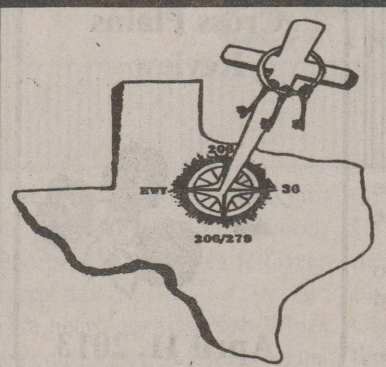


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Lockdown Patrol Team — Victoria Creamer (left to right), Kaitlyn Koettel, and Shyler Tillery.

FCCLA's Presentation "Lockdown Patrol" Goes To State This Week

The April After School Adventure Program (ASAP) for the Cross Plains Public Library was presented by the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). A team of three students from the Cross Plains High School performed skits about lockdowns. In the performances of the "Lockdown Patrol" team members, Victoria Creamer, Kaitlyn Koettel, and Shyler Tillery, explained the many reasons for a school lockdown in a reassuring manner.

Assisting in the presentation was Keeka Byrd, sponsor and director for the FCCLA team. Scott Byrd and Mackenzie Byrd. A school lockdown is a drill that is used when the school officials think there is a threat to the safety of students and staff. Lockdowns are used to protect students from a variety of threats, such as a school shooting, a bomb threat, a dangerous animal, or when there is a dangerous person on campus. Lockdowns can also be used when police are working on a

dangerous situation near the school or in surrounding communities. During a lockdown, students are told to stay inside their classrooms. The doors will be locked and the windows will be covered. All should remain still and quiet in order to keep danger in the hallways, and outside of the classrooms. The Lockdown Patrol team competed at the District Level and has advanced to State competition this week.

Earth Day 2013 Recycling Drive Erath Iron & Metal

To celebrate Earth Day, Erath Iron & Metal is sponsoring a recycling drive competition for local school organizations. Monday, April 22nd - Saturday, April 27th. The winners will receive their money raised PLUS a bonus donation from Erath Iron & Metal. How it works: * Beginning Monday, April 22nd, bring your scrap metal, aluminum cans, etc. to the nearest Erath Iron & Metal facility. * Let the cashier know that you are participating in the recycling drive and the organization you are with. Make sure your organization has an entry form filled out! * A winner will be selected for each facility based on the monetary value of the scrap metal sold. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 30th. For more information and an entry form, contact Ashley Gill at (254) 968-6401 or via email at ashrecycle@our-town.com. Erath Iron & Metal has locations in Stephenville,

Big Springs, Breckenridge, Cross Plains, Eastland and Granbury. We are strictly a metal recycling facility! All types of metal, aluminum (including cans), copper, stainless steel, batteries, tin, and brass are accepted for recycling. Please be prepared to show a form of identification. Participation is limited to elementary, junior high and high school students, booster clubs, project graduation committees, and other recognized school organizations. Money won can be donated either to the school, organization, or to a charity of the winner's choice. Checks will not be made to an individual. Stephenville Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. All Other Erath Facilities: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. * Note: Breckenridge will be closed on Saturday, April 27th

Robert E. Howard Days Are Underway

Project Pride members are gearing up for the annual Robert E. Howard Days which will be held on June 7-8 this year. The broad theme of "REH in the Comics" will be featured in the panel discussions, decorations, and the celebration dinner on Friday. Howard's Conan character first appeared in the comic book industry in 1970 under the artful text of Roy Thomas of the Marvel publications. Thomas was guest of honor at the Howard Days in 2006 and was kept busy autographing copies of old comic books. Marvel published a steady stream of Conan comic books and newspaper comic strips until 2003, when the Dark Horse Comics took over the series. Tim Truman was part of the initial writing team at a Dark Horse desk and continues in that role today. Truman will be discussing the Conan comic

industry as guest of honor at the 2013 Howard Days. Registrations are already rolling in for the event, the postal cancellation design is the development process, Staghorn Restaurant has the contract for catering the Friday night dinner, Anne Rone is busy lining up docents for the museum tours and other Pride members are recruiting folks to help with other aspects of the weekend. Project Pride folks will provide the leadership for all the local arrangements, making it easy for folks to step into the helping role. Please contact Arlene Stephenson, 725-4993 for general information or Anne, 725-9480 for information on the fascinating fun of giving tours to the visitors from far and wide. Or Contact ProjPride@yahoo.com for general information and registration procedures.

James L. Wages Presents Sincerely Elvis!

April 19, 2013 will be an exciting time with James L. Wages presenting "Sincerely Elvis!" Sponsored by the Lake Brownwood Lions Club at 6751 N. Hwy 279 in Brownwood, Texas. 325-784-6817.

Besides the obvious entertainment, there will be a BBQ Sandwich Meal at 6-7 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. and goes to 9:00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door for \$10.00. Come on out and enjoy the fun!

Countywide Burn Ban lifted

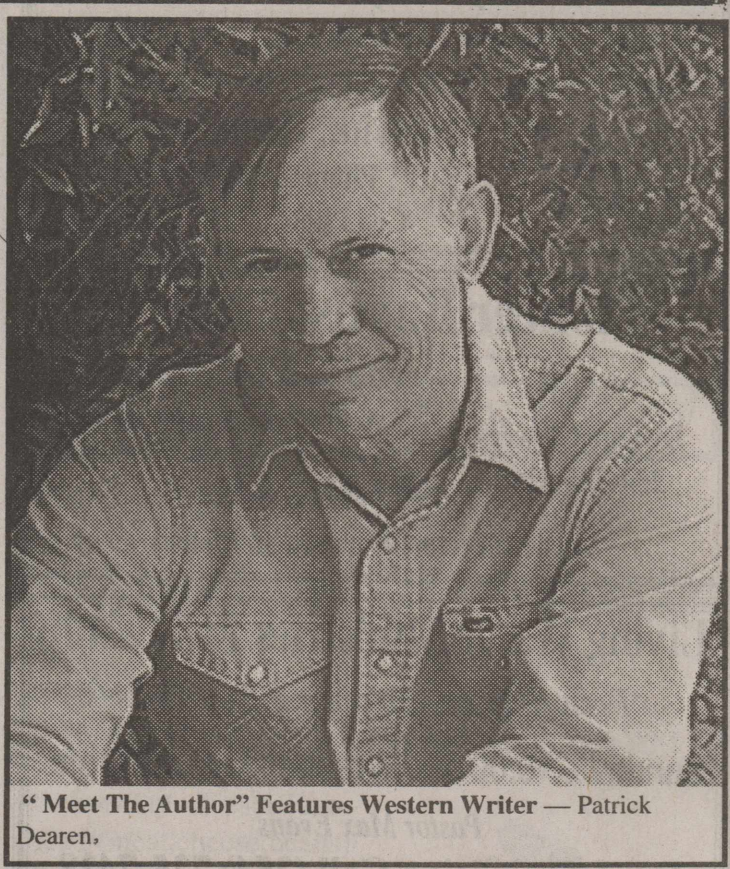
Callahan County Judge Roger Corn lifted the Countywide Burn Ban effective Wednesday, April 3rd. The Burn Ban will remain lifted until County Commissioners re-instate the Burn Ban.

FBC Clothes Closet NOW Open

The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains has officially opened the new clothes closet to assist people in our community. The closet will be open to everyone on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. The FBC Clothes Closet is so excited to help others in need we are located in the 2nd building behind the playground on Main Street. Contact the FBC Office at 254-725-7629.

Rabies confirmed in skunk in Oplin area

The Callahan County Sheriff's Department has been informed by Nicholas Ferguson of the State Department of Health that a case of rabies has been confirmed in Callahan County. The rabid animal was a skunk; the skunk was found in the Oplin area. Sheriff Terry Joy encourages owners of all types of animals to be mindful of a change in animal behavior. Citizens are encouraged to keep pet vaccinations up to date.



"Meet The Author" Features Western Writer — Patrick Dearen.

Featured Western Author/ 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 p.m. 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 1930's) 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 1980's and early 1990's, he preserved the firsthand accounts of 76 men who cowboyed 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.

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,

Special Speaker at Baird Church of Christ this Weekend April 12, 13 and 14th

The 4th Street Church of Christ invites you to a week-end meeting this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 12, 13 and 14th. Brother Adam Teer from Sulphur Springs, Texas, will be our speaker. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Everyone is invited to a potluck dinner after the morning service. Please come to hear a message from God's word and to have some good old fashioned fellowship. Adam is a young, dynamic speaker with a lot of enthusiasm for God's work. He and his wife, Stephanie, have two lovely children, Hannah and Eli. We look forward to seeing them. We hope to see you there, too.

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 Evening Service.....6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

David Braun, Pastor
 Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

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Every Sunday at 10:30 am
 Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains
 (1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)

Al Taylor, Preacher
 Phone: 254-725-7522
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Sunday School....10:00 am
 Dwaine Clowers Sunday Morning Worship....11:00 am
 254-725-6268 Sunday Evening Worship....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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Pastor Max Evans

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Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

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 Minister: RICK AUSTIN

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 Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.
 Worship: 10:45 A.M.
 Evening Worship: 6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday: Evening: 7:00 P.M.
 Ladies Class - Wednesday: 10:00 A.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

Carl Lynn Thomas

Carl Lynn Thomas, age 56, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 7, 2013. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10th at the Higginbotham Chapel in Cross Plains with Dwaine Clower officiating; burial followed in the Cross Plains Cemetery. Visitation was held on Tuesday at the the funeral home.

Carl was born to Jack Edward Thomas and Stella Mae Lee Thomas on October 25, 1956 at home in Callahan County. Carl graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1975. He was a Baptist.

Carl worked for Southwest Gas Systems in Cross Plains from 1976 to 1988. He later retired from Superior Cable after 22 years of service. Carl was a joy to all who met him and will be dearly missed by family and friends.

Carl is survived by his wife of 37 years, Deborah Anne Thomas, two sons; Carlton Allen Thomas and wife, Chelsie of Irving, Clayton Thomas and fiancée, Christiana Burrhus of Midland, one brother, Jackie Dale Thomas and wife Roxie of Cross Plains, two sisters, Flora Mae Egger and husband Johnny of Abilene and Velma Sue Ritter and husband Roger of Breckenridge as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cross Plains Cancer Fund, PO Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or Hospice of the Big Country.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Kennon W. Faircloth, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Thomas Y. Hunt, DWI.
 Jay T. Wheat, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
 Jason P. Reedy, assault.
 William Andrew Johnson, false alarm or report.
 Chelsa Savell, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.
 Juan Pablo Hernandez, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael A. Williams, motion to

dismiss to driving while license invalid (DWLI) granted for time served in other case.

Heriberto Agosto, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Kyle L. Kevil, motion to dismiss to Ct. I - assault, family violence, Ct. II - interfere with 911 call granted, victim unwilling to testify.

Polly R. Tarkington, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Christopher Sanchez, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Pamela R. Bunselmeyer, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Leegene Taylor Savell and Sarah Rebekah Rogers, both of Baird.

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TIME IS RUNNING OUT to RESERVE YOUR SPOT!!!

Cisco Civic League invites you to bring your special goods or services and come help us as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Cisco Folklife Festival. The Ladies of the League are especially happy to announce the Cisco College gym is AIR CONDITIONED NOW!! That's a great bonus for vendors able to procure those spots for their booths! If you or your organization wishes to be a vendor at this year's festival, ACT NOW to contact one of the ladies

listed below. They will explain how you can guarantee a spot to share your unique goods and interests at this milestone event.

Your Cisco Civic League contacts are as follows:
 FOOD
 LeAnn Barron 254-443-9461 or email llab88@cebridge.net
 CRAFTS
 Harryette Purvis 254-442-1522 or email harryette@sbcglobal.net
 For any other Cisco Folklife Festival Inquiries, contact the Cisco Civic League President, Millie Lewis at 254-442-3827.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans Available to Texas Small Businesses

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Small, nonfarm businesses in 34 Texas counties are now eligible to apply for low interest federal disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). "These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought that began on January 29, 2013, in the following primary counties," announced Alfred E. Judd, Director of SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West.

Primary Texas counties: Austin, Burleson, Coleman, Fayette, Runnels, Tom Green, Waller and Washington.

Neighboring Texas counties: Bastrop, Brazos, Brown, Caldwell, Callahan, Coke, Colorado, Concho, Fort Bend, Gonzales, Grimes, Harris, Irion, Lavaca, Lee, McCulloch, Menard, Milam, Montgomery, Nolan, Reagan, Robertson, Schleicher, Sterling, Taylor and Wharton.

"SBA eligibility covers both the economic impacts on businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers that have suffered agricultural production losses caused by the disaster and businesses directly impacted by the disaster," Judd said.

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

"Eligibility for these loans is

based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4% for businesses and 2.875% for private, nonprofit organizations, a maximum term of 30 years, and are available to small businesses and most private, nonprofits without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship," Judd said.

By law, SBA makes EIDLs available when the U. S. Secretary of Agriculture designates an agricultural disaster. Secretary Tom Vilsack declared this disaster on March 27, 2013.

Businesses primarily engaged in farming or ranching are not eligible for SBA disaster assistance. Agricultural enterprises should contact the Farm Services Agency (FSA) about the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) assistance made available by the Secretary's declaration. However, in drought disasters nurseries are eligible for SBA disaster assistance.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at (800) 659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to apply for these loans is November 27, 2013.

SHERIFF'S CORNER

Management and operation of the Callahan County Jail is a part of the responsibility of the Sheriff. As in all areas of responsibility, the staff makes things work well; and, the jail facility is no different. The staff is of utmost importance and the person in charge of keeping our county jail running smoothly is JULIE LEMON.

Julie graduated from Blackwell High School in 2000. Her law enforcement career began in a juvenile justice facility in 2003. The adult corrections area peaked her interest; and, she began working as a part-time dispatcher/jailer in 2008. Julie's abilities and work ethics were

quickly recognized and she was promoted to Sergeant Jailer in 2009. A second promotion came in July 2012 when she was given the title of Jail Administrator and all of the responsibilities that go with the title. Julie is now responsible for the staff as well as all aspects of the jail's operations. The Jail Administrator's job description includes daily jail management, work schedules for dispatchers/jailers, staff and inmate supervision. Julie has been married to Larry Lemon since October 2011. Larry is currently attending the Police Academy at the West Texas Council of Governments in Abilene.

Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for February 25th-March 24th

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics

February 25th-March 24th

Disturbances: 18
 Accidents: 20
 Noise Calls: 8
 Fire: 14 (grass), 1 (structure)
 2 (vehicle)
 Welfare Checks: 5
 Vandalism/Suspicious Activity: 20
 Alarm Calls: 27
 Lift Assist: 1
 Assist Motorist: 7
 Theft: 9

Prowler: 2
 Dog Bite: 3
 Mental Subject: 2
 Drug Paraphernalia: 1
 Total Arrests: 40
 Medical Calls: 114
 Burglary: 3
 Harassment/Trespass: 13
 Reckless Driver: 28
 Animal Calls: 7
 Stray Livestock: 17
 Assault: 5
 Civil Matter: 6
 Utility/Gas Water Leak: 5
 Traffic Hazard: 11
 Suicide: 2
 School Problem: 1
 Juvenile Problem: 3

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 6:30p.m.

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www.firstbaptistcp.com

Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

We received much needed rain this past week in Cottonwood. Reports of 3.31 inches fell over several days.

We heard our first Bob-White here on Monday. It always seems to rain a few days after hearing the first Bob-White of the Spring.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Assistant Fire Chief Roger Hinkle, Teri Brown and

Gilbert Ibarra attended the Callahan County Fire Fighters meeting in Oplin last Saturday. Firefighters from Eula, Baird, Clyde, Hamby and Oplin were at the meeting.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club meets every Tuesday at the Cottonwood Community Center. The ladies start at 9 a.m. and take a break for lunch. Bring a

covered dish. If you'd like to learn how to quilt, stop by and visit with them.

Cottonwood Historical Association Annual Meeting will be held on the first Saturday in May which will be May 4th. Coffee at 9 a.m., meeting starts at 10 a.m. with lunch following the meeting. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

Barbarian Festival is June 8th Reserve Your Booth NOW

The Barbarian Festival will be held on Saturday, June 8th under the shade trees at Treadway Park on Highway 36, just east of Cross Plains. The festival, now in its 15th year, features live music, arts, craft booths, games, rides, food, beverages, antique and classic car and truck show, tractor show and lots of family fun!

You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival. Booths are available for \$50.00 for an approximately 12x12 space-- or only \$35, if you register early, and have your registration forms and check or money order received by May 15! You can sell arts & crafts, trinkets and

other items, take donations for your organization, bring rides and games, sell food, beverages, snocones, etc. Come out and join in the fun!

Sign up now and reserve your place at the Barbarian Festival! Get more information on booth space by calling Diana Miller at 254-725-9418. Get the Vendor Registration form on line and all the details on line at the Barbarian Festival's website barbarianfestival.net.

One of the highlights of this year's Barbarian Festival is the **Antique and Classic Car Show** presented by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce. Bring your old T-Bird, Belair, Mustang,

old pickup truck or other classic and show them off at the festival. There's no entry fee, but space is limited. You can find the registration form on line at barbarianfestival.net.

The Barbarian Festival, now in its 15th year, is held the second Saturday in June in conjunction with Robert Howard Days, a celebration of Robert Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. Howard lived most of his life in Cross Plains.

In addition to the sponsor list we have added: Barr Fabrication, Crossroads Grill, Snippets, AMA TechTel, Hardwick Nursery, Rodenberger Family, Liveoak Real Estate, Bear Branch Ranch and Mexico City Cafe

Can You Spare An Hour?

The Cross Plains Senior Center has been blessed with many faithful longtime volunteers and our delivery of meals to the homebound of our community would not be possible without this unselfish service.

As career changes come and health problems arise, the Cross Plains Senior Center finds a need for additional volunteers for our home delivered meals. If you have a heart for service and can

find 30-45 minutes a week or would be willing to be "on call" if needed, to visit with home bound as you deliver a meal, please contact Dannes or Vivian at 725-6521.

Dannes Turner
CP Senior Citizens Center
108 N Main, PO Box 144
Cross Plains, Texas 76443
254-725-6521 phone
254-270-0055 fax

Cottonwood Country Musical Puts a Smile In Your Heart

There was another great Cottonwood Country Musical last Friday night. All of the regular songs were played along with some new ones. The musicians did a wonderful job at entertaining. These guys and gals compliment each other so well. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all the musicians who do a tremendous job and for the fans who come to enjoy.

There will not be a musical held in May due to the Cottonwood Historical Association's annual meeting.

The next Cottonwood Country Musical will be held **Friday night, June 7, 2013**. This will be a special musical night. Watch your newspapers to find out what is lurking around the corner.

Submitted by
Cookie Robinson

PIONEER CEMETERY FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1, 2012- April 1, 2013

On behalf of the Pioneer Cemetery Board and Community, we would like to thank everyone for your financial support. As always, it has been deeply appreciated. Since our investments are not yielding as much, we depend more on gifts from people that have an interest in the cemetery. Our money for maintaining the cemetery comes from gifts, burial fees, reservation fees and investment income. We try to take care of your money and spend it wisely. Thank you again and we ask that you continue your support.

Gifts Given Between October 1, 2012 - April 1, 2013
\$ 50--Tracie Russenberger In Memory of Kenneth Brooks
\$100--Micheal Baskin In Memory of Joe H. Kendrick
\$100--Nancy Bacon & Karla Roberts In Memory of Bill, Lucille, Shirley, C.B., and Gertrude Hester
\$ 25-- Don and Wanda Nelson In Memory of David Pancake

\$200-- Carolyn Crider In Memory of George and Leona Flippin
\$ 37.63--Umberson Estate (Westbrook Thompson)
\$100-- Lou Brooks In Memory of Kenneth, Terri and Samuel
\$ 50-- Tracie Russenberger In Memory of Kenneth, Terry and Samuel
\$100-- Don and Wanda Nelson In Memory of Nora, Homer and Vernon Phillips
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Submitted by
Wanda Nelson
Treasurer

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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

April 1-4, 2013

Patrons	175
Books Checked Out	165
Programs	55
ASAP	20
Lap	3
Lapsit	4
GED Class	11
Other	17

Copies	94
Internet Wi-Fi	51
Interlibrary Loans	5
Reference	3
	11

Memorials
Cross Plains Class of 1953
In Memory of Harold Jones

Jack and Barbara Baum
In Memory of Curt Hoskins

David and Holly Anderson
In Memory of Curt Hoskins

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Keeka Byrd
Victoria Creamer
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Mackenzie Byrd
Scott Byrd

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

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

April 15-19

Monday 15th - Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Sponsored by Encompass

Tuesday 16th-Exercise 10:45/11:45 Door Prizes Sponsored by Care/GAME NIGHT

Wednesday 17th- BIRTHDAY DAY/Diabetic

Foot Care Grling

Thursday 18th - Reading with 3rd Graders/ 9:15

& 12:30 /Exercise 11:00

Friday 19th-Manicures 10:00/Integra Care/ Exercise 11:00

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 15-19

Monday -salisbury Steak/ Gravy/Potatoes/Green Beans/Bread/Dessert/ Drink	Thursday -
Tuesday -Chef Salad (Ham, Turkey, Cheese)/ Crackers/Dessert/Drink	Friday -Tuna Sandwich/ Pea Salad/Chips/Dessert/ Drink
Wednesday - Fiesta Taco Salad/(meat,cheese,beans)/ Chips/Birthday Cake!!!!	MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M



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CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. ELEMENTARY NEWS

The month of March has gone by very fast at Cross Plains Elementary. We had a very productive month filled with many activities. The 5th and 6th graders visited the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. The students were able to see so many interesting things during their visit. The 6th graders were able to tour the Titanic Exhibit during our visit. I cannot begin to describe how amazing the exhibit was for all of us that participated. The items salvaged from the sunken ship alone were amazing to see. There were also many life size remakes of areas of the ship for students to see what the passengers did so many years ago. I was very proud that our students were able to have such an experience. There were also many other parts of the museum that were very interesting and neat for the students, such as the Dinosaur Exhibit and the Energy Blast Exhibit. A big thank you goes out to the Target Corporation for their grant to help with expenses as well as our

local PTO for providing drinks and snacks.

The Teacher of the Month for March is Nora Odom. Ms. Odom is our most tenured teacher on staff and does a very good job. I was delighted to see her fellow teachers honor her service with the honor. She has chosen Brandi Wipff and Ben French as her students of the month. All three were recognized Friday in an assembly. They will be acknowledged for their hard work by the Board of Education later this month as well.

We have more testing coming at the end of this month. Kindergarten, First, and Second graders will be taking the Iowa Test on April 22-24. Third, Fourth, and Sixth graders will be taking the Math STAAR on April 23rd and the Reading STAAR on April 24th. Fifth graders will take the Science STAAR on April 24th. Please help us get these students to be at their best on these stressful days.

The elementary has recently begun the early stages of a co-op

with Resource Care to start an after school program for the 2013-2014 year. The program is called ASPIRE and will be from 3:45-5:45 in the afternoons at the school. Resource Care is taking monetary donations that are tax deductible to make this happen. This program is already in place at Clyde, Albany, and Breckenridge. If you would like more information about donating, please call the school and we will give you the information. Resource Care will provide you with the documentation for tax purposes. All funds go directly to the program and not to any other service. We are very excited about this opportunity.

Pre-K screening is coming up this month. It will be Thursday, April 11th by appointment. Please call us at 254-725-6123 to set up your appointment. Your students must be four years old by September 1st of this year to be eligible.

Thank you,
Jeremy Williams
Elementary Principal

Ex-Cross Plains High School Athletes To Be Honored

A tea/coffee is planned for Saturday, May 25, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains ISD Cafeteria for any CPHS graduate who participated in a State level competition or made All-State teams in any sporting event.

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

If you are a state qualified athlete, and would like to attend, please call Connie Kirkham 325-665-0154, Shana Hinyard 325-660-5719, Valeta Brown 325-624-5440 or Barbara Sowell 254-725-7625 to confirm your attendance.

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

April 15-19
BREAKFAST

Monday-Breakfast Burrito, Assorted juice, Milk
Tuesday-Sausage-n-Blanket, Assorted juice, Milk
Wednesday - French toast sticks, Sausage, Assorted juice, Milk
Thursday -Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted juice, Milk
Friday -Cinnamon roll, Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday -Corn Dog, Baked beans, Tomato & Cucumber, Mixed fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Nachos Grande, Charro beans, Garden salad, Orange smiles, Milk
Wednesday -Pizza, Garden salad, Seasoned Corn, Diced peaches, Milk
Thursday -Lasagna or Corn Dog, Broccoli, Baby carrots, Fresh grapes, Milk
Friday - Beef or Grilled chicken on Bun, Potatoe wedges, Lettuce, tomato, & Pickles, Fruity gelatin, Milk

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Texas Department of State Health Services Flu and Immunization/Flu Clinics in Callahan County Clinic

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Wednesday, April 10th
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Tax Freedom Day Arrives April 18th in 2013

Washington, D.C., April 2, 2013—Tax Freedom Day will arrive on April 18th this year, the 108th day of 2013, according to the Tax Foundation's annual calculation. Americans will work well over three and a half months of the year before they have earned enough money to pay this year's tax obligations at the federal, state, and local levels. Both higher federal taxes and rebounding incomes contribute to this year's date, which is five days later than in 2012.

In the new Tax Foundation study, "Tax Freedom Day 2013," economists William McBride, Ph.D., Elizabeth Malm, and Kyle Pomerleau, also calculate how long Americans would have to work in order to close the federal budget deficit. In order to pay for all spending in the current year, the government would need to raise an additional \$833 billion in taxes, pushing Tax Freedom Day to May 9th.

"This year, Americans will work five days later than in 2012 to pay all of their taxes. The total tax bill at all levels comes to approximately \$4.2 trillion, or 29.4% of their total income," said McBride. "That means Americans will pay more in taxes in 2013 than they will spend on food, clothing, and housing combined."

The total tax burden borne by residents of different states varies considerably, not only due to differing state tax policies, but also because of the progressivity of the federal tax system. This means higher-income states celebrate Tax Freedom Day

later: residents of Connecticut (May 13th), New York (May 6th), and New Jersey (May 4th) face a significantly higher federal tax burden than lower-income states. Residents of Mississippi and Louisiana will bear the lowest tax burdens in 2013, with Tax Freedom Day having arrived for them on March 29th. Also early is Tennessee, where Tax Freedom Day arrives today, April 2nd.

Historically, the date for Tax Freedom Day has fluctuated significantly. The latest-ever nationwide Tax Freedom Day was May 1, 2000 - meaning that Americans paid one-third of their total income in taxes. A century earlier, in 1900, Americans paid only 5.9% of their income in taxes, meaning Tax Freedom Day came on January 22.

Five major categories of taxes dominate the tax burden. Individual income taxes - including federal, state and local - require 40 days of work. Payroll taxes take another 24 days of work. Sales and excise taxes, mostly state and local, take 15 days to pay off. Property taxes take 12 days, and corporate income taxes take another 9.

For more information, go to <http://www.taxfreedomday.org>.

The Tax Foundation is a non-partisan research organization that has monitored fiscal policy at the federal, state and local levels since 1937. To schedule an interview, please contact Richard Morrison, the Tax Foundation's Manager of Communications, at 202-464-5102 or morrison@taxfoundation.org.

Next Friends of the NRA Committee meeting set for Tuesday, April 16th

A fifth 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.

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.

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

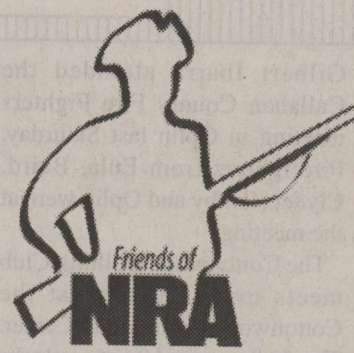
The menu for the banquet will include: brisket, sausage and two vegetables, with tea or coffee and peach cobbler for dessert.

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 guage 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 of 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.

April is child abuse prevention month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to focus on the protection and care of our most vulnerable and trusting resources - our children.

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time, individuals and organizations have joined during April to raise the public's awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

Over 264,000 Texas children are reported as abused or neglected and nearly 67,000 confirmed victims in 2010, according to Child Protective Services, a division of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. April is child abuse prevention month in Texas and in the nation.

"It's a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring," said Wendell

Teltow, Executive Director for Prevent Child Abuse Texas. "This is our opportunity to make a difference in young lives."

Neglect is the most frequent form of child abuse, according to the state agency charged with protecting children.

"Yes, children die simply because they're put in situations where they are not supervised," said Teltow. "But parent's are not alone. We need to raise the public's awareness of these distressing statistics," says Teltow, "and to encourage people to become involved in the prevention of child abuse. One small, but public way of showing your support, is wearing a blue ribbon during April. Remember, children are helpless, you are not".

According to Prevent Child Abuse America forty-three percent of American parents report spanking or hitting their child, 37 percent report

insulting or swearing at their child, and two percent report having kicked, bit or punched their child. More than 3 million children were reported to child protective service agencies as alleged victims of child abuse or neglect each year, and approximately 1 million of these reports are confirmed.

Prevent Child Abuse Texas is a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in all its forms. Its network works in a collaborative manner with community, state, and national groups to turn information into action by developing sound child and family oriented community-based prevention programs, public awareness activities, educational initiatives, and training programs. For more information, please call 1-800-CHILDREN or visit www.preventchildabusetexas.org.

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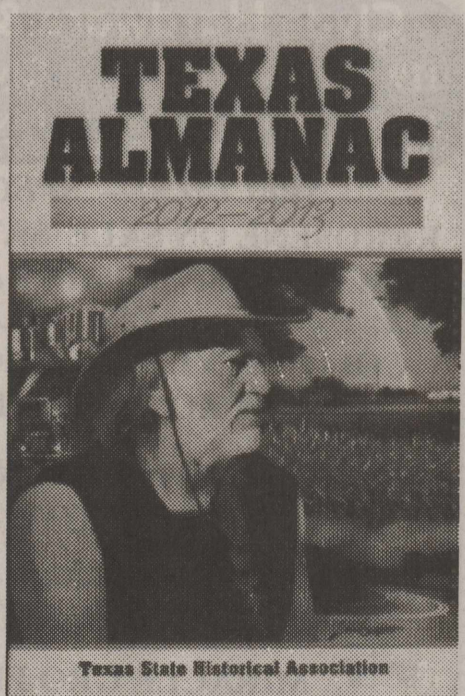
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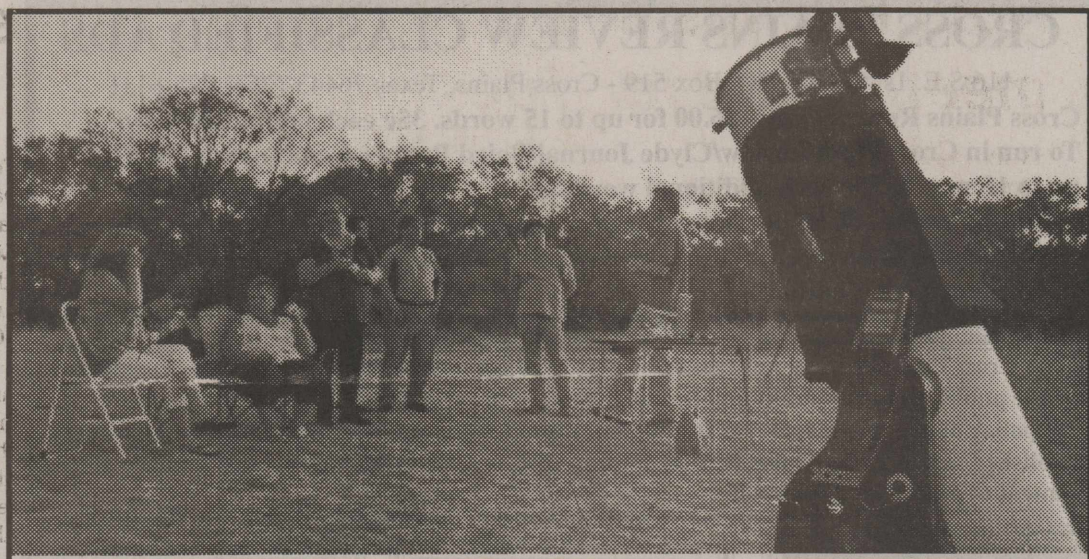
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Stars and Skies Star Gazing — Star gazers await the nightfall.

ALBANY, Texas — Fort Griffin State Historic Site presents their monthly Star Gazing Party: Stars and Skies of Texas, scheduled for Saturday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m. This event will provide education and entertainment for the entire family, no matter the age. This is one of their monthly star gazing parties planned for the spring and summer months, as weather permits.

If you're wondering how the skies are at Fort Griffin, just know that they are described by many astronomers as being some of the darkest and clearest in Texas. In fact, Fort Griffin is considered one of the premiere

hot spots for astronomy and is one of the 3 best public areas in Texas.

Each month, near the new moon, astronomers from all over Texas travel to Fort Griffin to take advantage of these night skies. This month local astronomers will share their telescopes, laser pointers, and knowledge of the night skies with the public. The star gazing program will begin after dark in the baseball field of the Fort Griffin campground.

For the basic cost of general admission to Fort Griffin State Historic Site, a family can create a memorable experience for both kids and adults alike. General

admission to the site is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students (ages 6-18), and ages 5 and under are free.

For more information about this event, camping fees, facilities, or other activities Fort Griffin has to offer, you may visit their website at www.visitfortgriffin.com. For camping reservations call 325-762-3592.



Vote Centers could reduce a number of Clyde voting locations

Callahan County Clerk Donna Bell presented a report to the Callahan County Commissioners on the possibility of having vote centers instead of current election locations throughout Callahan County.

The County Clerk made the report during the regular commissioners' court meeting held Thursday, April 4th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Bell said that by having vote centers instead of current election locations would be comparable to Early Voting on election day, but with more locations. She said if approved by the State Legislature, any registered voter in Callahan County would be allowed to vote at any of the voting precincts in the county. She said that currently, voters at some counties throughout Texas can vote at any voting location, but only during the General Election. She said Eastland County is one such county that has vote centers.

She said a bill is now before the State Legislature to allow vote centers during Primary Elections as well. Bell said to keep from confusing county voters, she would only recommend vote centers if voters can vote at any location in both the Primary and General Elections.

Bell said the approval of the Commissioners' court is the first step in the process of getting it approved by the Secretary of State's Office. She said this is just the preliminary stage, that if Callahan County goes to vote centers, public hearings will be held to seek citizen input on the change.

Bell said by allowing Callahan County to go to vote centers, the cost to operate an election could decline as well. She said if vote centers are approved, residents in Clyde would be able to vote at one central location, such as the Clyde Woman's Club building. Currently, Clyde's voting locations are divided between the Clyde Woman's Club, Southside Baptist Church, Eula School Administration Building and Baird Activity Center. She said by allowing vote centers, the county could eliminate voting at the Southside Baptist Church, and all Clyde voters could vote at one central location.

On a motion by Commissioner

Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to agree to the establishment of vote centers.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 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 previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment, there was none.

—After discussion of a citizen's concern with Precinct #4's County Roads 248 and 279, Commissioner Kirkham stated that the concern is noted. There was no action taken.

—The Countywide Burn Ban was lifted by Judge Corn on Wednesday, April 3rd. No action was taken on the Burn Ban during the commissioners' court meeting, so it will remain lifted.

—Under the County Sheriff's report, Julie Lemon with the Sheriff's Department gave a report on the Jail Inspection performed by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The Sheriff's Office received a Certificate of Compliance for the Callahan County Jail. The jail is in compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the report and Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The letter from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, dated March 27, 2013 follows:

Dear Sheriff Joy,
The Texas Commission on Jail Standards wishes to acknowledge the excellent work of the Callahan County Sheriff's Office with a Certificate of Compliance for the Callahan County Jail. The most recent inspection of your facility on March 21-22, 2013 by Texas Commission on Jail Standards Inspector Jimmy Barton has demonstrated that

your facility is in compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

The Certificate of Compliance demonstrates your outstanding leadership and the diligent work of your staff in complying with minimum jail standards. In addition, this achievement is a direct result of your office's commitment to excellence and is an example of dedication and professionalism in maintaining a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.

Providing the essential budgetary support for jail operations is also imperative to achieving compliance, so let me also congratulate the Callahan County Commissioners' Court for their vital support of jail operations.

The citizens of Callahan County should be proud of your combined efforts, as is the Texas Commission on Jail Standards.

Best regards,
Brandon S. Wood
Executive Director

—Also included in the Sheriff Department's report, was the report by Sheriff Joy on armored vests and the need for them. Judge Corn made a motion to approve the purchase of five new armored vests. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to proclaim April 14-20, 2013 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in Callahan County. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

The proclamation follows:

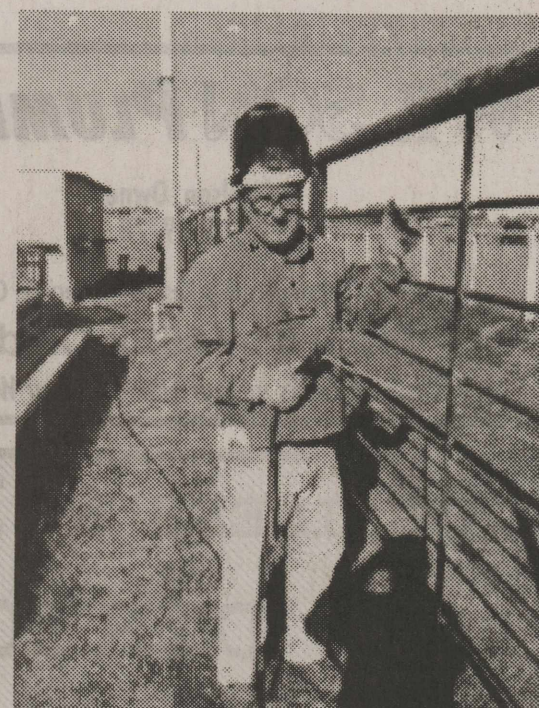
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It's PLAYDAY season again

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Josh King and David Williams will be teaching the horsemanship clinic. Drinks and hot dogs will be served after the clinic.

Saturday the 27th the books

will open at 1:00pm to enter the four classes, consisting of horsemanship, barrels, poles and goat slapping/tying. Entry fee will be \$5.00 per event or \$15.00 for all four events. The events will start at 2:00pm. Age divisions will be: 8 years and under lead line, 6 years and under, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18

Again this year the open class will be available to those 19 up

to ??

Come out and give it a try, the two open events will be \$5.00 per run for barrels and poles. Mark the 4th Saturday of each month for the playdays. Any questions can be directed to Ginger Bunn at 817-694-7991. All events will be at the TCRC arena located west of Cross Plains on Hwy. 36.

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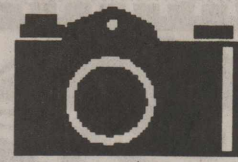
exhibit of life-size images of Elvis' stage-wear and iconic imagery made available from the Graceland archives on display in the lobby the night of the performance.

ELVIS LIVES fans can also try their luck with the Elvis Lives-Norwegian Cruise Lines Sweepstakes for a chance to win one of Norwegian's seven-day cruises for two in an ocean view stateroom. More information on the contest can be found at <http://elvislives.com>.

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Contestant on 'The Voice' has ties to Clyde

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A contestant competing on "The Voice" singing competition on NBC has local ties to Clyde.

Holly Tucker, the 19-year-old daughter of Johnny and Cheryl Tucker and granddaughter of Si Tucker of Clyde, is competing on "The Voice" which airs Monday and Tuesday nights on local NBC affiliate KRBC in Abilene. The show airs for two hours on Monday and one hour every Tuesday night beginning at 7:00 p.m.

"The Voice" is a singing competition similar in style to "American Idol."

Each contestant on the show begins singing on stage with four judges with their backs turned toward the audience. If one or more of the judges turns his or her chair, the contestant can then choose the judge as their coach/mentor in the national competition. All four judges turned their chair around when Holly was singing.

The four judges include country and western singer Blake Shelton, R&B singer Usher, Latin pop artist Shakira, and lead singer of Maroon Five, Adam Levine. Carson Daly is the host of "The Voice."

When Holly sang on the blind audition portion of the show last Monday night, April 1st, several judges turned their chairs toward Holly. The young singer chose Blake Shelton as her coach/mentor.

"The Voice" has two phases of competition, with the first blind auditions with the four celebrity judges as the first phase. Each of the four coaches/mentors have 12 contestants. Over 100 contestants appear on the show and only 48 are selected in the blind audition portion of the show.

After a second week of blind auditions this week, all 48 contestants are selected.

The contest then goes into the ball round. The battle round has four episodes, with two episodes airing for two weeks.

During the battle round, Holly and one of her team members will sing a duet, and after the duet, their coach/mentor must pick one of his or her two contestants. During the battle round, other coaches can steal any of the other three coaches contestants for his or her own team, but only two steals can be made by each judge during the battle round portion of the show.

After the battle round, each coach will have only eight team members.

During the knock out round, which is only two episodes which airs later in the competition, contestants are then paired against



HOLLY TUCKER PERFORMING ON THE BLIND AUDITION PORTION OF "THE VOICE" ON THE NBC AFFILIATE ON MONDAY, APRIL 1ST

a team member, but each will sing their own song.

"The Voice" will begin live shows starting May 6th. During the 16 live shows, America will have a chance to vote for each contestant.

"The Voice" final show will air live on June 18th, in which one winner from up to three contestants will receive a recording contract.

Holly has been singing profes-

sionally for seven years. As a young preteen, she jumped into a little car with her parents, at the age of 12 and traveled the highways of Texas and Louisiana, singing in country music shows, talent competitions, churches, local opy shows and radio shows. She is also a member of a family trio, The Tuckers, who sing positive country, and Christian music, locally, and

around the state. She has been singing with her parents, in trio harmony, since the age of 3.

Holly is a sophomore at Baylor University, pursuing a marketing degree in the Hankamer School of Business, majoring in Music and Entertainment, while minoring in Spanish.

You can keep up with Holly's singing career on her official website at hollytucker.com.

Texas drought conditions expected to intensify raising wildfire threat

According to the U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook, drought conditions are expected to linger or intensify in Texas presenting a heightened threat of wildfire. In an effort to help Texas residents reduce their wildfire risk, Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) offers wildfire preparedness resources found at <http://www.disastersafety.org/wildfire/> - which is available to home and business owners at no charge.

The IBHS has outlined five ways home and business owners can reduce their wildfire risks. The best part, you don't need a lot of money to do it. Find out what you can do to prepare below, while additional wildfire resources are available at DisasterSafety.org.

FIVE WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR WILDFIRE RISKS

1. **Clean Roof** (Not only does a clean roof look nice, but it can also reduce your wildfire risks. Embers can travel more than a mile from an actual fire, which can ignite combustible debris on your roof. Be sure to pay attention to areas where the roof meets a vertical surface, such as at a dormer. Also, be safe and never work on your roof if you are uncomfortable.)

2. **Clean Gutters** (Have you cleaned your gutters lately? If not, they could be increasing your risk of wildfire damage. Gutters with combustible debris can be easily ignited by wildfire embers.)

3. **Clean Deck** (Much like the roof and gutters, a deck full of combustible materials increases the risk of wildfire damage. Remember that patio furniture and lawn ornaments can also be combustible, so store them inside when not using the deck. In addition, removing combustible materials from under the deck is critical. If you do store combustible materials under your deck, enclosing the underside of the deck can be an option.)

4. **Carefully Position Yard Structures** (Not only should combustible yard structures be placed away from your home, the area around them should also be maintained using noncombustible materials.)

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IBHS wildfire resources are available at DisasterSafety.org. Specific resources include:

- IBHS Wildfire Home Assessment & Checklist
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- Wildfire Retrofit Guide - Southeast Edition

Also, IBHS conducted the first-ever indoor ember storm in 2011 at the IBHS Research Center in South Carolina. You can watch video of the test here - Wildfire Ember Storm: <http://vimeo.com/22751346>.

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Celebrated her 80th Birthday — Billie Joyce (Atwood) Patterson is pictured with her show calf back in high school at Cross Plains. Her dad, Ben Atwood, is in the background on the left. She was honored with a beautiful birthday luncheon prepared by her daughter, Treca Edington and staff last Saturday, April 6th. A host of family and friends were in attendance.

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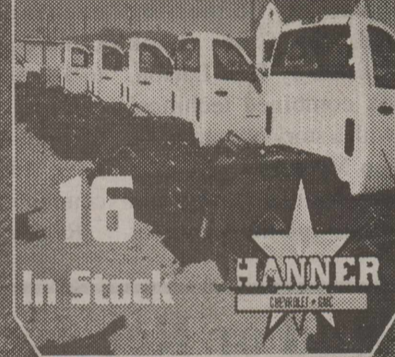
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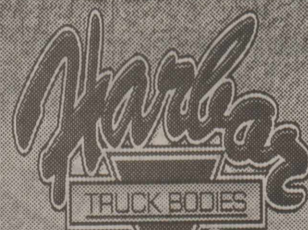
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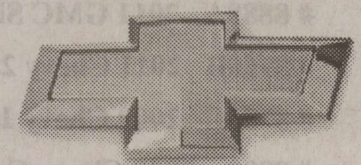
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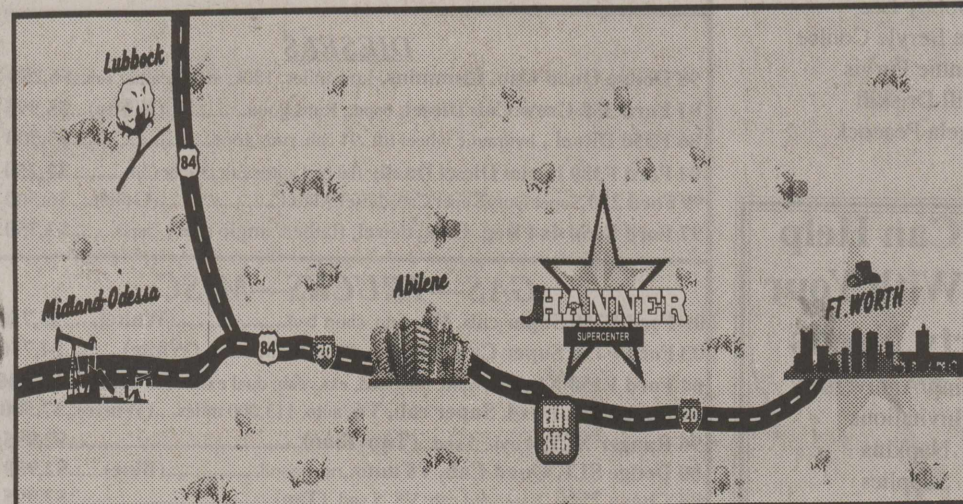
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Cross Plains Public Library's 3rd Event of "Pushing The Limits" Has Great Turnout

The Cross Plains Public Library's third event for Pushing the Limits, a pilot project to explore ways for all of us to push the limits using science and technology sponsored by the National Science Foundation, was held Thursday, April 4th. Twenty-eight (28) participants met at the Senior Citizens Center for a delicious taco supper prepared by Vivian Wooten and Carrie Wheeler. A lively and thoughtful discussion followed on the subject of Connection generated by the book *Thunderstruck* by Eric Larson. The book combined technical history with a story of murder, as Guglielmo Marconi's invention of the wireless telegraph paralleled the true-life search for

one of Britain's most notorious serial killers. Marconi's technology eventually allowed people on both sides of the Atlantic to listen in as Scotland Yard tracked and captured the villain.

A video interview with the author, Eric Larson, was shown with a human interest story of a woman pushing her limits in communication using scientific ideas and principals to make connections in her life. The exchange of ideas led Bob Childress, our science facilitator, to ask the audience members to consider the types and channels of communication we currently have in our lives and our community.

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The topic of Knowledge will be our last and fourth Pushing the Limits event with participants reading the book *The Land of Painted Caves* by Jean Auel. You may pick up a copy of the book at the library or download it to your Nook or Kindle and turn in your receipt for reimbursement. We plan to meet Thursday, May 23rd for this event.



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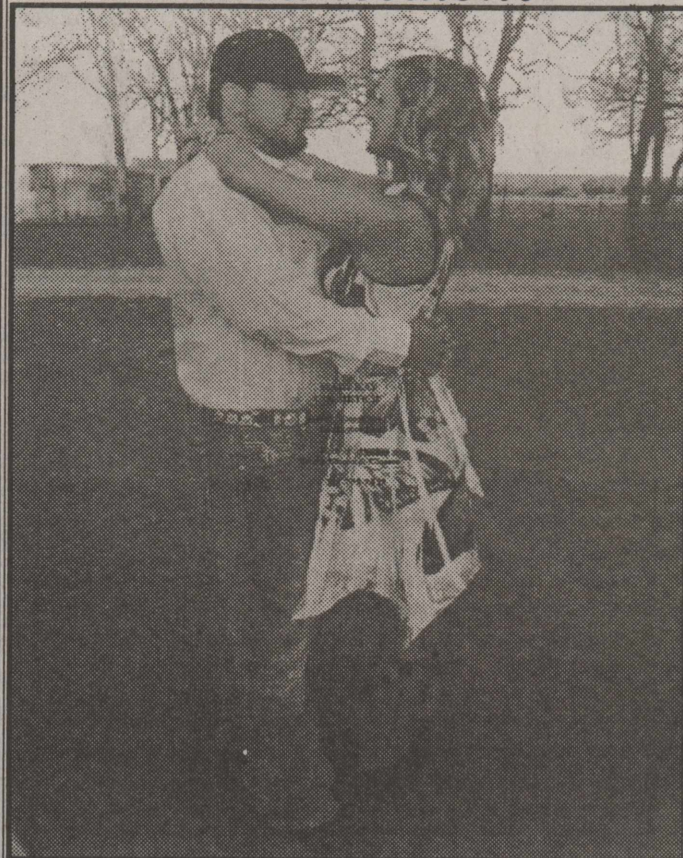
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