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Sheriff Terry Joy visits with Callahan County Firefighters - Sheriff Terry Joy, back row, third from left, visits with the Callahan County Firefighters Association at thier February meeting. From left to right, back row: Cody Warren, Clyde VFD; Roger Hinkle, Cottonwood VFC; Sheriff Joy; Tommy Hudspeth, Eula VFD; Bird; Baird VFD; and Travis Hudspeth, Eula VFD and president of the association. Front row: Eddie Richards and John Cox, both of Clyde VFD.



Barbarian Festival Birthdays Callahan County Jobless City Council Minutes Classifieds **Cottonwood News** Courthouse News Love Fund Obituaries

Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Chicken and Coon Hunters in Cottonwood this Saturday, Feb 16th

The Battle Creek Coon Fellowship Hall of the Hunters return to Cottonwood on Saturday, February 16th for the first coon hunt of the

season. Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Chicken and Barbeque Chicken are on the menu, as 8 well as, mashed potatoes, green beans and apple pie. Joe's cooking an All-American 3 Dinner! Dinner is from 5 p.m. 5 until 6:30 p.m. at the 5

Cottonwood Baptist Church, located on FM 1079, just off of FM 880 in Cottonwood.

Following the dinner, the coon dogs will be featured in a Bench Show at 6 p.m. The coon hunt begins later in the evening from the Cottonwood Firehouse.

Come out to Cottonwood, have a great dinner and see the dogs!



3rd Graders gather for Reading at Senior Citizens







Jerry Ray Winfrey

Jerry Ray Winfrey, age 74, formerly of Rising Star, Texas, went to his eternal home on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, in Puerto Armuelles, Panama.

A memorial service will be held at the historical Rising Star Market Building on Sunday, February 17, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

Jerry was born on February 6, 1938, in Dallas, Texas to Edward and Addean (Reed) Winfrey. After living in Pike County, Arkansas, his family moved back to the community of Inadale, Texas. They later moved to Sweetwater, Texas, where Jerry attended school until 1951 when they moved to Rising Star, Texas. He attended Rising Star High School and graduated in 1956. He owned and operated a custom harvesting business until 1964 when he began his successful 40 year career with Winfrey Feed & Peanut Co., Inc. He was named businessman of the year by the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce and received numerous awards and trips from Allied Mills. He also farmed, ranched, operated a hog feed lot, and owned WS Cattle Co. Feed Lot while maintaining his primary business. He enjoyed riding cutting horses, flying planes, racing horses, water skiing, snow skiing, and traveling. He was a member of the Rising Star Roping Club for many years and helped establish the Rising Star Rodeo. He also served as a member of the Rising Star Independent School District school hoard Through the years there were many people he helped who needed a place to live and employment. After the complete dispersion of Winfrey Bar Ranch Meyer cattle herd called "The Big One", Jerry retired to Costa Rica. He later moved to Puerto Armuelles, Panama with his wife, Delia and stepson, Luis. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Addean Winfrey. He is survived by his wife, Delia and stepson, Luis; daughter and son-in-law, Jerrilynn and Phillip Harrison of Cisco, Texas and their children, Amber and Josh Deal, Austin and Melinda Harrison and Albany Harrison; daughter and son-in-law, Gwen and Craig Harrison of Terrell, Texas and their children, Brandy and Ryan Tomlin and Cooper Harrison; daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Ashley Cowan of Dover, Ohio and their son, Kale Cowan; brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Peggy Winfrey of Cross Plains, Texas; and brother-in-law, Ollie and Robert Evinger of Meridian, Texas, eight great-grandchildren; Cayden Tomlin, Jackson Tomlin, Reagan Tomlin, Haley Harrison, Avery Harrison, Audrey Deal, Brenna Deal and Layton Harrison, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Steven Wayne Pickett

OBITUARIES

Steven Wayne Pickett, age 64, passed away January 28, 2013 as the results of a vehicle accident west of Cross Plains. Memorial services were held at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 2, 2013 with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating; visitation was at 1:00 p.m. before the service. The family request in lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Dept. or the Cross Plains EMS, c/o Texas Heritage Bank, PO Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Steven was born on September 20, 1948 in Orange, TX to 10:15 a.m., on Friday, February William Michael II and Hettie (Maddox) Pickett. He graduated Baptist Dallas. Graveside Service from the University of South and burial were held on Saturday, Carolina with a BA degree. He February 2, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in taught school for a while but the DeLeon Cemetery in DeLeon, returned to his first love that of Texas. Donnelly's Colonial raising and showing horses on his Funeral Home of Irving, Texas is ranch, Mariah Ridge. Steven also in charge of arrangements. served in the U.S. Marines.

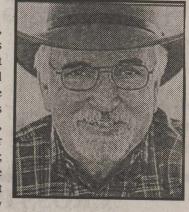
Audrey Carlson of FL; son, Plano; daughters and their Richard Scott Pickett of SC; families, Amy, Joe, Joey, and brother, Mike Pickett of SC; Jackson Green of North Haledon, sister, Deborah Di Lella of SC; NJ, Katie, Paul Michael, Bailey, three grandchildren and several Nathan and William Vacca of Fort nieces and nephews as well as Worth, and Ali Morgan of Dallas; many friends.

his parents.

George Everett Clower

George Everett Clower, age 97 of Cisco, passed away Monday, February 4, 2013 at his home. Graveside services was 2:00 p.m. at Murray Cemetery in Carbon, officiated by Reverend Jody Forbus with burial under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral home.

Texas on May 25, 1915 to George Thomas and Lillie Pearl (Sweet) Van, Texas; they have been football, and he found his true married for 77 years. He worked calling as an accountant. Bill



William "Bill" Morgan

William "Bill" Morgan, age 63, passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at home in Plano, Texas. Memorial Services were held at 1, 2013 in the Sanctuary at First

He is survived by his wife, Survivors include his daughter, Elisabeth "Kay" Morgan of three brothers and their families, Steven is preceded in death by Jerry and Sheri Morgan of DeLeon, James and Patrice Morgan of DeLeon, and Rick Morgan of Plano; and two brothers-in-law and their families, Jim and Patsy Harelik of Cross

Comanche, Texas. Bill was born on September 8, 1949 in Gorman, Texas at Blackwell Sanatorium, and grew up in DeLeon, Texas graduating Home. Visitation with the from DeLeon High School, where family was held from 5:00 - 7:00 he was proud to say he was "all p.m. on Thursday at the funeral city" in baseball, football, and basl.etball. Bill was Class George was born in Malino, President, active in FFA, and helped around his father's farm. Bill attended the University of Clower. August of 1935 he Texas where he enjoyed married Mary Rachal Geddie in watching the Longhorns play

Plains and Max Harelik of

second family at the firm, Huselton, Morgan and Mautsby. By 2012 when he retired, the firm had grown to over 60 people and had provided over 34 years of doing what he loved. Many of Bill's colleagues, employees, friends and clients will forever enjoy his unique sense of humor, wit and wisdom. Some of our favorite Bill Morgan-isms are: "You can be happy or you can be sad, but it's more fun to be happy," "Nothing hard is ever easy," "Part of a gusher is better dry hole" and his than ing 1 am a lege usual p

my own mind." Bill not a legend in his own mind, but also in the hearts of so many family and friends who loved him. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



Sherry Kimbrough

Sherry Kimbrough, 69, of Cisco passed away at her home on Friday, February 8, 2013.

Funeral service were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Cisco, officiated by Dr. Kelvin Kelley and Reverend Bruce Stovall burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery, under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home. Visitation with the family was held on Monday at the funeral home.

Sherry was born in Witchita Falls, Texas on February 6, 1944 to "Doc" and Donna (Tumbleson) Nichols. She met the love of her life at age 14 and 4 years later she married that "boy with the chickens." Sherry married Brad Kimbrough on September 15, 1962 in Wichita Falls, recently celebrating 50 of marriage Sherry and Brad owned and operated Kimbrough Funeral home for almost 39 years in Cisco, where she was currently the office manager. She is survived by her husband, Brad Kimbrough; daughters, Stephanie Kimbrough Brownwood, Cassie Kimbrough of Arlington. Sister, Linda Igo of White Settlement; niece, Jennifer Dowden, and her husband Chris and son Nathan of Fort Worth; aunt, Patsy Tumbleson Foote of Anna; and adopted family member Bill Kierre of Cisco.

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 **Sunday School** 9:30 a.m.

Parsonage 325-624-5634 **Sunday Worship** 10:45 a.m.

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CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

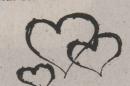
433 North Main Street Cross Plains, Texas 76443 Minister: RICK AUSTIN SUNDAY: Bible Class: 9:45 A.M. Worship:10:45 A.M. **Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.** Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M. Ladies Class - Wednesday: 10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on east Hwy 36) They are studying from a book written by Lottie Beth Hobbs entitled -"Your Best Friend" and when completed with that study they will start with her book - "If You Would See Good Days"

as a farmer and a rancher and was graduated in 1972 with a Masters a member of Pioneer Baptist in Business Administration, then started his career at Arthur Young Church. He is survived by his wife, and Co. Bill met Kay in 1972 at

Mary Rachal Clower of Cisco; the marriage of his good friend sons, Dwaine Clower, Dennis and brother of Kay, Jim Harelik. Clower and wife Carol all of Bill and Kay were married in Cisco, Jerry Clower and wife 1973 in Comanche, Texas. They Barbara of grandchildren, Steven Clower London before settling in Dallas. and Karen, Shelly Niebuhr and Bill and Kay enjoyed a rich Ralph, Jeri Ann Lukens and Jake, family life, raising three Todd Clower and Lauralei, Heath daughters and countless pets. Clower and Gayle, Wendy Forbus They were active in church at grandchildren.

Clower.

Stephen Clower, Ralph Niebuhr, his Sunday School class. Chase Clower, Todd Clower and Keith Clower.



Justice of the Peace Office and Motor Vechicle Department will be closed February 18, for Presidents Day.

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Abilene; lived in Dallas, New York, and

and Jody; and twelve great Audelia Road Baptist Church for over 20 years, then later at First He was preceded in death by his Baptist Church Dallas. Bill years, was a Deacon, Chairman or The Cisco Food Pantry. Honorary pallbearers were of the Deacons, and Director of

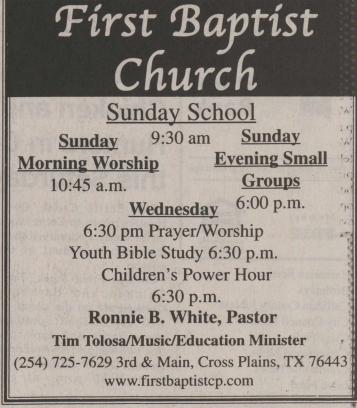
> Bill's philosophy was to always extend a hand to those in need if you can and you always can. Church was not something done only on Sundays, but a way of life, a philosophy of putting others before yourself and giving of what God has blessed you with. Bill started a firm with Gary

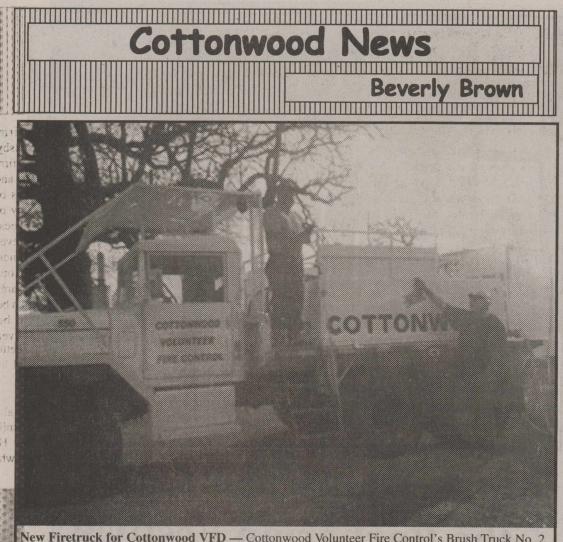
Huselton in 1978 creating his

Memorials may be made to two brothers, Leroy and Troy taught Sunday School for several First Baptist Church Video Fund



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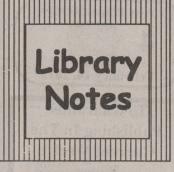
New Firetruck for Cottonwood VFD — Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's Brush Truck No. 2. that was recently acquired from the Texas Forest Service, is up and ready to go to work! Firefighters Roger Hinkle, left, and Jim Grindstaff, right, put the finishing touches on the truck.



Firefighters checking water pressure - Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control firefighters Jim Grindstaff, left, and Roger Hinkle, right, test the water pressure after the installion of the new pump and motor on Brush Truck No. 2

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Saturday night is the first Coon Come enjoy a great meal- and fundraisers from the late 1980s Hunt of the Season. The Battle afterwards see the dogs and their and 1990s. If you have photos, Creek Coon Hunter's Association handlers at the Bench Show, let me know, we'd like to copy will be holding dinner and the which starts about 6 p.m. Bring them. My pone number is hunt here in Cottonwood. First, your family and your friends and (254)725-7369. dinner starts at 5 p.m. (and runs come out to Cottonwood for a fun Friday was another work day up evening. After the Bench Show, the Roger Hinkle and Jim Grindstaff hunters and their dogs will go worked on the Brush truck. over to the Cottonwood Firehouse for the start of the UKC is on Tuesday, February 20th at 7 Sanctioned Coon Hunt.



Library Hours Monday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. **CLOSED FRIDAY**

February 4-7, 2013 Patrons 186 **Books Checked Out** 145 Programs 76 ASAP 24 LAP 7 Lapsit 6 GED 12 Other 28 Copies 70 48 Internet **Interlibrary Loans** 2

Reference

Donations Dorothy Petty

Bob and Lavonne Childress

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Book Donations Judy Pope Mike and Ethel Collier Jacque Childress James Warlick

Volunteers Lavonne Childress Sue Bennett **Beverly Ross** Helen Parson

Memorials Jimand Michelle Kaiser In Memory of Donald Beeler Mildred Woody In Memory of Donald Beeler

Genealogy Back to Basics meets every first and third Mondays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the library conference room.

There is still time to pick up



Hand-Crocheted quilt displayed at Senior Citizens Crocheting is an art and the Cross Plains Senior Center has received a masterpiece as a fundraiser for the Center. The late Dorothy Mitchell was a very artistic person and created a hand-crocheted queen size bedspread that would add romance to any room. Helen Parson donated this beautiful bedspread. In addition to the bedspread, donations of place mats and napkins, fleece blanket, and Scentsy warmer and scents have been received. These donations were made by Donna Wagner, Lexia Bagley, and Lois Dillard. Sealed bids will be accepted on any or all items until 3:00 p.m. on February 28, 2013. You may come by 108 N. Main to see the items and make your bid. If you have any questions please call 725-6521.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

FEBRUARY 18-22

Monday 18th -LIVE MUSIC 11:15/ Excercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Sponsered by Encompass

Tuesday 19th - Excercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 Wednesday 20th- Excercise 11:00/Blood **Pressure Check Sponsored by Girling** Thursday 21st - Excercise 11:00 / Reading with 3rd Graders 9:15 & 12:30 Friday 22nd- Excercise 11:00 HOME DELIVERED MEALS MUST CALL TO

ORDER, AND OR CANCEL A MEAL NO LATER THAN 10:00 A.M.

until about 6:30-7:00 p.m.) at the Fellowship Hall of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Joe's cooking an "All-American Meal" with your choice of Chicken Fried Steak, Fried Chicken or Barbeque Chicken, along with mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, and apple pie! Dinner is \$6. Take outs are available, if you'd like to stop by and take dinner with you.

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

Thank you Lord for our Mary Ella will provide handouts

This year marks the 25th encouraged to attend. Anniversary of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group. outdoor burning or welding of We are looking for photos of the any kind. Be extremely cautious fire department, firefighters, and doing work outside.

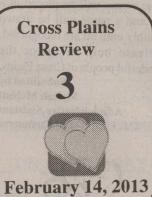
for the children with information

DIANA MILLER

at the firehouse. Fire Chief Joe,

The next Fire Control Meeting p.m. All firefighters are

The Burn Ban is still on. No



'blessed rain! The Cross Plains Garden Club about the history, propagation and

Room of the Texas Heritage Bank bags for the Rising Star Nursing Marquleta Westbrook. Home. The CPGC enjoyed a lively afternoon of creativity and fellowship as they filled the gift bags with fun treats to help the Valentine's Day.

Program at the Cross Plains CPGC, this would be a fun time Public Library, scheduled for to do so and to have a chance to Wednesday, March 6th at 4:00 meet our Garden Club members. p.m. were completed. Mary Ella Our next regularly scheduled Weaver will direct the show and meeting will be held on Friday, tell seminar for the children on the April 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the planting and care of day lily bulbs. Each child will have the Please contact us at (254) opportunity to participate in the 725-9418 with any questions. event and plant their own bulbs.

met in the Mozelle Richardson care of day lilies. Members present for the on Friday, February 8, 2013. A meeting Joyce Cottrell, Eva brief business meeting was Fleming, Billie Kelly, Diana followed by the assembly of gift Miller, Mary Ella Weaver and

No regular meeting is scheduled for March due to the special program planned for that month. Visitors and new members are nursing home residents celebrate welcome to attend the After School Library Program. If Final plans for the After School you've been wanting to visit the Mozelle Richardson Room.

OR ELECTRIC WE ARE PROUD TO SERVE OUR CROSS PLAINS, **COTTONWOOD & SCRANTON MEMBERS** WE ARE HERE TO MEET YOUR NEEDS Phone: 877-TEC-1939

Driver's License Office in Baird is open again

The Driver's License Office in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN again.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

The Opera House **Musical Show is Sat.**

The Opera House Country Musical Show will be this Saturday, Feb. 16th at 6p.m. at the Opera House located in Anson.

A bar-b-que supper will be held before the musical. We will start serving at 5 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 a plate, and includes a drink and dessert.

For further information, call Marlon Smith at 325-370-0329, and leave a message.

your book for the Cross Plains Public Library's "Pushing the Limits" event Thursday, February 21st. The library is one of 20 libraries nationwide who received a grant as a pilot project to explore ways for all of us to push the limits using science and technology. The book Arctic Drift by Clive Cussler has been selected for the Survival portion of a four-part project. The author's attention to the scientific detail of cutting edge marine technologies is woven into speculative fiction that keeps readers transfixed through to the triumphant end. Come by the library, sign up and receive your free copy of the book. We would love to have you join us for an evening of engaging and thoughtful discussion about the book and the topic of "How do we survive." To provide more space for participants the event will be held at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. We will be serving a light supper at 6:30 p.m. The book discussion, viewing the interview with the author, and showing a short video of a human-interest story will begin at 7:00 p.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 your talent with the Seniors during lunch time.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

FEBRUARY 18-21

Monday -

Cheeseburgers(lett,tom/ onion/pickle),Potato Wedges/Dessert/Drink Tuesday - Chicken Pot Pie/ Friday - Tuna Salad Fruit/Dessert/Drink Wednesday -Spaghetti/ Corn/Let/Tom Salad/ Bread/Dessert/Drink

Thursday - BBQ Chicken/Pinto Beans/ Potato Salad/Bread/ Dessert/Drink Sandwich/Lett/Tom/ Banana/Jello-O/Cookie/ Drink

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

A week without advertising makes a business weak.



Buffaloes Finish Up District Play -Look to Panther Creek & Playoffs

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hosted Rising Star. The Buffa-

loes defeated the Wildcats 39-

28. Leading the Buffaloes in

scoring was junior, guard, Tyler

Henderson with 10. Blake

Hutchins and Josh Branch had 8

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each hit a trey on the evening.

The Buffaloes were 5 to 7 from

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McWilliams 4, Halsel 13, Branch

2-8-13 vs Rising Star

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Scoring: Henderson 10,

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With wins over Brookesmith district finale, Cross Plains and Rising Star to finish out district, the Buffaloes finished district play with a four game win streak. The key win in that stretch was the win over Panther Creek which helped force a tie for second place. By the time this article is published, second and third place seeding will be determined, playoff opponents (Priddy or Gustine) and game sites will be set. Seeding all depends on Monday night's CP tie-breaker game versus Panther Creek in Jim Ned.

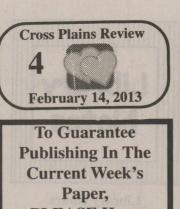
The Buffaloes traveled to Brookesmith last Tuesday to take on the Mustangs. The Buffaloes came away with a convincing 64-18 victory. Leading the way was junior, guard, Cutter Halsel. Halsel came off the bench with 13 points and 7 rebounds to pace the Buffaloes scoring attack. Josh Branch and Tyler Henderson chipped in with 12 points and 10 respectively. In Friday night's

2013 Youth Girls Softball Registration Begins

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February 11, 2013 and will end additional on Friday, February 22, 2013. registration forms are due by Cross Plains Primary and until Friday, March 8, 2013. All Elementary up from the elementary and high Brownwood. Games will begin school offices or from in April and will continue into McCready's Rods & Rides the middle of June for the 12 and located at 500 SW 5th St. in Cross 14 & under teams. There are Plains. Registration forms and four age groups for teams: 8 & fees may be returned to the school under, 12 & under, and 14 & offices or to McCready's Rods under. League age is determined & Rides. Forms are due by by the athlete's age as of Friday, February 22, 2013. Late December 31, 2012. Please registration may be accepted contact Amy McCready at upon availability but will incur a 325-370-1452 for any additional \$15 late registration fee. questions.

The youth girls softball registration fees are \$40 for the registration kicked off Monday, first athlete and \$35 for each sibling.While Registration forms were sent Friday, February 22, 2013, home with girl students from the registration fees will be accepted campuses. or most of the games will be Additional forms may be picked played in Early and/or



PLEASE Have Articles In By 2 p.m. **Monday and Ads By** Noon On Tuesday Of **That Week**

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL WE MENU 7

February18-22 **BREAKFAST**

Monday - Sausage, Bisquit, Assorted juice, Milk Tuesday-Breakfast Pizza, Assorted juice, Milk Wednesday - Waffle sticks, Sausage, Assorted juice, Milk Thursday -Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted juice, Milk Friday -Cinnamon roll, Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday -Chicken fajitas, Refried beans, Garden salad, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Milk Tuesday - Salisbury Steak, Brown fravy, Whipped potatoes, Green beans, Roll, Pears, Milk Wednesday - Beef & Bean Chalupas, Garden salad, Baby carrots, Salsa, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Thursday-Chicken Spaghetti, Baby carrots, Broccoli, Bread stick, Apple slices, Milk Friday - Fish or Chicken Nuggets, Black eyed peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Diced peaches, Milk



Phineas and Ferb's My Funny Valentine — The Cross Plains Public Library had another Book to Movie event for our February After School Adventure Program (ASAP). Twenty-four attendees enjoyed the adventures of Phineas, Ferb, and big sister Candace, and the exciting escapades of their pet platypus, secretly known as "Agent P'. Each child present received the book Phineas and Ferb's My Funny Valentine and delicious Valentine cookies! We are grateful for The Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services grant that funded this program.

Mark Your Calendars for the Barbarian Festival Scheduled June 8, 2013

Mark your calendars now for the An Antique Tractor Show and an Saturday each June at the same candles, and other crafts booths, and tasty treats can be found at as well as, face painting, kid's the festival. rides and games and live music.

Citizens of the Month Nominees Needed by Local **Chamber of** Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce has already launched a new way to honor our residents. We are honoring a Citizen of the

15th Annual Barbarian Antique and Classic Car and time as Robert Howard Days, a Festival on Saturday, June 8th. Truck Show round out the event. celebration of life of noted author The Barbarian Festival features Hot dogs, hamburgers, barbeque Robert E. Howard creator of handmade items, arts, jewelry, sandwiches, sausage on a stick Conan the Barbarian.

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Don't miss out on the fun! Circle the date on your calendar The festival is held the second now for Saturday, June 8th from 9 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Signed Up For Texas **Trivia Yet?**

Better hurry! Seating is limited. Remember how much fun it was playing in Cross Plains meal. The cost will be \$15.00 per Trivia two years ago? We're person, including the meal and betting Texas Trivia will be just contest. If you don't think you're as much fun. Come help the quite up to the trivia challenge, Crcss Plains Public Library we'll have a \$10.00 "My Hat's celebrate Texas' 177th birthday Not Big Enough" section where with a Texas Trivia Contest & you can enjoy the food and watch Bar-B-Que Saturday evening, the fun while learning about our March 2nd at the First Baptist great state. We are adding a Church Family Life Center silent auction, too, so those who beginning at 6:00 PM. Don't don't come out ahead in Texas

The questions will be served up with a full Bar-B-Que brisket Trivia may still have a chance of winning something. The auction will be open to all who attend. Businesses, organizations and groups of friends, show off your team's skill as you compete against other businesses, organizations or group of friends. Start putting your team together and get registered now. March 2nd will be here before you know it. Seating will be limited, so don't wait! If you would like to play trivia, but don't have a team, let us know and we'll try to put you together with others needing team members. The winnners of Texas Trivia will get double their money back, just like two years ago. All proceeds will go to support the operating expenses for the Library. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, and round one of the contest will begin at 7:00. To register your team, or get more information, come by the library or call 725-7722.

KEEP TEXAS PARKS OPEN

Guest Column By: Ian Davis

Last week, stories broke across Texas that Texas State Parks may need to close given lifestyles, and 85 percent of Texans acknowledge a need to protect our natural areas.

Yet we now find ourselves in a situation where the Texas s and Wildlife Department (TPWD) may have to close state parks. TPWD requested an additional \$11.2 million dollars for the operation of state parks in the 2014-2015 budget. While Senate and House budgets did allocate an additional \$6.9 million in funding, staff at the Legislative **Budget Board interpreted** these figures to mean 7 state parks could close. Our state parks system is already facing tough times after TPWD saw its budget cut deeply during the last legislative session. Over 100 employees were laid off. some park operations and maintenance were reduced, and a popular local park grant program was eliminated. The parks system also suffered from the brutal drought and wildfires of 2011. The good news is that a solution exists to the dire situation facing our state park system. In 1993, the Texas Legislature dedicated a portion of the sales tax on sporting goods to help fund Texas parks. Comptroller Susan Combs projects this fund will generate \$265 million over the coming 2014-2015 biennium,

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more than enough money to adequately fund our state park system.

But here's the catch. The Texas Legislature frequently diverts the Sporting Sales Tax intended for state parks to other areas of the budget. This is part of a larger debate over "truth-inbudgeting" that involves many other fees and taxes being diverted away from their intended purpose. How much is being diverted from parks funding? The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department only received approximately one-quarter of the Sporting Goods Sales Tax revenues for the 2012-2013 biennium. The 2013 Hill Research poll also shows strong support for using the Sporting Goods Sales Tax to fund state parks. 76 percent of respondents support using revenue from the tax for "Acquiring, maintaining and operating state and local parks. We don't need new taxes to solve the parks funding crisis. The Sporting Goods Sales Tax, if used for its Intended purpose, generates sufficient revenue to keep our state park system healthy and thriving. We can do better. Let's take pride in our state park system by funding it at adequate levels. Lets keep Texas parks open

state budget. This news may have come as a shock to Texans given the state's current budget surplus.

The possible closure of state parks begs the following questions: what is the value of state parks, why are they facing a budget shortfall, and what mechanisms exist to ensure they remain open and thriving?

Our state parks are very much a Texas treasure, providing an affordable, fun and healthy way for families to explore Texas. With over a half-million acres of open space, parks also help protect our water quality and wildlife habitats. Furthermore, the 8 million annual visitors to our parks provide a significant boost to our economy. The Texas parks system generates 12,000 jobs across the state, and out-of-state tourists pump \$283 million annually into our local communities.

Outdoor spaces are very popular among Texans. A 2013 statewide poll conducted by Hill Research Consultants shows that 84 percent of Texans see state parks as essential to healthy active Month.

The Chamber requests that if you know someone you think is an exceptional person, please submit their name and why you think they should be recognized as Citizen of the Month.

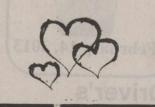
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submitted should be e-mailed to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com or mailed to P.O. Box 233, Cross Plains, Texas.

The names will be placed in a box and a name will be drawn monthly until all are recognized.

Please help us honor the wonderful people of Cross Plains. Submitted by **Myleah McNutt**

Administrative Assistant C.P. Chamber of Commerce



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decide you wouldn't be any good at it until you read the rules. Everybody had a ball playing Cross Plains Trivia, but some folks thought our rules were too strict, so we've loosened things up a bit this time.

No individual will ever be required to give an answer alone, this is a TEAM effort. Answers will be multiple choice on paper and decided upon by the entire team. Cell phones or other electronic devices may NOT be used during the rounds, but talk as loud as you want. If you can overhear the answers from the next table, feel free to use them. But be careful: they may be trying to throw you off! Most questions are likely NOT what you'll find in text books, so your guess may be as good as anyone's, and you have a 1 in 4 chance of choosing the correct answer. It will be up to each team to decide how many members they have so long as it is no more than 7 and no fewer than 5.

Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment deadline approaches

AUSTIN-Texas families still have time to lock in costs at Texas public colleges and universities at today's prices and avoid future increases in tuition and required fees. Comptroller Susan Combs reminds families they can do so by enrolling their children in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund", the state's prepaid college tuition program. The current annual enrollment period ends on Feb. 28th.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund allows participants to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on current prices.

"Families can purchase a Promise Fund account and ease their concern about rising college costs," Combs said. "The program also gives parents the flexibility of choosing how much prepaid

tuition they want to buy and what payment options to use as they plan ahead for their children's education."

Under the plan, families can prepay tuition and required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

Enrollment in the program at 2012-13 prices will close Feb. 28th. This deadline extends to July 31st for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1st-, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2013-14 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at www.texastuitionpromisefund.com, or call (800) 445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

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ResourceCare Community Health Care Center celebrates National wear Red Day — Friday February 1, 2013 was National Wear Red Day in recognition of February being National Women's Heart Health month. The staff of ResoourceCare Community Health Center all wore red to show their support. ResourceCare is also offering free Cholesterol screening for all women in our community during the month of February. All women who participate will be entered into a drawing on March 1,



Resource Care Staff stands with donated Medical Supplies - ResourceCare Community Health Center donates medical supplies worth \$1,000 to the Cross Plains EMS service. Pictured left to rightback row: David Parker, Staci Winfrey LVN, John Swift, Donnie Dillard, Cindy Payne LVN, Dr. JoAnne Paulk, Health King LVN, Erin Cook RN, Jennifer Fulcher LVN, Lajeana Hayes-Long FNP.





Love Fund Established for Cross Plains Resident — Karen Hamm (left) is pictured with her daughter Stasha King. Karen has been suffering severe health problems over the past year and currently is hospitalized at Mansfield in the ICU since November. She is on life- support at this time and has been diagnosed with pneumonia. A love fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank to assist her daughter in traveling to visit her. Your kind assistance would be appreciated by the local family. Please keep

TxDOT breaks ground on Eastland County safety rest areas

Eastland - The Texas De- during long road trips," said working to make the drive along gineer Elias Rmeili, P.E. I-20 though Eastland County safer by building two new safety rest areas just east of Ranger.

Construction crews recently broke ground on the facilities on both the eastbound and westbound sides of the interstate. The new rest areas are part of TxDOT's ongoing effort to fight driver fatigue by building stateof-the art facilities that will encourage weary drivers to take a break. Features include air-conample parking areas, with separated areas for cars and commercial trucks; travel information kiosks; office space for lawenforcement staff; enhanced security, including surveillance cameras; tornado shelters; pic- now clearing the sites and connic arbors; walking trails; and a structing pads for the buildings. children's play area.

"Safety is TxDOT's top priority, and these new safety rest they are alert and well-rested work for \$16.4 million.

partment of Transportation is TxDOT Brownwood District En-

Statistics show that from 2007 through 2011, the number of fatigue-related crashes statewide dropped 13 percent. TxDOT has been building updated rest are eas across the state for about the last 12 years.

Each new rest area features native landscaping and elements unique to the area's history or geography. When completed, the facilities will include exhibits that will be developed with input ditioned and heated restrooms; and direction from Eastland County historians.

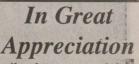
> Work on the Eastland County rest areas will also include modifying entrance and exit ramps, realigning the frontage roads and widening a bridge. Crews are Both rest areas are scheduled

for completion by early spring of 2015. Jay Mills Contracting, Inc. areas will help drivers make sure of Stephenville is completing the

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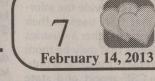
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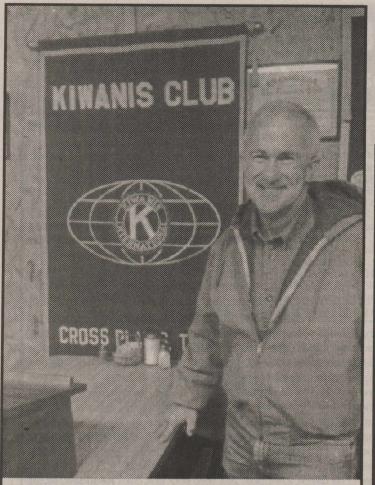
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"Thank You" to all the special Angels who were there for my son when he had his motorcycle accident on FM 880 a mile North of Cottonwood on Saturday, February 2nd. I can't imagine the horror you two ladies must have felt when you were right behind him and saw it all...but God placed you, HIS Special Angels, there to see him as he closed my brother and sister-in-law's gate - you knew where to contact his family who could provide immediate and vital information for his care. God sent more Special Angels to stay with him and comfort him until the ambulance arrived from Cross Plains while you went to get his aunt and uncle. Thank you to the ambulance personnel who took such excellent care of him as he lay in the bar-ditch and while transporting him to meet the Life Flight helicopter. Thank you to the Highway Patrolman that stayed with my sons' motorcycle while my brother and sister-in-law went back to their place for a trailer to load his motorcycle on. On their way back to the accident site they were wondering how they were going to get such a heavy piece of machinery onto the trailer...but God took care of that also by sending yet another Special Angel on a tractor that had the two front thingies to carry a roll of hay. This angel simply picked the motorcycle up and placed it on the trailer for them. Angels, I'm sorry I do not know your names, I did not get to meet you, but you know who you are and I thank each and every one of you for helping my son, brother, and sister-in-law on that dreadful day. As for my son - according to statistics he should not have survived, but he did. He should have been broken all to pieces, but he wasn't. He broke both jaws, both cheek bones, his nose, fractured and eye socket (and his eye was not damaged), fractured three vertebrae, and had a contusion on his brain. He is still in Hendrick Medical Center because the doctors had to wait for the swelling in his brain to go down so he would be stable and wait for what was needed to put him back together. Are you ready for ultimate power of God, your efforts, and the strongest medicine (prayer) my son received? His jaws is the only thing that has to be surgically repaired and the jaw surgeon will be here tomorrow (Monday, Feb., 11th) ... everything else will heal on its own within six to seven weeks! Thank you all from the bottom of Submitted by Carol Lowe my heart.

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Kevin Morton pastor of First United Methodist gives presentation at Jeans Feed Barn - Kevin Morton, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, gave the presentation for the Cross Plains Kiwanis this past Tuesday morning at Jean's Feed Barn. Kevin, his wife Lee Anne, and James and Dora Warlick recently went to Israel and Egypt, and Kevin shared their experiences and photogaphs at the Kiwanis meeting. Kevin will be doing presentations of their photographs from the Holy Land at the First United Methodist Church during the season of Lent.

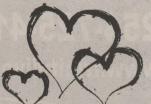
Hunters and Anglers have \$4.1 **Billion Impact on Texas' Economy**

The 2.7 million people that as well as the general public, the nesses and local economies. state's economy, according to a about hunters and anglers in press release from the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation.

In 2011, these outdoorsmen and women spent \$4.1 billion with a ripple effect of \$7.26 billion, and supported 65,993 jobs in the state. New data released today, Friday, February 8th, by the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) documents the importance of sportsmen and women's activities in Texas and across the nation. The state fact sheets follow the release of CSF's national report, America's Sporting Heritage, Fueling the American Economy, that was released in mid-January.

comprehend how important three employers (65,993 vs. hunting and fishing are to the 59,000 jobs combined).

hunt or fish in Texas have a CSF data spotlights some of the sportsmen and women are the tremendous impact on the most compelling information leaders in conserving fish and wildlife and their habitats. When every state. For example, 2.7 vou combine license and stamp million people (resident and nonfees, motorboat fuels, excise resident) hunted or fished in taxes on hunting and fishing equipment and membership Texas in 2011, more than the population of Houston, the contributions to conservation state's largest city (2.7 million organizations, hunters and anglers directed \$3 billion towards vs 2.1 million). In addition, there are more sportsmen and women on-the-ground conservation and in Texas than the 2011 home restoration efforts in 2011 - that attendance for the Dallas Cowis over \$95 every second. This does not include their own habiboys, the Dallas Mavericks, the Houston Texans, and the Houstat acquisition and restoration ton Rockets combined (2.7 milwork for lands owned or leased for the purpose of hunting and lion vs 2.4 million). Perhaps most importantly, hunters and anglers fishing, which would add another \$11 billion to the mix. supported more jobs in Texas than Dell, the University of Texas Austin, and the MD Anderson sional Sportsmen's Foundation "Many people may not fully Cancer Center, the state's top report and state fact sheets comes from the U.S. Fish and



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Fraser Files Legislation to Tackle Water Needs

Austin - Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) filed three bills that will allow Texas to meet future water needs that come from continued growth.

"We must keep up with the population growth and the resulting increased demand on our state's limited water supply," said Fraser. "We need to start planning for that growth so that people continue moving to Texas."

The population of the state is expected to almost double in 50 years. The demand for water is expected to reach 21.6 million acre feet by 2060, up 27 percent from 2000 while existing water supplies - including surface water, groundwater and reused water - are projected to decrease about 10 percent by 2060. "Compounding the increased

demand, most of our state has been facing a severe drought since 2011," stated Fraser, "As of this month, 96% of the state is currently experiencing some level of drought and reservoirs are only 67% full."

These bills present a three pronged attack to tackle the state's water needs. The bills would provide a \$2 billion infusion of funding, restructure the Texas Water Development Board, and authorize local entities to form regional partnerships to solve regional water needs.

"We need to enhance existing water resources and promote water conservation measures

across the state," continued Fraser. "I think this package of bills will help the state and local entities to not only create new water but to work harder to reuse and conserve the water we already have."

Senate Bill 4, filed Wednesday January 23rd, would create the State Water Implementation Fund of Texas (SWIFT) to provide a revolving fund to finance projects in the state water plan. At least 10 percent of the financing would be set aside for water conservation or reuse projects and another 10 percent would be set aside for projects in rural Texas. It would reorganize Texas Water Development Board and require it to prioritize projects in each regional planning area.

Council Minutes

November 13, 2012 This was the regular meeting of building with 10 bays and a drive the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Jerry Cassle- Mayor Pro-Tem, Bob Kirkham, Colby Walker & Randy Strickland

A member of the public meeting with the council was Cecil Barton. Mr. Barton asked the council to consider putting a street light at the intersection of George C. Scott Street and Main. He commented that the intersection is extremely dark and is a cause for concern for traffic and pedestrians alike. The council thanked Mr. Barton for his comments.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Will Windham, Frankie Hyles, and Don Gosnell.

Ray Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Purvis gave the invocation. By general consent the minutes were approved as presented. (SEE ATTACHMENT)

By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented. (SEE ATTACHMENT)

Kirkham moved to approve the seconded and motion carried.

First item on the agenda was the approval of the West Central Texas Council of Governments Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Jerry Cassle so moved, Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion of when and where to read the Proclamation and present the "Key to the City" to Astronaut Sid Gutierrez. By general consent the council agreed to present both items to him at the

Banquet on November 26th. Gosnell presented the council City the deed to the property for with five properties located within the City Limits that are in dire condition and causing both a fire and health hazard. Gosnell reported that she has sent registered letters to all five property owners and has received comments from several of the property owners, however, some

building consists of a 70' x 110 through. Plans include a 30 office and kitchenette. Tota square footage will be 7700' with 12' x 14' doors. Cost of drying it the building would be approximately \$125K and then to finish out the building total cos would be approximately \$200K He asked the Council to conside if and how much they could afford and to plan in the upcoming budget to help with the expenditures.

Dannes Turner met with the council representing the Senior Citizens Center. Turner reported that the center served 19 days in November. Total meals were 1,327 with 161 of those meals going to May, TX. Of the 1,327 meals served in Cross Plains, 624 were served in the center with 703 being delivered. She also reported over 80 in attendance on December 7th in recognition of the World War II Vets. She reported that donations continue to come in as well as the community continuing to support their fundraisers.

Frankie Hyles reported on the bills as presented. Walker cleaning of the second sewer pond and has spoken with Jerry Harris from Rising Star. Mr. Harris has the equipment to clean out the ponds and the expertise for doing the job. He is working up a price and will get back with us in the near future.

> Gosnell reported on the five properties that were discussed at the last council meeting.

She reported that the following property located at Lot 22 & 23, Block 29, Central Addition, Cross Plains, Texas owned by the City/ School/County intends to give the the removal and clean up of the property.

Lot 5; Block 1, Mathis 2nd Addition & Lot 2; Block 5, Mathis 1st Addition/ the Property Owner wants to give the property to the City for the removal and clean up of the property.

Lot 4; Block 2, Mathis 2nd of the others have begun cleaning Addition/ the Property Owner has up around the property, however, mowed and cleaned up brush. have not contacted the City. By Has not removed the old trailer general consent the council agreed house but appears to be cleaning to give the property owner until up around the old trailer so that January 1, 2013, to have the they can get to it to move it out. nuisances abated or at that time Gosnell has sent a letter giving the property owner until January 1, 2013 to have the trailer removed.

fabric of this country. Yet nationally there are more people who hunt or fish than go bowling, and their spending would land them at #24 on the Fortune 500 list," commented Jeff Crane, President of the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. "Sportsmen and women spent \$4.1 billion on hunting and fishing in Texas in 2011, which is nearly twice the receipts for cotton, the state's second largest agricultural commodity that year (\$4.1 billion vs. \$2.3 billion)."

Intended to provide a series of "sound bites" that resonate within the outdoor community

Nationwide, the impact is even more impressive. There are more than 37 million hunters and anglers age 16 and up in this country - about the same as the population of the entire state of California. These sportsmen and women spent \$90 billion on hunting and fishing in the United States in 2011, which is comparable to the combined global These reports provide the inforsales of Apple's iPad® and mation that CSF uses in their iPhone® that year. In difficult economic times, it is important and activities that may be more to note that both participation recognizable to the general puband spending by people who lic. The CSF report and state hunt and fish went up in 2011.

Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation. From this base data. CSF and its partners the National Shooting Sports Foundation and the American Sportfishing Association commissioned Southwick Associates to develop detailed reports on the hunting and fishing industries, respectively. comparisons to other industries information for all 50 states are Beyond the impact to busi- available on the CSF website.

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Wildlife Service's 2011 National

Senate Bill 22, filed Thursday January 17th, would make a one-time allocation of \$2 billion from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund to capitalize the SWIFT.

Senate Bill 235, filed Wednesday January 23rd, would statutorily authorize local governments to form regional authorities to finance water projects. "The state and local entities

need to work together to help solve our water supply prob-lems," Fraser stated. "Whether we build new reservoirs, conserve, or reuse the water. Texans are resourceful. We will find solutions which allow us to maintain an adequate supply to sus-

tain and grow our economy." **Cross Plains** Review 8 February 14, 2013 **Callahan County**

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 26, 2013 through February 8, 2013 include:

DPS Report

Cases Investigated Warnings-203 Complaints-108 Driving While License Invalid-6 DWI-6 Open Container-1 **Vehicle Accidents**

There were seven vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

the city will take necessary action against the property owners.

Walker moved to go into Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Discussion of personnel was held. Walker moved to return to open meeting at 7:45 p.m. Strickland seconded and motion carried. Strickland moved to adjourn. Walker seconded and motion carried. Ray Purvis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Gosnell, Secretary

December 11, 2012

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council, Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Jerry Cassle-Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Kirkham, Colby Walker and Randy Strickland.

Members of the public meeting with the council were Gerald Brown and Ricky Carouth.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Will Windham, Frankie Hyles, Dannes Turner and Don Gosnell.

Ray Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Gosnell gave the invocation. By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented. By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented. Kirkham moved to approve the bills as presented. Walker seconded and motion carried.

Citizens meeting with the council were Fire Chief Rick Carouth and Rural Fire Chief Gerald Brown. Mr. Carouth advised the council the Fire Department is in need of a new building to house the new equipment the department has acquired. He advised the council that the plans for the new

Lot 9. & the West 28' of Lot 8; executive session at 7:15 p.m. Block 2, Haley Addition/ Property Owner is cleaning up the property and should have everything cleaned up by January 1, 2013.

> S. 60' x 150' of Lots 1,2, & 3; Block 4: Mathis 1st Addition/ Property Owner has cleaned up brush & secured house removing the fire and health hazards. No further action is needed at this time.

Lots 7 & 8; Block 23; Central Addition/ Property Owner originally spoke to Gosnell and stated that they were tearing the house down and it appears they are still working on getting the house torn down. Gosnell also sent them a letter giving them until January 1, 2013 to complete the job.

Gosnell presented a Sanitary Sewer Ordinance for approval authorizing the regulation of discharge of industrial wastes into the sanitary sewer system of the City of Cross Plains, Texas, establishing a permit system; establishing a system of charges for services rendered; regulating unsewered and miscellaneous discharges and providing for enforcement. Jerry Cassle moved to approve the Ordinance as presented. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Gosnell reported that she has a meeting set up with Wendy Patterson/COG rep., to discuss the Monifil Landfill for the removal of city property. The meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Kirkham moved to adjourn. Walker seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor Attest: Debbie Gosnell, Secretary



WE HAVE

Callahan County's jobless rate rises to 4.5% in December

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose one-tenth of one percent to 4.5% in December 2012, according to jobless figures released Friday, February 1st by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in December 2011 was 5.8 percent.

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Callahan County's unemployber, 2012.

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ing to the unemployment figures. Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the percent, the first increase since counties' unemployment rates

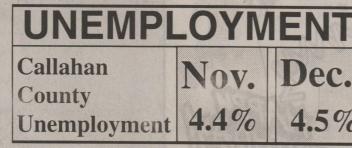
Brown, 5.6%; Coleman, 5.2%; Eastland, 5.3%; Jones, 5.5%; Runnels, 5.2%; Shackelford, 2.8%; Stephens, 4.9%; and Taylor County, 4.6%.

tan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 4.7% in December, 2012, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor people, bringing the total to Force is 84,400. There were 80,400 employed during December 2012, while 4,000 were unemployed, giving the Abilene had an over-the-year growth of MSA an unemployment rate of 127,700 individuals. The last 4.7%

workforce was 84,600 in November, 2012. Total employment of 80,700 was reported in vember 2012.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for December, 2011 was 5.7%. The total workforce was reported at 83,000, with 78,300 employed and 4,700 unemployed in December, 2011.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of December, 2012 was 6.0 percent. The total Texas labor force was 12,621,600 in December 2012. The total number of Texans employed is 11,858,700. The total number of Texas jobseekers had number of unemployed Texans an average three-month decline was 762,900 in December 2012. of 12,900 persons. Over the year,



ment rate was 4.4% in Novem- unemployment rate for the previous month of November, 2012 Previous monthly jobless rates was 7.4%. The United States in Callahan County included: unemployment rate one year 4.9% in October 2012, 4.9% in ago in December, 2011 was

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force

(Not Seasonally Adjusted) For December the Texas unemployment rate rose two-tenths of a percentage point to 6.0 June. This was a 1.1 percentage for December 2012 include: point decrease over the year. Over the past three months, there has been an average decline of 0.1 percentage points in the unemployment rate. For the United States, the unemployment rate The Abilene MSA (Metropoli- increased two-tenths of a percentage point to 7.6 percent. The Texas unemployment rate has been at or below the national rate for 73 consecutive months. The Civilian Labor Force de-

clined by an estimated 7,200 12,621,600 Texans. This was the smallest labor force since May. The Civilian Labor Force three months have shown an The Abilene MSA reported the average decrease of 6,700 Texans in the labor force.

• In December, the number of jobholders declined by an esti-November 2012, while 3,900, or mated 32,700 individuals to 4.6% were unemployed in No- 11,858,700 people. This was the most significant over-the-month drop since January. The number of employed Texans has averaged an increase of 6,200 jobholders over each of the last three months. Over the year, the number of employed Texans increased by 251,800 individuals. The number of unemployed Texans was an estimated 762,900 people, an increase of 25,500 persons over the month and the largest increase since June. The number of jobseekers

4.5% viduals to an estimated 129,100 distributors. Texans. Over the year, the number of persons continuing to seek unemployment insurance declined by 15,200 people. There has been a decrease of 17,300 claimants since January 2012. Of the 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), the Sherman-Denison and the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSAs had the most significant increase in unemployment claims at 28.6 per-

cent and 24.1 percent, respectively. A decrease in unemployment claim activity was experienced in eight MSAs, with the Amarillo MSA leading at 13.4 percent.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Chevron Moving Jobs to Texas

SAN FRANCISCO, CA (San Francisco Chronicle - Chevron Corporation will move up to 800 jobs - about a quarter of its current headquarters staff - from the Bay Area to Houston over the next two years but remain based in San Ramon, the oil company told employees. The jobs - generally technical positions dealing with information and advanced energy technologies - are all tied to Chevron's worldwide oil exploration and production business, much of which is based in Houston.

Chevron was founded in California in 1879 and has remained here, even as the American oil industry's center of gravity shifted to Houston. The company already employs far more people in Houston - about 9,000 fulltime employees and contractors - than it does in San Ramon. Chevron has roughly 10,000 workers throughout California. The jobs that will move to Houston come from five organizations within Chevron dealing with information technology, advanced energy technologies, location in the market." The and business development.

production facility in Paris, Texas, with plans to create 393 jobs. The company supplies more than 200 million pastries and baked goods per year to customers throughout the U.S. Its products are offered under the Skinner brand and other branded and private label names to store bakeries, foodservice companies, and

A \$1.8 million Texas Enterprise Fund incentive was provided to help close the deal. Governor Rick Perry said, "Today's announcement is the product of hard work from the James Skinner Company, officials here at the local level and hard-working Texans across our state who have made the phrase 'Made in Texas' a worldwide mark of quality and dependability.

More Stores Joining Kohl's DENTON, TX (Denton **Record-Chronicle: Construction** has started on a 55,000-squarefoot Kohl's, and three more stores are planning to join the department store according to RED Development, LLC. Famous Footwear, Petco, and Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Store will join Kohl's at the Razor Ranch Marketplace. RED Development officials estimate the new stores will add 200 jobs to the Denton economy. "This is the largest retail development between Dallas and Oklahoma City," said Kendra Hinderland, RED Development's managing vice president of asset management. All four stores at are expected to be completed this year

Restaurant to Hire 165

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Business Journal-Tricia Lynn Silva: Austin-based Chuy's will open its third store in the greater San Antonio area this month in Northwest San Antonio. The restaurant has already begun hiring to fill more than 165 full- and part-time positions with local staff. Brent Grover, local owner and operator of Chuy's, said "The unique culture of San Antonio has been a perfect fit for Chuy's, and we're excited to open our third other existing Chuy's in the area

Stephenville man killed in I-20 accident Tuesday

ABILENE - The Texas De- Texas where he was pronounced partment of Public Safety (DPS) dead at 5:11 P.M. by Judge was called to the scene of a one vehicle fatal crash in Callahan County on Tuesday, February Edwards Funeral Home in East-5th. The crash occurred on IH- land, Texas. Meador was wear-20 mile marker 321 at 4:17 P.M. Kevin Scott Meador W/M, 60 have been notified. years of age from Stephenville. Texas was driving a 2005 Ford pickup eastbound, when he lost control and struck a guardrail. Meador was taken to Eastland Memorial Hospital in Eastland,

White.

The body was taken to ing a seat belt and next of kin

The weather was clear and the roadway was dry.

This crash is being investigated by Texas Highway Patrol Trooper Joshua Delagarza.

Trip Scheduled for Cisco College Students Interested in Texas A&M Biomedical Science (BMS) Degrees

Cisco College has an articulation Every year, Cisco College biomedical oriented fields. courses specified by A&M with at the Abilene Educational

a 3.6 GPA, then they are Center or checking with Debbie automatically accepted into the Barton or Justin Cisneros at the BIMS programs, which is associated with the veterinary information avaiable at school at A&M.

agreement with the Biomedical organizes a trip for interested Science (BIM) Department of students for the purpose of Texas A&M for those students orientation and to visit/tour the interested in health-science facilities at the Vet School. This degree such as Pre-Med, Pre- year's trip is planned for Pharmacy, Pre-PA, Pre-Dental, February 22, 2013. Anyone and other BS degrees in interested in this program and visiting A&M can get more If a student completes the information from Dr. Janie Brixey campus. Contact Cisco www.Cisco.edu.

Alzheimer Caregive Seminar in Abilene March 1st

ABILENE, TX - January 31, year at local, statewide, and 2013 - The Alzheimer's Asso- national conferences and meetciation - North Central Texas ings with interactive presenta-Chapter announces the annual tions using learner-centered edu-Alzheimer's Association 2013 Caregiver Seminar, entitled Soluing the Mysteries of Dementia participants. Check-in begins Care: Improving Interactions with People with Dementia. The admitted space permitting. half-day event will be held from There is NO CHARGE for family 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, caregivers. Continuing educa-March 1st, at Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3666 Buffalo ity directors, assisted living ad-Gap Rd., in Abilene.

will be presented by Melanie Bunn, RN, MS, GNP, who has been consulting with the ing continuing education credit Alzheimer's Association, East- is \$20. Respite assistance is ern florth Carolina Chapter for available for qualifying family 20 years.

to older individuals in a variety of settings including retirement homes, assisted living and longterm care facilities, hospitals, and in the home as a staff nurse, clinical nurse specialist, and the Caregiver Seminar or to regerontological nurse practitio- quest a ner. Melanie received a B.S. in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a HYPERLINK M.S. in Family Health Nursing with a Clinical Concentration in http://www.alz.org/north-Geriatrics from Clemson Univer- centraltexas/ to register on-line. sity, and completed her post master's experience in the Gerontological Nurse Practitio- Alzheimer's disease through ner Program at Duke University the advancement of research; School of Nursing. A dynamic lecturer and skillful clinician in the areas of to reduce the risk of dementia gerontological nursing and through the promotion of brain Alzheimer's disease, Melanie presents over 150 sessions each

cational strategies.

Registration is required for all at 12:30 p.m.; walk-ins will be tion credit is available for activministrators, long-term care ad-This lively, interactive program ministrators, social workers and nurses, for \$35. Program cost for other professionals not needcaregivers through the West She has provided primary care Central Texas Area Agency on Aging, at 325-672-8544 or 1-800-928-2262. Deadline for respite assistance requests is Friday, February 22, 2013.

For more information about brochure, call 325-672-2907 or toll-free at 1-800-272-3900, or visit "http:// www.alz.org/northcentraltexas/ The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and

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ployment rate was 5.8 percent. declined by 124,100 individu-The state's unemployment rate als. This was the smallest overthe-year drop since July. The number of people con-

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Baking Company Invests in **NE Texas**

PARIS, TX (Area Development Online)-James Skinner Baking Company will invest \$25 million to create a new bakery

are located in the North Central part of San Antonio and the City of Selma on Interstate Highway 35, just northeast of San Antonio. The new San Antonio store marks the 25th Chuy's in Texas.-

Weight Watchers meeting allowed at County Courtroom in Baird

Callahan County Commissioners, holding a regular commissioners' court meeting Monday, February 11th at the County Courthouse in Baird, approved Government Code. Commisa motion to allow a meeting of the Weight Watchers organization to be held in the County Courtroom once a week.

This meeting will be allowed under the County Wellness Program with the Texas Association of Counties. On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, new insurance appraisal values and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to allow the meeting of the Weight Watchers changes. These changes were to be held at the Courthouse in Baird.

before the commissioners' court implementing the program. included:

-Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order seconded the motion. The moat 9:33 a.m. with Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, and Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham present. Also present at the meeting were Donna Bell, County Clerk, and County Treasurer Dianne Gunter.

-The minutes of the commissioners' court meeting from January 28th were reviewed and signed.

-There were no public comments.

-Bud Logan came before the commissioners' court to request vacating the plat of Eagle Cove Subdivision. Commissioner

Farmer made a motion to vacate the plate of Eagle Cove Subdivision under Section 212.013 of the Texas Local sioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

-There was no action taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains in effect. -A lengthy discussion was had by the commissioners' court over of county-owned buildings. The commissioners went through the new appraisals and made submitted to the Texas Association of Counties and to CBIZ Other agenda items brought Valuation Group, LLC, which is Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to accept these changes and Commissioner Windham tion was approved with a 5-0 vote

> -Commissioner Farmer made a motion to amend the budget. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

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

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which then carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.

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Save a Life

Big Top Circus coming to Baird Friday, March 29th

The Baird Chamber of Commerce is bringing the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus to Baird on Friday, March 29th with two one and one-half hour circus performances under the beautiful Big Top tent.

The performances will take place at 5:00 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29th at the parking lot of the Callahan County Rodeo Association located at 221 US Highway 80 East in Baird.

Ticket prices in advance are \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children ages 2-12. There is no charge for children under the age of two.

Ticket prices on the day of the circus are \$13.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children between two and 12

Tickets can be purchased at area businesses in Callahan County.

For more information or to purchase tickets with a credit car you can call 1-866-BIG TOP6.

Culpepper & Merriweather Great Combined Circus had very humble beginnings. In 1985, Robert Johnson, Jim Hebert and Curtis Cainan started a small show. The three alternated announcing, performing and sell-

ing concessions during each cus was based in Queen Creek, performance for the first year. They didn't sell tickets, instead relying on donations received from passing a hat at the end of each show. Oblivious to everyone in the business who told them they could never succeed, they were able to gradually add employees, equipment and animals over the years.

Culpepper & Merriweather Cir- County.

AZ until 2001, when new ownership moved its base of operations to Hugo, OK, deep in the beautiful Red River Valley. Hugo is known as "Circus City, USA" for a good reason. We are the 20th circus to call Hugo home since 1941, and the fourth active circus currently operating from the seat of Choctaw



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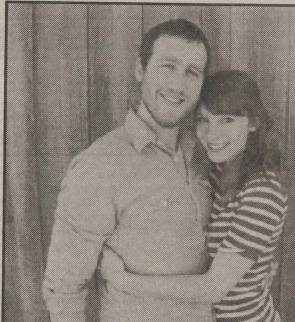
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Ross — Miller Wedding Announcment

Charlie and Beverly Ross of Cross Plains, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagment and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Elizabeth, to Joshua Alan Miller, son of Barry and Elaine Miller of Lovington, New Mexico.

Karen is the granddaughter of Mabel Ross of San Antonio and the late James Robert Ross and the late Roy Neil and Ellowayne Tatom. She is a 2005 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University. Karen is employed by the Lubbock-Avalanche Journal.

Joshua is the grandson of Alan and Jane Harless of Hot Spring Village, Arkansas, and the late Melvin and Pauline Miller. He is a 2004 graduate of Lovington High School and a 2010 graduate of South Plains College. Joshua is employed by Moyers Group in Lubbock.

The couple became engaged on November 5, 2012, in Seattle, Washington, and will be married in a private family cremony on April 6, 2013, at St. Paul's Historic Chapel in Lubbock. To read their story, please visit Miller-Ross.ourwedding.com.

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Mrs. Marilyn Mitchell

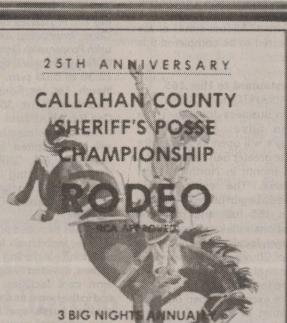
Join the Callahan County Rodeo Association...Today!

The Callahan County Rodeo Association's 2013 membership enrollment is continuing.

Annual memberships for individuals are \$25, couples are \$35 and children under 18 years of age are always free when accompanied by an adult member.

The CCRA (formerly the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse) was organized in 1948. It owns and operates the Callahan County rodeo arena, facilities and grounds at 221 US Highway 80 East in Baird.

The CCRA is restoring and renovating the historical property for use by county residents and guests (e.g., ranch rodeos and ropings, youth play-days and equine events, trail rides, chuckwagon



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"Uncle" Ray King

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cookoffs, trade and craft fairs, etc.). There will even be a circus on the grounds March 29th

Monthly meetings of the CCRA are held at 6pm on the 1st Monday of each month in the club house located on the grounds next to the rodeo arena and open to all members.

Those wishing to join are invited to the next meeting on March 4th or requested to pay 2013 membership dues to Treasurer Lyn Walker (325-893-4244 or 325-514-1795) or any CCRA Officer or Director (Seth Goldsmith, Rob Harle, Jeff Burleson, David Ratliff, Richard Cole, Dylan Mendez, Hal Peters, Marty Yarbrough, David Mays, Billy Sparks, Steve Goldsmith, Mike

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY MAY 3, 4 1973 BAIRD TEXAS

PICTURED ABOVE IS THE FRONT COVER OF THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE'S 25TH CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO PROGRAM, IN MAY OF 1973. WHEN YOU DO THE MATH, THE RODEO ASSOCIATION IS 65 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR.

Photo submitted by Delores Compere.

Walker, and John Compere). The next workday is scheduled for this Saturday, February 16th beginning at 7:30 am. Anyone interested in helping will be welcomed and Association.

appreciated.

All Callahan County residents are encouraged to join. support and participate in the Callahan County Rodeo

Cattle Raisers Group offers training and education to ranchers

Fort Worth, Texas - The 19th Ranching is another Annual School for Successful Ranching will take place March 21st-23rd during the Cattle Raisers Convention in Fort Worth.

The school will offer practical, hands-on training in the various business facets of ranching including live demonstrations on resource management and animal handling at a local ranch, as well as classroom sessions on numerous topics including tax implications of the drought; herd rebuilding; making the transition from the workplace to full-time ranching; estate planning and more.

"The Texas cattle industry has managed to stay strong in large part because Texas ranchers work to stay informed and up-to-date on practices that help their business," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. "TSCRA's School for Successful

opportunity for ranchers to access valuable education and resources they will need to secure their operations for generations to come."

The 136th annual Cattle Raisers Convention is March 22nd-24th at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Participants can register for the School for Successful Ranching on the TSCRA convention website.

Other highlights of the convention include the Cattle Raisers Expo, general sessions and committee breakout session covering a wide range of economic, ranching and wildlife topics.

A complete schedule can be found on the TSCRA convention website at www.tscra.org/convention. TSCRA will continue to update the schedule with additional events.

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