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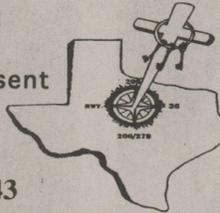
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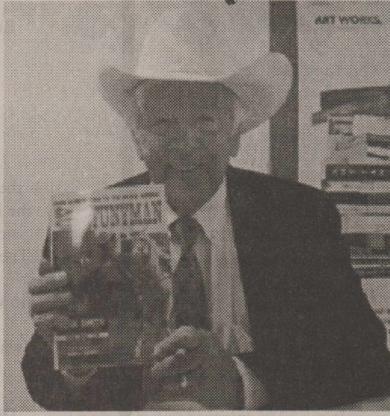
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Dean Smith with his wife Debby and son Finis.



Dean Smith autographing his books

## Dean Smith, Cowboy Hero

Olympic gold-medalist and western movie stuntman, Dean Smith, was guest speaker at a fundraiser for the Cross Plains Public Library on Sunday, March 23rd, at the First United Methodist Church. Dean spoke as part of our community's celebration of The Big Read/ "Experience True Grit." The sixty seven attendees included eight students from Janna Austin's high school English classes, who are also studying "True Grit."

Library Board President, Wilma Lawrence, welcomed guests and introduced Smith's long time friend and possible relative-Adrian Allen of Cottonwood. Allen shared stories that his aunt told about Smith when he was a boy. Accompanying Smith was his wife Debby, and 15 year old son, Finis. Smith shared a video with the crowd, highlighting his collegiate track record and Olympic gold medal 4x100 relay. The video showed

stunts from his movies with John Wayne, Robert Redford, Dale Robertson and many other old western cowboy heroes. Smith even had a part in the original "True Grit" movie. (See if you can spot him when the library shows the movie this Thursday, March 27th, at 5:00 p.m.) Smith also has won awards for his humanitarian efforts, most notably rodeos to benefit various cancer institutions. In 2006, the John Wayne Cancer institute honored him with the "Duke" award for his contributions to cancer research.

Smith answered questions about his stunt work, about the personalities of the actors he worked with and about his heroes growing up. He shared insights on his work and the various stunt jobs he was able to land and the pay that he received in those days. There were so many western movie and TV personalities that he worked with, who pro-

vided fascinating stories- you really need to check out his book "Cowboy Stuntman" from the library!

Smith feels he has been so blessed to have so many of his dreams come true. He still has dreams and would like to be a part of producing and making "good" westerns, like the ones he grew up watching as a young boy, and the ones he worked in during his movie career.

Following his presentation, Smith autographed copies of his book. Attendees enjoyed coffee and dessert- Sharon Riley's Double Apricot Cake and John Wayne's Favorite Dessert, prepared by library board members.

The Cross Plains Public Library would like to thank Dean Smith for graciously donating his time to benefit our library and we also thank the First United Methodist Church for use of their fellowship hall.



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's New Fire Station

## Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's New Fire Station

There is tremendous progress on the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's new Fire Station. The walls and roof are up and before long the new building will be operational and be filled with fire trucks.

With a new fire truck coming in April the old station has become too small to accommodate all of the trucks and equipment.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is a non profit

and is funded by donations. For the past 8 years the department has been collecting money and hosting fundraisers in order build this new station.

## Area Rain Report

It's not often that we receive rain. However when we do, it something to shout about. We would like to share the area rain totals for your area. Call in and give your name and location and how much rain received that day. We will run the rain totals reported in the newspaper.

Call the Cross Plains Review at (254) 725-6111.



Attendees at NACHC conference in Washington DC were Resource Care CEO Dustin Hawk of Clyde and board members Nicki Harle of Baird, Debbie Gosnell and Scott Byrd of Cross Plains.

## Resource Care represented at National Forum

Resource Care clinics in Callahan, Shackelford and Stephens Counties were represented at the National Association of Community Health Centers Forum in Washington DC last week. The forum focused on policy and issues that affect community health centers. The message at the forum was "America's Health Centers: The ACCESS Answer".

Attendees representing Resource Care were Board President Debbie Gosnell of Cross Plains, Vice President Scott Byrd of Cross Plains, Treasurer Nicki Harle of Baird and CEO Dustin Hawk of Clyde.

A "Board Member Boot Camp" provided the group with a full day of insights related to board responsibilities and

operational issues of health centers. The local group joined other representatives from Texas during state delegation breakout meetings for planning visits with members of Congress. The Resource Care group visited with Congressman Mike Conaway's staff regarding funding issues with the current and future federal budgets.

Community health centers (CHCs) originated in the mid 1960's. They have evolved from neighborhood health centers helping only the poor and underserved population to full service health clinics offering primary care for all segments of the population. CHCs are fully staffed and provide services to insured, Medicare, Medicaid and uninsured individuals.

Resource Care is a non-profit corporation governed by a board of directors of local residents with clinics located in Albany, Baird, Breckenridge, Clyde and Cross Plains. A majority of board members are required to be patients of the center. 90% of Resource Care board members are patients. Funding for Resource Care comes from several sources: Medicaid reimbursements, federal grant funds, private health insurance and Medicare.

Quality healthcare in rural communities is essential to maintain quality of life for current residents as well as an important element of community and economic development for future generations.

## Commissioners seek legal counsel on cemetery road

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to seek legal counsel before declaring a private cemetery road public, during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held Monday, March 24th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Zollie Steakley spoke to the Callahan County Commissioners' Court about the Cottonwood Cemetery road located inside Commissioners' Precinct #4.

After some discussion, Judge Corn made a motion to seek legal counsel on declaring the road a public road. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, there were none.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains in effect.

## Area Rain Totals

Bobby Aaron- Atwell (11 miles N. of Cross Plains) recorded 2.4 inches on Saturday, March 15th.

—Sheriff Joy presented the Sheriff's report for February. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the report and Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. During the report, Judge Corn congratulated Sheriff Joy and the Sheriff's Department staff on the recent jail inspection.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept a change in the agreement with Sunoco Pipeline concerning a pipeline crossing in Precinct #3. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to add Tom Rumfield to Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 signature card on bank account. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0. Rumfield, who is the Republican Party candidate for the same office, was appointed by Judge Corn as the Clyde Justice of the Peace to fill the vacancy left open from the death of Roy Chapman.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to allow Connolly Construction to bore under County Road 305 in Precinct #3. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:19 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a unanimous 5-0 vote.



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### Pioneer Baptist Church

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

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

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### 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 Steinle, Youth Pastor**

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Sunday Service 9:00 AM

Music- Connie Swift  
Lead Singers: 4His Glory  
**Pastor Kathy Monroe**

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## 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.**

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## OBITUARIES



### Loraine Kilgore

Loraine Kilgore went home to the Lord March 25, 2014. She graced our world for 100 years.

Born to Austin and Fannie Belle Taylor, Loraine grew up in Eastland. She attended Texas Tech, where she received her degree in music education. It was there that she met the love of her life, her husband of seventy years, John Kilgore. Two daughters, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren came into her life; and she loved them with all of her being.

She was a member of Cross Plains First United Methodist Church. In her last years her brothers and sisters in Christ from her church brought joy and comfort with their visits as they came to share prayers, songs, and messages of love. Their loving care was a precious blessing to Loraine and to her family.

Loraine was a gracious, caring, gentle lady. Her love for her husband and children were the focus of her life, and they loved her back with all of their hearts.

She will be missed so very much, but we know where we'll find her. And that Heavenly place will shine even brighter because of her presence.

A memorial service will be held at the Methodist Church with a date to be announced. Instead of flowers, the family would appreciate a contribution in her memory to Cross Plains United Methodist Church or to the Methodist Children's Home in Waco.



### James "Ned" Clark

James "Ned" Clark, 78, of Canyon, died March 20, 2014. Services were held Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Canyon Hills Church of Christ. Burial will follow Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Ned was born on August 13, 1935 to J.P. and Nettie Clark and raised in Cottonwood, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Billie Ruth of the home, 2 sons, Gary & wife Brenda of Muleshoe and Scott & wife Tandy of Canyon, a sister Barbara "Cookie" Robinson & husband Bob of Cottonwood, brother-in-law, Billy Gene Woody of Fort Worth, sister-in-law, Marie Brown of Abilene, eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, & many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Janie Clark Woody, and a daughter, Billie June Whitson.

Ned graduated from Cross Plains High School in 1953 and married Billie Ruth Woody in November 1954 in Cross Plains, Texas. They moved to Canyon in 1972. They were married for 59 years. He was a member of Church of Christ. Ned worked in road construction for Cooper & Woodruff, Plains Machinery, & the last 25 years with Holmes Construction after serving 2 years in the Army stationed in Germany.

His favorite past times included watching grandkids playing baseball, riding 4-wheelers with family, and traveling to Laughlin, Nevada & Santa Fe, New Mexico with Billie Ruth.

## First United Methodist Church

**Kevin Morton, Pastor**

Office 725-7377  
Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.

Parsonage  
325-624-5634  
Sunday Worship  
10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street

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## 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  
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## My Hero

**By: James Gary Clark**  
**In Memory of James Ned Clark**

My dad is my Hero  
The one I looked too the most  
His words were filled with wisdom  
He would seldom boast

He felt no pain  
His skin was of steel  
He was strong as an ox  
But It was with his heart he did feel

It wasn't long ago  
a tale I was told  
I truly believe it  
As Uncle Billy is getting old

the chisel was held with hands of steel  
the hammer was swung with such might  
no sound of steel just flesh and bone  
The silence was deafening, what a sight

no words were spoken eyes were locked  
as this moment would never end  
when these words fell upon Billy's ear  
Ok now hit it again

His love for his Family was amazing  
His Friends were held most dear  
He delighted in games and conversation  
And would occasionally drink a beer

He tried to teach me love and compassion  
And how to be patient  
His willingness to help others  
His abilities were latent

He taught me about nature  
And the great outdoors  
to hunt to fish  
and locate the store.

Dad I will miss you dearly  
I hope to see you soon  
Catch up with all the family  
And give a big hug to June

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### Love Fund

A love fund at Texas Heritage Bank has been established for Tiffany Phillips for property loss due to a fire.

### 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

## Chamber of Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce has now moved our future meetings to every third Thursday of the month

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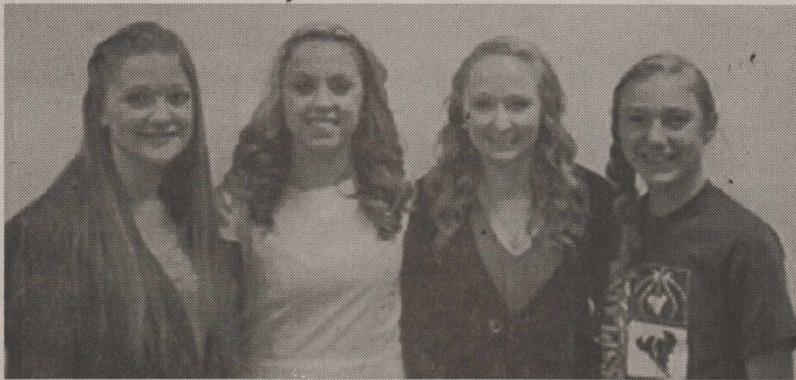
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## Girls Results from Meridian Track Meet

<b>100 M Dash</b>			
Grace Goode	4th		13.673
Ariel Sneed	6th		14.106
<b>200 M Dash</b>			
Kristin Wright	2nd		28.672
<b>400 M Dash</b>			
Shelby McWilliams	1st		1:05.045
<b>800 M Run</b>			
Shelby McWilliams	1st		2:34.335
<b>1600 M Run</b>			
Natalie Anderson	5th		7:07.108
<b>100 M Hurdles</b>			
Kersey Wyatt	3rd		18.010
<b>300 M Hurdles</b>			
Grace Goode	2nd		53.228
Kenzie Halsel	3rd		54.196
Kersey Wyatt	6th		57.649
<b>4X100 M Relay</b>			
Kenzie Halsel			
Allanta Wheeler	4th		54.427
Kristin Wright			
Ariel Sneed			
<b>4X200 M Relay</b>			
Loralei Woodard			
Lindsey Ames	5th		2:01.954
Allanta Wheeler			
Kersey Wyatt			
<b>4X400 M Relay</b>			
Grace Goode			
Kristin Wright	1st		4:21.339
Kenzie Halsel			
Shelby McWilliams			
<b>Field Events</b>			
<b>Long Jump</b>			
Kersey Wyatt	6th		14'5"
<b>Shot Put</b>			
Alyssa Wheeler	1st		31'9.25"
Taryn Estes	3rd		30'5.5"
Nicole Eisenbach	6th		29'5"
<b>Discus</b>			
Jurnee Thomas	1st		93'8"
<b>Triple Jump</b>			
Shelby McWilliams	3rd		31'1"
Kersey Wyatt	4th		30'11"
<b>High Jump</b>			
Kenzie Halsel	4th		4'6"
Lindsey Ames	5th		4'4"
<b>Pole Vault</b>			
Allanta Wheeler	3rd		7'6"
Kristen Wright	5th		7'0"



CP girls 4X400 M relay team: Grace Goode, Kenzie Halsel, Kristin Wright and Shelby McWilliams

## Girls 4X400 M relay team qualified for Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays

The Cross Plains girls 4X400 M relay team qualified to run at the 87th annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. It is an honor to

be invited to run at this prestigious event. The relay team consisting of Grace Goode, Kenzie Halsel, Kristin Wright and

Shelby McWilliams will be competing against approximately 70 other relay teams in Austin on Friday, March 28th.

## 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.

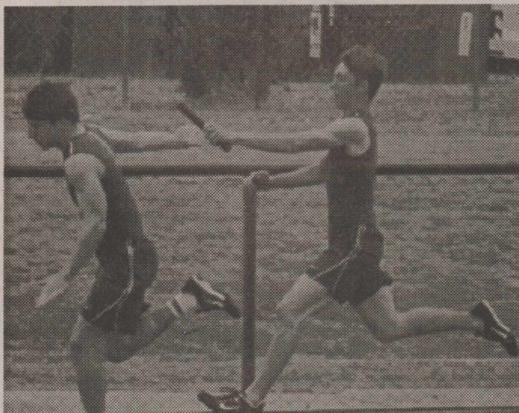
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## Boys Results from Meridian Track Meet

<b>100 M Dash</b>			
Rylan Laminack	5th		11.923
<b>200 M Dash</b>			
Tristen Stephenson	6th		25.158
<b>400 M Dash</b>			
Tyler Wright	5th		1:00.228
<b>800 M Run</b>			
Holden Senclair	3rd		2:25.426
<b>1600 M Run</b>			
Holden Senclair	6th		5:39.962
<b>3200 M Run</b>			
Charles Thompson	3rd		13:20.874
<b>100 M Hurdles</b>			
Ben Branch	4th		20.099
James Briggs	5th		20.366
<b>300 M Hurdles</b>			
Colton McWilliams	1st		43.185
<b>4X100 M Relay</b>			
Rylan Laminack			
Colton McWilliams			
Tristen Stephenson			
Tyler Henderson	2nd		46.118
<b>4X200 M Relay</b>			
Rylan Laminack			
Tyler Henderson	2nd		1:39.383
Tristen Stephenson			
<b>4X400 M Relay</b>			
James Briggs			
Tyler Wright			
A.G. Partin			
Kiefer Steinle	5th		4:05.335
<b>Field Events</b>			
<b>Discus</b>			
Justin Willis	6th		94'5.5"
<b>Triple Jump</b>			
Rylan Laminack	5th		36'11"
<b>High Jump</b>			
Holden Senclair	5th		5'2"
Ben Branch	6th		5'0"
<b>Pole Vault</b>			
Korbin McClean	4th		8'0"



Colton McWilliams hands off to Tristen Stephenson in the 4X100 M Relay



Kersey Wyatt clears a hurdle in the 100 M Hurdles

## Varsity track teams competed in Jacket Relays

The Cross Plains Varsity track teams traveled to Meridian on Saturday, March 22 to compete in the Jacket Relays. Both

teams competed very well. The varsity girls placed 2nd as a team and the varsity girls placed 3rd as a team.

# adam paul williams

SUNDAY

MARCH 30th

6:30 p.m.

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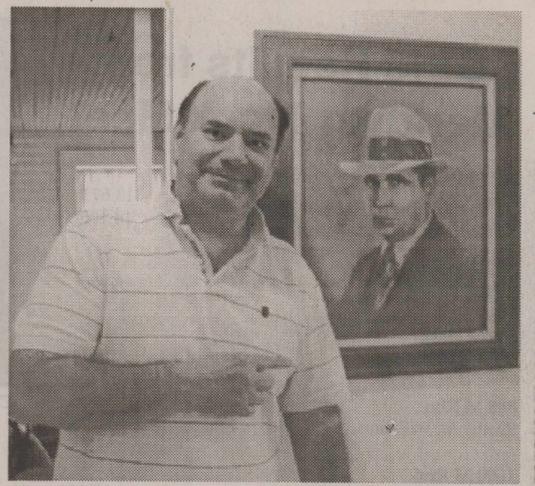
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Concert Guitarist

Spence Pepparo



**The 5 Ton Military Truck is in Cottonwood!** This 5-ton military truck recently arrived at the firehouse in cottonwood. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will be converting this truck into a firefighting brush truck.



Roger Cantu of Brownwood visits the REH Museum

## Cottonwood News By Beverly Brown

The wild plums are blooming; a sign that Spring is here. Other trees are budding out. An inch and two tenths to an inch and a half of rain was reported in the Cottonwood area last week. We were blessed with a good rain.

We express our sincere sympathy to Cookie Clark Robinson in the passing of her brother Ned Clark. Ned, the son of J.P. and Nettie Clark, was born and raised here in Cottonwood and graduated high school in Cross Plains in 1953. He is survived by his wife, Billie Ruth Woody Clark and sons, Gary and Scott and their families. Ned and his family have been living in Canyon since 1972.

Last weekend, Jeneen Pitchford and girls Destiny and Morgan from the Seminole area and friend Dennis visited with

Jeneen's sister, Barbara Worley and her husband, Donnie. On Saturday Gayla and Lee Creamer and Victoria, and Carlisle Albrecht and other members of the family gathered at the Worley home.

Being out in the country, there are always critters getting in the road. Watch out for the wild hogs. One local Cottonwood lady ran into one on her way home this past week. But, it was a good day for the hog, when she hit him, he just kept running.

Cottonwood has a new Fire Chief. Congratulations to Adrian Allen. He was appointed Fire Chief at a recent Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Meeting. Adrian is a former board member for the organization. He joins other officers appointed at the annual meeting January: Roger Hinkle, assistant fire

chief; Sheila Allen, treasurer; and Norma Farmer, secretary.

Brandon and Ethan Maxwell visited with their grandparents, Joe and Deana Terstegge over Spring Break.

Teri and Gilbert were in Houston last week attending doctor's appointments and tests and visiting with his father, Joe Ibarra. While there, Gilbert's siblings, Joe Ibarra and wife Irma; Lisa Morales and husband Rudy; and Linda Trapp, all came over to his dad's house to surprise him.

Gather up a few cans of green beans, corn, and other vegetables and drop them off at the Senior Citizens Center for their 'Canned Food Drive' going on this week. The Center is in need of food items — and is asking for canned goods. See

what you have that you can spare and drop it off at the Senior Center.

The Burn Ban is ON. No burning is allowed. Welding is permitted, as long as you have a spotter, two wet fire extinguishers, a large supply of water and a water sprayer. You'll need to wet down the area often while you are welding. Outdoor grilling is permitted, as long as you cook in an enclosed cooker or keep the lid closed on the grill, have a supply of water available and stay with the cooker while it's cooking. Wind can easily spread embers from your barbecue pit. If you have questions about the Burn Ban — or if you see smoke — call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

## Camper visits Museum

Leaving his family at the camp site in Lake Brownwood State Park, Roger Cantu made time to come up to visit the REH Museum. The family, from San Antonio, was on a mini vacation during Spring Break.

After reading a lot of Howard's stories, Cantu was delighted to see where it all happened. He found the restored home, displays and the history it represents to be very impressive. Equally impressive was finding that Howard had no formal training in writing, but had an amazing depth of knowledge, imagi-

nation and the ability to write in so many genres.

Cantu is a technician for IT consulting company by day and a writer and publisher by night. He owns Mystic Buddha Publishing House in San Antonio which publishes a lot of inspirational, self improvement and meditative books. A typical quote from one of his books reads "on the road of life, some of the most wonderful people are right in front of you."

Everyday is a new adventure at the Museum.

## Cross Plains School Board cancels May 10th Election

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met, in a regular meeting with the following members presents: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey, Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Diana Dobbins, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis, and guest Karmen Ellis, Shawn Ellis, Layne Ellis, Cullen Ellis, Katelynn Parker, Tiffani Parker, and Casey Huddleston.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan that we proclaim Katelynn Parker as February Girl Student of the Month and we proclaim Cullen Ellis as February Boy Student. For 7/Against 0.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we accept the minutes of the previous meeting. For 7/Against 0.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett, that we cancel May 10th election due to unopposed candidates—declare the candidates elected. For 7/Against 0.

Motion was made by Sheppard

and seconded by Richey that we certify Instructional Materials Allotment for 2014-15. For 7/Against 0.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Shepard that we accept resignations from Becky Dillard and Jeff Blackburn. For 7/Against 0.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Richey that we offer T'Leah L. Eicke a probationary contract as teacher/coach. For 7/Against 0.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we offer Mark Kelley a probationary contract as teacher/coach. For 7/Against 0.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by McWilliams that we approve the recommended contract renewals for elementary: For 5/Against 0/Abstain: Sheppard/Cowan

Continuing Contract: Vickie Walker, Paula Winfrey

Term Contract: Jamie Apple, Patricia Cook, April Cowan, Deanna Golson, Terri Hunter, Kelli Hyles, Dixie Lewis, Casie Morgan, Nora Odom, Janice Phillips, Melissa Richards, Karri Shepard, Pat Stephens, Crystal Webb

Term/Dual Assignment: JoJo Morgan, Daniel Kelley Agreement for part time

educator: Becky Dillard

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan that we approve the recommended contract renewals for high school: For 6/Against 0/Abstain: Richey

Term Contract: Rhonda Atchley, Janna Austin, Shawn Bullock, Keeka Byrd, Rhonda Kelley, Debbie Mitchell, Marc Morgan, William Norman, Robin Porter, Brandi Purvis, Amanda Sowell

Term/Dual Assignment: Mykia Anderson, Matt Sowell, Dade Cosby

Probationary: Elvan Goode Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Ames that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0.

Order of Cancellation The Cross Plains ISD hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 10, 2014 in accordance with section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

Candidate/Office Sought: Bryan Bennett/School Board Trustee Jack Shepard/School Board Trustee

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election. Date of adoption 3-20-14

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Volunteer meeting scheduled for March 31st at 7:00 P.M.

## Clyde, Texas Music Festival Calls for Volunteers

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MUSICLYDE consists of three events, **IGNITE, BUTTERMILK BISCUITS AND BLUES**, and the **PLATFORM PARTY**. This year's artists include, the Souls Stirrers, Possum Posse, Zach Harmon, Elliott Park, Belle Plain Revival and more.

This entire event is sponsored by Clyde Texas Inc., a non-profit; and all proceeds will go toward the revitalization of downtown Clyde. The new platform pavilion currently being built on North First Street is just the

beginning of many things to come.

In an effort to support your community, please consider being a volunteer for this spectacular two-day event. The members of Clyde Texas Inc. would love to work with all the civic organizations of Clyde. There are several areas that one can help with to ensure the success of MusiClyde. Available shifts vary from just one hour to 4-5 hours. Some jobs include collecting tickets, taking out trash, serving food, selling merchandise, and much more. Volunteers will receive a MusiClyde t-shirt, lanyard, and attendance to the event being held during shift.

If you are interested in becoming

a volunteer, please contact Lauren at 325-698-7900, [musiclyde@aol.com](mailto:musiclyde@aol.com) or attend a volunteer informational meeting. Our next volunteer meeting will be held on **Monday, March 31st** at 7:00 PM at Callahan Hall in Clyde, TX.

Years from now, it is hoped that MusiClyde will be a familiar name around the world. Citizens of Clyde have a lot to be proud of, so it is encouraged that all work together to make this a tradition.

If interested in attending the MusiClyde festival, tickets are available for **BUTTERMILK BISCUITS AND BLUES** and the **PLATFORM PARTY** at [musiclyde.ticketleap.com](http://musiclyde.ticketleap.com). Prices vary according to event.

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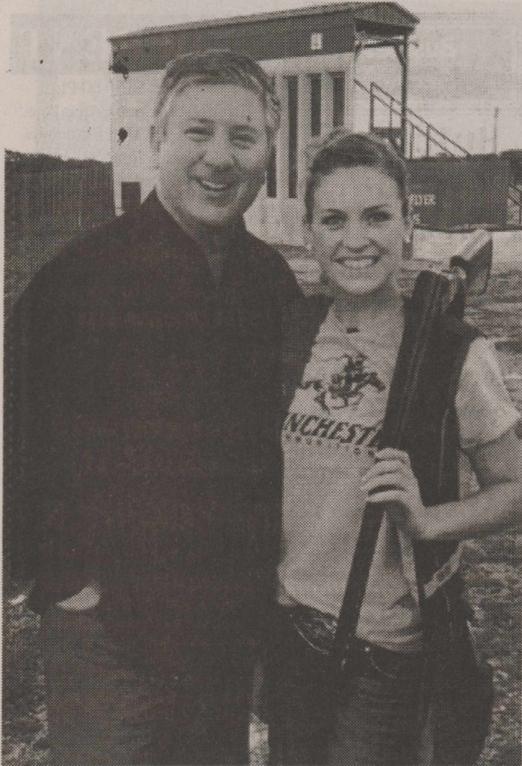
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### Drucilla Meier & Team Mates featured Saturday night on Big Country Reporter

Drucilla Meier, 2011 graduate of Clyde High School and now a member of the Shooting Sports Team, at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas is pictured above with Bob Phillips, host of the *Texas Country Reporter*. Drucilla and her other shooting sports team members will be featured on *Texas Country Reporter*, this Saturday, March 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. on KTXS channel 12.

While in High School in Clyde, Drucilla was active in Softball, Basketball, and Track, but Shotgun Shooting Sports has always been her first love. She joined Clyde 4-H at 8 years old and excelled in Shooting Sports throughout her school years in Clyde. Her greatest claim to fame, to date, is being (winning) the Ladies 12 gauge Champion at the World Skeet Shoot in 2012. Drucilla is the daughter of Kevin Meier and Mindy Meier, and granddaughter of David and Melba Miller, all of Clyde, and the late Allen and Jean Meier of Rule. Drucilla also, enjoys helping teach shotgun sports to the younger kids who are just starting out in the sport. Be sure to watch *Texas Country Reporter* on Saturday to see an interview with this remarkable young lady and her peers!



Junior High Band- Competed in Cisco Junior College Music Festival



High School Band competed in Cisco Junior College Music Festival

## Cross Plains High School and Jr High Bands compete at CJC Music Festival

The Cross Plains High School and Jr. High Bands competed in the Cisco Junior College Music Festival in Cisco, Texas on

Thursday, March 20th. Both groups played very well. The High School received a Division II which is Excellent and the Jr. High received a Division I which is a superior rating!

They all worked very hard and competed against an estimated 25 other schools.

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### American Legion Post 423 Monthly Meeting

American Legion Post 423 is having its monthly meeting March, 27th at the Legion Post at 6:30 p.m. located at 701 East 1st st. A Guest speaker will be present. Family welcome to attend. A Meal will be served.

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## "Experience the 'True Grit' of Owen Turner" Book and Yard Sale

On Saturday, April 5th, the library will hold its regular every-other-month book sale on Hwy 36 across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "Experience the 'True Grit' of Owen Turner" will have all proceeds going to Owen Turner's Love Fund.

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9 TX Tanya Tucker hit: "Would You Lay with Me (Field of Stone)"  
12 Dallas beat this city in 2011 NBA Finals  
17 means of not "losing it"? (2 wds.)  
19 after Pearl Harbor, TX LBJ was the 1st U.S. Rep. to do this  
21 TXism: "more likely than L.A. hot, sunny day"  
22 postponed  
23 traffic violations are misdemeanors in Texas  
28 "take \_\_\_ of"  
29 this TX Storm was "My Little Margie" on 1950s TV  
30 what happened in Florida in TX George W.'s 2000 election?  
31 Gene Autry was born in this TX town  
35 state where 20 Dallas Cowboys are enshrined  
36 '65 film "\_\_\_ Must Fall" was filmed in TX  
42 TXism: "\_\_\_ an oilman's daughter"  
44 '90s American Airlines slogan: "\_\_\_ Here. Beat Here."  
46 TXism: "he'd walk himself \_\_\_ a revolving door" (nept)  
48 Saints had a bounty on this QB Kurt in 2010  
49 female Sinatra of film "Marriage on the Rocks" with TX Trini Lopez (init.)  
50 1993 TV Special: "Willie Nelson: The Big \_\_\_"  
51 TX Fender's "You'll Lose \_\_\_ Thing"  
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54 Eden, TX newspaper  
56 "\_\_\_ San Antonio!"  
57 protestantism, e.g. (abbr.)  
58 dir. to Centerville from Dallas (abbr.)  
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4 film director, Preminger  
9 TX Roy Orbison did a version of "\_\_\_ a Woman"  
10 1966 hit for TX "\_\_\_ & the Mysterians" (3 wds., spelled out)  
11 TXism: "high as popcorn \_\_\_ picture show"  
12 TX "Ivory Joe's" "Since I \_\_\_ You Baby"  
13 TXism: "thick as flies \_\_\_ dump"  
14 in Wood Co. on 69  
15 manufacturing facility  
16 TX Tanya's "Can \_\_\_ You Tonight"  
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33 TX Roy Orbison hit: "\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"  
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38 "Presidio La \_\_\_ in Goliad, TX"  
39 TX TV producer, Spelling  
40 response to "is too"  
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45 TX drink: \_\_\_ Pepper  
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Upper and Lower Cook and Hope formations on the SM Davis Lease into multiple wellbores, including wells 5, 11, 16, 17, 19, 23, 30, 31, 33, 35, 37, 38, 43, 45, 72, 74, 78, 79, 82, 83, 85, 92, and 94. The proposed injection wells are located 3 miles SE of Putman in the Callahan County Regular Field, in Callahan County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth intervals from approximately 400-420 feet and 480-500 feet and 520-530 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or request for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas P.O. 12967, Austin Texas, 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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## 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 7:00 p.m. Teens will enjoy "Soul Surfer" the story of teenage surfer Bethany Hamilton, who overcame the odds and her own fears of returning 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 receive a free T-Shirt and be eligible for a drawing of free movie passes and "True Grit" T-Shirts. Pizza and drinks will be served during the movie, followed by a discussion of the "gritty" aspects of the character.

## Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for February 2014

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics February 2014

Burglary: 6  
Animal Calls: 13  
Assist Motorist: 6  
Accidents: 81  
Alarm Calls: 14  
Assault: 4  
Chase: 1  
Civil Matter: 15  
Child Abuse: 1  
Disturbances: 26  
Dog Bite: 1  
House Fire: 3  
Vehicle fire: 4  
Grass Fire: 12  
Harassment: 3  
Illegal Dumping: 1  
Lift Assist: 2  
Medical Calls: 73  
Mental Subject: 1  
Miscellaneous: 15

Missing Person: 1  
Noise Calls: 4  
Reckless Driver: 14  
Stray Livestock: 17  
Suicide Threat: 0  
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Suspicious Activity: 24  
Theft: 5  
Threats: 4  
Traffic Hazard: 4  
Trespass: 3  
Utility: 3  
Stolen Vehicle: 2  
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Vandalism: 4  
Welfare Checks: 14  
Fraud Calls: 2  
Juvenile Calls: 4  
Deaths: 2  
Total Arrests: 27  
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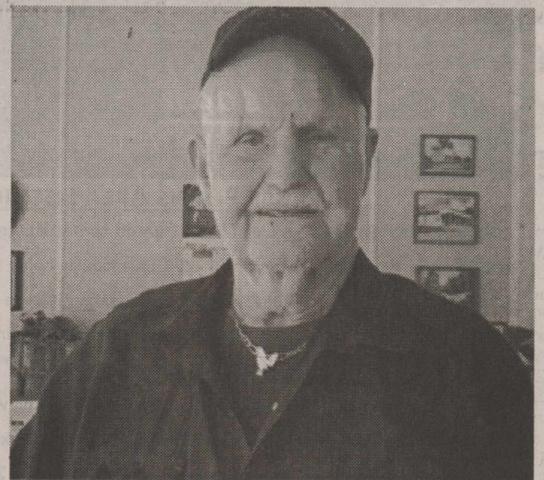
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receipts off at the school office! We appreciate all of your help!

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## Mike Ratliff Turns 90

Born April 2, 1924 a graduated from Cross Plains High School, Mike Ratliff is turning 90.

In 1968 Ratliff started teaching the 1st cocker School. He was a successful cocker winning ninety-nine trophies from 1951-2010.

Ratliff is retired now and leaves the travels and the legacy of cock fighting behind. He still gleams as he recalls the days of the past, while holding on to his

memories and what he recalls as the good old days.

You are invited to help him celebrate his 90th Birthday. He will celebrate his birthday on April 2, 2014 at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 109 N. Beech St.

The celebrations will be between 9am-6pm. BBQ Plates will be offered for \$5.00 per plate.



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## Bullsnake

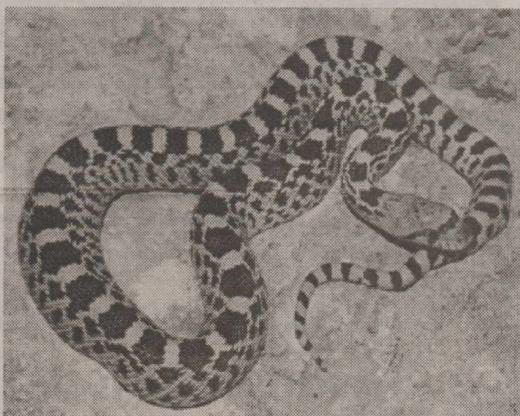
As a general rule, large snakes bring about emotions in people that are generally not healthy, especially for the snake. However, one species that is found in west Texas is almost revered, not only for its size, but more so for what it does. That snake is the large and ordinarily common Bullsnake.

The Bullsnake (*Pituophis catenifer sayi*) is a large non-venomous serpent, with most adults reaching sexual maturity between four and five feet in total length. The largest specimen recorded in Texas, however, was almost a whopping nine feet, making this species the second longest snake in the state behind the Indigo Snake.

Like other members of the Gopher and Pine snake genus, this species superficially resembles a venomous rattlesnake in that it has large, squarish dark blotches appearing down the back that stand out from the yellow or tan background coloration. Along its side are smaller dark blotches that appear to have no particular pattern. The tail blotches are more or less dark brown or reddish rings that are set apart from the yellow background color. The head is also yellowish, sometimes speckled with dark spots and there is often a dark bordered pale line connecting the eyes. There is also a dark line that extends from the eye to the back portion of the mouth. The belly is cream colored and is marked with indistinct dark splotches, particularly along the outer belly scales. The pupils, like other large, non-venomous serpents, are round in appearance.

Bullsnakes have a large range, occurring in a line running through the midsection of the United States from central Mexico northward to southern Canada. In Texas, they can be observed from roughly I-35 westward to the Pecos River. The closely related and virtually the same subspecies Sonoran Gopher Snake occurs throughout the Trans-Pecos. Having such a large range, Bullsnakes are habitat generalists, meaning they can and do thrive in a variety of habitats. Dry, arid spaces are preferred, although they are common in the rocky canyon areas of the Edwards Plateau, as well as the high-elevation pine-forested areas of the mountainous areas of west Texas. Cultivated fields are a favored habitat, mostly due to the abundance of small mammals in such places.

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of



Bullsnake (*Pituophis catenifer sayi*)

inactivity during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Like most other harmless snakes found in Texas, Bullsnakes are egg-laying creatures. Mating occurs primarily during the months of April and May with egg deposition happening in late June or early July. Egg clutches vary in size from three to twenty-two, depending on the size and age of the female. The eggs are large, almost the size of small chicken eggs and are buried beneath debris to hold the humidity levels at a premium to avoid desiccation.

The neonates hatch from the eggs roughly two months after deposition and average fifteen inches at hatching. The young are carbon copies of the adults in appearance, and like other snake species, they require no assistance from the parents as they are capable of fending for themselves at birth.

This species is forages for food during the morning and evening hours during the spring and fall, becoming nocturnal during the heat of the summer months.

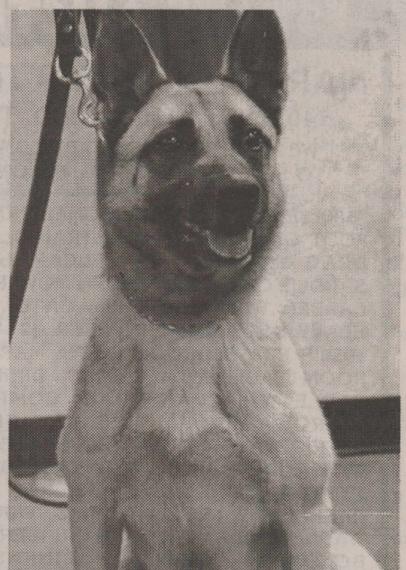
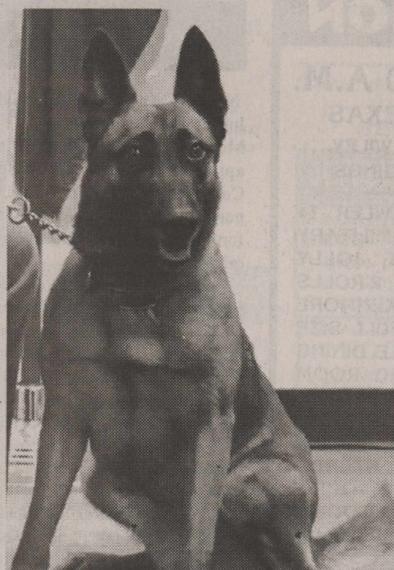
Bullsnakes prefer small mammals such as mice and rats over any other prey, and one study estimated that an adult male Bullsnake can devour nearly one thousand field mice in one season. The benefits of such a feat are overwhelmingly convincing as evidenced by the fact that most ranchers and farmers who ordinarily have an aversion to snakes will leave the Bullsnake be. Many people also believe that the Bullsnake will consume other snakes such as rattlesnakes, but this is not the case.

Although they are completely harmless, this species puts on a display when threatened that rivals that of any rattlesnake species. When it feels in danger, it will coil its forebody up in an 'S' coil, rattle its tail incessantly, and produce a hissing sound that sounds amazingly familiar to that of a rattlesnake rattling. This display, while fending off other natural predators, tends to have this snake mistaken for a rattlesnake and sadly killed by unknowing persons.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at [www.fullprice71@gmail.com](mailto:www.fullprice71@gmail.com).

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## New Canine Teams Join DPS Crime Fighting Efforts

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today graduated two troopers and canines from a multi-week training program. These canine teams will join 41 other DPS teams stationed throughout Texas, including six explosive-detection teams stationed in Austin.

"The DPS canine program has been an indispensable law enforcement tool, responsible

for taking ton quantities of drugs off Texas streets and detecting a wide range of criminal activity," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "These expertly trained troopers and dogs will enhance the department's ability to protect Texans and disrupt the flow of drugs into our communities."

Both dogs are Belgian Malinois and were acquired

from the U.S. Department of Defense. One dog will be used for explosive detection and the other will be used for drug detection.

In 2013, DPS canine teams assisted in the seizure of approximately 14,470 pounds of marijuana, 455 pounds of cocaine, 16 pounds of heroin, 338 pounds of methamphetamine, 10 pounds of other drugs and \$6.2 million in cash.

### AN UPDATE FROM THE COTTONWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE CONTROL GROUP

I just wanted to give everyone an update on what is going on with the Cottonwood Fire Control Group. The board is in the process of reviewing the Bylaws, both original's and the ones that are now in place. We are also checking our status with the Texas Secretary of State and IRS.

We took position of the new 5 ton Fire Truck last week and are starting to get it equipped with equipment from one of the older 2 1/2 ton fire trucks that is now out of service. We have 180 to get the new truck ready for service.

We need the help of all the volunteers and anyone else who is interested in helping us work on the new truck. We also need help with donations so we have the funds to fully equip this new truck. We are scheduled to work in the new truck on Saturday mornings, so I invite everyone to drop by the fire Station to see what is going on.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> Cottonwood Fire Control responded to a mutual aid call in Burkett Texas and went to assist with two trucks and four fighters. We were there from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

I also want to remind everybody of the regular fire fighter meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Cottonwood Firehouse.

In closing I would like to announce that Mr. Adrian Allen has been selected as the new Chief of the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.  
By Roy Boyd

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## Workforce Solutions, Development Corporation of Abilene and Cisco College Announce Fast Track Welding Program to Start May 12th, 2014

ABILENE, TEXAS— Monday, May 24, 2014. Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas is currently accepting applications for the Fast Track Welding Program, which will be taught at the Abilene Campus of Cisco College. To be considered, applications must be returned by April 21, 2014. Start date for the class will be May 5th. The Fast Track Welding Program is a partnership with the Development Corporation of Abilene, Cisco College, and Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas. The program is designed to assist not only those individuals, who would like to train for a new career as a welder, but to fill local job vacancies with area employers. Due to increased productivity in the area, Abilene has a strong demand for those with welding and

metal fabrication skills. Welding instruction will be provided by Cisco College. Those participants, who successfully complete the seven (7) week training program will receive a Welding Certification and OSHA Safety Certification. The Safety Certification portion will be taught by Canada and Associates. In addition to these certifications, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas will provide employability skills training, resume writing and job application techniques to all participants. A hiring event with local employers will be scheduled to assist graduates with employment opportunities.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Steve Collins, Business Resource Consultant, for the

West Central Texas Workforce Board, at 325-795-4304 or by e-mail

to [steve.collins@workforcesystem.org](mailto:steve.collins@workforcesystem.org). The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is one of 28 boards in the state charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a nineteen county region. Additional information on the Board's economic development efforts or services for business customers may be obtained by calling the Workforce Board at (325) 795-4200 or by visiting the website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.workforcesystem.org"](http://www.workforcesystem.org). Equal Opportunity Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.



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Cross Plains School Menu  
March 31-April 4

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**Thursday 3rd-** Sunrise Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**Friday 4th-** Oatmeal Rounds, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit & Juice, Milk

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**Wednesday 2nd-** Taco Bowl, Garden Salad, Salsa, Seasoned Corn, Snowball Salad, Milk

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book! This first street party will celebrate the completion of the painting that has been done on storefronts downtown and, most especially, the murals on College at Commercial. And you'll hear a lot more about what Vision Coleman is planning for downtown Coleman.

Come on down Saturday at 6 o'clock and enjoy an evening with your friends and neighbors. Bring your own chair! The street will be blocked off for traffic.

# GLOWIN' FOR OWEN FUN RUN

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Matthew 5:16

## Glowin' for Owen

In January of 2014, Joseph and Allison Turner noticed that their 8 month old was not moving the right side of his body. They immediately took Owen (son of Joseph and Allison Turner of Godley, and the grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner of Cross Plains, and Wayne Ann Davis of Godley) to the hospital in Cleburne. After the initial tests were ran, Owen was care-flighted to Cooks Children's Hospital with a tentative diagnosis of Leukemia. As the hours turned to days, more information

came in about his condition. He was battling AML M5, a very aggressive form of Leukemia. A plan was made that consisted of four chemo treatments and at least six months in the hospital.

In the last 9 weeks, Owen has undergone two of the four chemo treatments. He has received so many visitors in the form of family and friends, and hospital staff that have come to love his smile. So many people have shown tremendous support for the Turners and they are forever grateful. Family and friends want to host one more event to help in the second half of their hospital stay.

On April 19, 2014, Glowin for Owen Fun Run will be held at the Cross Plains High School Track. Registration is \$25 for ages 13 and up or \$18 for ages 12 and under. Registration includes a t-shirt, two glow necklaces, and two glow bracelets to wear during the run/walk. Check in will begin at 7:00 p.m. At 7:45

p.m. a group photo and a short meeting will be held. The run/walk will begin at 8:00 p.m. The course will be two miles long with volunteers along the course for encouragement and help if needed. There will not be age divisions or places, just a good time for family and friends. Registration can be done online at: [garymosefitness.com/5kcr](http://garymosefitness.com/5kcr) or by calling (325)-998-1044 for a paper form. You must register by April 10th to receive a t-shirt. T-shirts are also available for sale for \$15 with out race participation. There will be a prize for the best glow outfit. This can include clothes, accessories, paints, or anything else that can be imagined. All proceeds go to Owen and his parents.



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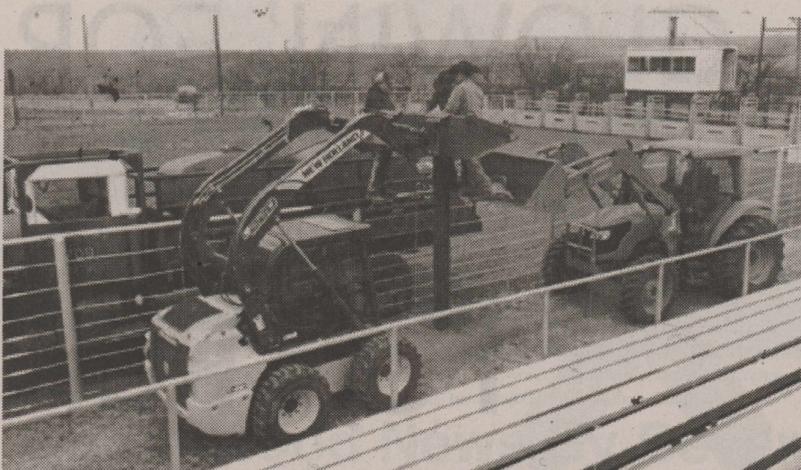
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CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE VOLUNTEERS PREPARE BASES FOR INSTALLATION OF RODEO ARENA LIGHTS AND ELECTRICAL LINES.

## Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo plans nearing completion for April 26, 2014 Rodeo

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo will be held in Baird on Saturday, April 26, and include a full day of events - downtown vendors (9am - 5pm), rodeo parade (4pm), ranch rodeo with team penning, branding, milking and doctoring (6pm) and rodeo dance (9pm).

A group of concerned citizens who support our western ranching tradition organized, reinstated the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse as a Texas nonprofit corporation and restored the historical rodeo arena, bleachers, buildings, fences and grounds for community use. Today, it is a splendid success story, a source of pride and an excellent example of how conscientious citizens in a small rural Texas community can work together to restore an

important historical property for the use and enjoyment of all.

The new Callahan County Sheriff's Posse invites all persons interested in supporting this West Texas historical restoration project to join the organization (\$25 - annual individual membership, \$35 - annual family membership, \$500 - lifetime membership).

Business sponsors may purchase an advertising banner to be displayed at all events for 5 years (\$1,500) or sponsor a one time specific event (\$500). All donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Support and contributions to date have been encouraging and include labor, materials, equipment, work vehicles, individual donations, merchant sponsorships and

economic development council funds. The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse rodeo arena and grounds are now user friendly but continue to be a work in progress (see photos).

Contact President Seth Goldsmith, 1st Vice-President DVM Rob Harle, 2nd Vice-President Jeff Bureson, Secretary/Treasurer David Ratliff, Directors Steve Goldsmith, Mike Walker, Teri Hollis, Marty Yarbrough, David Mays & Billy Sparks, Assistant Secretary Christy King, Assistant Treasurer Lyn Walker or Legal Advisor John Compere for Sheriff's Posse memberships, sponsorships, donations or contributions; Steve Goldsmith (325-518-8805) for the ranch rodeo; and Christy King (325-669-0363) for vendors, parade or dance.



THE BAIRD TROOP 222 BOY AND CUB SCOUTS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS VOLUNTEERED AND THEN PAINTED THE REPAIRED AND RENOVATED CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE RODEO ARENA CLUB HOUSE.



CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE VOLUNTEERS REPAIR AND RENOVATE THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE RODEO ANNOUNCER'S STAND.

### Immunization clinic at Cross Plains Housing Authority on April 14th

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering a childhood immunization clinic on Monday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Cross Plains, at the Cross Plains Housing Authority located at 233 N. Main in Cross Plains.

Please bring the child's immunization records with you. If

your child is one year old or older and has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children. If your child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the card.

For additional information about the immunization clinic call (325) 754-4945.

## SHERIFF'S CORNER

By Terry Joy

March 19, 2014 was a day of excitement at the Callahan County Jail. The inspector from Texas Commission on Jail Standards arrived for his annual visit. At the end of his visit, he declared the jail to be fit and suitable to continue serving the county's needs.

After inspecting the facility from top to bottom and all in between, checking mounds of paperwork done by dispatchers and jailers, speaking with employees, county commissioners and other interested persons, Jimmy Barton, TCJS Inspector, wrote in his report the following: "This facility was inspected on the date indicated above. There were no deficiencies noted and upon review of this report by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, a Certificate of Compliance may

be issued per the requirements of VTCA, Chapter 511 and Texas Minimum Jail Standards."

The entire staff of the Sheriff's Department is to be commended for a job well done. It is this type of work ethic that keeps the jail in compliance with state standards each year. It is no small feat to keep a facility that is 100+ years old in compliance with state guidelines.

As sheriff, I offer a special thanks to the dispatchers, jailors, deputies and other staff members for a job well done. These people share a huge responsibility as they keep the jail running smoothly, efficiently and effectively 24/7. This facility is never closed; the lights are on all of the time.

Thank you staff for your loyalty to the department and your service to the citizens of Callahan County.

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### "Experience True Grit" with John Wayne book to movie

Join us at the library on Thursday, March 27th, to view the 1969 movie "True Grit" followed by a book discussion at Jean's Feed Barn. We will begin in the library conference

room at 5:00 p.m. On the following Thursday, April 3, we will view the 2010 version with Jeff Bridges, also followed by a book discussion at Jean's.

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## Barbarian Festival and Parade coming soon

The Barbarian Festival is only a few short months away on Saturday, June 14th. It's not too soon to be planning for your booth at the festival. Sell arts and crafts, jewelry, candles, trinkets or other items. Set up games and rides for kids. Sell snowcones, food or drinks. Sign up early and get your booth for only \$35.00! Vendor applications and information are going out in the mail this week. If you haven't gotten yours, call Diana Miller, Vendor Chairman at (254)-725-9418, and she'll get one out to you.

While you're making plans for your booth, start thinking about what you'll ride, drive or walk in the Barbarian Festival Parade. Last year's parade was such a big hit, that we're doing it again. The parade is on Thursday evening, June 12th. Drive your classic or antique car or truck, ride your four wheeler, bicycle or golf cart. Walk your dog. Ride on a float. Start planning now, this year's parade will be the best ever! Need more information, call Joe Terstegge, Parade Chairman at (254)-725-7281.

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**Senior Citizens Center Activities**  
March 31-April 4  
Monday-31th Exercise  
Tuesday-1st Game Night 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday-2nd Exercise  
Thursday -3rd Movie 11:00 (True Grit)  
Friday -4th 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 31-April 4  
Monday 31st-Salisbury Steak w/ gravy, Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Bread, Dessert  
Tuesday 1st - Smotherd Pork Cutlets, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert  
Wednesday 2nd - Cheese Burger Cassarol, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Dessert  
Thursday 3th - Chili Dogs, Cheese, Onions, Oven Fries, Dessert  
Friday 4th -Tuna Salad Sandwich (lett,tom,onion), Chips, Fruit Cup, Cookie  
MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
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## Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports to host 7th Annual Charlie Greenway Silhouette Match on March 29, 2014

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will host their 7th Annual Charlie Greenway Silhouette Match and Archery Competition on March 29, 2014.

There are approximately eighty 4-H competitors from around the state who are signed up to shoot pistol, and rifle events.

Competitors from as far away as Kent County, Travis County and Ector County, and the Metroplex; and as close as Taylor, Shackelford, Brown, Coleman, Jones and Runnels Counties will come to Callahan County to compete in the Silhouette Match.

The silhouette match is named in honor of longtime coach and 4-H leader in Callahan County, Charlie Greenway of Baird.

Coach Greenway is recognized as an expert black powder and pistol competitor and Callahan County competitors are lucky to have him as a coach.

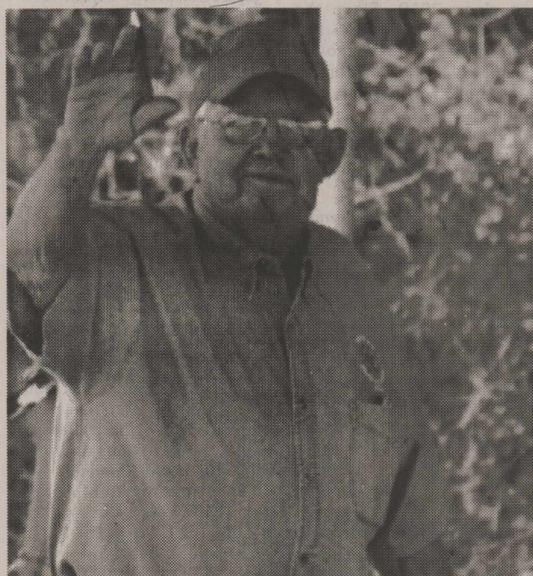
If you have never been to the 4-H Shooting range we invite you to visit our facilities. The 4-H Shooting range is located about midway between Clyde and Baird on FM 18. Watch for signs.

We have worked on our range continuously, and it is one of the best 4-H ranges in the state.

Please come support the local Shooting Sports Program. There is always a large concession available, restrooms and plenty of parking!!

Come join the excitement and the fun!!

The weather is going to be fantastic!!



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**CROWD AT AIR RIFLE RANGE DURING THE CHARLIE GREENWAY SILHOUTTE SHOOT IN 2013.**



## USDA Encourages Early Registration for FSA Programs

WASHINGTON, March 24, 2014 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Juan M. Garcia today recommended that farmers and ranchers who plan to participate in FSA programs register in advance. Producers are encouraged to report farm records and business structure changes to a local FSA Service Center before April 15, 2014.

Enrollment for the disaster programs authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, including the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) will begin by April 15, 2014.

"We expect significant interest in these programs," said Garcia. "Early registration should help improve the sign-up process and allow us to expedite implementation of the programs. I strongly encourage producers to complete their paperwork ahead of time."

Examples of updates or changes to report include:

- New producers or producers who have not reported farm records to FSA.
- Producers who have recently bought, sold or rented land.

Those producers need to ensure that changes have been reported and properly recorded by local FSA county office personnel. Reports of purchased or sold property should include a copy of the land deed, and if land has been leased, then documentation should be provided that in-

dicates the producer had/had control of the acreage.

• Producers that have changed business structures (e.g. formed a partnership or LLC) need to ensure that these relationships and shares are properly recorded with FSA. Even family farms that have records on file may want to ensure that this is recorded accurately as it may impact payment limits.

Farm records can be updated during business hours at FSA Service Centers that administer the county where the farm or ranch is located. Producers can contact their local FSA Service Center in advance to find out what paperwork they may need. In addition, bank account information should be supplied or updated if necessary to ensure that producers receive payments as quickly as possible through direct deposit.

While any producer may report farm records and business structure changes, it is especially important for producers who suffered livestock, livestock grazing, honeybee, farm-raised fish, or tree/vine losses for 2011, 2012, 2013 or 2014, and may be eligible for assistance through one of the four disaster programs.

For further information about our disaster programs and USDA's Farm Bill implementation plan, visit FSA's 2014 Farm Bill Web page. FSA Service Center locations can be found on the FSA website.

## "Experience True Grit" Happenings

Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to receive a daily insight on "gritty" heroes. We also have a daily quote regarding "grit", a featured book that is available for check out at the library, and a list of happenings for the day.

Stop in the library and pick

## Central Texas Farm Credit returns Record \$4.8 million cash patronage to customers

COLEMAN, Texas - Central Texas Farm Credit, a rural financing cooperative, recently distributed a record \$4.8 million cash patronage refund to its customers, based on its earnings in 2013. Checks were mailed to customers on March 21st.

"Including this disbursement, Central Texas has distributed more than \$54 million in capital to our borrowers over the past 21 years," said Jimmy Chambers, Central Texas chief executive officer. "This year's record patronage reduces each borrower's effective interest rate by an average of 1.51 percent."

"Patronage payments help to lower the cost of borrowing from Central Texas, and they are a cornerstone of doing business with our cooperative."

## TxDOT hosts meetings on transportation improvement program

Public encouraged to offer input on area transportation plans

The Texas Department of Transportation will host a series of public meetings in late March and early April to encourage public comments on the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Abilene District.

A TIP is a capital improvement program developed by local and state transportation agencies. It includes a list of transportation projects that are drawn from a long-range statewide plan. The TIP serves as a short-term programming document that lists approximately four years of funded transportation projects.

The Abilene District includes Kent, Stonewall, Haskell, Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor and Callahan Counties. Meetings for the district will be hosted at the following times and locations: 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 1: Aztec

up a new puzzle this week. Bring your completed entries to the library by Thursday, April 3rd, where correct entries will be entered in our drawing for a movie pass for 2 on April 12th. Last week featured a crossword puzzle and this week is a word search.

The fact that we have been able to share our earnings with our customers for this long proves the effectiveness of our co-op business model," said Chambers.

Central Texas provides financing for all types of rural real estate, including farms, ranches, rural homes and recreational property. They also finance livestock, equipment and the working capital needs of farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses. The Coleman-headquartered cooperative has branch offices in Brady, Brownwood, Coleman, Comanche, Haskell and San Angelo. It is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System.

For more information, visit [www.ranchmoney.com](http://www.ranchmoney.com).

Theater, 141 S. Main Street, Albany, Texas 76430  
6:30-7:30 p.m. April 3: Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Big Spring, Texas 79720  
6:30-7:30 p.m. April 8: United Way Building, 2311 Avenue T, Snyder, Texas 79549

Those who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Kristi Barron at (325) 676-6811 two weeks prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Written comments may be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attention Blair Haynie, P.E., 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, Texas 79601, or by email at [Blair.Haynie@txdot.gov](mailto:Blair.Haynie@txdot.gov). To be considered, comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. Friday, April 18, 2014.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Library Hours

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Books Checked	80
Programs	22
LAP	5
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GED	6
Other	8
Copies	128
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WiFi	5
Interlibrary Loans	0
Reference	14
<b>Books and Miscellaneous Donations</b>	
Karen Ritchey	
Wilma Lawrence	
<b>Donations</b>	
Bonnie White	
Ruth York	
<b>Memorials</b>	
Herman Wiley	
In Memory of Billy Freeman	
<b>Living Tribute</b>	
Charles and Nancy Rodenberger	
In Honor of Wallace Bennett	
<b>Volunteers</b>	
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**MARCH 30**  
Feleta Jane Bell  
Wesley Kelly  
Jerry Ann Perkins  
Mrs. Granvel Scott  
Elena Reyes  
Matthew Chase Smith  
Ector Junior Mireles

**MARCH 31**  
Sharon (Ingram) Pope  
Ruth Clyatt  
Rusty Wayne Johnson  
Todd Kennedy  
Eva McGough  
Ector Mireles, Jr.  
Lyceria Juarex  
Blake Ryan Nickerson

**APRIL 1**  
April Hall  
Shae (Pancake) White  
Virginia Sheppard  
Edna M. McCormich  
Bonnie Rogers  
Bethany (Meador) Parker  
Bob Kirkham  
April (Jennings) Netzhammer  
Forence Stewart  
Bill Strength  
Glen Maxwell  
Linda Boudreaux  
Logan McDaniel

**APRIL 2**  
Ronnie Pittman  
Mrs. Sterling Odum  
Kailea Hunter  
Cody Self  
April Shay Foster  
Charlesea Jean Ethington  
Kathy Anderson  
Mildred Smith  
Mark A. Ring  
Tina Purdy

## Cottonwood Country Musical is March 28th

Friday, March 28th is the monthly Cottonwood Country Musical. The concession in the kitchen opens at 5 p.m. and the music begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring your "John Wayne" appetite as the meal being served is "John Wayne Casserole", salad, desserts and drinks.

So as John Wayne would say "saddle up, Pilgrim and mosey on out to Cottonwood for a night of good food and great country music!"

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## Devon's Blessings

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- Yeti Cooler

The Purpose of these Raffles is to help Devon Clark a CHS Student who was badly injured in a car accident on Wednesday February 19th. Devon has had to undergo several surgeries, has spent time in CCU and still has a long road ahead of him.

Funds raised from the raffle will go into a special account for Devon at First Bank Texas to help with medical Expenses.

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!

Friends of Duane Clark (Devon's Dad) You may purchase tickets from CHS, Items Unique, Santa Fe Salon, Clyde Chamber of Commerce, The Warehouse, The Clyde Journal and First Bank Texas-Clyde.

You do not need to be present to win!

## DPS Launches New Investigative Center To Protect, Rescue Children

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced the creation of the Texas Crimes Against Children Center (TCACC) within the Texas Rangers Division. This new center is dedicated to protecting children through the collection and dissemination of vital intelligence, investigative support and cooperation with victim-assistance counselors.

"The exploitation and human trafficking of children is a deplorable crime, and it is critical that we use all available resources to keep them safe," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS has led the way in providing officers with the training and resources needed to identify and rescue abducted, trafficked and abused children from these vile predators. The Texas Crimes Against Children Center will strengthen that effort and further empower law enforcement officers to protect our most vul-

nerable population - our children."

The TCACC will be providing support to local, state and federal partners on investigations related to missing and exploited children, the trafficking of children, child abductions and other high-risk threats to children. In these instances, the TCACC will work to identify known child victims or at-risk children through reports or ancillary investigations, facilitate communications between multiple agencies and identify investigation resources.

"This Texas Crimes Against Children Center will be a major asset in the fight against crimes that endanger children. This center will provide the type of resources that are essential in helping tracking down, arrest and prosecute the depraved criminals who harm our children," said Sen. Craig Estes, chair of the Senate Committee

on Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security.

"Crimes against children are especially disturbing, because childhood should be a carefree time. Thankfully, this center will enhance the ability of Texas law enforcement agencies to effectively get offenders off the streets and protect children," said Rep. Joe Pickett, chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety.

Texas records from the DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse show more than 4,400 active cases of missing children up to 17 years of age. Additionally, DPS has already successfully implemented the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program, which educates law enforcement officers about indicators to help identify and recover missing or exploited children during the course of a standard traffic stop, and to arrest suspects for sexual assault of a

child.

As a result of IPC training, DPS has initiated more than 30 criminal investigations and recovered 112 missing or endangered children since 2010. Since the program's inception, DPS has provided the IPC training to approximately 7,120 officers in Texas, nationally and internationally.

DPS has long been committed to protecting Texas children and supports that goal through these additional means:

- Using the DPS Sex Offender Registry and enforcing sex offender compliance.
- Posting information on the Missing Persons Clearinghouse website.
- Activating AMBER Alerts throughout the state when a child goes missing.
- Speaking to children about how to recognize and avoid dangers in their community.

## Rural and Small Town Opportunity

By John Crabtree, johnc@cfra.org, Center for Rural Affairs

When the new Census of Agriculture was released recently, we got a lot of calls. Most were questions from journalists wondering what was going on that created such "unconventional" statistical shifts in Nebraska - increasing numbers of farmers and ranchers, etc.

Conventional rhetoric has told us, since the Ag Crisis of the 1980's, perhaps since the Dust Bowl of the 1930's, that family farming and America's small towns are in decline. However, we told the journalists that called us that, "of course the numbers have gone up. We've worked hard to create opportunities in rural and small town America."

The Center for Rural Affairs and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture alongside federal programs

like USDA's Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program, policies such as the beginning farmer and rancher tax credit in Nebraska and similar initiatives in other states, have built upon an increasing desire among young people who want to get started in farming and ranching. And these efforts have capitalized on growing opportunities in developing local and regional food systems.

It may not be precisely the same kind of farming and ranching of past generations, but these new trends tie into things that rural and small town America have in abundance - quality of life, work ethic and entrepreneurial spirit.

I'm tired of the same old story about rural America. And I see a lot of evidence that there is another story out here that is worth far more in telling.

## Texas Highways April issue reveals top 40 Texas Destinations

AUSTIN- In celebration of its 40th anniversary, Texas Highways magazine announced another round of the Texas Top 40 favorite destinations as chosen by its readers.

The announcement places Lake Fork, (where a majority of the top 50 largest bass in Texas have been caught) at No. 27 and Austin at No. 26. Also making the Top 40 list are Granbury at No. 25 and Port Aransas at No. 24.

The April issue of Texas Highways features a field of bluebonnets on the cover and dedicates 12 inside pages to spectacular wildflower photographs. The issue also highlights 10 of the hundreds of species that migrate through Texas annually, including when and where to find them. Among the highlighted species is the last flock of wild whooping cranes in the world.

History buffs will enjoy the feature on the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic

Site. Located in La Porte, the site was once called "The tallest monumental column in the world," according to the 1984 Guinness Book of World Records. The issue also contains a story on the Fredericksburg Wine Road 290, which is dotted with antique shops and especially scenic during wildflower season.

Additional features include the Cottonseed Cafe & Deli in Martindale, home to a delicious buttermilk pie; a weekend in Cat Spring; and ziplining at night through cypress trees near Spicewood.

The issue will be available March 15th at H-E-B, Target, Walmart, Randall's, Barnes & Noble and hundreds of newsstands statewide.

About Texas Highways magazine

Founded as a travel magazine in 1974, Texas Highways launched a redesign in September to usher in the celebration of its 40th

anniversary in 2014. Today, Texas Highways has 300,000 monthly readers across the United States and around the world.

Texas Highways, mission is to encourage travel to and within the state. According to the Texas Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism division, Texas destinations welcomed 220 million domestic travelers and 8.2 million international travelers in 2012. Those visitors spent a total of \$65.7 billion; directly supported 568,000 jobs; and generated \$4.4 billion in state and local taxes.

To learn more about Texas Highways, visit [www.texashighways.com](http://www.texashighways.com). "Like" us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/texashighways](http://www.facebook.com/texashighways) and follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/texashighways](http://www.twitter.com/texashighways).

For media inquiries, contact TxDOT Media Relations at [MediaRelations@txdot.gov](mailto:MediaRelations@txdot.gov) or (512) 463-8700.

## TxDOT'S award winning "Don't mess with Texas" campaign partners with fresh new voices to help reduce roadside litter

Grammy winner Sunny Sauceda, Kevin Fowler star in new litter-prevention ads

AUSTIN—The Texas Department of Transportation today tunes up one of its greatest hits as it partners with top-notch Texas musicians for a brand-new rendition of Don't mess with Texas. Now in its 28th year, TxDOT's iconic anti-litter campaign is back in the spotlight with help from Grammy-winning Tejano performer Sunny Sauceda and country music favorite Kevin Fowler. The well-known artists have each recorded new ads to educate the public on the importance of not littering.

"As litter continues to be an expensive problem for Texas, we feel it's important that the critical Don't mess with Texas message be delivered by influential artists who represent the true spirit of Texas," said Commissioner Jeff Austin III, Texas Transportation Commission. "We're so proud that these talented Texas performers are lending their

voices to this famous campaign and reminding everyone that trash belongs in a trash can and not on our

Joining the likes of George Strait, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Lyle Lovett, this year's talented duo proudly sings the praises of Don't mess with Texas.

"It's an honor to be part of this great campaign," Fowler said. "There's nothing I love more than Texas, and I'm excited to spread the word about keeping our great state litter-free."

Researchers estimate nearly half-a-billion pieces of visible litter accumulate annually along state-maintained highways. In 2013, a study found that visible trash along more than 80,000 miles of state-maintained roadways was down 34 percent from 2009.

Additionally, about one-third of Texans - particularly young adults between the ages of 16 and 34 - admit to littering.

Some of the most common litter found during roadside cleanups includes fast-food packaging, cigarette butts, candy wrappers and plastic bags.

"TxDOT wants to reduce litter and save taxpayers money," said Margo Richards, director, Travel Information Division. "Our estimates show litter clean-up, on average, costs taxpayers more than \$40 million annually. As our state's population grows by 1,000 people each day, it's important to continue reminding Texans and Texas visitors that littering isn't just unsightly, it's also against the law."

In Texas, fines for littering can be as high as \$500 for the first offense. Repeat offenders can face fines up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail.

For more information on the award-winning Don't mess with Texas campaign, visit [dontmesswithtexas.org](http://dontmesswithtexas.org).

## Free Federal Income Tax service January 31st through April 11th

LOCATIONS DATES AND TIMES, Call 211 for info.

- Center for Economic Opportunity—Feb 3-Apr 15 1102 North 3rd Call 211, apt. preferred
- Abilene Public Library—Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Feb 5-Apr. 9 No Appt.
- Downtown, Second Floor—Thursdays 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Feb 5-Apr. 10 No appt.
- Mockingbird Public Library—Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Jan 31-Apr. 11 No appt.
- 1214 N Mockingbird—Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Feb 1 - Apr. 12 No appt
- Dyess AFB Feb. 1 - April 15, call for appt.
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## After School Adventure Program

Next Wednesday, April 2, Nancy Robinson Masters will be at the Cross Plains Public Library for the After School Adventure Program (ASAP).

Nancy Robinson Masters is an author and popular inspirational speaker for schools, businesses, organizations, and events. Mrs. Masters, in her inspiring and entertaining way, will feature the True Grit theme as we celebrate The Big Read "Experience True Grit". Her philosophy "Freedom to Read'em" based on "If you can read and write, you have power!" Promoting the power of free people to freely read and write. Join us at 4:00 p.m.

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## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Anita Bryan, motion to withdraw as surety.  
Derek Robert Shumake, motion to withdraw as surety.  
Justin A. Miller, motion to withdraw as surety.  
Daniel W. Tarrant, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence - granted for plea to other case.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

James Edward Cotton, theft by check.  
Charles Andre Lewis, Jr., theft by check.

### Marriage Licenses

Clayton Weldon Williams and Amber Elizabeth Clark, both of Baird.  
Alton L. Bell of Cross Plains and Lisa Kaye Doughty of Olathe, CO.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

### Criminal Minutes

Chad A. King, judgment revoking probation granted.

### Civil Minutes

Jessica Michael Peters and Kane Gareth Peters, divorce granted.  
Courtney Ann Woodson and Dawson Ford Woodson, divorce granted.

## Roadway improvement project begins in April on I-20 at Ranger Hill

EASTLAND—The Texas Department of Transportation will begin a major project in April to improve safety along the stretch of I-20 in Eastland County known as Ranger Hill.

The project will include construction of a new 54-inch-high concrete median barrier to help prevent vehicles from crossing into opposing traffic. The work also will involve the addition of safety lighting, pavement resurfacing and new pavement markings.

Pavement work will begin in early April, which will involve some intermittent lane closures. Later in the month, crews will place temporary traffic barriers on the eastbound and westbound sides of the hill, limiting traffic to one lane in each direction, so that the remainder of the work can continue. Drivers should use extreme caution when traveling through the work zone and avoid all distractions.

The project should be completed by the end of the summer. Jay Mills Contracting, Inc., of Stephenville will complete the work for \$3.2 million.

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Texas Department of Transportation

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## Burn Ban Reinstated

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

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