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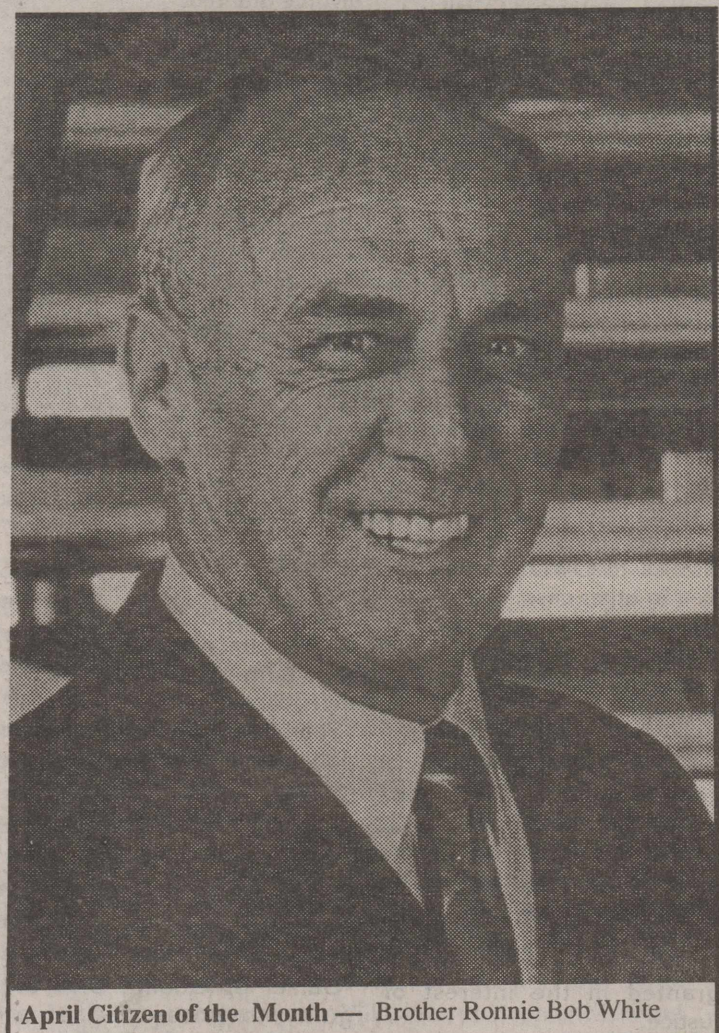
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NUMBER 4



April Citizen of the Month — Brother Ronnie Bob White

Citizen of the Month For April

Bro. Ronnie Bob White is a great candidate for Citizen of the Month for April. His official title since March of 2002 is Pastor of First Baptist Church. However, he soon became a friend and a shepherd to the entire community. His spiritual leadership is invaluable.

He is a member and former president of the Kiwanis Club. He has a servant's heart and is always ready to lend a hand to any project or activity that will be of benefit to the community.

After the 2005 fire that destroyed much of our town the facilities of First Baptist Church became headquarters for the recovery effort. Volunteers served many meals to workers and the homeless. During this time, Bro. Ronnie worked closely with City Officials to secure help for the cleanup effort and he was instrumental in getting the Volunteer Christian Home Builders to come here.

Thank you, Lord, for sending Bro. Ronnie to us.

Cottonwood Country Musical Scheduled

The next Cottonwood Country Musical will be held at the Cottonwood Community Center on Friday night, April 5, 2013.

We have a great bunch of musicians from around the area that come share their talents with the audience. It seems that each time the musicians have a song to sing or play that they haven't played at the musical before. These guys and gals are always coming up with entertaining ideas.

Taco Salad will be for sale in the kitchen along with the usual sandwiches and desserts.

The serving will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and the musicians will start playing at 5:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars and come enjoy the music, food and fellowship on Friday night, April 5th.

The American Legion Post enjoys Entertaining Evening

The American Legion Post 423 enjoy an entertaining evening with Ms. Dent, Curator of the W.A.S.P. Museum of Sweetwater, Texas.

A very informative film and lecture was enjoyed by all as well as memories that were remembered by some of the WWII Veterans who were present.

A delicious Fish dinner with entree's was enjoyed by all. Thanks to John Rosson, Homer Parsons, and Larry Kilgo, a special thanks to the ladies for some wonderful desserts.

Ron Bell
Finance Officer



DRUG BUST NEAR CLYDE—The Clyde Police Department and Callahan County Sheriff's Department seized some 26 marijuana plants, a small indoor hot house and other drug paraphernalia at a residence in Clyde. Pictured from left to right include: Callahan County Chief Deputy Adrian Huddleston, Clyde Police Officer Brian Campbell, Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy and Clyde Police Department Interim Police Chief Robert Dalton. Pictured directly behind Interim Police Chief Dalton are some of the indoor mirrors which were used to grow the marijuana in a small indoor hot house located in one bedroom of the residence.

Police seize 26 marijuana plants at mobile home near Clyde

With the cooperative efforts of the Clyde Police Department and Callahan County Sheriff's Department, officers seized a total of 26 marijuana plants, a small indoor hot house and other drug paraphernalia at a mobile home in Clyde on Wednesday, March 27th.

The Clyde Police Department received a tip of a possible suspect in Clyde wanted on a theft of check from Taylor County. Upon arriving at the residence, which was located just outside the city limits of Clyde, the Clyde PD found a white male outside the residence and stated he was

the suspect wanted on the Taylor County warrant. When the suspect invited the Clyde PD officer into the residence, while he changed clothes, the officer observed drug paraphernalia in the home.

Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy and Chief Deputy Adrian Huddleston were notified and a further search of the residence revealed a small indoor hot house in one of the rooms of the mobile home.

Callahan County seized 26 marijuana plants in various stages of growth.

The suspect was arrested and

booked into Callahan County Jail, charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy said the Clyde and Callahan County law enforcement departments worked cooperatively making the bust. "This makes for good law enforcement within the County," Sheriff Joy said.

The County Sheriff said if anyone sees marijuana plants, or are aware of any plants, such as the ones pictured, please call you Callahan County Sheriff's Department, or any local law enforcement officer or agency.

Burkett Volunteer Fire Department Benefit

The Burkett Volunteer Fire Department will be having a raffle to benefit the BVFD on April 6, 2013.

The BVFD is in need of items to be donated for the raffle. It would be greatly appreciated if you have anything that you could do to help them out.

BVFD is a non-profit fire department and our tax id number is 562317924. The

money raised from this event will help cover our operating expenses and help pay for a slip on unit for our new 5-ton truck.

Thank you in advance for your donations. Please call Deanna Golson at 325-214-0581 or email deanna.golson@yahoo.com.

Submitted by
Randal Golson
Fire Chief

Blood Drive in Cross Plains Set for April 9th

A blood drive will take place at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Tuesday, April 9 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Each donor will receive a T-shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol screening.

Recent changes have lifted some restrictions and have streamlined the donation process. There are now thirteen fewer screening questions and there are only eighteen medications that will temporarily or permanently defer a donor. Donors do not have to bring a list of medications, since there is no longer a need for documentation. There is now a

two year deferral after completion of treatment for most types of cancer (previously 5 years). There is no deferral following a tattoo or piercing if the procedure was done in a State of Texas licensed facility.

Meek Blood Center must collect sixty pints of blood each day in order to supply blood to seventeen area hospitals. One hundred percent of the blood collected by Meek Blood Center is supplied by volunteer donors.

Those who have eligibility questions can speak with a Meek Blood Center technician at 325-670-2798.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Screening

Parents are asked to register their children who will enter Pre-Kindergarten next Fall. Cross Plains Elementary offers Pre-Kindergarten to all children who will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2013. Pre-Kindergarten will be offered if a sufficient number of four year olds register for the program.

It is important that students register as soon as possible in order to plan classes for 2013-2014. Class sizes for Pre-K may be limited.

Students who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2013 are eligible for Kindergarten.. Kindergarten is a full day program. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students. If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K at Cross Plains Elementary, you will NOT have to go through the screening process. If your child has not been enrolled in Pre-K, and will be attending Kindergarten in the Fall, please register for screening.

Early childhood screening will be conducted at the same time as regular Pre-K and Kindergarten screening. The early childhood program is a program to help

those children ages 3-5 who show to be developmentally delayed or have a suspected disability.

Early Childhood, Pre-K and Kindergarten screening will be conducted Thursday, April 11, 2013 at the Cross Plains Elementary School. Please call the Elementary Principal's Office at 725-6123 to make an appointment for your child. The screening will take about sixty minutes. Each student's hearing, vision, speech, motor skills, language ability, and developmental growth will be evaluated at this time. Parents will be given a report on their child's progress at the time of the screening.

Parents are reminded that, in order to enter school in Texas, the student **must have** a state approved birth certificate, social security card and a current immunization record.

Immunization Requirements:
Hepatitis B---3 doses by age 4
DTaP---5/4 doses with one on or after 4th birthday
Polio---4 doses with one on or after 4th birthday, 3 doses if 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday
Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)---2 doses with 1st dose

on or after 1st birthday
Varicella---2 doses on or after 1st birthday

Hepatitis A---2 doses with the 1st dose on or after 1st birthday
Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record, and social security number of the child at the time of registering. Also, you will be asked to complete the National School Lunch Program information form on the day of pre-registration.

Estimado Padre o Guardian: El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Cross Plains ofrecera un programa de pre-kindergarten si hay quince ninos que cualifiquen para tal servicio. Para poder ser elegible para este programa, un estudiante debe tener al meno cuatro anos de edad y satisfacer por lo menos uno de los siguientes requisitos:

**incapacidad de hablar y entender ingles
**desventajas educacionales
**sin hogar

Si usted cree que su nino(a) o un nino(a) que usted conozca uno or mas de estos requisitos, por favor se comunica con la escuela.

Sinceramente,
Jeremy Williams
Director de la Escuela

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 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

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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"

Obituary

Jack Joyce Tyler

Jack Joyce Tyler, age 78, of Hawley, passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at his home in Hawley. Graveside services were held at 2:00 on Saturday, March 30, 2013 at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Brown County with Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains in charge of arrangements; Ronnie White officiated.

Jack was born in Pioneer (Eastland County), Texas to Allie A. and Agnes D. (Weathers) Tyler on August 3, 1934. He worked as a correctional officer for the prison system for 10 years. He was a quiet man, but once you got him started talking, he did have the gift of gab. He would meet his friends twice a day for coffee and talk about the world affairs.

Jack is survived by his two daughters, Debbie Larz and husband Leon of Dickinson, ND and Donnie Tyler of Lawn, TX; two sisters, Clita Parsons of Wichita, KS and Easter Scott of Waco, TX; grandchildren, Micah Love, Casey Johnson, Crystal Fonner and 6 great-grandchildren.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents, son Duffy Jay Tyler and 10 siblings.

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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Mark Serrano, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Cynthia M. Wheeler, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for plea to other case.

Isaac R. Hernandez, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail.

Shane L. Hailey, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 6 month probation, \$1000 fine, \$424 court costs.

Shaun T. Munian, plea of guilty to theft, 10 days in jail, \$264 court costs.

Michael Johnson, Jr., motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted for plea to other case.

Jody L. Carlisle, Jr., plea of guilty to DWI, 55 days in jail, \$424 court costs.

Melody W. Barry, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Samuel Davis, Jr., motion to dismiss to DWLI granted for plea to other case.

Daniel P. McSwain, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Jerome L. Llanez, plea of guilty to reckless driving, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$264 court costs.

Jerome L. Llanez, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Randy K. Hair, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Jimmy D. Lee, plea of guilty to terroristic threat, 95 days in jail, \$264 court costs.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Danielle Eppard; Kent Randall Johnson; Justin Hayden; Michele Lipski.

Bobby Joe Reed, motion to revoke probation granted.

42nd District Court
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Miles Placido Hernandez, name change of an adult.

Sarah Elizabeth Wallace and James Brandon Wallace, divorce.

Ricky Davis vs. Vanessa Davis, divorce.

Triad Financial Services, Inc. for Credit Union of Texas vs. Roger Healy and Mary Healy, debt/contract.

James Robert Poindexter, Jr. vs. Charles Mills aka C. L. Mills, Gary Mills and Katy Mills, petition for excess funds.

Eric Wayne Logan and Laura Elizabeth Logan, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Rikki Ann Bennett-France and David Edward France, divorce granted.

Discover Bank vs. Phyllis D. Graham, default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$3,667.30 from defendant.

State of Texas vs. David K. Steward, final default judgment of forfeiture, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$5000 from defendant.

State of Texas vs. Dedra Burns, final default judgment of forfeiture, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$3000 from defendant.

State of Texas vs. Jeffrey Thompson, final default judgment of forfeiture, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$5000 from defendant.

State of Texas vs. Mike Alan Lewis, final default judgment of forfeiture, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$5000 from defendant.

Sharon K. Jobe and James D. Jobe, divorce dismissed.

Criminal Minutes

Jacob O. Pinner, plea of guilty to assault - family violence, 9 months in jail, \$274 court costs.

Daniel Strickland, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$354 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Jaime Mauricio, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$294 court costs.

Billy R. Hargrove, plea of guilty to DWI, 3 years in prison, \$429 court costs.

Matt Strickland, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$354 court costs.

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Sunday 9:30 am

Sunday

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Evening Small

10:45 a.m.

Groups

Wednesday

6:00 p.m.

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Children's Chairs

6:30p.m.

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Restoring a Part of Cottonwood History — The old Cottonwood Post Office is ready for a fresh coat of paint. The Cottonwood Historical Association Board Members has been working on the building.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Department, Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and Putnum Volunteer Fire Department fought a brush fire out here in Cottonwood near CR 428 and CR 19 last week. Cottonwood had a lot of volunteers come out to help with the fire. We are so thankful for the firefighters that responded from all the departments - to protect our community. Cottonwood's water truck and a light green water truck from Putnam helped out at the scene keeping the firetrucks full of water. Work continues on the Old Post Office in Cottonwood. The Cottonwood Historical Association board members have been working on the inside of the building and getting the outside ready to paint. The Cottonwood Musical is this Friday night, April 5th. Tacos, salad, sandwiches and dessert

will be served in the kitchen. The musical starts at 5:30 p.m. at the community Center. The Cottonwood Baptist Church had a great turnout for Easter Sunday Services, the fellowship dinner and the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday. Family members and guests visiting in the homes of Dena Nickerson, Mary Ella Weaver and Annette and Bill Nickerson over the Easter holiday: Glynn and Blake Nickerson and Olga Villalobos of Boerne; Matt and Nicole Nickerson of Abilene; Kathy Franke, Amy and Armando Falon and children, Jeremy and Whitney Franke, and baby of Hamby; Jeremy's friend, Jeremy Lee and family of Abilene; Kelly and Chris Dodson and Jaden of Abilene; Dena Jo and Curtis Hines, Jeffery Hines and family, all of Weatherford; Connie Potter and grandson; Portious and Kara Potter and family, all of

Cross Plains; Mary Jo and Joe Pennington and Wyatt of Keller; Willie and Jennifer Nickerson and family and Kevin and Jessica Nickerson and family, all of Cross Plains, Mary Ella Weaver and Billy Kelly of Cottonwood. Shirley Byrd of Keller, visited with Mary Ella Weaver and attended the family gathering at the Nickersons. She also visited with her brother and his wife, Herman and Naomi Weaver. Shirley and Herman celebrated their birthdays on Thursday. Matt and Mandy Sowell, former Cottonwood residents, along with Connie and Rhonda Swift, all well known as "4His Glory" sang at the Sunrise Easter Services at the Pavilion at Bubba's BBQ in Cross Plains. The Burn Ban is still on. No outdoor burning or welding any kind. Be extremely cautious doing work outside.

Library Notes

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

March 25-28, 2013

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Azalee Womack
Sue Bennett
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Lavonne Childress

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

April 8-12

Monday 8th - Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure

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Tuesday 9th-

Wednesday 10th- Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure

by Girling

Thursday 11th - Reading with 3rd Graders/ 9:15

& 12:30 /Exercise 11:00

Friday 12th-

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 your talent with the Seniors during lunch time.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 8-12

Monday -Hamburger

Steak/Gravy/Potatoes/

Carrots/Bread/Dessert/

Drink

Tuesday -Chicken

Tenders/Potatoes and

Gravy/English Peas/Bread/

Dessert/Drink

Wednesday - Chicken &

Rice Casserole/Green

Beans/Bread/Dessert/

Drink

Thursday -Steak

Sandwich/Pea Salad/

Chips/Desert/Drink

Friday -Cheeseburgers/

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Chips/Dessert/Drink

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

"Meet The Author" Features Western Writer Patrick Dearen

Cross Plains Public Library's "Meet the Author" series is excited to present western writer Patrick Dearen on April 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the library conference room. Dearen is the author of 20 works - 11 novels and 9 nonfiction books, including "Perseverance" (which is set partly in Comanche County in the early 1930s) and "To Hell or the Pecos," a western set in the Pecos River country in 1886. An authority on the Pecos and

Devils Rivers of Texas, Dearen has gained recognition for his knowledge of old-time cowboy life. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, he preserved the firsthand accounts of 76 men who cowboied before 1932. Dearen has been honored by Western Writers of America, West Texas Historical Association, and Permian Historical Association. Mark your calendars to join us for this informative presentation, followed by light refreshments.

First Baptist Church Clothes Closet

First Baptist Church Clothes Closet will be opening April 5th, 1-4 p.m. Thereafter, it will be open the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month.

Everyone is welcome! It is located in the 2nd building behind the playground on Main Street. Contact the Church Office at 254-725-7629.

Pioneer Historical Association Semi-Annual Cemetery Board Meeting

The first semi-annual meeting of the Pioneer Historical Association and Cemetery Board will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 8, 2013 at the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains, Texas.

If at all possible, board members should be in attendance and visitors with family ties to the Pioneer Cemetery are especially welcome.

Lou Brooks
Secretary

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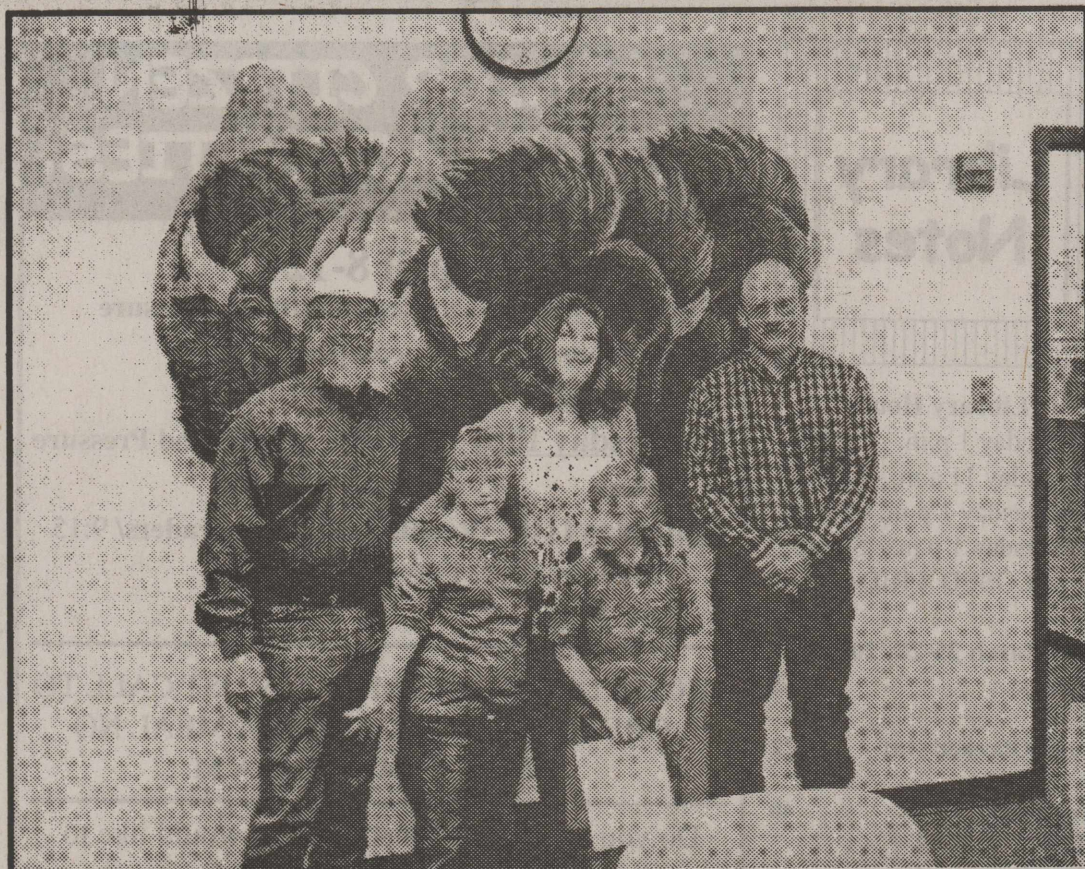
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February Students and Teacher of Month — Cross Plains ISD Board Members honor February teacher and students of the month.. Teacher (center), Dixie Lewis. Students, Madison Foster (left), and Bobby Bell. Board Members Hoyt Foster (left), and Jack Shepard.

Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship

Is college in your future? Are you seeking a career in a technical trade? Perhaps you are hoping to succeed in the arts?

If you are graduating from Cross Plains High School in 2013 we would like to hear from you!

From now until May 3, 2013 we are accepting applications for our \$500 scholarship. The winner will be announced on May 23 during the Cross Plains High School Award Ceremony.

Seniors may pick up an application from the Cross Plains High School Counselor. Please return your completed application to the counselor. Do not forget..... the deadline to submit your application for this scholarship is Friday May 3, 2013.

This annual scholarship is made possible through community support of various events sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

11th Annual Youth Job Fair assists youth & employers with summer employment opportunities

Abilene, Texas—In an effort to assist young job seekers in finding summer and part-time employment, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Hot Dog—I Got a Job!" Area Youth Job Fair on Thursday, April 4th, 2013 from 2:00-5:00p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, 1100 N. 6th Street. Job seekers, age 16-21, are invited to attend, meet representatives from businesses and to complete applications for employment. Many Abilene businesses have registered to attend and have multiple job opportunities available. Job opportunities include, media, security, camp counselors, retail sales/customer service, cooks, and wait staff. Registration is FREE to all job seekers and employers seeking to hire for summer job openings. Applicants will receive assistance from professional staff in completing applications and marketing themselves to potential employers. In preparation for meeting employers and completing applications, job seekers should bring a list of references, dates and types of previous work history, their social security number, and dress appropriately for a possible interview.

Job seekers will receive a coupon for a hot dog, courtesy of Sonic Drive-In. "This event allows us to assist local employers in obtaining summer help and provides applicants the convenience of applying for a number of jobs in one location. It's a win-win opportunity for employers and applicants," states Mary Ross, Executive Director of the

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

Job seekers may complete pre-registration forms by visiting the Workforce Solutions website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.workforcesystem.org"](http://www.workforcesystem.org) or by e-mail [HYPERLINK "mailto:workforcesystem.org"](mailto:workforcesystem.org)

For more information about the job fair or other services for job seekers, contact Workforce Solutions at (325)795-4397.

Questions regarding this event may be directed to Steve Collins, Business Resources Consultant, for the West Central Texas Workforce Board, at 325-795-4304 or by e-mail to steve.collins@workforcesystem.org.

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is one of 28 boards in the state charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a nineteen county region. Additional information on the Board's economic development efforts or services for business customers may be obtained by calling the Workforce Board at (325) 795-4200 or by visiting the website at www.workforcesystem.org.

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Photos will be made of each group and one large photo of every athlete attending will be made to hang in the gym foyer.

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April 8-12
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Thursday -Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted juice, Milk
Friday -Honey Bun , Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk

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Monday -Chicken fajitas, Charro beans, Garden salad, Salsa, Orange smiles, Milk
Tuesday - Salisbury Steak, Brown gravy, Whipped potatoes, Peas, Roll, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk
Wednesday—Beef & Bean Chalupas, Garden salad, Salsa, Baby carrots, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk
Thursday-Chicken Spaghetti, Baby carrots, Broccoli, Bread stick, Apples slices, Milk
Friday - Fish or Chicken Strip, Black eyed peas, Coleslaw, Cornbread, Sliced peaches, Milk

Regional network luncheon in Cisco this Friday

Cisco community leaders will host a regional network luncheon sponsored by Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) on Friday, April 5th at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center, 1498 Interstate 20 West. Community leaders from neighboring communities are invited to attend, enjoy the local cuisine and discuss mutual concerns. The luncheon is held from 11:30 to 1:30; cost is \$12.50/person; reservations are requested.

Reservations requested at least 2 days in advance can be made by calling or emailing the TMCN Office at 325-795-8626 or tmcn@tmcn.org. Reservations for the luncheon can also be made by calling Levi Goode at the Wilks Community Center, 254-442-4479.

Each year TMCN conducts a series of network luncheons in March and April to bring local leaders from visiting communities together to discuss issues that affect quality of life and local economies. The focus of the luncheons this year will be "Capturing the Wealth in Your Community". Discussion will be led by Katie Alford, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Abilene. She will provide information on a specific funding opportunity for volunteer fire departments as well

as ways to fund local projects. Other locations for luncheons this year are Hamlin on March 21st, Dublin on April 3rd, Tye on April 10th, Early on April 17th and Robert Lee on April 24th.

Texas Midwest Community Network is a regional organization for community and economic development, regional promotion, education, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." TMCN sponsors networking events during the year and projects to market the region for business and tourism development.

TMCN Member cities are: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel, Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Rising Star, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters

Atmos Energy reminds homeowners to call 811 before digging into a spring project April is National Safe Digging Month

ABILENE (April 01, 2013) – Spring is here, which means it's time to dust off the power tools and begin those outdoor projects. Before you start digging into the yard though, Atmos Energy wants you to play it safe and call 811 to have all your buried utility lines marked for free.

"Studies show that careless digging damages an underground utility line every three minutes in the United States," said John McDill, Atmos Energy's vice president of pipeline safety. "The leading cause of pipeline damage is the result of excavation, and failure to call 811 certainly contributes to the problem."

April is National Safe Digging Month and is a reminder that careless digging can affect an entire community. In fact, nearly 60 percent of all incidents involving natural gas distribution pipelines result from excavation damage, according to the American Gas Association.

"Underground utility lines are widespread, and just about any digging poses a danger

unless all lines are located and marked in advance, McDill said. "Furthermore, digging covers more than just professional excavating and building projects. It includes many summertime home-improvement and do-it-yourself projects, such as constructing a patio or deck, building a fence, adding trees and landscaping, installing a sprinkler system, even putting in a mail box."

In Texas, it is state law that you must call 811 in advance. Texas requires at least three full business days' notice before excavation begins.

For more information about the toll-free 811 service, visit: www.atmosenergy.com.

Buried utility lines are marked using the following universal color chart for different utility services:

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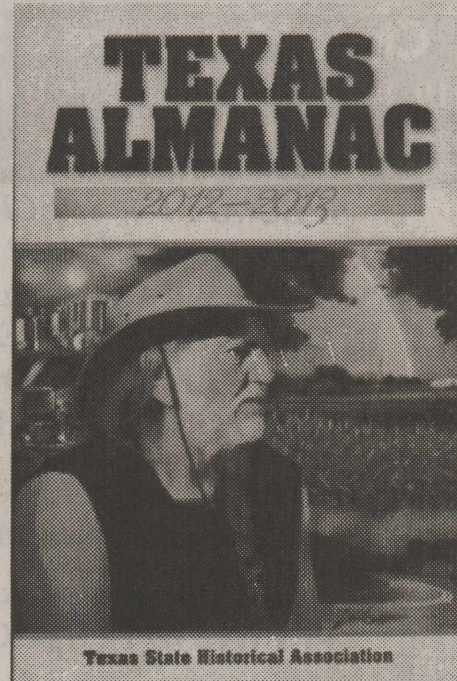
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United States Mint To Open Baseball Coin Design Competition on April 11th

Batter Up! Get ready to pitch your coin design!

Washington- In two short weeks, the United States Mint will open a coin design competition that will culminate in the Secretary of the Treasury's selection of the image for the obverse (head side) of the 2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coins. The design shall be emblematic of the game of baseball.

The Baseball Coin Design Competition will be open to all U.S. citizens and permanent residents, ages 14 and older. The winner of the design competition will be awarded \$5,000, and the winner's initials will appear on the minted coins.

A separate Kids' Baseball Coin Design Challenge for children ages 13 and under is also being held. Winners will receive a National Baseball Hall of Fame \$1 Silver Commemorative Coin. The winning children's design will also be showcased on the Department of the Treasury, United States Mint, and the National Baseball Hall of Fame web sites.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame Commemorative Coin Act (Act) (Public Law 112-152) calls

for a three-coin program of \$5 gold, \$1 silver, and half-dollar clad coins, and requires a competition to select a common obverse design emblematic of the game of baseball. This is the first time the United States Mint has held a public design competition since 1992.

In addition, the \$5 gold and \$1 silver coins will be the first "curved" coins minted and issued by the United States Mint, with the reverses (tail sides) being convex to more closely resemble a baseball and the obverses being concave to provide a more dramatic design.

Thinking about entering this competition? Here are some things to consider:

- 1) The obverse design must be "emblematic of the game of baseball" and must include the inscriptions "Liberty", "In God We Trust", and "2014"
- 2) Two-dimensional designs must be monochrome, not color, and three-dimensional models must be made using neutral plaster or a durable plastic material and should be approximately 8" in diameter.
- 3) Designs must not include the

name or depiction of a real player or any other person, living or not.

- 4) Designs must not include depictions, names, emblems, logos, trademarks or any other indicia associated with any specific commercial, private, educational, civic, religious, sports, or other organizations whose membership or ownership is not universal, including any current or former baseball team, either professional or amateur.
- 5) Designs must not include any depiction of a real baseball stadium, field, arena, either in whole or in part, whether or not currently existing or in use.
- 6) Department of the Treasury employees, contractors and former contractors under the Mint's Artistic Infusion Program are ineligible, including United States Mint and other Treasury offices and bureaus.

For both the design competition and the kids challenge, the United States Mint will be working with the U.S. Government website, Challenge.gov. For guidelines, rules and entry instructions, please visit www.usmint.gov/kids/kidsbatterup and www.challenge.gov.

List of improving housing markets rises to 274 in March

WASHINGTON, March 21st—The list of improving U.S. housing markets expanded for a seventh consecutive month in March to include 274 metros on the National Association of Home Builders/First American Improving Markets Index (IMI), released today. This total amounts to a net gain of 15 markets since February and includes entrants from all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The IMI identifies metropolitan areas that have shown improvement from their respective troughs in housing permits, employment and house prices for at least six consecutive months. Thirty-four new markets were added to the list and 19 were dropped from it this month. Notable additions include such diverse locations as Birmingham, Ala.; Santa Barbara, Calif.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Bloomington, Ind.

"This is the second consecutive month in which every state is represented by at least one metro on the improving list," observed NAHB Chairman Rick Judson, a home builder from Charlotte,

N.C. "The expanding housing recovery is energizing communities nationwide by generating jobs and local tax revenues — and it could be an even more potent force for economic growth if credit for building and buying homes was more readily available."

"With just over 75 percent of the 361 metros covered by the IMI now seen as improving, the housing market is on considerably more solid footing than it was at this time last year," said NAHB Chief Economist David Crowe. "While we expect this positive momentum to continue, it's important to understand that many markets are just beginning the recovery process, and that numerous issues - from credit availability to the rising cost of building materials and emerging lot shortages - are slowing the pace of that advancement."

"With the understanding that there are still a lot of uncertainties in the regulatory arena, it looks like we are finally seeing the beginning of what could be a broad and deep recover of the nation's housing market," added Kurt Pfothenauer, vice chairman of

First American Title Insurance Company.

The IMI is designed to track housing markets throughout the country that are showing signs of improving economic health. The index measures three sets of independent monthly data to get a mark on the top improving Metropolitan Statistical Areas. The three indicators that are analyzed are employment growth from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, house price appreciation from Freddie Mac and single-family housing permit growth from the U.S. Census Bureau. NAHB uses the latest available data from these sources to generate a list of improving markets. A metro area must see improvement in all three measures for at least six consecutive months following those measures' respective troughs before being included on the improving markets list.

A complete list of all 274 metropolitan areas currently on the IMI, and separate breakouts of metros newly added to or dropped from the list in March, is available at www.nahb.org/imi.

Deadline extended: Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers claims must be filed by MAY 1, 2013

WASHINGTON, March 25, 2013—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced the extension of the voluntary claims process for Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege discrimination by the USDA in past decades. All claims must now be filed by MAY 1, 2013. "Hispanic and women farmers who believe they have faced discriminatory practices in the past from the USDA have additional time to file a claim in order to have a chance to receive a cash payment or loan forgiveness," said Secretary Vilsack. "USDA urges potential claimants to contact the Claims Administrator for information and to file their claim packages on or before May 1, 2013."

The process offers a voluntary alternative to litigation for each Hispanic or female farmer and rancher who can prove that USDA denied his or her application for loan or loan servicing assistance for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000.

As announced in February 2011, the voluntary claims process will make available at least \$1.33 billion for cash awards and tax relief payments, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. There are no filing fees to participate in the program.

Call center representatives can be reached at 1-888-508-4429. Claimants may register

for a claims package (by calling the number or visiting the website) or may download the forms from the website. All those interested in learning more or receiving information about the claims process and claims packages are encouraged to visit the website at any time or to contact the call center telephone number Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Claim packages and other documentation may be mailed to Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers Claims Administrator, PO Box 4540, Portland, OR 97208-4540. Claim packages and other documentation may also be emailed to claims@hwfr.org. Claimants may also fax claims packages and other documentation to (855) 626-8343. Completed forms and documentation must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. PDT on May 1, 2013.

Once a claim is submitted to the Claims Administrator, the Claims Administrator will determine if it is timely and complete. If it is, the claim will move to the Claims Adjudicator for a determination on the merits of the claim. USDA may submit evidence to the Claims Adjudicator regarding the claim. If a claim is deemed incomplete, a claimant will be notified by the Claims Administrator and given the opportunity to provide additional information within a certain timeframe. Claimants may check the status of their

claims on the claims website. Website: www.farmer-claims.gov

Phone: 1-888-508-4429
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Claims Period: September 24, 2012 - May 1, 2013.

Independent companies will administer the claims process and adjudicate the claims. Although there are no filing fees to participate and a lawyer is not required to participate in the claims process, persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA has instituted a comprehensive plan to strengthen the Department as a model service provider and to ensure that every farmer and rancher is treated equally and fairly as part of "a new era of civil rights" at USDA. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Both of those settlements have since received court approval. Unlike the cases brought by African American and Native American farmers, the cases filed by Hispanic and women farmers over a decade ago were not certified as class actions. The claims process provides a voluntary alternative to continuing litigation for Hispanic and female farmers and ranchers who want to use it.

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LOCAL BAND RELEASING CD—Belle Plain Revival band members will be holding a CD

Release Party at the Southern Nights Dance Hall in Abilene this Saturday, April 6th. Mem-

bers of the Ranch Hand band from left to right include: Clay Doss, Skyler Smith, Garrett

Bryan, Garrett Belshe, and Daniel Brown.

Same band, different name

The "Ranch Hand" band started out as 4 local Clyde Americans getting together with the dream of being "rockstars". Although we have done very well this past year and gained a large fan club... our biggest dream is to record an album.

So much has changed in the year since we first wrote that paragraph. We added one more "rockstar", we've played more shows and gotten better as a band, we've traveled to other states to play some shows and made even more friends and fans. The biggest change has been our name, we are now called BELLE PLAIN REVIVAL,

and the story behind the name change is a different story all by itself. The one thing that didn't change though was our desire to record and now we are blessed to make the announcement that the dream came true, we recorded our first CD last month and we are going to be having a CD Release Party this Saturday night, April 6th, at the Southern Nights Dance Hall in Abilene.

Members of Belle Plain Revival include: Skyler Smith, Garrett Bryan, Clay Doss, Garrett Belshe, and Daniel Brown.

Our whole band is from Clyde, we went to school here and we all still live around here. We are

proud of where we came from and excited about where we are headed and we want to share that with our friends and families.

Last November we had the privilege of playing at the 4-H Autumn Dance at the high school.

We also opened the Friday festivities at the Festival by the Lake last year at Clyde Lake. We have been asked back to this year's Festival by the Lake and this time we will be closing out Fridays events by playing the 9-11 slot.

Belle Plain Revival will be per-

forming at the Megan Gilbreath Talent show at the Naoma Huff Performing Arts center on Monday, April 15th and we are booked to play at the Red Dirt Pavilion in June.

Another local band, "20 WEST" with Clyde ties will be opening up for us at our CD release party April 6th.

We hope everyone will come see us and enjoy our brand of Texas Country music and we really want to thank our Clyde community and our friends and family for supporting us and helping us 5 Clyde Americans make it big someday.

Wild Horse Prairie Car Show in Haskell on Saturday

The Wild Horse Prairie Car Show will be held Saturday, April 6th in Haskell, Texas.

The car show, sponsored by the Betterment Association & Haskell Chamber of Commerce, will take place on the Courthouse Square in Haskell. Registration will be held at the south east corner of the Square from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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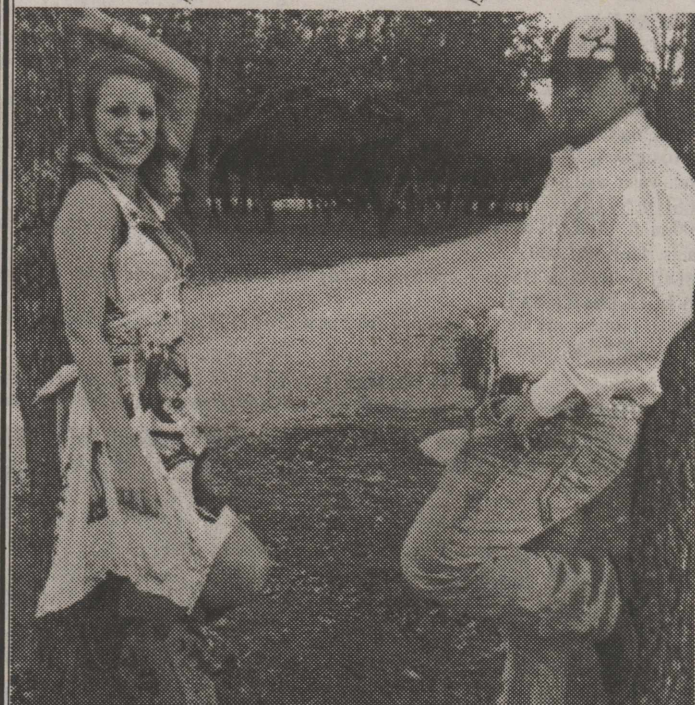
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Engagement and Approaching Wedding



Sarah Rogers and Taylor Savell

Jim Bob and Kellie Cozart of Cross Plains, along with Jimmy and Michelle Rogers of Wolfe City, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Sarah Rogers to her true love, Taylor Savell, son of Chris and Liz Savell of Cross Plains.

The couple will be married on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains by Bro. Ronnie White at 2:00 p.m.

This is a western style wedding, so throw on your boots and join this beautiful event.

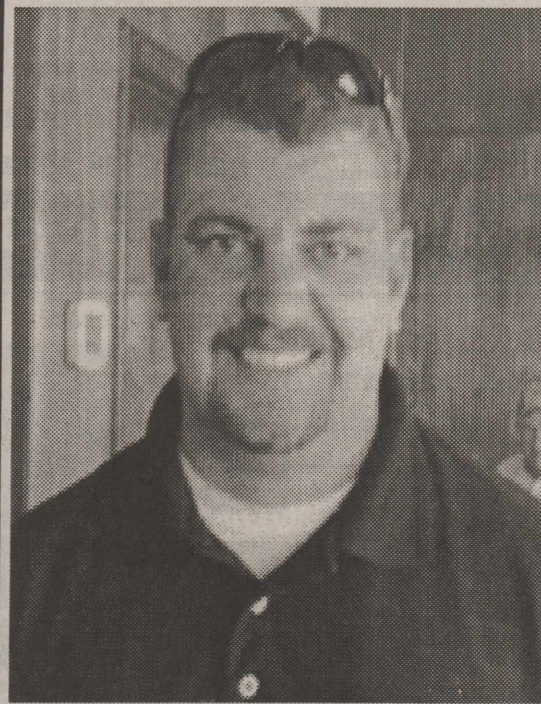
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On February 27, 2013, an auditor from the Texas Department of Public Safety Criminal Justice Information Systems Office came to the Sheriff's Office to review the methods used for reporting criminal justice information.

The audit is performed every three years and is a detailed inspection of record keeping and reporting methods used in law enforcement offices. The audit also includes the computer system security; the computer reporting system must be safely administered and guarded to assure that no unauthorized persons or agencies may gain access to Callahan County Sheriff's Office information.

The audit was performed by Oswald Enriquez, CJIS Technical Auditor. The procedure was very thorough and lasted one entire morning. Mr. Enriquez

examined records and policies in place; questions were asked about procedures and methods. The staff provided satisfactory answers and provided the auditor with the necessary information for him to complete the audit. Thanks to Arlinda Williams, Administrative Assistant and other employees, the paperwork and reporting has been done correctly since the last audit.

In a letter dated March 12, 2013, the Sheriff's Office received official notification from the Department of Public Safety Criminal Justice Information Systems Security Officer informing the Callahan County Sheriff's Office that the DPS CJIS Security Office commends the Sheriff's Office staff for its audit results and encourages the department to continue efforts to maintain full compliance.

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Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 5.2% in February

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Jan.	Feb.
	5.3%	5.2%

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped one-tenth of one percent to 5.2% in February 2013, according to jobless figures released Friday, March 29th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in February 2012 was 5.4 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 5.2% in January, 2013.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.5% in December 2012, 4.4% in November, 4.9% in October, 4.9% in September, 5.3% in August, 5.8% in July, 5.8% in June, 5.1% in May, 4.8% in April, 5.3% in March, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for February 2013 include: Brown, 5.9%; Coleman, 6.1%; Eastland, 5.9%; Jones, 5.9%; Runnels, 5.8%; Shackelford, 2.7%; Stephens, 5.4%; and Taylor County, 5.0%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 5.1% in February, 2013, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 84,700. There were 80,400 employed during February 2013, while 4,300 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 5.1%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 84,800 in January, 2013. Total employment of 80,200 was reported in January 2013, while 4,600, or 5.4% were unemployed in January 2013.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for February, 2012 was 5.6%. The total workforce was reported at 84,300, with 79,500 employed and 4,800 unemployed in February, 2012.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of February, 2013 was 6.5 percent. The total Texas labor force was 12,662,600 in February 2013. The total number of Texans employed is 11,845,600. The total number of unemployed Texans was 817,000 in February 2013.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 6.9 percent. The state's unemployment rate in February of 2012 was 7.2 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for February, 2013 was 8.1 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of January, 2013

was 8.5%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in February, 2012 was 8.7%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The February unemployment rate declined four-tenths of a percentage point to 6.5 percent. This followed the average January-to-February rate drop of 0.3 percentage points seen during the last three years. This was also the lowest February unemployment rate since 2008. Over the prior three months, the unemployment rate has shown an average increase of two-tenths of a percentage point. The unemployment rate has contracted seven-tenths of a percentage point over the year. The national rate also dropped four-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 8.1 percent. The Texas unemployment rate was 1.6 percentage points below the national rate and has remained at or below the national unemployment rate for 75 consecutive months.

- The Civilian Labor Force (CLF) grew by 7,500 individuals to 12,662,600 Texans. This was the smallest over-the-month increase since December. This was the third consecutive month of growth for the Texas CLF. The prior three months have shown an average increase of 11,100 persons joining the Texas labor force. The labor force has increased by 141,800 Texans over the year, bringing the annual growth rate to 1.1 percent.

- The number of employed persons increased from January to February by 63,100 individuals to 11,845,600 Texans. This was the largest over-the-month increase since September 2012. Over the last three months, Texas has shown an average decrease of 9,600 employed Texans. Over the year, the number of jobholders has expanded by 232,500 people. Unemployed persons decreased by 55,600 individuals over the month. This was the most significant decrease in jobseekers since September 2012. The number of unem-

ployed Texans has decreased by 90,700 individuals over the year.

- The number of jobseekers continuing to file for unemployment insurance benefits decreased by 9,300 persons over the month to a total of 127,700 Texans. Over the year, the number of claimants has decreased by 8,300 individuals. Of the 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), five showed an increase in unemployment claim activity with the Midland MSA leading the way at 9.2 percent. A decrease in unemployment claim activity was experienced in 20 MSAs with the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA leading with a decline of 23.6 percent.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

USAA to Add 1,000 Jobs

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Express-News) —USAA, San Antonio's largest private-sector employer, is about to get bigger. The financial services and insurance company announced it plans to add as many as 3,500 jobs over the next three years, including up to 1,000 in San Antonio, where it already employs 16,400.

"Demand has never been stronger for all that USAA offers, and we need to continue to have the best employees in sufficient numbers," USAA CEO Joe Robles said in a statement. To accommodate its growth, USAA intends to lease additional space in San Antonio because it currently occupies about 90 percent of the 5-million square feet in its 280-acre campus on the Northwest side of San Antonio. Shon Manasco, USAA's chief administrative officer, said the company has identified a location in San Antonio where it wants to expand, but he declined to say where.

National Instruments Plans More Jobs

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman) —Kirk Ladendorf - National Instruments Corporation won approval for \$1.7 million in city of Austin

incentives to support the company's proposed expansion of 1,000 Austin jobs over the next 10 years. The Texas Governor's Office already has said it has agreed to back National Instruments expansion with \$4.4 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund.

The pioneering Austin tech company is proposing to invest \$80 million to build and equip a new 300,000-square-foot office building next to its existing campus in North Austin. The average annual wage for the new jobs it creates is estimated to be \$72,223. National Instruments plans to continue its development of test and development of hardware and software systems to assist the world's scientists and engineers.

Power Plant Planned for Mitchell County

ABILENE, TX (KTXS - TV ABC 12)—FGF Power, LLC president Emerson Farrell announced they are building a natural gas powered electric plant in Mitchell County. Farrell said, "We strongly feel that at this time our country and the state of Texas need clean affordable power and this is the way you do it." Mitchell County officials said this will have a big impact on the county. The new plant will cost more than half a billion dollars. It will create up to 1,000 temporary jobs at the height of construction. It will also generate 22 permanent jobs. Construction will begin in late August or early September with expected completion in 2016.

Mortgage Lender to Expand

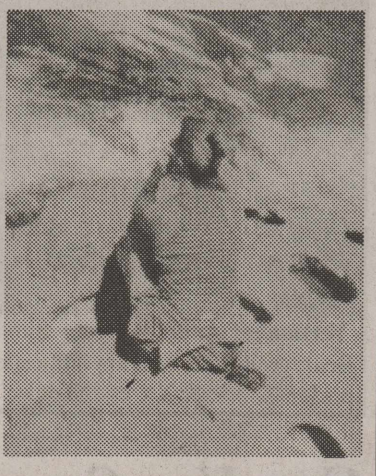
DALLAS, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—California-based online mortgage lender, loanDepot.com, LLC, is expanding its operations to Plano and plans to add 500 new jobs in the next three years. The Plano location will serve as the dual-headquarters for the mortgage lender. The site is the company's fourth location. The company decided to expand in North Texas because of the strong labor pool. The expansion advances loanDepot's strategic growth plans, said Anthony Hsieh, founder and CEO of the web-based lender. loanDepot has already begun hiring corporate positions and mortgage sales and fulfillment teams for the Plano headquarters office.



Celebrating 33 Years of Service at Texas Heritage Bank — Roxie Thomas was honored with a lovely reception Friday, March 29th. Many local and area citizens came by to congratulate her on her retirement.

May Your Soul Stir

By Cindy Cullen Farmer



Editor's Note: The following is a new column written by Cindy Cullen Farmer. A 1979 graduate of Clyde High School, Cindy Cullen Farmer is an aspiring writer and soul stirring blogger. From her own personal journey of insight she shares life lessons through her words. Daughter of Bill and Barbara Cullen of Clyde, she currently resides in Fort Worth where she sidelines in inspirational non-fiction.

In His Presence

With tears strolling down my cheeks, I sang along. In the far back corner of the church...perhaps no one would notice. Standing in that space, I felt His presence. So this is what

it feels like to feel God.

Throughout the service, I was all in...like an absorbent sponge. I did however notice a particular man finally make his way to a seat. I had seen him in the parking lot earlier. He pulled in just before me and seemed a bit out-of-place. Not that anyone is out-of-place at church, but maybe that he had never been to this specific location. Somehow, I felt a kindred spirit with him. More tears.

Later during the service, as the invitation extended for a time of prayer at the altar, I watched this man make his way forward. And I watched him return, wiping away tears.

Maybe he was hurting. Maybe he was scared. Or maybe, just as I, he felt the presence of God.

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Children Show Off their Easter Eggs — The Cross Plains Public Library's Learn About...Program(LAP) and the Lapsit children show off their Easter eggs after a hunt in the library park last Wednesday. The children and their parents enjoyed special Easter cookies and punch after story time and before the traditional egg hunt.

Friends of the NRA Committee plans meeting at 4-H Shooting Sports Range

The Friends of the NRA Committee held a fourth organizational meeting at the Baird Dairy Queen restaurant, located on I-20 and Highway 283 in Baird, on Thursday, March 21st.

Another Friends of the NRA Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16th at the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports Range meeting room located south of FM 18, between Clyde and Baird.

At the meeting, the NRA Committee voted to have The Little Pit restaurant in Clyde cater this year's banquet.

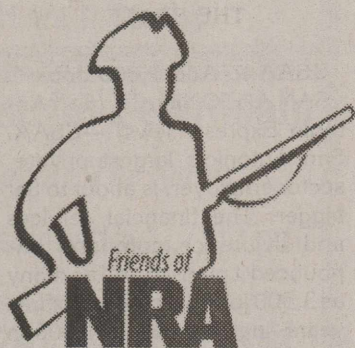
The menu for the banquet will include: brisket, sausage and two vegetables, with tea or coffee and peach cobbler for dessert.

The NRA Committee also voted to set the banquet ticket prices at \$25.00 per person. The Callahan County Friends of the NRA will also be selling tables at this year's banquet. The table prices include:

Basic Table of Eight: \$200, will receive eight dinner tickets.

Bronze Table: \$750, will receive eight dinner tickets and a ISSC M22 Black 22 LR semi-auto handgun or 2 FMK Polymer AR-15 Lowers.

Silver Table: \$1,500, will receive eight dinner tickets and a Ruger SR 40 C.



Gold Table: \$2,500, receives eight dinner tickets and your choice of one of two packages listed:

— 2 Remington R-1 1911 45 ACP or
— 2 Weatherby S2 Vanguards in either Wby Mag or 243.

Platinum Table: \$5,000, will receive eight dinner tickets and your choice of either packages listed:

— 2012 Gun of the Year - Benelli Ultra-light 12 gauge with NRA Markings and a \$1,500 gift certificate to Longacres or
— 8 ISSC M22 Black 22 LR semi-auto handguns.

Tickets can be purchased by either checks, cash or credit card. Make checks payable to Callahan County Friends of the NRA.

The first-ever fund-raising banquet will be held at the First

United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 217 Oak Street in Clyde, on Saturday, September 7th. The banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the doors opening and the banquet should conclude around 9:00 p.m.

Mike Walker and Reggie Pillars are co-chairmen of the committee which will be putting on this year's banquet. Michelle Ratliff is secretary of the committee. Lyn Walker is treasurer of the committee.

The committee did state this year's banquet will be a non-alcohol event.

Jack Cannon, Senior Field Representative for the NRA said the Friends of the NRA is a grassroots offshoot for the NRA Foundation 501 C nonprofit organization. He said the NRA Foundation is a nonpolitical organization which has held some 1,100 fund-raising banquets nationwide over the last year. He said the Friends of the NRA donated over \$250,000 to support youth shooting sports, FFA organizations, 4-H shooting sports clubs, Boy Scouts, Junior ROTC, law enforcement organizations, as well as educational, historical, and gun safety course and more than 175 other programs.



Retirement Celebration for Vernon Smith — Higginbotham employees at Cross Plains include the manager Corey Hull, who has been at the Eastland store for the past 12 years, (from left), Ray Worley, R.W. Bogue, Vernon Smith (honoree), Debbie Reed and Michael Gregory.



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Lonnie Switzer
William H. Kelly

APRIL 11
Wendell Draper
Erin Stephens
Wayne Fortune
William Charles Earp
Terri Ann Williams
Kevin Martin

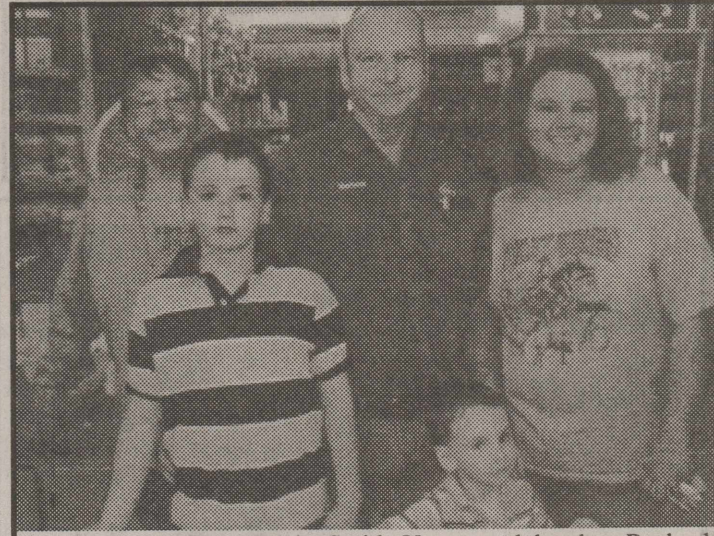
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Lynette Rice
Frances Thornton

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Barbara Thetford
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Garmond Parrish
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Tristan Watson

APRIL 14
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Hayden Cole Wyatt
Brooklyn Ashley Strength

APRIL 15
Charlou R. Cowan
Raul Simpson
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Mac Hoyt Foster II
Aaron Norris
MacKenzie Bell
Heather Hutchinson

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Pam Harris
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John White
Belinda Kay Switzer
Mrs. Fannie Evans
Billy Gene Christensen Sr.
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Vernon's Family — Becky Smith, Vernon and daughter Rachael Beal; grandsons Landon and cadon Beal. (Brandon Beal was not present).

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07 Taurus SEL, V6, auto, looks, runs good.....(Silver).....Special.....	\$4,995
02 Ford Escort, 4cyl., auto., a great gas saver.....(Silver).....	\$3,250
99 Mustang, V6, 5sp, 35th Anniversary Model, Runs good.....	\$4,200
94 Mustang GT, convert., 5.0 V8, nice car, leather seats.....(Red).....	\$3,950
01 Mustang, V6, 5spd., Looks, runs good.....(Blue).....	\$3,950
99 Ford Crown Victoria LS, leather seats, Nice car.....(Tan).....	\$2,995

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22' 6" Tandem Tilt top Trailer, 15" tires, very good condition.....	\$2,750

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00 Expedition, Eddie Bauer Ed., 8 pass, loaded, super nice.....	\$5,250
00 Dodge Durango, SLT, 7 Pass., Looks, runs good.....(Gold).....	\$3,750
99 Expedition XLT, 5 passenger, loaded, chrome wheels (Maroon).....	\$4,750
02 Expedition Eddie Bauer Edition, all leather, a good SUV, (Red).....	\$5,975
01 Explorer Sport, V6, auto., aluminum wheels, (Blue).....	\$3,495
99 Ford Explorer, Sport, V6, this is a nice one (Blue).....	\$3,495
99 Ford Explorer Sport, V6, auto., nice SUV, (White).....	\$3,495
99 Explorer Sport, V6, auto, like new tires, very nice SUV.....(Green).....	\$3,800
94 Dodge Caravan, 7 Pass., V6, Auto., Runs good.....	\$1,950
92 Ford F150, Conversion Van, Loaded, 7 Pass., lots of xtras, V8, Auto.....	\$2,450
90 Ford Club Wagon, 12 passenger, 78k miles, runs good, 351V8.....	\$1,450

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98 Dodge Quad Cab, Cummins, Low miles, 180k, auto., leather seats.....	\$6,250
01 Ford 350 Crew Cab Diesel, 6spd., Runs good.....(White).....	\$5,995
86 F350 Diesel, hydraulic wheel lift, 91 cab, runs good.....	\$3,500
01 Ford F350 Lariat Diesel Dually flat bed, automatic, Super Cab.....	\$7,250
99 Ford 250, Super Duty, Super Cab, diesel, Auto.....(Gold).....	\$6,500
97 Ford F250 4x4 Reg. Cab., diesel, flatbed single rears, 5spd.....	\$3,750

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06 Ford F250 Super cab, V8, auto, short bed.....(White).....	\$5,750
03 Ford F150 Super Cab, V8, Auto., Short bed.....(White).....	\$4,750
04 Ford F150 XL, V8, auto, long bed, ext., cab, dual exhaust.....(White).....	\$4,800
04 Ranger XLT 4x4, Super cab, V6, auto, 113,000 miles.....(White).....	\$7,500
96 Ranger XLT, 4 cyl., 5 spd., (Two-Tone).....	\$2,995
00 Dodge SLT, Quad Cab, V8 auto., runs good.....(Blue).....	\$2,950
93 Chevy 2500, Extended cab, V8, 5 spd. (Tan).....	\$2,995
93 GMC 1500, V6, 5spd.....(Red).....	\$1,950
97 Chev, 1500 Ext. Cab, V8, auto., new tires, runs looks good.....(Green).....	\$3,750
80 Chevy C-10, Inline 6 cyl., 3sp. column shift, runs good,(Red).....	\$1,250

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Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from March 23, 2013 through March 29, 2013 include:

Cases Investigated
Warnings—63
Complaints—46
Driving While License Invalid—1
DWI—2
Possession of Controlled Substance—1
Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information—1
Fugitive Arrest—3
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—2

Vehicle Accidents
There were two vehicle accidents investigated during this time span.

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