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Number 42

# Happy New Year 2011

## Who Receives 662 Percent From Your Library?

**YOU do!!!!** The Big Country Library System recently released their annual report which discloses the value of library services for the Cross Plains Public Library. Statistics show that our local library, which served a population of 2,311, had 1,273 registered patrons and 5,899 visitors in fiscal year 2009.

The Adult Materials Circulation was 3,947 at a value of \$23.42 (based on the average price of hardcover and trade paperback fiction, *Bowker Annual 2009*) for a total value of \$92,439.

Juvenile Materials Circulation was 2,109 at a value of \$1849 (based on the average price of hardcover and trade paperback fiction, *Bowker Annual 2009*) for a total value of \$38,995 in services.

There were 639 adult program

participants at an estimated value of \$10.00 for a total of \$6,390 and 751 children's program participants at an estimated value of \$7.00 for a total of \$5,117.

The library also conducted 67 Interlibrary Book Loans valued at \$6.70 (average cost per filled request at Abilene TexNet Center—2008) for a total value of \$449. There were 2,897 computer hours logged at a value of \$12/hour (based on sample hourly rate at a copy center) for a total value of \$34,764.

A total of 372 reference questions were researched at a value of \$6.25 (based on TLA minimum recommended entry-level librarian's salary and benefits of \$25 per hour) for a total value of \$2,325. The value of the TexShare Database as

valued by TexShare's determined cost avoidance (see <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/costavoidance.html>) was \$64,797.

The bottom line is a 662 percent return on investment by Cross Plains Public Library. This means that for every dollar spent by the library, there is a return of \$6.62 to the community. The total value which is received by the community is \$245,276 and this is accomplished on a budget of under \$38,000!!!!

The report also shows that local spending per capita is \$16.04, while the value of library services per capita is \$106.13.

If interested, this report is available to the public at the library.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

## Centennial Kick-off Plans Announced for January 12

Plans for the official kick-off to a year of celebrating the 100th anniversary of Cross Plains being located on the existing site are nearing completion. Rather than concentrating on just one weekend of celebrating, the Centennial Planning Committee is encouraging community groups to incorporate the idea into their on-going plans for the year. Thus we can all be a part of the celebration throughout the year.

The kick-off date of Wednesday, January 12 is not a date grabbed out of thin air; rather it will commemorate the actual sale of lots that established the new town site.

On that date in 1911, a special train on the new line built by the Texas Central Railroad brought hundreds of potential bidders into town for the noon auction. The lots had already been laid out

on a grid of new streets and the railroad was ready to sell the lots to the highest bidders; some for businesses and some for homes.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the program site is not confirmed at this time, but starting at 1:00 p.m., a cast of local residents will take us back in time to what was probably a chilly day, even under the big circus tent set up for the occasion. In that mental setting, we will see who bought some of the lots in the downtown area and hear what plans they had in mind for the properties. Please look for the location of the program in the *Review* next week and on posters around town.

In and around the auction, we will be entertained by the Centennial Singers, a group of volunteer vocalists who have

combined their talents under the direction of Kerry Mann to sing at various events throughout the coming year. Matt Sowell will also be directing some instrumental music by members of the Cross Plains High School Band.

A reception will follow the program and folks will also have an opportunity to purchase their very own Centennial t-shirt. The design on the shirt is the same as the big poster in the bank that has been featured in several pictures in the *Cross Plains Review*. It is a combination of the winning design and log submitted by Bob Ossowski and Terri Brown for the recent contest.

Make plans now to attend this short program on Wednesday, January 12 to launch a once in a lifetime celebration.

## Want to Help with the Community Centennial Friendship Quilt?

Residents of the Cross Plains community are preparing a "Centennial Friendship Quilt" as a gift to the town on its 100th Birthday.

The 12 1/2 inch squares are available at Connie's Cuts and Curls or contact Connie Kirkham. If you would like to design a square, please call or come by:

Shop - 254-725-6318  
House - 254-725-6500  
Cell - 325-665-0154.

Connie will sew and piece the quilt when all the squares are returned.

Get involved in the centennial celebration. Thanks and join in the fun!!!!

## Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group to Meet on January 4th

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will have its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 7 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood.

Everyone in the community is urged to come out and hear about

the progress the organization has made in the past year. The group will also talk about their Third Annual Fish Fry to be held on January 29th.

Officers of the Fire Control Group will be elected at the meeting.

Submitted by  
Linda Burns  
Library Director

## After School Adventure Program to be Held Wednesday, January 5th

We'll be thinking and dreaming of a winter wonderland at the January **After School Adventure Program**, or ASAP, at the Cross Plains Public Library.

On Wednesday, January 5th at 4:00 p.m. we will be making a new kind of snow globe! We will have a variety of supplies,

including winter scenes and glittering snowflakes, to make your very own unique snow globe.

Come join us for a brrrrrry good time!

## Volunteer Delivery Drivers Needed for Meals on Wheels!

The Cross Plains Senior Center is in need of a few great people to help deliver Meals on Wheels for the Seniors in this great community!

Drivers and runners are both needed. If you know your way around Cross Plains then driving

would be a great way to help. If you don't know your way around but are willing to ride and take the meals up to the house, then we have openings for that, too!

If you are interested or available, please call the Senior Citizens Center at 254-725-6521.

## Cottonwood Musical Friday, January 7

Come out to Cottonwood on Friday night, January 7th, for the Cottonwood Musical featuring some of the Big Country's best local musicians. Chuck Patrick will emcee the event.

The musical will be held in the Cottonwood Community Center, which was once the community's school house. In case it's cold, the woodburning stoves will be on in the building, just as they were for

the school children years ago.

The doors open at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m. **Admission is FREE.**

Sandwiches, stew, dessert, coffee, soft drinks, water and iced tea will be available in the kitchen area of the building. Proceeds from the kitchen go toward the upkeep and maintenance of the Community Center.

## Trivia Cross Plains Style

How much do YOU know about Cross Plains? Test knowledge and win big at the **Centennial Trivia Contest** sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library. Mark your calendars for an exciting adventure about Cross Plains from the town's beginning to current events.

The fun will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Start creating your 5-person team with four of your friends or co-workers and then

challenge others to form teams to beat you.

There will be fact, fiction, food and fun with the winning team receiving part of the night's proceeds. Cost is \$20 per person. Rules and details will follow, with a few twists and turns. Watch to see what happens. Don't think you know enough? Come to the library and brush up with old newspapers on microfilm, ask old timers what they remember and look for hints in future articles.

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

## Library Extends "Cans for Fines" Deadline

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

Each item of non-perishable food brought to the library between now and January 31st is good for \$1 toward your fine.

Pay your fine and help out those

in need in your community at the same time!

Of course, if you don't have any fines, you can still bring your non-perishable items to the library and help this worthy cause.

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

Submitted by  
Michelle Kaiser

## Grand Ole Oplin Annual New Year's Eve Dance

The Grand Ole Oplin would like to invite everyone out to their Annual New Year's Eve dance on December 31st. Local band Muddy Creek will be here to help bring in the New Year playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes. Our New Year's Eve dance begins at 8:00 p.m., and ends sometime shortly after midnight.

Admission to our New Year's Eve dance will be \$8.00 per person. Black-eyed peas and cornbread will be served and everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 So. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin. We'll bring in the New Year together.

The Oplin Community Center and the Grand Ole Oplin wishes everyone a safe and Happy New Year.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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 Evening Service.....6:00 PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer Time.....7:00 PM

David Braun, Pastor  
 Church (254) 725-6266

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

### Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Billy Smith  
 254-725-6268

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

Music Director: Barbara Jo Medley

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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

### Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz  
 Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am  
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## OBITUARY

### Donald Ray Griffith

Donald Ray Griffith, age 71, of Streetman, Texas passed away Sunday, December 19, 2010 at the home of his son, Ray Griffith in Eastland County. Funeral services were held at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, December 29th at the Dallas-Fort Worth Veteran's Cemetery in Dallas.

He was born on April 7, 1939 in Saint Albans, West Virginia to Willard and Rose (Bean) Griffith. He served in the U.S. Army for 30 years then retired and worked as a Food Inspector.

Survivors include his two sons, Ray Griffith and Michael Griffith, both of Ft. Worth; a daughter, Kathlene Baker of Austin; and grandchildren, Trevor, Maitland, Garret, Rose and Laurel.

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## Courthouse News

### CALLAHAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

42nd DISTRICT COURT  
 John Weeks, presiding

#### Criminal Minutes

Lisa Marie Wade, order amending conditions of probation.

#### Civil Filings

Jaren Brant Tatt vs. Vickie Joann Tatt, divorce.

#### Civil Minutes

Banner Well Service LLC vs. Energas Corporation, judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$23,511.50 from defendant.

The State of Texas vs. Luis A. Morales, motion of dismissal of judgment nisi granted. State Farm Mutual Automotive Insurance Co. vs. Krissena Gayle Astry, order on plaintiff's motion to nonsuit granted.

Christopher Calip vs. Scott G. King, Knight Refrigerated LLC, Knight Transportation, Inc., individually and d/b/a Knight Transportation Texas, Inc. and Roads West Transportation, Inc., final judgment granted.

Martha Lois Jones, individually and as representative of the estate of William Keith Jones and Billy Joe Jones, Christy Raynell Jones, Wanda Marie Jones and Lacasta Kay Jones, individually vs. Fredrick E. St. Peter and Kristina J.

Wooten, agreed order of partial dismissal with prejudice granted.

FIA Card Services, N.A. vs. Gilbert L. Balch, final default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$11,917.03 from defendant.

## Shepherds Pie Recipe

**Ingredients**  
 2 pounds ground beef  
 2 cans (12 ounces each)homestyle beef gravy  
 2 cups frozen corn  
 2 cups frozen peas and carrots  
 2 teaspoons dried minced onion

**ADDITIONAL INGREDIENTS**  
 (for each casserole):  
 2 to 3 cups mashed potatoes  
 2 tablespoons butter, melted  
 Paprika

**Directions**  
 In a Dutch oven, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add the gravy, vegetables and onion. Spoon half into a greased 2-qt. baking dish or four oven-safe 2-cup dishes. Top with mashed potatoes. Drizzle with butter and sprinkle with paprika. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until heated through. Place the remaining beef mixture in a freezer container and freeze for up to 3 months.

To prepare frozen casserole: Thaw in the refrigerator; transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Top with the potatoes, butter and paprika; bake as directed.

Yield:2 casseroles (4 servings each).

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## Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association Seminary Extension

If you have an interest in joining our study of the book of Amos in the spring of 2011 (January - May) notify Baylis Pope at his home phone 254-725-7749. Breckenridge phones will reach Dan Nelson at 254-246-1617.

Classes will begin January starting on Thursday the 20th. We will need to know your plans to purchase the Study Guide and

textbooks by January 7th.

We will meet for three hours from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The course will be completed somewhere around May 12th. This will be a study of the life and times of the prophet Amos and his message of judgment to the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

Submitted by  
 Baylis Pope

## Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

#### FOREVER GIFTS

Christmas is a season when we give gifts to those we love. Like the three wise men of old too we each hope to find the perfect gift to express our love. As I look back on all the perfect gifts that I have gotten over the years, however, I have noticed that none of them came wrapped in paper or were put under a tree. Still, each of them found a forever home in my heart.

My Italian Grandma gave me the forever gifts of her big, strong hugs and soft, gentle kisses. My Mom's sweet smile, twinkling eyes, and joyful laughter were gifts which lit up my life for so many years. My Dad gave me the gifts of his wisdom and common sense even though I didn't always use them. My brothers gave me the gift of time. Although I was several years younger they always made the time to play with their "little brother." My first dog gave me the gift of unconditional love and loyalty. A beautiful girl gave me the gift of my first kiss which made me tingle from head to toe.

A favorite teacher gave me the gift of seeing that learning can be a joy instead of a job. My children gave me the gifts of tiny arms wrapped around my neck and "I love you Daddy" whispered in my ear. So many beautiful souls blessed me with the gift of their friendship. I also got gifts in the smiles of strangers, the hugs of neighbors, and the kind letters from people all over the world who had read my writings. Each one of them was

precious. Each one of them was eternal.

Not a single one of these forever gifts could be bought in a store. They all had to be given from the heart. They won't break, rust, or rot either. Instead I will carry them in my soul all through this life and into the next. This Christmas then and every day of the year give your own forever gifts to those you love. Remember too the wise words of Leo Buscaglia: "This life you are given is God's gift to you and how you live it is your gift to God."

By Joseph J. Mazzella  
 From the Internet

Last week I failed to mention that the article by Barbara Wood was originally printed in the Tyler, Texas newspaper.  
 Danny Mogle at dmogle@tylerpaper.com.

#### Nature's Play Dough

1 cup flour  
 1/2 cup salt  
 1 cup water  
 2 tablespoons oil  
 12 tablespoons cream of tartar  
 beet, spinach and carrot juice

Mix flour, salt and oil and slowly add water. Cook over medium heat, stirring until dough becomes stiff. Turn out onto wax paper and let cool. Knead the play dough with your hands until proper consistency. Use as is or divide into balls and add a few drops of the vegetable juice to make green, pink and orange

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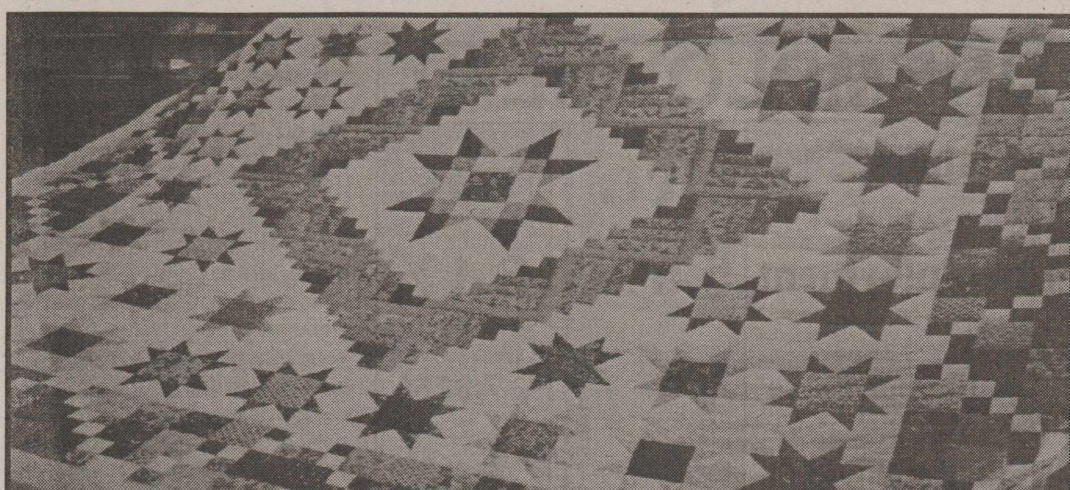
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# COTTONWOOD NEWS

BEVERLY BROWN



**The Rehab Quilt** — This beautiful Starry Night quilt made by the Cottonwood Quilting Club and donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center for their auction.

We wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year to all our friends and neighbors from the Cottonwood Community.

When we were young, it was unrealistic to think about year 2000—it was a long way off and we thought we'd never make it to 2000. In a few days, it will be 2011, a new year filled with the facing of new challenges, new renewed hope and faith, and happiness.

Happenings this past year in the Cottonwood Community: We had quite a bit of rain in spring and summer that kept us busy in cemeteries and other historical properties. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control got the new fire truck and held the dedication of the firehouse. The Cottonwood Musicals started back up. Everyone in the community has been busy with bake sales and other fundraisers for the community groups.

Donnie and Barbara Worley were in Austin on Christmas Day visiting with her son Ed and his children, Brennon and Sue Ellen. Carlisle and Summer Albrecht and boys, Theron, Grayden and William visited with Summer's grandmother, Dorothy Hasty, and had dinner with the family at Ed's house.

Mary Jo and Joseph Pennington and son Wyatt of Keller were at her folks, Bill and Annette Nickerson, and other family members in the community over the Christmas holidays.

Brian Robinson of Austin came and visited with his folks, Bob and Cookie Robinson. They went to Muleshoe and visited with Gary and Brenda Clark. On Sunday the group traveled to

Canyon to celebrate Christmas with Ned and Billie Clark at the home of Scott and Tandy Clark. All of Ned and Billie Ruth's kids and grandkids were there. The guys went hunting and killed a few doves, pheasants and quail. Hunter had a good time on the trip.

Joe and Deana Terstegge and Kathleen, along with Teri and Gilbert from Cross Plains, enjoyed Christmas dinner at the home of Beverly Brown. Lily and Wiley have been staying at "Grandma's" for the past week while Teri and Gilbert were in Houston. Lily returned home with the kids on Saturday. Little Wiley, though, refuses to go home. He wants to stay at grandma's house a little longer.

Brendan and Ethan are here visiting with their grandparents, the Terstegge's. Thank you Lord for the wonderful Christmas present—rain on Friday. Hope you and your family had a great holiday.

Remember, even with the rain, the grass and trees are still dry and the burn ban is still on.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club's Rehab Quilt is on line at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center auction website: [rehabauction.org](http://rehabauction.org). Click on "quilts", then click on #901—Starry Night—Queen to see a full color version of the quilt. The 88" X 88" quilt has a large star in the middle surrounded by log cabins and boxed stars. You can bid on it right on the Rehab website. The auction continues through January 22nd.

The Cottonwood Quilting club has also quilted a "Thunder River Trail" pattern quilt for the

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group to use as a fundraiser. Tickets for the quilt are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can get them from Deana Terstegge at 254-725-7281. The quilt will be on display soon at the January 7th Musical, at the Fire Control Group's Fish Fry on January 29th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains. The group is raising money for their equipment fund to keep the trucks up and in good working order. David Mendieta, from Mexico City Cafe, will be making the fish and chicken. Arnie Smith is cooking the beans. Everyone will be pitching in to help! Also on the menu is French fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw.

**Friday, January 7th** we're having the first Cottonwood Musical of the New Year! Chuck Patrick will be on hand to emcee the program of great local and area musicians. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m. As always, the musical is free. The wood-burning stoves will be on in the building. Feel free to bring a blanket, if you'd like, just in case there's a draft. On the menu in the kitchen—stew, sandwiches, pie, coffee, iced tea and soft drinks. Proceeds from the kitchen go toward the care and maintenance of the Community Center. We are looking forward to seeing you at the musical.

If you'd like to donate sandwiches, pies or other desserts to help out the musical, please give me a call at 254-725-7369. We could use your help.

The Fire Control Group's General Meeting is next **Tuesday evening, January 4th** at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

## LIBRARY NOTES

December 20-23, 2010

Patrons:	106
Books Checked Out:	74
Copies:	25
Reference:	5
Internet Users:	62

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## SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ACTIVITIES:

BY AMBER THOMAS

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Monday, 3rd** - 10:00am Movie Monday. Cokes and Popcorn. Computer Classes.  
**Tuesday, 4th** - 10:00am Mexican Train Dominoes, 11:00am Exercise Class.  
**Wednesday, 5th** - Nutrition Education  
**Thursday, 6th** - 11:00am Exercise Class and Computer Classes.  
**Friday, 7th** - Manicures 9:30-11:30

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

### NEEDS OF THE SENIOR CENTER:

Electric Skillet, Roasters and Griddles

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

## Help Feed The Hungry

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

### VOLUNTEER DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED!!!!

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## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

JANUARY 3 - JANUARY 7

**MONDAY**- Lasagna, Salad, Fruit, Bread, and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
**TUESDAY**- Smothered Steak, Rice, Broccoli, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
**WEDNESDAY** - Beef Taco Salad, w/Lettuce, Tomato, Onions and Cheese, Chips, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
**THURSDAY**- Pork Chops, Butter Beans, Spinach, Bread and Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Milk  
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### BREAKTHRU

By Charles Chesshir  
Cross Plains Church of Christ

#### Who Can You Trust?

A large majority of men and women in politics are driven by selfish ambition. This is a true statement of fact only because it is a reflection of the majority of people in the world. The average person sees no problem with another's selfish ambition especially if it's in harmony with their own. (We have no problem with government taking money or property as long as we're getting some of it.) The problem, however, is bigger than getting our fair share of what a politician is able to legally take from one group and give to another. Selfish ambition always looks out for self first, and therefore we become hopelessly entangled in relationships with competing interest, where no one is, or can be, trusted.

God has revealed the truth about our character and it stands in stark contrast to His. God's nature is a type of love which loves others equally with self. "What you like others to do for you, do that unto them." He applies the same principle, even in dealing with enemies. This love is not ours. It is only from God and is only available to those who want it. Our desire can only be shifted from selfish ambition to loving others by putting our faith and trust in God. We must shift from trusting self to trusting God. When we stand before God, we find out the awful truth: Only with His power can I love, and only when I love can I be trusted. It is never a question of "Who can I trust?", but "Can I be trusted?"

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Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.  
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## OLD FOLKS AND COWPOKES

JAMES NICHOLS

### Fred and Hugh Part 6

On December 12, 1912, Hugh and Ann had a son, Hugh Henry, Jr. who they both adored and spoiled. Fred, too always love "H", who at times was very unlovable.

Hugh registered for World War I on July 5, 1917. He said, "I registered a wife and one child and when I got home I had a wife and two children." Clara Nell had discovered America.

On January 7, 1917 Fred married a beautiful school teacher, Ada Mable McWhorter, from Oplin. They began their ranch headquarters on July 5, 1917. On May 5, 1918, Fred and Ada were blessed with a beautiful ten pound baby girl, Rosalea, who completed their family.

Ruth was born to Hugh and Ann

November 22, but died shortly after birth. Two years later on October 8, another baby was born. Hugh wanted to name her Miriam for "Ma Ferguson", Texas' first woman governor. Ann out-voted him for once. She was named Faye Lavern for Ann's favorite sister, Lavern.

"H", Hugh Jr., who would not view her for two weeks after she was born, took one look at her and said, "There's old Tootie!" "H" named her good, for it remained Tootie.

Ann was quiet, a stay at home wife and mother, until she got mad. She was very conscious of good grammar, education, cleanliness and manners. She was an asset to Hugh in many ways, having been brought up by an educated mother who passed her knowledge on to her children and grandchildren.

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**Immunization Clinic Schedules for Callahan County**

Texas Department of State Health Services announce the Immunization Clinic schedule in Callahan County as follows:

Monday, January 10th

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If your child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the card. For more information call 325-754-4945.

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WEDNESDAY- Waffle Sticks, Sausage, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk  
FRIDAY-Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt, Fruit, Assorted Juice, Milk

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WEDNESDAY - Fiesta Salad, (Chili, Beans, Cheese, Corn chips, and Rice Salad), Pineapples, Milk  
THURSDAY- Vegetable-Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, Pears, Milk  
FRIDAY- Beef or Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickles, Baked Wedges, Cookie, Milk

Have a great week!

**ADVERTISE IN THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW**

**Callahan County's jobless rate rises to 6.1% in November**

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose six-tenths of one percent to 6.1% in November 2010, according to jobless figures released Friday, December 17th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in November 2009 was 5.9 percent.

Of the 7,326 civilian labor force in Callahan County, 6,876 were employed during November 2010, and 450 were unemployed, giving the county an unemployment rate of 6.1%.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 5.5% in October, 2010. Of the 7,276 civilian labor force in the county during October, 6,874 had jobs while 402 or 5.5% were unemployed.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 5.6% in September 2010, 5.8% in August, 6.3% in July, 6.5% in June, 5.9% in May, 6.0% in April, 6.0% in March, 6.1% in February, 6.4% in January 2010, and 5.8% in December 2009, according to the unemployment figures.

Big County area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for November 2010 include: Brown, 7.2%; Coleman, 6.8%; Eastland, 8.0%; Jones, 7.7%; Runnels, 8.3%; Shackelford, 5.0%; Stephens, 6.8%; and Taylor County, 6.4%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 6.5% in October, 2010, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. Abilene's Combined Labor Force is 84,700. There were 79,200 employed during November, 2010, while 5,500 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 6.5%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 84,500 in October, 2010, with total employment of 79,200 in October, while 5,300, or 6.3% were unemployed in October.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for November, 2009 was 6.0%, with the total workforce at 83,700, with 78,700 employed and 5,000 unemployed in November, 2009.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of November, 2010 was 8.3 percent. Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 7.9 percent. The state's unemployment rate in November of 2009 was 7.9 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for November, 2010 was 9.3 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of October, 2010 was 9.0%. The United States un-

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

Callahan County Unemployment	Oct.	Nov.
Unemployment	5.5%	6.1%
Total Labor Force	7,276	7,326
Total Employed	6,874	6,876
Total Unemployed	402	450

employment rate one year ago in November, 2009 was 9.4%.

**Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)**

The Texas unemployment rate increased for the third time this year, gaining four-tenths of a percentage point for a rate of 8.3 percent. This unemployment rate was the second highest for the month of November since the beginning of the series. The national unemployment rate increased three-tenths of a percentage point for a November rate of 9.3 percent. The Texas unemployment rate remained below the national unemployment rate for 41 consecutive months.

The Civilian Labor Force rose for the sixth time this year, adding 68,600 persons for an estimate of 12,226,900 individuals. Since the start of 2010, the Civilian Labor Force expanded by 132,500 individuals from last year's level, the Civilian Labor Force expanded by 171,600 persons.

The number of employed Texans expanded for the seventh time this year, increasing 21,100 people for an estimate of 11,214,600. The number of those seeking employment opportunities increased by 47,500 persons for an estimate of 1,012,300. This month's October-to-November unemployment change was the second highest seen within the time series. Since January of this year, Texas dropped 32,400 people from the ranks of the unemployed.

The number of those receiving unemployment benefits in November decreased by 700 for a count of 153,000 individuals. In the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs), 17 declined and eight increased in the number of persons continuing to receive unemployment benefits. The Abilene MSA, the Longview

ment certainly reflects well on this area," Garza said.

**Scott & White Gets Green Light**

COLLEGE STATION, TX (KBTX CBS Channel 3) Scott & White Healthcare received the green light to build a new hospital in south College Station. The College Station City Council voted unanimously to rezone 97 acres of land for the new medical complex. The \$130-million project would bring 600 new jobs and have a potential economic impact of \$40 million per year. "Based on the findings of the TIA (Transportation Impact Analysis), the development would be phased so that roadways in the area could adequately absorb traffic," said Jennifer Prochazka, Senior Planner for the City of College Station.

**Solar Firm Plans 450 Jobs**

AUSTIN, TX (Austin American-Statesman—Shonda Novak)—In its first major U.S. expansion, SunPower Corporation, a leader in solar panel technology, plans to open an operations center in Austin next year, bringing 450 jobs and an estimated \$10 million in capital investment in the region's economy. The California company is a significant economic victory for Austin, helping raise the city's profile as a clean technology center.

The jobs—in marketing, legal and finance areas—would pay an average of \$70,000 a year, city officials say. The jobs would be created over four years, with 80 percent of the positions filled locally. Hiring is expected to begin this month, with the new office opening in early 2011, said Ingrid Ekstrom, SunPower's director of corporate communications. "This is great news for Austin—lots of jobs, and high-paying jobs. This is what we need at this juncture of our economic recovery," economic development consultant Angelos Angelou said.

**EnCana to Add Jobs in Plano**

PLANO, TX (Dallas Morning News)—The Plano City Council approved a large business incentive package to entice natural gas firm, EnCana, to the city. The Canadian-based company is expected to relocate or create at least 510 jobs and add about \$88 million to Plano's tax rolls by consolidating many of its local operations in Plano's Legacy area. EnCana plans to build a three-building complex with office space equivalent to more than five football fields. Construction is expected to start this month.

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**Letter to the Editor**

On the afternoon of the 16th of December, we were traveling through Cross Plains, on our way from Clovis, New Mexico to Orangefield, Texas, taking my in-laws back home after a visit.

My wife has moved down there with them because of some Alzheimers issues with her mother so they come home when they can.

We stopped at the Taste of Texas fruit stand, which we always enjoy and then went to the DQ to have a blizzard, then filled up at the Exxon, and took off on down the road.

Several hours later, we discovered my mother-in-law's purse was missing and upon stopping, thinking, calling, etc., we found out it was at the DQ in Cross Plains.

Since pretty much her whole life was in that purse, we backtracked several hours to pick it up. Needless to say, it was fairly late and we were hungry and upset and so we decided to go ahead and eat a late supper and keep on traveling.

Liz, the manager at DQ, was so

wonderful and compassionate. She reassured us of its safety on the phone and her commitment to get it into our hands that night.

So after we ordered, Liz would not let us pay for it because we had enough issues that night. I can't tell you how much that meant to my in-laws and me. Liz not only made DQ look good, but she made the town of Cross Plains really look great.

She and her staff are to be commended and recognized for making a fairly cruddy night....very pleasant.

Please pass on my commendations and thanks to her and her staff. Rest assured we will continue to stop in Cross Plains as usual, but will also encourage all of our friends and family to do so as well.

I have also passed a similar letter on to the DQ headquarters as well.

Thank you so much for your time.

Chuck Tipton  
Media Director  
Central Baptist Church  
Clovis, New Mexico

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## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show set for January 13th-15th

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Starting time will be Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. with the judging of the poultry and rabbits.

Frankie Hyles, President of the Callahan County Jr. Livestock Association, said that entries are expected to number about 450 this year from the various FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs in the County.

Other officers of the association are Burke Robinson as Vice President, Johnny Adkins as Treasurer and Cami Robinson as Secretary.

Superintendents for this year show are:

Beef Cattle-Buster and Karen Smith  
Market & Breeding Swine-Doug Johnston and Tom

Windham Poultry & Rabbits-Betsy Robbins and Larry McIntire  
Sheep & Goats-Bill and Kim Dean

Judging of the poultry and rabbits will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> with Paul Booth doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 5:30 p.m. on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, with the Breeding Swine followed by the Market Swine Show. Pete McDougal will be judging the Swine Show.

At 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, Kelby Cowley, will start judging the Boer Goat Show, then the Market Goat Show, followed by the Market Sheep Show.

On the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. all steers and heifers will be

classified and weighed. Roy Shackelford, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 15<sup>th</sup> with the heifer show. Roy Shackelford 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 for the three day show will be Jimmy Hargrove, Greg Gerngross, Robert Frost, Phil Mitchell 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

## Drinking and Driving Can be a Deadly Mix

BY: RONNIE BROADUS  
Communications Supervisor

December 28, 2010—People hear the message: Do not drink and drive. But many don't heed the warning.

New Year's Eve parties and alcohol can be a deadly combination, said Sheriff Windham of the Callahan County Sheriff's Office.

"Alcohol consumption typically peaks during the holiday season," Windham said. "We're cautioning everyone to exercise good judgment and to be responsible if they choose to drink."

Impaired driving is one of the deadliest crimes, especially during the holiday period.

Drinking and driving is never worth it, said Sheriff Windham. "Whether you get in a wreck or get arrested or kill someone, it will affect you for the rest of your life," he said. "You will have a record and the scars."

Sheriff Windham said it's frustrating that people are not getting the message.

"They don't realize that they don't have control of their faculties," he said.

The Callahan County Sheriff Office has zero tolerance for those who put themselves and other motorists at risk, said Sheriff Windham.

"All too often innocent, law-abiding people suffer tragic consequences due to this careless disregard for human life," Windham said.

It doesn't take long to exceed the illegal blood-alcohol level of 0.08 or higher, Windham said.

"A person who weighs 140 pounds will reach that limit with three drinks in an hour," Windham said. "Because a person may not feel drunk, they may not realize that their reaction time and driving skills are measurably impaired."

There are so many ways to get home besides driving drunk, Windham said.

"Work things out in advance have a designated driver."

For those who witness a drunk driver, call 9-1-1.

Sheriff Windham and his staff want you and your family to have a Safe and Happy New Year.

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## Christmas for a Soldier

Editor's Note: This poem was written by a Peacekeeping soldier stationed overseas. He wanted people to stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Even though Christmas has passed, it is still very fresh on our minds and the following verses will stir your heart and make you appreciate our dedicated soldiers. Vanda Anderson

I realized the families,  
That I saw this night,  
Owed their lives to these  
soldiers,  
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world,  
The children would play,  
And grown-ups would  
celebrate,  
A bright Christmas Day.

They all enjoyed freedom,  
Each month of the year,  
Because of the soldiers,  
Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder,  
How many lay alone,  
On a cold Christmas Eve,  
In a land far from home?

The very thought brought,  
A tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees,  
And started to cry.

The soldier awakened,  
And I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa don't cry,  
this life is my choice.

I fight for freedom,  
I don't ask for more,  
My life is my God,  
My country, my corps...."

The soldier rolled over,  
And drifted to sleep.  
I couldn't control it,  
I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours,  
So silent and still,  
And we both shivered,  
From the cold night's chill.

I did not want to leave,  
On that cold, dark, night,  
This guardian of honor,  
So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over,  
With a voice soft and pure,  
Whispered, "Carry on Santa,  
It's Christmas Day, all is  
secure."

One look at my watch,  
And I knew he was right.  
"Merry Christmas my friend,  
And to all a good night."

Twas the Night Before  
Christmas

Twas the night before  
Christmas  
He lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house,  
Made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney,  
With presents to give,  
And to see just who  
In this home, did live.

I looked all about,  
A strange sight I did see,  
No tinsel, no presents,  
Not even a tree.

No stocking by the mantle,  
Just boots filled with sand,  
On the wall hung pictures,  
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges,  
Awards of all kinds,  
A sober thought,  
Came through my mind.

For this house was different,  
It was dark and dreary,  
I found the home of a soldier,  
Once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping,  
Silent, alone,  
Curled up on the floor,  
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,  
The room in disorder,  
Not how I pictured,  
An honorable soldier.

Was this the hero,  
Of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up on a poncho,  
The floor for a bed?

## Remembering & Honoring Our Loved Ones

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Bill Kirkham  
Glenna Kirkham  
Patsy Pipes  
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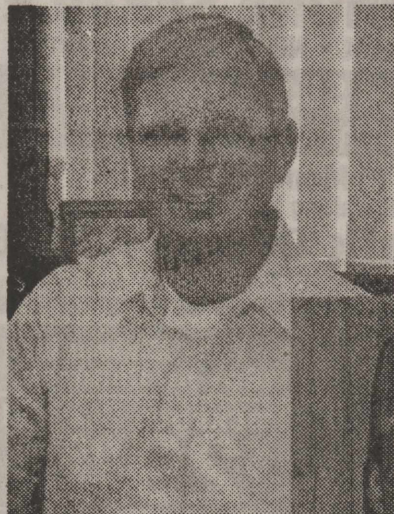
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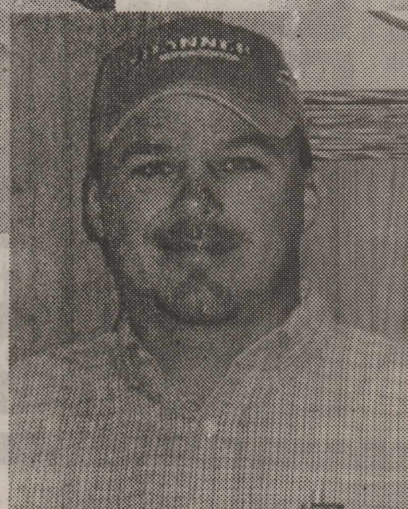
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308 SE 1st - Spacious <b>UNDER CONTRACT</b> , nice yard, needs a little TLC	75,000
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Be sure to dispose of Christmas trees properly

## As holiday season winds down remember to be fire safe

Quincy, Mass.—The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is offering reminders to keep folks fire-safe as they wind down the holiday season.

Roughly one-third of home fires and home fire deaths occur in December, January and February, according to NFPA.

Although Christmas tree fires are uncommon, when they do occur, they are often serious; one out of every 21 reported Christmas tree fires results in a fatality. One-third of Christmas tree fires occurred in January.

"The longer Christmas trees are in the home, the more they dry out and increasingly become fire hazards," says Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of communications. "Removing the tree from your home and properly disposing of it as soon as possible will minimize the risk of a treasured holiday season becoming a tragic one."

Dried-out trees should not be

left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Carli recommends checking with your local community to find a recycling program. Also, remove outdoor holiday lights.

As you unplug and store electric holiday decorations, remember that practicing safety now can keep decorations in working condition and prevent potential hazards from occurring next year.

The following are safety tips that can be used when putting away seasonal decorations:

- To unplug electric decorations, use the gripping area provided on the plugs. Never pull the cord to unplug a device from electrical outlets. Doing so can harm the cord's wire and insulation and even lead to an electrical shock or fire.

- As you're putting away electrical light strings, take time

to inspect each for damage. Throw out light sets if they have loose connections, broken sockets or cracked or bare wires.

- Do not place a damaged set of lights back into the storage box for next year's use.

- Wrap each set of lights and put them in individual plastic bags, or wrap the lights around a piece of cardboard.

- Store electrical decorations in a dry place where they cannot be damaged by water or dampness. Also, keep them away from children and pets. More than half of U.S. home heating fires happen in December, January and February, according to NFPA.

Heating equipment was involved in an estimated 66,100 reported home structure fires in 2008, causing 480 civilian deaths, 1,660 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

Learn more about heating

## Scranton Musical January 1st

Yes, there will be a musical at the Scranton Community Center on Saturday, January 1, 2011. The kitchen will open at 5:30 p.m., with a special, sandwiches and homemade pies. Sis Starr is the hostess this month.

Mark Ray is the emcee. All area musicians are invited to play. You may call 325-692-2057 to reserve a time for your group.

Submitted by: Joanie Shrader

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*Daffodils.....God's Promise that Spring always follows Winter*

*By Marianne Taff  
Cross Plains*

*I think God made the daffodil with its pretty golden bloom  
As a special sign that Spring is near,  
an end to Winter's gloom.*

*Not only are they pretty as they usher in each Spring.  
They hold a special promise of hope that God can bring.*

*Like little rays of sunshine sent to warm the weary heart,  
They've shared with me a secret through the message they impart.*

*With anxious heart I watched them caught in a late Winter snow,  
Their ice-covered blossoms from their heavy burden, bent low.*

*But when the snow had melted and the wintry storm was done,  
Almost as beautiful as before they stood,  
smiling to the sun.*

*I marveled at their courage,  
for me they seemed to say,  
Though the storms will come,  
they will also go.  
"This too, shall pass away."*

*So, like the storm-tossed daffodil, I may never be quite the same,  
I take heart that my Winter will pass  
and I will smile again.*

*For if God made the daffodils to withstand their stormy times,  
I can be assured He'll strengthen me  
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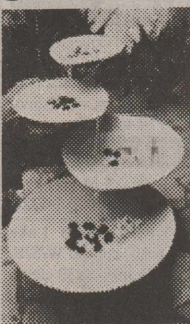
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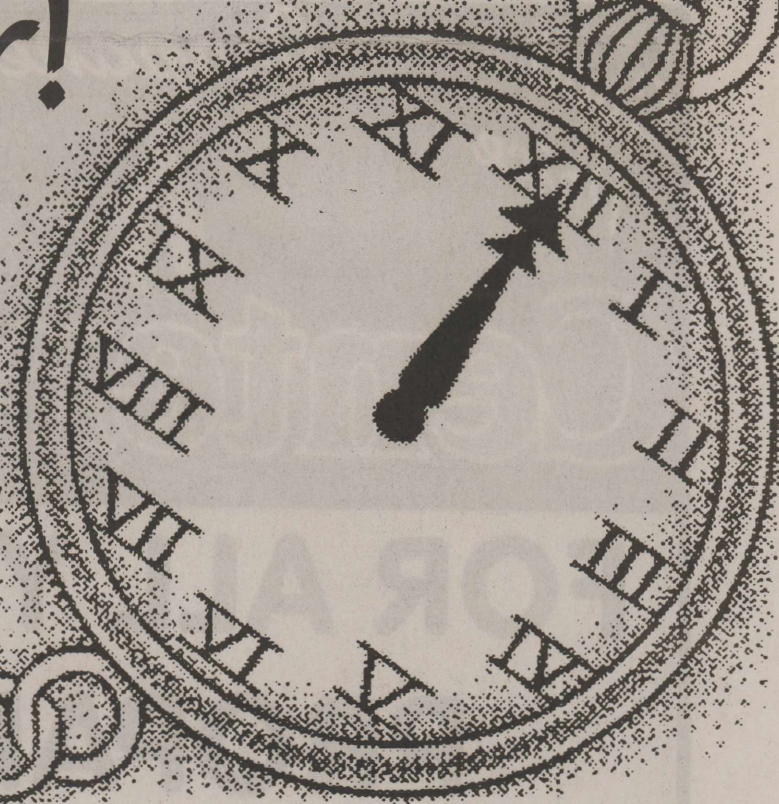


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# Fish Fry Slated for Saturday, January 29th

Mark your calendar now for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's third annual Fish Fry the last Saturday in January—January 29th.

The group will be serving fried catfish, chicken tenders, French fries, hushpuppies, beans and coleslaw at the Family Life

Center of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Tickets will also be available at the event for a beautiful gold and brown Thunder Creek Trail quilt, quilted by the ladies of the Cottonwood Quilting Club and given to the Fire Control Group as a fundraiser. The quilt will be

on display at the fish fry.

Each year the Fire Control Group holds a Fish Fry the end of January as a fundraiser. Over the past two years the group has been blessed with a new firehouse and a new fire truck due to the generous support and donations from the community.

## Heartworms: Growing Problem in Callahan County

Dogs with heartworms are being diagnosed on a regular basis in our area. Over 40 cases were diagnosed in 2010. Our area was once thought to be a low incidence area, however, increased awareness of the problem has increased the testing for heartworms. With the rapid increase in the numbers of heartworm cases, we must take a more aggressive approach to the problem. Heartworm checks and preventatives must be initiated to decrease the incidence of the disease.

Heartworms are on the increase: Mild winters with increased rainfall resulting in more mosquitoes and year around exposure. Owners traveling with their dogs either to or from areas with severe heartworm problems. Owners more aware of the problem which results in more testing of infected dogs.

This is such a deadly disease that it is well worth reminding owners of certain facts: The net result of heartworm disease is the serious mechanical damage it causes to a dog's heart, lungs, liver and kidneys.

While it is stopping up kidneys and blood flow, there are few outward signs of all the internal damage being caused until the disease is very far along. Mosquitoes are key carriers of heartworm disease. When an infected dog is bitten by a mosquito, blood is carried away, which may include tiny, immature forms of heartworms called microfilaria. It takes about three months for these microfilaria to travel through the tissues of the body to enter the heart. Dozens of these larvae travel through the tissues of the body to enter the heart. These larvae (some of which can actually become up to 14 inches long) become adults within another three months. By that time, much of the mechanical damage just mentioned has become fact.

Thanks to research and modern preventative medicine, there is a lot you can do to avoid heartworms in the first place or see that it is successfully treated if it hasn't progressed too far: A blood test is the only way to detect heartworm disease in its early stages. Since it's possible for

an infected dog to have adult heartworms without microfilaria, a thorough examination and other lab tests may be needed to confirm heartworm infection. After the disease has progressed, symptoms can include frequent coughing, sluggishness, rapid tiring and finally, labored breathing. If caught in time, a series of injections of an organic arsenical drug can be used to kill heartworms. Then another drug must be used to kill the microfilaria. No vaccine is available for heartworm disease. You can give regular doses of a medication, which can prevent infective larvae from developing into adult heartworms. Prevention can be in the form of a tablet or a chewable treat once a month, or an injection that will last 6 months.

Also, recently a preventative for cats has become available. Cat heartworms are on the increase nation wide but is not at the high incidence levels as in dogs. We have diagnosed only one case of feline heartworms.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Cherilyn Fleming  
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Mrs. Donald Baird  
Billy Joe Lofton  
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Lessie Baum

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Troy Stone  
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Ronald Allen Steele  
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Shae Connelly

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**RECENT VISTORS:** Jennifer Birkoski from near Olympia, WA was a recent visitor to the Robert E. Howard Museum. She works in the day care profession and reads a lot of Howard's writings in her spare time. Local resident, Mark Ring, arranged for the tour. Project Pride members encourage local folks to contact them about taking their visitors to the Museum. Feel free to contact one of the following telephone numbers: (254)725-6562, (254)725-4993 or (254)725-9480 to set up a personal tour.



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