

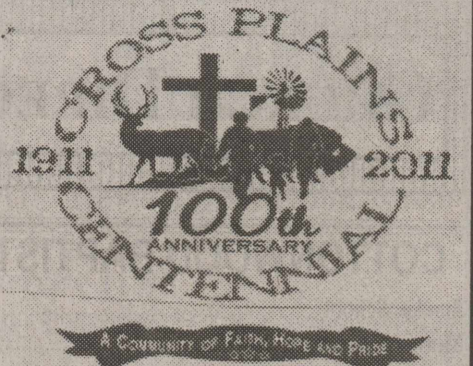
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"Murder at the Meet the Author" is a ROUSING Success

It was another huge hit for the Cross Plains Public Library on Saturday evening with their second production of the "Murder at the..." series. This year featured "Murder at the Meet the Author" to kick off The Big Read/Everything Poe month. The play was preceded by a Pre-Carnage party in the Cross Plains High School Cafeteria, where everyone enjoyed a smorgasbord of international hors d'oeuvres and liquid POE-tions in anticipation of the fun to come.

The Party was a lot of hard work and preparation, but thanks to our kitchen crew—Barbara Barnett, Lorna Muniain, JoseFina Sanchez and Glenda Cox, it was a wonderful timed. Many of our party-goers requested recipes—is a cookbook in our future???

The play went off seamlessly this year thanks to Matt Sowell and his crew, Brandon Fulcher, Riley Lawrence and Taylor Parker, working the props, lighting and sound system. We were so grateful for their help.

Kandy Jones reprised her role as "Amanda Vanderson-Caper" and this year appeared "live" on her cutout TV. She was still flaunting that big diamond ring (courtesy of Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones) and flirting with Dwindle in the audience.

Our friend, author Mark Finn of Vernon, was able to make it this year as Marco Solo, and with only one rehearsal, jumped right in and "hammed it up." Monte the Mouse, constructed by Ann Beeler, appeared and disappeared under the watchful eye of handler Tucker Brown.

Kelli Draper-Cozart was back as the murder-solving Ora Knowdem and this year we took advantage of Kellie's voice and added a singing part for her which she belted out in grand style. And speaking of murder-solving, H.D. Weaver and Jack Shepard once again were on the scene as the sheriff and deputy (taking credit for solving the crime!). Erik Woodard and Karen Lenz were adorable as Heath and Weswe Warrants. It was no surprise that, during the audience poll, no one voted for Weswe as the killer. Judy Killgo, as Velma Warrants, spoofed her namesake to a "T" with her soft-spoken gentle style.

New to our cast were Jane Holmes and Glenda Nix, who played the Muter twins and they were delightful. You could certainly pick out the differences in their personalities because of



Stars of Murder Mystery — Vicky Worley and Jane Holmes.



Look at That Ring — Kandy Jones, (playing Amanda Vanderson) is admiring her huge diamond ring.

their performances as the outgoing Junie and the shy Julie.

Diana Miller returned and once again gave a wonderful performance as library director Belinda Barnes. Plans are for her to return next year and maybe her husband Russ (Ricky) will make a cameo, too.

Ron McCown played the suave, debonair Guillaume Robert Targette (Billy Bob Target to his friends) from Paris—and I don't mean France. His character tied up all the loose ends from last year regarding his disappearance on his wedding night.

Rolan Jones was barely recognizable in white hair and mustache (did anyone else think he looked like Albert Einstein?)

and the audience roared with laughter at his antics.

Vicky Worley stole the show as Candace Leezy, Crossed Plains gal-about-town, and she was seen being hounded by paparazzi and autograph-seekers.

The library board and staff would like to thank Cross Plains I.S.D. for the use of the auditorium, Kimmy's Rustic to Rhinestones for all of the "bling" and Connie's Cuts and Curls for wig styling.

Hope to see you all again next year. Will it be "Murder at the Pancake Supper" or "Murder at the Crossed Plains Senior Citizens' Center" or perhaps something totally different? Stay tuned. See Photos Page 9

Cross Plains Public Library "POE-r Man's Book Sale" is Saturday, October 6th

Join us for our annual book sale on Saturday, October 6th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. where even a POE-r man can afford to buy a book! Hundreds of titles in hardback and paperback as well as audio books on cassette are just \$1 per sack. In addition we have an assortment of VHS movies for kids and adults that are like new for only 25 cents each.

As part of our celebrations of The Big Read/"Everything Poe" month, shoppers will enjoy these radio broadcasts while they browse: "The Gold Bug", "The Imp of Perverse" and "Ligeia" performed by Vincent Price and "The Tell-Tale Heart", "The Pit and the Pendulum" and "The

Raven" performed by Basil Rathbone.

Parents: At 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. bring the kids while you shop! Miss Sue will entertain them with a delightful reading of "Edgar, Allan, and Poe, and the Tell-Tale Beets" Come and enjoy the antics that Edgar, Allan and Poe, use to avoid eating their vegetables. Sponsored by our friends at Target.

We will also be selling abridged classic books on CD, featuring 34 titles from Listener's Digest. Each CD is \$5 or 6 for \$25. With Christmas around the corner, they make great stocking stuffers!

Submitted by
Michelle Kaiser

Cakes and Prizes Needed

Cakes and other baked goods—pies, bread, etc. are needed for the Live Auction, Cake and Prize Walk and Bingo at the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund Walk. Also items for Bingo prizes are needed.

If you can help out, bring your prizes to the CPHS gym foyer after 12:30 on Saturday.

Cancer Fund Walk Event "Name That Tune"—This Saturday

This Saturday is when all of Cross Plains turns out to support those who are fighting the battle with cancer, honor those who have survived cancer and to remember those who have lost the battle, you'll want to be there. From the fun, food and games to the chilling moment when the illuminaries are lit, the names of those lost and battleing are read aloud, and hundreds of lighted balloons are released into the sky, you'll want to be there.

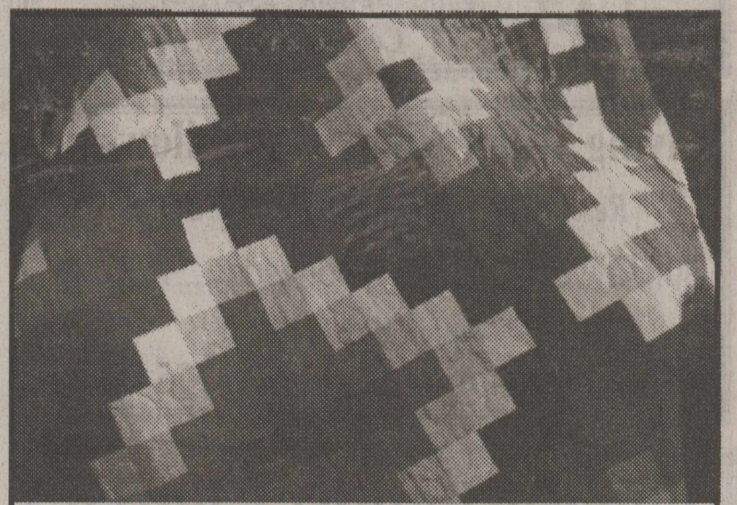
Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund's Cancer Walk and Event starts at 5 p.m. on the CPHS Football Field, with the 5K Walk Run or Waddle Participants leading the parade of the opening lap of the Cancer Walk. Arrive early at 4 p.m., register for the Walk, Run or Waddle 5K.

Also, at 5 p.m. the Raising of the "Star Spangled Banner" and the prayer to open the event. Food Booths, the Cake and Prize Walk, the Kids Area and Illuminary Sales open and the fun begins!

This year's theme, "Name that Tune," brings an inspiring design to the food booths and campsites. You can expect to find booths created around 1950s and 1960s tunes, gospel, melodies and ballads. If you're setting up a booth or campsite, arrive at 4 p.m. and start decorating. Be creative. Awards will be given for the best decorated campsite or booth.

At 5:30 p.m. Sid Bogue will perform, followed by the lap around the football field for survivors and those currently battling cancer with their families and caregivers.

Live music for the event includes 4His Glory at 6:30 and



Cancer Fund Quilt Drawing — Chocolate and Cream Quilt, 94"x94", pieced, quilted and donated by Brenda Simon. Proceeds benefit the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at Texas Heritage Bank.

after the Live Auction the First Baptist Church's Children's Choir.

Kids will enjoy a bounce house, face painting and kid's games. The Cake and Prize Walk and Bingo are always a hit with kids of all ages.

Lots of great food will be available at the event including: Barbecue Sandwiches from the First Baptist Church; Frito Pie from the Church of Christ; Hot Dogs from the Masonic Lodge; Baked Potatoes from Rowden Baptist Church; Cotton Candy from the Cross Plains Library; Soft Drinks from Beta Sigma Phi. Proceeds from the food booths go directly to the Cancer Fund.

Want to have a booth or a team at the event? It's not too late! Contact Cindy Payne, Dannes Turner or Melissa Richards. To register a team, please contact Crystal McDaniel,

crystalmcDaniel@registrypartners.com. To assist with illuminaries, contact Melissa Richards.

At 9 p.m. will be the breathtaking lighting of over 300 illuminaries around the track and lighted balloon release. The first lap around the field is in memory of those who were lost this year to cancer, followed by the reading of the names of loved ones lost to cancer.

If you have not attended the Walk in the past, you are truly missing a blessing as our community comes together to remember loved ones who lost the battle to cancer, to show our support to those fighting the disease, and rejoicing with those who have won the battle.

Awards will be given for "Best Decorated Campsite" and "Most Money Raised by a Team" again

See Cancer Walk Page 11

Community Wide Sale SATURDAY

Start your day by going to the Robert E. Howard Museum Pavilion on Highway 36, where treasures and bargains can be found to your delight.

Tools, a playpen, rings and other jewelry, gently used clothes, Halloween and Christmas decorations, housewares and dishes, including new Corningware and a canister set, a whole box of assorted phone chargers, books, toys and games, new luggage and other items too numerous to list.

The town of Cross Plains and the surrounding countryside will have numerous individual sales, over 14 at this writing, and a little birdie has described some real desirable items to be found at the

sales, including tools, small furniture items, a dining room set and living room set, scrapbooking materials, "little girl stuff", antiques, and books of all kinds.

In order to find these items, you will need the map of addresses and directions, to be found at the REH Pavilion. The Beta Sigma Phi's sale is starting at 8:00 a.m. and closing at 2:00 p.m. (The pavilion sale closes at 2 p.m. but other sales may be ongoing throughout the day.)

Of special interest, five books "Trailer Food Diaries Cookbook, Austin Edition", compiled and edited by Tiffany Harelik, will be on sale by BSP at \$20 each. Tiffany is the daughter of local folks Patsy and Jimmy Harelik.

This annual community sale is sponsored by BSP and is the primary fundraiser for their scholarships and service projects.

If you haven't gotten on the list and want to have a sale, the deadline for the printing is on Thursday, October 4. Call Wanda Merryman at 254-725-4492 to be included. Donations are welcome by BSP for their sale to be used for scholarships.

BSP will be joining the community later in the day at the Cancer Walk. Stop by the BSP booth to buy your water and soft drinks.

Submitted by
Carol Bennett

Cottonwood Country Musical to be Held Friday, October 5th

It's musical time again at Cottonwood, Texas. The monthly Cottonwood Country Musical will be held on Friday, October 5th.

There will be Taco Soup on the menu in the kitchen. The serving

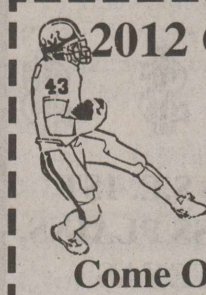
starts at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m.

Come enjoy another night of good Country Music at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Submitted by
Cookie Robinson

2012 Cross Plains Buffaloes Varsity Football Friday, October 5th

7:30 p.m.
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Al Taylor, Preacher
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 Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

Rowden Baptist Church

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 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

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

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OBITUARIES

Jean Shultz

Jean Shultz was born on August 24, 1926 in Carrollton, Texas, where she lived until she met and married Glenn D. Shults on December 18, 1946. Mom and Dad lived in many places throughout their lives, but Rising Star was considered "home." Mom was a wonderful wife and mother. She was a born-again believer, being rebaptized on September 13, 2008. (Dad's birthday) and was a member of Bellvue Baptist Church. She always told us that the Lord took such good care of her (throughout her years without Dad) and she prayed for each and every happening in the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Her home was always well kept, she was an awesome cook and she loved to garden. Mom's cooking was well known throughout the family and everyone loved to be invited to eat with us. Of all the things she cooked, fresh and homemade, her cobblers were beyond good, her cornbread dressing was a family favorite, actually Dad's all-time favorite and no one could cook a roast with potatoes, carrots, onions and gravy like she could. In fact, my sister and I have stood by her elbow and done just as she has shown us, but our roast just doesn't taste the same; we'll miss that.

Mom had many favorite things, but most cherished were her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her favorite son-in-law, Marty. Other things she enjoyed were a vegetable garden or flowers (hydrangeas were a favorite), which were always beautiful and plentiful—she definitely had a green thumb! She loved humming birds (she had lots of feeders), Wendy's Frosties (oh, this is sooo good!) and Cracker Barrel and I-Hop (she loved their pancakes!). Mom so enjoyed watching American Idol and her very favorite winner was Scotty McCreery. Her daughter, Linda, arranged to take Mom to Nashville to see the American Idol show. She was thrilled when Linda took her back stage and she got to meet Scotty. Mom informed Scotty she was 85, so he smiled at her, shook her hand, wished her a happy birthday and signed her program. That made her day!

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Glenn; her baby daughter Sue Ellen (called Studie), her grandparents Sarah Ellen and John Elexander Morrison, who raised her and her brother J.P. Morrison.

Survivors include two daughters Jan (Gene) Weede, Linda (Marty) Menne; four grandchildren Dawn (Joe Brennan and Colby (Tammie) Pacek, Tyler (fiance Lindsay) Menne and Alissa (Shawn) Dunn; five great-grandsons Finn Brennan and baby Brennan expected October 16, Austin and Parker Pacek and baby Pacek expected March 2013, and Ethan and Collin Dunn; three step-great-grandchildren Walsh, Emma and Gracie Brennan.

Mom, you were so loved by all who knew you, being known as a kind and lovely lady. You so blessed us by being our Mom for all these years and now it is Sue Ellen's turn to have you until we all meet again. We thank the Lord for your life, for all you meant to everyone who knew you, and for all of your love and sacrifice for us. We will love you forever!



Angela Bryant Clower

Angela Bryant Clower, of Cross Plains, passed away peacefully in her home on Sunday, September 30, 2012, after a long battle with ALS. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday at Carbon Community Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Jody Forbus. Burial was in Murray Cemetery, Carbon, Texas, under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home of Cisco.

Angela was born on September 15, 1947 in Gorman, Texas to Truman and Wanda (Donaldson) Bryant. She worked for the County of Eastland for over 30 years. Angela enjoyed reading, writing letters, and above all, spending time with her family. She devoted her life to serving the Lord. Not only was she a born again Christian, she was a dedicated pastor's wife. She was a member of Pioneer Baptist Church of Cross Plains and has lived in the Cross Plains area for twenty years.

Those left behind to cherish her memory were her husband Dwaine Clower of Cross Plains; her son Keith Clower and wife Gayle of Sweetwater; her daughter Wendy Forbus and husband Jody of Carbon; her brother Doug Bryant of Carbon; and her sister Candi Taylor and husband Bobby of Cristoval. She also had five grandchildren who she loved and spoiled with everything in her. She was also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Angela's sweet and loving spirit will be missed by many.

Memorials may be made to Carbon Christian Camp, PO Box 536, Carbon, TX 76435.

Burl Ralph Harrell

Burl Ralph Harrell, age 77, passed away on Monday, September 24, 2012 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were held Thursday, September 27, 2012 at Lost Creek Cemetery with Rev. Tae Beckling officiating.

He was born in May, Texas on November 18, 1934 to Robert Houston and Ima Jewel (Plummer) Harrell. He graduated from May High School. Burl married Beth Stockman in Carlsbad, NM on July 12, 1956. He was a truck driver for an oil company and drove a logging truck. He was a methodist.

Survivors include his wife Beth Harrell of May; four sons Robert Harrell and wife Mary of NC, Michael Harrell of Brownwood, Steven Edward Harrell and wife Beth and Jimmy Dale Harrell, all of May; a brother Joe Harrell of NM; a sister Billie Ruth Hoffman of Denton; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.



Oneta Belle Bell

Oneta Belle Bell passed away Saturday, September 29, 2012, in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, 2012, at Bible Baptist Church in Clyde.

Oneta was born January 18, 1942 in Grosvenor, Texas to William Henry and Margret Ellender (Wiley). She married David Bell on May 16, 1958 in Putnam. They moved to Eula from Abilene in 1984. Mrs. Bell was a waitress for Royal Estates in Abilene, U-Bar-U Steakhouse and Shady Oaks Restaurant, both in Baird. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Clyde.

Survivors include her husband David of Eula; two sons, David Lynn Bell and wife Nikki of Oklahoma and Rodney Bell and wife Tricia of Abilene; two daughters, Seleta Jenkins of Eula and Shelly Midgett and husband Scott of Abilene; one sister Jo Shepard of Odessa; nine grandchildren, William, Joseph and Shawn Bell, Christina Strother, Stacy Theilen, Corey Jenkins, Amanda Ramos, Colton Midgett and Dawson Bell; and five great-grandchildren, Kylee and Easton Theilen, Madison and Brayden Strother and Teagan Ramos.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Rudolph and Richard Carrell, two sisters, Edna Parrish and Madelyn Slate, and a son-in-law George Jenkins.

Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

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"The Messengers" to Perform in Concert at Nimrod Baptist Church October 7th

The award winning gospel group, The Messengers, will be in concert Sunday, October 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the Nimrod Baptist Church on FM 569 Southwest of Cisco.

The Messengers are a quartet from Gorman and members of the group include Tommy Clark, Jeff Clark, Jeff Seaton and Glen Clement.

Their Mission Statement state: First and foremost The Messengers set out to make every concert appearance a worship service. The Messengers believe that God uses music to reach places in the human heart that no other medium of human communication can reach. Our prayer at all times is for God to use The Messengers as His voice (See Isaiah 55:11-12). Making every effort to communicate

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding
 Misdemeanor Minutes
 Brandy K. Miller Barker, theft by check.
 Cheri Leann Runge, theft by check.

Laci R. Wright, theft by check.
 David A. Clement, assault - family violence.
 Kerry R. Mendez, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 Nalin C. Gandhi, DWI.
 Russell Garrett Holland-Key, possession of marijuana.
 Jeremy D. Meador, DWI.
 Wesley R. Gerhardt, DWI.

Misdemeanor Minutes
 Lonnie Keith, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Marriage Licenses
 Brandon Wayne Black and Ashly Renee Lewis, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court
 John Weeks, presiding
 Civil Filings

State of Texas vs. David K. Steward, judgment nisi.
 State of Texas vs. Ezequiel Becerra, judgment nisi.

Charles Branaman and Terri Nicole Branaman, divorce.

Civil Minutes
 Discover Bank vs. Ryan D. Didomizio, default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$11,048.56 from defendant.

Clyde Economic Development Corporation vs. Aha Salon; Tamra Ratliff, individually and as partner of Aha Salon; and Dena McDowell, individually and as partner of Aha Salon, agreed order of dismissal with prejudice, granted.

Citibank N.A. vs. Josefina T. Jackson, order granting plaintiff's motion for non-suit (without prejudice).

Margaret Louise Weston, decree changing name of adult granted.

Michele Mendenhall Covino and James Eugene Pilcher, Jr., divorce granted.

Cassandra L. Brown and Joseph E. Brown, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments
 Jerry Brent Cogburn, forgery.
 Jessica Johnson, tampering with a governmental record.

Criminal Minutes
 Billy Joe Diaz, Jr., plea of guilty to DWI, 8 year probation, \$2000 fine, \$454 court costs.

Jeffrey Connolly, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 8 years in prison, \$1000 fine, \$304 court costs.

Sherdon G. Davis, plea of guilty to theft, 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$298 court costs, \$1905 restitution.

God's Holy Word through our music, we believe that His Word will not return to Him without accomplishing His purpose. When The Messengers perform, we enjoy laughter as well as the serious side of the message. But when all is aid and one, we pray more than anything that lives have been touched by the love of God through our music. In a billion years, when we have all been long gone from this earth, one of our many joys in Heaven will be in knowing that God used The Messengers to lead souls to Christ. We want to remember always the applause belongs to Him.

For more information call Wanda Blackwell 254-725-6395 or Brother Bill Armstrong 254-725-6128.

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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown

Rain gauges all over Cottonwood were overflowing this past weekend. Many folks reported having to empty their rain gauges for more rain! South of Cottonwood got about 7 inches. North Cottonwood and right in Cottonwood got 5 inches. 8 1/2 inches were reported on Caddo Peak. Other reports of 6 to 7 inches of rain fell across the Cottonwood area. Many tanks in the area have filled up. We were blessed with a good rain.

Did you notice the harvest moon over the weekend?

Fall is in the air and you know what that means! It's almost Turkey Supper time! This year Turkey Supper night will be held on Friday, November 4th along with the Cottonwood Musical. After 50 some years of cooking and serving Turkey Supper Night, the Cottonwood Quilting Club members have turned the event over to the Cottonwood Community Center Committee. Guests can expect the same great turkey and dressing and trimmings plus good country music.

Deer season opens the next day on November 5th.

Speaking of the Cottonwood Musical, it is next Friday evening. Lots of good music, along with taco soup, sandwiches, dessert and other refreshments in the kitchen.

Joe Terstegge and Omer Rivard have been working on the new brush truck this past week at the Cottonwood firehouse. Fozzer Hinkle and Norma Farmer helped out over the weekend.

Many Cottonwood folks had a hand in the Cross Plains Library's "Murder at the Meet the Author" play. H.D. Weaver, Diana Miller, Judy Killgo, Kellie Draper-Cozart and Eric Woodard were all among the cast. Former Cottonwood residents Rolan Jones and Ronald McCowen were in the cast, too, along with Matt Sowell who served as one of the sound managers and stage hand. Bob Childress was the Stage Manager and in charge of set construction. Lavonne Childress was one of the cooks, along with Carol Bennett, Helen Parson and Judy Luter (who was also the director and set designer). Barbara Barnett, Allen's wife, was part of the kitchen crew. Charles

Rodenberger received honorable mention and Russ Miller received a mention in the play. Cottonwood folks are always willing to jump in and do whatever it is that needs to be done!

The Cancer Walk is coming up Saturday night at Buffalo Stadium. Sid Bogue will be performing at the event. He plays at 5:30 p.m. Former Cottonwood kids, Matt and Mandy Sowell, along with Connie and Rhonda Swift, who make up 4His Glory will perform at 6:30 p.m. and later in the evening. We've lost several in our community with ties to Cottonwood this year from cancer. It's a good time to go and honor them. I know we'll be lighting luminary candles for Norma Strahan, Gail Ransdell and Bob Walters, to name a few.

If you can't make the event and would like to make a memorial donation, you can send it to the Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 183, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Money from the Cancer Fund goes directly to help cancer patients in Cross Plains and surrounding communities.

Helping Hearts and Hands Scheduled for October 20th

Helping Hearts and Hands will be on Saturday, October 20, 2012. If you need an application they are available at the Senior Citizens Center, Texas Heritage Bank, City Hall or Connie's Cuts and Curls. The application needs to be returned as soon as possible.

This project is sponsored by the Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative and is directed for homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or low income. Please remember all projects must be completed in one day.

If you need any assistance in filling out the application,

please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819.

This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects, so keep the date October 20th open.

We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Pat Stephens 254-725-6819 or Roxie Thomas 254-725-6141.

Submitted by: Pat Stephens

Hospice of the Big Country seeking volunteers

West Texas Rehab's Hospice of the Big Country is looking for new volunteers to join the Hospice Volunteer Program.

"We all have the ability to help those around us, so please join us as we make a difference in the lives of others," said Shronda Shannon.

Volunteer training will be held in the Hospice of the Big Country Conference Room, located at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center at 4601 Hartford Street in Abilene.

Training dates are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. for Tuesday, October 9th, Thursday, October 11th, Tuesday, October 16th, Thursday, October 18th, Tuesday, October 23rd, Thursday, October 30th. Attendance to all sessions is required and light refreshments will be served.

For more information on volunteering please contact Shronda Shannon at (325) 793-5450 or visit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center online at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

Library Notes

Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAY
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Patrons	169
Books Checked Out	82
Programs	19
GED Class	12
Other	7
Copies	76
Internet	51
Interlibrary Loans	0
Reference	16

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In Memory of Carl Smith

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Azalee Womack

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

Farm Bureau Annual County Convention

The Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held Tuesday, October 16, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Baird Activity Center in Baird, according to Sam Snyder, county president.

A fish fry and desserts will be catered by Cook's Fish Barn of Comanche to members prior to the meeting. Farm Bureau members and their immediate families will be served at no charge.

There will be drawings for door prizes.

The main purpose of this annual meeting is to adopt policies for the coming year. Also, new Directors will be elected at this time, as will voting delegates to represent our county at the State Convention to be held in Waco, Texas on December 1-3, 2012.

Please call office at 325-854-1044 for reservations if you plan on attending.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

OCTOBER 8-12

Monday, 8th POE-Movie & Discussion 10:00/ Exercise 12:30

Tuesday, 9th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday, 10th - Exercise 11:00/ Girling Blood Pressure

Thursday, 11th- FLU Shots Girling/9:00-5:00/ Exercise 11:00/3rd graders 9:00 & 12:30

Friday, 12th - Exercise 10:45/BINGO 11:15

Saturday 13th- Spanish Classes 6:00/CANCER WALK

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

Do you have any talents that you would like to share? Call the Senior Citizens Center at 254-725-6521 so you can share your talent with the Seniors during lunch time.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

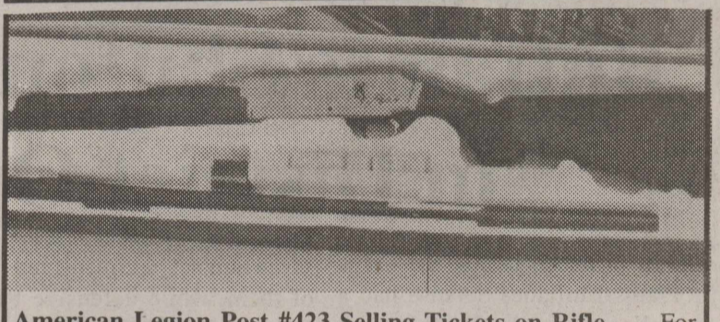
OCTOBER 8-12

MONDAY-Chicken Spaghetti/ Turnip Greens/Crackers/Fruit/ Cookie/Drink

TUESDAY-Turkey Sandwich/ Lett/Tom/Onion/Chips/Fruit/ Cookie/Drink

WEDNESDAY -Cheeseburgers/Lett/Tom/Onion/pick/Potato wedges/Jello&Fruit/drink

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Pioneer Historical Association Semi-Annual Cemetery Board Meeting Scheduled for Oct. 8th

The second semi-annual meeting of the Pioneer Historical Association and Cemetery Board will be held at 6:00 p.m. October 8th at the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains.

Visitors are always welcome at these meetings and all input is appreciated.

Submitted by Lou Brooks Secretary

Prayer Vigil for the Election Hosted at Cross Plains United Methodist Church

When God's people cry out to Him in earnest and heartfelt prayer. He will bless our nation in ways we cannot foresee. Our prayers open a window for God to work across our land and will make a difference. It is critical that Christians pray for the coming presidential election. There is amazing power in united prayer. Pray with others whenever possible. The power of prayer can overcome any obstacle or ungodly influence and, indeed, do great things!

The Cross Plains United Methodist Church is opening their doors for the community to participate in the 40 days of prayer starting September 28th up to the day of the election on November 6th. Monday through Friday of each week the Sanctuary will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday evening will also be a time of prayer from 5 to 6. There will be articles on prayer set out for people to take for their own needs.

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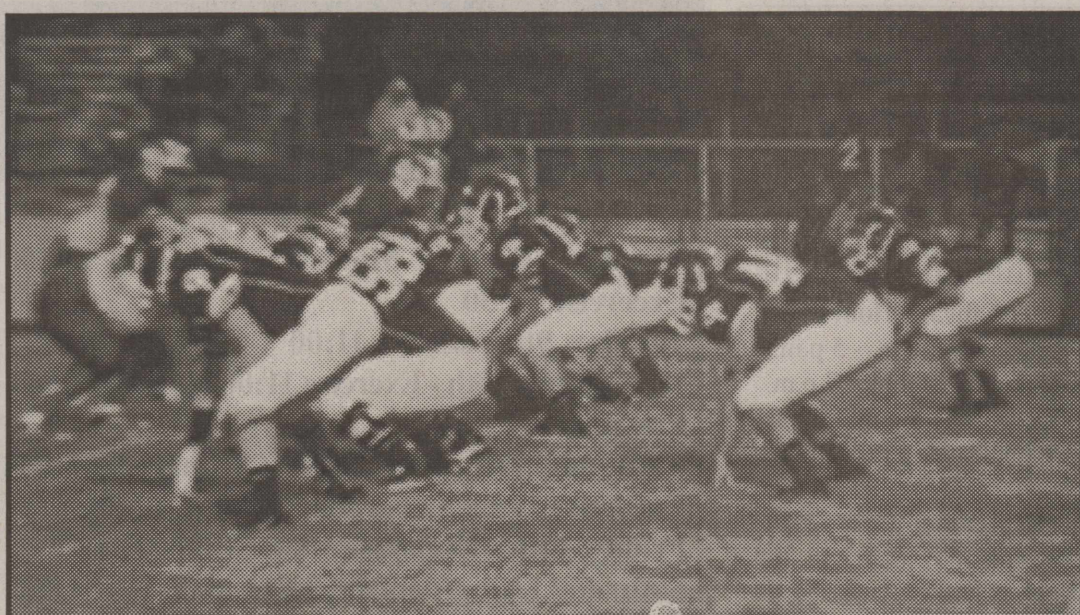
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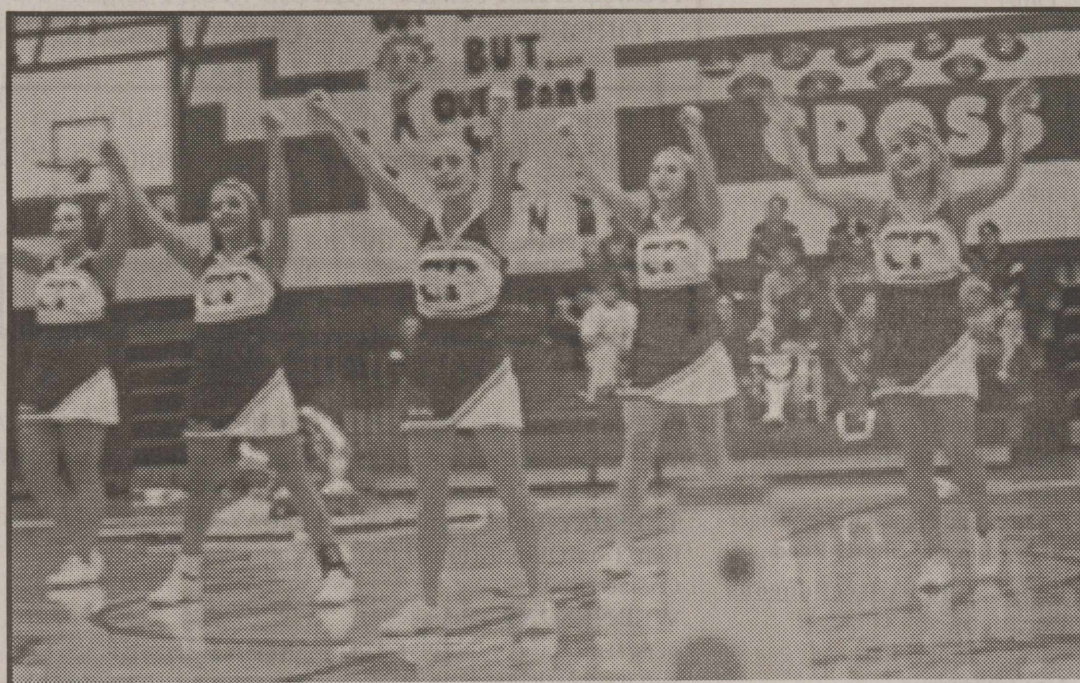
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Cross Plains Elementary News



Cross Plains Offense — Ready to charge the Gorman Panthers.



Cheering on the Buffaloes — Varsity Cheerleaders perform at Pep Rally.

Buffaloes Shutout Gorman in District Opener

In as many games, the Cross Plains Buffaloes defense had a stellar performance, this time when it mattered in the District 7-1A district opener against the defending District Champs, the Gorman Panthers. For the second consecutive game, the defense posted a shut out on their opponent giving up only 101 total yards on the evening.

Both teams entered the game with a 1-2 record, Gorman a four point favorite. Conditions were sloppy, and rain was heavy which played favorable to the Cross Plains smash mouth style of play. Only six total passes were attempted on the evening, all incomplete, five of them coming from Gorman quarterback Zach Carlton.

The Buffalo defense forced

seven fumbles, and recovered five of them, while defensive back Chris French added an interception to seal the shut out late in the fourth quarter. Junior linebacker Justin Willis led the defense with seven total tackles while forcing a fumble and recovering one.

Defensive tackle Sheldon Libey was a force as well, getting to the ball carrier six times, forcing three fumbles and recovering one. The offense would not take a back seat to the defense as they rushed for 317 yards, and put up 26 points. Senior running back Blake Hutchins paced the ground game with 21 carries and 218 yards and two touchdowns. Junior full back Justin Willis also contributed with two touchdowns of his own rushing for 83 yards on 8

attempts.

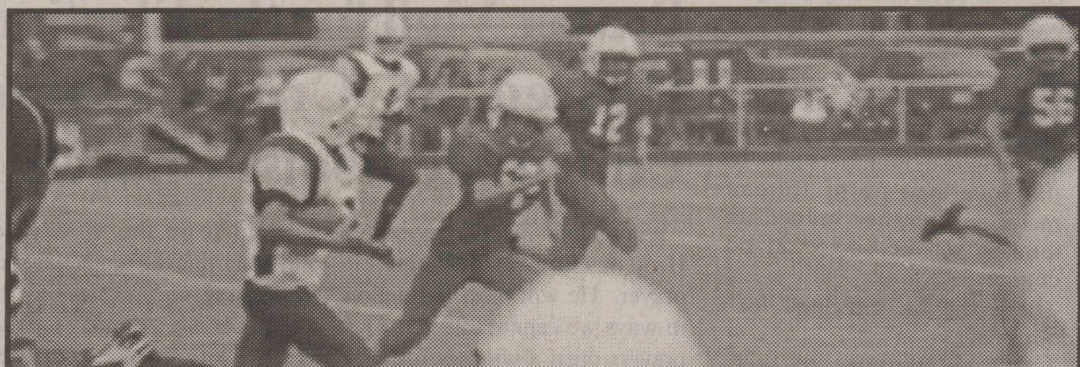
The win over Gorman was huge in what should play out to be a tight district race in District 7. The win over the Panthers was the first in 11 years. The Buffaloes will make the long road trip to Roscoe Friday, October 5th, to take on the Plowboys. They are 1-0 in district play after beating Baird Friday night.

Score by Quarter

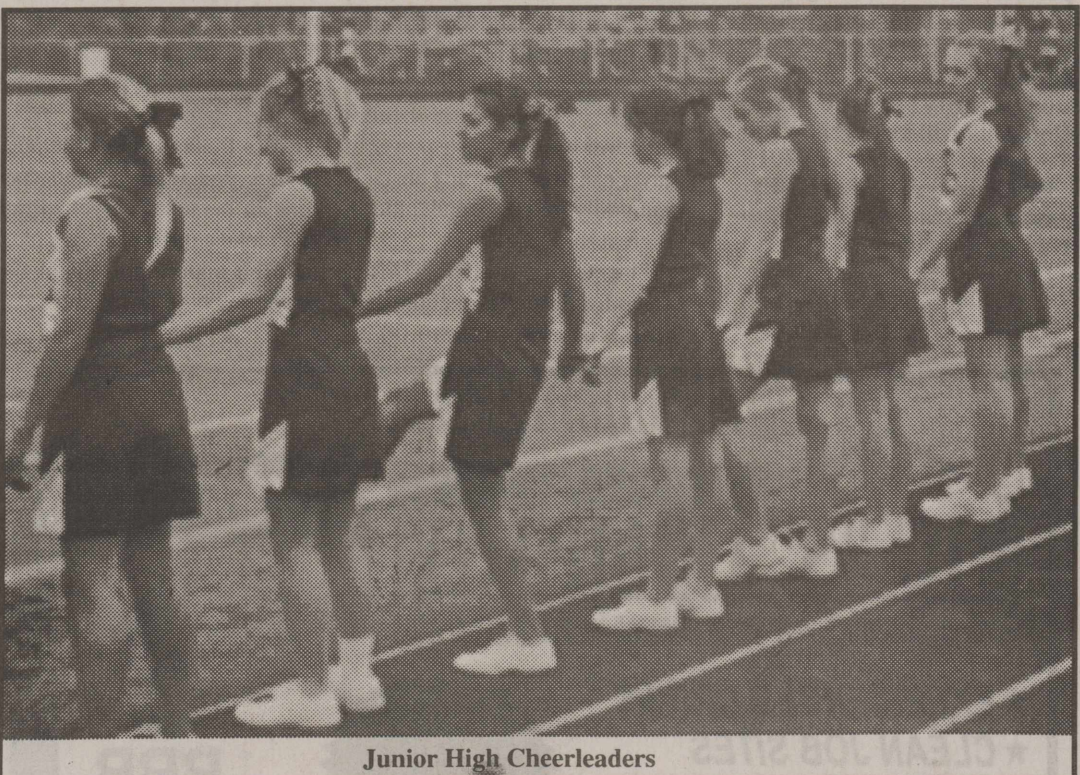
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Gorman	0	0	0	0	0
C.P.	0	8	12	6	26

Individual Statistics:

Rushing - Hutchins - 21-218 (2 TDs), Willis 8-83 (2 TDs), Stephenson 4-23
 Passing - Stephenson 0-1-0
 Receiving - n/a



Offense on the Move — Kaiden Petree carries the ball for the Junior High Team.



Junior High Cheerleaders

Cross Plains Junior High Falls to Gorman

Thursday night, the Junior High Buffaloes traveled to Gorman. They fell to the Panthers in the sloppy conditions 14-8. Creede Goode scored the only touchdown of the evening for the Buffaloes, and he tackled on the

two-point conversion run as well. The Cross Plains Junior High is now 1-1 on the season.

Offensive Player of the Week - Creede Goode - 7th grader

Defensive Player of the Week Alexander French - 8th Grader

Their next game is Thursday, October 4th hosting Roscoe. 7th Grade plays at 4:00 p.m. and the 8th Grade game will follow.



Honorees of the Month — Amber Fidler named Girl Student of the Month (from left), Leslie Lawrence named Teacher of the Month, and Jody Traweck - Boy Student of the month

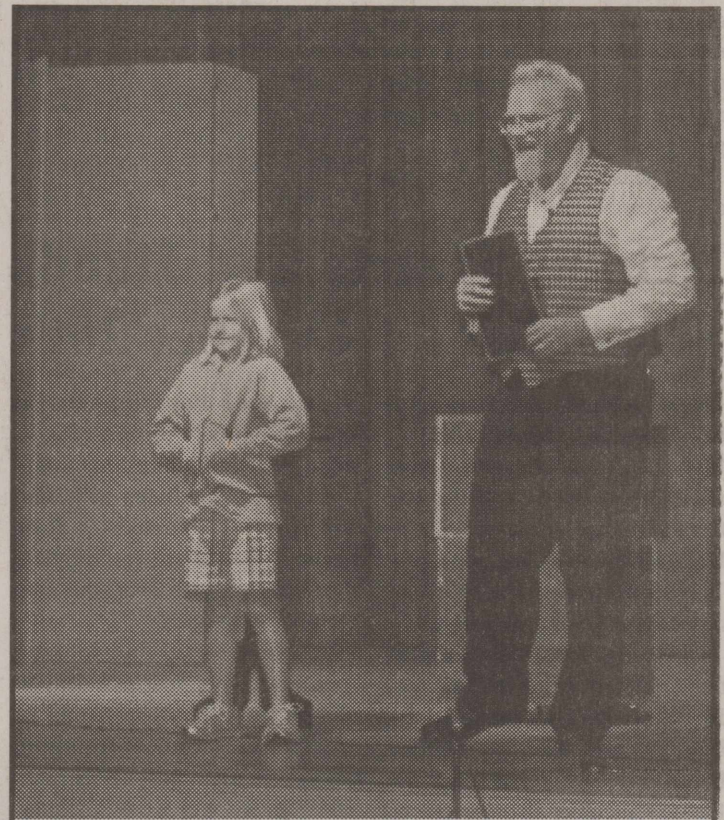
We have reached the end of the first six-weeks. It has gone by very fast. Parents, please be looking for your children's report cards and stay informed of their progress. It takes all of us working together to get successful results. Overall the students have worked very hard and behaved very well. I try to be out of the office and in the classrooms as much as possible and I have seen so many indicators of successful students.

We celebrated a few things on Monday, October 1st. The **Teacher of the Month is Leslie Lawrence.** This was voted on by the staff at the school. Mrs. Lawrence is a very deserving person to receive the award. She has gone above and beyond working with teachers and students this year. I feel very fortunate to have such a person on staff. I was pleased that her co-workers felt the same about her contributions.

The students of the month are from the fourth grade. The **Boy Student of the Month was Joseph (Jody) Traweck.** The **Girl Student of the month was Amber Fidler.** We have hung their plaques up in the hallway with pictures soon to come. These students should be commended for their educational efforts.

Also on Monday, we treated the students to a movie and a magic show. We wanted to show them how much we appreciate their efforts during the first six-weeks. The teachers got a treat as well, as Mr. Sowell, Coach Morgan, Coach Kelley and I stayed with the students in the auditorium while the teachers got to go to their rooms and catch up on their work.

We had some extra help as well. I need to thank our aides who helped out during the celebration. Debra Childers, Beverly Pope and Tiffany Parker do such a wonderful job for us all the time. This was just one of the many



Magic Show a Hit — Randy Blaine Naylor has a young volunteer on stage.



More Magic Tricks — Coach Kelly is chosen to assist Mr. Naylor

Cross Plains Review



Cross Plains Buffaloes Breakfast
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times they have pitched in to help out the school.

Last, but certainly not least, a big thank you to the PTO for making it possible. Shannon Nichols and Taylor Dillard donated their time and services as PTO members. Without their help the celebration would not have happened. Magician Randy Blaine Naylor of Abilene entertained the students and adults to wrap up our celebration and the kids had a great time. I was glad that we could bring a little fun into the school day. Anyone who knows me will tell you that I am a huge proponent of discipline and structure. However, sometimes kids just need to have a little fun. There is nothing wrong with rewarding good behavior and hard work!

In closing, I want to remind everyone of a few things. October 4th is our **Read for the Record** for kindergarten and first grade students. They will be receiving a copy of the **Ladybug Girl and Bug Squad** to keep. This is thanks to our very own Cross Plains Library and the Brown Foundation. This Saturday is the **Cancer Walk**. Please be looking for more information on

this very important event. Lastly, UIL academic contests are coming up for second through sixth grade students. We need all the help we can get to promote this worthwhile endeavor for our students. I am asking for all parents, grandparents and Cross Plains residents to help us get the message out to the students that pushing themselves in academics is something very valuable. I told the students this morning that we can win the meet in Rising Star if we all put in the time and the effort to get it done. Let us all encourage an environment of success with the elementary students. I have heard the saying "why not us? why not now?" I absolutely believe that it is our time to establish the winning tradition of Cross Plains Elementary academics. However, we cannot do it alone. Anything that you can do to help is appreciated.

Thank you,

Jeremy Williams
 Principal

P.S. We are still looking for Foster-Grandparent volunteers!

Life After High School Night Planned at Cross Plains I.S.D.

Life After High School Night is planned for Tuesday, October 9th for all junior and senior students and their parents at the high school gymnasium from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

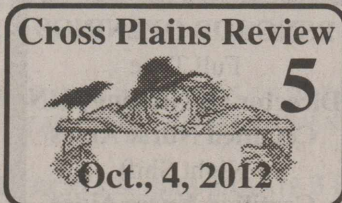
Area colleges and universities will be in attendance with information concerning admissions, scholarships, financial aid and programs offered. These college representatives will give presentations, hand out information booklets, and be available to answer any questions.

There will also be information for students not interested in four-year programs of study but are thinking about two-year degrees, technical schools, or the armed forces.

Students and parents are highly encouraged to attend this very important meeting and use this

opportunity to begin planning for life after college. Seniors should already be beginning the application process to colleges and universities. Deadlines for some university early admissions are November 1, so I highly encourage all seniors to try and get three applications done by the end of October.

Students will have two college days during the school year to travel to their postsecondary choice, but this will be the only college night planned at Cross Plains for students and parents. Senior students only will be traveling to Cisco College on October 2, for a college fair on their campus. For questions or additional information, please call the high school counselor, Debbie Mitchell, at Cross Plains High School 254-725-6121.



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Submitted by
John Stevens
Associate Director

CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

October 8-12 BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Sausage, Bisquit, Choice of juice, Choice of Milk
TUESDAY-Muffin, Yogart, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk
WEDNESDAY- Pancakes, Sausage, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk
FRIDAY-Cinnamon Roll, Yogart, Choice of Juice, Choice of Milk

LUNCH

MONDAY- Chicken Fajitas, Charro Beans, Seasoned Corn, Orange smiles, Salsa, Choice of milk
TUESDAY-Salisbury Steak, Brown gravy, Whipped potatoes, savory green beans, Hot Roll, Mixed fruit, Choice of milk
WEDNESDAY-Beef & Bean Chalupas, Garden Salad, Baby carrots, Salsa, Strawberries & Bananas, Choice of milk
THURSDAY-Chicken Spaghehetti, Garden Salad, Broccoli, BreadStick, Fresh Apple slices, Choice of milk
FRIDAY-Fish or Chicken Nuggets, Corn Bread, Sweet potatoes fries, Coleslaw, Sliced peaches, Choices of milk

Friday Night Lights

Cross Plains High School will be competing with other area schools for an opportunity to win a \$1,000 scholarship for a senior student who plans to attend college. The Friday Night Lights grand prize school will also win a free concert with The Casey Donahew Band. This event is sponsored by The Ranch 95.9 FM who will be attending our October 26th football game against Hamlin here at home.

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Public Notice

Cross Plains ISD to Review 2010-11 School-First Rating
Cross Plains ISD will conduct a public hearing at the next regularly scheduled board meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend the Meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Cross Plains High School. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the SCHOOL FIRST Rating, which is a financial rating system published by the Texas Education Agency. Cross Plains is recognized as having a "superior achievement" rating.
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Cross Plains Public Library Board President Wilma Lawrence, (left), Grants Administrator Michelle Kaiser, and Library Director Linda Burns — were guests of the Kiwanis on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. Kaiser gave a presentation on The Big Read and Edgar Allan Poe, which is being celebrated throughout the community during the month of October. The Kiwanis meets every Tuesday morning at 7:00a.m. at Jean's Feed Barn. The public is invited.

Texas State Library and Archives Commission Awards Second Grant for \$2,662 to Cross Plains Public Library

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission has announced the winners of its 2012-2013 Impact Grant Program and the Cross Plains Public Library will receive \$2,662 for LAP (Learn About...Program) and LAPsit. Funds from the grant will purchase supplies and provide reimbursement for the three directors of the program.

LAP (for ages 3-5) and LAPsit (for parents with children from a few months to 3 years of age) are held weekly from November-April. Both programs are intended to enrich the children's lives and provide educational fun

through finger puppet plays, music, crafts and story time. Colors, shapes, alphabet, counting and numbers, months, days of the week, holidays, exercise, and nutrition are just a few of the subjects covered. To date over 700 children have attended LAP and LAPsit.

"We are so excited to receive this Impact Grant for our programs," stated library director, Linda Burns. "With these funds we will be able to purchase books for every child, more craft supplies, storyboard patterns, and educational materials. The children will receive many fun

educational tools to take home this year, compared to previous years (because of these grant funds)."

Parents are encouraged to register their children for LAP and LAPsit early this year; registrations are now being taken. Two weeks ago the Texas State Library and Archives Commission announced the award of a Texas Reads grant to Cross Plains Public Library in the amount of \$1,766 for its Book-to-Movie Program.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser

ATTENTION 7th & 8th Graders Would You Like to Learn to Debate?

Rising Star ISD Education Foundation is proud to announce the launch of its first program that has received funding, The Central Texas Junior Debate League. This program is open to any 7th and 8th grade students within a thirty mile radius of Rising Star. Participating students will be required to attend practice at Rising Star ISD every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month starting in October.

They will then travel to competitive meets on average of 2 times a month after Christmas break within the state of Texas. The children will be coached by Dr. Max Thompson, Superintendent of Rising Star ISD. Dr. Thompson possesses over 20 years of experience in the art of Debate and has taken countless numbers of students all the way to national competitions in the few years he has been at Rising Star.

This program will provide an academic outlet for a young mind as well as present a new opportunity to experience another perspective in life. Not to mention that studies show that students who participate in Debate are proven to retain more college ready skills than their non-debating peers.

This program is free of charge; however, donations are accepted and are fully tax deductible. If you have a junior high child that you feel needs this academic enrichment, please contact Sarah Childers at 325-203-3262 for further information.



Texas Heritage Bank president, David Estes, rang the bell to assemble the town for an official proclamation from the mayor on Monday morning to kick off The Big Read/Everything Poe month. The proclamation read:

Hear ye, hear ye...all you good and decent citizens of the fine town of Cross Plains of Callahan County in the great state of Texas, in these United States of America, lend me your ears.

The Honorable Mayor Ray Purvis recognizing the cooperation in The Big Read—a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest — and joining the library in celebrating "Everything Poe" Month, doth hereby proclaim that during the month of October, 2012 the Cross Plains Public Library shall be known as the Cross Plains POE-blic Library.

The Honorable Mayor Purvis doth strongly suggest that you participate by patronizing our great little library during this time or suffer the consequence of not being known as a raven lunatic.

Signed Ray Purvis
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Those assembled enjoyed refreshments at an Open House and perused the Poe display on loan from the Irving (TX) Public Library. Pictured is Town Crier David Estes.

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Texas A&M Forest Service survey shows 301 million trees killed by drought

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A Texas A&M Forest Service survey of hundreds of forested plots scattered across the state shows 301 million trees were killed as a result of the devastating 2011 drought.

The number was determined by a study of both on-the-ground tree health assessments collected during a three-month period earlier this year and satellite imagery from before and after the drought.

The findings fall right in the middle of original estimates gathered last fall that indicated roughly 100 million to 500 million trees had died as a result of the drought.

"The drought produced traumatic results, especially for individual landowners. But the good news is the forest is resilient. When a dead tree falls over, a young, new tree eventually will grow back in its place," said Burl Carraway, department head for the Texas A&M Forest Service Sustainable Forestry department. "Tree death is a natural forest process. We just had more last year than previous years."

The findings represent the number of trees in rural, forested areas that died as a direct result of the drought, as well as those that succumbed to insect infestation or disease because they were drought-stressed.

The figure does not include trees in cities and towns. Another 5.6 million trees in urban areas, along streets and in yards and parks, also died as a result of the drought, according to a study done earlier this year by the Texas A&M Forest Service Urban Forestry program.

The drought assessment of rural, forested areas was done in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis program and the Texas

A&M University Ecosystem Science and Management Department.

As part of the analysis, the state was divided into 10 sections: Panhandle, Trans Pecos, North, Central, South and the Brazos Valley, as well as four East Texas regions.

Some forested areas suffered worse than others. The Brazos Valley region was hit the hardest, losing almost 10 percent of its trees on forested land. North Texas and western Northeast Texas suffered similar fates, losing 8.3 percent and 8.2 percent, respectively.

Trees in far East Texas seemed to fare the best with just 1.3 percent of trees succumbing to the drought in eastern Southeast Texas and just 3.9 percent dying in eastern Northeast Texas.

"So what's the fate of these trees? The vast majority are going to stand out there until they eventually fall to the ground," Texas A&M Forest Service Analyst Chris Edgar said, stressing that standing, dead trees located near homes or recreation areas should be removed.

Edgar estimated that an existing 272 million standing dead trees already littered the landscape before the drought. That number is expected to double now, which will produce both positive and negative effects.

The standing, dead trees will provide additional habitats for insects, birds and wildlife. Fallen trees will do the same, while also adding structure to the forest floor which helps prevent soil erosion.

Conversely, they'll also begin to release stored carbon back into the atmosphere and could become potential hazards during times of high winds and dangerous fire conditions.

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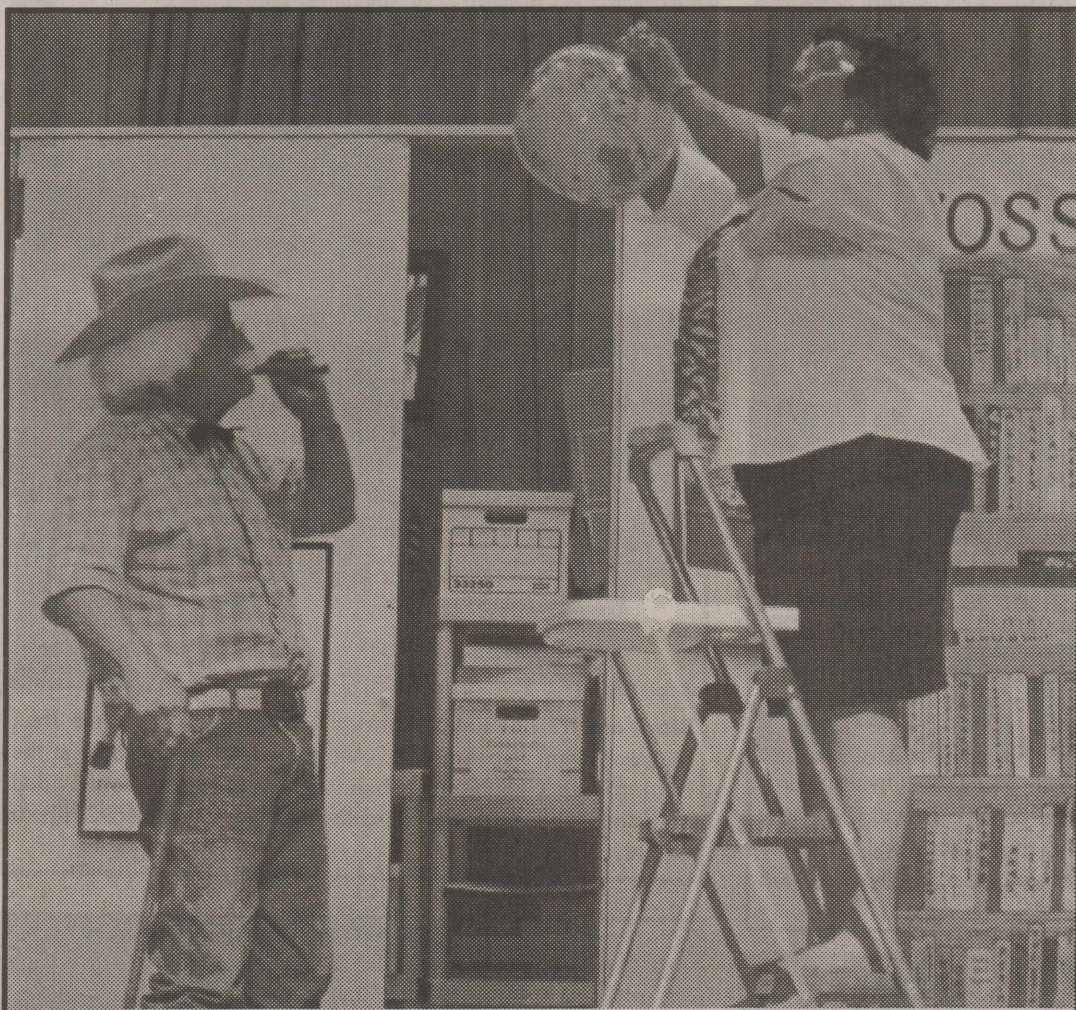
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Decorating the Library — Rolan Jones gets acquainted with Jane Holmes.



The Cast Takes a Bow - All the ladies were given flowers for their performance.



Who could the Killer be — Vicky Worley, (from left), H.D. Weaver, Judy Killgo and Diana Miller all looked shocked.



Checking their Notes — H.D. Weaver (from left), Jack Shepard and Eric Woodard.

The Big Read/“Everything Poe” Month Events Continue

The first week of Cross Plains Public Library's The Big Read/“Everything Poe” is underway and more events are being planned.

Our annual book sale is Saturday, October 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue will entertain the children at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. while you shop. Later that day, stop by our booth at the Cancer Walk, where team Cow-POE-ks will be selling cotton candy and giving away children's books of Poe's works and copies of “Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe.”

Be sure to “like” us on Facebook to receive a daily thought-provoking question or interesting fact about Poe's life or his writings. You will also receive a list of happenings for the day and we will randomly be giving away prizes on Facebook.

Monday, October 8th, the Senior Citizens' Center will feature “The Black Cat” at 10 a.m. followed by

a discussion. New attendees will receive a large-print edition of “Edgar Allan Poe: Great Horror Stories.” Free refreshments will be available. Join us for the movie and then stay for lunch!

On Tuesdays, join us “Lunch With Edgar”. Come-and-go as your schedule allows for a FREE brown bag lunch each week as we read, discuss, dissect and analyze the poetry of Poe. Attendees will receive a copy of “The Raven and Other Favorite Poems” by the famed author. On October 9, we will focus on “The Bells.”

Also on Tuesday, October 9th, author Mark Finn will join our Book-to-Movie event at 5:30 p.m. This week will feature “The Tell-Tale Heart” and the Gothic Tradition.” Everyone is invited. Free copies of Poe's works will be distributed.

Our Wednesday After School Adventure Program will feature Part One of “Bunnicula Meets Edgar Allan Crow,” on October

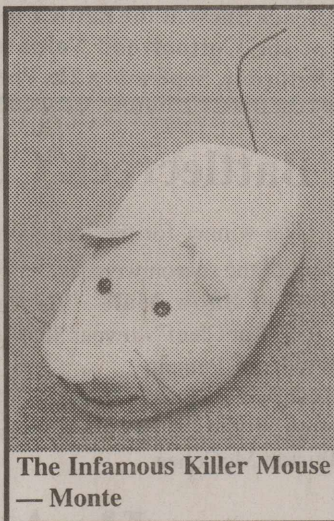
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On Thursday, October 11, volunteer drivers will deliver decorated mystery bags of “Poe” goodies to “Meals-on-Wheels” recipients with their meal. Don't forget that both Connie's Cuts and Curls and Rays's Barber Shop will donate 10 percent of the cost of your haircut to the Cross Plains Cancer Fund if you can recite the first stanza of Poes “The Raven” during October.

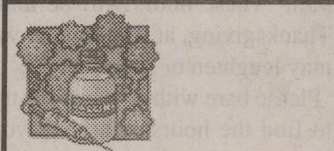
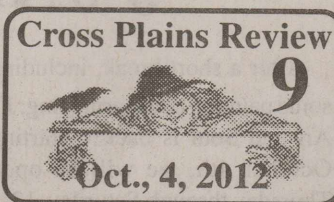
Stop in the library and pick up a new POE-zzle this week. Bring your completed entries to the library by Thursday, October 25, where correct entries will be entered in our drawing for a grand POE-rize to be awarded at the “Nevermore” Memorial Service on October 31st.

The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

Submitted by Michelle Kaiser



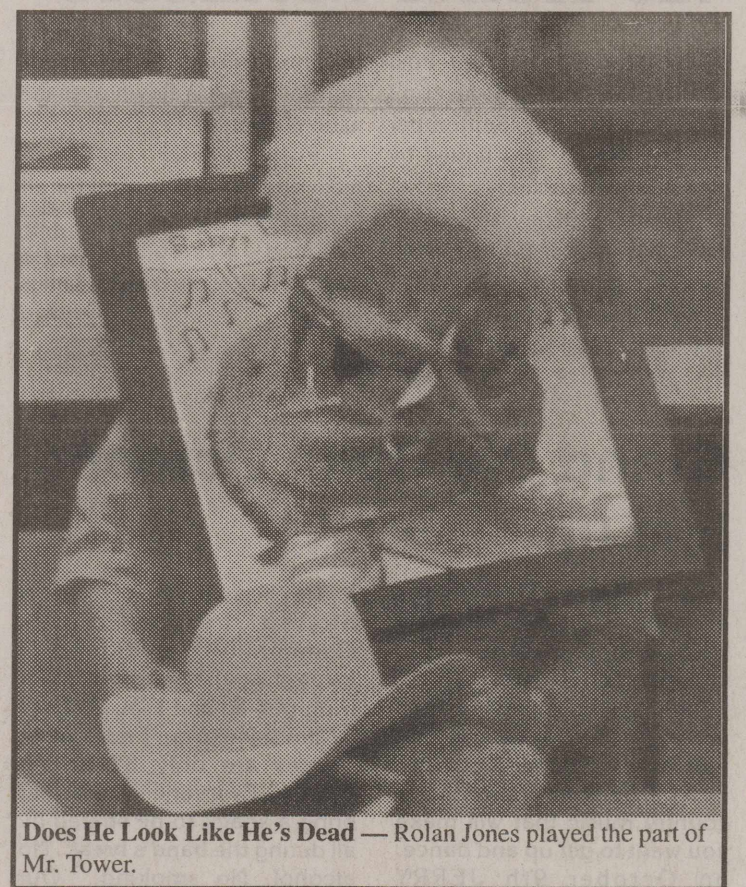
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Commanders Award — Bob Kirkham (left) receives from Post Commander James Dixon. Photos courtesy of Frances Thornton.



Service Award — Audrey Purvis recipient from Post Commander James Dixon.



Service Award — Donnel Clark recipient from Post Commander James Dixon.

American Legion Post 423 Honor Members

The American Legion Post 423 held its monthly meeting Thursday evening September 27th. A fish fry was hosted by member John Rosson.

An award ceremony followed to honor past officer Bob Kirkham with a Commanders Award.

Don Clark and Audrey Purvis received Officer Service Awards.

Each were also given an American flag that has flown over the nations' capitol.

Polly Beeler was also recognized with an award for all her service to the post. The ceremony was conducted by current Post Commander James Dixon.

Grand Ole Oplin October line up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out to their weekly Friday night dance. On October 5th MUDDY CREEK will be joining us playing all of your favorite two-steps and waltzes, on October 12th EXIT 277 will be playing the kind of country music that will make you want to get up and dance, on October 9th JERRY BAIERD & TEXAS TRADITION will be here playing all of your favorite country tunes, and on October 26th MUDDY CREEK will be joining us again playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926.

Admission to our Friday night dances are only \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. No alcohol. No smoking. Our dance begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m.

So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to The Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.



Best of Show Male "Battle Creek War Chief" — Owner Sherry Whitehead of Putnam. Winner in the bench Show at the Battle Creek Coonhunter's hunt and event at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control firehouse on Saturday, September 22, Photo by Lori Paxton



Best of Breed Male Black and Tan "Hilshers Copper" — Handler Patrick Huffman from Weiner, Texas. Winner in the Bench Show at the Battle Creek Coonhunter's hunt and event at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control firehouse on Saturday, September 22. Photo by Lori Paxton.



Black and Tan Female Winner "Texas Milly" — Owner John Megason from San Antonio. Winner in the bench Show at the Battle Creek Coonhunter's hunt and event at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control firehouse on Saturday, September 22. Photo by Lori Paxton.



Champion Female "Briar Rose" — Owner Katie fox of Palo Pinto. Two other of Katie's dogs won at the Bench Show; Class Winner "Finely River Scout" and Class Winner Black and Tan "Ridge Set Em Up Chaps". Winner in the Bench Show at the Battle Creek Coonhunter's hunt and event at the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control firehouse on Saturday, September 22. Photo by Lori Paxton.

Battlecreek Coonhunt and Bench Show Winners Announced

The winner for the last coon hunt of the season were:

Best of Show Male - "Battle Creek War Chief" - owner Sherry Whithead, Putnam

Best of Show Female - Nightshade "Lilly" - owner Teiston McGehee

Champion Female - "Briar Rose" - owner Katie Fox, Palo Pinto

Best of Breed Male Black and Tan - "Hilshers Copper" - handler Patrick Huffman, Weiner

Black and Tan Female Winner - "Texas Milly" - owner John

Megason, San Antonio

Class Winner - "Finely River Scout" - owner Katie Fox

Class Winner Black and Tan - "Ridge Set Em Up Chaps" - owner Katie Fox

Eleven dogs hunted in the Night Hunt and the winner was Dusty

Miser from Whitney.

It was great to see the American Legion out at the Coonhunt. Thanks to everyone who attended the hunt and thanks to Steve and Paul of Lowe's Market for all their help.

J's Art and Soul Open for Business

After a short break, including some painting and rearranging, J's Art and Soul is back! Starting October 4th, we will be open Thursday through Saturday, 12-5 p.m. These hours will be until Thanksgiving, at which point we may lengthen or shorten.

Please bare with us while we try to find the hours that give you the most opportunities to shop, while allowing us to keep costs down and to keep our doors open.

Loca artist Terri Mize will be having a show in our orange room, beginning October 18th and ending November 17th. Her reception will be a come and go from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, October 20th, with island themed food and many items up for silent auction for charity. The proceeds will benefit the Cross

Plains Public Library, the Senior Center and Cancer Walk. Please stop by and enjoy the art and refreshments!

Halloween is coming up soon, and that means Halloween portraits! We have two new, fun backgrounds set up. The cost will be \$10 for the first child and \$3 for each additional, or \$12 for a group shot. 1 free 5x7 will be mailed to you and all shots will be available for purchase online

at www.photojkc.com. Each child will receive lots of treats and enjoy a walk done the spooky hallway!

Be on the lookout for more changes and events at J's Art and Soul. Our hours and artists will continue to change as we find the right fit for us that allows us to continue this business. Our building is also available to be rented for events.

Purchasing your Christmas gifts at J's Art and soul ensure a gift that is unique, special and made in the USA. We have something for every budget. Don't forget to get on the schedule to have your Christmas card photos made! See you soon!!!!

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Comanche FFA Students — B.J. Reichmann,(left) and Blake Denning.

Comanche FFA Booster Club and Fish Fry

Comanche FFA students are spending many hours in the high school Ag shop creating these metal pieces to sell at the live auction to be held in conjunction with the Comanche FFA Booster Club Fish Fry on Monday, October 15 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. At Cook's Fish Barn on Hwy. 36. The students hope that these projects will bring in the needed monies to help them with livestock projects at the county show in January. This is an annual event for the booster club, and this year the students hope that their projects will add to the many donating items that will be available during the live and silent auctions.

Some other items include wooden benches, picnic tables, home decorating items, jewelry and many others. There will also be live auction of cakes and desserts. The money raised from the fish fry and the auctions go back to the exhibitors from Comanche during their County show in January. Comanche FFA Booster Club is a non-profit organization, and your support is greatly appreciated. Come out to Cook's Fish Barn on Hwy 36 on Monday, October 15 from 5:00-8:00, enjoy a great fish dinner, and participate in the live and silent auctions.



Backyard BBQ Set

Cross Plains FFA Ag Booster BBQ Set

Cross Plains FFA Ag Booster are raffling off a backyard BBQ set. Proceeds go to scholarships to help students. The cost is \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. For more information contact Rickey Trammell at 325-201-5552. Or Joe Holland at 325-668-5489; or your Ag teachers. Drawing date to be announced. Thank you for your support.

Alzheimer's Association to provide free workshop for dementia caregivers Tuesday, October 9th

Abilene, TX - September 28, 2012 — The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Grace Under Fire: Practical Tips for Caregivers" on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Dr., Suite 105, in Abilene.

Many people who care for a loved one with dementia lose themselves in the caregiver role. Caregivers may neglect their own physical, mental and emotional well-being, putting their own health at risk. The goal of this program is to enrich the life of the caregiver and person with dementia through an open discussion of the progression of the disease and how caregivers can adapt. The instructor will provide tools for reducing caregiver stress, improving communication with the person with dementia and coping strategies for the caregiver.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Seating is limited. For more information, or to reserve a seat, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900, or via e-mail at HYPERLINK "mail to: mbannister@alz.org"

A Looming Threat to National Security

By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Despite warnings of the dire consequences, America is teetering at the edge of a fiscal cliff, with January 1st, 2013 as the tipping point. On that date, unless Congress and the White House can reach agreement on how to cut the federal deficit, all taxpayers will be hit with higher taxes and deep cuts - called "sequestration" - will occur in almost all government spending, disrupting our already weak economy and putting our national security at risk.

According to the House Armed Services Committee, if sequestration goes into effect, it would put us on course for more than \$1 trillion in defense cuts over the next 10 years. What would that mean? A huge hit to our military personnel and their families; devastating cuts in funding for critical military equipment and supplies for our soldiers; and a potentially catastrophic blow to our national defense and security capabilities in a time of increasing violence and danger.

All Americans feel a debt of gratitude to our men and women who serve in uniform. But Texas in particular has a culture that not only reveres the commitment and sacrifice they make to protect our freedom, we send a disproportionate number of our sons and daughters to serve.

The burden is not borne solely by those who continue to answer the call of duty, but by their families as well, as they endure separation and the anxiety of a loved one going off to war. These Americans have made tremendous sacrifices. They deserve better than to face threats to their financial security and increased risks to their loved ones in uniform, purely for political gamesmanship.

Sequestration would also place an additional burden on our economy. In the industries that support national defense, as many as 1 million skilled workers could be laid off. With 43

straight months of unemployment above 8 percent, it is beyond comprehension to add a virtual army to the 23 million Americans who are already out of work or under-employed. Government and private economic forecasters warn that sequestration will push the country back into recession next year.

The recent murder of our Ambassador to Libya and members of his staff, attacks on US embassies and consulates and continued riots across the Middle East and North Africa are stark reminders that great portions of the world remain volatile and hostile to the US. We have the mantle of responsibility that being the world's lone super-power brings. In the absence of U.S. military leadership, upheaval in the Middle East would be worse. As any student of history can attest, instability does not confine itself to national borders. Strife that starts in one country can spread like wildfire across a region.

Sequestration's cuts would reduce an additional 100,000 airmen, Marines, sailors and soldiers. That would leave us with the smallest ground force since 1940, the smallest naval fleet since 1915 and the smallest tactical fighter force in the Air Force's history. With the destabilization in the Middle East and other areas tenuous, we would be left with a crippled military, a diminished stature internationally and a loss of technological research, development and advantage - just as actors across the globe are increasing their capabilities.

Sequestration can still be avoided. But that will require leadership from the President that has thus far been missing. Congress and the White House must reach a long-term agreement to reduce \$1 trillion annual budget deficits, without the harsh tax increases that could stall economic growth and punish working families.

Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.

Meat Raffle to benefit Cancer Walk

There are just a few more days before the winner of the \$100.00 meat raffle is announced at the cancer walk on Oct., 6th. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the bank, the library, Hutchins Custom Processing or from Tommy Rone, who can be found daily at the early morning coffee table at Mexico City Cafe. Other Project Pride members also have tickets for purchase.

Hutchins and Project Pride have co-sponsored this fund-raising for the past several years and with the price of meat constantly on the rise, this is a win-win offer - somebody stocks up their freezer and the Cancer Walk secures more donations.

Tickets are the normal \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00 or for the real generous donor, 24 for \$20.00 - all in advance or at the event itself.

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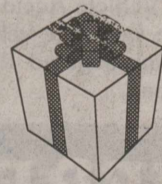
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Cancer Walk



Cancer Fund Lounger and Chair Drawing — Lounger and chair donated by Hardwicks in Eastland to be given away at the Cancer Fund event. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at Texas Heritage Bank.



Cancer Fund Piano — This beautiful piano is one of the Silent Auction items for the cancer Fund Walk and event on Saturday, October 6. To place your bid on the piano, send an email to: cpcancerfund@hotmail.com

this year.

A beautiful Chocolate and Cream Quilt (94" X94"), pieced, quilted and donated by Brenda Simon, will be drawn for at the Cancer Fund event. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at Texas Heritage Bank.

An outdoor lounger (valued at \$185) and a chair (valued at \$160) donated by Hardwicks in Eastland will be drawn for at the Cancer Fund event. Tickets are \$1 each and are available at Texas Heritage Bank.

A drawing for a Variety Meat Pack, valued at \$100, will be held by Hutchins Custom Processing and Project Pride. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Cross Plains Public Library and Hutchins Custom Processing.

An Arcosonic piano, made by Baldwin, is one of the items in the Silent Auction. You can bid on the piano by sending your bid via e-mail to: cpcancerfund@hotmail.com

Other items are needed for the

silent auction. You can bring them to Cindy Payne or Dannes Turner at the Senior Citizens Center.

Items for the Cake/Prize Walk and Bingo are needed. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and clean-up. To volunteer, ask questions or register a booth go to: cpcancerfund@hotmail.com

Only Cross Plains could make such an event happen and touch the lives of so many during a year. As we all know, a lot can change in a year causing a loved one, co-worker or you personally to need such assistance.

Through generous donations and participation of local churches and organizations, the fund has assisted 30 local cancer patients with gas and expenses as they required cancer treatment in 2012.

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