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# Cross Plains Review

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THURSDAY, December 16, 2010



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101st YEAR

CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 40



Look What's New — Cross Plains Public Library continues to make our community proud.

## New Signs Promote Town's Accomplishment

Have you discovered the new signs coming into town from all directions? We want the world to know what Cross Plains has accomplished.

In a town of less than 2,000, it was quite an achievement for the Cross Plains Public Library to be chosen as one of two finalists, competing against libraries with populations of up to 25,000 in the

"Best Small Library in America" 2010 award. Now anyone who visits will know how proud we are.

Our thanks to property owners who generously allowed us to put up the signs: Larry and Sandra Crockett, Homer and Helen Parson, Phil and Susan Schaefer and Frankie and Kelli Hyles.

Also, thanks to board members

Tom Rone and Bob Childress for making the signs and to Mark Ring and Johnny Rosson for helping set them.

The Cross Plains Public Library thanks its friends and supporters for making this national award possible and we look forward to 2013, when we will be eligible to compete again.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser



"BELLIES ARE ALWAYS IN STYLE"

Crystal Conway who is expecting her first child, and Santa Claus seem to be competing to see who's belly is bigger.

## Christmas Spirit in a BIG, BIG, WAY

Did you see it snow? Evidently it came a big one to make the size snowman that Mike and Tonya Walker, who live several miles out on FM 374 (off East 1st Street) built.

The HUGE snow man is made from two large round bales of hay. A stall rake and a push broom make his hands and a big black feed buck made for a cute derby hat. A giant-size red scarf adds color and his buttons appear to be painted on the front. What a creative idea!

Jimmy and Sandra Hyatt out on FM 880 (just before Burlie Taylor's house) has a round hay bale with Santa's face on it with a BIG red hat to top it off.

Jack and Karri Shepard have their house lite up and looking good. They are out on Hwy 206 just east of the show barn.

Take a ride some evening and look at all the Christmas decorations, lights and more.

## Presbyterian Church to Present "Hark the Herald" this Sunday

"Hark the Herald"—songs and carols to celebrate Christmas will be presented Sunday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the local Presbyterian Church.

You are invited to join 4His Glory and Friends for their annual

Christmas Cantata. 4His Glory include Matt Sowell, Mandy Sowell, Rhonda Swift and Connie Swift.

Please enjoy an evening filled with songs and multimedia which will portray vivid images of the

season.

Refreshments will be served following the performance. Come fellowship during this very special holiday celebrating Christ's birth.

## Local Steer Wrestler Does Well at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Matt Reeves recently made his third trip to the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas, Nevada. Only the top fifteen Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) steer wrestlers are eligible to compete in this elite event.

Finishing 1st place in one round

and 4th place in another, Matt placed 7th in the average earning \$35,000 for his efforts.

Sam Koenig, Matt's father-in-law and a former steer wrestler, served as his hazer during all his runs. The pair obviously work well together.

Savannah (Koenig) Reeves is Matt's wife and she is a

professional barrel racer. This past summer she won the barrel racing title at the Calgary Stampede earning \$112,000. She did not compete in the Wrangler National Finals as most of her winnings were in Canada.

Matt, who is from Pampa, and Savannah live on the Koenig Ranch near Burkett.

## PAST DUE Library Fines Help Local Food Pantry

Do you have an overdue book fine at the Cross Plains Public Library? You can pay your fine in canned goods and help our local food pantry during this winter season.

Each item of non-perishable food brought to the library between now and December 30th is good for \$1 toward your fine. Pay your fine and help out those in need in your community at the same time!

The pantry is in need of canned corn for their holiday baskets by December 20th, but all items are accepted. Of course, if you don't have any fines, you can still bring your non-perishable items to the library and help this worthy cause.

Library hours are Monday through Friday, from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

## Texas Heritage Bank to Host Christmas Open House

As we enjoy the Christmas Season, we are reminded of the miraculous birth of Christ, in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. She brought forth a son and his name was called Jesus and He shall save

His people from their sins.

Texas Heritage Bank invites you to their Open House Thursday, December 16th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served.

## Candlelight Service at Rowden Baptist Church

Rowden Baptist Church, located twelve miles west of Cross Plains on Highway 36 at Rowden, will be hosting a Candlelight Service on Sunday,

December 19, 2010 at 6 p.m.

The congregation invites everyone to attend this celebration of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Help Feed The Hungry

You can help feed the hungry in your own hometown by donating to the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center. Home cooked hot meals are served 5 days a week to the Seniors in Cross Plains. The Center delivers Meals on Wheels to approximately 45 people each day. For many this is the only meal and only personal interaction they have all day. There are also many Seniors that come to the Center to eat lunch that are not able to pay. If you donate just \$5.00 this feeds one person a home delivered meal or meal at the Center. Please consider donating to The Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center where your money will stay local. Call 254-725-6521 if you have any further questions.



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**Texas Heritage Bank**

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## Church Directory

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School.....9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Evening Service.....6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

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

### Triple Cross Cowboy Church

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: Billy Smith  
 254-725-6268

Sunday School.....10:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints  
 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

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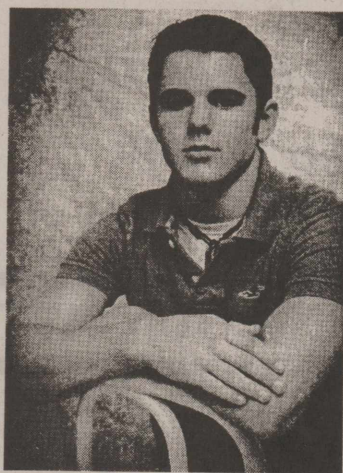
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## OBITUARIES



Ashton Yates

Services for Ashton Yates were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, December 10, 2010 at Christian Community Fellowship in Garden Valley, with Rev. Don Baltzgilier officiating. Graveside services were held at Laurel Oaks Cemetery, Mesquite at 2:30 p.m., Friday, December 10th, under the direction of Hilliard Funeral Home of Van.

Ashton passed away at the age of 19 on December 6, 2010.

Ashton Wayne-Gipson Yates was born July 9, 1991 in Dallas, Texas. He had been a resident of Van for 2 1/2 years, formerly living in Cross Plains. He played baseball from the time he was 4 years old through high school, winning the Little League World Series in his youth. He also played football and was awarded the Big Country All Wide Receiver in high school. He was currently attending Kilgore Junior College, majoring in criminal justice to become a police officer, and also worked as a waiter at Chili's in Kilgore.

He was preceded in death by his father, Timothy Wayne Yates; and great-grandparents, Chester Wayne Adams, Georgianna Gipson, Johnny Medlan and Mary Medlan.

Survivors include his mom and dad, Kim Yates and Steve Jamison of Van; sister, Ashley Jamison of Van; grandparents, Keith and Wanda Gipson of Mesquite, Gary and Tess Lanier of Cross Plains, and Jamie Jamison of Hallsville; aunts, Tammy Gipson of Mesquite, Rhonda Roumpf and husband, Brian of Lantana; uncle, Luke Lanier of Cross Plains; cousin, Hali Gipson; girlfriend, Heather Holden of Rising Star; and many other family members and close friends.

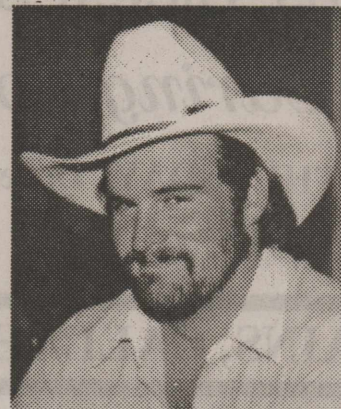
Pallbearers were Mitchell Gibbs, Trey Guinn, Josh Sparks, Chris Marr, Reese Allen, Bobby Simpkins, Dallas Hasler and Joe Dalton Wyatt.

Memorials may be made to First Sate Bank of Mesquite to Ashton Wayne-Gipson Yates Fund, 917 Military Parkway, Mesquite, TX 75147 or Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains.

### Callahan County Sheriff's Office Thank you

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Thrifty's for their donation of breakfast burritos, and Lawrence Brothers-IGA for their donation of orange juice for the kids on the youth hunt.

It all was enjoyed by the kids and gave them a good start to a great day of hunting. Sheriff Windham would also like to thank all the volunteers for their help and all who made the hunt a big success. Thanks again to all.



MARK WAYNE MOENNING

Mark Wayne Moenning, age 47, of Cross Plains, Texas, passed away Saturday evening, December 11, 2010 in Abilene, Texas.

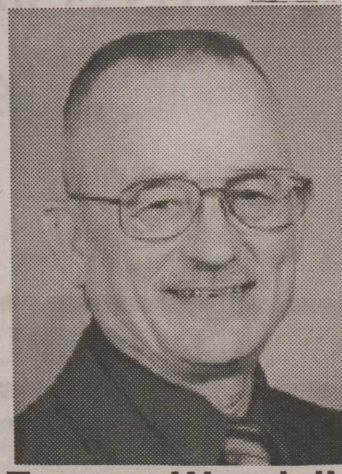
Services were held Wednesday, December 15, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Electra, Texas. Rev. Charles Nichols of Wichita Falls officiated. Interment followed in the Electra Memorial Park under the direction of Aulds Funeral Home of Electra.

Mark was born November 3, 1963 in Wichita Falls, Texas to Vernie and Millie York Moenning. He was a 1982 graduate of Electra High School where he was on the football and rodeo teams. Mark loved to play football and started playing at the age of eight. During one of his first games, because of his size, play was stopped and his Mother had to go home to find his birth certificate in order to prove his age. He also loved to ride horses and mules and he was one of the original members of the Electra Mule Riders. Mark loved many things but his first love was always his family. He was a gentle giant with a huge heart.

He started working with his Dad at the age of 16 on an oilfield work over rig and later joined his father in owning the business. He had lived in Electra throughout his life until 2006 when he moved to Cross Plains, Texas where he started his own well service business. He had also been a farmer and a rancher throughout his life.

He and LaDonna McNeal were married February 1, 2002 in Electra.

Mark is survived by his wife, 2 sons, Garrett Cade Moenning, and Justin Wayne Moenning and his wife Ashley, all of Electra, four daughters, Megan Goins and her husband Cody of Burkburnett, Amber Moenning of Electra, Tiffany Johnson of Cross Plains, and Cortney Jordan of Henrietta, Texas, his parents, Vernie and Millie Moenning of Electra, his sister Joy Crowley and her husband Steve of Deer Creek, Texas, his brother Danny Joe Moenning and his wife Jackie of Electra, two nephews, Ryan Raschke and his wife Karianna, and Cody Joe Moenning, two nieces, Randi Sims and her husband Brandon, and Dani Stephens and her husband Scott, and his grandmother Ruby Moenning, of Nocona, Texas who is 103 years old. Mark, known as PopPop, will be dearly missed by his nine grandchildren, Jessi, Jayli, Kaylee, Hannah, Trey, Jayden, Talan, Aubri, and Landon. He is also survived by his father and mother-in-law, Wilburn and Margie McNeal of Cross Plains, and numerous aunts and uncles and two great aunts and one great uncle. Mark is also a great uncle to seven.



Tommy Wendall Ramey

Tommy Wendall Ramey born December 15, 1945 went home to his Lord and Savior, Tuesday December 7, 2010.

He is survived by his wife Amy Lee Redus Ramey, sons Kevin and Brant, his wife Kris, granddaughters Jordan and Koriann, grandson Matthew, his mother Dorothy Ramey, sister Judy Savage, brother Gerald Ramey and wife Marsha, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held December 10, 2010 at First Baptist Universal City. Burial followed at Ft. Sam Houston cemetery.

Tommy was a loving husband for 43 yrs, father and grandfather, known as Papaw. Honored to have served his country in the U.S. Army (and Marine Corps) for 21 years. A proud Vietnam vet with numerous service medals and awards during his military service. He served his church by teaching and helping people find their Spiritual Gift.

He served his community through his involvement in Special Olympics competitions and committees at both the local and state level.

His grandchildren were the joy of his life and loved sleepovers-games-and bike rides. He looked forward to supporting their activities in choir and truly enjoyed those long choir trips.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Texas Children's Choir  
 2530 Harry Wurzbach, Ste 2606

San Antonio, TX 78209  
 Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Funeral Home.

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## First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM  
 MUSIC- CONNIE SWIFT & BETTY LEWIS  
 LEAD SINGERS: 4HIS GLORY  
 Pastor Kathy Monroe  
 208 N. Ave. D

## First Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 am  
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:30 pm  
 Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
 Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm  
 Children Choir 6:30 pm  
 Ronnie B. White, Pastor  
 (254) 725-7629 3rd & Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443

### Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from December 5, 2010 through December 11, 2010 include:

Cases Investigated  
 Warnings—135  
 Complaints—89  
 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—2  
 Driving While License Invalid—3

Vehicle Accidents  
 There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

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## COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN

The Ladies of the Quilting Club are taking their Christmas holiday break. They'll resume quilting on Tuesday, January 4, with their regular schedule. You can join them for lunch that Tuesday (or any Tuesday after that) at noon. Just bring a covered dish.

Tuesday, December 21st is the Bake Sale down at the Senior Citizens Center in Cross Plains. Lots of Cottonwood folks hang out at the Senior Center. You can stop by and see them and pick up some holiday goodies for yourself. The bake sale starts at 9 a.m.

Our next musical is set for Friday, January 7, at the Community Center. The musicians are already lined up and ready to play. Mark your calendar now. The doors open at 5 p.m. We start serving in the kitchen at 5:30 p.m. and the music starts up at 6 p.m. We'll be having stew—as well as,

sandwiches, pie, coffee, tea and soft drinks. Just in case it's cold out, the wood-burning stoves will be going—keeping everyone nice and warm. Feel free to bring a blanket, if you'd like.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, January 4. The group is getting ready for their 3rd Annual Fish Fry to be held the last Saturday in January—January 29th. David at Mexico City Cafe will be doing the fish again. Arnie signed up to cook beans. And everyone will be chipping in to help on the French fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies and drinks.

The Quilting Ladies have made a special quilt for the Fire Control Group. It's made in a beautiful gold and brown Thunder River pattern design. Sue Bennett did the piece work on the quilt. Tickets will be on

sale for the quilt at the January Musical and at the Fish Fry.

Remember your family and loved ones at Christmastime with a gift of Cottonwood—the Cottonwood Cookbook, that is. The Original Cottonwood Cookbook and Cottonwood Cookbook, Volume 2, and the first Cookbook Supplement are all available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Cross Plains Review office and Connie's Cuts and Curly. Or, send in a check and we'll send one right out to you. Cottonwood Historical Assn., P.O. Box 704, Cross Plains, TX 76443. For the Cookbook or Vol. 2, send \$20 plus \$4.50 shipping; for the First Supplement, send \$15, plus \$3.00 shipping. If you're ordering a cookbook and the First Supplement, just send \$4.50 on the shipping—we'll put the supplement in the same box with the cookbook.

## CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB NEWS

DIANA MILLER

The Cross Plains Garden Club met at the home of Mary Ella Weaver on Friday, December 10, 2010. Mary generously offered her home for our December meeting and Christmas lunch, after learning of the debilitating fall that Julene Franke experienced in November. Please join us in our prayers for Julene's complete recovery from her hip injury.

The meeting was opened by President Eva Fleming. Members present were: Norma Farmer, Eva Fleming, Julene Franke,

Billie Kelly, Sandy Lusk, Diana Miller and Mary Ella Weaver. Guests, Gina Fleming and Nadine Nickerson, were also present to participate in the meeting and to enjoy the fellowship of the Cross Plains Garden Club.

Show and tell followed the roll call. Mary Ella Weaver presented her robust blooming African violet. Her success with the plants rigorous growth was simple: water every 7 to 10 days and fertilize twice a year. Mary purchased the plant at an earlier CPGC plant sale and it has been

a vigorous performer. So mark your calendar: **Our next plant sale is scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2011.**

Gardeners, it's not too late to plant our winter cover crop. Wheat, oats and barley are excellent grains to enrich our tired summer soil. We can also plant our cold crops now.

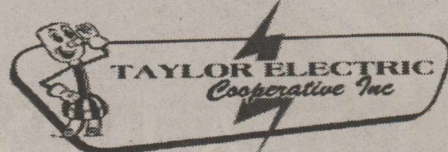
Our next CPGC meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 14, 2011. Visitors are welcome.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**PLEASE  
CONTINUE  
to  
Pray  
for  
RAIN  
to  
HEAL  
Our  
LAND**



**TURKEY DELIVERY** — Josh Constancio from AMA Techtel, the new phone service in town that provides Senior Citizens with a discount on their home phone service delivered frozen turkeys to the center. (left to right) Velma Lee, Muriel Davis, Josh Constancio, Therennie McCrohan and Babs Sherrell enjoying their lunch.



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### BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir  
Cross Plains Church of Christ

#### Peace and Joy

Inner peace and joy, not being visible to the eye, are hard to describe and even harder to teach or acquire. It is possible to be at peace or be in a peaceful environment only because one is ignorant of unknown circumstances or events that are happening. Once the ignorance is broken and the circumstances or event is revealed the peace is shattered.

The peace and joy rising from genuine faith and trust in Jesus will always rise above circumstances and events. Jesus said, "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

Genuine faith in Christ allows us to confidently obey Him in laying down our lives for others and possessing peace and joy regardless of life's circumstances.

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

433 N. Main St. 254-725-6117



**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKING** — Donnie Dillard from Girling Healthcare with Ester Kerr after taking her blood pressure. Girling provides this service the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the CP Senior Center.

### Rising Star Nursing Center News by Dona McIntyre

Hello again! We had a very good time on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at our Resident Christmas Party. The resident's put on a play of "THE CHRISTMAS STORY". It was very good. Thank you to the family and friends who came to enjoy it.

Ronald Phillips played Joseph, our CNA Tara Ratcliff played Mary and her new born Kinsley was baby Jesus. The shepherds were Margaret Blanton, B.J. Patterson and Chase Chastain. The three Wise Men were C.W. Richter, Wesley Stewart and Neil Maples. Our main Angel was Martha Kay Justice. Two other angels were Alma Simpkins and Juanice Cook. To top it off we had a Star Angel played by Betty Mullinax.

A special thank you to Maxine Morgan, who played the piano with for the Christmas songs and to Connie Kirkham of Cross Plains who led the singing. Stephen Teplicek our maintenance man was our narrator.

Thank you to the kitchen help who put out cookies, punch, hot chocolate and coffee to top it off. Then "SANTA" appeared. He was in his red suit and was enjoyed by both young and old. He was handing out candy canes and finding out what everyone wants for Christmas.

Today the residents enjoyed putting together the sacks of candy and fruit for the Chamber of Commerce. We really had fun with it.

## LIBRARY NOTES

December 6-10, 2010

Patrons:	146
Books Checked Out:	122
Programs:	29
LAP	8
Lapsit	7
Other	14
Copies:	32
Reference:	6
Internet Users:	52

**Memorials:**  
Cross Plains Class of 1949  
In Memory of N.L. Dillard and Cristine Brown Brinkle

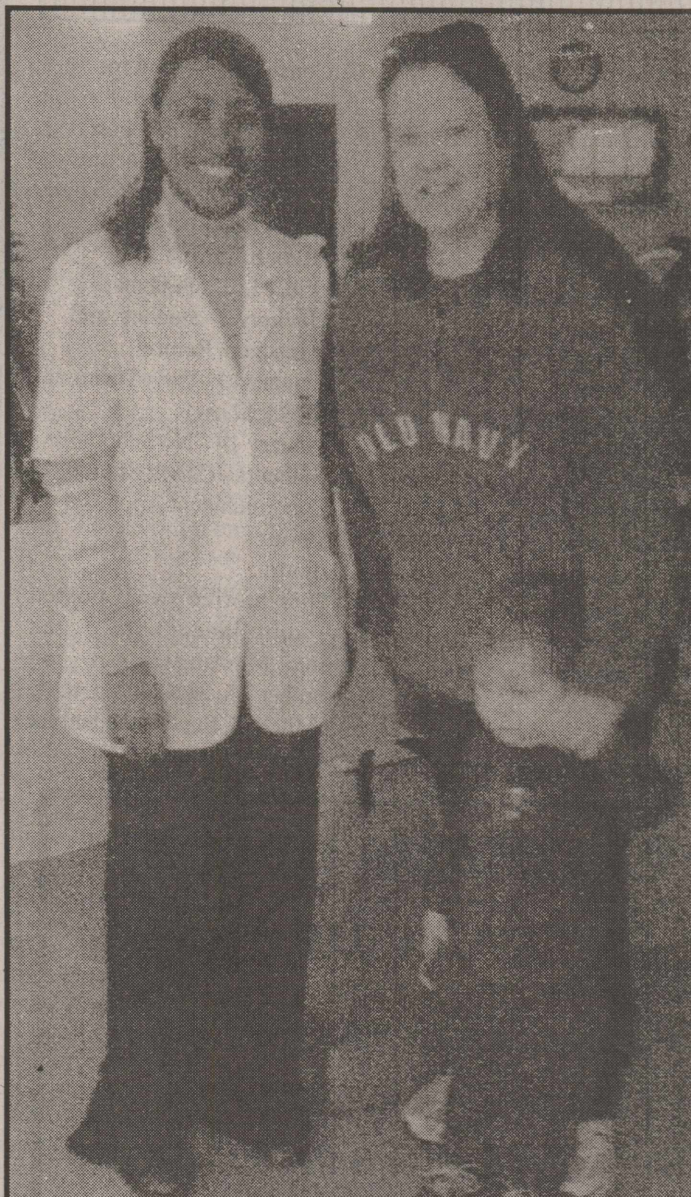
**Living Tribute:**  
Linda Burns  
In Honor of the Library Board of Directors and Library Staff

**Book Donations:**  
Curt and Ginny Hoskins  
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Sue Neal  
Michelle Kaiser  
Amy McCready  
Wil and Dana Huckle

**Volunteers:**  
Arlene Stephenson  
Sue Bennett  
Beverly Ross

**Cross Plains Area Genealogy Society meets at the Library every first and third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.**

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**FLU & PNEUMONIA SHOTS** — Angelina Tucker, (left) a resident of Cross Plains and a pharmacist from Walgreens in Abilene, came to the Senior Center to give Flu & Pneumonia shots. Amy McCready (right) received her flu shot while her son, Major waited patiently.

## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES: BY AMBER THOMAS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Monday, 20th** - 10:00am Movie Monday. Cokes and Popcorn. Computer Classes.  
**Tuesday, 21st** - BAKE SALE!!! 9:00AM  
**Wednesday, 22nd** - Blood Pressure Checks by Girling 10:30-11:30  
**Thursday, 23rd** - Center Closed, No Meals Served, No Activities. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**Friday, 24th** - Center Closed, No Meals Served, No Activities. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

• Meals served from 11:45 - 12:45 pm for all seniors and their guests. Please call the day before to let us know you are coming!!  
254-725-6521 - Center  
325-201-3342 - Amber Thomas

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

### NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER:

Electric Skillets, Roasters and Griddles

### SENIOR'S WISHLIST

Dear Friends of Meals on Wheels,

We are nearing Christmas and thank you for participating in providing a special something for the Seniors!

You can pick from the list of items we hope are fulfilled. If you can help with any part of one or more of these, please let us know. We hope to finalize all the deliveries by Christmas Eve if not sooner.

We ask that if at all possible, you make your deliveries, but if you cannot, please have items packaged according to the list they go with and drop them by the Cross Plains Senior Center for distribution.

We will be accepting heaters and blankets through March and at the end of this drive, we will begin collecting fans and air conditioners for the Summer.

In addition to the Wish List Items, we would GREATLY APPRECIATE gifts of fruit, food items that can be easily opened by our participants, gift cards to local eateries, etc... Many did NOT ask for a thing because they felt others needed it worse. I would like to be able to do those a food basket.

AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL SO VERY, VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LOVING HEARTS AND JOYFUL SPIRITS. YOU ARE ALL SO GREAT & WONDERFUL. GOD BLESS YOU ALL. HAPPY HOLIDAYS! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Thank you, Amber Thomas

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 24

**MONDAY**- Smothered Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

**TUESDAY**- Steak Fingers, Potatoes, Carrots/Peas, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

**WEDNESDAY** - Chili w/Beans, Fruit, Crackers and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk

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

**THURSDAY**- CENTER CLOSED NO MEAL SERVED MERRY CHRISTMAS

**FRIDAY**- CENTER CLOSED NO MEAL SERVED MERRY CHRISTMAS



## School Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on December 16, 2010 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

### REGULAR MEETING

Call Meeting to Order

1. Open Forum
2. New Business
  - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
  - B. Review Payment of Bills/ Finance Report
3. Personnel
  - A. Consider Resignation of Employee
  - B. Consider Recommendations for Employment

- C. Consider a Stipend for Girl's Track Coach
4. Superintendent's Report
  - A. January Board Meeting - Thursday, Jan 20th, 6 p.m.
  - B. AEIS Reports (School Report Card)
  - C. Fiber Lines in Gym
  - D. January 3- Students and Teachers Return
  - E. January 13 - Early Dismissal (Stock Show)
  - F. January 14 - No School for Students - (Stock Show)
  - G. Superintendent Appraisal Forms
5. Adjourn.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on December 13, 2010 at 3 p.m. by Phil Mitchell, Superintendent for the Board of Trustees.

## Christmas Holiday Schedule

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2010

EARLY OUT AT 1:00 P.M.

BUSES WILL RUN AT 1:10 P.M.

Christmas Holidays

December 20, 2010 through December 31, 2010

CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011

AT REGULAR TIME

## HOLIDAY

Stock Show - Student Holiday - Teacher Staff Development or Comp Day  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2011

CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011  
AT REGULAR TIME

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## VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL

The Cross Plains Christmas Classic was successful for both the Buffaloes and the Lady Buffs. The Lady Buffs took home the 1st place trophy and the Buffaloes placed 2nd overall.

It was a competitive tournament for both sides, just about every game was close. The Buffaloes first game was against Rising Star, this is the second time the two teams have met this season.

The boys played well beating the Wildcats by a score of 66-32. Blake Hutchins led all scorers with 16 on the night. Other top scorers included Cody Ford (13), Gavin Erickson (11), Justin Golson (12) and Cody Self (8).

The Buffaloes faced a tough Priddy team in the second round. Both teams were hot throughout the game combining for 16, 3-pointers, which made the game very exciting.

It was back and forth offense for a while, the crowd was really into the game which made it all the more thrilling. Justin Golson led all scorers with 18 points including 4, 3-pointers.

Cody Ford and Blake Hutchins also had big games, Ford put up 15 points, hitting 3 behind the arch and Hutchins scored 14 points hitting 2, 3-pointers of his own. The team shot 100% from the free-throw line in the game.

The team then faced an unforgettable championship game Saturday night against the undefeated Abilene Christian Panthers. It was a tight game throughout. Both teams were playing solid defense and taking high percentage shots.

The Buffaloes struggled with turnovers and free-throws during the game and couldn't seem to get

in any kind of rhythm, which really hurt our confidence. The game ended with a score of 38-31 in favor of ACHS.

Austin, MVP of the tournament, from Abilene Christian led all scorers with 22 points. Justin Golson finished with 11 and Cody Ford added 10, they both were selected as All-Tournament players.

The Buffaloes will travel to Dublin on Tuesday and to Lampasas to face a tough Badger team on Friday. The team will also be participating in the Breckenridge Lion's Club Tournament on December 22-29.

They will play Fort Worth Country Day the first round at 10:30am. Come out and support your teams.

## Jinger Jo Gerngross' Family Express their "Thank You for Your Support"

To all who organized, supported and attended Jinger Jo Gerngross' Benefit dinner, dance and auction:

We have never felt more love and so blessed as we did the night of Jinger Jo's Benefit. We're incredibly thankful to all of you who took the time to organize such a successful event in honor of our precious baby girl. Even though we have been chosen to be in a situation that is difficult, the support of our friends, family and overall community has kept our spirits lifted.

Right now the single goal for our family is to get Jinger well. Thanks to such overwhelming support, we are able to stay focused on that goal and spend less time concerned about the future of financing her treatment.

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## USDA Introduces an online tool to assist beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the Department has established an online tool that can link retiring farmers who have expiring Conservation Reserve Program contracts with beginning farmers or ranchers who are interested in bringing the land into production. The new online resource, TIP Net, is a website provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Through the Transition Incentives Program (TIP), producers with land for sale or lease are introduced to qualified beginning or socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers who want to buy or rent land for their operations.

"The interest in TIP during the first six months of implementation has far exceeded our expectations," said Vilsack. "This tool should make TIP even more effective in facilitating the transition of land to our next generation of farmers."

TIP provides up to two additional Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payments to a retired or retiring owner or operator with

an expiring CRP contract. To qualify, the landowner must sell or lease the CRP land to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher so the new operator can convert some or all of the land to production using sustainable grazing or crop production methods.

As of Nov. 30, TIP participation included 372 contracts on more than 52,000 acres, with nearly \$5 million obligated for TIP annual rental payments.

For beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers who cannot qualify for conventional credit, FSA offers financing as well. FSA makes direct loans and guaranteed loans made by conventional farm lenders to finance the purchase and operation of a farm. Each fiscal year, the agency targets a significant portion of its direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loan funds to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. In the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2010, FSA made or guaranteed 18,700

loans totaling \$1.975 billion to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. In addition to the funding reserves, FSA operates a special "down payment" loan program to assist socially disadvantaged and beginning farmers in purchasing a farm. Like TIP, this program can help retiring farmers transfer their land to future generations.

Additional information on FSA farm loan programs is available online at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) or from any FSA office. TIP Net can be found online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/tipnet>.

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## Cross Plains' retail sales are over 2% higher in 2010

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2010 are running over two percent higher than 2009 sales tax payments, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, December 8th.

Cross Plains' 2010 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$199,605.46, which is 2.49 percent higher than the \$194,748.46 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2009.

The payment to the city for December 2010 was \$16,908.09, which is 2.0 percent above the December 2009 check of \$16,575.97.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said on Wednesday, December 8th that November state sales tax revenue totaled \$1.84 billion, up 8.7 percent compared to November 2009.

"Sales tax revenue has now grown for eight consecutive months compared to year ago levels, with recent gains above the five percent mark," said Combs. "November's monthly gain showed growth in a range of sectors like manufacturing, the oil and natural gas industry, retail trade and restaurants."

The Comptroller will send cities, counties, special purpose districts and transit systems \$435.8 million in December sales tax allocations, up 4.5 percent compared to last December. The final sales tax allocation of 2010 brings local sales tax revenue for the year to \$5.6 billion, a fraction of a percent less than in 2009.

Combs will send Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$290.9 million, up 4 percent compared to December 2009. During calendar year 2010, cities received \$3.8 billion in sales tax revenue, up less than 1 percent compared to the previous year. Counties' December sales tax allocations will total \$27.5 million, up 11.9 percent compared to December 2009. Counties will end the calendar year with sales tax revenues that are 1.2 percent below 2009.

Ten local transit systems will receive December sales tax allocations of \$98.6 million, up 2.2 percent compared to December 2009. December sales tax allocations of \$18.7 million are going to 174 special purpose districts, an increase of 15 percent compared to last December.

November state sales tax collections and December sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in October.

For details of December sales tax payments to individual cit-

### CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

Total yearly sales tax payments	2009	2010
	\$194,748.46	\$199,605.46
Total monthly sales tax payments	2009	2010
	\$16,575.97	\$16,908.09

ies, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/alloscum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/alloscum/compsum.html).

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, January 14th.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2010 started the year 5.66 percent higher than the 2009 payments. The city has received \$106,271.64 in 2010, while the 2009 tax payments to the city totalled \$100,574.43.

Baird's monthly payment for December 2010 was \$8,553.50, which is 29.87 percent higher than the \$6,586.00 check mailed to the city in December 2009.

—The 2010 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 5.89 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2009. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$473,007.23 in 2010. The 2009 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$446,669.94.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for December 2010 was \$35,377.68, which is 1.52 percent higher than the \$34,845.02 check presented to the city in December 2009.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2010 payments to the town totalled \$13,436.16, down 20.59 percent from the 2009 payments to the city in the amount of \$16,920.26.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of December 2010 was \$1,072.65, which is 26.12 percent lower than the \$1,452.02 check mailed to the city in December 2009.

Countywide, sales tax payments for 2010 in Callahan County are higher by 4.40 percent compared to the 2009

payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2010 amounting to \$792,320.49 while the 2009 payments to the county towns totalled \$758,913.09.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of December 2010 were \$61,911.92, which is 4.12 percent higher than the December 2009 sales tax rebates of \$59,459.01.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one-half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

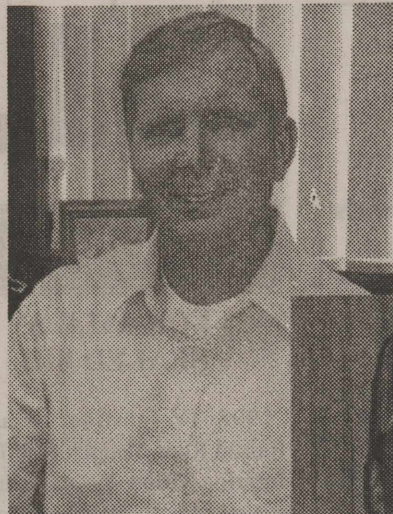
Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 1.50% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city and 0.50% allocated to the community's economic development corporation.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

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## Travel Safety Tips from the Callahan County Sheriff's Office

BY: RONNIE BROADUS  
Communications  
Supervisor

The Callahan County Sheriff's Office has some tips to help ease the pain of holiday traveling this year by getting to your destination safe and sound. Here are just some of the many tips that you can keep in mind when you travel this Christmas whether you decide to take the road or the air.

1. Before you go on any trip, safety begins at home, right before you leave. Get plenty of rest as this will definitely affect your entire travel. The lack of rest is almost certain to make any traveler sleepy and irritable, which may cause a lot of trouble especially when you're the designated driver.

2. Let someone know of your complete travel plans in case of emergency or flight delays. Awareness of weather and road conditions prior to traveling can also save you a great deal of time and energy.

3. Inspect or have a professional mechanic inspect your car at least two days before your scheduled travel. It is very important to check the brakes, tires, antifreeze, wiper fluid, gasoline, lights, battery and wipers. You need to give enough time for the car's

check-up so that if something needs to be repaired you still have enough time to get it done. If there's something wrong with the car and you rush fixing it, you may end up with car trouble on the road after all.

4. Pack ahead of time and not the night before. Make a list of the things you need to bring and be sure to include a safety kit for 'just-in-case' situations. Pack warm blankets, ample drinking water, flares, flashlights (with fresh batteries) and first-aid medicines (especially when you're traveling with your children). These items may not sound necessary upfront but you never know - it is always better to play it on the safe side in case the need arises.

5. If you're traveling with your children, be sure to use a restraint system that is appropriate for your child's height and weight. Make it a point to read the manufacturer's usage guidelines to ensure that you're doing it right. Also, it would be wise to keep your kids in the back seat of your vehicle buckled up properly (no matter how short your trip may be).

Sheriff John Windham and his staff want to wish you and your family a Safe and Merry Christmas.

## Holiday Nutrition Tips from WIC

Ah, the holidays! That joyous time of the year when the weather is cold and our hearts are warm as we celebrate the season with friends and loved ones.

Tradition sharing and party-going are in full swing. One of the first things that come to mind when we think of the holidays is food.

It seems like everywhere you go there is a tray of cookies, a tall glass of eggnog or someone's favorite family recipe to be tasted.

It's no wonder that many people put on extra weight this time of year. According to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine people gain an average of about one pound during the time between Halloween and Valentine's Day. While one pound doesn't seem like much, the study also showed that most of this extra weight is kept so it accumulates over time. This is thought to be a major contributor to adult obesity.

Did you know that according to the Centers for disease Control over 60 percent of Americans are overweight or obese?

That's well over half of our population! Obesity contributes to other diseases such as heart disease and diabetes—two of the major killer diseases today. The good news is that obesity is preventable! So this holiday season, with a little planning and moderation you can avoid adding inches to your waistline. Here are a few tips that will have you singing holiday songs with even more joy in your heart!

\*At dinner get small portions—think "appetizer size". You can always go back for seconds if you're still hungry later.

\*Eat slowly. Give your body time to sense that you are full to prevent feeling like a stuffed turkey after you eat.

\*At a party serve yourself snacks on a smaller sized dessert plate and resist the urge to pile high:

Try sticking mostly to fresh fruits and veggies and lean meats.

Go easy on sugary desserts. Be careful with sauces and dips.

\*For a potluck event bring a

low-calorie contribution and try to fill up on that.

\*Don't show up hungry. Eat something before going so you can enjoy "nibbles" of the good stuff.

\*Start a new family tradition. Before or after a big dinner get everyone to go for a walk. This is a fun activity that children and adults can enjoy together—plus, hot cider is even more enjoyable after a brisk walk in the cool weather!

May you enter the new year with more hope, new memories and the same sized clothes!

Happy Holidays from Outreach Health Services and WIC.

This nutrition tip has been brought to you by the Outreach Health Services WIC Program. WIC provides nutritious foods and nutrition counseling to pregnant, breast-feeding and postpartum women and infants and children up to age five, as well as breast-feeding assistance to pregnant and breast-feeding women. Call the Cross Plains WIC clinic at our main office in Clyde at 325-893-4552 or come by 113 Fay Circle, Clyde or catch us at the Cross Plains Community Resource Center the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month to see if you qualify.

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## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

### OUR LEGACY

There are moments in life when we should take time to think about our legacy. When our time on earth comes to an end, what will we be remembered for? Will we be thought upon fondly or will our life's work quickly fade from the memory of those who knew us? It is important to think about how we are spending our life. As long as it may seem right now, it will pass us by all too quickly and we will wonder where the time went. That is all the more reason that we should realize how fleeting life is and do our best to make a difference where our life will be remembered and thought upon long after we are gone. (James 4:14) (2 Corinthians 4:18) (James 1:27)

How do we make a difference? We do so by living a life of integrity, by caring for those in need and by loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. Being self-ish and only wanting for our own well-being will leave us feeling very empty and very alone, but by wanting the best for others and doing all that we can to ensure they become better will fill us with a joy that is unspeakable. I like the simple quote that says "givers gain" because I believe those who give are more blessed than the recipients themselves. The Bible says that we will reap what we sow. Whatever we put into the ground whether good or bad will come back to us one day to either bless our life or curse our life. What we do today determines what we will reap in our tomorrows. (Proverbs 20:7) (Matthew 5:16) (1 Thessalonians 5:11-14)

Be encouraged to do all that

you can to be a blessing to those around you. Be someone's shoulder who can lean upon you. Give of your time to encourage or uplift those who are feeling down and discouraged. Keep your word when you say you're going to do something and do it with all of your heart. Always remember that it is in giving to others that we gain the most and it is in blessing others that we become the most blessed. That's how God works.

He asks us to give a little and when we do, He returns to us much more than we gave. By being givers while we are alive, others will be impacted and inspired to follow in our path and continue what we started long after we are gone. That is a legacy that we can each aspire to possess. (Luke 6:30-36) (2 Corinthians 9:7)

I hope this message inspires and challenges your heart to all that you can to be a giver in life. That is God's way to ensure a blessed and fulfilled life.

Dwayne Savaya  
From the Internet

### Cheese Rice Crispies (for a party)

2 cups rice crispies  
dash red pepper  
2 sticks soft margarine  
2 cups plain flour  
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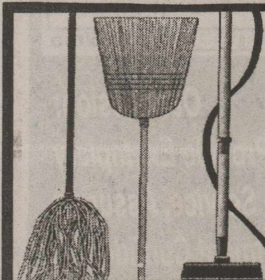
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Garret Ellis

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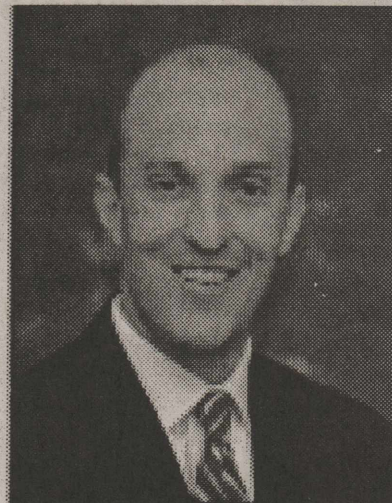
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The Kiwanis Christmas tree will be lit after Thanksgiving, in memory of and in honor of loved ones who have passed on or are fighting in the battle with cancer. Look for the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" in the park area next to the Cross Plains Library.

You can help light the tree by purchasing a bulb for each person you'd like to remember or honor. Bulbs are a \$2.00 donation each signifying "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" your loved one or friend. The bulbs will be added to the tree for you. All you need to do is purchase the bulb at Texas Heritage Bank (or by mail) and give the names "In Memory of" or "In Honor of".

To purchase a bulb by mail, fill out the form below and mail it to: Melissa Richards, P.O. Box 524, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Make checks payable to Community Cancer Fund.

In Honor of

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In Memory of

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### Light the Tree of Faith, Love & Hope

#### In Memory Of...

Leif Hunter  
Butch Davis  
Joe & Nell Fleming  
Lester & Lucille Bush  
Bill Watson  
Gene Bush  
Glen Fleming  
Patsy Pipes  
Glenn Payne  
Kathy Purvis  
Jean Draper  
Sharyn Hill  
Lorene Anderson  
Homer Turner  
Lester Wyatt  
Tresay Purvis  
Otis Purvis  
Karen McKittrick  
John Davis  
Larry Davis  
Johnny Pancake  
L.D. Koenig  
Nancy Pancake  
Marciana Ibarra  
Harry A. Rapp  
Wayne Brown

#### In Honor Of...

Crystal Davis  
Conway  
Crystal Roberts  
Vecy Carpenter  
Colton Manley  
Diana Dobbins  
Gene Zellman  
Verna Childers  
Mary Pancake  
Hutchins  
All the strong citizens of Cross Plains fighting this illness

Add your loved ones to the Tree of Faith, Love & Hope in the park next to the library. Mail in the form from the Review or stop by Texas Heritage Bank. You can add a bulb (\$2.00) - or a whole string of bulbs to the tree!

Remembering & Honoring Loved Ones at Christmastime

Use an additional sheet of paper to list more names for the tree. For questions or more information, contact Melissa Richards at 254-725-6651.

Proceeds from the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope" go to help

cancer patients in the Cross Plains area. Primarily, the fund helps with transportation costs—gas, food and lodging—when local patients travel the distance to and from the hospital for treatments. Your donations help your friends

and neighbors.

Help light the "Tree of Faith, Love & Hope"—and the entire park. Make this a great Christmas Memorial to those who have gone on before and to those who are fighting the battle with cancer.

### Arlinda Williams attended 8th Annual Training Conference for Sheriff's Administrative Assistants

Arlinda Williams from the Callahan County Sheriff's Office recently attended the 8th Annual Training Conference for the Sheriff's Administrative Assistant in Horseshoe Bay, Texas, October 20th-22nd.

The Sheriff's Association of Texas holds this Conference at no cost for administrative personnel from Sheriff's Offices across Texas. Each year the Conference provides attendees with critical training on topics that affect the duties and responsibilities of Sheriff's Offices. Attendees also have the opportunity to network with their peers and discuss issues faced by law enforcement agencies across the state.

This year, more than 150 people were in attendance. Each participant received training on a wide variety of topics including: Basic Principles of Assent Forfeiture, In the Line of Duty Deaths, Cold Case Review Team, Sex Offender Registration/Notification, Federal Surplus Property Program (1033), Pardons & Parole, Time Management, GSA Purchasing Program, and more.

The Sheriff's Association of Texas (SAT) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness or local law enforcement in Texas. Through the support of their Members, SAT provides training, legal/technical information, and other critical resources to law enforcement personnel in Texas. SAT also offers scholarships to Peace Officers and their children who wish to continue their education. In addition, they honor Fallen Officers with their Lost Lawman Memorial. For more information or to join, visit [www.txsheriffs.org](http://www.txsheriffs.org) or call (512) 445-5888.

## Santa at the Bank 2010

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 Wednesday, December 15, 2010.

The gifts will be delivered or 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 the older girls and video games, sport 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, etc.

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 254-725-6819, school 254-725-6123).

Also Dollar General has a box in the front of their store for donations to the Santa at the Bank Tree.

Thank you so much for helping the children or our community.

Submitted by Pat Stephens

## Callahan County Tax Office announces Holiday

The Callahan County Tax Office's regular hours they are open to the public, are Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 (closed for the noon hour) and open again at 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

During the holidays there will be a couple of exceptions. Thursday, December 23rd, the office will close at 3:00 p.m. It will be closed all day Friday, December 24th for Christmas Eve. They will also be closed, all day, the following Friday, December 31st for New Years Eve.

## OLD FOLKS AND COWPOKES

By JAMES NICHOLS

Fred and Hugh (Part 4)

The last outdoor visit the two men had was on a rainy cold day at a Masonic Funeral. They were both ailing. Hugh said, "Fred was cold, so I unbuttoned my overcoat and put it around him."

Back in the thirties, before antibiotics were discovered, Fred contracted pneumonia, which was often a deadly disease. If one could survive for ninety days, he had a chance to live.

Hugh never left Fred's bedside. He sat on the porch in case there was any change. After the crisis was over one of their cronies asked him, "Hugh, what do you think of Fred?" Hugh replied nonchalantly, "Oh, the old S.O.B. is going to live."

In 1906, Oscar, Hugh's brother,

married a petite English woman, Mae. They moved to Midland where Oscar worked on the Scharbauer Ranch and later homesteaded some land there. Hugh decided to join Oscar, so on January 7, 1907 he left traveling by way of Aspermont, where he met and married Anne Garrett. He said Anne was dressed in a gray suit and he thought she was the cutest thing "in sight".

Hugh decided to join Oscar and homestead some land of his own. Hugh had the homestead land on his mind when Mr. J.C. McDermott, who had the final word, put a stop to the homestead dreams. He said, "You boys forget those ideas and come home to Callahan County and settle down on some good land."

To Be Continued

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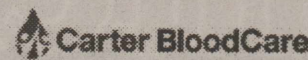
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## Blood Donors Save Lives



## Blood Drive Benefitting Ginger Jo Geringross



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Tuesday,  
December 21st  
7am-8:30 p.m.

Please Contact: Christie Dyer @ 325-854-1315 ext. 307 for Information or to set up an appointment.

Walk-ins are welcome, but those with appointments will be taken first. Please have a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before your donation.

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Shady Oaks Restaurant will be closed on Dec. 25th & 26th for the Christmas Holidays! ★

★ Happy Holidays to All! ★

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## The Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball set for December 16th-18th

Texans who have gone dancin' in Anson at the legendary Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball in historic Pioneer Hall know it is an unforgettable holiday experience. For those who have not attended, it is a must for your western "bucket list".

The annual Ball is a re-enactment of the original 1885 Ball that honored area cowboys, their ladies and families. This 125 year old family holiday celebration includes traditional western music for dancing or listening, refreshments and fellowship. It is open to the public.

The first Ball was held in 1885 at Anson's Star Hotel which was later destroyed by fire. The Anson High School old gymnasium hosted the Ball for several years thereafter. Pioneer Hall was built for the Ball in Anson with construction started in 1938 and completed in 1940. The Ball has been there ever since. The legendary Ball and historic Hall are designated as an official state historical event and site by the Texas Historical Commission to promote historic preservation and celebrate Texas history.

The old time western 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 in Anson and in 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. Murphey and his Rio Grande Band have played the Ball for 17 years.

The Ball has been a cherished holiday tradition for our family for 6 generations. My great-grandfather and namesake, John Milsap (Civil War cavalryman, Texas lawman and Jones County pioneer rancher), attended the original Ball and is named in the Ball poem by Larry Chittenden, his friend and neighbor. When my wife Dolores and I danced a western waltz with our baby granddaughter in 2003, she represented our family's 6<sup>th</sup> generation to participate in the Ball.

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(3)(c) tax exempt public educational 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.

**WHEN** - 8pm to midnight, December 16, 17 & 18, 2010 (always the Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights before December 25<sup>th</sup>):

\*Thursday - Michael Martin Murphey and his Rio Grande Band (\$15).

\*Friday - Muddy Creek Band and Key City Squares square dance exhibition (\$5).

\*Saturday - Muddy Creek Band and Texas Santa with candy for the kids (\$5).

**WHERE** - Historic Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, Texas 79501

**INFORMATION & TICKETS** - Please contact Suanne Holtman, (325)537-2589, suaneholtman@yahoo.com or Nettie Lee, (325)823-2159. See the musical website at [www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com](http://www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com).

John Milsap Compere  
Callahan County rancher  
(Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association Member)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### DECEMBER 19

Brittany Franke  
Dwayne Wilson  
Ruth Letney  
Weldon McCorkle  
Melissa Parrish  
Max Watson  
Mrs. Betty Jones  
Greg McNutt  
David Reed  
Betty Micham  
Regina Curry  
Karen Scott McClure

### DECEMBER 20

Candace Nadine Nickerson  
Shaela Fulcher  
Robert Ray Simons  
Don Penn  
William Reynolds  
Bonnie Sheppard  
Rocky Champion  
Ted Don Archer  
Peggy Lee Mireles  
Hannah Chambers  
Patricia (Meador) Hopkins  
Betty (Hicks) Gary

### DECEMBER 21

Rylan Mills  
Allen Woody  
Cranz (Skipper) Nichols, Jr.  
Jimmy Crawford  
Carsyn Walker  
Eddie Hedrick  
Beth Meador  
Tommy Phillips, Jr.  
Riley Allen  
Peggy Brock

### DECEMBER 22

James (Bim) Goble  
Cody Ford  
Cody Joe Sliger  
James Illingworth  
Peter Perry  
Mrs. B. Crow  
Gary D. Gilland  
Jerry Walker  
Thurman Furry  
Lindsey Meiron

### DECEMBER 23

Bo Barr  
Douglas Dallas  
Kenneth Sowell  
Jason Beauchamp  
Bobby Pipes  
Roselyn Holmans  
Mrs. Kenneth Thate  
Janet Riser  
Weston Jones  
Cliff Waddell III  
Barbara (Purvis) Batton  
Lauretta Johnson  
Tommie Neff  
Star (Dodds) Burselson  
Mrs. Bertha Hoyt  
Lawana Freeman  
Ida Witney  
Brian Haun  
Vanessa (Taff) Mathison  
Sheila McWherson  
Laura Johnson  
Danielle Marion  
Don Baskin

### DECEMBER 24

Brandy (Hutton) Gaudin  
Jim Bassett  
Judy Steele  
Tonya (Steele) Berge  
Courtney Taylor  
Dena Jo Nickerson  
Justin Richey  
Mike Moore  
Frankie McGough  
Christy (Dewbre) Bectold  
Ethel Eastham  
Mrs. Emma Morgan  
Jim Alexander  
Laci J. Koenig  
Christy Driskill  
Rita Falkner  
Theresa Adams  
James Conor Sweetman

### MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

### DECEMBER 25

Klay Wilson  
Robert Floyd  
Leanne Gibson  
Donald Stover  
Leslie Reed  
Karin Sabatis  
Wesley Webb  
Brent Hutchins  
Blanche Thrasher  
Charolette (Brown) Lee  
Roger Crawford  
Joseph Jackson  
Daniel Bushnell

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## Courthouse News

**CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS**  
Roger Corn, Presiding

**42nd DISTRICT COURT**  
John Weeks, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Christian C. Nwachukwu, driving while license suspended (DWLS).

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Eric T. West, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted due to forgery.

Jonathan Carrion, motion to revoke granted.

Mary Ann Flores, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Ann Marie Maher, order releasing cash bond granted.

Terry M. Seals, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

### Marriage Licenses

Aaron J. Martinez and Brianna N. Lien, both of Clyde.

### Civil Filings

Maureen Kersey, as trustee on behalf of Citi Financial, Inc. vs. Russell W. Jones, Jr., James Donald Jones, Timothy James Jones, Amanda Marie Schum, and the unknown heirs at law of Helen Hass in re: 541 Poplar, Baird, Tx. 79504, default on note.

The State of Texas vs. 2001 Kenworth tractor and 1998 Wabash trailer, seizure/forfeiture.

### Civil Minutes

Kelly Joyce Hobgood and Joshua Wade Hobgood, divorce granted.

Ronda Marie Atkins and Kyle Christopher Atkins, divorce granted.

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00 Ford Explorer, V6, Automatic, 4 Door, Loaded .....\$4,995  
97 Ford Explorer, V6, Runs Good, Loaded (Black).....\$2,850  
90 BroncoII, Very Nice, Inside & Out, (White)..was 2,450...Now...\$1,850  
91 Explorer, V6, Auto, Nice inside & out, Runs good, cold air (White) \$1,750  
99 Expedition XLT Fully Loaded, Looks and Runs Good-Red.....\$3,950

### DIESELS

00 Dodge Quad Cab, Cummins, Automatic, Very Nice.....\$6,500  
98 Dodge Quad Cab, Dually, Looks/Runs Good-Automatic-White..\$6,250  
02 Dodge Quad Cab, Diesel, Looks and Runs Good - White.....\$6,250  
97 Ford F250 Heavy Duty, S. Cab, Pwr Stroke, Reduced to.....\$3,995  
89 Ford F250 Diesel 5 spd, looks runs good, (Tan).....\$1,750  
95 Ford F250 XLT Super Cab, Runs Good, Power Stroke.....\$3,995  
97 Chevy 3500 Diesel crew cab, Looks and Runs Very Good, Automatic.....\$4,495

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88 Mustang Convertible Special built by ASC McClaren  
99Chev. 1 Ton L.W.B. V8, C & C, Runs Good, Auto.....\$1,795  
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