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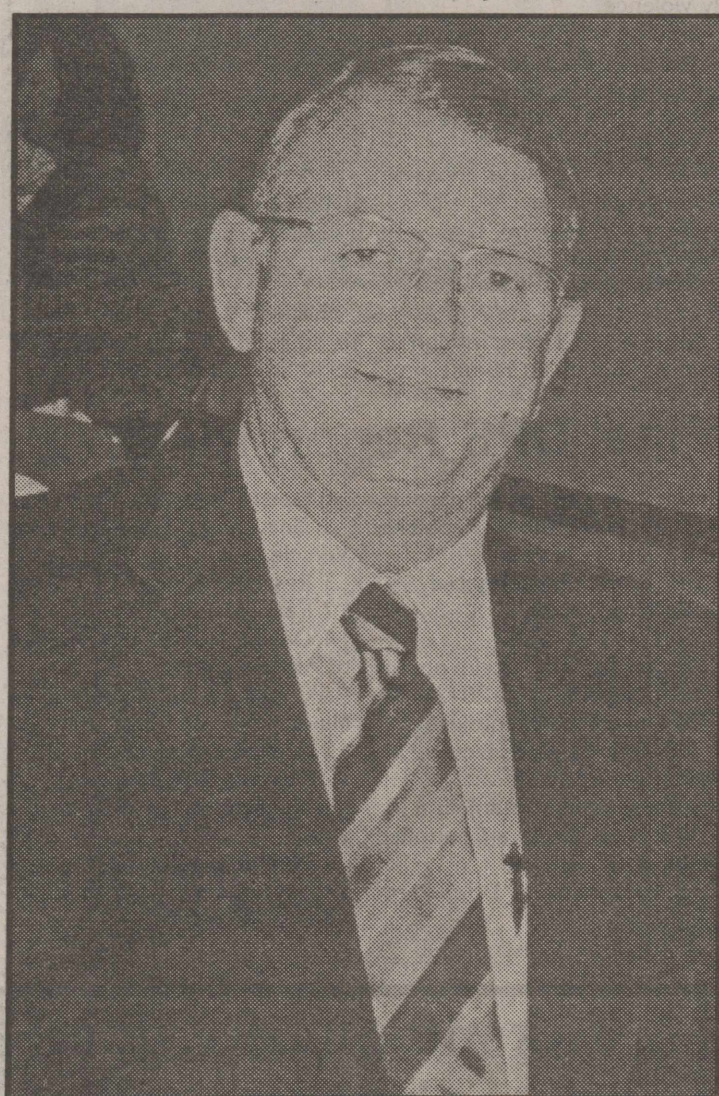


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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 45



## Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Announces Citizen of the Month

Donnie Dillard was selected as the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Month". Donnie is a truly deserving individual who first worked with his family and father in the oil field. When the oil field went bust, he made a decision to attend nursing school to support his family. His decision to leave the family business and join the medical field has made an impact on many lives in our community.

He meets both medical and spiritual needs for his patients. He goes far beyond his job description taking care of members of our community. It is not uncommon for him to be called out in the night, just to reassure a patient they need to go to the hospital before an ambulance is called.

His wife and family have been supportive of his unselfish efforts, as he is called away on holidays, family gatherings, and athletic games of one of his four children or grandchildren.

He also served our community

on the local school board for many years and has coached many of our children on Little League teams.

Community members take a sigh of relief when they call 911 and Donnie Dillard comes walking through the door, knowing their loved one will be in good hands with Donnie and the other EMS volunteers.

ResourceCare and Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to take this time to thank Donnie for his excellent nursing skills and devotion to the medical field. His years devoted to caring for patients in their home has allowed many of our residents to continue living at home, versus an inpatient nursing facility. Thanks to all the EMS and Fire Department volunteers who help make Cross Plains the Caring Community that it is.

Submitted by  
Myleah McNutt  
Administrative Assistant  
C.P. Chamber of Commerce

## Burn Ban Lifted

Callahan County Commissioners have lifted the Countywide Burn Ban effective Monday, Jan. 14th. Callahan County received rainfall over all of the county recently, causing the County Commissioners to lift the burn ban.

The Countywide Burn Ban will remain lifted by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court until further notice.

## Cross Plains Lady Buffs Won 3rd Consecutive District Game

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs won their 3rd game in a row and stayed perfect at 2-0 in District 15A D2 with wins over rivals Rising Star and May. Their overall record is 16-8.

The Lady Buffs opened district play at home on Friday, January 4th, with a 71-33 win over Rising Star. The Lady Buffs dominated from the start to finish led by Senior forward **Cheyenne Cowan's 19 points**. She was one of 5 Lady Buffs in double figures.

Texas Sanders was next in the

## Cottonwood Fire Control FISH FRY Saturday

Mouth watering fried fish and chicken, along with french fries, hushpuppies, beans, coleslaw and dessert will be available next Saturday night when the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control group holds their 5th Annual Fish Fry.

The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, located on Hwy 206 at FM 880 in Cross Plains on Saturday, January 19th from 5 until 7 p.m.

The dinner is only \$7.00 a plate and take out plates will be available.

Proceeds from the dinner go towards helping the Fire Control Group purchase a new pump and motors and towards repairs on Brush Truck No. 2 and the Water Truck.

Motor Vehicle  
Division  
in Cross Plains (Only)  
CLOSED  
January 17, 2013  
from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
to  
Attend Commercial  
Vehicle Training  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Justice of the Peace  
and Motor Vehicle  
Division  
Closed January 21,  
2013

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There is something that you can do for 4 hours a month that can change the life of a young girl. All you have to do is talk and be a good listener. These girls are in the Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex in Brownwood. The large majority (95 percent) of these girls are there because they had no one to talk to, listen to them or guide them, as young children or teenagers.

I promise, you will receive more than you give. If after reading the note below from Allison Voss, Chaplain at the unit, you would like more information **Reggie Pillans at 254-725-4168** or **Dannes Turner at 254-725-6521**.

I wanted to let you know of a current need that we have at our facility. We currently have 32 students on a waiting list to

## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show Begins this Thursday, January 17-19

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 17th — Saturday, January 19th at the Callahan County Ag Barn, located north of Cross Plains.

Superintendents for this year's show are:

**\*Heifers, Steers and Beef**  
Buster and Karen Smith  
**\*Market and Breeding Swine**  
Scotty Mitchell and Tom Windham  
**\*Poultry and Rabbits**  
Larry McIntire and Dawn Huckaby  
**\*Sheep and Goats**  
Kaysi Dean.

Judging of the poultry and rabbits will begin at 4:00 p.m. on

Thursday, January 17th with Paul Booth judging. All participants must be checked in by 4:00 p.m. on the 17th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 18th. Toby Long will start judging the Breeding Swine followed by the Market Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 18th, Brad Brundage will judge the Boer Goat Show, then the Market Goat Show, followed by the Market Sheep Show.

On the afternoon of the 18th from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be classified and weighed.

Bill Bender will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at

8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 19th with the heifer show. Bill Bender will also judge the steer show immediately following the Heifer Show.

The Premium Sale will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be held prior to the premium sale auction.

Announcers will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, Phil Mitchell, Roy Richey and Doug Johnston.

Officials of the show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show, and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Submitted by  
Jerry Warren  
CEA-Ag

## "Pushing the Limits" Begins Tonight at the Local Library

Join us tonight, Thursday, January 17th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library for a new event called **Pushing the Limits**. The library is one of 20 libraries nationwide who received a grant as a pilot project to explore ways for all of us to push the limits using science and technology.

Participants have read the book, *When the Killing's Done* by T.C. Boyle, and will meet to discuss the book and view two short films. We would like to encourage anyone interested to

join us, even if they have not read the book. We know there will be equal opinions on the National Park Service's efforts to destroy an invasive species and radical animal rights activist's endeavors to save an island's non-native population of black rats.

The unit tonight is about Nature and is the first part of a four-part series. Our next event will be on Survival with participants reading Clive Cussler's book, *Arctic Drift*. Cussler's works often find his hero in extreme conditions—stranded on an arctic ice flow,

adrift in a raft, or even trapped in a sunken wreck.

The author's loving attention to the scientific detail of cutting edge marine technologies woven seamlessly into speculative fiction keeps readers transfixed through to the triumphant end.

Come by the library and pick up your free copy and enroll for the event to be held on Thursday, February 21st.

Submitted by  
Linda Burns  
Library Director

## Services were Held for Pastor Donald Ray Duke Thursday, January 10th

Donald Ray Duke, age 82, of Rising Star, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family Friday, January 7, 2013. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2013, at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains with Dwaine Clower officiating assisted by Charles Chesshir. Burial followed in the Liberty Cemetery in Eastland County. Donations may be made to the Cross Plains E.M.S., Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 699, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or Lighthouse Hospice, 957 E. Main, Eastland, TX 76448.

Donald was born to John and Bertha (Phillips) Duke in Sabanno, Texas on August 1, 1930. He married Doris Hodnett on October 11, 1947 in Sabanno.

In 1949 he moved to Corpus Christi where he went to plumbing school. In 1950 the couple moved to Big Spring and they went to work for Dryer Plumbing, then in 1951 they worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical. In 1974 they relocated to his farm in the Pioneer area where he farmed, ran a dairy and served this area with his plumbing and electrical company until declining health led to his retirement.

Ordained as a deacon in 1951 at Hillcrest Baptist Church, he surrendered to preach in 1994, where he served as pastor for Cornerstone Church in Cross Plains, as well as in Mitchell, Breckenridge, and then Pioneer where he served until his health caused him to retire.

Survivors include his wife, Doris, of 65 years; son Michael



Donald R. Duke

Ray Duke; daughters Donna Merrick and husband Teddy of Weatherford and Teresa Enfield of Weatherford; a special nephew Robert Hodnett and wife Liz of San Antonio; grandchildren Krystal Barrett and husband Tyson of Brock, Jeanie Walker and husband JohnT. of Brock, John Russel (Rusty) Duke and wife Rochelle of Fort Worth, Kacie Edwards and husband Bubba of Borden County, Texas; great-grandchildren Bryan and Dylan Barrett of Brock, Carson Prestie and Lanie Walker of Brock, Walker and J.D. Duke of Fort Worth, Callie and Trey Edwards of Borden County; a sister-in-law Delois Duke of Fort Worth; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Wesley Duke, William (Willie) Duke, and a sister Rosa Gage.

Pallbearers were Tyson Barrett, Dylan Barrett, JohnT Walker, Jimmy Chesshir, Dean Richters, Bill Medley, Keith Phillips, Bill Armstrong, David Goble and L.D. Brown.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

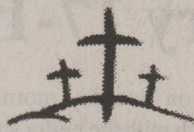
### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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  
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 Friendly Church

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

### Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers 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

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 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

### First United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 725-7377 Parsonage 725-7694  
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street  
[www.gbgm-umc.org/crossplains/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/crossplains/)

### First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 AM  
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 Pastor Kathy Monroe  
 208 N. Ave. D

### CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street  
 Cross Plains, Texas 76443  
 Minister: RICK AUSTIN  
 SUNDAY:  
 Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.  
 Worship: 10:45 A.M.  
 Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.  
 Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.  
 Ladies Class - Wednesday: 10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on east Hwy 36)  
 They are studying from a book written by Lottie Beth Hobbs entitled "Your Best Friend" and when completed with that study they will start with her book "If You Would See Good Days"

## Obituaries

### Esther Corene Schaffner

Esther Corene Schaffner, 77, of Big Spring went to her eternal home Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 12, 2013 at Baptist Temple Church with Pastor Richard Wilson officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

Corene was born September 15, 1935 in Cottonwood, Texas on the family farm to Buddy B. and Mary Ettie Breeding Jones. She grew up raising turkeys and chickens on her daddy's peanut farm. She attended school in Cottonwood and then attended and graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1954.

She married Billy Sam Schaffner, August 16, 1958, in Abilene, Texas. They lived in Abilene, Midland and Amarillo, finally settling in Big Spring in 1973; their home of forty years. Corene worked for the BSISD tax office and then the counselor office as a secretary; retiring after 25 years for health reasons. She is a two-time cancer survivor. After retirement, she took up quilting and completed a quilt for each of her grandchildren. She was always involved in her church, loved her Sunday School class and her church family. She was a member of Big Spring Area Retired Teachers Association. She was a representative of Baptist Temple Church on the executive Board of Crossroads Baptist Association.

Survivors include her loving husband of 54 years, Bill Schaffner; three adoring children, son Shan Schaffner and wife Cynthia of Big Spring, son Kyle Schaffner and wife Kim of Ft. Worth, and daughter Tracey Nichols and husband Brent of Burnet; eight grandchildren Zach Angel, Braden Schaffner, Ambrie Witte, Kayley Schaffner, Kaden Schaffner, Amber Faron Nichols and Corden Nichols, along with a niece and 4 nephews; sister-in-law Nancy Jones. She was expecting her first great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers Leo, W.H. (Dub) and Elvin Jones, three sisters Pauline Mattheissen, Loree Green and Wilda Jones, and two nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice House, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, TX 79761; Relay for Life, Attn: Sandy Griffin, 1217 E. 17th St., Big Spring, TX 79721; or your favorite charity.

### Edjuana Joan Murdock

Edjuana Joan Murdock, 75, of Cross Plains, went to be with the Lord on January 7, 2013 in Abilene. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Cottonwood Friday, January 11, 2013 with David Braun officiating. Burial followed in the Blake Cemetery in Brown County.

Joan was born on April 29, 1937 in Colorado to Horace Lee and Dorothy (Jones) Poteet. She married John L. Murdock, Jr. in 1956; he preceded her in death in 1994. She was a Reflexologist and continued to practice until her health just gave out. She was a godly woman and as close to the "Virtuous Woman" in the Bible as she could be.

Survivors include her son Dennis Lee Murdock of Rising Star; daughters Crystal Holman of Graham and Lynn Flores; three brothers Bud Poteet of Bangs, Herschel Poteet of Bryson, Sid Poteet of Weatherford; two sisters Sue Simmons of Washington and Sandra Williams of Kemah, Texas; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother and two grandchildren.

### Olive Laverne Odom

Olive Laverne Odom, 99, of May, went to be with the Lord on Monday, January 7, 2013, in Early, Texas.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 10, 2013, at First Baptist Church in May with David Williams officiating, assisted by David Pate. Burial followed in the May Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

She was born on August 31, 1913, in Callahan County, Texas, to George Walter and Mattie Elizabeth (Rutledge) Bills. She was married to James N. Odom in Carlsbad, N.M. on November 28, 1930. He preceded her in death on June 12, 2002. She worked as a grocery store manager for many years. She was a member of the May First Baptist Church.

Survivors include many nieces and nephews as well as her caretaker, R.D. Chambers.

### Buck Dueane Harrelson

Buck Dueane Harrelson, 83, went to be with the Lord on January 9, 2013, in Lorenzo, Texas. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. at the Rising Star Church of Christ on Monday, January 14, 2013 with Terry Jackson officiating. Burial followed in the Rising Star Cemetery.

He was born on November 26, 1929 in Eastland County, Texas to Ernest and Dolly (Maynard) Harrelson. He served in the U.S. Army. Buck married Sue Gray in March of 2000 in Lorenzo, after the death of his first wife, Marion Lee Carter in 1998. He worked as a Production Superintendent for Texaco Oil.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Harrelson of Lorenzo; sons Steve Harrelson and wife Shirley of Fort Worth, Loyd Harrelson and wife Cathy of Central City, AR and Richard Harrelson of Andrews; daughter-in-law Leann Harrelson of Bokoshe, OK; brother William Harrelson and wife Marta of Needville, TX; two step-children Suzanne Foust and husband Joe of Lorenzo, David Gray and wife Michelle of Gorman; granddaughters Teisha Childers of Rising Star, Lacy Harrelson of Rising Star, Emily Jaynes of Rising Star, Rachel Harrelson of Norman, OK, Kelly Harrelson of Bokoshe, OK; grandson Brandon Soloman of California; one great-grandchild; six step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, son Kenneth, two sisters Betty Melton and Donnie Mae Barton.

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## Courthouse News

### Callahan County Court

Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Travis C. Ashcraft, theft by check.

Amy T. Fulcher, theft by check.  
 Jeff L. Yates, assault - family violence.

Lindsey L. Denison, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
 James C. Knight, DWI.

Samuel L. Davis, driving while license suspended.

Bruce A. Cooper, assault - family violence.

Timothy W. Burns, DWI.

Daniel R. Swanger, assault - family violence.

David J. McCurdy, possession of marijuana.

Daniel P. McSwain, possession of marijuana.

Oscar J. Camacho, DWI.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Danielle E. Eppard, motion to dismiss motion to revoke pro-

bation granted.

David L. Brooks, plea of guilty to theft by check, 18 months probation, \$100 fine, \$314 court costs, \$370.18 restitution.

Jonathan R. Nelson, motion to revoke probation and adjudge granted.

Teresa K. Yearwood, plea of guilty to theft by check, 45 days in jail, \$264 court costs.

### Marriage Licenses

Jim D. Davis of Ponca City OK and Laura L. Bond of Brady

42nd District Court  
 John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Jim Ray Jaggars and Janie Irene Jaggars, divorce.

### Criminal Minutes

Phillip E. Cerda, plea of guilty to stalking, 3 year probation, \$500 fine, \$334 court costs.

## Final DPS Report for 2012

The following is the Department of Public Safety Report for the 2012 fiscal year.

Cases Investigated  
 Warnings: 9,951  
 Complaints: 2,837  
 Accidents: 143 accidents investigated during the 2012 year.  
 34 Driving While Intoxicated  
 103 Driving While License Invalid  
 7 Possession of Marijuana  
 12 Possession of a Controlled Substance  
 10 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia  
 33 Fugitive Arrest

6 Open Container  
 1 Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle  
 1 Resisting Arrest  
 1 Failure to Identify  
 1 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol-Minor  
 1 Consumption of Alcohol by Minor  
 3 Public Intoxication  
 2 Delivery of Marijuana  
 1 Possession of Dangerous Drug  
 1 Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information  
 1 Stolen Vehicle

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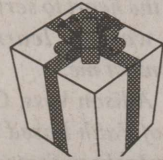
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## First Baptist Church

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 Sunday 9:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Evening Small Groups 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
 Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
 Children's Power Hour 6:30 p.m.  
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 Tim Tolosa/Music/Education Minister  
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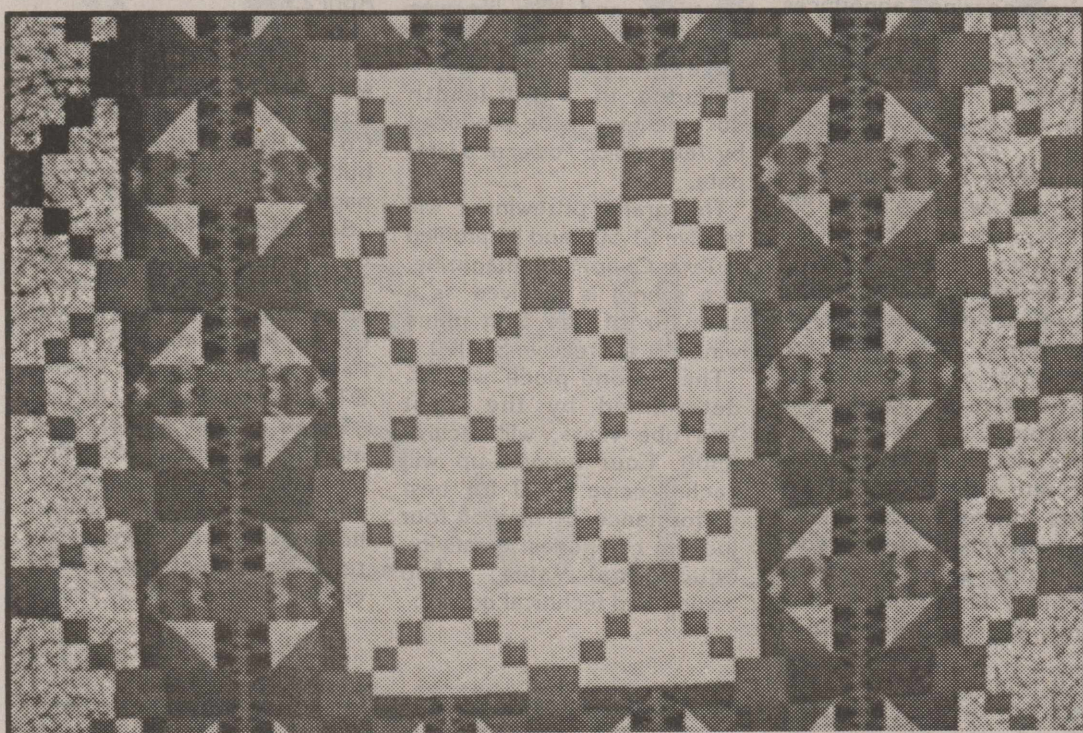
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## Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Cottonwood Rehab Quilting Club Auction Quilt

"Cottonwood Country Cottage" is the name of the lovely 90" X 80" queen-sized quilt that the Cottonwood Quilting Club pieced and quilted for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The quilt is done in golds, oranges, browns and reds, surrounded with red "barbed wire". The Rehab Auction continues through midnight this Saturday night, January 19th. You can view the quilt online and bid on it, by going to [rehabauction.org](http://rehabauction.org) and entering the item number 907. The Cottonwood Quilting Club has been making a quilt for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for the past sixty years. Our community was saddened to hear of the death of Joan Murdock. Our sincere sympathy goes out to her family.

Mary Ella Weaver hosted the Cross Plains Garden Club in her home last Friday, January 12. The club members enjoyed a luncheon and birdwatching and then held their business meeting.

Can you believe it's been four years since the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group held the first Fish Fry—and the big Prize Drawing to raise money for the new firehouse? Time sure goes by fast.

It's Fish Fry time again—and this Saturday, January 19th, the group will hold their 5th Annual Fish Fry, this time at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Cross Plains. Fire Chief Joe and the Fire Control Group are getting everything ready and promise this is one dinner you won't want to

miss. Dinner is from 5 until 7 p.m. and features fried fish or chicken, French fries, beans, coleslaw, hushpuppies, iced tea and dessert—all for \$7.00. Take outs are available. Come by and have dinner or come by and take dinner home with you.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward getting a new pump and motor for the recently acquired brush truck and for repairs on the water truck.

The Annual Meeting for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be held Friday, January 25th at 5 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. All volunteers for the Fire Control Group are urged to attend.

## Cross Plains Garden Club

Diana Miller

Thank you Lord for your healing rain, and for your many blessings to come!

The Cross Plains Garden Club met at the home of Mary Ella Weaver to enjoy an afternoon viewing the species of birds that frequent her property throughout the year. The January 11, 2013 business meeting was called to order by Secretary Diana Miller. Members present were Mary Dean, Janette Dugger, Eva Fleming, Billie Kelly, Mary Ella Weaver and Marqueta Westbrook. We were joined by visitor Dena Nickerson. Mary Ella served lunch and dessert as the meeting ensued.

As we enjoyed the luncheon, Mary Ella discussed the hummingbird genius using the book *The Life of the Hummingbird* by Alexander

Skutch as a guide. Mary Ella introduced us to a number of exotic hummingbird species through information and illustrations taken from the book. Mary Ella noted that her entire winter bird population was down from prior years by at least 50 percent, and the yellow finches have declined even more. In years past, she has observed towhee and brown thrashers but they have not arrived as yet.

During the meeting, we reviewed our exciting spring 2013 calendar and discussed plans for our fall programs. Officers for the 2013-2014 fiscal year were elected by acclamation. The Cross Plains Garden Club will once again offer a \$500.00 scholarship to a qualifying Cross Plains High School student.

January planting tips: Carrots,

beet, broccoli, cabbage and lettuce seeds can be planted now. Carrots will require soil to be loosened to a depth of at least one foot. Onion starts can also be planted now. If you are planning to start your seeds indoors and are reusing containers, remove the old soil and soak the containers in a mixture of one part bleach and ten parts water for at least a minute to rid the container of any bacteria.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. in the Mozelle Richardson Room of the Texas Heritage Bank. Visitors are always welcome. The beginning of the new year is the perfect time for new members to join the Garden Club. Please contact us at (254) 725-9418.

## 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

### January 7-10, 2013

Patrons	119
Books Checked Out	128
Programs	29
LAP	4
Lapsit	3
GED	13
Other	9

Copies 109

Internet 30

Interlibrary Loans 3

Reference 7

### Memorials

Cross Plains Class of 1954  
In Memory of  
Corene Shaffner

Kenneth and Ann Beeler  
In Memory of  
Corene Schaffner

### Book Donations

Sandy Doss  
Billye Sinclair

### Volunteers

Lavonne Childress  
Sue Bennett

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

## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

JANUARY 21-25

Monday 21st - Exercise 11:00

Tuesday 22nd - Exercise 11:00/BINGO 11:15

Sponsored by Lighthouse Hospice

Wednesday 23rd - Exercise 11:00/ Blood

Pressure Check Sponsored by Girling

Thursday 24th - Exercise 11:00 / Reading with 3rd Graders 9:15 & 12:30

Friday 25th - Exercise 11:00

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

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 21-25

Monday - BBQ on Bun,

Pickles, onions, Coleslaw,

Pinto Beans, Dessert,

Drink

Tuesday - Steak Fingers/

Potatoes/Gravy/English

Peas/Bread/Dessert/Drink

Wednesday -Mexican

Chicken Soup/Cornbread/

Jello with fruit/Cookie/

Drink

Thursday - Soft Taco/

Lett/Tom/Cheese/Spanish

Rice/Dessert/Drink

Friday -Chicken Salad

Sanwich/Lett/Tom/Chips/

Fruit/Cookie/Drink

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

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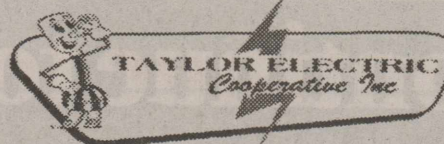


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## FCA All-Star Classic expanding with boys basketball game

Abilene, Texas - The Big Country Fellowship of Christian announces The Big Country Chevy Dealer's FCA All-Star Festival to be held during the spring of 2013. The Festival is an expansion of FCA's All-Star activities.

The events that comprise The Big Country Chevy Dealer's FCA All-Star Festival:

April 21, 2013 All-Star Induction Banquet, Abilene Civic Center with special guest speaker, Sonny Cumbie from Texas Tech Football.

May 18, 2013 Festival Awards Dinner, ACU's Teague Center with special guest speaker, Case Keenum from the Houston Texans.

June 6, 2013 5th Annual All-Star Girls Basketball and the 1st Annual All-Star Boys Basketball games presented by Action Sports Medicine, held in Brownwood, Texas at the Brownwood Coliseum

June 8, 2013 1st Annual Girls Volleyball game presented by Abilene Regional Medical Center at ACU's Moody Coliseum.

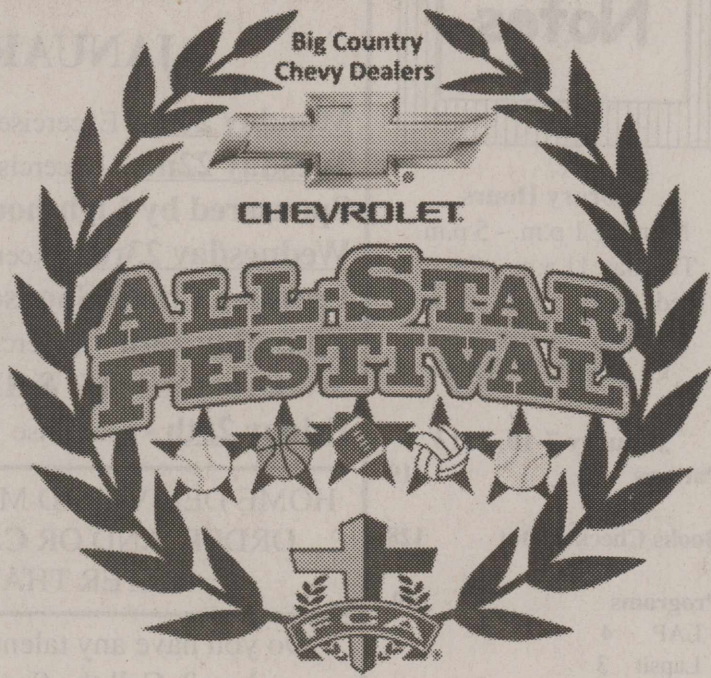
14th Annual Greathouse All-Star Football Classic game at Abilene's Shotwell Stadium.

June 2014 1st Annual Girls Softball and 1st Annual Boys Baseball games held in San Angelo.

With the addition of Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball, over 200 area student athletes and 24 coaches will take part in the events. In 2014 when softball and baseball join the festival activities those numbers climb to 270 student athletes and 32 coaches.

The coaches for the events include;

**North Football** - Head Coach, Bob Cervetto of Dublin  
Assistant Coach  
Grady Benton of Haskell  
Assistant Coach  
Shane McCoy of Craig Middle School, Abilene  
Assistant Coach



Shane Mobley of Sweetwater Assistant Coach  
**Rocky Smart of Clyde** Assistant Coach  
Keith Woolf of Anson

**South Football** - Head Coach, Todd Moebes of Abilene Cooper Assistant Coach Kyle Atwood of Grape Creek  
Assistant Coach  
Adam Bright of Winters  
Assistant Coach  
Doug Kuhlmann of San Angelo Lake View  
Assistant Coach Jeff Pannell of San Saba  
Assistant Coach  
Frank Rausch of Clack, Abilene

**North Men's Basketball** - Head Coach, Ryder Peacock of Albany  
Assistant Coach  
Marcus Morris of Graham

**South Men's Basketball** - Head Coach, Robert Buxkemper of Ballinger  
Assistant Coach  
Russell Perkins of Abilene Wylie

**North Women's Basketball** -

Head Coach, Troy Wallace of Cisco  
Assistant Coach Ky Graham of Breckenridge

**South Women's Basketball** - Head Coach, Kristi Sandoval of Early

Assistant Coach  
Tate Lombard of Wall  
**North Volleyball** - Head Coach, DiDi Pierce of Abilene High  
Assistant Coach  
Liz Miller of Sweetwater  
**South Volleyball** - Head Coach, Nora Campbell of Abilene Cooper  
Assistant Coach  
Jackie Lang of Brownwood

All-Star Festival Sponsors are: Big Country Chevy Dealers Jim Stanley, Bruner Auto Group in Brownwood; Mark Hanner and Hunter Hanner of Hanner Chevrolet in Baird; Larry Hall and Gary Grubbs of Lawrence Hall Chevrolet, Abilene; Mitch Hall and John Speer of Lawrence Hall Chevrolet in Anson and Joseph Toliver and Russ Downey of Toliver Brothers in Ballinger.

## Taylor Electric Cooperative announces \$4,000 award in youth video contest

Taylor Electric Cooperative, in conjunction with Texas Co-op Power magazine, announces the launch of the 2013 Co-op Teens Power Texas video contest.

For the fourth consecutive year, Taylor Electric Cooperative and Texas Co-op Power will award up to \$4,000 in cash prizes for winners of the competition.

Students in grades 6 through 12 whose parents or legal guardians are current members of an electric cooperative in Texas can participate.

This year, students are asked to create a five- to 10-minute video interviewing someone who remembers the era when electricity first came to their home. The video will serve as

an oral history of the time before the interviewee received electricity and how life was changed afterwards. All videos have the potential to be included in a full-length documentary to be produced by Texas Co-op Power at a later date.

The grand prizewinner will receive \$1,500 and be profiled in Texas Co-op Power magazine. If a school is involved as a sponsor of the first-place winner it will receive \$1,000.

The second-place winner, determined by the most YouTube views, will receive \$500. Four runners-up will each receive \$250 for best performance in one of four judging categories: creativity, educational value, video editing and technical quality.

The contest opens ends April 1. Winners will be announced April 23.

For full contest rules and entry forms, go to [www.TexasCoopPower.com](http://www.TexasCoopPower.com), scroll down and click on the Co-op Teens Power Texas button on the right side of the page.

See last year's winning videos at [www.youtube.com/TXCOOPPOWER](http://www.youtube.com/TXCOOPPOWER). For contest updates and tips, "Like" Texas Co-op Power magazine on Facebook or follow on Twitter @TexasCoopPower.

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Cross Plains I.S.D. Holidays  
  
Thursday, January 17th  
Early Out at 1:00 p.m.  
Buses Run at 1:10 p.m.  
  
Friday, January 18th  
Student and Staff Holiday for  
Callahan County Livestock Show  
  
Classes Will Resume  
Monday, January 21st  
at the Regular Time

## DPS Recognizes National AMBER Alert Awareness Day

AUSTIN - The State of Texas will join the nation in observing National AMBER Alert Awareness Day on January 13, 2013. AMBER stands for "America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response," and was named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and murdered in Arlington, Texas, in 1996.

Shortly after Amber Hagerman's death, law enforcement and media representatives in the Dallas/Fort Worth area created the first AMBER Alert program, serving as a model plan nationwide for alerting the public regarding abducted children. Currently, every state in the U.S. has an AMBER Alert Plan, in addition to several countries around the world. January 13 marks the 17-year anniversary of Amber Hagerman's abduction, which the U.S. Department of Justice has designated as National AMBER Alert Awareness Day.

The Texas AMBER Alert Program was established by Gov. Rick Perry in August of 2002, complementing existing local AMBER Alert programs. DPS manages the statewide program and provides law enforcement a mechanism for rapid notification of the media and the public in these serious child abduction cases.

From 2002 through the end of 2012, 93 children have been recovered during 87 DPS activations of the Texas AMBER Alert Program. (Some alerts have in-

involved more than one child.) Activation of the Texas AMBER Alert Network involves resources from the following groups:

- Texas Department of Public Safety
- Office of the Governor
- National Weather Service
- Texas Department of Transportation
- Local, state and federal law enforcement
- Media
- Texas Association of Broadcasters
- Independent Bankers Association of Texas
- Texas Lottery Commission
- BeyondMissing.com
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), which was added as a state partner in 2005, providing notification to the public through wireless carriers, content providers and major retailers.

If your child is missing:  
— Immediately call your local law enforcement agency to file a missing persons report.

— Be prepared to provide law enforcement with the most recent photo of the child, a detailed description of what the child was wearing and any other information that could help identify the child or the abductor, such as vehicle and license plate information.

For more information on the Texas AMBER Alert Program, visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/Operations/Alerts/index.htm>.

## CROSS PLAINS SCHOOL MENU

January 21-25  
BREAKFAST

Monday - Eggs, Bisquit, Assorted juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza Assorted juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Pancakes, Sausage, Assorted juice, Milk  
Thursday - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted juice,  
Friday - Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk

## LUNCH

Monday - Tangerine Chicken or Chicken Nuggets, Brown Rice, Broccoli, Baby carrots, Snowball Salad, Milk  
Tuesday - Chicken Parmesan, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Fresh Apple Slices, Bread sticks, Milk  
Wednesday - Chili Beans, Corn Chips, Rice, Garden salad, Salsa, Cinnamon Apples, Milk

Thursday - Stuffed BBQ Potato, Baby carrots, Baked beans, Texas toast, Fresh fruit Bowl, Milk  
Friday - Beef or Chicken Patty on bun, Baked wedges, Lettuce, tomato, & Pickles, Diced pears, Milk

## Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from January 5, 2013 through January 11, 2013 include:

- Cases Investigated  
Warnings—65  
Complaints—43  
DWI—1  
Open Container—1  
Driving While License Invalid—5  
Possession of Marijuana—1  
Reckless Driving—1  
Public Intoxication—1  
Fugitive Arrest—1

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

An Organizational Meeting  
for the  
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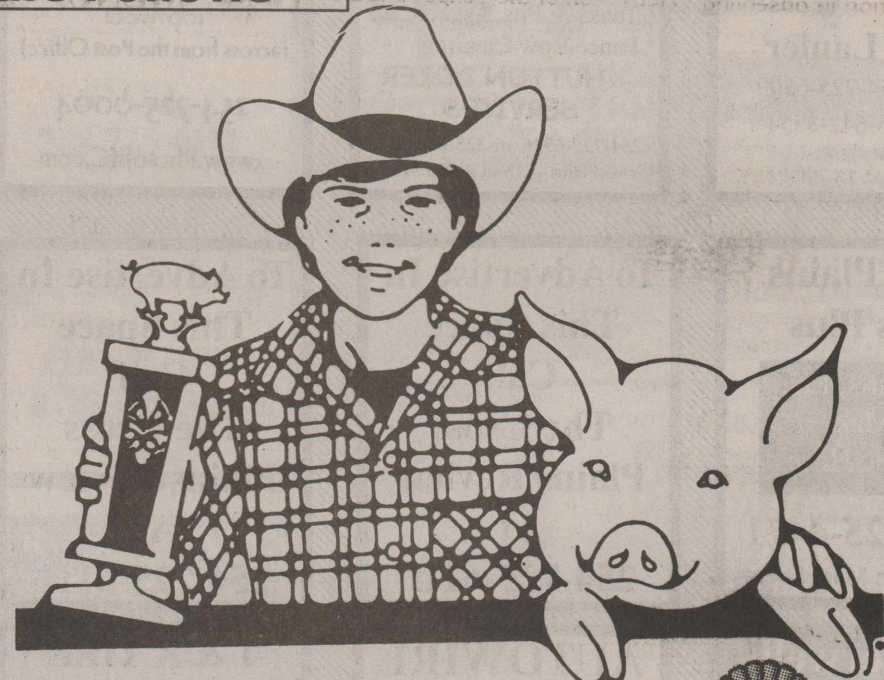
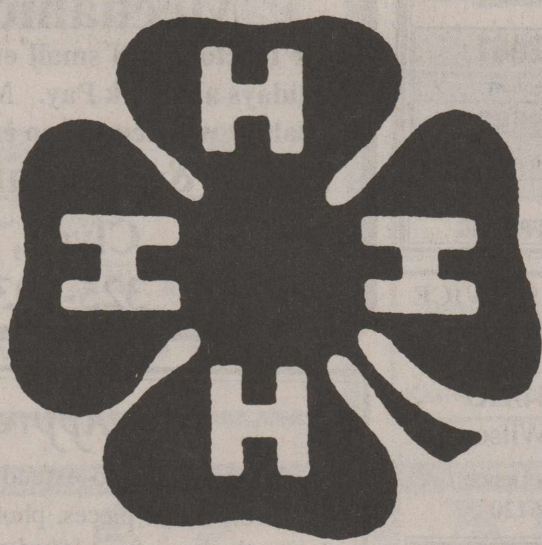
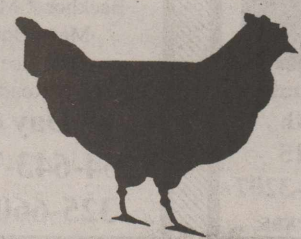
**Friday - 8:00 a.m.**  
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**Friday - 1:30 p.m.**  
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followed by  
Market Sheep Show

**Saturday - 8:30 a.m.**  
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## AEP honored for disaster assistance and response

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 10, 2013—American Electric Power (NYSE: AEP) and its utility subsidiaries were honored today by the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) for their efforts to restore power and assist other electric utilities in restoring power following two severe weather events in 2012. AEP is the parent corporation of AEP Texas. EEI is the association of shareholder-owned electric utility companies. AEP Ohio, Appalachian Power, Indiana Michigan Power and Kentucky Power received EEI's Emergency Recovery Award for their response to the June 29th super derecho storm, which crossed the eastern United States with heavy rain, hail and hurricane-force winds.

Electric utilities experienced more than 4.3 million customers without power in 10 states and the District of Columbia, including the 1.4 million AEP customers affected at the storm's peak.

In addition, AEP was honored with EEI's Emergency Assistance Award for the efforts of more than 2,600 of the company's employees and contractors who assisted other utilities following Hurricane Sandy in October. During the restoration effort, approximately 50 percent of AEP's company and contract line resources were working to help restore power for other utilities. AEP crews primarily worked in New York, New Jersey and West Virginia. "We are so proud of the extraordinary efforts of our crews and support personnel in getting the lights back on quickly and safely following these destructive weather events," said Robert P. Powers, AEP executive vice president and chief operating

officer. "Some of the crews were away from home for weeks assisting other utility companies. The sacrifices our employees and contractors made and their commitment to customers were remarkable, but not surprising. Our employees have a long legacy of doing whatever is necessary to get power back on when major weather events interrupt service."

American Electric Power is one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, delivering electricity to more than 5 million customers in 11 states. AEP ranks among the nation's largest generators of electricity, owning nearly 38,000 megawatts of generating capacity in the U.S. AEP also owns the nation's largest electricity transmission system, a nearly 39,000-mile network that includes more than 765-kilovolt extra-high voltage transmission lines than all other U.S. transmission systems combined. AEP's transmission system directly or indirectly serves about 10 percent of the electricity demand in the Eastern Interconnection, the interconnected transmission system that covers 38 eastern and central U.S. states and eastern Canada, and approximately 11 percent of the electricity demand in ERCOT, the transmission system that covers much of Texas. AEP's utility units operate as AEP Ohio, AEP Texas, Appalachian Power (in Virginia and West Virginia), AEP Appalachian Power (in Tennessee), Indiana Michigan Power, Kentucky Power, Public Service Company of Oklahoma, and Southwestern Electric Power Company (in Arkansas, Louisiana and east Texas). AEP's headquarters are in Columbus, Ohio.

## Texas Comptroller Susan Combs Releases Biennial Revenue Estimate

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs released the state's Biennial Revenue Estimate, showing the state is projected to have \$101.4 billion available for general-purpose spending during the 2014-15 biennium.

"Texas experienced a very strong rebound from a severe recession," Combs said. "The state's robust economic recovery led to better-than-expected revenue collections in major taxes such as the sales tax, oil and natural gas production taxes and motor vehicle sales taxes. The outlook for both the economy and state revenue is for continuing expansion as the fast-growth of the economic recovery gives way to moderate, sustained growth."

The state's general revenue collections from taxes, fees and other income is estimated to be \$96.2 billion for the 2014-15 biennium, of which about \$3.6 billion would be set aside for future transfers to the Rainy Day Fund. This leaves approximately \$92.6 billion in net general revenue. Adding to that is a projected \$8.8 billion ending balance from the current biennium, giving the Legislature the estimated \$101.4 billion for general-purpose spending for the next biennium.

The Texas economy, in inflation-adjusted terms, is projected to increase by 3.4 percent in fiscal 2013, another 3.4 percent in fiscal 2014 and 3.9 percent in fiscal 2015. The state's unemployment rate, which reached 8.2 percent during the recession, is expected to continue slowly dropping and average 6 percent during 2015.

The state's largest tax revenue source is the sales tax, which accounts for more than half the state's general revenue. It is expected to generate approxi-

mately \$54.9 billion in the 2014-15 biennium, a 9.4 increase from the current biennium.

Among other large tax revenue sources:

- Motor vehicle sales taxes are expected to be about \$7.9 billion in 2014-15, a 9.3 percent increase from the current biennium.

- The oil production tax is projected to generate about \$4.6 billion, a 3.9 percent increase from the current biennium; natural gas production tax revenue is estimated to be \$2.5 billion, about a 4 percent decrease from the current biennium.

- The state's franchise tax revenue for all funds is estimated at \$9.5 billion for 2014-15, a 3.1 percent increase.

"While the Texas economy is doing well, we must be mindful of factors that cast a shadow over our economy," Combs said. "The economic and financial troubles dogging Europe drag on and the powerful Chinese economy has slowed. Meanwhile, the federal government remains gridlocked across a number of issues. Economic and regulatory uncertainty, including the possibility of increased taxation, can delay purchasing decisions by businesses and households."

At the end of the current biennium, the state's Rainy Day Fund will have a balance of about \$8.1 billion, absent any appropriation that might be made by the Legislature. At the end of the 2014-15 biennium the balance is projected to be approximately \$11.8 billion, absent any legislative appropriations.

State revenue for all purposes is estimated at \$208.2 billion for the 2014-15 biennium, which would include approximately \$112 billion in federal receipts and other income.

## Religious poetry contest

A \$1,000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by the Central Point Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 50 prizes in all totaling almost \$5,000.00. The deadline for entering is February 23, 2013.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less:

- Free Poetry Contest, PO Box 3336, Central Point, OR 97502. Or enter online [www.rainbowpoets.com](http://www.rainbowpoets.com).

"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Fred Young, the organization's Contest Director. "Our desire is to inspire amateur poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Poets deserve opportunities to exhibit their work and get recognition. We hope our contest will encourage new poets to share their art."

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## Farm Service Agency Emergency Loans Available to 207 Disaster Counties in Texas

(COLLEGE STATION, TX) – January 14, 2013— USDA Texas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Acting Executive Director James B. Douglass announced that 207 counties in Texas were declared a disaster on January 9, 2013, due to drought and heat using the new, streamlined Secretarial Disaster Designation process. Under this designation, producers with operations in any of the 157 primary disaster counties or 50 contiguous disaster counties are eligible to apply for low interest emergency loans.

The streamlined disaster designation process issues a drought disaster declaration when a county has experienced a drought intensity value of at least a D2 (severe drought) level for eight consecutive weeks based on the U.S. Drought Monitor during the crop year. Under this declaration 157 counties in Texas have reached that threshold since November 1, 2012.

The following 157 counties were designated as primary disaster counties:

Andrews, Dallas, Hartley, La Salle, Archer, Dawson, Haskell, Limestone, Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Hemphill, Lipscomb, Bailey, Delta, Hidalgo, Live Oak, Bandera, Denton, Hill, Lubbock, Baylor, De Witt, Hockley, Lynn, Bee, Dickens, Hood, McLennan, Bell, Dimmit, Hopkins, McMullen, Borden, Donley, Hudspeth, Maverick, Bosque, Duval, Hunt, Menard, Bowie, Eastland, Hutchinson, Milam, Briscoe, Edwards, Jack, Mills,

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The following 50 counties were designated as contiguous disaster counties:

Anderson, Comal, Llano, Sterling, Aransas, Concho, McCulloch, Titus, Atascosa, Crane, Madison, Tom Green, Bastrop, Ector, Martin, Travis, Bexar, Franklin, Mason, Upton, Blanco, Frio, Medina, Uvalde, Brazos, Gonzales, Midland, Van Zandt, Brewster,

Henderson, Morris, Victoria, Burleson, Howard, Pecos, Wilson, Calhoun, Irion, Reagan, Winkler, Cass, Lavaca, Reeves, Wood, Coke, Lee, Runnels, Zavala, Coleman, and Leon.

"The disaster designation is welcome relief to producers because it allows all qualified operators in primary and contiguous counties to apply for a low interest emergency (EM) loan," said Douglass.

Emergency loans help producers recover from production and physical losses due to drought, flooding and other natural disasters or quarantine.

Producers have eight months from the date of the declaration to apply for emergency loan assistance. FSA will consider each loan application on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability. Producers can borrow up to 100 percent of actual production or physical losses, to a maximum amount of \$500,000. The current emergency loan interest rate is 2.25 percent.

Producers with operations in counties that did not receive a disaster designation could be eligible for emergency loan assistance if they suffered at least a 30 percent loss in crop production or a physical loss to livestock, livestock products, real estate or chattel property.

For more information about emergency loans, please contact your local FSA office or visit [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

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Some rules remain the same and some have been changed. NO one individual will EVER be required to give an answer alone – this is a TEAM effort. Answers will be multiple choice on paper and decided upon by the entire team. Talk as loud as you want. If you can overhear the answers the next table comes up with, feel free to use them - but be careful. They may be shouting out the wrong answers just to throw you off! Most questions are likely NOT what you'll find in text books, so your guess may be as good as anyone else's, and your team has a 1 in 4 chance of choosing the correct answer. Cell phones or other electronic devices may NOT be used during the rounds. It will be up to each team to decide how many members they have so long as it is no more than 7 and no less than 5.

The questions will be served up with a full Bar-B-Que brisket meal. The cost will be \$15.00 per person, and that includes the meal and the contest. For any of you who don't think you are quite up to the trivia challenge, we'll have a \$10.00 "My Hat's Not Big Enough" section where you can enjoy the food and watch the fun while you learn about our great state. We are adding a silent auction, so those who do not come out ahead in the Trivia contest may still have a chance of winning something. The auction will be open to all who attend.

Businesses, organizations and groups of friends, you will want to show off your team's skill as you compete against other businesses, organizations or groups of friends. Start putting your team together & get registered! March 2 will be here before you know it, and seating will be limited, so don't wait! If you would like to play trivia, but do not have a team, let us know and we will try to put you together with others needing team members.

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## Holiday Hill, Inc. Celebrated in Style

The residents at Holiday Hill, Inc. and the Allen Center buildings in Coleman were decorated with glittering tinsel, Nativity Scenes and numerous colorful lighted Christmas trees for the enjoyment of the residents during the holiday season. Each participating resident had his/her room door decorated with themes of snowmen, reindeer, poinsettias and holiday lights. The resident door decorating contest was fun for the staff and residents and was carried out by local clubs, churches, schools, family members and the Holiday Hill staff.

Prizes for the most beautiful door decorations were awarded to Scarlett Tyburn and Chelsey Lewis, both members of the senior class of Panther Creek High School. They accepted their prizes at the Holiday Hill employee annual Christmas party held in the facility's spacious dining room. The staff was

honored with a delicious home cooked meal, live music and comic entertainment followed by a gift exchange.

During the Yuletide season, the residents were treated to Christmas Carols by visiting Coleman second graders, a band concert by the Coleman High School Band, and a visit from the one and only "Elvis".

During one of the parties, the Hartman family entertained in the Allen Center with songs, stories, and by leading the 100 plus family members and residents in Christmas carols. The most anticipated visitor, Santa Claus arrived with his big red bag over his back to make sure that each happy resident received presents of warm scarves, gloves, lap robes and personal articles. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Holiday!

Submitted by  
Martha Burke

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## Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Chili Supper January 26th

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 26. It is time for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's annual Chili Supper. Bring your family, see your friends and meet your neighbors at the First Baptist Family Life Center in Cross Plains from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The department will be serving their famous homemade chili, cornbread, dessert, hot dogs, chili dogs and iced tea. Carry outs will also be available for your convenience.

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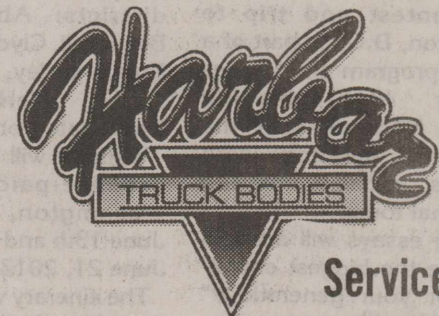
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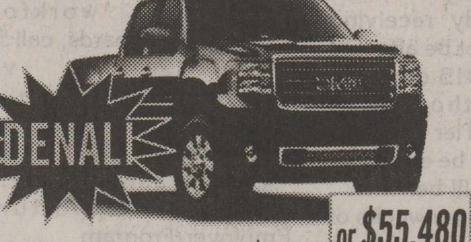


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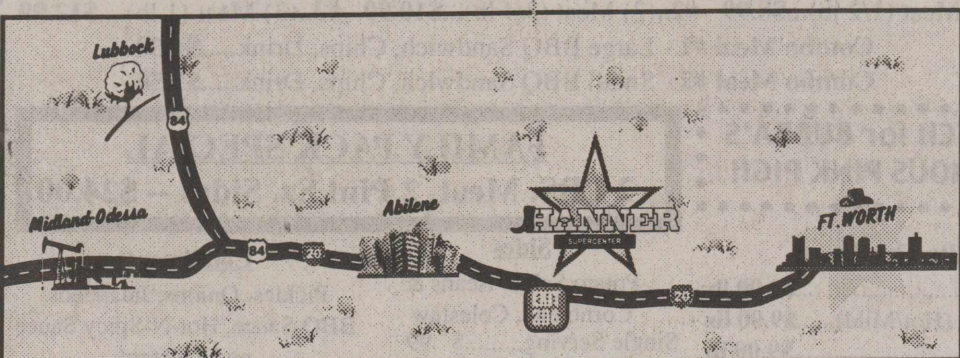
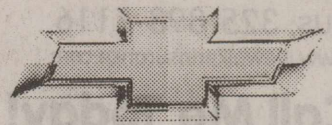
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# Cross Plains' retail sales in 2013 are 20% higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2012 are higher by over 20 percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, January 2013.

Cross Plains' 2013 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$18,784.90, which is 20.92 percent higher than the \$15,534.17 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2012.

The payment to the city for January 2013 was the same amount as the yearly total.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today, Wednesday, January 9th, that state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.17 billion, up 9.4 percent compared to December 2011.

"Strong sales tax collections in most major economic sectors in Texas, said Combs. "The strongest growth was from business spending-drive sectors including oil and natural gas, manufacturing and construction."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$530.8 million, up 7.3 percent compared to January 2012.

Combs distributed \$349.3 million in January 2013 allocations to Texas cities, which is up 7.0 percent from January 2012 and higher by 7.0 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$36.6 million in January 2013 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 11.0 percent compared to January 2012 and higher by 11.0 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$118.2 million in January 2013 sales tax allocations, which is 7.2 percent higher than January 2012 and up 7.2 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$26.7 million in January 2013 allocations, which is 12.5 percent higher than January 2012 and higher by 12.5 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$530.8 million in January 2013, which is 7.3 percent higher than January 2012 and up 7.3 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent November sales reported by monthly tax filers.

For details of local sales tax allocations in January to individual cities, counties, transit

## CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2012	2013
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$15,534.17	\$18,784.90
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$1,553.417	\$1,878.490

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

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2013 started the year 6.86 percent lower than the 2012 payments. The city has received \$8,169.24 in 2013, while the 2012 tax payments to the city totalled \$8,771.65.

Baird's monthly payment for January 2013 was the same amount as the yearly total.

—The 2013 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 13.94 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2012. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$40,449.08 in 2013. The 2012 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$35,499.99.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for January 2013 was the same amount as the yearly total.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2013 payments to the town totalled \$2,154.03, which is higher by 93.61 percent from the 2012 payments to the city in the amount of \$1,112.53.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of January 2013 was the same amount as the yearly total.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2013 in Callahan County are higher by 14.18 percent compared to the 2012 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2013 amounting to \$69,557.25 while the 2012 payments to the

county towns totalled \$60,918.34.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of January 2013 was the same amount as the yearly total.

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% is 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 of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

# Project Pride Membership Opportunities for 2013

It's time once again to re-new memberships in Project Pride or to join for the first time. This group was organized in the mid-80's for the purpose of making the community a cleaner, more attractive place to live and to preserve and document the history of the Cross Plains area. A strong membership base has always been essential for maintaining the non-profit status of the organization as well as for the maintenance and operation of the Museum.

In addition to owning and maintaining the Robert E. Howard Museum that draws visitors from around the world, the annual list of projects include the luncheon for all school personnel in the fall, maintaining the Christmas yard decorations at the Museum, sponsoring Christmas window decorations at Higginbothams, helping with the Cancer Walk, the Sorority's annual trip to the Capital for local students, and numerous Library activities.

Also at the top of the tourism list is promoting Cross Plains in newspapers and travel guides throughout the area and state and maintaining the highway welcome signs at the entrances of the city.

This group puts a lot of time and energy into the annual Howard Days, scheduled for June 7-8 this year. Members feel this all-out

effort is definitely worth it as visitors come from all around the world to see where Howard lived and wrote. Some of these folks have been visiting at least once a year since 1986 and have come to feel that Cross Plains is their second home. They are some of our best ambassadors as they tout our little friendly town at every opportunity.

There's a wide variety of volunteer opportunities to make this annual event a memorable two days for the over 100 visitors. Advance help is needed to get a massive mailing out in April. May finds the planning and facilitating decorations for the Friday celebration dinner as well as making reservations with the caterer. Action picks up the day before the big event as the Community Center is setup, decorated and made ready and food is arranged for the Friday lunch at the pavilion. Then comes Friday with registering the guests, giving tours of the Museum, working in the gift shop and just general hosting around the edges.

Project Pride appreciates everybody who has made an investment in the success of their activities over the years and encourages folks to continue their involvement or to join for the first time.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday evening of the month at the Cross Plains Public Library

and members are warmly encouraged to attend and check out the fun. Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and generally last about an hour.

Officers serving the organization for the coming year are Arlene Stephenson, President; Era Lee Hanke, Vice President; Diana Miller, Secretary and Tom Stephenson, Treasurer. Other group leaders are committee chairs: Ann Rone is in charge of special activities and Tom Rone takes care of the maintenance of the Museum. New members, Larry and Nora Pointer, have taken on the historical committee. Betty Sue Adams continues to be our #1 cheerleader and keeps us all inspired to do our best.

Annual dues are only \$3.00 per individual and \$5.00 for a couple of a family. Organizations are also encouraged to join as a group. Checks payable to PROJECT PRIDE, along with names, addresses and phone numbers may be mailed to:

**Project Pride**  
P.O. Box 534  
Cross Plains, TX 76443

or by using Pay-Pal at [ProjPride@yahoo.com](mailto:ProjPride@yahoo.com)  
For more information, please contact Arlene Stephenson (254) 725-4993, Era Lee Hanke (254) 725-6562 or [ProjPride@yahoo.com](mailto:ProjPride@yahoo.com)

Submitted by  
Arlene Stephenson

# Lower Texas State unemployment rate results in changes to unemployment benefits

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today that due to the state's improving unemployment rate, Texas is no longer eligible for Tier III of federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC). Federal legislation recently extended the EUC program until Jan. 1, 2014. However, the week ending Jan. 5, 2013 was the last week in which Texas EUC claimants could exhaust Tier II EUC and establish a Tier III claim beginning Jan. 6, 2013.

Texas was notified by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) that the state's three-month average unemployment rate fell below 7 percent, the mandated rate for Tier III EUC eligibility. TWC will begin paying EUC at a new maximum rate of 28 weeks beginning with the week ending Jan. 12, 2013. TWC previously administered up to 37 weeks of EUC.

"Texas employers have added 278,800 jobs over the past 12 months, and the

unemployment rate is the lowest it has been since December 2008," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "TWC and the 28 local workforce boards remain committed to providing quality services to help connect job seekers to employment."

Individuals who exhaust EUC Tier II benefits beginning with week ending January 12 or after will be affected by the EUC Tier III deadline. TWC estimates approximately 26,500 EUC Tier II filers will not be eligible for additional weeks of EUC Tier III benefits.

Approximately 7,000 claimants already receiving EUC Tier III will not be affected by the Jan. 5, 2013 deadline. Additionally, those who exhausted EUC Tier II before Jan. 5, 2013 may be eligible to receive EUC Tier III benefits.

The total maximum weeks of Unemployment Insurance benefits now available to an individual in Texas is 54 weeks, down from 63 weeks.

For more information, or to update contact information or

to check the status of benefits, claimants may visit the TWC website at [ui.texasworkforce.org](http://ui.texasworkforce.org). Reemployment services are available through local Workforce Solutions Offices statewide, or job seekers may visit [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com) to register and search for job postings.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call 512-463-8942 or visit [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).

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# Taylor Electric Cooperative offers free trip to Washington, D.C., for three area students

Taylor Electric Cooperative invites all area high school students who live within its 11-county service area to participate in the annual Government-in-Action - Youth Tour essay contest and win a trip to the nation's capital.

The contest and trip to Washington, D.C., is part of a national program that brings together high-achieving students from all over the country for meetings with legislators, social events and educational tours.

Winning essays will address "What are the biggest energy issues for your generation?" Students should write between 1,500 and 2,000 words on the

topic. Essays will be judged by local educators.

The contest is open to any high school student who is currently a sophomore or will be 16 years of age by this summer and who attends classes in the following school districts: Abilene, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Cross Plains, Eula, Hawley, Highland, Jim Ned, Merkel, Trent, Sweetwater, or Wylie.

Winners will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., leaving June 13th and returning home June 21, 2013.

The itinerary will include tours to national monuments, the Smithsonian, the FBI, the

Capitol building, the Supreme Court, the National Cathedral, the Ford Theater, time for shopping and many more activities.

For more details, contest information is available from local school counselors and entry forms and details can be downloaded online at [www.taylor-electric.com](http://www.taylor-electric.com). Click the "Community Connections" tab to learn more about the Youth Tour, as well as the Taylor Electric Scholarship program.

The contest deadline is Feb. 1, 2013, when submission entries will close at 5 p.m. For more information, call 325-793-8538.



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## SWCD Now taking Windbreak Tree Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price.

These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Idalou, Texas.

This year's selection of available trees include a variety of evergreens. They are: Afghanistan Pine, Pinyon Pine and Austrian Pine. These Evergreen Seedlings are being offered for 5 for \$20.00 or \$105.00 for a box of 30 per species.

In addition to the Evergreens, a variety of bare-rooted hardwood seedlings are being offered this year. The list includes,

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Orders will be taken until January 31, 2013 expected delivery date on February 15, 2013.

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For more information on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District, Texas at (325) 854-1349 Extension 3.

The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th - Suite B.

## Texas Midwest Day at State Capitol is February 5th

Texas Midwest Community Network announces plans for Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol on Feb. 5, 2013. Community leaders from throughout the region are encouraged to participate.

"Generally speaking, rural communities are at a disadvantage when it comes to influencing state lawmakers" says TMCN President Kathy Keane of Eden. "By joining together, a larger group of rural delegates gets more attention and presents a stronger voice in Austin."

The day in Austin will include a photo session with lawmakers on the steps of the Capitol, a briefing on issues important to the region, visits with lawmakers and staffs and a legislative reception for which TMCN is partnering with the Brownwood Area Chamber of Commerce to host.

The primary issues to be addressed by the Texas Midwest delegation that meets with lawmakers are water and transportation.

Funding the 50-year water plan passed by the Legislature in 1997 is most important. SB1 provided a framework for the management of water resources, including drought planning, water rights regulation, financial and technical assistance and data collection, however, funding was not provided. The regional organization supports bills that have already been filed to designate \$2 billion from the Economic Stabilization Fund (e.g. Rainy Day Fund) to fund the plan.

Regarding transportation, it is the view of TMCN that the State must take on the responsibility of funding the basic transportation needs of our State. With the booming oil and gas industry and a heavy influx of new residents, the transportation sys-

tem is reaching a point of critical mass to improve how goods, products, and services move from point to point in our state. TMCN supports the "User Fee" option to fund DPS as proposed by Rep. Drew Darby (R-San Angelo) thus not diverting those funds from current sources of revenue for roads.

The more citizens attending Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol from the region, the better the message will be heard for rural Texas. A list of the regional issues and talking points is posted online at [texasmidwest.org](http://texasmidwest.org).

For details on registration for Texas Midwest Day at the Capitol visit the [texasmidwest.org](http://texasmidwest.org) website or call the TMCN Office 325-795-8626. Make a difference for rural Texas. Plan to participate on Feb. 5th.

Lawmakers representing the Texas Midwest region include Senators Troy Fraser (Dist. 24), Robert Duncan (Dist. 28), and Craig Estes (Dist. 30); and Representatives Harvey Hilderbran (Dist. 53), J.D. Sheffield (Dist. 59), Jim Keffer (Dist. 60), Drew Springer (Dist. 68), James Frank (Dist. 69) Susan King (Dist. 71), Drew Darby (Dist. 72), and Charles Perry (Dist. 83).

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Former Resident makes a Difference

I am one person and I would like to make a difference. Have you ever had that thought? The Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund received a donation recently that shows exactly just the difference one person can make. Kay Justice, formerly of Cross Plains and a resident of the Rising Star Nursing Home, decided she wanted to do something to honor her nephew, Kyle McClure, that was diagnosed with cancer in November. Kay had received stuffed animals as gifts for years and she took great care of and loved each one and she decided that she wanted to share these gifts with others and set up a "gift shop" in her room at the nursing facility for employees, residents and their family to purchase.

One stuffed toy at a time, she was making money to donate, and when all the purchases were made, Kay was able to make a donation of donation of \$145.00 in honor of Kyle to the Cancer Fund.

Thank you Kay for providing that one person can make a difference, no matter where they are!

## Alzheimer's Association workshop offered for individuals newly diagnosed with dementia

Abilene, Texas - January 14, 2013 - Most people feel completely overwhelmed when they hear that they or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another type of dementia. To help equip and support persons who are newly diagnosed and their families, the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter has created a new workshop, If It's Dementia, What Do I Do? The program will be offered in Abilene on Thursday, January 24, 2013, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office of the Alzheimer's Association located at 301 S. Pioneer Dr., Suite 105.

Through this new offering, participants will learn more about the disease and its progression, and have the opportunity to talk to others

traveling the same road. Participants will also receive information about programs and services available through the Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter, clinical trials, advocacy and the promotion of brain health for the person with dementia. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 325-672-2907 or 1-800-272-3900.

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. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's.

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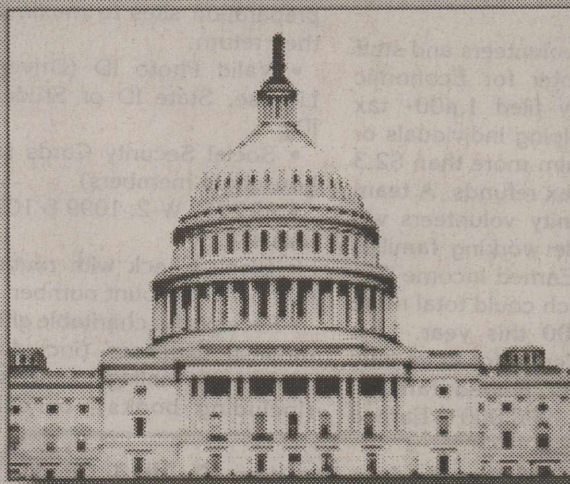
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**But hurry... Contest ends February 1st!**



## Public meeting planned Tuesday in Baird NRA looking to form Friends of the NRA Committee in Callahan County

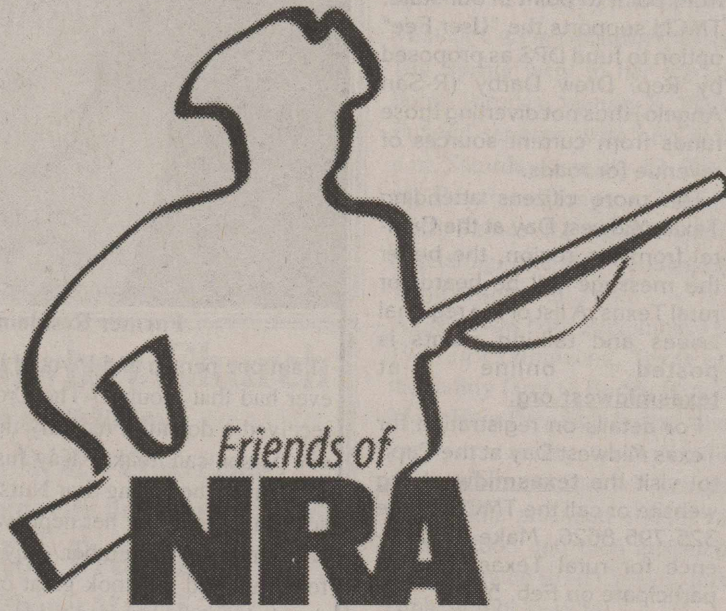
The National Rifle Association is looking for volunteers to put together a committee to establish a Friends of the NRA banquet in Callahan County sometime in 2013.

According to Jack Cannon, Senior Field Representative for the NRA, a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd in Baird at the T&P Depot Meeting Room on Market Street to see if there's interest in forming the Friends of the NRA Committee. The doors for the public meeting will open at 6:30 p.m.

Cannon is the Senior Field Representative for the NRA, covering the western half of Texas.

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

Cannon said the Friends of the NRA has funded Boy Scout organizations in Abilene, and Abilene law enforcement organizations. He also said Callahan County, Eastland County and Coleman County nonprofit organizations also received Friends of the NRA funding the past



year.

Cannon said there are no restrictions to attend this public meeting on Tuesday. He said volunteers do not have to be members of the NRA. "All we ask is that they (committee volunteers) be Second Amendment supporters," Cannon said. He said there is no cost whatsoever to attend this public meeting.

Cannon said the meeting will begin with him taking about 45 minutes to explain what the Friends of the NRA is and is not about.

He said if enough volunteers what to serve on the Friends of the NRA Committee, the committee will determine when, where and the type of banquet they wish to hold in Callahan County.

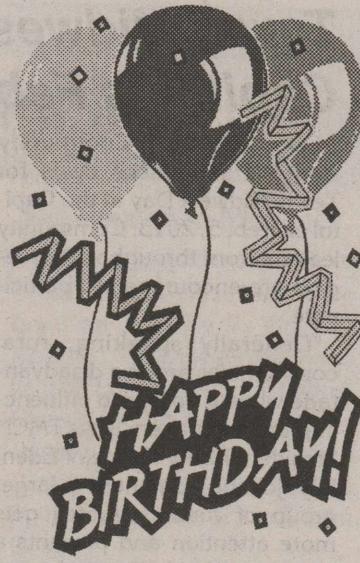
Cannon said previous fund-



raising banquets included a meal served, raffles and auctions for prizes (including guns). He said one of the games in a previous fund-raising banquet is called the Wall of Guns, with 40 different firearms to choose from.

The NRA representative said anyone can check out the Friends of the NRA on-line at [www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org).

Cannon said anyone wishing to contact him specifically, can email him at [JCannon@nrahq.org](mailto:JCannon@nrahq.org).



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Alvin Hutchins  
Elvin Hutchins  
J.W. Fore  
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## Several ways to Stay Healthy During Cold and Flu Season

How to Stay Healthy During Cold and Flu Season

Strengthen your body's defenses by eating well, drinking lots of water, exercising regularly, and staying away from people who appear sick. If you do get a bug, pamper yourself.

Eat antioxidant-rich foods, such as whole-grain cereals, walnuts, and artichokes, as well as foods packed with omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon. "The antioxidants protect the body's tissues against stress and inflammation and enhance immune function," says Cindy Moore, a registered dietitian and the director of nutrition therapy at the Cleveland Clinic. "Omega-3 fatty acids promote blood flow and the production of anti-inflammatory substances," which also boost immune function.

Take a brisk walk every day. Any kind of moderate daily exercisesuch as cycling, swimming, or working out at the gym can improve lung and immune function. Physical activity enhances the ability of T lymphocytes (white blood cells that attack virus and cancer cells) to ramp up the immune response, says Neil Schachter, a professor of pulmonary and critical care at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, in New York City. But don't push yourself too hard. Some studies suggest that high-intensity exercise for two or more hours at a time

increases stress hormones, which can lead to suppression of the immune system.

Stay three or more feet away from people who are coughing or sneezing. This will keep you outside the immediate spray of their germs, says Chuck Gerba, a professor of environmental microbiology at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. If you're not near a sink during the day or you work in a high-germ environment, such as a school, carry an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you.

As you've been told millions of times, drink lots of water, don't skimp on sleep, and get a flu shot. The tried-and-true advice still holds. Staying well hydrated keeps the tissues of the respiratory system moist and helps the immune system work properly. Sleep helps the body function at an optimum level. If you get seven to eight hours of rest a night, you'll be less likely to become sick, and if you do catch something, you'll recover faster. October through November is the best time to be immunized, even if you're a healthy adult. If you can't stand needles, ask your doctor about FluMist, a prescription nasal-spray vaccine that's as effective as a shot.

Finally, stay home from work when you first feel ill. It's possible that work-related stress (not to mention commuting) could slow your recovery.

## Center for Economic Opportunity currently scheduling appointments for free tax preparation on January 22nd

ABILENE, TX - Free tax preparation at the West Central Texas Center for Economic Opportunity, 1102 N. 3rd Street (downtown Abilene), opens for community members January 22. Appointments for this free service are recommended and may be made by calling the Center for Economic Opportunity at (325) 672-8980; walk-in clients are welcomed and will be helped as available.

In 2012, volunteers and staff at the Center for Economic Opportunity filed 1,400+ tax returns, helping individuals or families claim more than \$2.3 million in tax refunds. A team of community volunteers will help eligible working families claim the Earned Income Tax Credit, which could total more than \$5,800 this year. Last year, the Center for Economic Opportunity helped families claim over \$900,000 in Earned

Income Tax Credits. "Our free tax preparation is a valuable community service that plugs money back into the community through families who receive a refund," said Jamie Jimenez, Program Director at the Center for Economic Opportunity.

Tax preparation services at the Center for Economic Opportunity are free, but individuals should bring the following items to the tax preparation sites to maximize their return:

- Valid Photo ID (Driver's License, State ID or Student ID)
- Social Security Cards (all household members)
- All 2012 W-2, 1099 & 1098 forms
- Blank Check with routing number & account number
- Receipts for charitable gifts, medical expenses (including insurance), college expenses (including books), or child

care expenses. "People in our community work hard, and want to provide for themselves and their families,"

Jimenez said. "Sometimes navigating that road can be challenging, confusing and complex - free tax preparation is just one of the ways the Center for Economic Opportunity helps families along the way to self-sufficiency."

In addition to tax preparation services, the West Central Texas Center for Economic Opportunity provides student financial aid information, small business support, financial literacy courses and credit counseling. The Center is part of a Community Initiative led by the United Way of Abilene in partnership with Dodge Jones Foundation to help promote financial stability and independence for area families.

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## Forage Seminar scheduled in Cross Plains February 7th

The Texas AgriLife Extension will be offering a Forage Seminar scheduled for Thursday, February 7th beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center located at 301 North Main in Cross Plains. Registration cost is \$20.00 if you preregister by February 3rd, and after February 3rd, there will be a \$25.00 fee to be paid at the door. Preregister by calling the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

The Forage Seminar schedule includes:

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 Forage Insect, Grasshopper Control & Winter Weed Management presented by Gerald Hobson with Dupont.
- 10:00 a.m. FSA & NRCS Program updates, provided by Robert Frost, FSA County Executive Director.
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Soil Water & Hay

Testing, provided by Dr. Tony Provin, Director of Soil, Water & Forage testing lab in College Station.

- 11:30 a.m. Sponsor Recognition.
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch (included in registration)
- 12:45 p.m. Wheat Variety test results for this area, provided by Dr. David Drake, Agronomy Specialist from San Angelo.
- 1:30 p.m. Brush Control & Herbicide test results, offered by Will Hatler, Extension Program Specialist from Stephenville.
- 2:00 p.m. Laws and Regulations, presented by Paul Weiser, Texas Department of Agriculture.
- 3:00 p.m. Evaluations.
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn.
- Five Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be given to those attending this year's Forage Seminar.

## A Big Thanks from Santa at the Bank

Thank you to everyone who helped with Santa at the Bank. We had 82 kids this year and that means we had 82 Santas, plus extras. We want to thank everyone who sent a gift or gave money.

I would like to thank the American Legion, the Texas Heritage Bank staff, the Dollar General Store and the Cross Plains Review for all their help.

God has truly blessed us with a caring and giving community.

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99 Ford Explorer, Sport, V6, this is a nice one (Blue).....	\$3,495	
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99 Explorer Sport, V6, auto, Ilike new tires, very nice SUV.....(Green)	\$3,800	
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