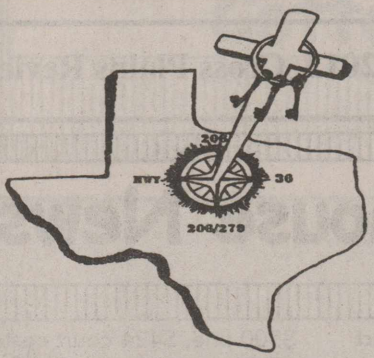


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Project Pride Presents Author Judia Terry — Members of Project Pride pose with artist Judia Terry of Terry Studio, Coleman, during the presentation of an historic mural depicting 100 years of Cross Plains, which is now on permanent display in the Cross Plains Public Library. The project was funded by Project Pride in memory of Dan Goudey. From left to right, Anne Rone, Arlene Stephenson, Tom Stephenson, Judia Terry, Russ Miller, Diana Miller, and Era Lee Hanke. The mural depicts scenes from the past and present, highlighting buildings and landmarks that make up our town's history. The Dan Goudey Memorial Fund was established for an artist who was planning to come to Robert E. Howard Days in 2010, but had a sudden and fatal heart attack on News Year Day of that year. Most of the Howard fans knew him and a memorial fund was immediately set up with Project Pride as the recipient. Project Pride members elected to honor his memory with this permanent display.

Love Fund Established for Local Family

A love fund has been established at the Texas Heritage Bank for Bill Partin of Cross Plains who was severely injured in an auto accident west of Cross Plains several weeks ago. He is recuperating from hip surgery and broken ribs.

Bill has three sons, A.G., Caleb and Corbin and is currently unable to work.

Bill has already been overwhelmed by the generosity of Cross Plains residents, but the family is still in need of assistance.

Your kind generosity would be greatly appreciated at this difficult time. Please continue to pray for him for a speedy recovery.

Cross Plains Library "Pushing the Limits" event on Thursday, February 21st

There is still time to pick up your book for the Cross Plains Public Library's "Pushing the Limits" event on Thursday, February 21st. 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. The book Arctic Drift by Clive Cussler has been selected for the Survival portion of a four part project. The

authors' attention to the scientific detail of cutting edge marine technologies is woven into speculative fiction that keeps readers transfixed through to the triumphant end. Come by the library, sign up and receive your free copy of the book. We would love to have you join us for an evening of engaging and thoughtful discussion about the book and the topic of "How do we survive."

Cross Plains Spring City Wide Clean-Up

The City of Cross Plains has scheduled its annual Spring clean up beginning March 4th offering residents the opportunity to dispose of any large, bulky items, FREE, at:

201 N. Avenue A

To take advantage of this free service, please bring a recent water bill to confirm residency. No one will be allowed to use the service unless a water bill is provided.

Free Drop Off Dates

March 4th through March 9th
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Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Hand-Crocheted quilt displayed at Senior Citizens — Crocheting is an art and the Cross Plains Senior Center has received a masterpiece as a fundraiser for the Center. The late Dorothy Mitchell was a very artistic person and created a hand-crocheted queen size bedspread that would add romance to any room. Helen Parson donated this beautiful bedspread. In addition to the bedspread, donations of place mats and napkins, fleece blanket, and Scentsy warmer and scents have been received. These donations were made by Donna Wagner, Lexia Bagley, and Lois Dillard. Sealed bids will be accepted on any or all items until 3:00 p.m. on February 28, 2013. You may come by 108 N. Main to see the items and make your bid. If you have any questions please call 725-6521.



Cross Plains Power Lifting — Getting Extremely Strong of Mind and Body!! Our Buffalo Power Lifters completed in Clyde on Thursday, February 8th. We had a tremendous day, and we're extremely proud of the young men and women who represent our school. They competed against much larger schools, Abilene High, Cooper, Jim Ned, Merkel, Sweetwater, and Clyde to name a few. The larger schools did NOT intimidate our mighty Buffaloes! Kenzie Halsel 1st, Evelyn Morales 3rd, Kaitlyn Potter 1st, Ariel Sneed 4th, Jeff King 2nd, Preston Posuk 5th, Dalton Gilliam 8th, Zach Gartman 9th, Phoenix Sanders 10th, Stephen Saltus 12th, our girls placed an overall 3rd as a team.



Proudly Showing Off a Prize Coon Dog — Virginia Allen showing one of the Coon Dogs during the Bench Show at the Battle Creek Coon Hunters first coonhunt of the season last Saturday night. SEE ADDITIONAL PHOTOS PG. 3

Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment deadline approaches

AUSTIN—Texas families still have time to lock in costs at Texas public colleges and universities at today's prices and avoid future increases in tuition and required fees. Comptroller Susan Combs reminds families they can do so by enrolling their children in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program. The current annual enrollment period ends on Feb. 28th.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund allows participants to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on current prices. Families can purchase a Promise Fund account and ease their concern about rising college costs," Combs said. "The program also gives parents the flexibility of choosing how much prepaid

tuition they want to buy and what payment options to use as they plan ahead for their children's education."

Under the plan, families can prepay tuition and required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

Enrollment in the program at 2012-13 prices will close Feb. 28th. This deadline extends to July 31st for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1st—, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2013-14 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at www.texastuition-promisefund.com, or call (800) 445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

2013 Youth Girls Softball Registration Begins

The youth girls softball registration kicked off Monday, February 11, 2013 and will end on Friday, February 22, 2013. Registration forms were sent home with girl students from the Cross Plains Primary and Elementary campuses. Additional forms may be picked up from the elementary and high school offices or from McCready's Rods & Rides located at 500 SW 5th St. in Cross Plains. Registration forms and fees may be returned to the school offices or to McCready's Rods & Rides. Forms are due by Friday, February 22, 2013. Late registration may be accepted upon availability but will incur a \$15 late registration fee.

Registration fees are \$40 for the first athlete and \$35 for each additional sibling. While registration forms are due by Friday, February 22, 2013, registration fees will be accepted until Friday, March 8, 2013. All or most of the games will be played in Early and/or Brownwood. Games will begin in April and will continue into the middle of June for the 12 and 14 & under teams. There are four age groups for teams: 8 & under, 12 & under, and 14 & under. League age is determined by the athlete's age as of December 31, 2012. Please contact Amy McCready at 325-370-1452 for any additional questions.

Cottonwood Country Musical Scheduled for March

The next Cottonwood Country Musical is scheduled for Friday, March 1st.

Since March is the month for St. Patrick's Day, we will be serving Shepherd's Pie along with the usual sandwiches and desserts.

Come enjoy an evening of good food and great entertainment. There may be a few Irish tunes thrown in with the favorite songs that the musicians usually play. The concession is open at 5:00 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 2013 at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas.

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 254-725-6268 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

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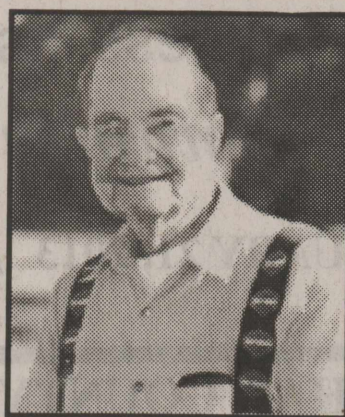
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 Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.
 Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
 Ladies Class - Wednesday: 10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on east Hwy 36)

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



Robert Illingworth

Robert Riley (Bob) Illingworth, 82, of Iowa Park, Texas, passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2013, in Iowa Park.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2013, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel in Cross Plains, Texas with Mr. Bob Pipes and Mr. Rolan Jones officiating. Burial followed in Cross Plains Cemetery under the direction of Dutton Funeral Home of Iowa Park.

Bob was born September 26, 1930 in Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, to Riley "Shorty" and Alma Graves Illingworth. He married his wife of 60 years, Bonnie Porter, on June 1, 1952 in Cross Plains, Texas. He worked 32 years for Arcadia Refining Company, 17 years for Gilmore, Inc., and 14 years for Red River Harley-Davidson. Bob served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a life member of Harley Owners Group. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle, water skiing and being with his family. He was a proud Texan and a member of the Cross Plains Presbyterian Church.

He received a kidney transplant in 1985 and was a 27 1/2 year transplant survivor. The family would like to thank the doctors from the Dallas Nephrology Associates, Dallas Transplant Institute, Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center of Dallas and Hospice of Wichita Falls.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Illingworth of Iowa Park; children, Vickie Gilmore and husband, Jim of Iowa Park; James Illingworth and wife, Becky of Royse City; Cindy Langlois and husband, Harry of Iowa Park; 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; sisters, Patty Turner of Hawkins and Sandra Jones and husband, Rolan of Cross Plains; brothers, Donald Illingworth and wife, Charlene of Desdemona, and Johnny Illingworth of May.

His parents, three brothers, Jack, Richard and Tommy; two sisters, Barbara and Carolyn and a daughter-in-law, Laurie preceded him in death.

Visitation for the family and friends was held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at Dutton Funeral Home of Iowa Park. Visitation at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel at Cross Plains was held from 12 noon until service time.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Edwin Geer, Christian Geer, Ryan Geer, Jason Gilmore, Scott Illingworth and Ben Illingworth. The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Wichita Falls, P.O. Box 4804, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at <http://www.duttonfuneralhome.com/>

Cross Plains Review
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William "Bill" Lemoine Pancake, Jr.

William "Bill" Lemoine Pancake Jr., age 80, passed away on Monday, February 18, 2013 at the Rising Star Nursing Center. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating; burial will follow in the Pioneer Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday, February 20th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Bill was born on February 12, 1933 in Eastland County, Texas to Lemoine William and Lola Lee (Arnett) Pancake. He married Grace Elaine Ratliff on April 21, 1985 in Anson, Texas. He worked in the oil fields as a driller.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine Pancake of the home, sons Ronnie Pancake of Brownwood, Mike Pancake of Las Vegas, NV, Kenny Pancake of Abilene, step-daughter, Drew Eppard of Cross Plains, step-sons, Danny Ratliff of Cross Plains, Micke Ratliff, brothers, Jackie and Edward Pancake both of Cross Plains, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Johnnie Pancake.

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Mass Marketing Fraud Alert

The following article appeared in The Trust newsletter issued by the Better Business Bureau.

What is Mass-Marketing Fraud?

Law enforcement and consumer protection authorities sometimes classify particular fraud schemes by the communication mechanism used (e.g., "Internet fraud," "mail fraud," and "telemarketing fraud"). At the same time, they also recognize that mass-marketing fraud schemes often use multiple communications techniques to maximize their outreach to prospective victims.

What Are The Major Types of Mass-Marketing Fraud?

Based on data from law enforcement and regulatory authorities such as the Internet Crime Complaint Center and the Federal Trade Commission mass-marketing fraud schemes generally fall into three main categories:

Advance-Fee Fraud Schemes. This scheme is based on the concept that a victim will be promised a substantial benefit - but must pay in advance some purported fee or series of fees before the victim can receive that benefit. While there are almost endless variations on the basic scheme, here are some of the more frequent substantial types: Auction and Retail Schemes, Business Opportunity/"Work-at-Home" Schemes Online, Credit-Card Interest Reduction Schemes, Inheritance Schemes, Lottery/Prize/Sweepstakes Schemes, Online Sales Schemes, and "Romance" Schemes.

Bank and Financial Account Schemes. Some mass-marketing fraud schemes also involve mass contacts with individuals to trick them into providing their bank or financial account data, so that participants in the scheme can gain unauthorized access to those accounts and siphon off funds or charge goods to the

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, presiding

\$500 fine, \$424 court costs.
 Edgar U. Hernandez, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Misdemeanor Filings

Watkins P. Whitworth, Ct. I - possession of marijuana, Ct. II - unlawful carrying of a weapon.
 Sam Lee Moreau, possession of marijuana.
 Derrell D. Rollins, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
 Justin Glenn White, theft by check.

Marriage Licenses

Billy Kent Stennett and Nicole Desiree Williams, both of Clyde.
 Christopher Bradley Gray and Jeanna Lou Hall, both of Clyde.
 Robert William Matthew and Rosario Ausces Nguyen, both of Clyde.
 Adam Blum Rosenbaum and Kristin Melaine Hertel, both of Clyde.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Dolly C. Herbert, judgment revoking probation granted, sentenced to jail.

Shelley Mae Mangum, motion to revoke probation granted.

Patrick L. Whitney, plea of guilty to driving without a license, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs.

Michael J. Carpenter, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$324 court costs.

Michael J. Carpenter, order amending conditions of probation granted.

David J. McCurdy, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$324 court costs.

Javier Hernandez, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$424 court costs.

Javier Hernandez, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Edgar U. Hernandez, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation,

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Jim Tom Beeman and Hope Hazel Beeman, divorce granted.

Criminal Filings

Gary Bowen, forgery.

Criminal Minutes

Gary Bowen, plea of guilty to forgery, 8 months in prison, \$304 court costs.

Raymond Gibb, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 3 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$294 court costs.

Eduardo Ibarra, plea of guilty to DWI, 4 years in prison, \$474 court costs.

Ronald L. Miller, plea of guilty to sexual assault, 5 years in prison, \$314 court costs.

victims' cards. These types of schemes involve not only fraud but also identity theft - the wrongful obtaining and using of someone else's personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception, typically for economic gain: "Phishing" and "Vishing Investment Opportunities."

There are three basic types of investment methods for trying to manipulate securities markets for personal profit: "Pump-and-Dump" Schemes, Short-Selling ("Scalping") Schemes, and Cold Calls.

What Is The Department of Justice Doing About Mass-Marketing Fraud?

As the central agency for enforcement of federal laws, the Department of Justice aggressively pursues mass-marketing fraud schemes, whether based in the United States or foreign countries, through investigation and prosecution. In addition, the DOJ provides active support and assistance to foreign investigators and prosecutors who pursue international mass-marketing fraud.

How Can I Spot A Mass-Marketing Scam?

Although judging by the sheer number of solicitations and "can't miss" propositions that you can see every day in your e-mail mailbox or posted on message boards or Web sites, Internet scams may seem inescapable. While you can't wholly avoid seeing online solicitations that may be fraudulent, here are some tips on how to deal with them.

Don't Judge by First Appearances.

Watch Out for "Advance-Fee" Demands.

Be Careful About Giving Out Valuable Personal Data Over

the Phone or Online.

Be Especially Careful About Online Communications with Someone Who Conceals His True Identity.

Research The Prospective Seller Carefully.

Pay by Credit Card or Escrow Service If Possible.

Take Your Time In Making Investment Decisions.

Research The Potential Investment Opportunity - And Who's Behind It - Carefully.

Watch Out for High Pressure Tactics.

Check Out The Competition. How Can I Get More Information About Mass-Marketing Fraud?

For more information on internet crimes or if you have a complaint about any type of Internet crime, you can file an online complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.IC3.gov. The IC3 is a joint project of the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C). The IC3's key functions for federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies will be (1) receiving online complaints, (2) analyzing them to identify particular schemes and general crime trends in Internet fraud, and (3) compiling and referring potential Internet fraud schemes to law enforcement.

For more information on consumer fraud or if you have a complaint about any type of consumer fraud, including any type of mass-marketing fraud, you can file a complaint through a toll-free Consumer Help Line, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or online with the Federal Trade Commission at www.FTC.gov.

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 Morning Worship Evening Small
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Cottonwood News

Beverly Brown



Enjoying the Coon Hunt Dinner — Beverly Brown, center, visits with Fred and Mary St. Peter at the Battle Creek Coon Hunter's Dinner last Saturday night.



Friends visiting during Coon Hunter's Dinner — Yvonne Peevy, left, visits with Bob and Lavonne Childress at the Coon Hunter Dinner in Cottonwood on Saturday night.

The First Coon Hunt of the Season was a great success! It was so nice to see so many Cottonwood folks at the dinner - some we haven't seen in a while! Everyone enjoyed the chicken fried steak, fried chicken, barbecued chicken and sides. Thanks so much to Mike and Ed's Smokehouse, Lowe's Market, Cottonwood Baptist Church for the use of their facility, Cross Plains Review for all their help advertising the event and to everyone else who donated something for the dinner or helped with the preparation and serving.

The Battle Creek Coon Hunters are all ready for the season. We'll

let you know the date of the next coon hunt soon. James Glaze was named President of the group at the business meeting. Lori Paxton remains in the Secretary/Treasurer position.

Cottonwood can boast of a couple of "TV Celebrities" - In a news story about the Fire Training at Brownwood this past week, the news story showed Travis Northern and Adrian Allen - both wearing their Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Caps! Norma Farmer, Omer Rivard and Roger Hinkle also attended the training session.

Sunday is the Fellowship Dinner at Cottonwood Baptist Church. Bring a covered dish and

enjoy dinner after church with your friends and neighbors.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group. We are looking for photos of the fire department, firefighters, and fundraisers from the late 1980's and 1990's. If you have photos, let me know, we'd like to copy them. My phone number is 254-725-7369.

The next Cottonwood Musical is coming up soon on Friday, March 1st.

The Burn Ban is still on. No outdoor burning or welding of any kind. Be extremely cautious doing work outside.

Rising Star Nursing Center

Dona McIntire



Rising Star Nursing Center proudly presents Valentine's Day King and Queen — Ethan Allen and Betty Douglass.

Well hello to everyone. We are having a great time here and just wanted to brag about it for a minute or two. We had a blast at our Valentine's Day party. We had employees and the residents vote on a King and Queen. It was really a close call but this year was Ethan Allen as the King and Betty Douglass as the queen. As you can see by the picture they made a really sweet couple. We had so much to hand out for each

resident I am certain they probably did not each much of their supper.

We would like to say a big Thank You to the Cross Plains Garden Cub for the cute bags they brought full of goodies. Then the May Elementary School brought over very nice valentines made by the students. The residents loved them and Thank You so much. Theresa Lewis, a resident also had candied hearts

for everyone. We really had a great time with the cookies and punch also. It was a very nice party and was enjoyed by all.

Guess I will close for now and hope each and everyone has a good week and we will try to get this letter out to you every other week again. I can't believe but we have been back almost a year. My how time flies when you are having fun. See you later and may God bless you.

Library Notes

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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.
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Wednesday 27th - Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15

Thursday 28th - Exercise 11:00 / Reading with 3rd Graders 9:15 & 12:30

Friday 1st - 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

FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 1

Monday - Swiss Steak/

Steamed Rice/Broccoli/

Bread/ Dessert/ Drink

Tuesday - King Ranch

Chicken/ Mexican Corn/

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Wednesday - Salisbury

Steak/ Potatoes/Gravy/

Peas & Carrots/ Bread/

Dessert/ Drink

Thursday - Sweet/Sour

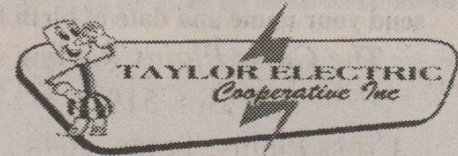
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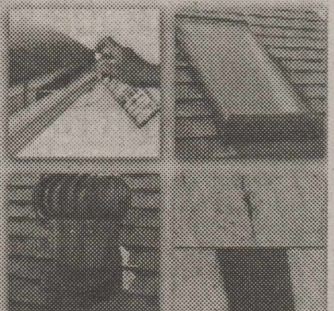
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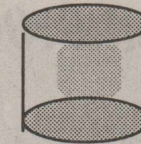
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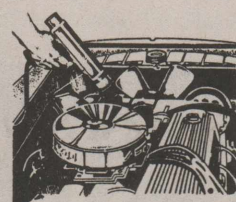
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School Board Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on February 20, 2013, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Call Meeting to Order

1. Open Forum
 - A. Recognize Elementary Teacher and Students of the Month
 - B. Hear and Discuss the 2013 Safety Audit
2. New Business
 - A. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - B. Review Bills/Finance Report
 - C. Approve 2011-12 Safe and Effective Schools Performance Report
 - D. Consider Bids for a New Roof on the Elementary, High School, Old Gym, and Portable Buildings
3. Personnel
 - A. Consider High School Principal's Contract Extension
 - B. Consider Elementary Principal's Contract Extension
 - C. Consider Girls Athletic Coordinator's Contract Extension
 - D. Consider Boys Athletic Coordinator's Contract Extension
 - E. Review List of Teachers for March Board Meeting

4. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Asbestos Survey Considerations?
 - B. School Finance Lawsuit Update
 - C. Student Expulsion
 - D. Reimbursement of Employee Meals Now Considered IRS Taxable
 - E. Update on Teacher Input Concerning Safety Ideas
 - F. Board Election Sign-Up (January 30 - March 1)
 - G. Personnel Needs for 2013-14
 - H. Begin Discussion for Goals during 2013-14 School Year and Beyond
5. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 55, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 15, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

Phil Mitchell
For the Board of Trustees

Citizens of the Month Nominees Needed by Local Chamber of Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce has already launched a new way to honor our residents. We are honoring a **Citizen of the Month**.

The Chamber requests that if you know someone you think is an exceptional person, please submit their name and why you think they should be recognized as Citizen of the Month.

The names and write ups submitted should be e-mailed to crossplainschamber@yahoo.com or mailed to P.O. Box 233, Cross Plains, Texas.

The names will be placed in a box and a name will be drawn monthly until all are recognized.

Please help us honor the wonderful people of Cross Plains.

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

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February 25-March 1

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Monday - Breakfast Burrito, Assorted juice, Milk
Tuesday - Toaster Pastry, Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk
Wednesday - French toast sticks, Sausage, Assorted juice, Milk
Thursday - Hot or Cold cereal, Toast, Assorted juice, Milk
Friday - Honey Bun, Yogurt, Assorted juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Corn Dog, Baked beans, Tomato & Cucumber, Mixed fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Nachos Grande, Charro Beans, Garden Salad, Orange smiles, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Sandwich, Potato wedges, Baby carrots, Fruit cup, Milk
Thursday - Lasagna or Corn Dog, Broccoli, Baby carrots, peaches, Garlic toast, Milk
Friday - Pizza, Garden Salad, Seasoned corn, Fresh fruit bowl, Milk

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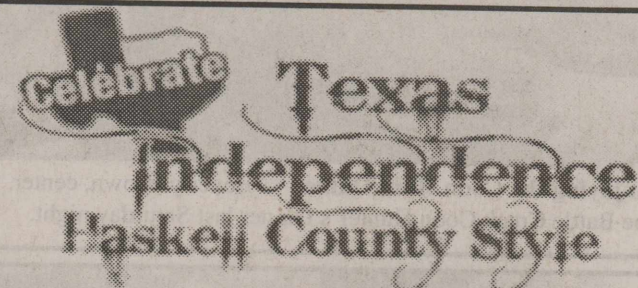
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"USDA's expansion of this program will help more rural borrowers refinance their mortgages to reduce their monthly payments and ease their financial burdens," Vilsack said. "As our economy continues to recover, this program will enable rural families living in USDA-financed homes to take advantage of historically low interest rates."

"Since the creation of the USDA Guaranteed Home Loan Program, Rural Development has helped 37,170 rural Texans become homeowners," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "This refinancing pilot program helps people with USDA guaranteed loans keep their homes and avoid financial hardships that could cause foreclosures."

USDA unveiled the initiative almost one year ago. It initially included borrowers in 19 states hardest hit by the downturn in the housing market. To date, 3,394 rural borrowers have benefited from the USDA refinancing pilot program. These loans total nearly \$453 million. The announcement today will add 15 more states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to the pilot program. These states are being added because they have been identified as having a very high proportion of persistent

poor counties, that is, those with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent in each of the last four U.S. Censuses. The performance of the pilot will be reviewed after two years to evaluate whether to continue, terminate or make the refinance program permanent.

The pilot expands upon USDA's ongoing effort to assist rural homeowners holding loans made or guaranteed by USDA Rural Development. In 2010, USDA established an aggressive modification policy for Guaranteed Loans that helps homeowners who are delinquent on their mortgages. These homeowners can lower their monthly payments through a loan modification that re-amortizes their payments over a term of up to 40 years, lowers their interest rate, or both. USDA also has a "Mortgage Recovery Advance" program in which the Department provides guaranteed lenders up to 12 months of mortgage payments on behalf of borrowers who have fallen behind on their payments due to job loss or other hardships.

Participants in the pilot refinancing program are required to meet income eligibility requirements, and must have made their mortgage payments on time for 12 consecutive months. Borrowers participating in USDA's Single Family Housing Direct and Guaranteed loan programs are eligible to participate. Borrowers do not have to obtain new credit reports, property inspections or home appraisals. Refinanced loans must be at least one percent below the original interest rate. Terms cannot exceed 30 years. No cash out is permitted to the borrower.

Rural Development's housing

loans and grants make a significant difference in the lives of thousands of rural Americans across the nation. These investments boost rural economies and create jobs. The pilot refinance program complements President Obama's continuing efforts to help responsible homeowners and boost the nation's housing market. The measures the President and USDA are taking will help stabilize communities and help middle class families across the country.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way — strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of Federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

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With Greatest Appreciation

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Cross Plains for the love and support shown to us in the wake of my brother's death (Steven W. Pickett). Unfortunately, I personally was not able to come to Cross Plains but the outpouring of love and support to my family members, Mike and Collette Pickett, Audrey Carlson and Scott Pickett was truly a blessing that has comforted not only them, but me as well.

The love and support from the community of Cross Plains has shown us that Steve was very welcomed in your community and I want everyone to know that he was truly happy in Cross Plains. Knowing that he was able to live out his dream of riding and showing horses and living in his birth state has eased some of the pain. Steve was a true cowboy at heart. Never a day in his life was he not involved with horses in some manner. His love of horses came honestly from our dad who was also a cowboy at heart. We will always have a picture in our minds of Steve in his cowboy hat, jeans, a western shirt, a vest, cowboy boots and, of course, spurs. In the words of Steve himself, Adios until we meet again!!!

God Bless You All,
The Family of Steve Pickett

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Cross Plains' retail sales in 2013 are 13% higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2012 are higher by over 13 percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, February 6th.

Cross Plains' 2013 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$39,716.81, which is 13.18 percent higher than the \$35,090.42 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2012.

The payment to the city for February 2013 was \$20,931.91, which is 7.03 percent higher than the \$19,556.25 payment made in February 2012.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced today, Wednesday, February 6th, that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2.12 billion, up 6.1 percent compared to January 2012.

"Growth in sales tax receipts was led by the construction, retail trade and restaurant sectors," said Combs. "Receipts from oil and natural gas-related activity also continue to be strong. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 34 consecutive months."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their February local sales tax allocations totaling \$741 million, up 4.6 percent compared to February 2012.

Combs distributed \$486.9 million in February 2013 allocations to Texas cities, which is up 3.6 percent from February 2012 and higher by 4.8 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$48.9 million in February 2013 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 10.9 percent compared to February 2012 and higher by 11.0 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$167.7 million in February 2013 sales tax allocations, which is 4.3 percent higher than February 2012 and up 5.5 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$37.5 million in February 2013 allocations, which is 12.0 percent higher than February 2012 and higher by 12.2 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$741 million in February 2013, which is 4.6 percent higher than February 2012 and up 5.7 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent December sales reported by monthly tax filers, as well as sales by businesses that report tax on a quarterly or annual basis.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2012	2013
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$35,090.42	\$39,716.81
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$19,556.25	\$20,931.91

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

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2013 started the year 1.05 percent higher than the 2012 payments. The city has received \$21,552.11 in 2013, while the 2012 tax payments to the city totalled \$1,326.27.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2013 was \$13,382.87, which is 6.59 percent above the \$12,554.62 payment made in February 2012.

—The 2013 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 12.64 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2012. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$105,024.17 in 2013. The 2012 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$93,233.45.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2013 was \$64,557.09, which is 11.85 percent higher than the check in February 2012 of \$57,733.46.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2013 payments to the town totalled \$3,693.92, which is higher by 57.03 percent from the 2012 payments to the city in the amount of \$2,352.24.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2012 was \$1,539.89, which is 24.21 percent higher than the \$1,239.71 payment made in February 2012.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2013 in Callahan County are higher by 11.83 percent compared to the 2012 payments in the county. Calla-

han County towns received sales tax payments in 2013 amounting to \$169,987.01 while the 2012 payments to the county towns totalled \$152,002.38.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of February 2013 was \$100,429.76, which is 10.26 percent higher than the \$91,084.02 payments made in February 2012.

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 percent 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.

Protect Our Prairies

By John Crabtree,
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Center for Rural Affairs
Prairie and native grasslands are disappearing rapidly, taking soil and habitat as well as hunting, ranching and other economic opportunities with them. Congress should ensure that federal farm and crop insurance subsidies don't exacerbate the loss of these vital natural resources.

Fortunately, Representatives Kristi Noem (R-SD), Tim Walz (D-MN) and six bipartisan co-sponsors recently introduced legislation that creates a nationwide "sodsaver" law that would slash subsidies that contribute to the destruction of native grassland and prairie.

The Protect Our Prairies Act would prohibit federal payments and reduce crop insurance premium subsidies by fifty percent on newly broken native sod. The Act also closes loopholes by requiring that newly broken sod be isolated from other crop acres when calculating insurable yields.

And operators would be required to take a percentage of the county average yield for any newly broken native sod until they are able to show a multi-year yield history. These two provisions are crucial to removing the federally subsidized incentive to bust up native grassland.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Protect Our Prairies will save nearly \$200 million over the next ten years, tax dollars that will otherwise be spent to destroy remaining prairies and grasslands. Senator John Thune (R-SD) secured the same provision in the Senate Farm Bill last year, and it is expected to remain in the Senate bill this year. If your Representative is a co-sponsor, thank them, if not, call them and urge them to sign up.

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The Center for Rural Affairs was established in 1973 as an unaffiliated nonprofit corporation under IRS code 501(c)3. The Center for Rural Affairs was formed by rural Nebraskans concerned about family farms and rural communities, and we work to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities.

Callahan County DPS Report

Calls received by the Callahan County Department of Public Safety from February 9, 2013 through February 15, 2013 include:

- Cases Investigated
- Warnings—128
- Complaints—47
- Driving While License Invalid—3
- DWI—5
- Open Container—1
- Fugitive Arrest—2
- Possession of Drug Paraphernalia—1
- Vehicle Accidents

There was one vehicle accident investigated during this time span.

City Council Minutes

January 8, 2013

This was a regular meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were Mayor Ray Purvis, Bob Kirkham, Randy Strickland and Cody Walker.

Members of the public meeting with the council were Linda Burns, Michelle Kaiser and Era Lee Hanke.

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Will Windham, Frankie Hyles, Dannes Turner and Don Gosnell.

Ray Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Turner gave the invocation. By general consent the minutes were approved as presented.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented.

By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented.

Walker moved to approve the bills as presented. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Turner met with the board representing the EDC. She explained that the EDC has received a proposal from Gary Moses to put in a Fitness Center in Cross Plains and is interested in putting the center on the lots located behind the City Hall at the corner of SE 2nd and Avenue D. She asked the council to consider selling the lots to the EDC for the purpose of working with Moses on his proposal. Discussion was held concerning the cost of the lots and what the law states on selling City property. Turner explained that the council didn't have to make a decision at this time, but that she needed to get the Council okay on moving forward on this project. The Council thought the project would be a good one and told her they would investigate the matter and have a decision at the next council meeting.

Turner also updated the council on the Senior Citizen Center. She advised the council that Michelle Kaiser had donated 1/2 beef to the center for a fundraiser. She also commented that she met with Cisco Foods to do a food cost comparison with her current supplier. Turner presented the council with a mission statement she has been working on and asked for the council's approval. Turner reported that there were 70 people attending the New Year's celebration and that 17 stayed until after midnight. All in all,

Discussion was held concerning Code Enforcement. Gosnell informed the council that the properties she has sent "Notices of Violations" have all complied with their notices except for two. Colby Walker moved to condemn the following property:

A.D.Gary, Lot 4; Block 2; Mathis 2nd Addition
Robert Stubblefield, Lot 5; Block 1; Mathis 2nd Addition.

Strickland moved to adjourn. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Ray Purvis, Mayor
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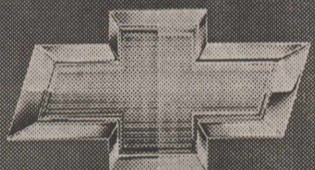
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Largest Cattle Industry Expo in the SW kicks off on March 22nd

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vice, seed products and more. Meat cutting demonstrations, the Special Ranger Silent Auction and youth contests will also take place in the expo, as well as breakfast Saturday for all attendees. The Cattle Raisers Expo will run from noon to 7 p.m. March 22 and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 23. For more information visit the Cattle Raisers Convention website at www.tscra.org. TSCRA is a 136 year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

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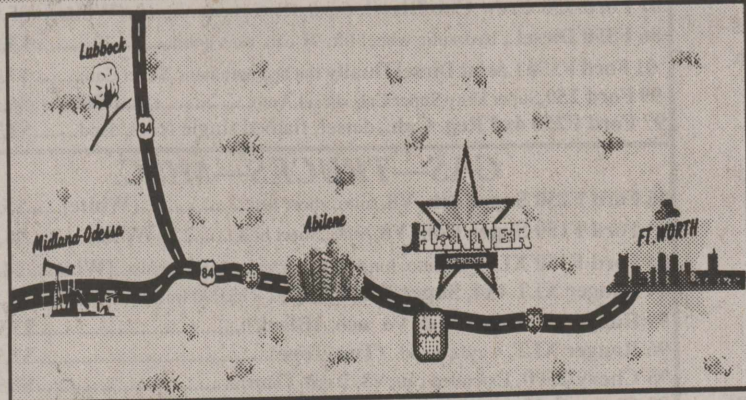
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Texas Comptroller Susan Combs Joins Legislative Leadership to Announce Government Transparency, Pension Legislation

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs joined legislative leadership today, Thursday, February 7th, to announce the filing of legislation aimed at improving government transparency and empowering taxpayers to make informed decisions about taxes and public debt.

Senate Bill 14 and House Bill 14, authored by State Senator Tommy Williams and State Representative Jim Pitts and focused primarily on government transparency, would provide taxpayers with vital information about government spending and debt.

Senate Bill 13 and House Bill 13, authored by State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative Bill Callegari and focused primarily on public pensions, would require increased reporting for all public pension systems and calls for essential actuarial information to be posted online so it is readily available and easy for taxpayers to find.

"People need to know what their government is doing, and how it spends their money," Combs said. "We need to implement common-sense changes that put vital information about government spending and debt in front of the public."

"For government to be held accountable for efficiently providing essential services, Texans need to be able to track how and where their hard-earned dollars are spent," said Texas Governor Rick Perry. "I applaud Comptroller Combs' efforts to work with the Legislature on bills that improve accountability and provide more information to taxpayers."

"We all want transparency in government, and with the num-

ber one economy in the country, Texas should be the national model for financial transparency," said Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst.

"Government becomes more accessible and accountable when the public understands how their money is spent," said Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus. "This legislation will increase transparency and help local governments better communicate with taxpayers."

Most voters don't know how much debt they are carrying, and how much debt service they are currently paying before they choose to vote for more debt. This transparency legislation would require that additional information be included on the ballot when new debt is presented to voters for approval, such as total debt outstanding, debt service, and existing per capita debt obligation.

The transparency legislation would also put limitations on certificates of obligation (CO) which governments use to issue debt without voter approval.

"Senate Bill 14 will ensure the CO process is not abused and will give the power back to the taxpayers, the people who are actually paying the freight, by requiring governments to tell voters how they can petition for an election, and by also reducing the number of voters required to petition for an election," Williams said.

Finally, the transparency legislation would require all taxing entities to post financial information online, including revenues and expenditures and detailed information on long-term debt obligations.

"When we write the budget

each session, we require transparency and access to information," Pitts said. "Texas taxpayers deserve the same level of transparency and openness, and House Bill 14 will deliver just that."

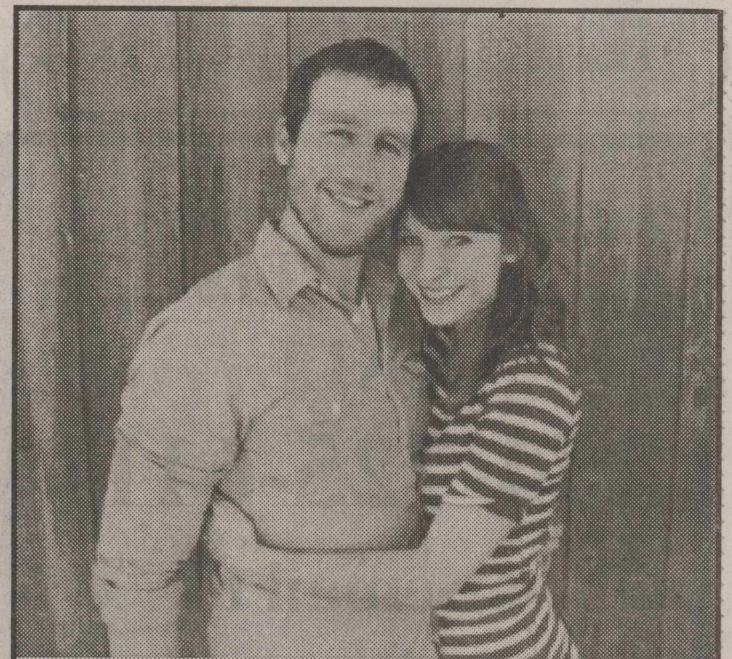
The pension legislation would require public pensions across the state to publicly report actuarial information, including net investment returns for each of the last 10 fiscal years, as well as one-year, three-year, five-year, 10-year, 30-year and since-inception rolling rates of return.

"It is important for taxpayers to feel confident that public pensions in Texas are being managed properly to ensure long term financial health," Duncan said. "Senate Bill 13 aims to give citizens the information they need to feel secure about public pensions."

In addition to increased reporting requirements, the pension legislation also calls for mandatory education for public pension system administrators.

"House Bill 13 is aimed at protecting the taxpayers who foot the bills for public pensions and the employees who deserve to know if their retirements are financially secure," Callegari said.

Both the transparency and pension legislation call for measures similar to the recommendations Combs recently outlined in her series of reports titled Texas It's Your Money. Each of the reports focused on financial obligations of taxpayers and provided suggestions on how governments could provide more transparency regarding those obligations. For more information, please visit: www.texasitsyourmoney.org.



Ross — Miller Wedding Announcement

Charlie and Beverly Ross of Cross Plains, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karen Elizabeth, to Joshua Alan Miller, son of Barry and Elaine Miller of Lovington, New Mexico.

Karen is the granddaughter of Mabel Ross of San Antonio and the late James Robert Ross and the late Roy Neil and Ellowayne Tatom. She is a 2005 graduate of Cross Plains High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University. Karen is employed by the Lubbock Avalanche - Journal.

Joshua is the grandson of Alan and Jane Harless of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, and the late Melvin and Pauline Miller. He is a 2004 graduate of Lovington High School and a 2010 graduate of South Plains College. Joshua is employed by Moyers Group in Lubbock.

The couple became engaged on November 5, 2012, in Seattle, Washington, and will be married in a private family ceremony on April 6, 2013, at St. Paul's Historic Chapel in Lubbock. To read their story, please visit Miller-Ross.ourwedding.com.

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