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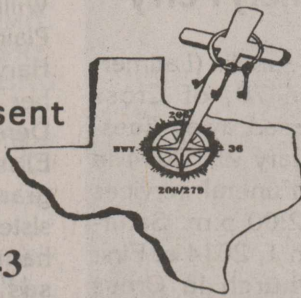
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(L to R)—Raymond Hart, Bob Farrell, John Hullum and Chuck Patrick

## Cottonwood Country Musical

Everyone had a great time at the Cottonwood Country Musical last Friday night. The weather was beautiful. The food was good. The music was lively and entertaining. A special thanks to the musicians who travel to entertain everyone.

There is no admission to the musical. The proceeds from

the concession go to the preservation and maintenance of the historic buildings in Cottonwood. Thanks to everyone who comes to enjoy the great music and support us.

The next Cottonwood Country Musical will be Friday night, March 28, 2014.

—The Cottonwood Historical Association

## Amber Tinsley wins District Clerk race by just 7 votes

In one of the closest countywide races in recent memory, Amber Tinsley took the District Clerk office in the Republican Primary Tuesday, March 4th over challenger Angela Owens by just seven votes from the 1,505 total votes cast.

Tinsley won the Republican Primary with 756 votes, while Owens captured 749 votes. Tinsley won with 50.23% of the total of 1,505 votes cast, while Owens took 49.77% of the total votes.

Tinsley won the Early Voting box with 279 votes, while Owens had 254 votes cast for her by the early vote. On election day, Tinsley received 422 votes, while Owens had 391 votes. The only box won by Owens was the Absentee box, in which Owens had 104 votes cast for her, while Tinsley had 55 votes cast her

way. In the only other contested race involving a portion of Callahan County, Alan (Tom) Rumfield won the Clyde Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 position with 447 votes or 67.73%, to challenger Jerome Chaney with 213 or 32.27% of the vote. Rumfield won the Early Voting box, the Absentee box and the Election Day box.

The office of Clyde JP is currently vacant after the death of former JP Roy Chapman in December. Baird JP Steve Odom is currently filling in as the interim Clyde JP.

It is expected the County Commissioners' Court will appoint Rumfield to the Clyde JP position soon.

Complete Republican Primary election results will appear in next week's newspaper.

## Boys Basketball District 15-1A-Division II All-District Teams

### Most Valuable Player

Brant Harris, JR, May

### Co-Offensive MVP

Kelton Mote, SR, May  
Cutter Halsel, SR, Cross Plains

### Co-Newcomer of the Year

Isaac Williams, JR, May  
Justin Howard, SR, May

### Coach of the Year

Steve Howard, May

### 1st Team

Matthew Enriquez, SR, May  
Kendrick Aguerro, SR, May  
Tristen Stephenson, SR, Cross Plains  
Josh Branch, SR, Cross Plains  
James Short, SR, Panther Creek  
Colton Moore, FR, Panther Creek

Emory Geye, JR, Rising Star

Hernan Reyes, JR, Rising Star

### 2nd Team

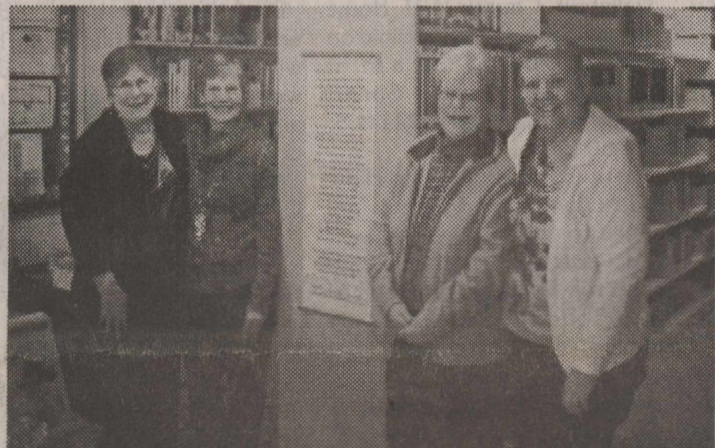
Tyler Henderson, SR, Cross Plains  
Zane Jamison, JR, Panther Creek  
Eric Griffith, SR, Rising Star  
Jed Herrod, JR, Santa Anna  
Michael Valencia, SR, Santa Anna  
Gage Fenton, SR, Brooksmith

### Honorable Mention

Justin Willis, SR, Cross Plains  
Colton McWilliams, SR, Cross Plains

### Academic All-District

Tyler Henderson, SR, Cross Plains  
Colton McWilliams, SR, Cross Plains



Left to Right: Linda Burns, Helen Parson, Ginny Hoskins and Michelle Kaiser.

## The Big Read kick-off

Members of the Cross Plains Public Library pose with the Mayor's Proclamation to kick off The Big Read.

## Cross Plains I.S.D Spring Break Schedule and Early Dismissals

Early out on Friday, March 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. prior to Spring Break. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

Return to classes on March 17, 2014 at regular time.

Early out on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. for UIL meet. Buses will run at 11:10 a.m.

We are hosting the district academic meet. School will begin at regular time on March 24th.

Early out on Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. for Easter. Buses will run at 1:00 p.m.

School will begin at regular time on April 21, 2014.

## Texas Rangers Raffel Benefiting Owen Turner

Raffle tickets are being sold to benefit Owen Turner, 9 month old grandson of Dannes and Greg Turner who is battling a rare form of leukemia.

You can purchase the raffle tickets at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Package includes:

- 4 Texas Rangers baseball tickets good for any game except opening day or playoffs. (Section 31 in the shade between Home plate and Rangers Dugout).
- 1 night stay at the Crown Plaza in Arlington, Texas.
- Autographed ball from the 2013 Texas Rangers.
- Official 2011 World Series

### Game Ball.

- Texas Rangers Game Helmet.
- 2 fitted game caps, Ron Washington bobble head doll, Yu Darvish bobble head doll, 2 Texas Rangers souvenir bats, Texas Rangers teddy bear, and a Texas Rangers t-shirt.

The last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, March 12th. Drawings will be held at the first district home game for the Coleman Bluecats vs. Brady Bulldogs on March 13th at 12:00 p.m. You do not have to be present in order to win.

Get your tickets now and don't miss out on this great package!

## THSCA Association Academic All-State Basketball Team

Four Cross Plains Basketball senior boys have been named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All-State Basketball Team. The Texas High School Coaches Association and the United States marine Corps honors those selected to the Academic All-State team for the 2013-2014 season. Selectees are

based on high school athletes who excel in the following categories: GPA, class rank and ACT/SAT score.

### 2nd Team

Tyler Henderson, SR  
Tristen Stephenson, SR

### Honorable Mention

Cutter Halsel, SR  
Colton McWilliams

## Kiwanis Club pancake supper on March 6th

Don't miss the Kiwanis Pancake Supper tonight, Thursday, March 6 from 5-7 pm! All the pancakes and sausage you can eat for \$5 per person (\$3 for children 12 and under). This is a fundraiser to help the Kiwanis fund the Club's

various projects so donations will also be accepted.

The event will be held at the Cross Plains ISD cafeteria. We will start serving at 5:00 p.m. Bring friends and let us do the cooking. See you there!

## Cross Plains Little League travelling teams announced

### ATTENTION!!!

Cross Plains Little League held a meeting last night. During the meeting, we voted on having a 10 and Under and 12 and Under traveling team (Little League only).

We will be playing here in Cross Plains and also traveling to DeLeon, Gorman, Iredell, Hico, and Hamilton.

We need to have our count turned in no later than March 17th. Please notice this date has

changed from the original date on the form.

We will have a table set up inside the high school Gym on Saturday, March 8th if you would like to sign your child up at that time.

All forms and money are due no later than March 17th.

If you are interested in coming to the next Little League meeting it will be on Monday, March 17th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center starting at 7:00 p.m.

## Abilene area Aggie Mom's Club

We invite you to our monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6:45 pm in the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash Building at 2500 S. Willis (S.27th and Willis, 1/2 block N on Willis.)

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop!

We meet the third Tuesday of

each month, at 6:45 pm for refreshments and fun.

If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email either of the following:

• Venita Teal (President) call 669-0886 or email at vltmini5@gmail.com

• Kathy Hocke (Membership) call 721-3131 or email at hockeig@camalott.com

## Save the date and help our Seniors

In this day of government cuts and rising food cost, the group of people that seems to be catching the brunt of this is Senior Citizens. They are on a fixed income but their medical expenses, health insurances and house hold expenses increase each month. Did you know that senior citizens food stamps were cut to as little as \$15.00 a month? The City of Cross Plains and The Cross Plains Senior Center is committed to offering a nutritious meal and a center for people to gather and visit, exercise, quilt, play dominos or

whatever may be on the program that day.

As with any program that is partially subsidized by the state and federal government, our funds have been reduced and budget is being strained.

Donations and fundraisers are very necessary part of our daily operations. The Barbarian Festival, realizing the importance of the Center to the community, is sponsoring a night of music by the class of '57 and hamburgers on March 25, 2014.

Mark your Calendars and plan to support our aging population.

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### Pioneer Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Dwaine Clowers  
**Music Director:** Barbara Jo Medley

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

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm  
*Pastor Max Evans*  
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### Rowden Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Wayne Lenz  
**Music:** Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM

**Thomas Estes, Pastor**  
**Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor**  
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

## First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM  
Music- Connie Swift  
Lead Singers: 4His Glory  
**Pastor Kathy Monroe**  
208 N. Ave. D

## CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443  
**Minister: RICK AUSTIN**

**SUNDAY:**  
**Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.**  
**Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.**  
**Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.**  
**Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.**  
**Ladies Class - Wednesday:**  
**10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)**  
**Office: (254-725-6117)**  
**Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859**

# OBITUARIES

## Priscilla Amelia (Latimer) Perry

Priscilla Amelia (Latimer) Perry, age 70, of Cross Plains, passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in Abilene. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie White officiating; burial will follow in the Cross plains Cemetery. Visitation will be 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, February 28, 2014 at the funeral home.

Priscilla was born on March 20, 1943 in Brownwood to Jesse Orin and Olena May (Nystel) Latimer. She worked as an LVN for a number of years and then did some home health care for a number of years. She was a member of the Joy Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her

daughter, Sheila Diane Hamlin and her son, Gerry William Peterson of Cross Plains; and her son, Samuel Harvey McKinley of Owens; her grandchildren, Steven, Derek, and Bryce Hamlin; Elissa Peterson; three great-grand children, and three sisters, Ann Drennan of Graham, Betty Hoag of Arkansas, and Linda Stair of Burleson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jerry Latimer.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the FBC Building or Choir Fund, PO Box 130, Cross Plains, TX 76443.



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## SHERIFF'S CORNER

By Sheriff Terry Joy

Residents of Callahan County should be aware that scammers are lurking behind area codes 809, 284, 876, 120 and possibly others that have not been reported to the Sheriff's Department. These are area codes outside the United States; many prefixes and telephone numbers are used in this operation as well as many names.

At least three area residents have been contacted via cell phone this past week from area codes 876 and 120. When the call comes in, it appears to be coming from a US area code; possibly a toll free number. Residents should be careful in answering calls if you do not personally know someone in the area code displayed on your phone screen. The call may be a scam call.

In each incident this past week, each person was told they had been selected to receive Publisher's Clearing House prizes. Prizes included money,

lots of money, and expensive cars. They were instructed to purchase a particular type of cash card to pay for processing fees.

Approximately 30,000 calls are made each day to residents of the United States in an attempt to scam American citizens. Google Earth is sometimes used to gain knowledge of landmarks so the caller can give the impression they are familiar with the area.

The persons who received calls this week in our county kept the caller on the line as long as possible and got as much information as possible from them. No money was sent and no prizes were received.

The scammers are using cell phone numbers, home phone numbers and computers to make contacts. Scammers have even called my county cell phone-

So, citizens be alert and be aware! If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is! Do not send money to receive a prize; a prize should be free!

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

## First Baptist Church

**Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m.**      **Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday School 9:30**  
**Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship**  
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

**Ronnie B. White, Pastor**  
**Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship**  
**Jared Huntley/Students**

(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443  
[www.firstbaptistcp.com](http://www.firstbaptistcp.com)

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

**March 10-14**

**Monday-10th** Exercise 11:00  
**Tuesday-11th** Exercise 11:00  
**Wednesday-12th** Blood Pressure Check Exercise 11:00  
**Thursday -13th** Exercise 11:00  
**Friday -14th** Exercise 11:00

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

**March 10-14**

<p><b>Monday 10th-</b> Hamburger Steak/gravy, Potatoes, Turnip Greens, Fruit &amp; Bread</p> <p><b>Tuesday 11th -</b>Tomatoe Soup, Crackers 1/2 Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich, Fruit and Cookie</p> <p><b>Wednesday 12th -</b> Goulash, Lima Beans, Corn Bread, Dessert</p>	<p><b>Thursday 13th -</b> King Ranch Chicken Lett/Tom Salad, Yellow Hominy, Bread , Dessert</p> <p><b>Friday 14th -</b> Veg Beef Soup, (veg in entree) Cornbread, Fruit, Cup , Cookie</p>
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**MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M**

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

## Callahan County 4-H Horse Club is hosting a horse clinic March 15th

Callahan County 4-H Horse Club is hosting a Horse clinic on March 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Callahan County Sheriff Posse Arena located at 221 U.S. Hwy 80 E, Baird.

There is no fee for this clinic and ALL youth and parents are invited to attend.

Topics to be covered at the clinic will be Basic Horsemanship, Correct Tack, 4-H Horse Show Events, and Keeping a Good Seat.

Bring your own horse. Adults are welcome to ride too! There will be a break for lunch. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch and eat at the arena if you choose.

**NEGATIVE COGGINS IS REQUIRED AND STALLIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

For more information call the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

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**Love Fund**

Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank For Owen Turner son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner

**LOVE FUND**

A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

**Love Fund**

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

Last Puzzle Solution

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# County Burn Ban reinstated by Commissioners' Court

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to reinstate the countywide outdoor burn ban for another 90 days effective immediately.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, February 24th during the commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The county outdoor burn ban information follows:

**CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas.

(1) Action prohibited:  
A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

**(2) Enforcement:**

A. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor. B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or, harvesting of agriculture crops.

(5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

(6) See Attachment A for welding precautions and Attachment B for grilling precautions.

ORDERED by the Callahan County Commissioners Court on the 10th day of December, 2012, and executed on the same date.

- (s) Roger Corn County Judge
- (s) Harold Hicks Commissioner Precinct #1
- (s) Bryan Farmer Commissioner Precinct #2
- (s) Tom Windham Commissioner Precinct #3
- (s) Cliff Kirkham Commissioner Precinct #4

Attest:  
(s) Donna Bell, County Clerk

**ATTACHMENT A**

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not in-

tended to take away a person's livelihood.

**WELDING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.**

1. The individual welding must have a spotter.
2. Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.
3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
4. Must have water sprayer available for use.
5. Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet as often as necessary).

These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgement if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another date.

Violations will be punishable by a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

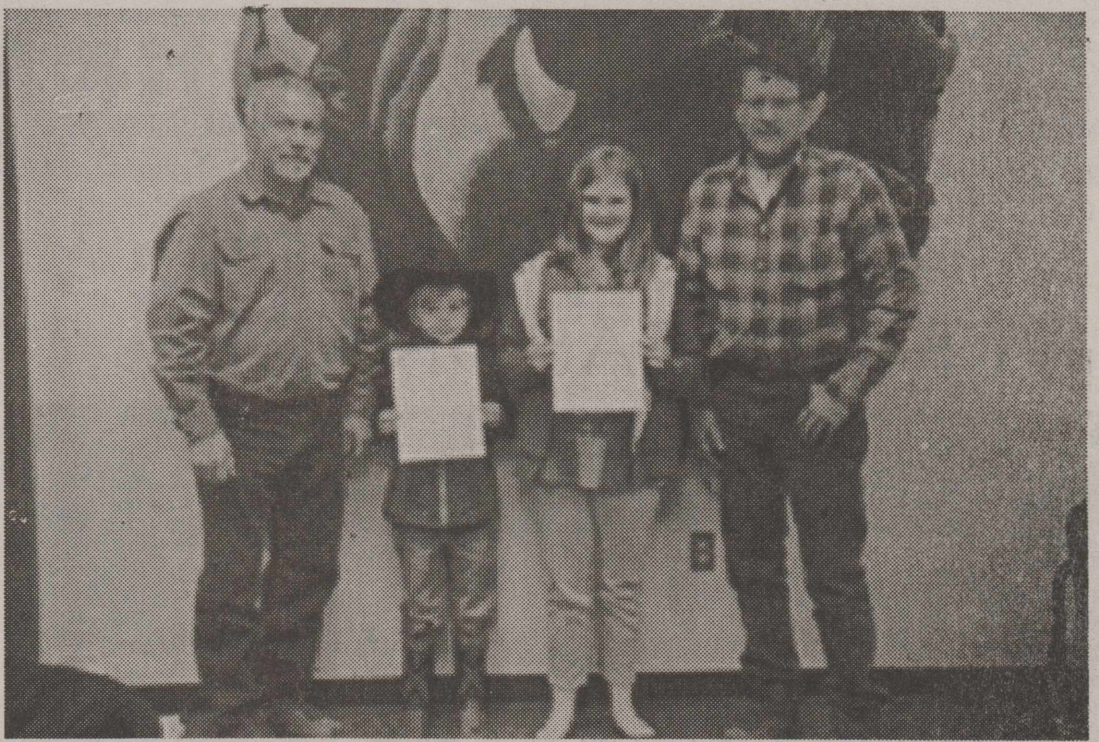
**ATTACHMENT B**

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County.

**OUTDOOR GRILLING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.**

1. Individuals grilling must attend the grill at all times.
2. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
3. Cooking must be done in an enclosed cooker.

Violations will be punishable by a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.



## December 2013 Students of the Month

Cross Plains Elementary Students of the Month for December 2013. Hayley Hughes and Coltyn Barron were named the December Students of the Month. Hayley Hughes is a 5th grader in Mrs. Shepard's class. Clotyn Barron is a 2nd grader in Mrs. Webb's class. Pictured above from left to right are School Board Asst. Secretary Davy Crocett, Coltyn Barron, Hayley Hughes, and School Board Member Bryan Bennett.



## January 2014 Student of the Month

Cross Plains Elementary Students of the Month for January 2014. Addison Daliege and Anthony Wheeler were named Students of the Month. They are Kindergarten students taught by Deanna Golson. Pictured are front row left to right Anthony Wheeler, Addison Daliege. Back row left to right Asst. Secretary Davy Crockett, Mrs. Golson, School Board Member Fred McWilliams.

### Cross Plains Public Library to hold FREE GED Classes

If not having your high school diploma is holding you back from promotions or keeping you from the career you always dreamed of, consider getting your GED. Cross Plains public library is offering free GED classes on Monday and Tuesday evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The classes are through Abilene Independent School District. Increase your self-esteem and become a role model for others. Join us for the challenge on Monday evening.

### Win a Kindle Fire Tablet in the "Got Grit?" writing contest

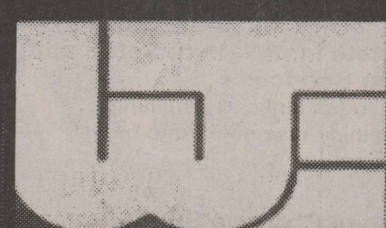
The Cross Plains Public Library is celebrating The Big Read/"Experience True Grit" with a writing contest for all ages.

Compositions must be between 5-7 paragraphs and about people, real or fictitious, that exhibit the characteristic of "true grit".

Deadline is Thursday, March 27th, and winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the

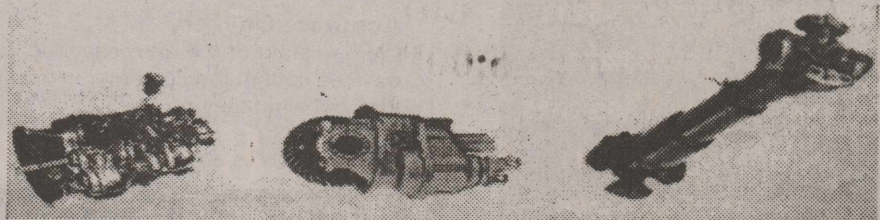
Street Dance Bonanza on April 12th. Stop by the library for an entry form or download from our facebook page.

First prize is a 16GB Kindle Fire HD 7" tablet. Second prize is a \$50.00 Amazon.com gift certificate, and third prize is a movie pass for two at premiere cinema in Abilene.



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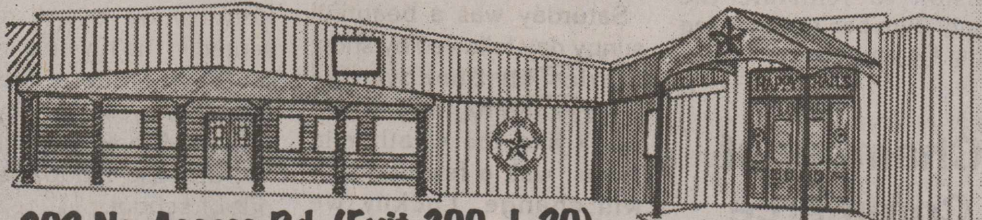
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## Experience the 'True Grit' of "The Worst Hard Time"

Can't Stand this Texas Weather? One day it's in the teens and the next day it's 80 degrees outside! Well, if you think we've had it bad this winter, you haven't read "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" by Timothy Egan. Those were hardy folks- pioneer stock.

The Cross Plains Public Library will be sponsoring a book discussion of "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" by Timothy Egan, as part of *Experience True Grit*- our choice for The Big Read- on Thursday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn. Cross Plains will celebrate *Experience True Grit* from March 3rd until April 12th. Events will center on Charles Portis' book, "True Grit" and will be expanded to include people who have shown the characteristics of true grit, such as those who survived in "The Worst Hard Time."

Copies of "The Worst Hard Time" are free and can be picked up at the library. If you prefer to download the book on your e-reader, bring your invoice to the library before March 1st and you will be reimbursed. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, managed by Arts Midwest, and is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

Old-timers: if you remember this era, and have stories to tell, we encourage you to attend! Join us for dinner (Dutch treat) at Jean's Feed Barn followed by a video presentation and book discussion, and share the experience.

## Burn Ban Reinstated

The Callahan County Commissioners made the decision to reinstate the County Burn ban this morning during Commissioners Court.

## Chamber of Commerce offering new service.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is now offering Notary Services.

For chamber members the service is free, and for non-chamber members the fee is \$5.00. The Chamber Phone: 254-725-7251 Fax: 254-725-4184 Located: 225 SW 5th Street.

## "Got Grit?" Writing Contest

Once again the Cross Plains Public Library is celebrating The Big Read/ "Experience True Grit" with a writing contest for all ages. Compositions must be between 5-7 paragraphs and about people, real or fictitious, that exhibit the characteristic of "true grit." Deadline is Thursday, March 27, and winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the Street Dance Bonanza on April 12th. Stop by the library for an entry form or download from our facebook page. First prize is a 16GB Kindle Fire HD 7" tablet. Second prize is a \$50 Amazon.com gift certificate, and third prize is a movie pass for two at Premiere Cinema in Abilene.



**R.L. Barnett**

## Citizen Soldier Award

Cross Plains Masonic Lodge, #627 AF&AM, is now accepting nominations for the first annual R. L. Barnett Citizen Soldier Award. Billy Bell, Master of the lodge, stated that the award is designed to recognize those high school graduates who have demonstrated good citizenship within the community and outstanding patriotism by volunteering to enlist in any branch of the United States Military upon graduation. The winner will receive a \$500.00 cash stipend to assist in his or her transition to military service.

The award is named after Cross Plains resident and long-time lodge member, R. L. Barnett. In 1942 the twenty year old Mr. Barnett volunteered to serve his country which had been viciously attacked at Pearl Harbor. After basic training at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, he was assigned to Company A of the 551st Anti Aircraft Artillery Battalion which was attached to the Third Army under the command of General George Patton. By the time the war was over, Mr. Barnett's European Campaign Medal would hold three bronze stars denoting the major battles in which he had participated.

He went ashore on Omaha

Beach at Normandy in the D-Day invasion of June, 1944, helped break out of the German containment there and participated in the all out charge across northern France. December found Patton's Army and R. L. Barnett across the Rhine in the bloody snow and killing cold of the Ardennes and the Black Forest where they helped repulse the German counter-offensive known as the "Battle of the Bulge."

After Hitler was defeated, Mr. Barnett returned to Cross Plains to become a productive and peaceful citizen who seldom mentioned, even to friends and family, his wartime experiences. However, his legacy of service continued in his family with son Larry Barnett serving in the U.S. Army in the Viet Nam War, grandson Danny Barnett who served four years in the U.S. Air Force and grandson, Major Jeremy Barnett, who currently flies F-16 fighter jets for the U.S. Air Force.

Nominations for the R. L. Barnett Citizen Soldier Award are due no later than April 15, 2014, and may be made by letter to the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 92, Cross Plains, TX. 7643 or email [crossstexasranch@gmail.com](mailto:crossstexasranch@gmail.com).

## Cottonwood News

By: Beverly Brown

Saturday was a beautiful sunny day followed by snow flurries on Sunday. I've always heard that if you don't like the weather in Texas, wait a few hours. It will change. Luckily we missed the worst of the ice and snow. A lot of people have been down sick during the cold weather.

Its time to Spring Forward! The time changes this Saturday night/Sunday morning at 2 a.m. Set your clocks ahead.

The Callahan County Firefighter's Association held its March meeting here in Cottonwood last Saturday morning at the Fellowship Hall of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Fire Chiefs and firefighters from Eula, Clyde, Baird, Oplin and Cross Plains came for the meeting. Sheriff Terry Joy was a guest of the association. Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Assistant Fire Chief Roger Hinkle and Chairman of the Board Roy Boyd represented our local firefighting group. The group enjoyed breakfast before the meeting. Thanks to Deana Terstege and Barbara and Donnie Worley for helping me prepare the breakfast.

Spring is nearly here and lots of events are planned for March. The Kiwanis Pancake Supper is Thursday, March 6th - that's tonight if you receive your paper on Thursday - from 5 until 7 pm at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria.

Cottonwood is well represented in the Kiwanis; many of the members live out here in our community.

Spring Break is March 10-14, and the kiddos will be out of school.

Tuesday, March 25, there is a Hamburger Dinner at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. I didn't realize this - and maybe you didn't either - that a good portion of the Senior Center's budget comes from Fundraisers. The Barbarian Festival Committee will be sponsoring this event. Joe Terstege, Russ Miller and Don Childers will be manning the hamburger grill. There will be live music, too. Mark your calendar now for this event. March 25, from 5-7 pm. All proceeds go to the Senior Center.

Friday, April 11th is the Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale out in front of the CP Library beginning at 9:00 a.m. It's a great time to get of bulbs, cactus, flowering plants, herbs and succulents all grown by local gardeners.

The Burn Ban is on. No outdoor burning or welding. Be extremely careful in your other outdoor activities, especially if you grill outdoors. Wind can easily spread embers from your barbecue pit. If you see smoke in the area, call 911 or the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

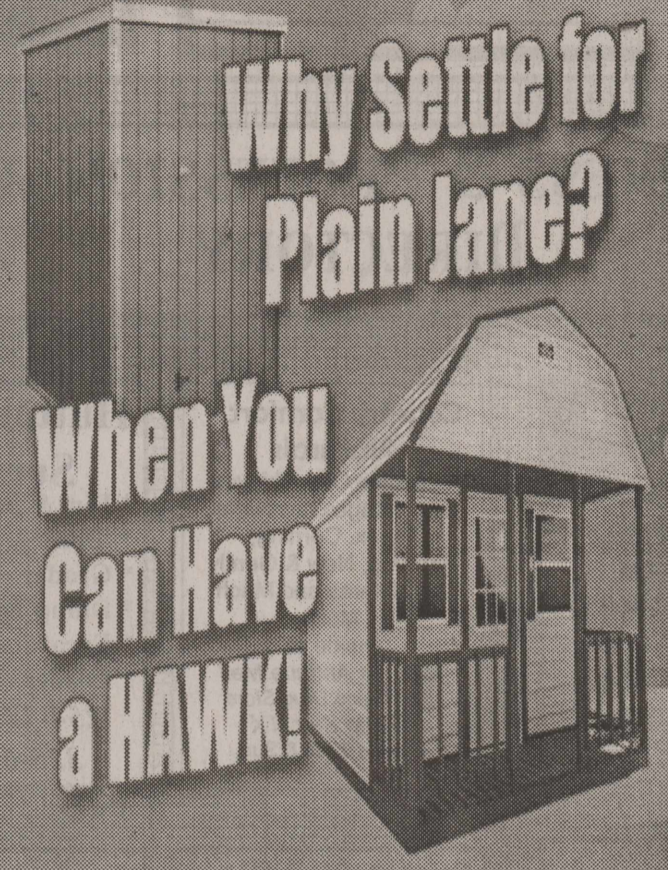
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 These items are located at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center and tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.  
 The drawing for these items will be held the first week of March at our spaghetti supper fundraiser. You do not need to be present to win.  
 Thank you,  
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**Experience The True Grit of Dean Smith**

Cross Plains Public Library is excited to announce that Olympic gold-medalist and stuntman for John Wayne and Dale Robertson, Finis Dean Smith, will be featured at a library fundraiser for the entire family during our community's celebration of "Experience True Grit."  
 This unique experience will

be held on March 23rd at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church.  
 The Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Seating is limited; tickets may be purchased at the library. Desserts and drinks will be served.  
 Be sure to get your tickets now before they are all sold out!

**Texas leads in exports for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year**

AUSTIN — Talmadge Heflin, Director of the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, issued this statement on the U.S. Census Bureau's Foreign Trade report: "For the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row Texas is the nation's top exporting state. The Lone Star State continues to benefit from a well-diversified economy, limited government, and pro-growth policies," said Talmadge Heflin, Director of the Center for Fiscal Policy. "Texas is responsible for 18 percent of the nation's \$1.58 trillion in exports — despite the Texas economy constituting only 10 percent of the national total."  
 "Compared with the state's big-government counterpart, California, Texas' exports were 66

percent higher last year. Data point after data point drive home the message that limited-government policies like those in the Lone Star State are the answer for a well-functioning, job-creating economy."  
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 The Honorable Talmadge Heflin is Director of the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. Heflin served 11 terms in the Texas House of Representatives and chaired the House Appropriations Committee in 2003, leading the Texas Legislature's successful efforts to close a \$10 billion budget deficit without a tax increase.  
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 6 TX George H. in 1988: "\_\_\_ my lips: no new taxes"  
 7 this TX Yale is NFL hall of famer  
 8 TX Perot started this co. in 1992  
 9 Cowboys' "Rocket" Ismail started his career in this league (abbr.)  
 12 this TX Bud was the owner of the Houston Oilers  
 17 TXism: "suits me \_\_\_-thee-well"  
 19 TX Willie Nelson has appeared in many of these small roles  
 21 TX Charley Pride's "My Eyes Can \_\_\_ as Far as You"  
 22 oven helpers  
 23 a TX Ranger, e.g.  
 28 '92 TV movie about death of TX Price Daniel Jr.: "Bed of \_\_\_"  
 29 in Falls Co. on 77  
 30 NW TX region that includes 24 counties:  
 "South \_\_\_"  
 31 TXism: "if I \_\_\_ druthers..."  
 32 TX Gary Morris' "One Fall is \_\_\_ Takes"  
 36 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly \_\_\_"  
 42 large hairy spider

**DOWN**  
 1 University in Stephenville  
 2 TXism: "drawing \_\_\_ it"  
 3 seat of Frio Co.  
 4 this Jim was a defensive coach for Oilers & Cowboys  
 9 24 Lone Star beers  
 10 lake swimmers (3 wds.)  
 11 TX actor: Tommy Jones  
 14 poetic "before"  
 15 "\_\_\_ deal" (can't sing)  
 16 "Blueberry Hill" singer, Domino  
 17 anger  
 18 \_\_\_ Flags Over Texas"  
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 27 TXism: "she could talk the legs off \_\_\_ stove"  
 28 Dallas media co.: "\_\_\_ Belo Corp."  
 29 \_\_\_ Leon, TX  
 30 TX Kris Kristofferson's "Why \_\_\_ Lord?"  
 31 Jesus' last words: "\_\_\_ finished"  
 32 Jewish pastry  
 33 seaweed  
 34 "Latin Lover," Navarro  
 35 TX pro athletes must give random \_\_\_ samples  
 36 some TX car dealers "\_\_\_ the note"  
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Rhianna Lee  
Ryder Reed  
Chase Rutland  
Mattie Worley

### 2nd Grade

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Coltyn Barron  
Addison Long  
Alex Parker  
Brenda Willis

### 3rd Grade

Zane Fleming  
Hailey Mauricio  
Logan McDaniel  
David Mendieta, Jr  
Ryan Reed  
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Jocelyn Smoot

### 4th Grade

Beau Barker  
Kiley Morgan  
Callie Sutton  
Addison Webb

### 5th Grade

River Bradley  
Lanye Ellis  
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Hayley Hughes  
Kolby Mckinney  
Madilynn Shepard  
Abigail Wheeler

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Katelynn Parker  
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Hannah Crockett  
Hanna Fortune  
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Trenton Potter  
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Rebekah Crockett  
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Shelby McWilliams  
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### 11th Grade

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Megan France  
Brenna Kleiber  
Kaitlyn Koettel  
Morgan Manley  
Stephen Saltus  
Allanta Wheeler

### 12th Grade

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Nicole Eisenbach  
Cutter Halsel  
Tyler Henderson  
Bridgette Mayfield  
Colton McWilliams  
Texas Sanders  
Tristen Stephenson  
Justin Willis  
Kristin Wright

## Texas Deer Study Group to meet April 10th-11th in Columbus

The Texas Deer Study Group will convene April 10-11, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus, TX.

This year's event will focus on "Great Expectations: Optimizing Deer Management in the Post Oak Savanna and Gulf-Coast Prairies." The program will consist of a full day of presentations on the 10th covering a wide array of topics including a history of management and habitat changes in the area, breeding chronology and buck movement, harvest strategies, an overview of research and a point-counterpoint discussing important management concerns. On the 11th, the group will meet at a local ranch for a

half-day of presentations covering getting to know your deer, habitat management techniques and native and introduced vegetation. Everyone with an interest in deer and deer management is encouraged to attend.

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities will be available for businesses and individuals to support the event. Early registration is \$75 and the deadline is March 31st (late registration will be \$100). For more information or to sign up please visit the Texas Wildlife Association website at <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/texas-deer-study-group> or contact Clint Faas at [cfaas@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:cfaas@texas-wildlife.org)

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Mackey Taff

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Jaden Box  
Gage Fortune  
Harmony Goble  
Nathaniel Grider  
Abigail Mauricio  
Cadence Nickerson  
Nathan Sandoval  
Jayden Shank  
Grace West  
Able Wheeler  
Dusty Wyatt

### 3rd Grade

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Elijah Blaine  
Katie Goains  
Teresta Hass-Barnett  
Kalie Jennings  
Memphis McGough  
Hannah Mckinney  
Lupita Morales  
Gus Nickerson  
Sarah Sanchez

### 7th Grade

Ashley Anderson  
Gage Connelly  
Mallory McCready  
Brian Morales

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Hannah Blaine  
Kelsi Sasser  
Dakota Willis  
Shana Yates

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Nain Martinez  
Ashton Parker  
Alicia Sanchez  
Holden Senclair  
Brandon Waggoner  
Piper Winfrey  
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Autum Nickerson  
Haylee Nickerson  
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Ashton Powell

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Wade Byrd  
Chelsea Gartman  
Jordan Hampton  
Sam Horan  
Kinlee Mathews  
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Roby Odom  
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Inez Salazar  
Phoenix Sanders  
Zachery Thompson  
Shyler Tillery  
Justin Whiteley  
Tyler Wright  
Seth Wyatt

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Tucker Isbell  
Kiefer Steinle  
Jurnee Thomas

### 12th Grade

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Jaden Kennedy

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
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Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
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Reference	12

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## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Garrett W. Stephens, motion to dismiss to unlawful carrying of a weapon granted for plea to offer case.

### Marriage Licenses

Michael Jerome Ziegenhagen and Cecilia Diane Chavarria, both of Clyde.

Christopher James Thompson and Renetha Lynn Carouth, both of Cross Plains.

### 42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Gary David McGregor and Amy Lynn McGregor, divorce.

PNC Bank N.A. successor by merger to National City Bank successor by merger to National Bank Mortgage, a division of National City Bank of Indiana vs. Lance Wallace, real property easment.

Annalisa Young and Dusty Young, divorce.

Seretha Diane Estes and Danny Gene Estes, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. Kevin Wilson, judgment nisi.

The State of Texas vs. Reniesha Williams, judgment nisi.

The State of Texas vs. Lusero Trujillo, judgment nisi.

The State of Texas vs. Candida Inengiong, judgment nisi.

The State of Texas vs. Fountain Bullard, judgment nisi.

Amanda King and Kevin King, divorce.

John Lowitzer and Deborah Lowitzer, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

Courtney Kay Beeman and Dennis Lee Beeman, divorce granted.

American Express Bank, FSB vs. Jeffrey Abbott aka Jeffrey S. Abbott and Abbott Floor Company, default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$25,451.31 from defendant.

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The Drawings will be held on March 29th at 3:00 p.m. at the Pizza House. The winners names will be posted in the Clyde Journal and on Devon's Blessings Facebook page.

Find us on facebook-Devon's Blessings for updates. Thank you for your Support!

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## Spring is in the Air: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

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The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid with enclosed

planting instructions at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 30, 2014. Or join online at [arborday.org/march](http://arborday.org/march).

## Teens "Experience the True Grit of Bethany Hamilton"

The Cross Plains Public Library will host an "Experience True Grit" event at the main Street Pool House and Surf Shop on Saturday, April 5th at 7:00p.m. Teens will enjoy "Soul Surfer" the story of teenage surfer Bethany Hamilton, who overcame the odds and her own fears of return-

ing to the water after losing her left arm in a shark attack. FREE copies of the book are available now at the library. Participants will be eligible for a drawing of free movie passes. Pizza and drinks will be served during the movie, followed by a discussion of the "gritty" aspects of the character.

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## Texas Toad

The Texas Toad (*Bufo speciosus*) is one of nine species of "true" toads that occur in Texas, and it is arguably the most commonly seen species in backyard gardens and around building structures. It can be observed in all but the eastern part of the state and the far northwestern corner of the Panhandle. It also occurs in the adjacent states of Oklahoma and New Mexico, as well as far south as the state of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

The habitats that this toad prefers to occupy vary from open woodland areas, prairies, and grasslands, although it can also thrive in open range, mesquite-filled pastures, and creosote flats. Basically, this species can live anywhere that has loose enough soil where it can bury itself deep enough to escape the heat and drought conditions.

The Texas Toad is a robust amphibian that has dry, wart-covered skin. It is one of the largest toads that inhabit this state, with adult females (the larger sex) attaining a total body length of over three and one-half inches. The background coloration can vary from any shade of brown to olive-brown to olive gray. It usually, although not always, has indistinctly shaped darker green blotches irregularly inter-spaced along the back. Rarely it has small, reddish-colored bumps along the back as well. The belly coloration is off-white to gray in coloration and has no dark spots, unlike some other species of toads that occur in the same areas. The paratoid glands are the large "bumps" immediately behind each eye, and in this species, they are oval in appearance. Each toe on the hind feet end in a sharp black point, and there are two sharp tubercles on each hind foot. The innermost tubercle is crescent-shaped.

Texas Toads, like other amphibian species, live a dual-life. In fact, the word amphibian itself means "double-life". When the spring and summer rains begin, males of this species will congregate at shallow pools to begin to attract a mate. This attraction consists of calling in short, high-pitched, trill-like bursts. When just one or two males is calling, the noise is nothing more than background noise. However when a large group begins to call in a chorus, the noise can be deafening.

Once a male successfully attracts a mate, they engage in the process of externally fertilizing the eggs. This process is known as amplexus. During this time, a male will wrap his forelegs around a receptive female and as she lays her eggs, he will fertilize each individual one as it



Texas Toad  
(*Bufo speciosus*)

exits the female's body. Many thousands of eggs may be laid each breeding session, and the number of sessions may vary from two to three annually to once every two to three years. Breeding is all based upon sufficient rainfall, for the eggs are often laid in shallow, non-permanent pools of water that dry up after just a few sunny days accompanied with unbearable heat.

The life cycle of the Texas Toad continues as the fertilized eggs hatch into tiny, dark tadpoles. These tadpoles are often referred to as "pollywogs". They are fish-like in appearance, and they obtain their oxygen from the water through gills. Within a day or two after hatching, they begin a miraculous metamorphosis where their lungs begin to develop, while at the same time, back legs begin to form on their bodies. Within the next day or two from then, front legs begin to appear, the tail begins to shrink, the lungs continue to develop, and the back legs become larger. This process continues for about a week after hatching, when the tiny toadlets have completed their change, looking like tiny replicas of the

adults, thus beginning their "second" life.

This species is highly nocturnal, and it feeds on large amounts of insects when moisture levels are at a sufficient level to prevent desiccation, therefore they are beneficial to agriculturally-based ventures such as crops or gardens.

Many myths surround toads, and the most common tale is the notion that toads cause warts on people if handled. This is not true of course, but rather, the secretions that are present when a toad is handled are either the poison from the paratoid glands, or urine as the toad is frightened. The poison of the Texas Toad is not harmful to humans (although it has been said it is rather bitter), but it can cause yard animals such as dogs or cats to froth at the mouth.

So the next time you see a Texas Toad, fear not, for you do not have to run to your local drugstore to buy anti-wart cream. Hot soap and water or hand-sanitizer will do just fine.

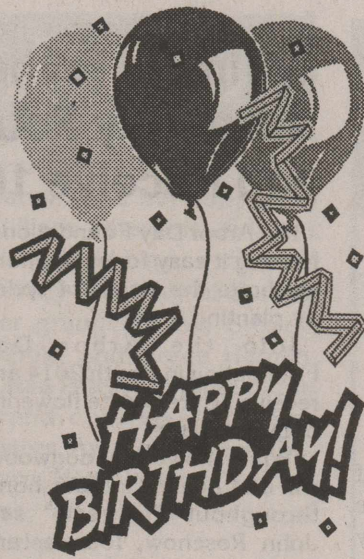
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## Governor Rick Perry commissions State Marine Archeologist to Texas Navy

DALLAS, Texas—State Marine Archeologist Amy Borgens with the Texas Historical Commission was recently commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy at a ceremony of the Texas Navy Association in Dallas. Commissions in the Texas Navy are granted by the Governor of the State of Texas after a nomination and review process. The position is honorary.

"Amy's demonstrated dedication to the State of Texas through her service is invaluable to the community and the Historical Commission," Gov. Perry said. "I commend her for making a positive impact on our state."

Borgens was nominated for her work in Texas underwater archeology, most recently on the Monterey Shipwreck Project in the Gulf of Mexico, which was conducted in partnership with the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, The Bureau of Offshore Energy Management, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and Office of Ocean Exploration and Research. Borgens was principal investigator and responsible for documentation and stabilization of artifacts recovered from

Monterrey Shipwreck A, one of three shipwrecks examined in what is considered the deepest underwater investigation of its kind in the United States. People from around the world were able to log on to a website and witness the exploration in real-time.

Texas had two historic navies and has a third symbolic navy that was created to preserve and promote their histories. The first Texas Navy was established in 1835, and the vessels of the second Texas Navy arrived in 1839. Governor Price Daniel reactivated the second Texas Navy in 1958, which established the third and honorary Texas Navy with the purpose of "assuring the survival of Texas' Naval history, boundaries, water resources, and for the civil defense of Texas."

"As both a native Texan and an advocate of our state's unique maritime history and archeology, I am truly honored to be granted a commission as a Texas Navy Admiral," said Borgens.

The commission ceremony was organized by the Chester W. Nimitz Squadron of the Texas Navy at their quarterly meeting in Dallas. Borgens was honored along with fellow underwater archeologist and partner on the Monterey Shipwreck Project, Frederick Hanselmann of Texas State University.