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Cross Plains FFA Leadership Teams to State

Cross Plains FFA Leadership Team Makes Us Proud

The Cross Plains FFA members have been competing in their Annual Leadership Development Events this Fall. They started at the Tarleton State University Invitational LDE's on November 5th but due to conflicts, only one member was able to compete at the TSU LDE. Katy Jo Morgan competed in the Greenland Creed Speaking LDE and placed first in her heat.

On November 18th, all Cross Plains LDE teams traveled to Cisco College, where they competed in the District LDE contests. The teams, members and placings are as follows:
Greenhand Farm Skills--1st Place — Creed Goode, Joseph Crockett and James Rhine
Senior Farm Skills--1st Place — Kelli Bennett, Kelbi Hyles and Kenzie Halsel
Greenhand Chapter Conduct-

ing--2nd Place — Mackenzie Byrd, Hannah Cowan, Creed Goode, Grace Goode, Katy Jo Morgan, Larson Walker, Loralei Woodard and Kersey Wyatt
Senior Chapter Conducting--4th Place — Morgan Manley, Megan France, Taryn Estes, Jurnee Thomas, Kelbi Hyles, Billy Woodard, Brenna Kleiber, Natalie Anderson and Shyler Tillery

Radio Team--13th Place — Taryn Estes, Kristin Wright and Texas Sanders
Senior Quiz--5th Place — Morgan Manley, Megan France, Teagan Fortune and Brenna Kleiber

Greenhand Quiz--1st Place — Mackenzie Byrd, Hannah Cowan, Grace Goode and Larson Walker

Greenhand Creed--1st Place — Katy Jo Morgan

Senior Creed--5th Place — Nicole Eisenbach

Job Interview--4th Place — Nicole Eisenbach

The Big Country FFA District also gives a sweepstakes award to the chapters with the most, and highest placing LDE teams. The Cross Plains FFA chapter won 1st Place in the sweepstakes this year.

Five teams from the Cross Plains Chapter competed at the Area Contests in Stephenville on Tuesday, November 26. The Senior Skills team placed 1st at Area, and the Greenhand Quiz team placed 2nd at Area, advancing them to the State FFA Leadership contest, which will be held at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, December 6th and 7th. The Greenhand Chapter conducting was 7th, the Greenhand Creed was 3rd and the Greenhand Skills was 3rd at Area.

Submitted by
Taryn Estes
Chapter President

Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes Ranked '20th' in Class A Division II

The Cross Plains High School Lady Buffaloes basketball team is ranked twentieth in the state of Texas in Class A Division II, according to the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll.

The TABC poll, released Tuesday, December 3rd has Roscoe Highland (7-0) ranked number one in Class A Division II. Lipan (8-1) is ranked number two in Class A Division II, Follett (6-0) is ranked third, Menard (10-1) is ranked fourth, Leakey (5-0) is ranked fifth, Nazareth (4-1) is ranked sixth, Garden City (7-1) is ranked seventh, while Eula (9-1) is ranked eighth and Frost (4-0) is ranked ninth. Goodrich (6-1) rounds out the top 10 in Class A Division II at number ten. Campbell (7-1) is ranked eleventh, Valley (5-1) is picked twelfth, Anton (3-) is ranked thirteenth, Rochelle (7-2) is fourteenth, Strawn (7-3) is ranked fifteenth, Chireno (8-2) is ranked sixteenth, Miami (6-0) is picked seventeenth, Buckholts (6-1) is ranked eighteenth, Rankin (6-2) is ranked nineteenth, Cross Plains (6-3) is ranked twentieth, Calvert (4-0) is picked twenty-first, Borden County (3-2) is ranked twenty-second, Yantis (7-2) is ranked twenty-third, Baird (5-1) is ranked twenty-fourth and Morgan (6-1) is ranked twenty-fifth in Class A Division II.

Texas Hunters for the Hungry Program Expands, Goes Online

Austin — The Texas Food Bank Network (TFBN) launched an online campaign this month to raise awareness of Hunters for the Hungry, a program that helps Texas hunters donate healthy venison to the hungry children and families served by the state's twenty-one regional food banks. The campaign encourages Texas deer hunters to donate venison locally by visiting a new website, texas huntersforthehungry.org. The website features a list of participating meat processors and hunger relief agencies, while the program's Twitter and Facebook groups connect hunters to the website and to each other.

TFBN also procured advertising space in the popular Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual to build interest in the program. The expanded program makes it easy to help hungry Texans.

Hunters are asked to bring their tagged, legally-harvested deer to a participating meat processor, and pay a nominal fee to cover basic processing costs. After processing and packaging the venison, meat processors contact local food assistance providers to pick up the ground venison.

"This program is a win-win for Texas landowners and hungry Texans," said Celia Cole, CEO of TFBN. "Hunters for the Hungry helps landowners manage their deer population, while pro-

viding a badly needed source of lean protein to Texans in need."

TFBN assumed management of the Hunters for the Hungry program this year from the Texas Association of Community Action Agencies (TACAA). TFBN actively recruits meat processors, solicits venison donations, promotes the program, and provides resources to support participating meat processors throughout Texas. Since the program's inception, it has provided nearly 2.5 million pounds of meat — or an estimated 10 million servings — to Texans in need.

Regional food banks and local food pantries are likely to see high demand this holiday season as struggling families seek to cope with recent cutbacks in federal nutrition programs.

"When you gather around the family table for your holiday meal, we hope you will think of your neighbors in need and support Hunters for the Hungry," said Cole. "In addition to donated venison, we are always in need of more processors and financial support to help us run the program."

To find out more, or to support Hunters for the Hungry visit texas huntersforthehungry.org. The Texas Food Bank Network provides a unified voice among food banks in support of their common mission to end hunger in Texas. Learn more at TFBN.org.

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THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

CROSS PLAINS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE THIS WEEKEND!

(Regardless Of The Weather)

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade. Friday, December 6, 2013. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it! Parade starts at 6:00 p.m. that evening. This will be a great parade for the

family! Looking for something fun before the parade? Check out the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and the library will be hosting the ornament painting for the children. Also Santa will be arriving on a

fire truck to take pictures at the Stew Supper. We hope to see you there! For more information or an entry form contact Myleah at the Chamber office 254-725-7251, or Stephanie Bien 254-725-4554.

KALEIDOSCOPE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Christmas Open House at The Kaleidoscope will be Friday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

With a large variety of new merchandise and sales storewide, you are sure to find something for everyone on your list.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day to enhance your shopping experience. Door prize drawings will be held every hour, so stop by earlier in the week and sign up.

If you can't make it to open house, come by and check out our great selection of Christmas gifts. We will be open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until Christmas. Merry Christmas and Happy Shopping!

Santa Claus is Coming to Cross Plains



Santa Claus is coming to Cross Plains for the Annual Stew Supper/Fundraiser hosted by the Kiwanis International. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 6th at the Senior Citizens Center. We ask your support with this fundraiser in our endeavor to help local children's projects.

Supper will be served at 5 p.m. and Santa Claus will arrive via the firetruck at 6 p.m.

Cost of the stew supper is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

All children are invited to have their photo taken with Santa and

will receive a bag of goodies. Additional photos are available for \$1 each and may be picked up at Susan Schaefer's office.

The Senior Citizens Center will have an array of desserts available for purchase to support their various projects.

The evening will conclude with a drawing for turkeys and gifts. **You MUST be present to win!**

We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship in our community.

Submitted by
Kiwanis Club
Cross Plains

SANTA at the BANK



Enjoy the season of giving with Santa at the Bank this Christmas.

There will be a Christmas tree in the bank after Thanksgiving with ornaments telling the gender and ages of children throughout the Cross Plains area. You may stop by the bank and choose an ornament with a child's information, then return your gifts to the bank by Monday, December 16, 2013. The gifts will be picked up by the parents as soon as possible with the help of the American Legion. A

reasonable amount to spend on the gift is \$25-\$30. If you wish to give money, we will buy the gift for you. Some gift ideas include: cosmetics, hair accessories, perfume, sweaters, hats, gloves and purses for older girls and video games, sports related items, sweaters, and hats for the older boys. Younger girls might enjoy dolls, sweaters, jewelry, purses, backpacks or stuffed animals, while the younger boys might enjoy legos, trucks, cars, action figures, ect.

Christmas is a time for giving and kindness so please help us make Christmas brighter for the children of our community this year. If you know of any children in need please call Pat Stephens with your information. (Home 725-6819 School 725-6123). Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank tree. Thank you all so much for helping the children of our community.

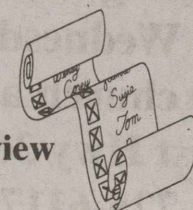


It's Time to Write Your Santa Claus Letters

All pre-school children and students through 3rd grade may send your wish lists to the Cross Plains Review by noon on Wednesday, December 11th.

The children's letters will be forwarded directly to Old Saint Nick at the North Pole. Watch for publication in the December 18th issue.

Mail To:
Santa Claus
c/o Cross Plains Review
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Cross Plains, TX 76443



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Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

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Pastor: Dwaine Clowers
Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley
Sunday School.....10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
Pastor Max Evans
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Ministry Activities
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
Thomas Estes, Pastor
Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

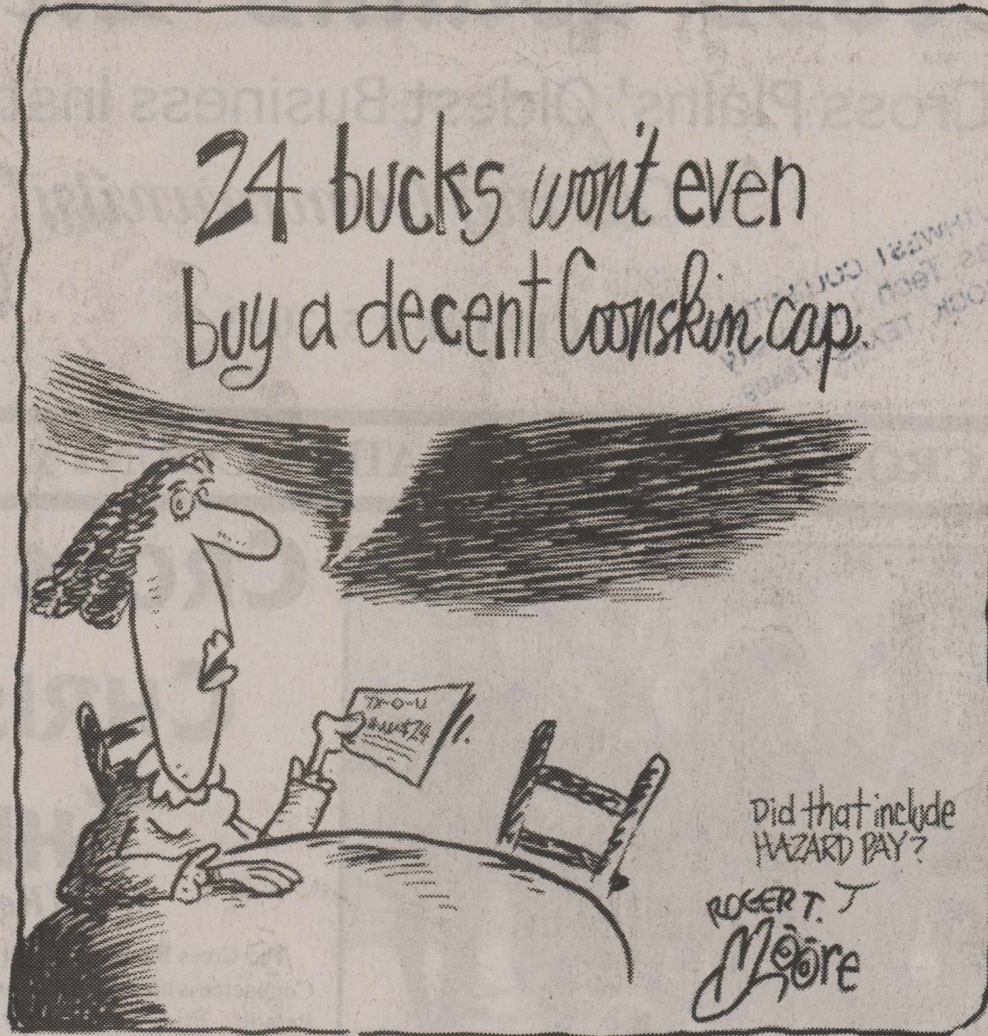
First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor Kathy Monroe
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CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Minister: RICK AUSTIN
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Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.
Bible Class: 9:45 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)
Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

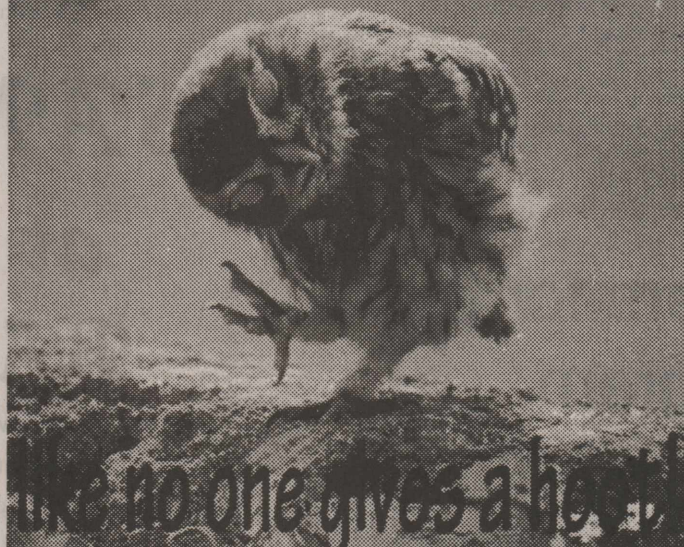
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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Martin C. Cerda Jr., possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Gene McMurtry, motion for continuance granted.
Virgil A. Partin, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 1 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$269 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

John Steven Stark and Shannon Marie Dougan, both of Oklahoma City, OK.
Thomas Wade Estes of Lubbock and Bailey Ann Richardson of Snyder.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Bridgetex Pipeline Company, LLC vs. Helen K. Groves as trustee for the Helen K. Groves revocable trust; Helen C. Alexander; Mandalay Associates Limited Partnership; John D. Alexander, Jr.; Forgason Family Limited Partnership; Henrietta K. Alexander; and Dorothy Alexander Matz, eminent domain condemnation.
Troy Capital vs. Richard R. Thompson, debt/contract.



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....so have a happy rest of the week!

TODAY'S FORECAST

God Reigns
and
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First Baptist Church

Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. **Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.**

Sunday School 9:30

Wednesday

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie B. White, Pastor

Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship
Jared Huntley/Students

(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443
www.firstbaptistcp.com

Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

Everyone's preparing for another Arctic Blast due in later this week. Bundle up and stay warm.

This Sunday, December 8th is the Holiday Fellowship Dinner at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Bring a covered dish and enjoy dinner with your friends and neighbors after the morning services.

Friday evening, December 6th — Santa Claus comes to Cross Plains. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control will be there with a firetruck in the Christmas Parade. Parade starts at 6:00 p.m.

The best place to watch the parade from--near the Senior Center, where you can get a hot

bowl of stew---at the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper. Look for our Cottonwood Kiwanis Members in the kitchen doing the cooking. Stew Supper runs from 5-7 p.m.

On Friday afternoon, take the kids over to the Cross Plains Library for their annual Christmas Ornament Decorating. The kids will have a fun time and will have made something special to hang on the tree this year.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's Annual Christmas Bake Sale is on Saturday, December 21st in front of Lowe's Market in Cross Plains. Cakes, pies and other holiday goodies are needed for the sale.

Copies of the Cottonwood

Volunteer Fire Control 25th Anniversary Book are still available. The book chronicles the early days of the group, the building of the new firehouse and the new firetruck. Books are \$15 each. You can pick one up at Connie's Cuts and Curls or the Review office. If you'd like to have one sent to you, send check for \$15, plus \$4 shipping to Beverly Brown, 14394 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Remember, the burn ban is still off. Please exercise caution if you plan to burn. Let the Sheriff's Office and your local fire chief know before you light the match. Here in Cottonwood, call Fire Chief Joe Terstege at 254-725-7281, and the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY

November 25-27, 2013

Patrons 44
Books Checked 42
Programs 3
GED 3
Copies 25
Internet 24
WiFi 2

Interlibrary Loans 2
Reference 6

Donations

Generous contributions from our Bake Sale Bakers

Memorials

Wallace, Rosemary and Candace Gregory
In Memory of Yvonne Peevy

Cindy and Doug Whipple
In Memory of Yvonne Peevy

Glenn and Ruthie Lawrence
In Memory of Joyce Odom

Glenn and Ruthie Lawrence
In Memory of Jerry Fleming

Bob and Lavonne Childress
In Memory of Yvonne Peevy

Book and Miscellaneous

Donations
Michelle Kaiser
Sue Bennett

Volunteers

Azalee Womack
Sue Bennett
Wilma Lawrence
Michael Ellis
Kathy Anderson

Senior Citizens Center Activities

December 9-13

Monday, 9th - Exercise 11:00

Tuesday, 10th - Exercise 11:00/4H Christmas Party

Wednesday, 11th - Exercise 11:00/ Bingo 11:15/ Blood Pressure Check-Girling

Thursday, 12th - Exercise 11:00

Friday, 13th - Exercise 11:00

Saturday, 14th - Community Christmas Program 12/13 - 12/14 at 6:30, First Bpt. Church

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

December 9-13

Monday - Turkey Salad Wrap,

Chips, Fruit, Dessert and Drink

Tuesday - Soft Taco with cheese, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Dessert and Drink

Wednesday -

Salisbury Steak, Potatoes/Mushroom Gravy, Spinach, Bread, Dessert and Drink

Thursday - King Ranch Chicken, Lima Beans, Corn, Bread, Dessert and Drink

FRIDAY - Tomato Soup, 1/2 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Jello, Dessert and Drink

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

"What If?"
Life is not measured
By the breaths you take...
But by the...Moments...
That take your
Breath Away...

A Hug For The Holidays

Offering Hope and Encouragement For the Season

The holiday season is often a very difficult time for those who have recently lost a loved one. West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Hospice of the Big Country would like to offer the community an opportunity to help encourage and support those who are grieving during the holiday season.

Monday, December 9, 2013, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Board Room located at 4601 Hartford in Abilene, Texas.

A light refreshment will be provided. For more information please contact 325-793-5450.

Rising Star Nursing Center

Dona McIntire

Well hello everyone. We have been doing quite a few things here at the Rising Star Nursing Center.

We made sugar cookies last week and they turned out very good. The residents sure did enjoy them. We also did a treasure hunt. The residents teamed up and searched the nursing home for many items. There was one item that would have made them win but no one got it. It was a frog in Greg's Office. They found numerous frogs but not the "Winning" frog. We will do that again real soon.

We also had a silent auction which enhances the money we spend on Christmas presents for the residents. It turned out very well. The employees donated things to auction off and this year we also had a couple of items to eat such as a brisket and a chocolate cake. Thanks to all who participated both with the donations and the buying of the items.

Thanksgiving Day went very well. We had quite a few residents that left the building and had Thanksgiving with their relatives. Then we also had quite a few people stay and have Thanksgiving dinner with their relatives. It was a great day had by all.

This Christmas we will again have the Christmas story on December 15, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.. This will also be the residents Christmas Party. We will have families here, Santa Claus, punch and cookies. Come help us celebrate Christmas.

I will close for now until next week. See you later and may God bless each of you.

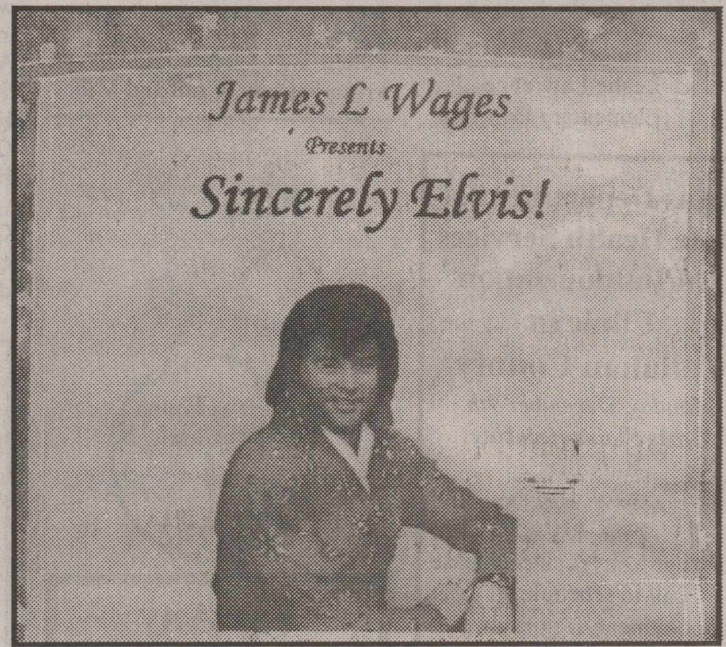
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Elvis To Perform At the Lion's Club

Elvis will be performing live at the Brownwood Lion's Club on December 13, 2013. A BBQ Sandwich meal will be served from 6PM-7PM to start off a great evening of entertainment. Elvis

will perform from 7PM-9PM. All tickets will be \$10 at the door. This wonderful evening is sponsored by Lake Brownwood Lion's Club. 6751 N. Hwy 279 Brownwood TX. 325-784-6817

Scranton Musical

The musical will be held Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the Scranton Community Center. The kitchen begins serving at 5:00. The hostess this month is Joanie Shrader. The special is Cowboy Stew, Cabbage Slaw, Cornbread and drink of your choice for \$5.00. There will also be sandwiches (\$1.50) and homemade pie (\$1.00) for your enjoyment. Buddy Johnson, emcee, will have a full slat of musicians for your enjoyment.



Our most popular musician, Tim Webb.

CROSS PLAINS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2013

Featuring:
Cross Plains Community Christmas Choir
Cross Plains Community Christmas Band
Cross Plains Community Children's Choir

Come to Hear...Come to Worship...Come to Share
Friday, December 13th @ 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 14th @ 6:30 p.m.

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Gifted / Talented Program

Dear K-6 Parents,

Cross Plains Elementary is now accepting nominations for the Gifter/Talented Program at school.

This program is designed to meet the needs of students who exhibit intellectual or specific subject aptitude skills above those normally exhibited by peers of the same age group.

If you know of such a child, who is advanced beyond his peers, please come by the Elementary Office and nominate that child. It can be your child or another child you know. Parents will be notified if their child is nominated and must give written permission for their child to participate in the identification process.

Any community member or parent may come by the Elementary Office and pick up a Parent Handbook for Gifted Education. This hand book describes the program and the identification process.

We are proud of all of our children at Cross Plains Elementary and want to meet their needs.

Sincerely,
Leslie Lawrence
Elementary Principal

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

Monday, December 9th
Cross Plains Housing Authority,
233 N. Main
Time 10-12

For your Convenience, please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer, please leave a message. Please bring Child's Immunization Records. If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

Cross Plains
School Menu
December 9-13

BREAKFAST

Monday-Sausage Kolache, Oven-Roasted Potatoes, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Cheddar Omelet Wrap, Fruit or Juice, Milk

WEDNESDAY- Breakfast Pizza, Fruit or Juice, Milk

THURSDAY - Waffle, Sausage, Fruit or Juice, Milk

Friday -Oatmeal Round, Yogurt, Fruit or Juice, Milk

LUNCH

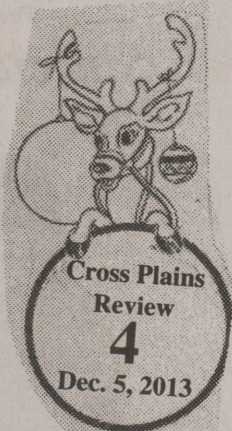
Monday -Toasted Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli Bites, Garden Salad, Orange Smiles and Milk

TUESDAY- Salisbury Steak, Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrot Coins, Sliced Peaches, Roll and Milk

WEDNESDAY- Crispy Taco, Garden Salad, Charro Beans, Salsa, Cinnamon Applesauce and Milk

THURSDAY- Breaded Pork Chop, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Strawberries & Bananas, Breadstick and Milk

FRIDAY- Hot Dog, Sweet Potato Tots, Cucumber Dippers, Fresh Seasonal Fruit and Milk

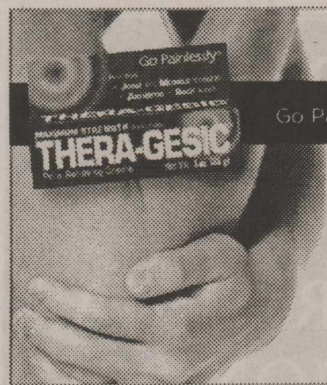


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STUDENT WRITING CONTEST

The Cross Plains Public Library has made changes in the writing contest. The 2014 entries may be submitted anytime between November 15 and January 10. The contest is still open to all students grades K-12 who are eligible to go to Cross Plains ISD whether in public school or home-school. Contestants can pick up an entry form at school or the library. Only one entry is allowed per student, and there is

a five page limit. As always, writings will be "blind judged." Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners from each grade. Lou Rodenberger Outstanding Achievement plaques will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall winners. Winners will be awarded during a special program on the afternoon of Sunday, March 23, 2014. Family and friends will be invited to attend.



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Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Round VIII applications now being accepted

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is now accepting applications for Round VIII of its award-winning Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. With a \$4.2 million appropriation from the 83rd Texas Legislature, the Round VIII grants will be limited to funding smaller courthouse projects with urgent needs, rather than the full restorations of the past.

The THC requested \$20 million for the Round VIII grant cycle, but was appropriated only what remained in Proposition 4 bond funding. Round VIII emergency grants will address serious building deficiencies affecting usability, structural, and safety issues. The local cash match is 50 percent of the total project cost, and the maximum award is \$450,000.

Past emergency grant awards have covered such issues as termite-damaged windows, foundation stabilization, roof repairs, and accessibility upgrades for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The deadline for applications is February 13, 2014; documents are available at www.thc.state.tx.us. For more information, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512.463.6094.

HISTORIC COURTHOUSES OF TEXAS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN STYLE

AUSTIN, Texas—Communities across Texas are celebrating the holidays by dressing up their downtowns

and historic squares in seasonal style. In many towns, the centerpiece of this holiday tradition is the historic county courthouse, many of which have been restored to their original grandeur through the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program. Visiting these restored landmarks is a double delight during the holiday season.

The recently restored Hood County Courthouse is a highlight of Granbury's candlelight tour during the holiday season. The Llano and Shackelford county courthouses deck the halls for the holidays. In Hallettsville, the Lavaca County Courthouse is a blaze of twinkling lights, and the recently restored Mills County Courthouse in Goldthwaite is a sight for the season.

With careful attention to detail, the lighting of historic buildings can be achieved without any harm, and the THC encourages historic building owners to contact the THC's Architecture Division for consultation on the best and safest way to proceed.

Announced in June 1999, the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program provides matching grants to Texas counties for the restoration of their historic county courthouses. Since its inception, the program has awarded \$247 million to counties, and local governments have matched this with more than \$174

million. Courthouse restorations have generated nearly 10,000 jobs throughout Texas and more than \$21 million in local taxes.

For more information on the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, visit www.thc.state.tx.us. For information about decorating a historic building, contact the THC's Architecture Division at 512.463.6094, or email the division at architecture@thc.state.tx.us.

NEW BOOK COINCIDES WITH 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATEWIDE HERITAGE TRAILS PROGRAM

ABILENE, Texas—A new photography book documents historic military structures in the Texas Forts Trail, the first of 10 regions to be officially designated by the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP). The Texas Forts Trail showcases eight forts and a Spanish presidio in the region with photos by Derrick Birdsall and text by Kristine Davis.

The book features images related to frontier life, including Comanche heritage, the Butterfield Overland Mail stage route, and Army soldiers. It was released through a partnership between Abilene Christian University Press and the THC's Texas Forts Trail.

The Texas Forts Trail highlights the THC's namesake region, one of 10 driving trails created in 1968 by the Texas Highway Department. Fifteen years ago, the THC resurrected the

concept as the THTP, and the 29-county Forts Trail in West Central Texas was the first region to be re-authorized.

For more information about the book, visit www.acupressbooks.com. To learn more about the THTP, visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

NEW AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY CONFERENCE COMING TO DALLAS

DALLAS, Texas Organizers of the Texas African American History Conference are encouraging Texans to save the dates of February 23-28, 2014 for the inaugural event in Dallas. The conference developed with the theme "Creating Preservation Partners to Protect and Locate Historic African American Places and People", will assist preservationists across the state.

Planned tours will cover topics such as historic African American churches and neighborhoods, as well as "Sacred Burial Grounds" and "Political and Military Giants." Tours and meals are available for individual purchase, and a full-access conference admission is also available.

A Dallas location will be determined based on the number of registrants. Conference details will be available in December on the African American Historic Preservation League's website (www.aahpl.org) or by contacting Dr. Ray Barnett at aahpl2003@gmail.com or 214.565.9026, ext. 335. www.thc.state.tx.us

Auto Thieves and Burglars lurking during Holidays

The holiday season is upon us! And it's the most wonderful time of the year... especially for vehicle thieves who are looking for opportunities to play Scrooge!

The Texas Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA), a division of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, reminds drivers that a vehicle is burglarized every two minutes and stolen every eight minutes in the state. These crimes can escalate during the holiday season when drivers are frequently out shopping for gifts and traveling to visit friends and family. During these times, drivers are more likely to leave belongings within view inside vehicles as well as become negligent in locking doors and taking keys. To make matters worse, a thief won't necessarily stop with taking your vehicle and the things inside. They may also look for personal documents and items that can help them steal your identity or gain access to your home, where they can burglarize additional property. In other words, the theft or burglary of your vehicle may simply be a gateway to the commission of additional crimes.

"Auto burglars are more likely to scout malls, shopping centers, entertainment

venues, hotels, and other business parking lots this time of year looking for opportunities to break into vehicles," said Michelle Lanham, program coordinator for ABTPA's Reduce Auto Theft in Texas (RATT) public awareness task force at Denton Police Department. "Drivers need to understand that almost anything they leave inside their vehicles can be valuable to a thief. And when vehicles are left unlocked and unattended, drivers are inviting thieves to walk away with everything they see inside, which often includes gifts, purses, wallets, packages, electronics, suitcases, garage door openers, keys, and personal information."

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, thieves committed 221,023 acts of vehicle burglary and stole 64,982 vehicles in Texas during 2012. In some jurisdictions, more than half of vehicle thefts occurred because doors were unlocked and keys left inside. But drivers can avoid becoming part of these statistics. The ABTPA and its 29 vehicle crime task forces in Texas promote a basic vehicle crime prevention philosophy: "Protect It, It's Yours."

Motorists should practice three

basic safety tips to help prevent theft and burglary during the holidays and throughout the year: remove belongings from view, secure vehicles, and never leave keys inside. In addition to practicing these prevention methodologies, drivers should park in areas that are well-lit, near surveillance cameras (if available), and near heavy foot and vehicle traffic. The more thieves feel threatened by detection, the less likely they are to focus on targets in such areas.

The Texas Auto Theft Prevention Authority (ATPA) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1991 to fund programs to reduce vehicle thefts. The passing of House Bill 1887 in 2007 expanded the scope of the agency to include automobile burglary and added that term to the Authority's title. For more information on the ABTPA, auto burglary, vehicle theft, prevention, statistics, contacts for any of ABTPA's 29 Texas vehicle crime task forces, public service announcements, or to schedule an interview with task force personnel, call 800-CAR-WATCH or visit the ABTPA website at www.txwatchyourcar.com.

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"Hometown Christmas" Quilt — Beta Sigma Phi is holding a drawing for this beautiful 80' x 90' "Hometown Christmas" quilt to benefit their Scholarship Fund. Donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and tickets are available from members and at Texas Heritage Bank, CP Senior Citizens' Center and the CP Public Library. Pieced by Michelle Kaiser and Mildred Hoegler, and quilted by the Cross Plains Quilting Club, this quilt is currently on display at the Senior Citizens' Center. Drawing will be held at the bank at noon on Dec. 20th. Beta Sigma Phi awards a scholarship each semester to a Cross Plains student. Members of Beta Sigma Phi and their families are eligible for the drawing. — photo and caption submitted by Michelle Kaiser



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Giant Red-Headed Centipede

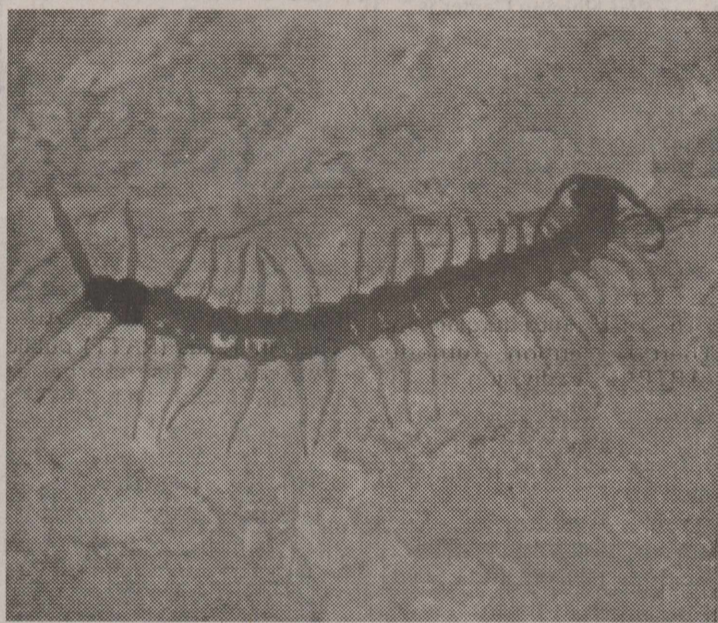
While scouring the wilds of west Texas, southern New Mexico and northern Mexico, we often encounter many strange and intimidating creatures. Generally speaking, these encounters bring about an even deeper fascination for the natural world around us. However, I can unashamedly admit that there is one animal in the wilds of Texas that gives me the "wilys", and that animal is the Giant Red-headed Centipede.

The Giant Red-headed Centipede (*Scolopendra heros*) is a type of arthropod that is a common resident through most of the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts of the United States and Mexico. It ranges throughout Texas, and it is common throughout this state. It also occurs in Oklahoma, eastern Louisiana, and southern Missouri. It is a habitat generalist, meaning that it can thrive in a variety of habitats, as evidenced by its large natural range. Wherever it occurs, it prefers dark and humid environments, and many are found under rocks and other scattered debris.

Giant Red-headed Centipedes have a cylindrical body that is broken into either twenty one or twenty three (never twenty two) segments. Each segment bears one pair of legs, one on each side of the body, bringing the total leg count to either forty two or forty six. The name centipede actually translates into "hundred - feet", although this name is a misnomer. It is with this multitude of legs that this animal moves surprisingly fast, and quite erratic.

The body coloration varies from different shades of orange, brown, or black. The constant coloration that all specimens exhibit is the bright red head (hence the name red-headed centipede) and the black tail segment complete with black legs. The head is unique from other arthropods in that it contains two sets of "legs"; the first set is folded back and used almost as a type of antennae while the second set, known as the forcipules, are curved modified legs that are used to grasp food and inject venom. While some varieties of the three thousand plus described species have groupings of ocelli that form compound eyes, this species is not one of them. This species relies primarily on vibrations that it feels from the ground and motions that are picked up on its antennae.

This species of centipede is also the largest species in Texas, as well as the United States. Adults range in size from five to six inches, although it is not uncommon to observe specimens approaching the eight to nine inch length.



The Giant Red-headed Centipede (*Scolopendra heros*)

While other arthropods and arachnids possess an exoskeleton that has a protective cuticle, centipedes lack that protective adaptation. Without this cuticle, centipedes desiccate very quickly and must always be near moisture, thus the reason that most are observed underground or under debris where humidity levels allow it to maintain its moisture content.

Like other members of its genus, this centipede is nocturnal and is strictly carnivorous, feeding primarily on other invertebrate animals such as crickets, moths, grasshoppers, and the like. However, large individuals have been known to feast upon the small lizards, snakes, and frogs. One species from South America has been observed even feeding on bats that it captures in midflight! The prey is subdued and injected with venom by the large forcipules, then pulled into the mandibles for live consumption.

Very little information is known on the breeding habits of this formidable looking creature. What is known is that there is no external copulation between males and females. Rather, the males will deposit a sperm cell for the female to find and absorb. Once the female prepares a nest in the soil, she will then lay between fifteen and sixty eggs that resemble small balls of yellow jelly.

Unlike most other arthropods, the females of this species show great maternal care. The females will coil around the jelly-like eggs, protecting them from predators. She will often clean them, protecting them from fungi as well. However, if overly disturbed, this maternal care will cease, and she will eat the eggs. If the eggs are lucky enough to hatch during the two month long incubation period, the babies, who look very much like the adults, fend for and take of themselves.

Giant Red-headed Centipedes are long lived compared to most arthropods from this area. Many specimens have a life cycle of six years or more.

The venomous bite of this uncommon yet fascinating creature is powerful enough to cause significant pain and swelling lasting several hours, but there has never been a documented human death from this species. Medical attention should always be sought, however, as the risk of anaphylactic shock is always a possibility. But remember, this animal is far more afraid of you than you are of it. We are nothing more to it than a predator that is thousands of times its size.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at www.fullprice71@gmail.com.

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District Clerk, Clyde Justice of Peace positions are contested

Callahan County Republican Party Chairman Reggie Pillans reported so far, two races will be contested in the upcoming March 4, 2014 Republican Primary Election.

Pillans said candidate filing began Tuesday, November 12th and the offices of District Clerk and Clyde Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 have more than one candidate seeking the office.

For the office of 42nd District Clerk, Angela Owens and Amber Tinsley have both filed for the position, while retired Clyde Police Chief Jerome Chaney and current Callahan County Deputy Sheriff Tom Rumfield are seeking the position of the Clyde Justice of the Peace for Precinct #1.

Owens, 42, filed for the office of District Clerk on November 12th. Owens has resided in the state of Texas 42 years and in Callahan County 12 years, 11 months. She resides at 1605 Hunters Glen Lane in Clyde and is currently employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Owens will be challenged by Amber Tinsley, 30, who filed for the position of District Clerk on Tuesday, November 19th. Tinsley has resided in the state 30 years and in Callahan County 28 years. She resides at 609 Greenbriar Drive in Clyde and is the current Deputy Tax Collector.

For the position of Clyde Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1, Alan Tom Rumfield, 57, filed for the position on Tuesday, November 12th. Rumfield has resided in the state 35 years and in Callahan County 23 years. Rumfield resides at 19260 FM 604 South in Clyde and is currently employed as a County Deputy Sheriff.

Rumfield will be challenged by retired Clyde Police Chief Jerome

Chaney, who filing for the position on November 25th. Chaney, 64, has resided in the state all his life and in Callahan County nine years, four months. Chaney resides at 9418 County Road 241 in Clyde and is currently retired.

Pillans reported a total of 11 candidates have filed for positions up on this year's Republican Primary Election.

Others seeking offices in Callahan County include:

- Incumbent Callahan County Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham filed for re-election on November 12th. Kirkham, 68, has resided in the state and in Callahan County all his life. He resides at 20235 FM 2707 in Cross Plains and is employed as the Precinct #4 Commissioner.

- Incumbent Callahan County Judge Roger Corn filed for re-election on November 12th. Corn, 73, has resided in the state and in Callahan County all his life. He resides at 532 Poplar in Baird and is employed as the current County Judge.

- Incumbent Justice of the Peace for Precinct #4 Burlie Taylor filed for re-election on November 12th. Taylor, 78, has resided in the state 32 years and in Callahan County 12 years. Taylor resides at 16469 FM 880 South in Cross Plains and is employed as the Cross Plains Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace.

- Incumbent Justice of the Peace Precinct #3 Steve Odom filed for re-election on November 12th. Odom, 65, has resided in the state 50 years and in Callahan County 50 years. Odom resides at 1309 Sunset Drive in Baird and is employed as the Baird Precinct #3 Justice of the Peace.

- Incumbent Precinct #2 County Commissioner Bryan Farmer filed for re-election on November 12th. Farmer, 57, has resided in the state and in Calla-

han County all his life. Farmer resides at 5215 County Road 241, Clyde and is employed as the Precinct #2 Commissioner.

- Jan Windham filed for the position of County Treasurer on November 12th. Windham, 56, is the wife of Precinct #3 Callahan County Commissioner Tom Windham. She has resided in the state and in Callahan County all her life. Windham resides at 1871 US Highway 283 North, Baird and is employed as the Assistant County Treasurer for Callahan County.

- Incumbent Donna Bell filed for the position of County Clerk on November 12th. Bell, 59, has resided in the state all her life and in Callahan County 13 years. She resides on Private Road 2484 in Baird and is employed as the County Clerk.

Republican party candidate filing for the 2014 Republican Primary Election will continue through Monday, December 9th, according to Callahan County Republican Party Chairman Reggie Pillans.

Pillans said locally, the office of District Clerk, County Treasurer, Commissioner Precinct #2 (Eula), Commissioner Precinct #4 (Cross Plains), and all three Justice of the Peace precincts are up for election this year. He said the filing fee for all county offices is \$750, expect for the Justice of the Peace seats, which the filing fee is \$375.

Pillans said if anyone can file by calling him on his cell phone at 214-803-5515 or at home at (254) 725-4168.

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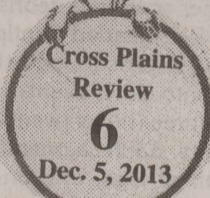
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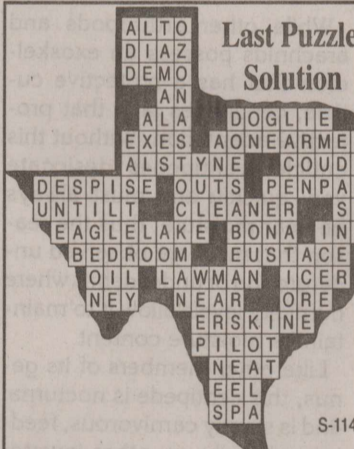
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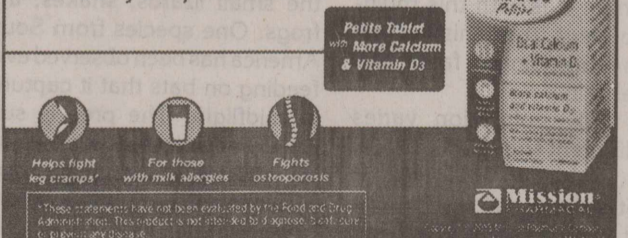
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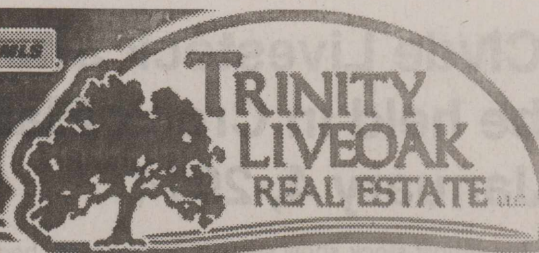
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Clyde Livestock Show will be held in Cross Plains January 4, 2014

It's almost stock show season again and with that a few updates from the Clyde FFA regarding the local stock show.

It was voted on Sunday night at a meeting of the Clyde Jr. Livestock Association that this year the local show will be held in Cross Plains at the county show barn. We understand this is not the ideal situation, however, with all of the positive growth our chapter has experienced and the construction projects scheduled to take place after Thanksgiving we felt the county barn in Cross Plains would be the best fit.

This year's Clyde FFA Community Livestock Show will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at the County Livestock Show Barn in Cross Plains. This year's show will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with the weigh-in

of animals beginning at 9:00 a.m.

With that being said our school is building a new addition to the field house, as well as, a new feeding barn for our FFA students. We as members of the faculty at Clyde High School felt it was in the best interest of all the students involved to accommodate for these times of growth by allowing access to one side of our Ag Building for use by the athletic department.

This is only a temporary move and once these construction projects are complete the local show will again be held in Clyde. It is our hope that the community will understand this decision and continue to show their support for the young people in Clyde by attending the show in Cross Plains.



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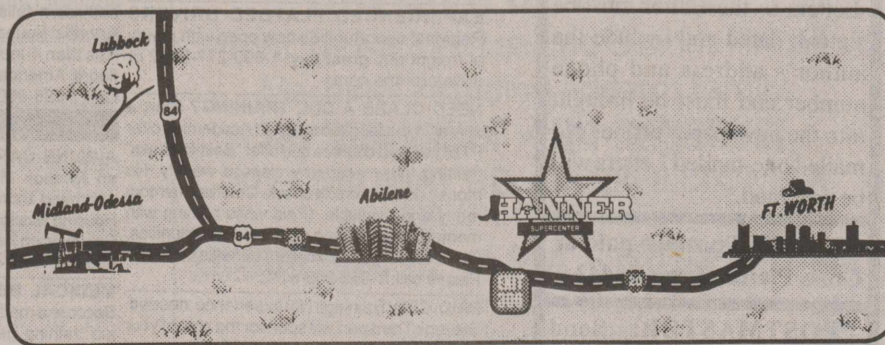
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2013 Abilene Area Pecan Show Entry Deadline is Friday, December 13th

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is proud to announce that the 2013 Abilene Area Pecan Show will be held December 18, 2013. Residents of Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Fisher and Taylor Counties are invited to submit their pecans for competition and judging. To enter the 2013 Abilene Area Pecan Show, submit 42 nuts of each pecan variety in a resealable, plastic bag to the Taylor County Extension Office. Attach one entry card per variety entered. Entries will be accepted beginning Monday, December 2, 2013; however, all entries are due to the Taylor County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday,

December 13, 2013. Pecans will be judged on Wednesday, December 18th. Our judge for this year's competition is Monte Nesbitt, Program Specialist for Pecans from College Station. Location Taylor County Extension Office located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. Entry Deadline is December 13th and the Abilene Area Show is December 18th. West Texas Regional Show is December 19th and the Pecan Management Seminar/Awards Ceremony are December 19th at 6:00pm. For more information contact the Taylor County Extension Office 325-672-6048.

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Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Deadline Approaches

By John Crabtree, johnc@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) just opened the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments in 2014. From December 2nd through January 17, 2014, farmers, ranchers and foresters interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS. The CSP rewards farmers, ranchers, and foresters for maintaining existing conservation practices and adopting additional practices on cropland, grassland, nonindustrial private forestland and tribal lands. The program helps producers foster clean water, better soil management, improved habitat, energy efficiency, and provide other natural resource benefits.

The CSP is a continuous sign-up program that has periodic cutoff dates for ranking applications. January 17, 2014 is the deadline for the coming year. Applications can be filed at your local NRCS office. The Center for Rural Affairs also encour-

ages potential applicants to call the Center's Farm Bill Helpline to learn more about the application process and help uncover and overcome barriers encountered during the sign-up by calling (402) 687-2100 or emailing Traci Bruckner at traci@cfra.org.

By 2013 CSP reached over 60 million acres enrolled nationally. CSP is one of the most popular and effective conservation programs, and many will apply, which is why the Center for Rural Affairs has fought so hard to protect threats to this funding in the current farm bill and appropriations debates in Congress. Producers interested in applying should contact the Center for Rural Affairs helpline and their local NRCS office as soon as possible to meet the deadline.

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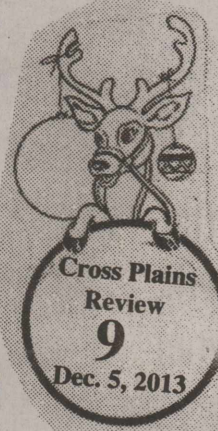
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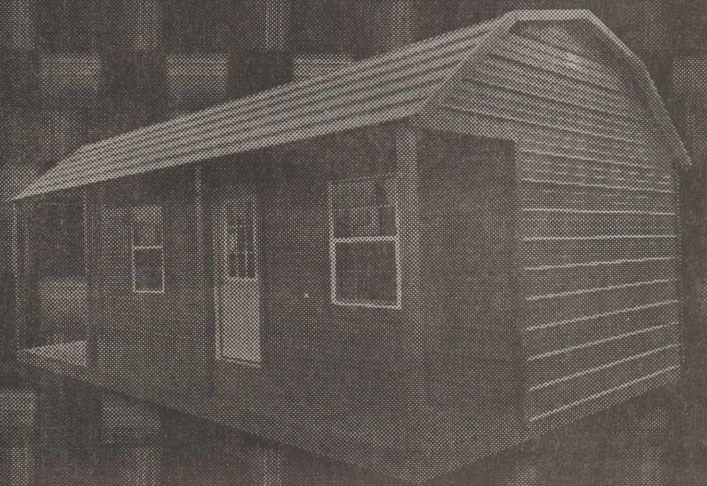
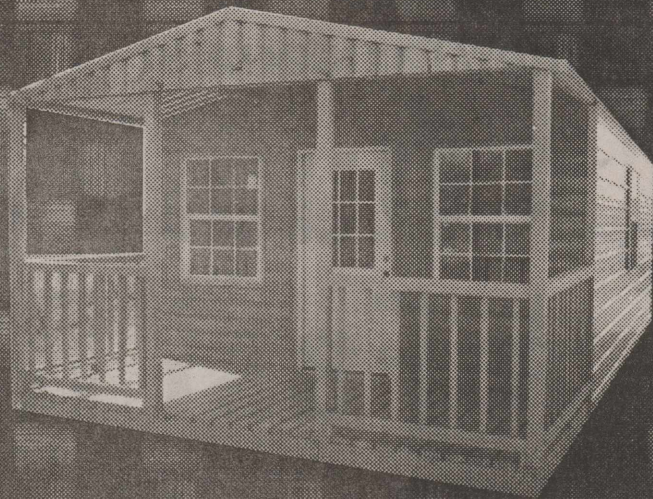
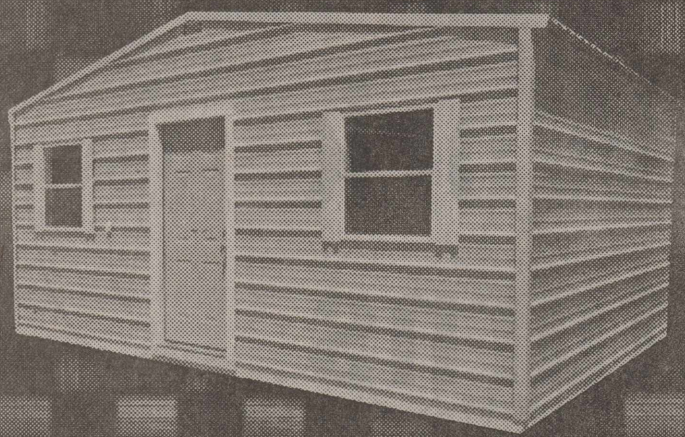


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MUDDY CREEK TO PLAY AT COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL

The Original Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball (Established 1885)

WHAT - Annual historical re-enactment of the original 1885 Ball that honored area cowboys, their ladies and families. 128 year-old family holiday celebration with traditional western music, dancing, listening, refreshments and fellowship. Open to the public.

WHEN - 8pm to 12 midnight, December 19, 20 & 21, 2013 (always the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before December 25th).

Thursday - Muddy Creek Band & square dance exhibition (\$10 - adults, \$5 - seniors & ages 13-18, free - children 12 and under).

Friday - Muddy Creek Band, Texas Santa & candy for kids (\$10 - adults, \$5 - seniors & ages 13-18, free - children 12 and under).

Saturday - Michael Martin Murphey & his Rio Grande Band (\$20, advance tickets recommended).

WHERE - Historic Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, TX 79501.

INFORMATION & TICKETS - Contact Suanne Holtman, HYPERLINK "mailto:suaneholtman@yahoo.com" or (325-537-2589). See musical website at HYPERLINK "http://

www.ansoncowboys-christmasball.com/

HISTORY - The first Ball was held in 1885 at Anson's Star Hotel. The Anson High School old gymnasium hosted the Ball for several years. Pioneer Hall was built for the Ball in Anson with construction started in 1938 and completed in 1940. The Ball has remained there ever since.

The legendary Ball and historic Hall are an official state historical event and site designated by the Texas Historical Commission to promote historic preservation and celebrate Texas history.

The Ball is memorialized by the famous Larry Chittenden poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press/New York, 1893). The poem was put to music by Colorado cowboy folklorist Gordon Graham who sang it at the 1946 Ball.

The poem with music was first published in the John Lomax classic book "Cowboy Songs and Other Frontier Ballads" (Macmillan Company, 1910). The Ball is portrayed in the large 1930s mural in the US Post Office at Anson and the 1936 water color painting by Maxine

Walker Perini on permanent display at Abilene's Grace Museum. It is also the acknowledged genesis for the annual "Cowboy Christmas" concerts held throughout the US by America's #1 Cowboy Singer Michael Martin Murphey and his Rio Grande Band have played the Ball for the past 20 years.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association owns as well as maintains Pioneer Hall and conducts the annual 3 day Ball. It is a non-profit Texas corporation organized in 1937, an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity, and composed of non-paid members who voluntarily contribute their time, service and resources. The Ball was copyrighted in 1937 and remains the exclusive property of the Association.

1885 Ball rules remain in effect today. Ladies are required to wear dresses on the dance floor. Gentlemen are required to check in hats, guns and spurs. No drinking, fighting, cussing, spitting or riding horses is allowed in the Hall. This year will be the 79th consecutive historical re-enactment.

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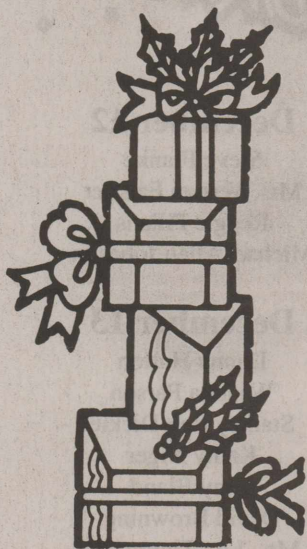
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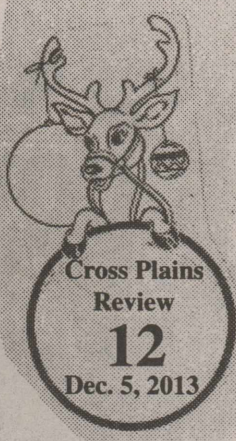
Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop!

We meet the third Tuesday of

each month, at 6:45 pm for refreshments and fun.

If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email either of the following:

- Venita Teal (President) call 669-0886 or email at vltmini5@gmail.com
- Kathy Hocke (Membership) call 721-3131 or email at hockeig@camalott.com



Grand Ole Oplin Annual Christmas Ball December 6th

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out to their Annual Christmas Ball being held this coming Friday evening, Dec. 6th. MUDDY CREEK will be joining us playing all of your favorite Christmas country tunes as well as all of your favorite two-steps and waltzes. Our decorators have been very hard at work and our dance hall has been transformed into a Christmas Wonderland.

Some snacks will be provided

but yours will be appreciated to be shared by all during the band's break. Admission to our Christmas Ball is \$8.00 per person. Our dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the GRAND OLE OPLIN for an evening of good friends, good music and a real good time. Merry Christmas to everyone!

December 12
Steve Franke
Mrs. Vernon Falkner
Reggie Pillans
Michael Allen Johnson

Christmas Dance in Rising Star

December 13
Danny Hutton
Wanetta Parson
Stanley Rex Dickie
Kathy Niger
Tony Bland
David Browning
Mrs. Log Thompson
Joe Everett Burkett
Ken Horan
Jeanie Gilland
Dustin Anthony Morales
Minnie Larkin
Joy McKenzie

The Market Building at 202 S. Main in Rising Star will be the location of the annual Christmas Dance, featuring the band "Muddy Creek." Festive decorations are in place for the event—a newly resurfaced dance area is finished—all in readiness for an enjoyable beginning of the Holiday season. Admission will be \$6 per person (no coolers or smoking allowed inside.) Get ready for a lively evening of music and fun.

The dance will finish off a very busy day for Rising Star. The EDC sponsored Open Air Market will be happening from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.—(in the Higginbotham building—due to weather)—SANTA will be visiting around 10:00 a.m., with treats for the kiddo's, furnished by the Star Pride organization and "goodie bags" provided by the Chamber of Commerce.

Plan the first weekend of December; to celebrate the numerous opportunities of finding that "special something" as a gift—getting lots of baked goods (which freeze really well) to help save time later this month, to help several organizations raise money for good causes, and then finish the evening with a BBQ treat at the Market Building, and music from a talented band.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored event will take place Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Come hungry—come early—there will be a snack bar serving delicious BBQ sandwiches (with all the trimmings), chips, water, sodas, sweets, a little something for any size appetite.

December 14
Bobbie Jo Grissom
Bobby Jack McCowen
Calvin Champion
Gene Thomas
Sherry Ann Wilson
J.T. Merry
Robert Grissom
Rosie Parker
Mrs. Essie V. Alexander
Mrs. Clovis Simons
Micky Lapata
Troy Harris

December 15
Tommy Ames
Shambyr LeLayne Sanders
Terry Brown
Jessa Mae Reddick
Carlton Newman
Roy John Reddick
Susanna DeBusk
Linley Goble
Janice Newman
Billie Joe Shepard
Alton Sheppard
Donna Grider
Joni Irwin
Alyssa Nicole Brown
Andrew William Wheeler

December 16
Kathy Jo Woody
Bobby Taylor
Amy Combs
Emory Lusk
Wallace Bennett
Alicia (Oberto) Martin
Joe Holland II
Jacob Pancake
Larry Lee

December 17
Ike Neal
Gary Rogers
Shawn Thayer
Pearl Perry
Sheri Graham
Terri Graham
W.E. Walker
Kasey L. Maynard
Harold Hinkle
Vickie I. Gilmore
Dillon Heath
John Paul Cowen II

December 18
Jayln Dancie King
Max Miller
Cindy Chapman
Dwayne Clark
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ACROSS

- 1 Monte _____, TX
- 5 actress Cameron of film "Any Given Sunday" with TX Dennis Quaid
- 6 a recorded song not for release
- 7 TXism: "bend _____ elbow" (drink)
- 8 pie _____ mode
- 9 TXism: "let a sleeping _____"
- 15 TX George Strait's "All My _____ Live in Texas" (var.)
- 16 TXism: "busier than _____ fry cook in a truck stop"
- 19 Van _____, TX
- 21 type of focus for a reflecting telescope
- 22 hate or detest
- 27 what Frangers & Astros want while on defense
- 28 someone you write to regularly (2 wds.)
- 29 level up?
- 30 TXism: "was _____ plucked than a Thanks-giving turkey"
- 32 _____ Jo, TX (abbr.)
- 33 in Colorado Co. on hwy. 90A
- 36 TX Willie is a _____ fide Texan
- 37 TXism: "_____ heartbeat" (fast)
- 38 TX Gary Morris '91 tune: "Miles Across the _____"
- 39 in Henderson Co. on hwy. 175
- 41 TXism: "black gold"

DOWN

- 1 "It don't _____ up"
- 2 TXism: "a boldface _____"
- 3 Tex-Mex entrees
- 4 newspaper in the seat of Crockett County
- 8 TXism: "sounds like a dry _____ (bad singer)"
- 9 TXism: "_____ in the woods?" (yes)
- 10 TX Buddy Holly song: "Rave _____"
- 11 Rice won 1966 _____ College Bowl"
- 12 knife wound
- 13 TX football play area: grid _____
- 14 TXism: "size _____" (evaluate)
- 15 TX rivers flow south _____
- 16 start of a poker game
- 17 he was "Lou Grant" on TV
- 18 TX Tanya Tucker 1972 hit: "_____ Dawn"
- 20 TX Christmas celebration: "Boar's Head & _____ Log Festival"
- 22 notable former Cowboy TE: Billy Joe _____
- 23 dir. from Comanche to Hico
- 24 attack with a knife
- 25 "stool _____" (police informer)
- 26 TX leuds book: "_____ Before I'll Run" (1951)
- 28 corrals
- 31 person, place, or thing
- 34 this Odom played badly for the Mavs in 2012 (init.)
- 35 early internet co. fore runner of TX 7-11's Sturpee
- 40 saloon district in early Fort Worth: "Hell's Half _____"
- 43 poker statement: "read 'em and _____"
- 44 "Semper Fidelis" is the motto for these soldiers
- 50 bearlike Australian marsupial
- 51 this technical institute has 10 outlets in TX (abbr.)

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