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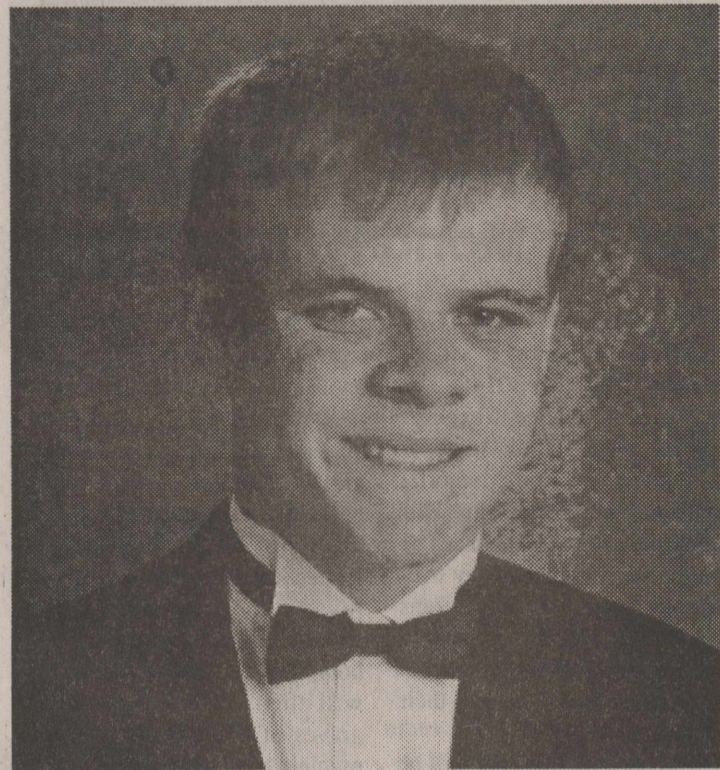
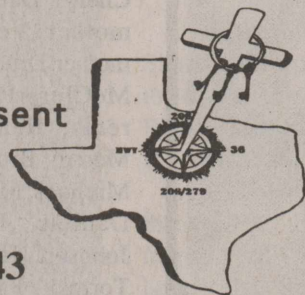
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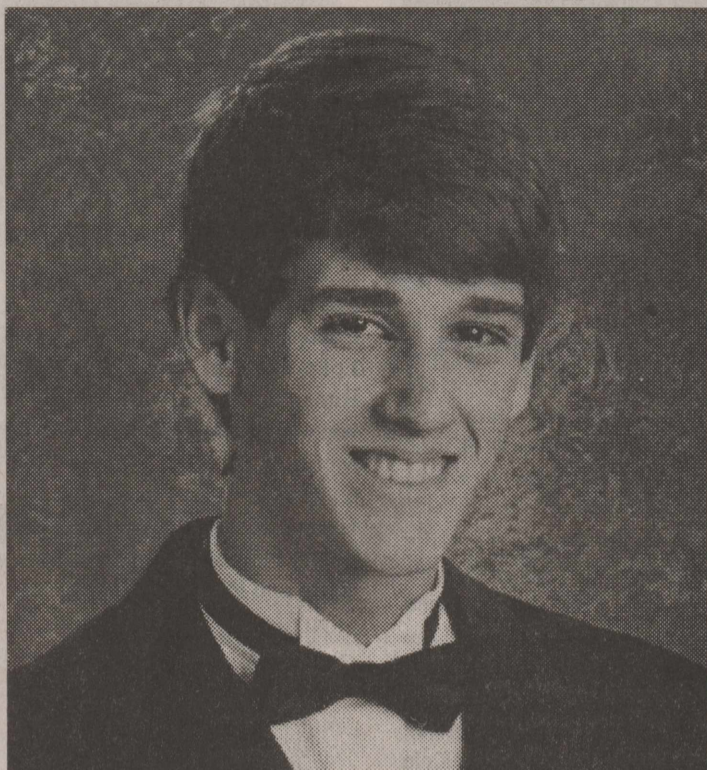
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Michael Kenton Carpenter
Valedictorian



Tyler John Henderson
Salutatorian

Cross Plains High School Class of 2014 Graduate Friday, May 30th

The Cross Plains High School Class of 2014 will bring their senior year to a close with commencement exercises at 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 30th, in the Cross Plains High School Gym.

The Top 10 Seniors who will be receiving medals are: Michael Carpenter, Tyler Henderson, Bridgette Mayfield (early graduate), Tristen Stephenson, Nicole Eisenbach, Cutter Halsel, Colton McWilliams, Justin Willis, Texas Sanders and Kristin Wright.

Charla White will perform the processional as 17 seniors enter. The invocation will be led by Nicole Eisenbach followed by the welcome speech delivered by Texas Sanders.

Tyler Henderson, son of Matthew Henderson and Wendy Messer, will deliver the Salutatory Address. As an academic scholar, Tyler has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years and a Key Club member for two years.

Tyler has been actively involved in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Track, One Act Play and UIL.

Tyler has been named All District Honorable Mention in Basketball, 2nd Team All District in Basketball, 2nd Team Academic All State in Basketball, and All Star Cast in One Act Play. He also received the third place bronze medal in the 4x200 M Relay at the 2014 State Track meet.

Ending his Senior year with a grade point average of 97.44 and being named the Salutatorian, Tyler will be attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas to major in psychology. Tyler plans to continue his education and eventually obtain his Doctorate Degree from the University of Washing in Seattle. He also plans to open a psychiatry practice while in Washington as well.

At this time Tyler Henderson

has received the Car Gold Scholarship from Angelo State University, in the amount of \$2,000.

The Valedictory Address will be delivered by Michael Carpenter, son of Billy and Camille Carpenter. While always keeping his academic career as a top priority, Michael has been a member of the National Honor Society for 3 years.

Michael has excelled in Football, track, FFA and UIL.

He has been named First Team All District Offensive Tackle and Defensive End in Football.

As Valedictorian and a grade point average of 97.93, Michael Carpenter will be attending the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. He will be majoring in Petroleum Engineering. Michael's plans are to obtain his Master's Degree from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and to begin working in his career field as a Petroleum Engineer.

At this time Michael Carpenter has received the Nanook Gold Merit Scholarship from the University of Alaska in the amount of \$18,500.

The Awards will be recognized by High School Principal, Diana Dobbins and the Scholarships will be recognized by Counselor, Debbie Mitchell.

Superintendent, Phil Mitchell will present the Senior Class of 2014 and School Board Members will then hand out diplomas.

Presentations to the seniors family will take place followed by the Benediction presented by Justin Willis. The Recessional will be played by Charla White.

Project Graduation will follow directly after the Commencement Ceremonies at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Project Graduation will be a "Lock In" event and all Graduates are encouraged to attend this special event.



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department receives a new Firetruck. Cross Plains VFD's new firetruck, a Ford F550 Fast Attack/Rescue Truck arrived in Cross Plains last Wednesday. This new vehicle will compliment the large Brush trucks and other firetrucks the department has in use!



Welcoming the New Firetruck! Left to right Cross Plains VFD members: Kathleen Terstegge, Joe Terstegge, J.D. Huddleston, Josh Loftin, Kyle Foster - Assistant Fire Chief and Ricky Carouth- Fire Chief.

Veteran's News Memorial Day 2014 By Veteran's Officer Tom Ivey

America will celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 26, 2014. While you enjoy the holiday (the cookouts, family reunions and just plain fun), please pause for a moment and remember those who have served our country and have now answered the last call.

We should all give a word of thanks for their service which has allowed us to continue to enjoy the many freedoms of this great nation. Please remember to offer condolences to the families of the following service members.

They are T.M. Allen-USAF, Lloyd W. Barr Jr. USN, Charles M. Beavers-USN, J. R. Black Jr.-USA, Benny J. Boggs-TNG, Alvis Gordon Brooks-USM), Weldon Lynn Edwards-

USA, Jerry Wayne Ertel, John Estrella, Lannie Ross Franklin, Carroll L. Gillitt-USMC, Felton Gilmore-USA, Alton L "Shorty" Jordan-USA, William Timothy Kilpatrick-USA, David Knotek-USA.

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Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!

Cross Plains holds City elections this past weekend

Cross Plains held their City elections this past weekend.

Ray Purvis was re-elected Cross Plains Mayor and City manager. He received 68 votes and ran unopposed.

Three candidates ran in the

City Council race Incumbent Bob Kirkham received 55 votes.

Jerry Cassle received 52 votes and James Nichols received 15 votes.

Bob Kirkham and Jerry Cassle were re-elected for the new term.

Ready, Set, Volunteer for Memorial Day Weekend

The Cross Plains EMS and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, will once again have their annual Memorial Day Fundraiser at the 4 way intersection of Hwy 36 and 279. The event begins on Friday, May 23rd from noon to 8:00 p.m. and will also be running Saturday, May 24th from 8:00 p.m. and Monday, May 26th from 8:00 am - 8:00 p.m. We need volunteers to stand for two hour increments or as long as possible, Friday evening, all day Saturday, and all day Monday.

Our goal is for the community to stand so the volunteers of EMS and the Fire Department don't have to!

Please help us as we "Stand" to support our local volunteers who give of their time and energies. I will have a schedule so please call to sign up!

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Save the Date!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

Guest Speaker this year will be Steve Warren, Abilene High School head football coach.

There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. More information to come soon!

Cross Plains Cemetery receives TX Historical Marker

The Cross Plains Cemetery has received a Texas Historical Marker.

While the official dedication ceremony will be held at a later date, the Callahan County Historical Commission and the Cross Plains Cemetery Association decided to set the marker now so it could be viewed during the Memorial Day holiday.

The marker will be next to the flag pole in the old section of the cemetery.

The first burial was in 1882. The land was deeded and an official cemetery was established in 1905.

Look for the announcement of the marker dedication ceremony in the next few weeks.

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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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

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Sunday School9:45 AM
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Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
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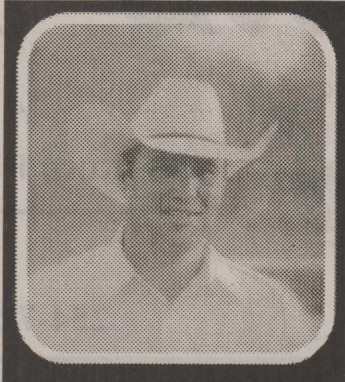
First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM
Music- Connie Swift
Lead Singers: 4His Glory
Pastor Kathy Monroe
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OBITUARIES



Kyle McClure

Kyle went home on May 13, 2014. He battled cancer for a year and a half and won. He was at home where he wanted to be so he could hear his children laugh and play. His wife was at his side when he took his last breath. Kyle fought a long hard battle and he taught his children how to be strong and never give up. Kyle taught his little family so much in a short period of time and for that they will forever be grateful.

Kyle was born to Mike McClure Jr. & Cheryl Daniels on August 4, 1982. Kyle married Kristin Hunter on July 7, 2012 at their home in Burkett, Texas where they created a loving home with their 3 children, Preston, Kashlyn & Cross. Kyle was a man of faith, he loved and knew his God. He loved unconditionally and he was a man that loved to show it. He was an expert pipeline welder, rancher-horseman and farmer but his children were his pride and glory.

He is survived by his wife Kristin McClure and three children Preston, Kashlyn, and Cross. Parents, Mike & Mi-

chelle McClure Jr., Rick & Cheryl Daniels; great grandmother Velma Lee; grandmother Drue Evans and Robbie McClure-Pancake; grandparents; Harold and Ophelia Merril; Brothers and Sisters, Michael McClure III, Ricky Daniels, Bill and Shanda Johnson, Jeremy and Brittany Torres; Father & Mother-in-law, Ken & Terri Hunter, Kyle will also be missed by his many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends.

Kyle is preceded in death by his brother-in-law Leifton Hunter; great grandfather, Damon D. Jones and his; great grandparents Faye and Lorain Merrill.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cross Plains Cancer Fund or Kyle McClure Love Fund at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains. Pallbearers: Preston McClure, Mike McClure Jr., Rick Daniels, Sean, Shipley Jody Harris, Kenny Horan, Jackie Strickland, Honorary Pallbearers: Michael McClure and Rickey Daniels.



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Countywide Burn Ban lifted

Due to the recent rainfall, Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has lifted the Outdoor Burn Ban in Callahan County effective Thursday, May 8th.

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Sunday School 9:30
Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
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Cross Plains VFD Auxillary Group will hold first meeting June 3rd

Would you like to help out the Cross Plains VFD?

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be forming an Auxiliary Group to help the Fire Department with fundraisers and other activities. You are invited to join us and be a part of the Auxiliary.

Come to our very first meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the CPVFD Firehouse on

2nd Street.

What will Auxiliary members do? Plan and help with bake sales, dinners and other fundraisers, organize and help get water and food to the firemen when they're out on a fire, and other activities.

Both men and women of all ages are welcome to come and join us!

The Pioneer Memorial Day Observance Program set for Monday, May 26th

The Pioneer Memorial Day Observance Program is set for Monday, May 26, 2014. The program is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM and will be held under the Pioneer Veterans Memorial Pavilion located near the War Memorial and the flagpole. The program is planned to pay tribute and respect to all veterans with a more specific homage to WWI and WWII veterans from the Pioneer area who lost their lives.

Our speaker this year will be Eastland County Judge Rex Fields. Judge Fields in a native of Cisco and a graduate of Cisco

High School, Cisco Junior College, Tarleton State University and Hardin Simmons University.

Several community and area citizens will take part in the program. The community takes pride in our cemetery and appreciation of American Veterans. Refreshments will be served following the program, which should last approximately one hour. Those attending the service will then place flags on the graves of all veterans. We appreciate your attendance and if you cannot attend, please give thanks for your freedom to both our living and fallen heroes.

Cross Plains ISD to hold meeting for 8th graders and parents, May 22nd

On Thursday, May 22nd, CPISD will hold a meeting for all current 8th grade students and their parents. The purpose of the meeting is to inform students and parents about the new graduation plans the state is adopting beginning with next year's freshman/9th grade class.

Due to House Bill 5 that was adopted by the state, there are some changes to graduation plans and requirements. This

meeting will give you information regarding the new plan.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting! It will be held in the High School, Room 108, immediately following the band concerts which begin at 6:00 p.m. The approximate start time for the meeting is 7:00 p.m. Please enter the High School building at the doors by the buffalo.

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

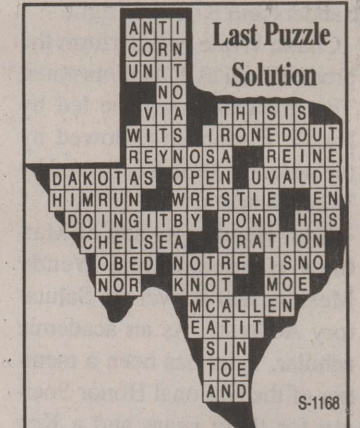
A Love Fund has Been Set at Texas Heritage Bank in Memory of Brenda Waggoner to help the family with expenses.

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



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Cross Plains 8th graders pictured showing their support for the veterans! Cross Plains 8th graders will be participating in placing flags on the graves of the veterans in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery on Friday morning, May 23rd.

Cross Plains 8th graders to join American Legion Post 423 in placing flags at cemetery

The Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 will be reviving a long lost tradition of placing flags at the graves of the 248 veterans buried in the Cross Plains Memorial Cemetery. In the tradition of mentoring youth to the continued devotion of our country, the eighth grade class from Cross Plains Middle school will be participating in this activity Friday morning, May 23rd. There are four Civil War veterans, two from the Spanish American War as well as those men and women who served in WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. If you have family or friends that you would like to pay respects to, please join us

Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. as we join those across the nation who will be placing flags on our soldiers' graves. According to protocol the flags are to be placed on the graves the Friday before Memorial Day and be removed the following Friday.

The custom of decorating the graves of those who gave their lives in military service has been observed throughout many generations. The observance of Memorial Day (formerly known as Decoration Day) in American was made official in 1868 when Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic issued a general order designating May 30th as a me-

morial day. He declared it to be "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion (the Civil War) and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land." <http://www.americaslibrary.gov>. It has since been extended to include all those who died in American wars.

The Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 is working hard in our community to bring back an awareness of patriotism and a continued appreciation of the freedom we enjoy. The meetings are the last Thursday of each month. The next meeting is May 29th at 6:30 in the evening with a light supper served. If you are a veteran of any branch of the service you would be most welcome.

CARBON CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMP JUNE 8TH-11TH IN CARBON, TX.

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Semester Exam Schedule: May 2014

Wednesday, May 28th

1st & 8th Period exam: 8:00-9:05 am
(1st p. test this day for those with 2 academic classes during 1st & 8th)

3rd period exam: 9:10-10:15 am

5-A & 5-B period exam 10:20-11:25 am

7th period exam: 11:30-12:30

Lunch for JH & HS 12:30-1:00

Thursday, May 29th

All 1st & 8th period students to gym/field with all coaches 8:00-9:05 am
(8th p. test this day for those with 2 academic classes during 1st & 8th)

2nd Period exam: 9:10-10:15 am

4th period exam: 10:20-11:25 am

6th period exam: 11:30-12:30

Lunch for JH & HS 12:30-1:00

If a student chooses not to eat lunch, they are still required to go to the cafeteria at 12:30 and remain until monitor releases them.

Students who have a valid driver's license on file will be allowed to sign out at 12:30 with a valid note from their parent or guardian - no "phone call permissions" will be granted. If a student is 18 or older, no note is required, yet must have valid license and sign out appropriately. No students will be allowed to leave campus prior to 1:00 pm with anyone other than their parent or guardian who has followed the appropriate sign-out procedure.

Friday, May 30th

Regular schedule of periods 1 - 5A will be followed with 5B Class meeting the same time as 5A is scheduled (11:35- 12:20).

Lunch will be combined for JH & HS and held from 12:22 until 1:00 pm.

The same procedure for signing out will be followed on this day.

Students will be released at 1:00 pm.

Library book sale hosted by Beta Sigma Phi

Join the members of Beta Sigma Phi sorority as they host the Cross Plains Public Library Book Sale on Saturday, June 7th, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All books are \$1/bag and there will be other miscellaneous items for sale. All proceeds will benefit Beta Sigma Phi.

Callahan County Riding Club 2014 Schedule

May: Sat. May, 31
June: Sat. June, 7, Sat. June 21, Sat. June, 28
July: Sat. July, 12, Sat. July, 19

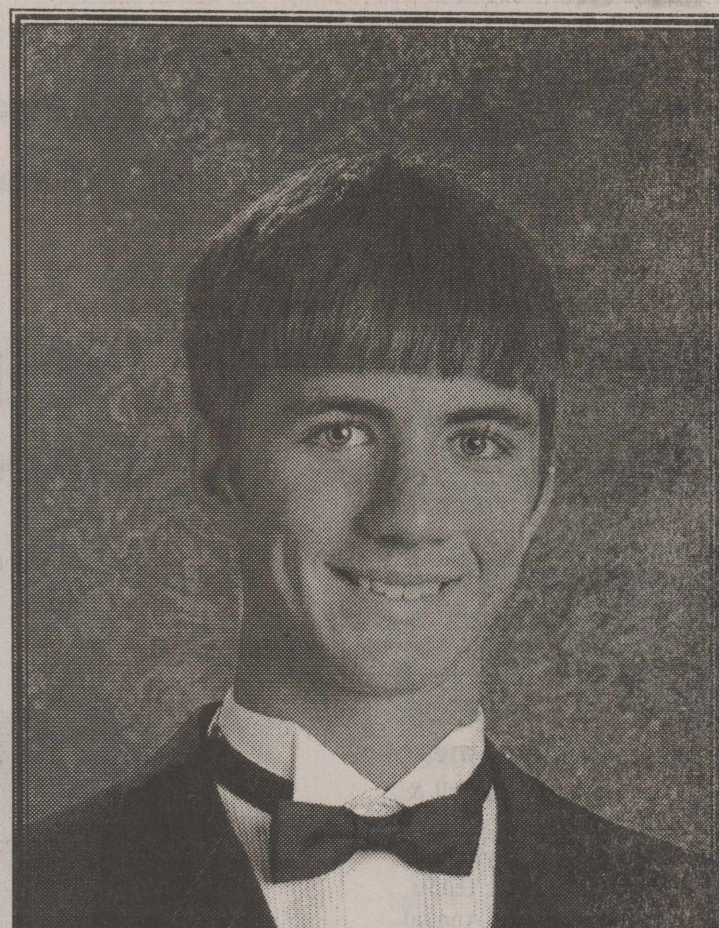
August: Sat. Aug, 2, Sat. Aug, 9, Sat. Aug, 23, Sat. Aug, 30

Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have a \$50.00 sponsorship or if the participant did not make the 9 required they can buy in at \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also parents/guardians must work in the concession stand once per person participating and bring a case of drinks and a dessert. Sign-ups will be between 6:00 and 6:30 pm

Trainers will begin at 6:30 pm Competition begins at 7:00 pm

Any rain-outs or make up days will be held on the open weekend or on Fridays or Sundays depending on weather and options of membership

Follow the club on Facebook at Callahan County Riding Club or you can call Paula Kinslow for more information 325-893-4054 or 325-829-1381.



COLTON MCWILLIAMS

Colton McWilliams receives \$500. Scholarship from Rowden Baptist Church

Colton McWilliams has been chosen to receive the Rowden Baptist Church \$500. Scholarship.

Colton is the son of John Fred and Melody McWilliams.

Over the past 4 years Colton has participated in Baseball, Basketball, Football, Powerlifting, Track, Band, FCA, FFA, UIL.

Colton plans to attend Texas A&M and major in Journalism.

Colton's special awards &

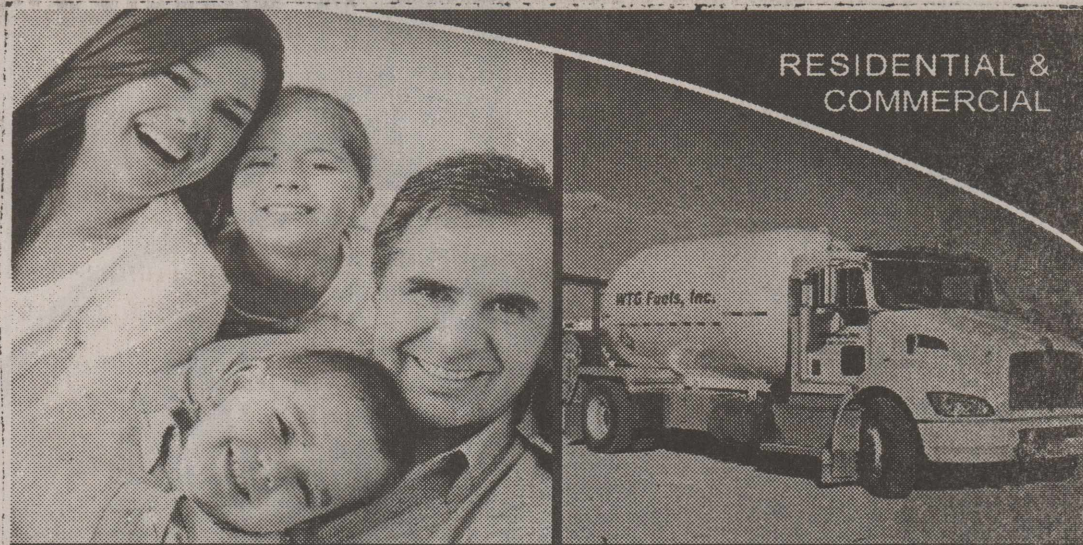
honors during high school are Best in Track, FFA Green Hand Officer, 1st team Corner back, 2nd team wide receiver, 1st team Safety, Honorable Mention Basket-ball, Academic All District Basketball, Academic All State Honorable Mention, State Qualifier Social Studies, Regional Qualifier Social Studies & News Writing, Track Regional Qualifier and State Qualifier in Track.

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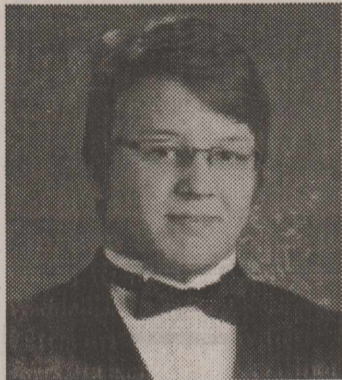
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Cross Plains 2014 Graduates



Lindsey Nicole Ames
 Daughter of Bonnie Gosnell & James and Allison Ames.
Extracurricular Activities: 4 years Basketball, 1 year Tennis, 4 years Track, 1 year Annual Staff, 4 years Key Club, 4 years OAP, 1 year Student Council, 1 year UIL in Headline and Writing.
Special Awards and Honors: Class Reporter, Prettiest Hair, Biggest Clown, Most Talkative, Regional OAP.
Future Plans: I plan on attending Angelo State University and becoming a neonatal nurse.



Clifton Paul Blaine
 Son of Mandy Woods and Albert Dixon.
Extracurricular Activities: Fall Play.
Future Plans: Undecided

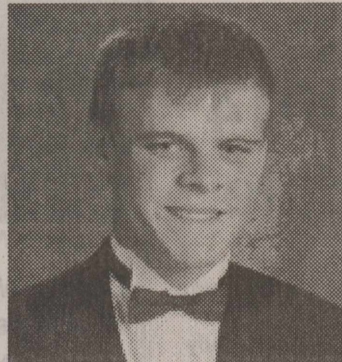
Class Motto

"Your off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way"
 - Dr Seuss

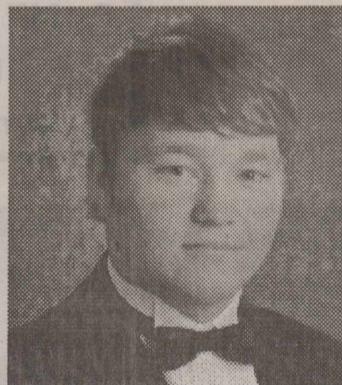


Joshua Caleb Branch
 Son of Brandi Lamb and Cliff Waddell.
Extracurricular Activities: 4 years Basketball, 4 years football, 2 years Tennis, 4 years Track and 6 years Band.
Future Plans: Undecided

Michael Carpenter
 Valedictorian



Michael Kenton Carpenter
 Son of Billy and Camille Carpenter.
Extracurricular Activities: 4 years Football, 1 year Track, 4 years FCA, 3 years FFA, 1 year OAP, 3 years NHS, 1 year Student Council, 4 years UIL in Number Sense, Current Events, and Science.
Special Awards and Honors: Senior Treasurer, Freshman Vice President, First Team All District Offensive Tackle and Defensive End.
Future Plans: I plan on studying Petroleum Engineering at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks.



Wesley Blaine Carver
 Son of Dana Dunn.
Extracurricular Activities: 2 years Baseball, 4 years Basketball, 4 years Football, 2 years Powerlifting, 1 year Tennis, 1 year Track, 1 year FCA, 3 years FFA and 1 year Key Club.
Special Awards and Honors: 2nd Team All District Defensive End, Honorable Mention Offensive Line.
Future Plans: Undecided.

Officers

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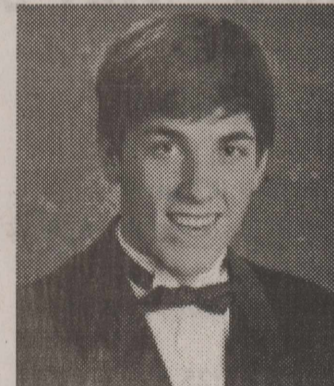
Nicole Cheyenne Eisenbach

Daughter of Sheila and Jeff Blackburn & Neil and Melissa Eisenbach.

Extracurricular Activities: Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Softball, Track, Annual Staff, FCA, FCS, FFA, Key Club, OAP, Spanish Club, Student Council and UIL.

Special Awards and Honors: Disstrict 10A DI Honorable Mention team as a Freshman. Sophomore year, All-Tournament at Dublin; also named to the District 10A DI 2nd team. Junior year I was named District 15A DII Offensive Player of the Year. The Abilene Reporter named me ALL Big Country Honorable Mention. I have received the honor of being Academic-All District my freshman, sophomore, and junior years, in softball I was named Defensive Play of the Year and Best in Golf. My Senior year I was named MVP in our basketball district and I was also named 1st team All State and All Region. Senior Creed Speaking- District Champion, Area Qualifier, Dairy Cattle Area Qualifier, UIL persuasive Speaking, A Honor Roll, 4th Top Student in the Class of 2014, Academic All State in Basketball, Key Club Member, Student Council Representative, Class President for sophomore and junior years, FFA Chapter Secretary, FFA Chapter Reporter.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Angelo State University after graduating high school to pursue my goal in becoming a Child and Teen Counselor. I will be majoring in Sociology or Psychology.



Cutter Guy Halsel

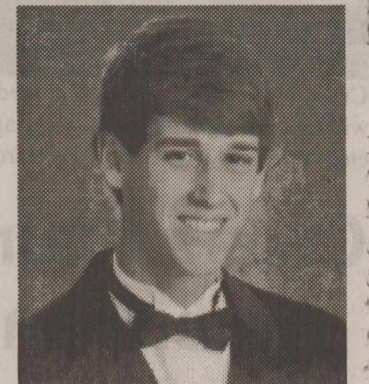
Son of Lynn and Robin Porter.

Extracurricular Activities: 1 year Baseball, 4 years Basketball, 1 year Cross Country, 3 years Football, 4 years Golf, 4 years Tennis, 4 years Track, 4 years FCA, 4 years FFA, 4 years Key Club, 2 years OAP, 2 years Spanish Club, 4 years Student Council, 4 years UIL in Social Studies, Current Events and OAP.

Special Awards and Honors: Biggest Flirt, Most Fun, Most Outgoing, Best Smile, Most Talkative, Class Favorite, MVP golf, Tennis 4 years, TABC Basketball, Offensive Player of the District, Basketball-Top 10 players off the week 4 times, player of the week, All Academic, Texas High School Coaches Association in conjunction with the United States Marine Corps Honorable Mention Academic All State Team, All tournament 2 times.

Future Plans: TSTC Pipeline Design.

Tyler Henderson
 Salutatorian



Tyler John Henderson
 Son of Matthew Henderson & Wendy Messer.

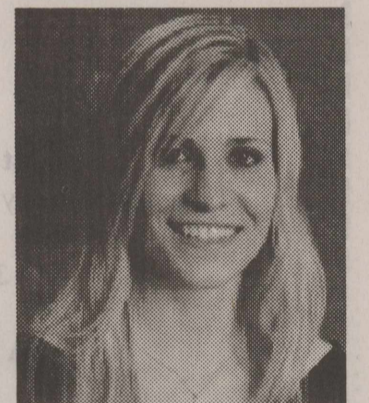
Extracurricular Activities: 2 years Baseball, 4 years Basketball, 1 year Cross Country, 2 years Track, 2 years Key Club, 1 year OAP, 3 years NHS, 2 years UIL in Mathematics, Spelling and OAP.

Special Awards and Honors: 3rd place at 2014 State Track Meet in 4x200 M Relay. Editor of Buffalo Stampede, Regional Track Qualifier, Prettiest Hair, All District Honorable Mention Basketball, Most Handsome, 2nd Team All District Basketball, OAP All Star Cast, 2nd Team Academic All State Basketball.

Future Plans: I plan on attending Angelo State University in hopes of achieving my doctorate in Psychology and to become a Clinical Psychologist or a Psychiatrist.

Sponsors

Rhonda Kelley
William Norman
Robin Porter



Jaden Marie Kennedy
 Daughter of Todd and Teresa Kennedy.

Extracurricular Activities: 4 years FFA, 2 years Key Club and 1 year Spanish Club.

Special Awards and Honors: Senior year- Key Club Secretary, FFA Secretary, Football Sweet heart Nominee. Junior year- Class Secretary, Most Friendly, Homecoming Queen Nominee.

Future Plans: I plan to go to Cisco College in Abilene for 2 years and then transfer to Hardin Simmons University to get a Business Degree.

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Bridgette Taylor
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Daughter of Ken and Kerry Mayfield.
Extracurricular Activities: 1 year Softball, 5 years Band, 1 year FCA, 2 years FFA, 1 year Key Club, 4 years NHS, 3 years UIL in LD Debate, Lit Crit.
Special Awards and Honors: Regional Qualifier Lit. Crit. 2 years, Regional Alternate LD Debate, Drum Major, Class Secretary, NHS President, Member of National Society of High School Scholars.
Future Plans: Attending HPU for a Nursing Degree.



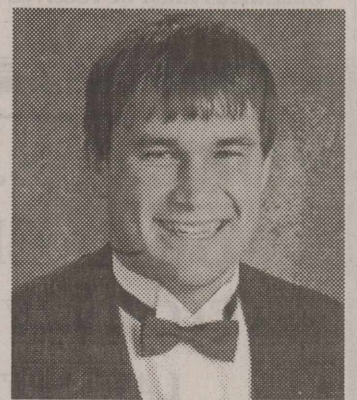
Texas Marie Sanders

Daughter of Darrel Sanders & Sunday Sanders.
Extracurricular Activities: 4 years Basketball, 2 years Cross Country, 4 years Softball, 3 years Track, 1 year Cheer-leading, 3 years Annual Staff, 2 years FFA, 2 years Key Club, 2 years Key Club, 2 years Spanish Club, 1 year Student Council, 3 years UIL in Mathematics, Calculato and accounting.
Special Awards and Honors: Class Officer all 4 years, Class President my Senior year, Reporter in Key Club.
Future Plans: To go to Cisco College to become a Medical Assistant.



Emily Shae Thying

Daughter of Cindy Senclair and Ricky Box.
Extracurricular Activities: 1 year Annual Staff, 2 years FCS, 2 Years Key Club.
Special Awards and Honors: Junior Class Treasurer, Senior Class Vice President, Voted "Always looking in the mirror".
Future Plans: I plan to attend Cisco Junior College in Abilene to Obtain my Associates degree in Medical Assisting.

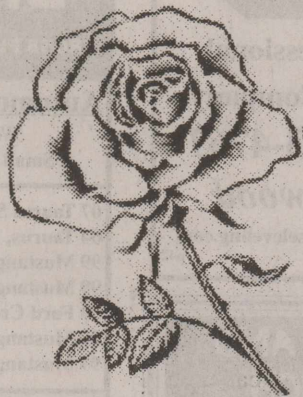


Justin Lorenzo Willis

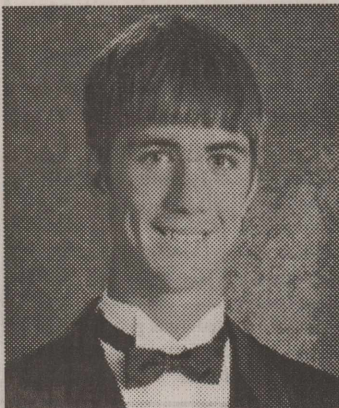
Son of John and Crystal Willis.
Extracurricular Activities: 1 year Baseball, 3 years Basketball, 4 years Football, 4 years Track, 4 years Band, 4 years FCA, 2 years FFA, 1 year Key Club, 2 years UIL in Social Studies.
Special Awards and Honors: Band Beau
Future Plans: Attend Howard Payne University for a Business Degree and play football as a Yellow Jacket.

Colors

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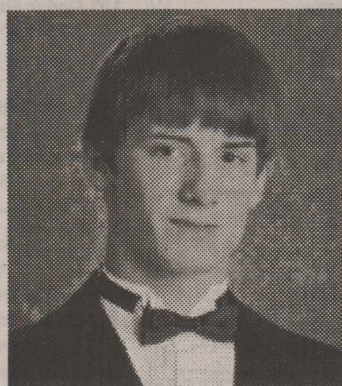


Flower Rose



Colton Bonner
McWilliams

Son of John Fred & Melody McWilliams.
Extracurricular Activities: 4 years Baseball, 4 years Basketball, 4 years Football, 1 year Powerlifting, 4 years Track, 1 year Band, 4 years FCA, 4 years FFA, 3 years UIL in Social Studies, News writing and Current events.
Special Awards & Honors: 3rd place in 2014 State Track Meet in 4x200 M Relay and 6th place at 2014 State Track Meet in 300 M Hurdles. Best in track Junior year, FFA Green Hand Officer Freshman year, 1st Team Corner Back Sophomore year, 1st Team Safety Junior year, 1st Team Corner back Senior year, 2nd Team Wide Receiver Senior Year, Honorable Mention Basketball Senior year, Academic All District Basketball, Academic All State Honorable Mention Senior year. UIL State Qualifier in Social Studies Junior year, UIL Regional Qualifier in Social Studies and Newswriting Junior year, Track Regional Qualifier Sophomore and Junior years.
Future Plans: I plan to attend Texas A&M and major in Journalism.



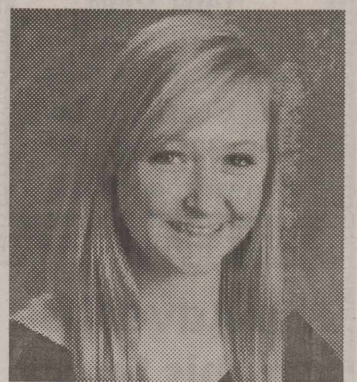
Tristen Edward Stephenson

Son of Angie and Brandon Cook.
Extracurricular Activities: 4 years Baseball, 3 years Basketball, 4 years Football, 1 year Powerlifting, 4 years Track, 2 years News paper, 4 years FCA, 1 year FFA, 2 year Key Club, 1 year OAP, 4 years NHS, 4 years UIL in Current Issues & Events, Science and OAP.
Special Awards and Honors: 3rd place at 2014 State Track Meet in 4x200 M Relay. 2nd Team Academic All State, 1st Team All District Utility Player in Football, 1st Team All District Safety in Football, New Corner of the Year in Basketball, 1st Team all District in Basketball, Best in the Big Country Student Athlete, UIL Academic Regional Qualifier, OAP Best Tech Crew, 800 M Relay school record holder, Regional Track Qualifier, Most Dependable, Most Athletic.
Future Plans: Attend UTPB and Obtain my degree in Petroleum Engineering.



Alyssa K. Elizabeth Wheeler

Daughter of Robbie and Carie Wheeler.
Extracurricular Activities: Basketball, Cross Country, Softball, Track, Cheerleading, FCCLA, Band, FCA, Key Club.
Special Awards and Honors: JH Football, MVP Softball, Rookie of the Year in Softball.
Future Plans: Navy



Kristin Lynn Wright

Daughter of Mike and Jennifer Wright.
Extracurricular Activities: 4 years Basketball, 3 years Cross Country, 2 years Tennis, 3 years Track, 1 year Cheerleading, 2 years FCA, 4 years FFA, 1 year Key Club, 2 years OAP, 2 years NHS, 4 years Student Council, 4 years UIL in Pros Speaking.
Special Awards and Honors: State Champion Team Member, State Champion in 4x200 M Relay and 4x400 M Relay at 2014 State Track Meet. Class officer, FFA Officer, Key Club Officer, NHS Officer, Student Council Officer, Class Favorite, All State Track Team, All Region Basketball, All American Cheerleader Nominee, 1st Team All District & Offensive MVP, Honorable Mention All Star Cast.
Future Plans: Attend College at Angelo State University to become a Registered Nurse. Work at that for a year and then go back to school to become an anesthesiologist.



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by Roger Todd Moore

A May 1985 thunderstorm in Ft. Worth dropped 34 fish into one back yard....it was NOT raining cats and dogs!



Robert E Howard Days Cottonwood Country Musical Cancelled

Back in 1986, a small group of armchair Howard scholars arrived for a special celebration. As Project Pride was still in the infant stages of organization, the "event" was hosted by a handful of visionaries. Joan McCowen just happened to be in the library on a Saturday when a very surprised Rusty Burke wandered in. Taking a break from his work at the Johnson O'Conner Research Foundation, Inc., Burke had driven up from Houston more or less on a whim to search for anything related to Robert E. Howard.

What transpired on that day was an invitation to Burke to bring a small group of other fans to Cross Plains to enjoy a day of visiting at the library, driving by and viewing the house where Howard had grown up and had done all of the writing that has gained a world-wide audience, and enjoying a Texas BBQ at Charles and Lou Rodenberger's home.

Twenty-eight years later that small gathering has become an annual event that draws scholars and serious fans from around the world. The Robert E. Howard United Press Association was the primary co-sponsor for the event, joined in recent years by the REH Foundation. It has always been a very productive relationship; they do the planning and we do the facilitating.

Now, once again Project Pride members are gearing up for the

event, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 13-14. Headquartered at the Howard Museum, there will be early morning coffee and donuts, a hot dog lunch, tours, a special postal cancellation, swap meet and panel discussions. Friday events will conclude with a celebration dinner and silent auction in the Community Center. Guest of Honor, Patrice Louinet from France, will deliver the key-note address as he talks about the way Howard incorporated historical events and peoples into his short fictional stories.

Saturday will be pretty much the same, except there will be some "free time" to visit the Barbarian Festival over in Treadway Park. The visitors spend a lot of time sitting around the Pavilion net-working with each other on possible collaborations of publications, sharing the latest research findings on Howard's writings and in general, just enjoying the company of folks with the same deep interest in the local writer.

Reservations for the \$15.00 Staghorn chicken-fried steak dinner may be made at the Library, the Bank and City Hall, mailed to Project Pride, PO Box 534 or via PayPal at ProjPride@yahoo.com

Deadline for reservations is June 5. Many out-of-town folks are already registered, so don't wait too long to get your reservations in.

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Cross Plains Elementary 1st graders get a visit from American Legion and learn about America! Company Commander Ron Bell and American Legion members Darlene Meador and Don Clark presented patriotic coloring books to the first graders at Cross Plains Elementary. If your elementary school student brought home one of these books, take some time to color a page and talk to them about America. Pictured are **bottom row** (left to right) Giovanni Reyes, Katelyn Gregory, Barrett Nickerson, Racelyn Smoot, Graydon Albrecht, Kade Purvis and Tyler Horn. **Second row** (left to right) Ryder Reed, Peyton Gilliam, Nathan Lee, Ryan Merryman, Rhianna Lee and Macky Taff. **Third row** (left to right) Natalie Allison, Katie Sutton, Stryker Dillard and Mattie Worley. **Fourth row** (left to right) Teacher April Cowen, American Legion member Darlene Meador, Company Commander Ron Bell, Principal Leslie Lawrence, American Legion member Don Clark and teacher Terri Hunter.

Carbon Christian Summer Camp set June 8th-11th in Carbon

The Carbon Christian Summer Camp, sponsored by the CrossTimbers Baptist Association will begin on Sunday, June 8th and continue through Wednesday, June 11th at the Carbon Community Baptist Church located at 515 E. Anthracite Street in Carbon, Texas.

CAMP SCHEDULE

YOUTH CAMP (Grades 7-12) June 8 to June 11, 2014 Cost per camp: \$110

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Registration- Friday June 13, 2014 at 9: a.m.

Camp Director: Wendy Forbus Camp ends with family supper at 5:00 p.m.

Pre-Teen Camp (grades 4-6) June 18 to June 20, 2014 Cost: \$85

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Beta Sigma Phi "Sisters of the Year!" Dora Warlick and Michelle Kaiser are Beta Sigma Phi "Sisters of the Year". Each year members of Beta Sigma Phi elect a "Woman of the Year", but there was a tie! Warlick is the outgoing president and Kaiser is the incoming president. Both are honored to have been selected.

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Ben Barron and Julie (Decker) Barron wed in Las Vegas

Ben Barron, son of Jerry and Linda Barron of Baird married Julie (Decker) Barron, daughter of John and Bev Decker, on April 20, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The bride's brother Jeffery Decker and the groom's friend Austin Moody were witnesses during the private ceremony.

Ben, formerly of Baird, Texas and Julie, formerly from Lewiston, Idaho, met, fell in

love and will continue to reside in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The couple will celebrate their marriage on later dates, with receptions in both Texas and Idaho.

Following the June (Texas) and July (Idaho) receptions, the couple will honeymoon in Costa Rica.

Ben is the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Cason of Baird.



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Striped Bark Scorpion

Aside from snakes and spiders, few endemic animals are the cause of fear like scorpions are. They have been described as formidable in appearance and many people have had the unfortunate experience of feeling the fiery venom from their stinger. Add the fact that they are commonly found in households (it has been reported that every house in the state has likely had a scorpion in it at one time or another!) and no wonder they cause trepidation in many folks.

The Striped Bark Scorpion (*Centroides vittatus*) is a type of arachnid that can be easily identified by the two large dark stripes that run the length of the body. The rest of the flattened body is typically a light tan to light brownish in coloration. Like most other scorpions, it has two pinchers, also known as pedipalps, as well as a long tail with a needle-like stinger at the end. The tail of the male is substantially longer than the tail of the female. It is an arachnid, and as such, it has four pairs of legs that it uses for crawling and climbing about. It also has two body parts, the front being the cephalothorax and the rear being the abdomen. Despite having a pair of eyes on top of and another two pair on the front of the cephalothorax, it cannot see well. It relies mostly on its sense of feel as it navigates its way searching for mates and food. It is a small scorpion with adults reaching a total length of about two and one half inches.

This variety of scorpion is the only species to range across the entire state of Texas and is the only kind found east of Abilene. Unlike most other scorpions, it does not burrow, but rather prefers to dwell under surface debris such as fallen logs, rocks and dead vegetation. Another living area that it regularly occupies is that of human households. Regardless of whether it is living in its natural habitat or human dwellings, it routinely searches for its primary prey items of other smaller invertebrates such as spiders and small insects in the darkness of night. These prey items are seized with the extremely slender pinchers and subdued with the venom of the stinger, which immobilizes the victim before consumption. In times of limited food availability, it is able to slow its metabolism to a virtual standstill to pre-



Striped Bark Scorpion
 (*Centroides vittatus*)

vent starvation.

To put human terms on animals is usually inappropriate, but this is a case where I have to make an exception. Male Bark Scorpions are known to be extremely romantic as they pursue their mates. Once a receptive female is detected, the pair will clasp pinchers and engage in an elaborate dance routine, sometimes for several hours before actually mating. This mating can take place at any time during the year, save the coldest months. Gestation typically lasts for nearly eight months, after which time the average of thirty-one young are born alive. The mother is the primary caregiver and the young hitch a ride on her back for about two weeks as they rapidly mature and molt for the first time. Maturity is reached within months of being born, and Bark Scorpions can live up to four years.

To defend itself, Bark Scorpions will utilize the venom-packed stinger on the end of its tail to inject said venom into its harasser. Its sting, although being likened to a burn from a lighter from victims unlucky enough to have been envenomated, is not known to be deadly. However, there are many factors that must be taken into consideration if a sting occurs. These factors include things such as the age and health of the victim, the area of the body where the bite occurred, and the possibility of an allergic reaction to the venom. Because of this possible allergic reaction that certain people have towards arthropod venom, a licensed physician should be consulted immediately if a sting occurs.

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

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Date: May 22, 2014

Texas posts strong job gains in April 348,000 net jobs were added over the last year and unemployment rate falls to 5.2 percent

AUSTIN — Today, Friday, May 16th, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the *Regional and State Employment and Unemployment Summary* for April 2014. The Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy released this statement today providing another example of the job creation success of the Texas model.

The Lone Star State's robust economy predicated on a foundation of low taxes and regulation, otherwise known as the Texas model, continues to provide men and women across this great state with plentiful job opportunities not found in many places across the U.S.," said Dr. Vance Ginn, Economist in the Center for Fiscal Policy, "Texas added the most net jobs in the nation last month at 64,100—22 percent of all jobs added nationwide—and has added more jobs in the past year than any other state."

"The 3.1 percent annual job creation rate ranks near the top and has helped push the unemployment rate down by 1.2 percentage points over the last year to 5.2 percent—the lowest since September 2008. With eight of eleven major industries adding jobs last month, the Professional and Business Services sector that is typically known for well-paying jobs added a record 20,100

jobs in April. This report further solidifies the case that a limited government framework allowing unhampered market forces to work provides the necessary ingredients for everyone, including the neediest among us, to have the chance to flourish and reach toward their American dream."

Vance Ginn, Ph.D., is an Economist in the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

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Cottonwood Historical Annual Meeting

On Saturday, May 3rd people gathered at the Cottonwood Community Center and enjoyed a day of visiting, remembering, and good brisket, sausage and chicken cooked by Bob Robinson, Tom Bennett with the help of Adrian Allen, and Bob Ossowski. Everyone brought delicious side dishes and desserts as well to go along with the meat.

As people were gathering, Frances Thornton presented a slide show of the last two annual meetings.

Bob Childress, board president called the meeting to order.

Garmond Parrish led the opening prayer.

Herman Weaver recited a poem "Abiding Love" in memory of those with roots at Cottonwood than have passed in the last year. He then called their names while Bob Robinson rang the old school bell to honor them.

Lavonia Redden Duck from Houston attended as did Geraldine Ramey Underwood. The ladies donated a quilt to the Cottonwood Historical Association. The "friendship" quilt was given to Lavonia's mother and dad when they moved from Cottonwood in 1942. Lavonia's dad was the Baptist preacher back then. Her mother was Willie Ramey Redden. The Ramey family lived west of the Baptist Church.

A program by Martha Robinson Malone was enjoyed by all. Martha had an interesting presentation of pictures and histories of buildings and families of yesteryear. Some of the audience told stories of their

own or helped establish the identity of old buildings or the whereabouts of schools and buildings long gone.

Thomas Estes, pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, lead the closing prayer for the meeting.

The group then traveled to the kitchen area to enjoy the meal and visitation with each other.

The Cottonwood Historical Association completed many projects the last year including filling in the graves after the July rain, putting down pre-emerge in for the cemeteries for the grassburs, installing a donated projector for slide shows, fixing a roof leak at the community center and installing the new flooring in the kitchen of the community center.

All of this could not have been done without the support of the people who care about the preservation of the community whether it be by donations or helping to complete a project.

Some of the projects planned this year for the Historical Association will include more repair and restoration of the historic buildings and to continue on the with the pavilion project for the new cemetery. Anyone wishing to donate to the pavilion fund or the cemetery, send your donations to:

Cottonwood Historical Association

P O Box 704

Cross Plains, TX 76443

The Board of Directors of the Cottonwood Historical Association appreciate all donations and interest in the community.

The next annual meeting will



be the first Saturday in May 2015.

Everyone who has roots in Cottonwood or has chosen Cottonwood as their home are encouraged to attend the annual meeting and share their ideas of the preservation of the historic community.

Thank you!

The 2014 -2015 Board of Directors

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ACROSS

1 prefix meaning opposed to

5 most of this TX crop is used to feed livestock

6 replacing your AC is expensive

7 TX Nolan pitched seven _____ hitters

8 TX singer Angela whose stage name is "Cortez"

9 TX Ryan Lee had a part in 2012 film "_____ 40"

15 TXism: "he'd be unarmed in a battle of _____" (dumb)

16 TXism: "we _____ our differences" (agreement)

19 across the river from McAllen

21 beautiful Norway fishing village

22 TX is bigger than both these states good 2003 western: "_____ Range"

28 TX birth town of actor Matthew McConaughey

29 Beach Boys tune: "Let _____ Wild"

30 TXism: "he'd arm _____ King Kong" (daring)

32 Rangers radio announcer, Nadel (intl.)

33 we trust TX lawmen are _____ the book

36 TXism: "big frog in the _____" (VIP)

DOWN

1 Abilene univ.

2 East TX has _____ biting midges

3 Grovelton is the seat of this co.

4 TXism: "he couldn't drive a nail _____" (inept)

8 competes

9 2nd "T" of "TxDOT"

10 TX Fess Parker '56 film: "Westward _____ the Wagons!"

11 TX Willie's "Blue Eyes Crying _____ the Rain"

12 TX Billie Sol Estes did this in prison (2 wds.)

13 "it seemed like a good _____ at the time"

14 dirt

15 horse handler

16 album by TX-born Tracy Lawrence: "_____ It Now"

17 _____ circumstances will I do that"

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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28 forearm bones

31 TXism: "he _____ out of here!" (left quickly)

34 a TX sch. region

35 Cowboy Witten pos.

37 whetstone sharpen


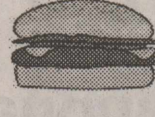
40 TX George Jones' "The Race _____"

43 TX Mac Davis' "Baby Don't Get Hooked _____"

44 TXism: "she'd have to stand up twice _____ shadow" (skinny)

50 legal tablets, e.g.

51 TCU & SD Charger star LaDainian (intl.)

 Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu May 26- May 30 					
	MONDAY 26	TUESDAY 27	WEDNESDAY 28	THURSDAY 29	FRIDAY 30
B R E A K F A S T	Chicken-n-Biscuit w/ syrup Cereal Fruit & juice Milk	Cheddar Omelet Wrap or P.B. & J Sandwich Cereal Fruit & juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Fruit & Juice Milk	Waffles or Pancakes Sausage Cereal Fruit or Juice Milk	PB & J, Oatmeal Round, or Cinnamon Pastry Yogurt & Cheese Stick Fruit & Juice Milk
	L U N C H	Corn Dog Baked Beans Tomato-Cucumber Pineapple Tidbits Sherbet Milk	Chicken Nuggets Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls Sliced peaches Milk	Chicken or Beef Patty on bun Oven fries Baby carrots Hamburger Garnish Sliced Apples Milk	Chicken Spaghetti Broccoli Baby Carrots Breadstick Mixed Fruit Milk

Cottonwood News

By Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and several other fire departments were called out over several days to fight a brush fire north of Cottonwood. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly day-after-day to put the fire out and keep our community safe.

When the Burn Ban is off, please exercise caution if you are doing a control burn. Listen to the news for "high fire days" and "red flag warnings". It's so easy for a burn to get out of control. Call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444 and let them know you will be burning, so they will know where to send firetrucks should the burn get out of control. When the Burn Ban is on, there's no burning at all. Be safe. Call the Sheriff's office before you burn.

This weekend is Memorial Day weekend and while you are remembering your loved ones who served our country, remember also our firefighters and EMS personnel who serve our community every day. The Cross Plains EMS, Cross Plains VFD and other volunteers will be standing at the four way stop in Cross Plains on Friday, Saturday and Monday collecting donations.

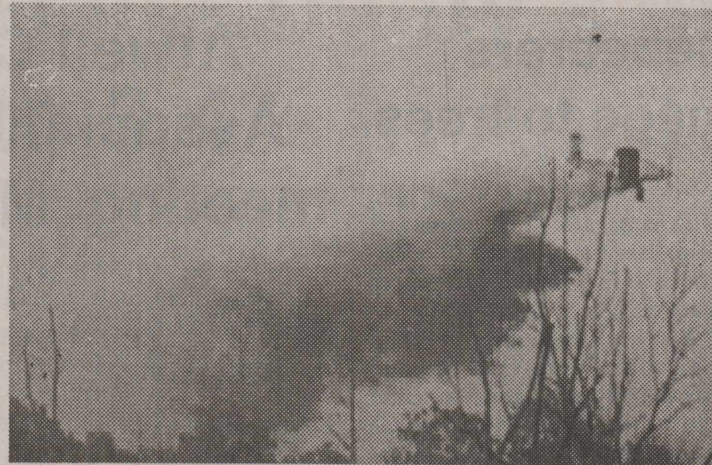
David Weaver of Corpus Christi is here visiting with this mother, Mary Ella Weaver this week.

Sunday after church is the Fellowship Dinner at the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Bring a covered dish or a dessert to go with the meal. As always, there will be good food and good fellowship.

The Barbarian Festival is just around the corner on Saturday,

June 14th and Cottonwood is well represented in the Festival organizers. Diana and Russ Miller are in charge of the booths. If you haven't reserved a booth yet, give them a call. Erik Woodard is in charge of the Classic Car and Truck Show. Joe Terstegge is in charge of the Kick-off Parade on Thursday, June 20th. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and the Cottonwood Historical Association will have booths at the event. Be sure you look for them at the festival.

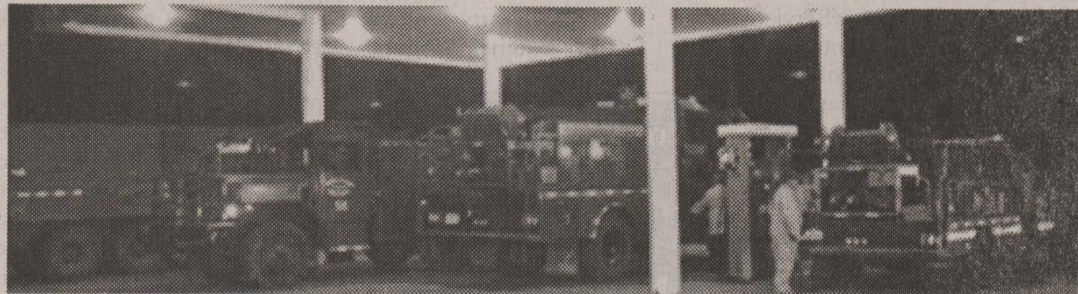
More Cottonwood connections - Cottonwood Kids Mandy and Matt Sowell will be printing the official Barbarian Festival T-shirt that was designed by my daughter Teri, who was raised here in Cottonwood. Be sure you look for the Salamander's booth at the festival and get your Barbarian Festival t-shirt.



Texas Forest Service airplane drops fire retardant on the brush around the fire near Cottonwood last week. Photo courtesy of Rising Star VFD.



A fire last week near Cottonwood can be seen from several miles away. Photo taken by Rising Star VFD.



Many of the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's trucks filling up with gas after the fighting the fire near Cottonwood.

Cross Plains VFD fights fire near Cottonwood

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department fought a brush fire near Cottonwood over four days last week. High Winds and rough terrain hindered the firefighters. Many firetrucks and firefighters spent long hours controlling and extinguishing the fire.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire

Control, Baird Volunteer Fire Department, Putnam Volunteer Fire Department and Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department also assisted in fighting the fire. The Texas Forest Service brought in bulldozers and an air attack crew who dumped several loads of fire retardant on the heavy brush around the fire.

Thanks goes out to Jean's Feedbarn, Food Plaza, Dairy Queen, Lowe's Market, Pam Harris, Nora Odom, Judy Luter and others who supplied sandwiches, hamburgers, ice, water and other beverages for the firefighters while they were on the scene.

More sponsors signing up now for the Barbarian Festival- You can be a sponsor

You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival! On the second Saturday in June over a thousand local and area residents gather at Treadway Park for the Barbarian Festival, and enjoy arts and crafts, jewelry, candles and other kinds of booths, kids games, pony rides, a variety of food, live music and lots of fun. This year's festival is coming up soon on Saturday, June 14th.

You, your business or your organization can sponsor the Barbarian Festival. For a donation of \$100.00 or more you will receive your or your company's name or logo represented in print advertising for the festival in local & area newspapers and on the Barbarian Festival t-shirt and website. You will also receive a complimentary t-shirt.

For a donation less than \$100.00, you name or your company's name represented in print advertising.

You can also donate items to our raffle that benefits the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Schol-

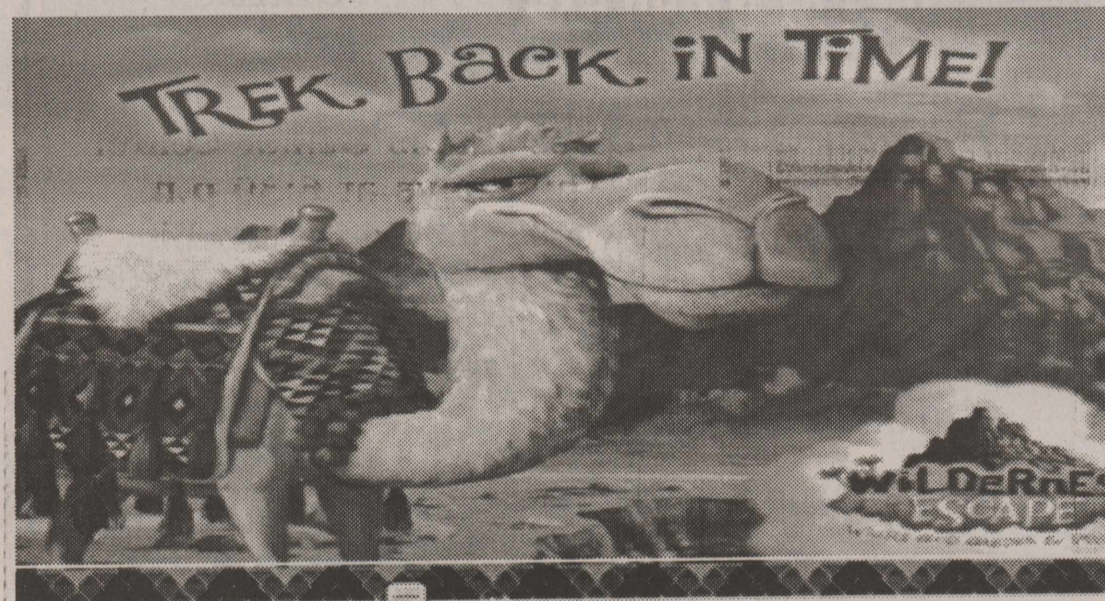
arship Funds. We will draw for the items during the festival and your business will be mentioned as donating the item. Donated items will be accepted in lieu of cash for sponsorship.

Those businesses that have already signed up to sponsor the festival are: Lowe's Market, Texas Heritage Bank, Dairy Queen, Caddo Peak Ranch, Mexico City Cafe, Robert Howard Foundation, Rusty & Shelly Burke, Cottonwood Historical Association, First United Methodist Church, Azalee Womack, Bagley Insurance, Ray's Barber Shop, Higginbothams, Trinity Live Oak Real Estate, Cross Plains Parts Plus, Meghan's Market, Last Shot Boots and Ranch Wear, Hutchins Custom Processing, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Sisters Restaurant, Callahan County Sheriff's Dept., ResourceCare, Cooks Fish Barn, Connie's Cuts & Curls, MicroMold Plastics Inc., Snippets, Complete Home Maintenance, Cunningham Ranch, 36 West Motel, McCr-

eady Rods and Rides, Bear Branch Ranch, AAA Stowaway Storage, Barr Fabrication, Salamander's Apparel, Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters, City of Cross Plains, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Susan Schaefer CPA, Turner Landscaping, Cross Plains EDC, Tim's Floral and Gifts, J & S Ag Fabrication, Live Oak Land Real Estate, Subway, and the Rodenberger Family.

If you've sent in your sponsorship, and we didn't mention you, please accept our apologies, it was in error. Please call and let us know, so we can add you to the sponsor list.

You can mail your sponsorship donations to the Barbarian Festival Committee, P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443 before May 10, 2014 or call Don Childers 254-725-6498 for sponsorship information or raffle item pick-up. If you have any questions about the festival contact Susan McNeel Childers 325-669-0329 or Cindy Payne 254-725-6992.



Join us at Wilderness Escape VBS. Where we'll explore what life for the ancient Israelites. They've escape slavery in Egypt...but now what? You'll cool projects in the Israelite Camp, race through the wilderness as play games, visit with Moses, and eat some interesting new foods. Plus you'll meet lots of new friends!

Location **First Baptist Church**

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Benefit to help Lake Brownwood Bridge Fire Department

This Fundraiser is to benefit the Lake Brownwood Bridge Fire Department. There will be a Bar-B-Q Dinner with all the trimmings!


**Where: Grosvenor Community Kyzer Annex
on FM 1850 off of HWY 279- North of Lake Brownwood**

When: Saturday, June 14th from 4pm - 8pm

Cost: \$8 per Plate & \$5 for children under 10 years of age.



All donations will be appreciated!



Come out and help make this benefit a success for the Lake Brownwood Bridge Fire Dept. If you would like to help or donate anything, call Bill Richardson at 254- 725-7289

Hosted by Grosvenor Community Association

Pecan Nut Casebearers can cause damage to trees

Pecan growers in Callahan County, as well as homeowners with backyard trees, should be aware that it is the time of year that pecan nut casebearers can cause damage to your pecan crop. It appears that the casebearer infestation will be light to average and the pecan crop appears to be average at best. However this pest can significantly damage a pecan crop if not controlled, according to Jerry Warren, County Extension Agent-Agriculture with the Texas A&M AgrLife Extension Service. Based on Extension Entomologists' estimation control of 1st generation pecan nut casebearers should be applied to pecan trees May 21-27, if control is necessary. To determine if control is necessary check pecan clusters for eggs and nut entries on a daily basis.

Eggs are usually found on the tips of nutlets and about the size

of the ball in a ball point pen. The eggs are white when first laid, then turn pink to red over a three-to-five day period before hatching.

Apply an insecticide the third day after the first eggs hatch to kill the larvae before they enter the nutlets. Since the larvae will hatch over a week-long period or more, a second spraying may be necessary, says County Extension Agent Jerry Warren.

Sincerely,
Jerry Warren
County Extension Agent

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Atwell Cemetery Association annual meeting May 25, 2014

The Atwell Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting and Memorial Service on Sunday May 25, 2014 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the cemetery shelter.

Lunch will follow the business meeting and Memorial Ser-

vice. Bring your favorite covered dishes- vegetables, meats, salads and desserts to share with your friends and neighbors. The Association will furnish the bread tea, ice and picnic supplies. All are invited to attend the meeting.

Get Waisted in Cross Plains

A new weight loss program, Get Waisted, is coming to the Cross Plains area. At Get Waisted, we offer two great options! One is the Foodie Detox, which is a way to jumpstart your weight loss and lose up to 5 lbs per week while eating delicious plant-based foods. If you'd like to take it a little easier, our other option, The 4 Steps To Success, lets you lose 1-2 pounds per week

at your own pace. Both programs work without pills, powders, potions or points. Eat your own food. Weekly meetings will be held at the Cross Plains Senior Center each Thursday evening at 6:30pm beginning May 8th. Please join us and see what all the excitement is about. For more information email coachnancee@gmail.com or call 325-721-5381.

Lady Buffs Girls Basketball Camp

Dates: June 2-5, 2014

Where: Cross Plains Gymnasium

Cost: \$45

Incoming 2nd - 5th Grade 8 am to 11 am

Incoming 6th - 9th Grade 12 pm to 4 pm

Registration Form is located on the

Cross Plains ISD website

Pre-registration is due May 16, 2014

Walkups are welcome the day of camp.

Contact Information:

Mykia Anderson, Head Girls Basketball Coach

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Jeremiah 29 Project launches 1st week in June

A meeting of volunteers and all interested parties will meet at Living Water Church on Friday, May 16th.

We are going to try to get Volunteers scheduled at this time!!

They are so excited to get the project underway and meet with you, members of a very caring community!!

If you have any questions call Whitney 325-260-9330 or Crystal 325-370-770.

Cross Plains Academic Awards Ceremony, May 21st

There will be an Academic Awards Ceremony for Cross Plains Secondary School next Wednesday, May 21st, at 1:00 p.m. in the CPISD Auditorium. Awards will be given for most improved and most outstanding each class, UIL Academic contests, recognition of NHS, Student Council, FCCLA, Key Club and other organizations. Presentations of scholarships to gradu-

ating seniors from various local groups and organizations will be given and the Top 10 graduating seniors will be announced.

The students have worked hard and achieved many academic successes this past year and this provides an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge those successes. Parents, family members, and the community are invited to attend the ceremony.

Muddy Creek at Grand Ole Oplin this Friday

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good friends, good music and lots of dancing.

May 23rd MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us some more. The band playing on May 30th has yet to be announced, but we'll let you know soon.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is

located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our Friday dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is only \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to THE GRAND OLE OPLIN, we'll be happy to see you!

Annual Meeting of the Belle Plaine Cemetery Association is Monday, May 26th

The Belle Plaine Cemetery Association will hold its annual business meeting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

Belle Plaine Cemetery is located 8 miles south of Baird. Take Highway 283 to CR 470 and turn east. Turn north at CR 473 (first dirt road) and then east into cemetery entrance. We have directional signs to help you find your way.

In order not to interrupt the opening ceremonies, please plan to arrive and be parked by 10:30 a.m.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the traditional fly-over by the Big Country Squadron of the CAF based at Elmdale Airpark. We invite attending veterans to assist in the flag-raising ceremonies. Norman West, Jr. will play the National Anthem, and Brigadier General John Comper (Ret.) will lead the Riderless Horse.

Our theme this year is "Sisters." We are focusing on two

sisters buried here at Belle Plaine. Lorraine and Ella Moore Seale grew up on the Seale ranch located just to the northeast of the cemetery. Many Callahan County residents remember them as Billy and Curley Seale! If you have memories and pictures of the girls, please bring them with you to the meeting. As usual, we will have a time set aside to share Belle Plaine memories and perhaps, other "sister" memories as well.

If you have any U.S. or Texas damaged flags, you may bring them to the meeting and we will take them to the American Legion for proper disposal.

A potluck dinner will follow the business meeting. Please bring a covered dish to compliment the meat and drinks provided by the Association.

Please mark down May 26 on your calendar. This meeting/ceremony is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you!

Callahan County's jobless rate falls to 3.4% in April 2014

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped six-tenths of one percent to 3.4% in April 2014, according to jobless figures released Friday, May 16th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in April 2013 was 4.5 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.0% in March, 2014.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.3% in February 2014, 4.2% in January 2014, 4.1% in December 2013, 4.3% in November, 4.5% in October, 4.9% in September, 4.7% in August, 4.7% in July, 5.3% in June 2013, 5.2% in May, and 4.5% in April, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for April 2014 include: Brown, 3.9%; Coleman, 4.4%; Eastland, 4.0%; Jones, 4.6%; Runnels, 4.1%; Shackelford, 2.1%; Stephens, 4.0%; and Taylor County, 3.6%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.7% in April, 2014, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 83,900. There were 80,800 employed during April 2014, while 3,100 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.7%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 84,200 in March, 2014. Total employment of 80,600 was reported in March 2014, while 3,600, or 4.2% were unemployed in March 2014.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for April, 2013 was 4.7%. The total workforce was reported at 84,500, with 80,500 employed and 4,000 or 4.7% unemployed in April, 2013.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of April, 2014 was 4.7 percent. The total Texas labor force was 12,931,200 in April 2014. The total number of Texans employed is 12,317,600. The total number of unemployed Texans was 613,600 in April 2014.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 5.3 percent. The state's unemployment rate in April of 2013 was 6.0 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for April, 2014 was 5.9 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of March, 2014 was 6.8%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in April, 2013

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Mar.	Apr.
	4.0%	3.4%

was 7.1%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

- The April unemployment rate decreased by six-tenths of a percentage point to a rate of 4.7 percent. Texas has not seen the unemployment rate this low since May 2008. This was the second consecutive month in which the unemployment rate declined in Texas, and also the largest April unemployment rate drop since 2004. The Texas unemployment rate declined 1.3 percentage points over the year. For the United States, the unemployment rate fell nine-tenths of a percentage point to 5.9 percent. The Texas unemployment rate was 1.2 percentage points below the national rate.

- The Civilian Labor Force decreased by 24,000 individuals over the month to a total of 12,931,200 persons. This was the second drop in the Texas labor force this year. However, the past three months have shown an average gain of 37,600 Texans joining the labor force. Since the beginning of the year, the Civilian Labor Force has grown by 112,700 individuals.

- The number of employed persons increased over the month by 54,300 people to a total of 12,317,600 individuals. This was the third consecutive month in which the number of jobholders increased. The number of employed Texans has averaged an increase of 80,900 persons over each of the last three months. The number of employed in Texas has increased by 315,000 individuals over the year. The number of jobseekers was 613,600 persons, a decrease of 78,300 individuals over the month. This was the largest April drop in the number of unemployed Texans since the beginning of the series. This was also the lowest number of Texans seeking work since September 2008. Over the year, the number of unemployed Texans has declined by 156,600 individuals.

- The number of jobseekers continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits decreased by 8,100 persons over the month to a total of 122,200

claimants. Since the beginning of the year, the number of Texans seeking continued unemployment benefits has dropped by 12,000 persons. The Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) unemployment claim activity declined in 22 MSAs and rose in three areas in April. The largest drop in unemployment claim activity was in the Waco MSA with a decrease of 17.8 percent. The El Paso MSA had the largest gain in continued claimant activity with an increase of 1.8 percent.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Toyota to Move U.S. Headquarters to North Texas

PLANO, TX (Bloomberg News—Alan Ohnsman)—Toyota Motor Corporation plans to consolidate U.S. sales, engineering, and finance operations in Plano, sending jobs and investment from California, New York, and Kentucky to a new North American headquarters. The automaker put no price tag on the shift, but Governor Rick Perry's office said it was more than \$300 million and that the Texas Enterprise Fund has offered Toyota \$40 million in exchange for the jobs and capital investment.

The move will affect about 2,000 people at Toyota's U.S. sales headquarters in Torrance, California; 1,000 employees from Kentucky, and some staff from its holding company in New York. About 1,000 people from its finance company will also go to Texas by 2017, Toyota said. "With our major North American business affiliates and leaders together in one location for the first time, we will be better equipped to speed decision making, share best practices, and leverage the combined strength of our employees," Jim Lentz, Toyota's North American chief executive officer, said.

Grocer Plans Two Stores in Permian Basin

MIDLAND/ODESSA, TX (Midland KWES NBC 9 — H-E-B is expanding in both Midland and

Odessa. A new store in each city will allow regional customers more places to shop for groceries. H-E-B says both stores are to create more than 500 jobs. The Midland location will be at Loop 250 and 191. In Odessa, it will be at Loop 338 and West University.

Over 17 years have passed since the first H-E-B stores arrived in Midland and Odessa. The increase in population and housing demands the need for more locations. Concerning the location of the new stores, City of Odessa's Public Information Officer, Andrea Goodson, said, "I think it's definitely demanded in this area. We are growing, we need new services. They are a Texas retailer and we are very happy to have them here."

GEICO Adds More Employees

HOUSTON, TX (Katy Rancher)—Along with Texas Governor Rick Perry and Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffet at a ribbon-cutting ceremony, GEICO announced that its Katy claims office has already added 357 new employees towards the goal of 1,000 jobs by 2017. "We don't make predictions...but we think we're going to be here a long time, Governor. We couldn't be happier to be in Texas," said GEICO Chairman Tony Nicely. That job count is very close to meeting the company's goal of having 400 associates by 2015. GEICO's 138,000-square-foot office in Katy is located in a burgeoning business district that also contains the Newpark Drilling Fluids global headquarters, which opened in 2013. Buffet's Brookshire Hathaway owns GEICO.

Prudential Brings Jobs to El Paso

ELPASO, TX (KFOXTV.com)—Prudential Financial - a Fortune 500 company - announced it will open a business center in El Paso. Officials with Prudential said the new center will bring 300 quality jobs. Barbara Koster, senior vice president and chief information officer for Prudential, said, "It will be a business and technology center. What it will include is technology jobs that run the gamut from programming to testing, to business analysis, and design from an operations point of view." Prudential said the target demographic for these jobs are veterans and military spouses.

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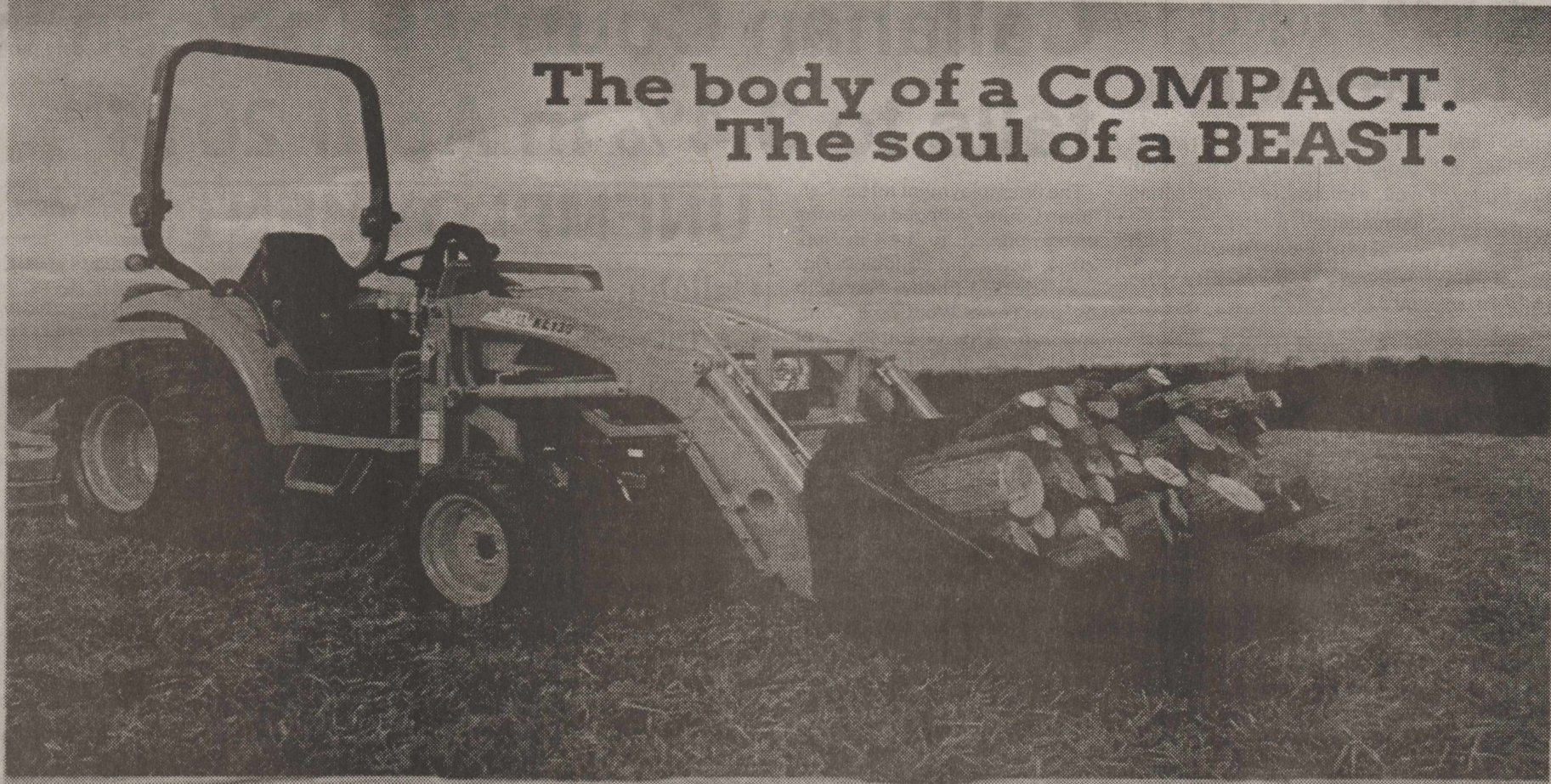


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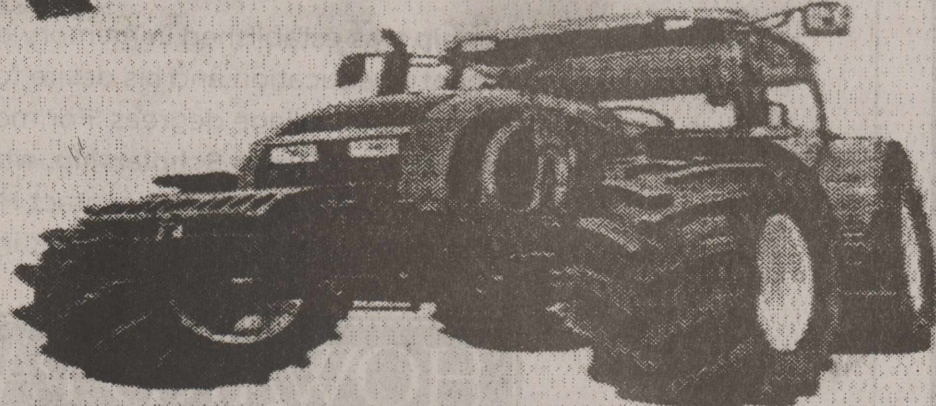
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Tommy Ames voted as Board President in Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees Meeting

May 14, 2014 Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Diana Dobbins, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Directory Daniel Purvis, and guests Tesia Lewis, Shyla Lewis, David Lewis, Theron Albrecht, Carlile Albrecht, Summer Albrecht, Graydon Albrecht and William Albrecht.

Prayer was led by Crockett. Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we proclaim Shyla Lewis as Girl Student of the Month and Theron Albrecht as the Boy Student of the Month for April. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we open nominations for Board President. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Cowan that we close nominations for Board President. For 7/Against 0

We voted Tommy Ames as Board President. For 6/Against 0/Abstain: Ames

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by McWilliams that we open nominations for Board Vice-President.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Richey that we close nominations for Board Vice President.

We voted for Michael Cowan as Board Vice President. For 6/Against 0/Abstain: Cowan.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we open nominations for Board Secretary.

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Crockett that we close nominations for Board Secretary.

We elect Bryan Bennett as Board Secretary. For 6/Against 0/Abstain: Bennett

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we open nominations for Board Assistant Secretary.

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Bennett that we close nominations for Board Assistant Secretary.

We elect Davy Crockett as Board Assistant Secretary. For 7/Against 0

Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by McWilliams that we approve the minutes from the previous meeting with corrections. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett that we approve the Budget Amendment #2. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we approve the Cheerleading Constitution. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we accept Dade Cosby's resignation with heavy hearts. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we offer Jack B. Eison a one year Probationary Contract. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we approve teacher salaries. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we adjourn.

For 7/Against 0

One Hour Can Save Lives

Do you have an hour a week you could volunteer to help others? The Cross Plains Senior Center delivers meals to homebound Monday-Friday and are needing volunteers for the 2nd and the 4th Monday of each month. If you would like to deliver on Mondays or would be willing to be a substitute if needed, please call the Center. 725-6521

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May 22

Terri Robinson
Harvey Koenig
Bobby Beaty

May 23

Mary Ellen Magnus
Alene Hale
H.P. Hopkins
Mrs. Bill Stroope
Mrs. Ray Hackson
Rita Boyd
Jackie Lapata
Audry Wheeler

May 24

Ashley Jamison
George Webb, Jr.
Edith Darlene Hinesly
Bobby Vaught
Darlene Meador
Raymond Franke
BBuck Morris
Clifton Chambers
Angela Sue Purvis
Sam Warren
Stacy Lynn Smith

May 25

Elizabeth Elliot
Synoeve Duran
Cory Phillips
Jimmie Fleming
Garland Ford
Patti Burks Pope
Steven Havener
Sharon Reed
Neel Danitte Lovelle
Paula (Kennedy) Price
Jevon Tillery

May 26

Jerry Boyle
LeRoy Butler
Jackie Rector
Dona (Long) Waggoner
Stefanie Lynn Swinney
Tony Winfrey
Trey Fortune
Becky Wilson
Cade Thomas McCoy

May 27

Riley Miranda Netzhammer
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William R. Taylor
Balinda R. Taylor
Virginia Shoemaker

May 28

Jarad Landon Richards
Austin Tate Hilburn

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Senior Citizens Center Activities

May 26- May 30

Monday-26th Memorial Day -Center Closed

Tuesday-27th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-28th Blood pressure Check Sponsored by Girling Home Health.

Thursday -29th Exercise 11:00

Friday -30th 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

May 26 - May 30

Monday 26th- Memorial Day Center Closed

Tuesday 27th - Tuna Salad Sandwich Lettuce, Tom, Pickles Chips, Fruit Cup, Cookie

Wednesday 28th - Steak Fingers, Potatoes w/ gravy, Carrots, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 29th -Baked Fish, Baked Beans, Cole-slaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert
Friday 30th - Ham & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce/ Tomato, Chips, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Ashley N. Phipps, theft by check.
Buster Carl McRae, possession of controlled substance.
Ivett K. Venegas, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Danion D. Merritt, DWI.
Shane Lee Hailey, evading arrest/detention.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jaleza A. Terrell, final default judgment of forfeiture granted.
Jesus Gabaldon, judgment nisi.
Ray D. Torres, judgment nisi.
Alejandro Olmos-Rios, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.
Monica Broadus, motion to dismiss to assault granted for completion of PTD Program.
Clinton Grubb, motion to dismiss to theft granted, sentenced to prison on another case.
Ramona South, motion to dismiss to resisting arrest granted, sentenced to prison on another case.
Amanda Hernandez, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.
Amanda Hernandez, order

amending conditions of probation granted.

Ruben Casarez, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Donnie Mallard, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Jennifer A. Gravely, motion for continuance granted.

Zecharyah B. Minear, request for extension of probation granted.

Christopher Ralph, plea of guilty to duty on striking an unattended vehicle, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$319 court costs.

Michael L. Price, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Marriage Licenses

Donald Lee Hurst and Ramona Ruth Clayton, both of Clyde.
Jacob McDade Cosby and Laura Elizabeth Harrington, both of Knox City.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Millie Larsen and Adam Larsen vs. Marcus McArthur, Patricia McArthur, and Farmers Texas County Mutual Insurance Co., injury or damages, motor vehicle accident.

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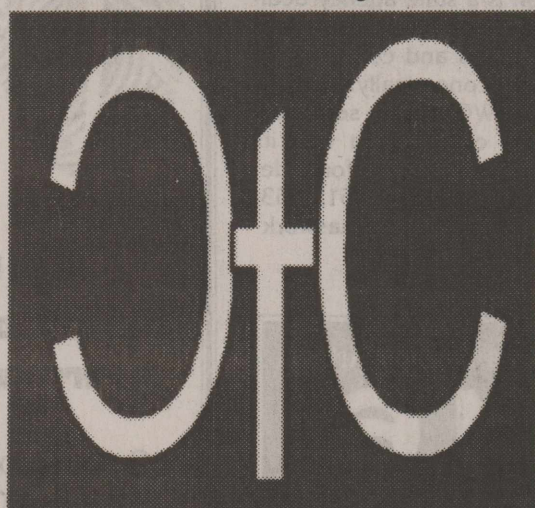
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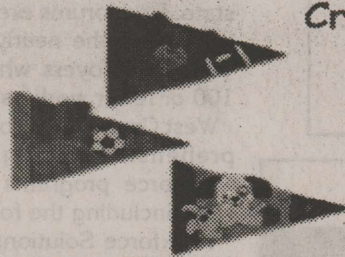


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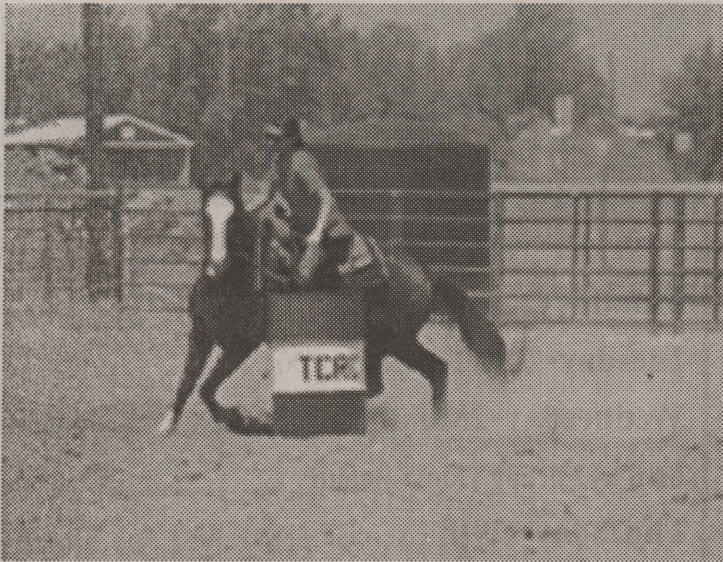
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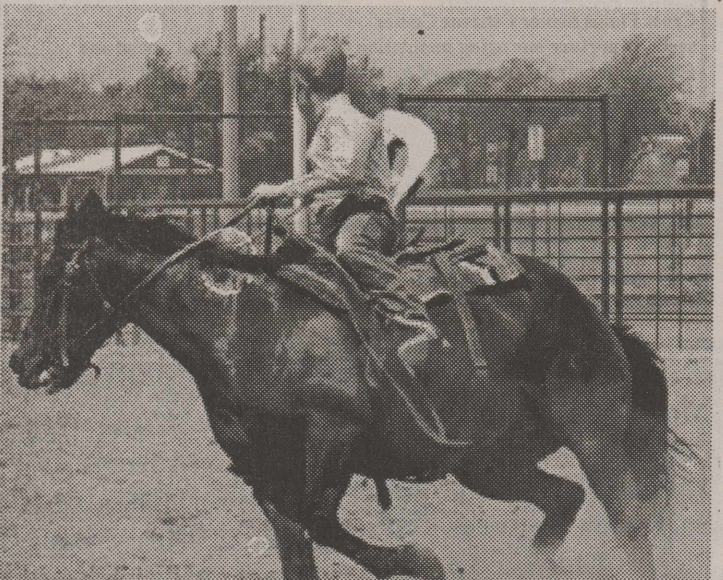
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Cody McWilliams at TCRC Playday



Parker Williams

Playday of Turkey Creek Rodeo

Get ready for the second playday of the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club's Buckle Playday Series! Friday, May 23rd starting at 6pm will be the clinic, where the kids can come and work on their skills. Saturday, May 24th, the books will open

at 9 and the playday will start at 10. There will be Horsemanship, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending, and Goat Tying. There are age groups for all ages, and mom and dad can even run the speed events in the open, if they're brave enough! See you there!

Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Hiring Seminar is Thursday in Abilene

HUNTSVILLE—Current hiring opportunities and career benefits for Correctional Officers with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice will be presented at a hiring seminar on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at One Petroleum Place, 3444 N. 1st Street, Suite 102 in Abilene, Texas.

This seminar will support a special unit-based academy at the Middleton Unit beginning June 12th. There are a number of staff openings for both full and part-time Correctional Officers at units statewide. A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain the duties and requirements of a Correctional Officer and answer questions.

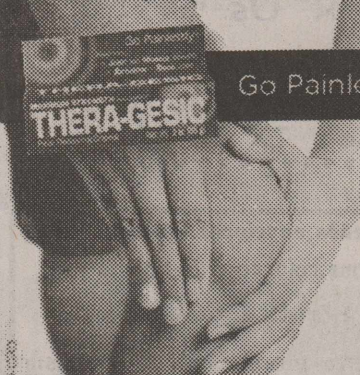
A \$4,000 recruiting bonus is available for new Correctional Officers who agree to work at one of 15 units across the state. For more information about employment with the TDCJ, visit our web site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us and use the link marked Employment. Also, at <http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1EvyAkHF-hzqSuTi7M4LJA> Beginning Correctional Officer pay starts at \$2,435.00 per month and progresses at intervals to \$3,240.70 after 91 months of service within C.O. classification. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. For more information, call the TDCJ Human Resources office at (936) 437-4098.

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Texas Beef Checkoff Referendum set for June 2-6

Local cattle producers will have the opportunity to vote on a new \$1 per head Texas Beef Checkoff in early June, according to Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau County President, Phil Williams.

"The Texas Beef Checkoff is the cattlemen's investment," Williams said. "Texas cattlemen will decide how these additional Texas funds will be spent. No business thrives without investment, research and promotion." He said 27 years of inflation and many challenges including an increasingly aggressive animal rights movement, hundreds of misleading claims about beef, and a declining number of cattle have eroded the capabilities of the original \$1 per head investment. Williams said, "I'm voting yes for an additional dollar per head to strengthen Texas beef in the marketplace for my future and future generations."

The Texas Beef Checkoff Referendum will be held June 2nd-6th at all county AgriLife Extension offices across Texas during normal business hours. Eligible voters must have owned cattle between June 6, 2013 and June 6, 2014. Owners less than 16 years of age must have their ballot co-signed by a parent or legal guardian. "Farm Bureau policy strongly supports self-help programs for farmers and ranchers," Williams said. "A 'yes' vote on this Texas Beef Checkoff will extend and enhance programs the Texas Beef Council has developed and implemented over the last 27 years, as well as fund beef demand-building programs for the future."

For more information, contact your Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office or the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Annual Meeting of the Belle Plaine Cemetery Association is this Monday

The Belle Plaine Cemetery Association will hold its annual business meeting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

Belle Plaine Cemetery is located 8 miles south of Baird. Take Highway 283 to CR 470 and turn east. Turn north at CR 473 (first dirt road) and then east into cemetery entrance. We have directional signs to help you find your way.

In order not to interrupt the opening ceremonies, please plan to arrive and be parked by 10:30 a.m.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the traditional fly-over by the Big Country Squadron of the CAF based at Elmdale Airpark. We invite attending veterans to assist in the flag-raising ceremonies. Norman West, Jr. will play the National Anthem, and Brigadier General John Comper (Ret.) will lead the Riderless Horse. Our theme this year is "Sisters." We are focusing on two

sisters buried here at Belle Plaine. Lorraine and Ella Moore Seale grew up on the Seale ranch located just to the northeast of the cemetery. Many Callahan County residents remember them as Billy and Curley Seale! If you have memories and pictures of the girls, please bring them with you to the meeting. As usual, we will have a time set aside to share Belle Plaine memories and perhaps, other "sister" memories as well. If you have any U.S. or Texas damaged flags, you may bring them to the meeting and we will take them to the American Legion for proper disposal. A potluck dinner will follow the business meeting. Please bring a covered dish to compliment the meat and drinks provided by the Association. Please mark down May 26th on your calendar. This meeting/ceremony is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you!

Abilene hosts Governor's Small Business Forum

Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade, along with representatives from Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas (West Central), will provide valuable information to small business owners at the Governor's Small Business Forum on Wednesday, May 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, located at 1100 N. 6th St. in Abilene.

"This forum is one way of recognizing, supporting, and ultimately expanding the many contributions of this region's homegrown businesses and we are proud of their many accomplishments and successes," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade.

West Central representatives will provide information designed to educate the Texas entrepreneur and small business community on workforce development, marketing businesses, hiring and managing employees, and training and growth. "Small business is a major reason Texas has been home to more new jobs than any other state over the last 10 years," Gov. Rick Perry said. "These forums will help ensure business owners have the tools necessary to survive and thrive, which will mean more jobs and stronger communities throughout Texas."

This is the fifth series of Governor's Small Business Forums, which have been held in various locations throughout the state. The forums are designed to support the nearly 460,000 Texas employers who employ 100 or fewer workers.

West Central will provide comprehensive information on workforce programs and services including the following: Workforce Solutions Services offices around the state provide employers and workers with the

opportunity to prosper economically. Employers can benefit from recruitment and new employee training. Workers can access job-matching, training, resume preparation help and more. www.texasworkforce.org/dirs/wdbs/wdbweb.html. Here is the link to Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas: <http://www.workforcesystem.org/>. WorkInTexas.com, TWC's online job-matching tool, saves thousands each year in recruitment and hiring costs. www.WorkInTexas.com Skills for Small Business provides grants to community colleges that small businesses can access for employee training needs. <http://ssb.texasworkforce.org> Texas Veterans Leadership Program assists veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with locating resources, services and other tools in their communities to help them lead productive lives and enjoy the full benefits of the society they have so willingly served. vets.texasworkforce.org Work Opportunity Tax Credit is available to employers on their federal business tax returns when they hire new workers from specific groups that face challenges finding employment including veterans, recipients of temporary government assistance and others. TWC assists qualified employers with accessing the valuable credit. www.texasworkforce.org/wotc

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

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Eula Homecoming Reunion set for June 14th

Every two years Exes from Eula Schools return for a homecoming reunion. This year the reunion will be on Saturday, June 14th, at the Eula High School Cafetorium beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Pirates Championship t-shirt, will be available at the reunion for \$10 each.

Displays of school annuals, photographs, clippings, quilts, and other mementoes from past years will be exhibited in the library. A tour of the school buildings will be offered, especially the old rock gym, the only building left from the

school most of us attended. Following a brief business meeting the Eula Lions Club will serve a barbecue plate.

Many classes have plans to extend their time of fellowship with classmates at local restaurants or homes. Everyone is urged to contact your classmates before the reunion so all classes may have a good turnout.

We look forward to seeing YOU at the Eula Reunion on Saturday, June 14th!

Submitted by: Georgia Yawn
Secretary/Treasurer

Snyder Job Fair Organized By Community Partners this Thursday

Snyder, Texas—Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas will assist Snyder community partners in providing a job fair on Thursday, May 22, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum. The partnership and sponsors include Snyder Chamber of Commerce, The Coliseum, Western Texas College, United Supermarkets, Snyder Daily News, Development Corporation of Snyder, and Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas.

Employers have expressed an urgent need for quality workers. In an effort to fill multiple job opportunities, currently available in Snyder and the region, the job fair will be designed to connect individuals seeking various types of employment with Snyder employers. Employment opportunities will include, but not limited to sales, general managers, healthcare, clerical, facility maintenance, food service, store clerks, equipment operators, production line operators, and lab techs.

Employers may register at HYPERLINK "<http://www.workforcesystem.org/jobfair>" Registration is free of charge for both employers and job seekers. Each

booth will give employers an opportunity to visit with job seekers, and includes a table, chairs, internet connection. Early registrations will have access to electricity.

Job seekers and employers may check this website daily to see employer registration list.

For more information contact Workforce Solutions, 191237th Street, Snyder, Texas 79549 at 325. 574.1739, or garolyn.jergins@workforcesystem.org or robert.puls@workforcesystem.org or 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 www.workforcesystem.org. Equal Opportunity Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

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Food Preservation Workshop Scheduled For June 3rd

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office of Taylor County will conduct a food preservation workshop on Tuesday, June 3rd. The workshop will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Taylor County Extension Office. Participants will learn the science behind why canning works and the methodology of the process. Also included will be practical experience on how to use the various tools serious canners find indispensable.

Cost of the workshop is \$20.00 per person and includes instruction, handouts and supplies. Pre-registration and payment is re-

quired by May 27 to the Taylor County Extension Office located on the Expo grounds at 1982 Lytle Way - Abilene, TX. Due to the hands on nature of the workshop, participation will be limited so don't delay in registering. For more information contact the Taylor County Extension Office at (325) 672-6048.

Sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Taylor County, the event is open to all people regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

West Texas Energy Consortium Brings Industry Expert Panel to 2014 Conference Line-up

ABILENE — The West Texas Energy Consortium (WTxEC) announces an exciting line-up of expert industry panel members for its 2014 Annual Energy Conference: Power in Partnership on June 3rd and 4th at the Abilene Civic Center.

This year's industry panel features participants from Shell Exploration & Production, Pioneer Natural Resources and Halliburton, representing oil and gas operations from across the 49 county WTxEC Region. The panel will convene promptly at 8:30 a.m. with the following members providing insight into activity in the Cline Shale and Permian Basin Regions, workforce supply chain and infrastructure needs.

The panel includes: Nancy Tootle, Social Performance Advisor, Shell Oil; Todd Abbott, Vice President - Permian Basin Operations, Pioneer Natural Resources; Dean Prather, Production Enhancement Operations Manager, Halliburton

Conference tickets can be purchased online at www.regonline.com/westtexasenergyconsortium for the early bird rate of \$50 through May 20, 2014. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor spaces are still available. For details, please visit www.westtexasenergyconsortium.com/annual-conference.

Health Care summer camps offered for high school students

The West Texas Area Health Education Center - Big Country Region (AHEC) is offering three summer camp opportunities to high school students in the region who are interested in a future career in the health care industry. The Health Careers Summer Camp will take place in Abilene, June 10th through the 13th. Students will stay at the McMurry University dormitories and will tour local hospitals and health clinics including specialized programs at the locations. We will also tour pre-health programs at local universities and colleges, including a day trip to the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Ft. Worth. In addition, we will be hosting two nursing day camp opportunities on June 9th or June 19th for those students who are interested in the field of nursing. Students who would like a full range of health career experiences are encouraged to apply for both the June 9th Nursing Day Camp and the four day Health Matters Summer camp, June 10th- June 13th. Prospective campers must turn in an application and teacher recommendations by April 30th. Applications may be obtained online on our Facebook pages (www.facebook.com/bigcountryahec) or (www.facebook.com/healthmatterssummercamp) as well as by contacting Big Country AHEC. The Health Matters Summer Camps are made possible with the support of our

friends at the Hodges Family Foundation.

Each of these opportunities is made possible through partnerships with communities, community health professionals, health professions training schools and AHEC. AHEC's mission is to address the health care provider shortage and improve health care access in the North and West Central Texas through education and development of the health care workforce. Goals include introducing school aged youth to health careers, providing rural clinical training for students in the health professions, supporting existing healthcare professionals via continuing education and promoting healthy living. West Texas AHEC - Big Country Region is a service of Texas Tech University Health Science Center F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

For summer camp information, contact Veronica Aguirri, AHEC Health Careers Promotion Coordinator, at vaguirri@bcahec.org or at 325-672-0495.

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Oplin Community Center Homecoming to be held on Saturday, June 7th

The Oplin Community Center wants to invite everyone that now lives in the Oplin community and everyone that has ever lived in the Oplin community to their bi-annual Homecoming to be held on Saturday, June 7th.

The brisket, sausage (cooked by long time community center chefs Butch Woodard and Doug Campbell) and iced tea will be provided by the community center and everyone else is asked to bring

side dishes or desserts. Doors will be open shortly after 10:00 a.m.

Come on out and visit with old friends or make a few new ones, meet the neighbors who have lived near you for years and never had the chance to meet. Visit with folks that grew up in the area that love to share the history of Oplin. So gather the family and come on out to the Oplin Community Center for a day of good friends and a real good meal.

Grand Ole Oplin May line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good friends, good music and lots of dancing.

MIDNIGHT BLUE will be returning on May 16th playing some more of your favorite country tunes, and on May 23rd MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us some more. The band playing on May 30th has yet to be announced, but we'll let you know soon.

The Grand Ole Oplin in

hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our Friday dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is only \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to THE GRAND OLE OPLIN, we'll be happy to see you!

DPS Urges Texans to Prepare Early for Hurricane Season

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is informing residents about the upcoming hurricane season and advising individuals to begin preparing now for any possible storms. Hurricane season begins June 1st and continues through Nov. 30th.

"One of the best defenses against the destructive - and potentially deadly - power of a hurricane or tropical storm is early and adequate preparation, and Texans should start taking precautions now for the 2014 hurricane season," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Although residents living along the Texas coast are the most vulnerable, storms can disrupt and endanger the lives of residents throughout the state."

All Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coastal areas are subject to hurricanes or tropical storms. Because the strongest winds in a hurricane are not located precisely at the center, it is possible for a storm to affect conditions over land even if landfall does not occur.

Hurricanes can cause catastrophic damage to coastlines and areas several hundred miles inland, and winds can exceed 155 miles per hour. In addition, hurricanes and tropical storms can also spawn tornadoes, create storm surges along the coast and cause extensive damage from flooding.

Here are several measures residents can take now to prepare for potential storms:

- Assemble an emergency kit that includes essential documents, supplies and provisions.
- Review hurricane evacuation maps, and select a route for you and your family.
- Plan how all family members and pets will evacuate safely.
- Consider any special needs for individuals with disabilities or the elderly.
- Stay informed about changing weather conditions in and around your area.

For more information on these tips and other ways to prepare for the 2014 hurricane season, please visit: www.texasprepares.org.

Dr. Ray Perryman Scheduled to Speak at the West Texas Energy Consortium's Annual Conference in June

ABILENE - Dr. Ray Perryman is scheduled to be the keynote luncheon speaker at the West Texas Energy Consortium's Annual Conference scheduled June 3-4, 2014 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Dr. Perryman is Founder and President of The Perryman Group (TPG), an economic and financial analysis firm headquartered in Waco, Texas. He is widely regarded as one of the world's most influential and innovative economists. His complex modeling systems form a basis for corporate and governmental planning around the globe. His thousands of academic and trade articles and presentations span a wide variety of topics, gaining him international respect and acclaim.

Arleene Loyd, Director of Business Retention and Expansion, for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and Consortium member states, "Not only is Dr. Perryman influential nationally and internationally, he is a genuine down to earth citizen, involved in our community, sharing his time and talents. We are proud he calls Odessa home."

During his nearly 30 years of experience, he has been presented citations for his efforts from both the Congress of the United States and the Texas Legislature. Cited by major media as "a world-class scholar" and "the most quoted man in Texas," Ray Perryman is an active participant in the state, national, and world economic scenes. He has been a member of dozens of state, federal, and international task forces, served as editor of both academic and

trade journals, and led conferences within the fields of economics, statistics, forecasting, modeling, and simulation.

A member of several corporate boards and adviser to numerous governmental leaders, Dr. Perryman has been honored by the Texas Legislature for his "tireless efforts in helping to build a better Texas."

"The conference will bring together common stakeholders and communities to discuss the economic benefits, industry growth and community development taking place in the Cline Shale and Permian Basin region," states Regional Business Coordinator, Katherine Stokes. "We are really excited about the line-up of speakers and industry leaders that will attend our first conference."

Conference tickets can be purchased online at www.regonline.com/westtexasenergyconsortium for the early bird rate of \$50 through May 16, 2014. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor spaces are still available. For details, please visit www.westtexasenergyconsortium.com/annual-conference or contact Katherine Stokes at Katherine.Stokes@workforce-system.org.

Oplin's Memorial Day Service is Monday

Everyone is invited to Oplin's Annual Memorial Day Services to be held on Monday, May 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the Oplin Cemetery located about 1/4 mile east of F.M. 604 South on F.M. 2926.

The Texas Army National Guard will present a 21 gun salute during our services and Clyde's Boy Scout Troop 223 will raise our colors. Mr. Marvin

Marrow will be our guest speaker.

Refreshments will be served at the Oplin Community Center immediately following our services.

So gather the family and come out to join us in honoring and remembering our fallen veterans as well as honoring and thanking those men and women who have served and are still serving our great country.

Praying for Rain

According to Forbes Online Magazine, three years of relentless and severe drought has made large parts of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas drier than they were during the Dust Bowl in the 1930's.

Parts of Texas is about 10% drier now than the 42 months that ended April 30, 1936 and drier than the state's record drought in the 1950's, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Modern irrigation and agricultural systems will prevent a full-blown repeat of the Dust Bowl by holding soil in place. Still, when the wind blows in rain starved Texas these days, dust storms are likely to follow.

The men and women who participate in activities at the Cross Plains Senior Center have

lived through the Dust Bowl and/or the 1950's drought and know the devastation it has on families, whether it be financially, health related, or emotionally.

This same group of seniors also know the power of prayer and believe the promises of the Bible and in 2 Chron. 7:14, God says, "If my people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

Please join Cross Plains Senior Center as we pray for rain, Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. downtown Cross Plains. It would be great if we could line Main Street with the prayers for rain.

As Community Action Turns 50, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. Reflects on Service to Residents

On August 20, 1964 in Washington, DC, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act. This created many programs including Community Action Agencies as part of his War on Poverty. Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. was one of those agencies established to address local poverty problems in communities in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, McCulloch, and Runtel Counties.

"Central Texas Opportunities, Inc.'s track record in our service area highlights the positive impact we've had empowering our neighbors through a variety of financial and personal challenges," said Hanna Adams, Community Services Director. "We have helped approximately 250 individuals over the past 5 years change their lives in becoming self sufficient and our success stories underscore our ability to achieve measurable

results such as the single parent with no GED that is now a full time nurse and off of all government assistance programs."

In 2014, Community Action Agencies across the country will commemorate the 50th anniversary of Community Action. With that being said, Central Texas Opportunities, Inc. invites you to join our Open House Celebration of Community Action by coming by our location at 2302 S. Commercial in Coleman on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 4 o'clock p.m. We will be welcoming State Representative Jim Keffer as our guest speaker, as well as local families that will be sharing their success stories with our agency. Refreshments and finger foods will be served.

Please come and join us in celebrating the 50 years that Community Action has been available to help those in our community!

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Cottonwood Country Musical has been canceled

Due to the holiday and many graduations, the Cottonwood Country Musical for May 23rd has been canceled.

Watch your newspapers for rescheduling of the musicals. Have a great, safe Memorial Day weekend!

DPS Reminds Texans: Election Identification Certificates Available at Driver License Offices

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans in advance of the upcoming primary election that Election Identification Certificates (EIC) are available at all Texas driver license offices for individuals in need of proper identification required to vote in elections in Texas.

The 2014 primary election in Texas is March 4, with early voting from February 18th - 28th. The last day to register to vote in the 2014 primary election is Monday, Feb. 3rd.

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for an EIC. If an applicant already has any of the following documents, they are not eligible to receive an EIC:

- Texas driver license - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas personal identification card - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting

Energy Star® Sales Tax Holiday is this weekend

AUSTIN — Comptroller Susan Combs is reminding Texans the state's annual ENERGY STAR® Sales Tax Holiday is this weekend, from Saturday, May 24th, through Monday, May 26th.

The sales tax break applies to ENERGY STAR® qualified air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or

less; refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less; ceiling fans; fluorescent light bulbs; dishwashers; dehumidifiers; and clothes washers (clothes dryers are not ENERGY STAR® certified).

There is more information at: http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_1331/.

- U.S. passport book or card - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas concealed handgun license - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Military identification with photo - unexpired or expired less than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo

To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit a driver license office and complete an Application for Texas Election Certificate (DL-14C).

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

- Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and identity
- Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public Safety)
- Be a Texas resident
- Be 17 years and 10 months

or older
To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used as personal identification.

For more information on the requirements, exemptions and process for obtaining an EIC, please visit: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>.

For more information on voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State's website: www.votetexas.gov.

DPS Reminds Texans to Use Online Driver License Services, Mega Centers this Summer

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging residents to beat the summer rush at driver license offices across the state by renewing their license or identification card early or online. The summer months are typically one of the busiest times of year at driver license offices, and many eligible Texans can skip the trip to the office completely via online renewal of their license, identification card or change of address at Texas.gov.

"With students and families out of school or off work, Texas driver license offices tend to be especially busy during the summer months," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Many Texans are eligible to take advantage of our customer-convenient options for online and phone renewal of licenses and identification cards, and are encouraged to visit high-capacity driver license mega centers in metropolitan areas if needed."

If a trip to a driver license office is necessary, customers in the major metro areas should visit mega centers in their area. Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service.

Mega centers feature an innovative queuing system that offers customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line.

To be eligible to renew online, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and telephone renewals.

Licenses must be renewed in person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If residents need to come into the office to renew, they can do so within one year prior to the expi-

ration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule.

Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20 character code on the front of their current license or card.

Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper paperwork (including documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/ApplyforLicense.htm>.

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near you offers online scheduling, visit www.dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/search.asp.

To find out more about online renewal services, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/OnlineServices.htm>.

To find out additional information about the mega centers and the technology that allows you to get in line before coming into the office, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/getinlinebeforeyougo.htm>.

Cattle Raisers oppose proposal that could put U.S. cattle herd at risk of FMD

Fort Worth, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) submitted comments today in opposition to a recent proposal by the United States Department of Agriculture-Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) that could put the U.S. cattle herd at a greater risk of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD).

USDA-APHIS has proposed a rule that would allow for the importation of fresh, matured, deboned beef from a region in Brazil into the United States.

According to TSCRA President Pete Bonds, Brazil has a long history with FMD and lacks strict control measures to properly mitigate the risk of FMD into the United States should certain types of fresh beef be imported.

"Protecting the U.S. cattle industry from a catastrophic foreign animal disease like FMD is a major priority for TSCRA," said Pete Bonds, rancher and TSCRA president. "And although we certainly support free trade with foreign countries that have a proven history of controlling animal diseases, we do not believe Brazil has met, and can

consistently guarantee, the standards necessary to keep FMD out of the United States."

Bonds says that many beef producers in Texas and the Southwest remember all too clearly the devastating effects of FMD the last time it was in the United States in 1929.

"Given the extreme level of uncertainty surrounding Brazil's ability to control FMD, and the fact that our national cattle herd is at its lowest since the 1950s, we simply cannot afford to take this large of a risk," Bonds continued.

In addition to the risk analysis USDA-APHIS conducted for the Brazil rule, they also requested public comment on an evaluation that would serve as a decision making tool to determine whether and under what conditions to allow imports of fresh meat and live animals from the Patagonia region of Argentina to the United States.

TSCRA is opposed to both USDA-APHIS risk analyses for Brazil and Argentina based upon third party scientific reviews that acknowledged issues with both risk assessments.

Bonds says that Brazil and Argentina's trend of

compliance problems and deficiencies with routine USDA and European Commission food safety audits also present concern. Additionally, APHIS has conducted a number of site visits to verify animal health and disease information; however, the reviews appear to lack transparency since the full results of these site visits have not yet been made public.

"The fact is that neither of these regions can prove they've successfully and continually eradicated FMD," said Bonds. "That's a huge red flag for U.S. cattle producers."

TSCRA is a 137-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas. TSCRA has more than 16,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members. These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

Tips for Texas drivers to keep their vehicles in optimal condition

According to TxDOT, the annual vehicle miles traveled in Texas during 2012 reached 240.616 billion, an increase of 1.34% over the 237.443 billion traveled in 2011. TxDOT data showed that 3,399 people died on Texas roads in 2012 and 230,506 were injured. Based on reportable crashes in 2012, one person was killed every 2 hours, 35 minutes, one was injured every 2 minutes, 17 seconds and one reportable crash occurred every 75 seconds.

The more car care aware people are, the safer our roads will be. April is National Car Care Month and the perfect time to make sure your car is running smoothly. Basic car care goes a long way to improving your car's safety, dependability and longevity, and it also makes good financial sense. Troy Mennis, an instructor at Universal Technical Institute-Dallas/Fort Worth, offers five easy tips to ensure your car is in tip-top shape.

• **Check out the essentials.** Check all fluids, including

engine oil, brake and transmission fluid and windshield wiper fluid to make sure they are full. Take a look at all hoses and belts to make sure they don't have excessive wear, and check your battery to make sure it's corrosion free and not running low. Also test your windshield wipers and interior and exterior lights to make sure they are all functioning properly.

• **Inspect your tires.** Check air pressure on all tires (including your spare tire) as tires that are not properly inflated could be costing you gas mileage. Also check the tread and inspect each tire for bulges and bald spots.

• **Check your air conditioning system.** Nothing is worse than having a broken air conditioning system in the middle of a hot Texas summer. Bring your car to a professional if you feel like it's not getting cool enough.

• **Clean your vehicle inside and out.** Vacuum the carpets and clean all the glass in the car. You'll be surprised at how much dust and haze is

removed and how much better you'll be able to see, especially at night. Remove excessive weight from your car like boxes or books you may have stacked up. Extra weight can decrease gas mileage by 1% to 2% for every 100 pounds.

• **Inspect your brakes.** If you don't know how to check to make sure your brakes are working properly, have a professional inspect the brake linings, rotors and drums. An easy rule to remember is to have your brakes looked at each time you get an oil change.

By following the steps above you can keep your car running smoothly and avoid costly repairs down the road. And if you're not a car person, not too worry. Have a licensed technician take a look at your vehicle.

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TWC launches partnership to provide scholarships for child care providers

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood™ TEXAS supports professional development to improve overall quality child care

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has launched a partnership with the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (Texas AEYC) to expand a program that provides scholarships to caregivers working for eligible child care providers. TWC's grant award of \$500,000 will expand scholarship opportunities and increase the knowledge base of early childhood professionals working with young children and thus improving the care children receive.

Texas AEYC has awarded scholarships through the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) program since 2011. Scholarships awarded to child care workers through this program assist with fees for assessment and certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA), a Certified Child Care Professional (CCP), or for tuition at a community college toward an associate's degree program in child development, early childhood education, or a related field.

This newly-formed

partnership will help eligible child care providers achieve Texas Rising Star (TRS) status, which certifies child care providers that meet higher levels of quality beyond the minimum child care licensing standards. Each eligible child care provider works with the child care contractor in one of TWC's 28 local workforce development boards.

"TWC is committed to working in partnership to increase the quality of child care available around the state," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. "These scholarships, and a number of recent investments, work to bolster the skills of these workers and quality of care provided through these local employers."

With the \$500,000 awarded, T.E.A.C.H. anticipates awarding 80 CDA/CCP Assessment Fee Scholarships and 74 associate's degree scholarships over the next two years. Texas AEYC will determine eligibility for the caregivers applying for the scholarship through the program. Caregivers are responsible for a percentage of

their tuition and a portion of the cost for books, depending on which type of scholarship they receive, and the associate's degree model requires caregivers to take 12-15 credit hours per year. Additionally, child care providers employing the caregivers participating in the program are required to pay a bonus to the caregiver upon successful completion.

"This program is an opportunity for the hardworking people who look after Texas' children to improve their skills while working to put food on the table," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "The scholarships give these caregivers the financial boost they need to advance in this noble profession."

To be eligible for a scholarship, a caregiver must work for an eligible provider for at least 30 hours per week at less than \$15 per hour; be 16 years of age or older; be a Texas resident; and be a U.S. citizen or a noncitizen authorized to work in the United States.

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