the water temperature so delightful can also encourage the growth of a rare but dangerous microorgan-

The Brazos River Authority encourages visitors to enjoy the water, while being aware of health risks associated with swimming in or around stagnant or slow-moving water.

Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), which is most common during the summer, is a rare disease caused by naegleria fowleri, an amoeba found in almost all untreated, fresh surface water and in soil. The amoeba thrives in low levels of fresh water that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slow-moving. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forced into the nasal passages - usually from diving or jumping into water or from water skiing. The brain and spinal cord, destroying brain tissue.

Symptoms of the nearly always fatal infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff and hallucinations as the condi- Health Services Public Informa-

rare - affecting about one to three people a year in Texas those infected usually succumb to the disease within a week.

There were 10 known cases of PAM in Texas between 2000 and 2010, according to state health officials. No cases have been diagnosed in Texas since the beginning of 2011. Worldwide, only a few hundred cases have been reporter over the last

To prevent infection, it is recommended that those taking part in warm, fresh water-related activities use nose clips or hold their noses shut while jumping into water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it is best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. The Texas Department of Health recommends that people avoid stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously

While the BRA tests for a variety of contaminants, such as E.coli at more than 100 sites, no testing is conducted for the PAM

PAM cannot be spread person amoeba makes its way into the to person nor by drinking water. Swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintained and chlorinated are generally safe, as is salt water.

For more information contact neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures the Texas Department of State tion worsens. Although PAM is tion Office at (512) 458-7400.

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

ire Chief Joe Terstegge. appreciated. t 254-725-7281. They know that you are doing rol burn, so the don't ne of your neighbors sees

in the sky. showed up a church last with a covered dish ready wship dinner, we're sorry. ship dinner at Cottonwood Church is this Sunday. So covered dish for the meal ng the morning service. Cottonwood bakers have

hrough again! Thanks s Plains Review

une 21, 2012 ountrySide Market

Y, it is Summertime and at means we are now **EN** with your favorite gies and melons. Frest ra, squash, tomatoes, cumbers, cantalopes, eaches and potatoes. leyed peas coming soon.

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t Pioneer 54-643-4648 A'LL COME"

purn ban is off. You still ladies for all of your donations of will be here for a night hunt. You call in and tell them you cakes for the Coon Hunter dinner. can see the dogs at 6 p.m. for the ng to burn before you light We have plenty of cakes for bench show where the dogs are atch. Call either the dessert now. Your help and judged and get a chance to visit 's Department or your community spirit is really with coon hunters from here in

The Coon Hunters Dinner better known as the Brisket Our favorite local band, Eight Dinner—is this Saturday starting Eighty East, made up of father h a fire truck out to you at 5 p.m. at the Cottonwood Bap- and son team Sid and R.W. tist Church Family Center. Fire Bogue, will perform at the dinner, Chief Joe and the Cottonwood too. It's going to be a great Fire Control Group are serving up evening—Barbecue, Live Music barbecue brisket, chicken and and Coon Dogs. ribs, along with potato salad and The next Cottonwood Musical is macaroni and cheese, and of scheduled for Friday, July 6th. course, dessert and iced tea. Din- Come out and enjoy the music ner is only \$6 and the proceeds and the food. The Cottonwood go to the Fire Control Group.

Cottonwood and all across the

t-shirts will be available in a The Battle Creek Coon Hunters variety of colors at the musical.

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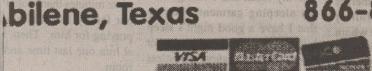
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Monday. 25th- Exercise 11 a.m. Tuesday, 26th- Exercise 11:00 a.m., GAME NIGHT Wednesday, 27th- Manicures 10:00 a.m., Exercise 11 a.m., Girling Blood Pressure

Thursday, 28th- Exercise 10:45 a.m., BINGO 11:15 a.m., Zumba 5:15 p.m..

Friday: 29th - Exercise 11 a.m.

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

Do you have any talents that you would like to share? Call the Senior Citizens Center at 254-725-6521 so you can share you talent with the Seniors during lunch time.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JUNE 25 - JUNE 29

MONDAY - Cheesburger, let/ THURSDAY - Stuffed Peppers, tom/on/pickle, Chips, Fruit/Drink TUESDAY - Chicken Tenders, Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Bread/Dessert/Drink

WEDNESDAY - Taco Salad,

Chips, Fruit/Dessert/Drink

Mixed Vegetables, Bread/Fruit/

FRIDAY - Chicken Salad, Crackers, Fruit/Drink

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

Bloodmobile Coming to Cross Plains July 3rd

Donors Needed to Supply Blood for July Holiday

bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Tuesday, July 3 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Donors are needed to make sure an adequate supply of all blood types is available for the 4th July holiday. There is always an increased an increased chance of accidents due to increased travel during holidays.

Meek Blood Center recently revised their guidelines regarding many medications and medical conditions, which will quality more people as blood donors. Those who have been deferred for medications and medical conditions in the past, are asked

The Meek Blood Center to call 325-670-2798 to inquire about eligibility.

Blood donors are needed on a daily basis to take care of patients with a variety of medical needs and conditions. The need for blood transfusion is usually immediate, and adequate supply of all blood types that has been processed and tested must be available at all times. There is no artificial substitute for human blood. All blood products used for blood transfusions must come from volunteer donors. Meek Blood center supplies all of the blood used for patient care at seventeen area hospitals covering fourteen counties.

Methodist Church Plans Ice Cream Crank-off

What better way to beat the hot other flavors will be judged as a days of July, than to participant group. Following the judging, in the annual Ice Cream all the cans will be open to Crank-off at the Methodist everybody for their eating Church? The contest to determine pleasure. Just as mothers always the best home-made ice cream in the area is open to the public and before you get any desserts." The will be held on Sunday afternoon, grilling will take place around July 1, in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Entries in the contest will be judged at 4:00 p.m. by a panel of experienced "Ice Cream that will allow folks to participate Tasteologists" as well as a people's choice category. The coveted Ice Cream Champion difference between home-made crown will be awarded to the ice cream and Blue Bell with winner of the official judging and fresh peaches added!!!! And no, ribbons will be presented to the the judges will not be identified People's Choice Winner and the ahead of time!!! Runners Up.

Vanilla entries will be judged as a separate category and all the

say, "eat your grilled hot dogs 5:00 in the park adjacent to the

Everybody is invited to join the festivities, scheduled at a time in other Sunday evening plans. And yes, the judges can tell the

> Submitted by **Arlene Stephenson**

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Na Sides:

2012 Cross Plains Public Library Creative Writing Contest Winners Announced

By Judy Luter

The Cross Plains Public Library had 211 entries in the annual writing contest. We would like to thank the teachers who encouraged each students to turn 1st Place - "The Mysterious Tree in the papers, and the Cross Plains ISD for allowing us to hand out the ribbons and plaques at their award ceremonies.

The papers, which are blind judged, were fun to read. This year we are planning to make a folder of the winning papers from each class to keep in the Children's Discovery Center at the library.

Thank you to the Cross Plains Review for printing the winners of the Lou Rodenberger Outstanding Achievement Award winners who were judged as the top three entries of all classes combined.

The judges found much to admire and enjoy while reading the entries to this year's writing contest.

Kindergarten

These writing entries and the accompanying pictures, were entertaining and brought many welcome smiles.

1st Place - "Magic Firetruck" by Zachary Millican - This story Alex Parker — This fantasy story includes Dad as the driver of a kid's dream come true, a firetruck full of sweets, swings and a soft bed at night. Any kid would love it!

2nd Place - "A Dragon Named Ruby" by Abigail Mauricio -This is a cute story with a good lesson built in.

3rd Place - "The Adventures of Max" by Nathan Sandoval-Here is a remarkably creative story—a young person's imagination at work.

First Grade

imaginative details.

living teddy bear encounters a cast of other animal characters— 3rd Place - "Seasons of the Year" what fun!

2nd Place - Teresta Hass — This example of rhyming practice. cuddly, living teddy bear and her human friend travel around the universe and rest happily together after a long day—very creative. 3rd Place - Abbigale Shepard This movie-watching teddy bear and her writer friend take a journey back in time to the days of dragons, knights and princesses—lots of action!

Second Grade

Stories with imaginary leprechauns and real-life baby sisters—these Second Graders exhibit their growing writing skills.

1st Place - "The Little Leprechaun" - Alaina Potter — A conventional leprechaun rides of hate, this free-verse poem a wild bucking mouse; here is an imagination at work!

Leprechaun" - Kiley Morgan — A pink leprechaun with a talking poem to learn. dog. This young writer is full of whimsey!

3rd Place - "My Perfect Day" -Addie Webb — A beautiful new baby sister sparks the memory and encourages the writing skills of this young person.

Third Grade

Spooky ghost ships and a fairy tale princess —these Third Grade writers flex their imaginations.

1st Place - "The Secret of the Bermuda Triangle" - Kolby McKinney — This action packed adventure story is full of creepy, spine-tingling details!

2nd Place - "Off to Sea" -Madilynn Shepard — This is another spooky story with runaway children and a vanishing ship; it is clearly written and fun to read.

3rd Place - "The Lollipop Princess Adventures" - Morgan Buchanan — This is not the ordinary princess story. It is full of funny characters and unexpected twists.

Fourth Grade

The STAAR test writing samples illustrate the growing writing skills of these Fourth

House" - Lexie Thompson -With an allusion to Dorthy and Toto, this fun story charts the adventure of two boys in a traveling tree house—a creative

2nd Place - "Lion King" -Keegan King — This story of friendship and magic powers teaches a good lesson.

3rd Place - "The Haunted Circus" - Trent Tollett — This curious and mysterious story leaves one with a desire to read the next installment. Will there be one?

Fifth Grade

These students produced several examples of good writing. Their writing reflects discipline and focus as well as creativity.

1st Place - "The Princess and the Pigeon" - Jackilann Shepard-This is a very nice story. It is carefully written and full of engaging details—very impressive.

2nd Place - "The Hunt" provides many smiles and chuckles. This young writer would no doubt be fun to know and probably has many friends who like to hear his stories.

3rd Place - "Greedy Cooper" -Ashley Anderson- Full of fantasy, this story is both tender and sad, and it teaches a lesson about life along the way-well

Sixth Grade

These students had some fun in the computer writing lab.

1st Place - "Cowboy" - Sydney These Teddy Bear Stories are Revoir-This is a cute full of action and packed with experiment with rhyming words. 2nd Place - "The Four Seasons of the Year" - Larson Walker-1st Place - Kenzie Snell — A This is a young poet's rhyming

-Eddy Ruiz— This is another

Seventh Grade

Many of these students explored their feelings with poetry in fancy fonts on the computer. Some chose prose.

1st Place - "My Community" Kenzie Byrd— This impressive young writer compares the qualities found in his/her home town with those mentioned in a popular song. Clearly proud of his/her community, he/she spells out the things that make small town life great. All adults would be proud to know this young per-

2nd Place - "Hate is Fiery Red" -Ashton Parker—An exploration describes an emotion.

3rd Place - "Happy is Fun-Party 2nd Place - "The Happy Green" - Nain Martinez-What does happy feel like? Read this

Eighth Grade

These students also visited the computer writing lab to examine with poetry the qualities of different emotions. Like the seventh graders, some of these students chose prose.

1st Place - "Joy Is Sunshine Yellow" - Teagan Fortune—Joy also has a smell, a taste, and a sound. This poem uses several

good comparisons. 2nd Place - "If I Could Fly" -Colton Bradley-What would it be like to be able to fly? This writer explores that possibility. 3rd Place - "Betrayal Is a Black Hole" -Evelyn Morales-This honest look at an unpleasant emotion scratches at the reader's own emotions.

Eleventh Grade

These mature students address more mature challenges and themes. Some are quite moving.

1st Place - "The Guardians of Nemor" Dania Delgadillo-This

ambitious work is well-written and seductive to read. Carefully crafted and full of excellent destined for a magazine editor's

2nd Place - "Peace At Last" -Katherine Goode-Like the script for a made-for-television movie, this moving tale tugs at one's heart. It shines a bright light on our relationships with older family members, and it encourages all readers to say "I love you" while there is time. 3rd Place - "Self Indulgence" -Robyn Douglas—This troubling exercise in descriptive writing is emotionally difficult to read, but powerful in its brutal honesty.

Twelfth Grade

These writing samples reflect the thoughts of senior students as they approach graduation.

examination of contemporary American music and its connection to the lives of those who live here.

2nd Place - "The Love of My Life" - Kenzie Taff-Young love finds its voice in this poem of passion.

3rd Place - "Things Change" -Skyler Halsel-This brief writing sample needs more work.

OVERALL WINNERS 1st Place - "The Guardians of Nemore" - Dania Delgadillo

2nd Place - "Peace at Last" -**Katharine Goode**

3rd Place - My Community" Kenzie Byrd

The top three Overall Winner's writings will be published as follows:

Overall 1st Place Winner

"The Guardians of Nemor" By Dania Delgadillo 11th Grade

Preface

The evening breeze was crisp and chili as I ran, nearly blindfolded, in the darkness of the Woods which I had familiarized myself with since the earliest date my feeble mind can recall, but these Woods were harsh and garish, its branches and roots awaiting the perfect moment to make me their prisoner, turning me into the very much that lay beneath my feet! Yet, I ignored all of this, for there were higher matters to attend to, matters that involved the one that ran beside me, the one that had once saved

Chapter 1: Day After Day

"Make sure you are home before dark Ardenia!" My mother called to me as I ran frantically towards the Woods, "I'll be back on time Mother!" I yelled back without even turning back to look at her before disappearing into my dwelling of escape. "Young ladies like, your highness, shouldn't dwell in such places," Mara hissed under her breath as I approached the tree line of the Woods, "one might run into some trouble if they're not cautious," she whispered with a malignant smile. "I thank you for your concern, after all, I'm sure you are quite experienced in the field of trouble, Mara," I retorted with a smirk as Mara pouted and walked back to town. Mara always knew and delivered news faster than the town crier and it seemed as it was her duty to know about every living second of the lives of the people that resided in our kingdom but not only did she deliver news, she had always been among top rumors herself, she was the kingdom's black sheep, the shame of the people, an outcast, she had even been called a harlot once and she adored the attention she regretted nothing, or so it seemed.

As I washed Mara's acidic words from my thoughts, I became even more lost in the Woods, trying to leave my life behind, trying to

leave the posh princes and the self-undulant dukes that brought flowing and silky strawberry "gifts of the finest quality." description, this short story seems throughout the land! Gifts won by their bravery!" Gifts that I could care less for, is more like it. Every suitor that I had met never excited me, they all had the same tales to tell; they always told of all the men they had slaughtered. the told of the riches they owned, the lands they had conquered, the people he can't tolerate even if he line of women groveling at their. tried and as I mentioned earlier, I feet and they told of the disgust they fell toward those groveling ... overpowering voice reflected his women and they desired for their heart to belong to none other than . 'thunderous' person, he is quiet, me. Of course they did, winning my heart meant winning my you're probably, "How could she father's vast land and riches, say such wretched things of her another grand victory to add to their tales. Now I know this all sounds cliche, the princess so bored by the typical prince, in search of a man that isn't a to make all his decisions for him, narcissist or that knows no greed! especially the people; my father 1st Place - "Untitled (If Butlet's be honest, have you ever hever goes against the word of the music reflects)" - Tiffany met anyone so full of themselves? people, he might argue with his McCaghren—This is an It wouldn't matter it it was a man advisors but never the people. He or a woman! It's simply absurd to be so full of one's self! Either way, I was trying to leave these thoughts on the outskirts of the Woods and leave them I shall! Instead, I concentrated on the soft. dewy Scotch moss that lay beneath my feet and how it felt when I wiggled my toes. It felt so spongy and inviting that I decided to lay down and take in the bright sunlight that shone through the trees above me. I felt to go against everything and the breeze fluttering my hair from everyone to do what I know is time to time, as I listened to the right and what I know must be songs of the trees waving their done, and I won't pretend to like branches in the wind and I someone, unlike my mother, if I watched the leaves dance above, can't stand you. I wont' put up Air Force, and could catch a fish me as they fell to the ground, each with you. The only features I and every one in red, yellow and seem to have inherited from my orange attire. I picked some of the orange ones from the ground and noticed how the hue of the leaves blended perfectly into my my parent's hair color, which had done all of these things...that blood orange hair, for some when mixed turned out to be a is, until the cancer set in. Cancer reason it made me feel as if I were shade of blood orange, like I is a disease that does not respect

a part of the Woods, as if I were born from the heart of it. I dreaded every heavy step I took back into the kingdom, feeling the criticizing stares of the aged people of the kingdom looking into my very soul, trying to disclose every secret that resided in my very inner being. Every. adult in the kingdom disapproved of my trips into the Woods, no matter what anyone thought. After enduring the icy stares and hushed comments of the people, I walked into the castle, head high, I greeted my mother and my father and continued onto my chambers to change into more

suitable attire for supper time. "How was your day darling?" my mother asked in her chipper tone, "Quite uneventful," I replied as I stirred some peas around my plate," Oh, it couldn't have been that bland of a day love," my father commented in his thunderous voice, too bad his personality couldn't be that way. "I practiced my archery in the Woods today, I knocked a pinecone from a tree on the other side of the river," I said trying to sound chipper like my mother does, but ended with grim results, sounding as if I were being sarcastic instead, "quite animprovement! If you keep up your practices like this, you'll be able to shoot a pinecone on the other side of the Wood!" My father laughed at his own joke, I thought the idea was silly, I fancy the arrow simply whizzing through the Woods and finally striking a pinecone at the other end of the woods; I secretly wish I could just whiz through the Woods and find myself on the other side, unraveling the mysteries before me.

I sat in silence throughout the rest of dinner and wondered how I turned out to be nothing like my parents; Grainne, my mother, is always so cheerful and full of love; I don't know anyone whom. my mother doesn't adore or at least tolerate and her spirit is like that of a humming bird, always fitting energetically from place to place. Her body frame fits her personality perfectly, she is a small woman in stature, a very slender and delicate creature who seems to be spirited away by

blonde hair shimmers and dances in the sunlight, her smile as brilliant as diamonds, her features like that of a porcelain doll, so fragile and smooth.

My father, Adwar, is a large man in stature, he is burly and has a worn look about him, as if he is also a living person but some wish my father's thunderous and personality, but he isn't a very shy and a coward; yes I know, own father!" But one thing you must understand about my father is that even though he is king, he allows his advisors and the people is afraid he'll lose the kingdom and I know he fears this because he has a family to provide for and if he were ever to lose his power, we would probably be vanished and thrown into the wilderness to fend for ourselves, but that doesn't mean he has to bend under the every will of the people, sometimes you must risk yourself

to do what is right. I, on the other hand, am ready parents is my mother's features strength and roughness and both hide this, not because I think my known. eves are ugly but because when people look at my eyes I can see the color drain slightly from their faces and they become nervous, avoiding eye contact with people, except for my parents or servants or Mara because she doesn't really care what my eyes look

like. my strange little world and it strange little people, I can move on to more exciting topics, such as the Freedom Festival, a Festival dedicated to the day our people gained freedom from the Lurkers, beings, not people who had unnatural powers which they used to terrorize our people under their command; we fought against the Lurkers and vanished them into barren lands far away from our kingdom and now every year we reminisce on our victory by feasting, dancing and filling the kingdom with color and light for a whole day and resting the next day.

Tomorrow will be the beginning of this Festival and it will also be my 20th birthday. I almost forgot to mention that I was born on the day we gained our freedom, didn't I? Well, I was, that's why people are so excited about the Festival every year; not only because they gained their freedom but because the king and queen received a beautiful heiress on that day. I myself don't care much for the Festival or my birthday, to me it has only been the passing of another year, to me it's just another day.

After I finish my meal, I proceed into my room and I change into my sleeping garments, hoping that I have a good night's sleep but as I lay down I can sense that I will spend yet another restless night like I always to on the night before my birthday.

Editor's Note: Due to the length of this story, it will be published in sections. The mystery involved should keep you

anything she encounters; her interested from week to week. Vanda Anderson-Draper

2nd Place Overall Winner

"Peace at Last" **Katharine Goode**

11th Grade

I remember traveling to the hospital, praying the entire way that everything would be alright. An eerie feeing had settled in the pit of my stomach. My Papa was not going to die; he could not die. But my hopes were crushed soon after walking through the hospital doors.

My Grandma greeted each member of our family with a hug, but there was a sense of desperation in her actions. When she drew back long enough for me to look at her, I noticed how puffy her eyes were. She tried to smile. but the corners of her mouth faltered as if the action was too strenuous. "He's in here." Grandma whispered, turning towards a half open door. We all filed into the tiny room and surrounded the bed. My breath caught in my throat as I saw Papa's ravaged body. His skin seemed to cling to the bone underneath it and his hands, once strong and comforting, were frail and weak. His face had gone haggard with the effort of breathing and his body lay still except for the inconsistent rising and falling of his chest.

A million thoughts were racing through my head. This was not my Papa John. The Papa John I knew was strong, had been in the in a dry lake. The Papa I knew picked up Jack'n Jill Donuts for the grandkids and towed the famand beauty, my father's height, ily around in the boat as the kids went tubing. The Papa I knew mentioned before; now when it anyone ... even my Papa. As comes to my parent's eye color anyone could see, cancer had they have brown eyes, just like tortured my Papa's body until it everyone else does, but when it was almost unrecognizable. No, es to my eyes, my eyes are this was not my Papa John. This haze-green. I've always tried to was the shell of a man I had once

My dad told us kids that we could each talk to Papa in private; that even though he was not quite conscious, Papa could still hear so I've spent most of my life us. My oldest sister went first. I sat in the hallway contemplating what I was going to say. What does one say to a person who is dying? I thought I knew when my sister walked out and silently held Now that I've introduced you to the door open for me. I did not even look at her as I slowly entered the room. I spotted one those uncomfortable, straight-backed hospital chairs

and pulled it up next to the bed.

"Papa...," I murmured, my voice catching. I knew what I wanted to say. I had gone over it a million times in my head...but suddenly, what I had planned to say did not seem right. "Papa...," I tried again,"...Please don't leave us! I, well, we love you so much! Please, please..." I was rocking in the chair, tears were streaming down my face, and I was trying to hold onto that little piece of sanity I still had at the moment. Papa lay there, unmoving, as I bent over and wept into my hands. I was sobbing with such force that I was sure the nurses could hear me, but I did not care. I wanted my papa to live! I wanted to spend more time with him, doing the things we loved.

I tried to think of something to say that was encouraging. My parents had told me before arriving at the hospital that we were to talk to Papa John about good things; things that would make him feel better. My mind drew a blank. I wanted so badly to ease Papa's pain but there was nothing I could do. I cried a few more minutes than I told Papa that our family loved him and were praying for him. Then, I looked at him one last time and left the

On the way home from the hospital, my Grandma called and told us that Papa John had passed away. I knew it was coming, so why was I so torn? My heart felt

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like it had been ripped into a thousand pieces then smashed with a hammer. My head throbbed with such pain, I thought that I would die. The tears had a mind of their own as they flooded down my face. I rested my head against the seat and prayed that my consciousness would fade into the dark.

The funeral was to be held in a church that we had attended with Grandma and Papa so many times before. Flowers of numerous colors were surrounding the rich, black coffin where my Papa was to be permanently laid to rest in. A slideshow of Papa's life played and as pictures of Papa with his friends and family flashed across the wall, I clutched my stomach. I felt as if at any minute my the h emotions were going to pour out. I concentrated on not falling apart as I walked forward to view the body along with the rest of the family. I wanted nothing more than to run out of that building. As I passed the body of my Papa, I glanced down then looked straight back up. I did not want to remember my Papa this way. I wanted to remember him as young, vibrant, and full of life. My heart could not take any more...I gave my mother an apologetic glance as I made my way to the door.

I know at the time I thought my Papa's death was the end of the world, but now that I am older, I realize that death is something that happens to everyone. Death does not mean the end; in fact, I consider it a beginning. I truly believe that one day I will see my Papa again. We will not meet on this earth but it will be somewhere much greater. I know that my Papa John does not have to suffer the pain and heartaches of this world anymore; he is at peace.

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Overall 3rd Place

"My Community" Kenzie Byrd 7th Grade

Miranda Lambert sings a song that says, "Everybody dies pretty much describes my small town community.

In my small community

everyone knows everyone; it is a always happy with that person, rare luxury, not having to worry about walking down Main Street. People in a small community are different than people in a big city, they look out for you and help you; they aren't always looking at a situation and wondering, what's in it for me.

They don't judge you on the way you dress or how much money you have, the car you drive, or the size of home you live in. I am not saying that there are not good people in the city; they are just a little bit harder to find. People in a small community are either a friend, a friend of a friend or an enemy (we usually try not to have a lot of those). You know everything about everyone. Sometimes that is a curse but the good thing is that you find true friends. A true country friend is someone who can hang out with you, even though they know what you've done.

"Every last one, route one, rural heart's got a story to tell, every grandma, in-law, ex-girlfriend maybe knows it just a little too well."-Miranda Lambert

The shops and restaurants are different, too. Businesses don't pull down chains behind the door when it's closing time. During the day the doors are open and all the old men gather at a restaurant and drink coffee while arguing about the Dallas Cowboys game or who are the last cookie in the little jar on the counter. In my community you have the wild game processing plants where after you drop off your latest trophy you talk with all your friends about what old boy saw on his place Saturday night right as the sun went down.

"Well, baby who needs their faces in a magazine? Me and you, we've been stars in this town since we were seventeen." -Miranda Lambert

Churches and schools let you in, even if you're in your work clothes. Men show up to church with their dirty cowboy hats on and their work boots. No one looks at them funny because everyone knows they are going to work after church, so why waste the time to change? When you famous in a small town." That live in a town like mine, if one person dies, the whole town has lost a family member. Everyone is related and even if you are not

you have to love them because they are family.

My community has its up sides and down sides, but I love being able to look up at the stars and not have to squint because of all the street lights. My community is peace of mind and silence. No horns honking, no traffic jams, not too much cursing, and a lot of good people. People who have your back when your back is up against the wall.

"Whether you're late for church or you're stuck in jail, hey words gonna get around, everybody dies famous in a small town."-Miranda Lambert

Cross Plains ISD Needs Information for Title I, Part A Program

regarding the district's program. participation in the Title I Part A private non-profit schools that more information.

Cross Plains ISD is seeking have students from Cross Plains information from private ISD and would be interested in non-profit school representatives participating in the Title I, Part A

June 21, 2012

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Review

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A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains ISD will be held on June 21, 2012, 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. Public Hearing in order to Discuss the "Child's Internet Protection Act"

2. New Business

A. Approve the "Child's Internet Protection Act" for Cross Plains ISD B. Approve Minutes from

Previous Meeting C. Review Bills/Finance

Report

D. Consider Budget

Amendment E. Consider Lunch and Breakfast Prices for 2012-13

F. Consider Update 94 as Recommended by TASB G. Consider District Parent

Personnel A. Approve Resignations (if

Involvement Policy

B. Recommendations for

Employment 4. Superintendent's Report A. End-of-Course STAAR

Results 5. Adjourn.

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Saturday, Sept 15 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee & Registration High School Library

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Lunch - Cafeteria Sponsored by the Band Boosters

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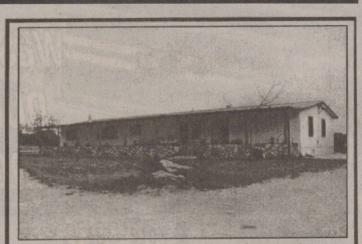
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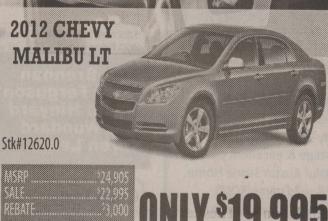
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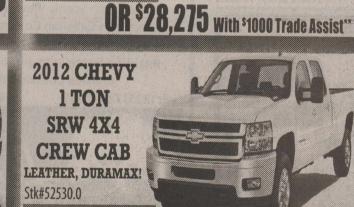




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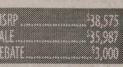


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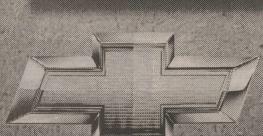
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Texas Country Music Benefit Concert To Be Held At The Rising Star City Park

Improvement Committee (P.I.C.) subcompact pistol will be raffled would like to invite everyone to off to one lucky person. Gates join us for the first annual will open at 3 p.m. with the "Evening of Texas Country Tanner Strickland band playing Music" which will be held on from 7-9 and the Donnie Evetts Saturday, June 30th at the Rising Band playing from 9 to midnight. in attendance with top notch allowed with a \$5 cooler charge.

The Rising Star Park Taurus 9mm Millenium Pro Star City Park. The purpose of Brisket sandwiches will be sold this event is to raise money to pay at the event but for all of the folks for the new play structure at the wishing to bring their own snacks City Park while providing those and refreshments, coolers will be entertainment from local texas Admission is \$10 for adults and Country Music talent. This \$5 for children 12 and under. This inaugural event will feature the event will be fun for the whole Tanner Strickland band as well as family so bring your loved ones, the Donnie Evetts band. Both are lawn chairs and coolers to join us on the rise in the Texas country in supporting the Rising Star music scene and are sure to put Improvement Committee as they on a great show! In addition to embark on their first community the wonderful concert there will project fundraiser! For more be many other activities for both information or to make a young and old. There will be donation please contact Joey horseshoes, bean bag toss, sand McKenzie at 325-642-9030. volleyball, a dunking booth, Once again, this event will be local vendors and many other held at the Rising Star City Park attractions! A firearm raffle will on Saturday, June 30th from 3 be held at the event as well. A p.m. to midnight. We hope to see you there!

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USDA Announces Results for **Conservation Reserve Program** General Sign-Up

Agriculture Secretary Tom enrolling CRP. Vilsack today announced that the U.S., Department of Agriculture will accept 3.9 million acres under the 43rd Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign up. During the extended five week signup, the Department received nearly 48,000 offers on more than 4.5 million acres of land, demonstrating the CRP's continuing leadership as one of our nations most successful voluntary efforts to conserve land and improve our soil, water, air and wildlife habitat resources, Under Vilsack's leadership, USDA has now enrolled nearly 12 million acres in the CRP since Currently, there are more than 29.6 million acres enrolled on more than 736,000

"For more than 25 years, lands in CRP have helped to support strong incomes for our farmers and ranchers and produce good middle class jobs throughout the country related to outdoor recreation, hunting and fishing," said Vilsack "as the commodities produced by our farmers and ranchers continue to perform strongly in the marketplace supporting 1 out of every 12 jobs here in the United States, it is no surprise that American producers also recognize the importance of protecting our nation's most

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Enrollment of the new 3.9 million acres will allow USDA to continue important targeting of CRP acres through continuous sign-up initiatives, including those announced earlier this year for highly-erodible land, well as grasslands and wetlands, while also maintaining and enhancing the significant benefits that the program has already achieved. The two continuous sign-ups announced earlier this year will target an additional 1.75 million acres in total.

For the first continuous sign-up program, USDA encourages landowners with land that has an Erosion Index (EI) of 20 or greater to consider participating the Highly Erodible Land initiative. Lands eligible for this program are typically the least productive land on the farm. In many cases the most cost-effective option to reduce erosion is to put the land into wildlife friendly cover, which will improve habitat and reduce sediment and nutrient runoff and reduce wind erosion. For the second continuous sign-up program, landowners with sensitive grasslands, wetlands and wildlife habitat are encouraged to participate. The grasslands and wetlands initiative increases acres set aside for specific enrollments that benefit duck nesting habitat, upland birds, wetlands, and wildlife, and provides benefits for specific conservation practices, including new benefits for pollinator practices.

CRP is a voluntary program designed to help farmers, ranchers and other agricultural protect their producers environmentally sensitive land. Eligible landowners receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving cost. The five environmental

throughout the duration of 10 to enhancement, (2) water quality, 15 year contracts.

CPR has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States. Under CRP, farmers and ranchers plant grasses and trees in crop fields and along streams or rivers. The plantings prevent soil and nutrients from washing into waterways, reduce soil erosion that may otherwise contribute to poor air and water quality, and provide valuable habitat for wildlife. Plant cover established on the acreage accepted into the CRP will reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in our nation's rivers and streams. In 2011, as a result of CRP, nitrogen and phosphorous losses from farm fields were reduced by 23 million pounds and 124 million pound respectively. The CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and associated buffers and reduces soil by more than 300 million tons per year. CRP also provide \$1.8 billion annually to landowners, dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs.

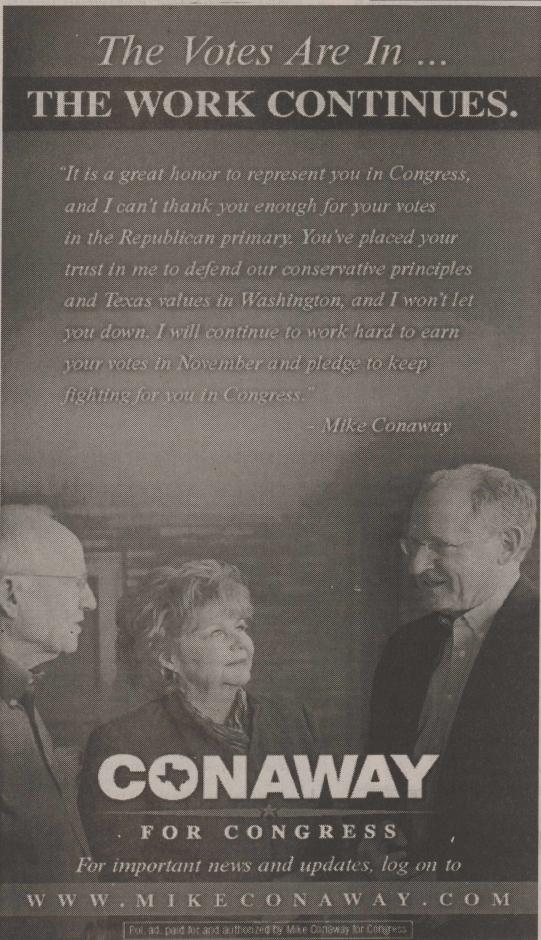
In addition, CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

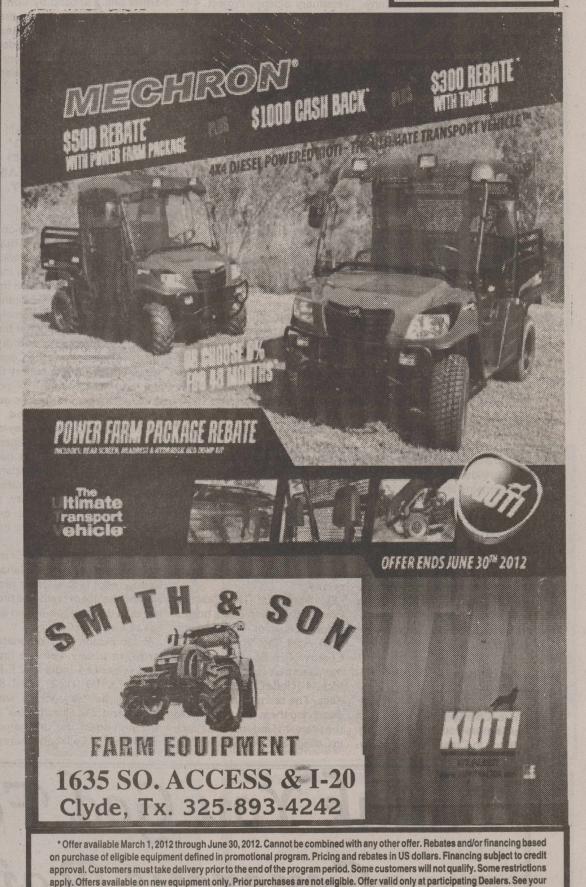
USDA selected offers for enrollment based on an Environmental Benefits Index (EBI) comprised of five environmental factors plus

WASHINGTON, May 25, 2012- environmentally sensitive land by covers on eligible farmland factors are: (1) Wildlife (3) soil erosion, (4) enduring benefits, and (5) air quality. The minimal acceptable EBI level for this sign-up was 209. The average rental rate per acre for this sign-up is \$51.24.

> In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 5000,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history, thanks to the productivity, resiliency and resourcefulness of our producers.

Thank You GOD for your Healing RAIN





Early voting to take place in Baird and Cross Plains

Commissioners combine Republican Primary Runoff Election locations

Because of an expected low July 31st Republican Primary County Commissioners voted to voter turnout for the Tuesday, Runoff Election, the Callahan

Commissioners proclaim National Men's Health Week

Callahan County Commission- likely to be uninsured than ers' approved a proclamation women; and declaring June 11th through June 17th as National Men's Health Week in Callahan County.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 11th during a regular commissioners' court meeting held at the havior patterns in their work and County Courthouse in Baird.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by steadily. Society is being dra-Judge Roger Corn, the commis- matically affected because men sioner' court voted 5-0 to approve the proclamation. The proclamation follows:

PROCLAMATION

National Men's Health Week in Callahan County June 11-17, 2012 WHEREAS, Men do not see physicians for a physical exam nearly as often as women;

WHEREAS, Men are dying of the top causes of death at higher rates than women; and

WHEREAS, Men are more

WHEREAS, Approximately 30,000 men in the US die each year from prostate cancer

WHEREAS, Due to the lack of awareness, poor health education, and culturally induced bepersonal lives, men's health and well-being are deteriorating are living approximately 5 years less than women.

SIGNED THE 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2012

(s) Roger Corn County Judge (s) Harold Hicks Commissioner Precinct #1 (s) Bryan Farmer Commissioner Precinct #2 (s) Tom Windham Commissioner Precinct #3 (s) Cliff Kirkham Commissioner Precinct #4

reduce the number of early voting and July 31st runoff election voter locations.

The commissioners took the action Monday, June 11th during the regular meeting of the commissioners' court held at the County Courthouse in Baird. County Clerk Donna Bell rec-

ommended to the commissioners' court that because of expected low turnout for the Republican Primary Runoff Election, that there be only two locations for Early Voting and the Precinct #5 (Putnam) voter location be consolidated with Precinct #3 (Baird) and that Precinct #7 (Oplin) be consolidated with Precinct #2 (Eula), resulting in five election day locations instead of seven election day

She recommended Early Voting be conducted at the County Courthouse in Baird and Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace Office in Cross Plains.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to approve Bell's recommendation to have two Early Voting locations and five election day locations for the July 31st Republican Primary Runoff Election. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

Food, fun, fireworks planned June 29th, 30th

The annual Festival by the Lake at Clyde Lake, sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 29th and June 30th, and according to the festival coordinator, festival plans are coming together quickly for another large Independence Day celebration.

According to the City of Clyde Festival Project Coordinator, Terry Davis, there are some 12-15 vendors scheduled to sell wares at this year's festival, along with some five or six food booths. He said some of the food items available Friday and Saturday include bar-b-cue sandwiches, hamburgers, corn dogs, curly fries, funnel cakes, snow cones, ice cream, soft drinks and water. Davis said one vendor is planning to offer all types of fried desserts.

Officials for the Fourth of July Festival at Clyde Lake reported there will again be two fireworks displays at dark on both Friday and Saturday night. "At this point, the fireworks displays are definitely a go," Davis said.

Davis said Jason Gray and Hughie Gray with Gray Electric will provide funding for a fireworks display on Friday night, June 29th.

Davis said this year's fireworks

-Commissioner Hicks made

displays will take place at dark on Friday, June 29th and Saturday, June 30th, on the south end of Clyde Lake. The City of Clyde will not be purchasing commercial grade fireworks again this year, but will instead purchase personal grade fireworks. He said Jason, and his father, Hughie, will ignite both fireworks displays at Clyde Lake. Davis said both Jason and Hughie are very experienced in igniting fireworks, having set off fireworks at Lake Brownwood

and Putnam's community dis-

plays for a number of years.

The festival coordinator said a number of area businesses will again purchase fireworks for a second showing on Saturday, June 30th at dark at Clyde Lake. Those assisting with the second fireworks show include: City of Clyde, ACI Enterprises, Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Chrylser/ Jeep, First National Bank of Baird/Clyde, Thrifty's Food Mart. Gray Electric, Hanner Chevrolet, Metal Mart, Tytan Heating & Cooling, Bailey-Howard Funeral Home, Bulldog Steel, Callahan County Veterinary Clinic, First Financial Bank-Clyde, Lawrence Brothers IGA, Clyde Insurance Agency, White's Drilling, Hawk Portable Buildings, Shady Oaks Country Club, Key City Septic & Plumbing, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, Citizens EMS, Clyde Journal, Clyde Chamber of Commerce, Happy Trails Rustic Western Furniture, Smith & Son Equipment, State Farm. Anita Food Mart, Clyde Farm & Ranch, and Big Country Tro-

This year's festival is free to the public, however Davis said the Men of Clyde organization will be standing at the lake gate entrance taking donations for the festival on Friday and Saturday. Davis commended the Men of Clyde for stepping up this year to provide much needed manpower for this year's festi-

Davis said there are currently 21 cook-off teams registered with the City of Clyde. He said they expect this year's cook-off teams could reach 25-28 by the start of the festival on Friday. The deadline to enter the cookoff is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 29th, Davis said.

are three

29th and another five bands scheduled to perform on Saturday, June 30th.

The band lineup for Friday, June 29th includes: "Ranch Hand" from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., "7 Stories" from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and "Jaron Bell" from 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

The band lineups for Saturday, June 30th will begin at 12:00 noon with the "Dean Brothers Band" until 2:00 p.m. "Tanner Strickland" will perform Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., "Buck Nelson" will perform from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and the "Dave Hobbs Band" will perform from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The "Bo McDowell Band" will again conclude the festival band lineup on Saturday from 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Davis said this year's children carnival will again be put on by Lonestar Amusements Carnival. The festival coordinator also reported the carnival will have two adult rides for the adults and teenage crowd. He said those adult rides include the "Mind Winder" and "Bucking Bull." Davis also said there will be a bungee type area using a trampoline, in which the participant is tied to bungee cords and can do flips and other jumps. He also said there will be an obstacle course operated by the carnival company.

Adult tournament games planned this year include a horseshoe pitching tournament. He said volleyball will also be available for play.

The festival coordinator said because of the lake's low water level, there will not be a fishing tournament this year. Davis said the lake is currently 24 feet below the spillway and the City of Clyde is no longer obtaining water from the lake source. Instead, Clyde is purchasing all its water needs from the City of

Davis said KBCY 99.7 is planning a live remote from Clyde Lake on Saturday, June 30th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00

Anyone wishing to obtain information about the food or merchandise vendor booths should contact Terry Davis at 893-3712. For camping information at Clyde Lake contact uled to perform on Friday, June David at 893-5339.

Bid awarded to replace District Courtroom air conditioner

The Callahan County Commis-ruary 7th. Participating counties sioners' approved a bid of included Callahan, Brown, East- made a motion to pay the ap- a motion to adjourn the com-\$49,980 to replace a central land and Coleman. The Semiheat/air conditioning unit in the nar focused on dealing with District Courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 11th during a regular commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The commissioners' court received two bids to replace the central heating/air conditioning unit for the District Courtroom. The first bid, from Tytan Heating and Cooling of Abilene, was for \$44,300, however the bid did not include the electrical work of the proposal. The second bid, from T & B Mechanical, Inc. of Baird, was for \$49,980, which did include the electrical work.

Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to award the bid to T & B Mechanical, Inc. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham section carried with a 5-0 vote.

(SECO).

before the commissioners' court values.

cinct #4 Commissioner Cliff trict Show. Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were County Clerk Donna Bell, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

meeting minutes from the May 25th meeting were reviewed and signed.

there were none.

Ban remains lifted.

-County Extension Agent terly report for the County Exsioner Farmer seconded the events motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

port follows:

sources

drought, financial assistance for farmers & ranchers, and cost/ price squeeze for replacements. Approximately 110 producers attended and received 5 CEU's.

The County Extension office held a Pond Management Seminar on April 26th at the Baird Activity Center. Due to last year's drought many producers were interested in constructing new ponds, and restocking old ponds sioners' Court voted to prohibit that went dry. 3 CEU's were certain fireworks in unincorpogiven to 19 producers that attended.

4-H and Youth Development

In the months of January, February, & March Callahan County commissioners' court. On a 4-H members participated in the motion by Commissioner Bryan Veterinary Science Project. 4-H Farmer and a second by Com-Members met once per month missioner Cliff Kirkham, the onded the motion and the mo- at the Callahan County Veteri- commissioners' court voted The project to replace the cen- Monty Ancinec. The 4-H veteritral heating/air conditioning unit nary science project is to teach in the District Courtroom will be 4-H members about animal funded by a grant from State health and behavior, and how Energy Conservation Office modern veterinary practices increase an animal's health, com-Other agenda items brought fort, recreation and livestock

In the months of February, & -Callahan County Judge March, Callahan County 4-H Roger Corn called the commis- members who were involved in sioners' court meeting to order the animal projects competed at at 9:32 a.m. with Precinct #1 Major Livestock Shows through-Commissioner Harold Hicks, Pre- out the state. On November 5, cinct #2 Commissioner Bryan 2011 Callahan County 4-H held Farmer, Precinct #3 Commis- its County Food Show. The top sioner Tom Windham, and Pre- 3 places advanced to the Dis-

County 4-H Members partici- hazardous for the danger of fire pated in the County Photography contest and the Best of —The commissioners' court Show contest. The top 3 places missioners Court of a county to advanced to the District 7 4-H Photography Contest.

-- Under public comments, County 4-H Shooting Sports held

Jerry Warren presented the quar- County 4-H Shooting Sports held greatly enhanced by the exan Archery Spring Fling and the tension Office. Commissioner 5th Annual Charlie Greenway isting Windham made a motion to Silhouette Match. More than 80 accept the report and Commis- Shooters participated in these missioners Court of Callahan

Extension Agent Warren's re- a Horse Clinic for 4-H members. eas of Callahan County. On April 28th four Callahan

-Commissioner Windham

proved bills. Commissioner missioners' court meeting at Hicks seconded the motion, and 10:17 a.m. Judge Corn secthe motion carried with a unani- onded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

Fireworks prohibited in unincorporated areas of Callahan County

Callahan County Commisrated areas of Callahan County for the upcoming Independence Day celebration.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 11th during a regular meeting of the nary Clinic with the help of Dr. unanimously to sign the order prohibiting fireworks in unincorporated areas of Callahan County. The order follows:

> STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CALLAHAN ORDER PROHIBITING CERTAIN FIREWORKS IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, **TEXAS**

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 On March 29th Callahan are determined to be extremely because of high grass and dry vegetation and allows the Comprohibit the sale or use of restricted fireworks in specific ar-

On April 7th the Callahan eas in Callahan County; and WHEREAS, on the 11th day of a Novice Shotgun Shoot. Par- June 2012, the Commissioners -No action was taken on the ticipating in the shoot were Court of Callahan County has Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn twenty-one 4-H members repredetermined that the normal dansenting eight different counties. ger of fire in the unincorporated On April 14th the Callahan areas of Callahan County is tremely dry conditions now ex-

> NOW, THEREFORE, the Com-County adopts this Order pro-On April 21st The Callahan hibiting the use of restricted fire-County Extension office hosted works in the unincorporated ar-

A. No person may detonate, County 4-H Shooting Sports ignite, or in any way use fire-Agriculture & Natural Re- members participated in the Dis- works classified under 49 C.F.R. trict 74-H Rifle Contest in Marble part. 173.100 (r) (2) (10-1-86 Falls. The team won first place edition), as "skyrockets with The County Extension office qualifying them to participate in sticks" and "Missiles with fins" in held a multi-county Forage Con- the State 4-H Indoor Rifle Match any portion of the unincorpoference in Cross Plains on Febin College Station on June 13th. rated area of Callahan County.

B. This Order does not pro-

1. Common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explo-

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 Trans. (TEX. OCC. CODE Chapter 2154).

3. The sale of "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins". C. A person commits an offense if he or she intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on 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:

or in the right-of-way of a county

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

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

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, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF June, 2012, BY THE CAL-LAHAN COUNTY COMMIS-SIONERS COURT.

> (s) Roger Corn County Judge

(s) Donna Bell



KAYDENCE GRACE WALLSBORN JUNE 15, 2012

Welcome Home Baby Girl

Caleb and Karli Walls are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter Kaydence Grace Walls. Kaydence was born on June 15, 2012 and weighed in at 8lbs. 1oz. and was 20 inches long. Kaydence was welcomed home by big brother Cooper Jake Walls.

Maternal Grandparents are Garry and Karen Jennings of

Paternal Grandparents are Shorty and Lana Walls of Baird. Maternal Great Grandparents are Gerald and Betty Jo Jennings and Vivian Cauthen all of Baird, and Ed and Mary Jo Duncan of Cross Plains.

Paternal Great Grandparents are Jim and Ethlyn Pate of Baird and Ruby Morris of Hawley, and lots of proud Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

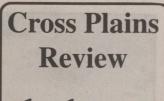
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Thank You God For The Generous Rain

Howard Days Celebrated Robert E. Howard's 80th Birthday



Hoffman as he spoke to the crowd at the dinner.



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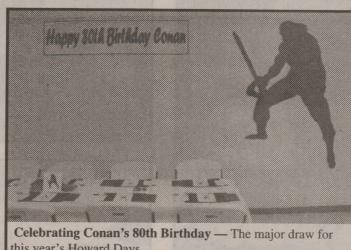


Enjoying The Howard Days Dinner — Charles and Nancy Rodenberger enjoy the dinner with Sue Neal with over 100 others.

and Mariah.

Scholarship Winner — Lauren Goode was recognized as winner of the Robert E. Howard Foundation Scholarship to a graduating Senior. Shown with Lauren are her proud parents, Elvin

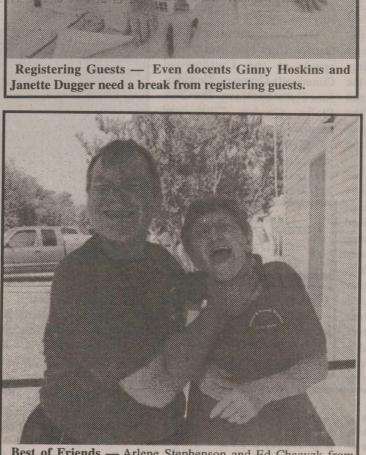
Howard Days Photos Courtesy of Frances Thornton



this year's Howard Days









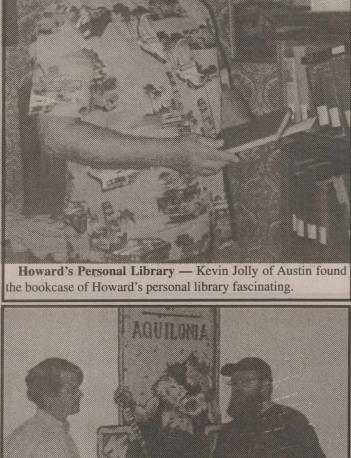
Frequent Visitor — Tommy Schubert of Burnet, enjoyed browsing in the Museum gift shop.



Outstanding Achievement Award Presented — Ann Beeler, author of Footsteps of Approaching Thousands, was honored by the Robert E. Howard Foundation as recipient of the Atlantean 2011 Award for Outstanding Achievement in a book. Beeler's book was published in 2011 and is now in its third printing. Books are \$15 each and all proceeds benefit the library. Stop by any of these locations and purchase your copy today before we sell out

Beautiful New Flower Beds — The new flower beds are admired by Frances Thornton.

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Admiring The Art — From Austin, Texas to Google in CA; Austin Rogers visits with John Hanke as they admire Rogers' aged



Silent Auction Tables — Crowds at the silent auction tables brought items for rhe sale, then donated the money back to Project Pride.

DIANA MILLER



Watching the Organic Gardener at Work — Bettye Sue Adams (from left), Janette Dugger, Frances Thornton, Russ Miller and (front) Rolan Jones, the organic gardener...

Thank you Lord for the precious gift of rain!

Once again, the Cross Plains garden Club was welcomed into the lovely gardens of Rolan and Sandra Jones. Club members Janette Dugger, Diana Miller and Frances Thornton were joined by guests Betty Sue Adams and Russ Miller.

Rolan began our tour by introducing our members to the technique of planting shitake mushrooms. A drill, a post oak log, wax and mushrooms spores; hmm... seems simple enough. We'll see as we attempt to germinate mushrooms ourselves. Elms and other hard woods may be substituted for post oak. The wood is to be harvested in February and held onto for four to six months before planting the mushroom spores. A live tree has natural immunities to pathogens and the wax will seal off the newly planted spores and keep new pathogens from entering the planted areas. Following the demonstration, we meandered through the cool canopy of white oak and pecan trees to his lower sun filtered garden which houses maturing mushrooms, potato and sweet potato beds, Turk's cap, blackberries, mulberries, raspberries, elderberries, plums, grapes and figs.

We retired to the enticing shade of the patio as Rolan prepared a delicious shitake mushroom soup, fresh mint tea and mushroom hors d'ourvs which were enjoyed by all. Dining with Rolan is always a delicious organic experience. Although it takes a little more time to prepare his organic insecticides and disease abatement formulas, they are healthy, natural, and free of the store bought chemicals that we so often rely on.

As we dined and enjoyed the peaceful surroundings, Rolan discussed the use of composting materials and mulching

What a Cabbage Head — Rolan Jones is doing something right!

dry Texas soils. Leaves, for gigantic cabbage and round example, can fill a planting bed zucchini.. Discussion proceeded under the shady canopy of white oak and beauty of his blooming Rose of delightful patio.

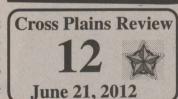
entered another of his many gardens, we observed a can of wood ash which Rolan explained is saved from his wood burning stove. He uses the ash to keep cut worms and other pests from devouring his plants. Moving on, we saw his magnificent asparagus, cabbage, fruit trees, okra, watermelon, cucumbers, corn, leeks, sunflowers and so many more plants, too numerous to mention. However, two of the

techniques to improve our tired, many highlights were his

with mulching materials, For those who missed the composting over time and Garden Club tour, Rolan will reducing the need for watering. speak at the Cottonwood Community Center on Thursday, June 21st at 10:00 a.m. The Cross pecan trees while we enjoyed the Plains Garden Club will reconvene on Friday, September Sharon, his lovely fish pond and 14, 2012. Visitors and new members are always welcome. As the tour resumed and we Please contact us at (254)

> Garden Club Photos Courtesy of Diana Miller

725-9418 for more details.



PROJECT PRIDE APPRECIATES COMMUNITY

Project Pride members extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all the folks who helped make our Robert E. Howard Days, 2012 such a wonderful success. The on-going support of the Cross Plains community and surrounding areas is so greatly appreciated. Visitors from around the world are drawn back here year after year because of the friendly down -home hospitality extended to them.

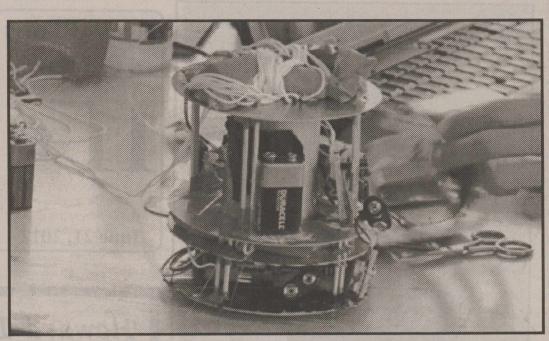
Special thanks to the Review for its generous and on-going coverage; to the City for all the gigantic mowing efforts to make everything look its best, for the use of the beautiful Community Center and the guys who helped set it up; to the Cross Plains Public Library for hosting the panel discussions; to the school for use of bus and driver for the tours and for the use of their sound system; to Curtis Cooper for a boat load of ice and to the Post Office for making the special cancellation happen.

To all the Museum docents and Pavilion workers, to Don Clark for organizing the historical bus tour and to all of you who participated in the activities - we appreciate you.

And a special shout-out to the Staghorn for the super chicken fried steak dinner that got rave reviews.

It takes an entire community to pull off an event of this nature that just continues to grow and Project Pride thanks you all for your contributions.

CANSAT Competition **Held Near Cross Plains**









4th - Istanbul Technical University - Lagari - 90.37% 5th - University of Michigan -

OverEasy - 90.07% 6th - Tarleton State University -88.75%

7th SRM University - SRM CANSAT - 86.75% 8th University of Michigan -

alphaSky - 85.54% 9th Ryerson University - UFC -84.31%

10th Kap'iolani Community College - 82.14%

11th SRM University -Akshayyaan -81.95% 12th Virginia Tech - Tycho -

81.41% 13th Universite du Quebec a Montreal - 80.77%

14th The University of Alabama in Huntsville - 74.89% 15th Carleton University -73.43.%

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71.23% 18th University of California San Diego - 70.03% 19th McGill University - 69.13%

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20th The City College of New York - 68.99%

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23rd Ryerson University -RyeCan 2012 - 66.30% 24th University of Hawaii at Manoa - Cascade - 66.12% 25th Universidad Libre de

Columbia - 61.91%

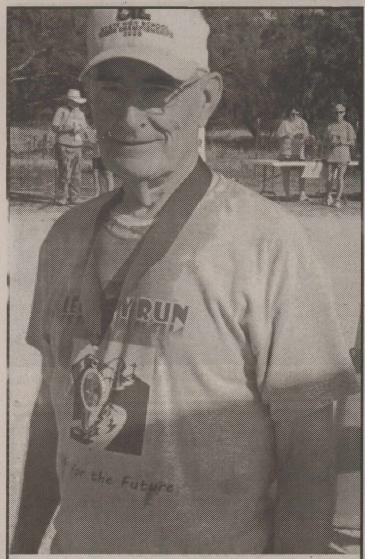
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Submitted by Pat Gordzelik

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Second Place Winner — Upcoming Sheriff of Callahan County ran a 5k this past Saturday, June 16, 2012 at the Eula Baptist Church's Legacy Run.



Congratulations — Terry Joy, upcoming sheriff for Callahan County placed second in his division at the 5k in Eula Baptist Church's first annual Legacy Run.

Progressive Ag Farm Safety Day is June 22nd

neighborhood, small town, or American Samoa. These Safety ranch is a home, a playground, Days could reach 80,000 parand a place where they do ticipants with the help of 18,000 chores. Teaching them to take adult and older teen volunteers. vited to participate in this daylong activity sponsored by many local organizations, businesses, with their family and friends. and agencies in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. Older youth are welcome to participate and/or assist with the activities.

Progressive Agriculture Foundation is committed to providing education to help youth and Farm Safety Day Camp" program. Founded by The Progressive Farmer magazine in 1995, the program trains and provides the resources that local com-Safety Days" are planned in 36 states, 9 Canadian Provinces,

For many children, the rural the U.S. Virgin Islands, and

some of the responsibility for The Big Country Safety Day their own safety at home and in will focus on safety-related practheir neighborhoods is the sub-tices involving fire, electricity, ject of the eighth bi-annual Big snakes, weather, train, guns, Country Progressive Agriculture drugs, Internet, grain auger/ Safety Day, which will be held PTO, and passenger safety. June 22, 2012, at the Big Coun- Hands-on activities, lectures, try Hall located on grounds of and demonstrations will provide the Taylor County Expo Center youth with information that will in Abilene. Youth who have reinforce the importance of takcompleted 3 - 9th grade are in- ing responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules, and sharing safety tips

Parents may register their children by calling the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County - 325-672-6048; Callahan County - 325-854-5835; Coleman County - 325-625-4519; Fisher County - 325-776-3259; Jones County - 325-823their families avoid tragic acci- 2432; Nolan County - 325-235dents. At the heart of this effort 3184; or Shackelford County is the Progressive Agriculture 325-762-2232 Ext. 7. A \$5 Safety Day" program, formerly registration (maximum of \$15 known as the Progressive Farmer per family) fee for the event covers lunch, snacks, a takehome bag and a Safety Day t-

For more information contact Martha Alice Spraberry at 325munities need to conduct one- 672-6048 or by e-mail day safety programs that are HYPERLINK "mailto: mage-appropriate, hands-on, fun, spraberry@tamu.edu" mand safe for children. Progres- spraberry@tamu.edu. Martha sive Agriculture Safety Days are Alice Spraberry serves as County conducted in the United States, Extension Agent for Family and Canada and the U.S. territories. Consumer Sciences with Texas 415 Progressive Agriculture AgriLife Extension Service in **Taylor County**

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> Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

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The application deadline will Roxie Thomas at 254-725-6141. be at the end of September. If you need any assistance in filling out the application, please call Pat Stephens at

This is a worthwhile insulation and active since 1998. Volunteers will caulking, the Cross Plains Area be needed once again to complete Housing Initiative would like to these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this

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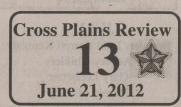
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Memorial Day Celebration Special at Pioneer Cemetery

A crowd of approximately 100 patriotic citizens attended the annual Memorial Day Observance held at the Pioneer Cemetery on May 28th. Guests were officially welcomed by Bob McCowen, who followed with the invocation. Darren Ames and Jayten Ames began the program with the flag raising ceremony, as Rhonda Swift led the National Anthem and Jurnee Thomas followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

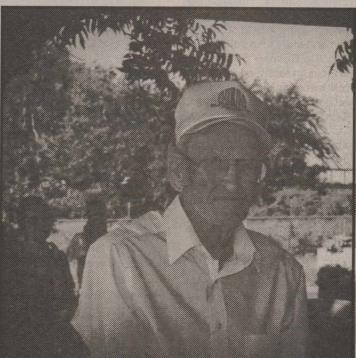
Many beautiful and inspiring musical tributes were offered during the program. Clent Kniffen of Clyde performed a patriotic medley on his electric guitar. 4His Glory, comprised of Rhonda Swift, Amanda Sowell, Connie Swift and Matt Sowell, performed amoving musical tribute to all fallen heroes, and led the entire group in singing "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America". Bob McCowen concluded with a very

touching harmonica arrangement. May Jones introduced the speaker, State Representative James Keffer of Eastland. Representative Keffer emphasized the importance of honoring those who fought for our freedoms, especially the older generations who gave so much and talk so little about these sacrifices. He urged everyone to pass on our knowledge to the younger generations so they might develop a greater appreciation for many of the freedoms we all take for granted each day.

Jim Fleming recognized the veterans in attendance, noting one WWII veteran present, J.W. Fore of Cross Plains. Jurnee Thomas presented facts and special quotations as a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Pioneer area, while Representative Keffer presented a flag to Ketch Thomas and Tripp Thomas, to be placed at the War Memorial for each veteran.

Reuben McCowen and Sara McGowen, officers of the Pioneer Historical Association, offered a tribute to the memory of James Alexander by placing a memorial wreath at the War Monument. Matt Sowell rendered TAPS in honor of the veterans, followed by a moment of silence and the benediction by John Swift.

The program concluded with the placement of flags, donated by Don and Wanda Nelson, on approximately 80 veteran's



Thank You For Your Service — J.W. Fore of Cross Plains was the only World War II veteran attending the Pioneer Memorial Day Observation.



Raising The Flag — Darren Ames, assisted by Jayten Ames, were responsible for flag-raising duties at the Pioneer Memorial Day Observance.

Ophelia Merrill, Theresa Koenig and Kim Thomas prepared and served refreshments of cookies and punch to all guests. Restroom facilities were provided by Reuben and Bob McCowen.

Your attendance and all donations are greatly appreciated. A special donation of 51 metal

crosses for the unmarked graves was received from Bill and Shanda Johnson and Rickey Daniels and delivered by Theresa Koenig and Kim Thomas. Many other community members assisted in making the event a special tribute to our veterans.

> Submitted by Jim Fleming

Agency begins early review of emergency response efforts

TxDOT prepares for 2012 hurricane season

has arrived along with a flurry of activity around the state, government agencies, volunteer and other recovery procedures. groups and private sector partners, all getting ready for the upcoming storm season.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) plays a critical role in hurricane 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.

"Each year, TxDOT begins a comprehensive review months in advance of hurricane season to make sure emergency response processes are in place and that the agency has allocated enough equipment, materials and employees to do the job if called upon," explained John Barton, TxDOT's deputy executive director.

TxDOT plays a key role during and after a storm, Barton added. The agency is committed to three guiding goals-getting people out of harm's way, getting them home safely and providing assistance with cleanup and recovery.

"Safety is our top priority at TxDOT and the basis for all the agency's transportation decisions, particularly so during emergencies," he noted.

Steps the agency takes each year to prepare for the storm twitter_feeds.htm" http:// season include:

• Reviewing emergency man-

sonnel on emergency traffic control measures, debris removal Participating in regional and

statewide emergency drills with other agencies and local juris-Identifying and preparing fa-

for quick mobilization. Reviewing evacuation plans making sure contraflow routes

cilities and equipment needed

are open (no lane closures). • Testing all Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)

Last year, TxDOT expanded its social media reach to communicate hurricane information faster and more efficiently. This year, the agency will continue using social media Twitter and Facebook specifically to reach an increasingly more technologically-savvy population. Traditional media, newspapers and television also play an important role in getting out the message.

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.

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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 HYPERLINK "http://www.texasonline.com" www.texasonline.com, a state website. Regional maps online show evacuation routes, all accessible on the Web at TxDOT's HYPERLINK "http:// www.txdot.gov" www.txdot.gov.

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JUNE 30

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