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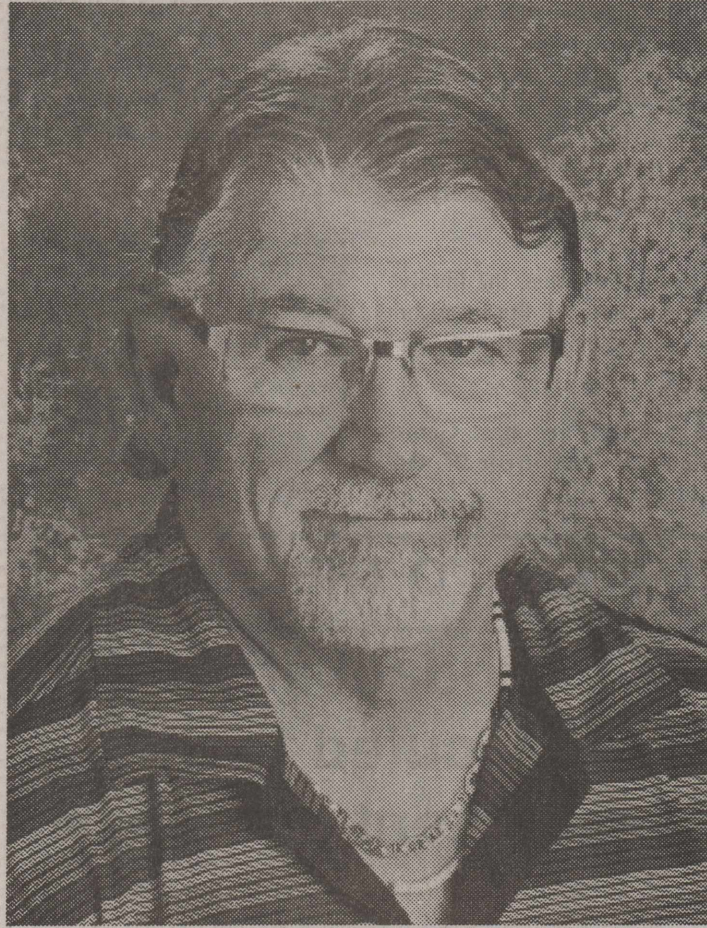
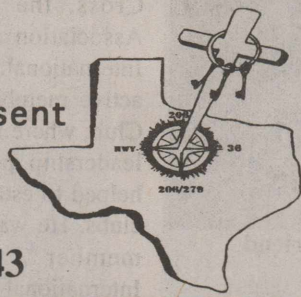
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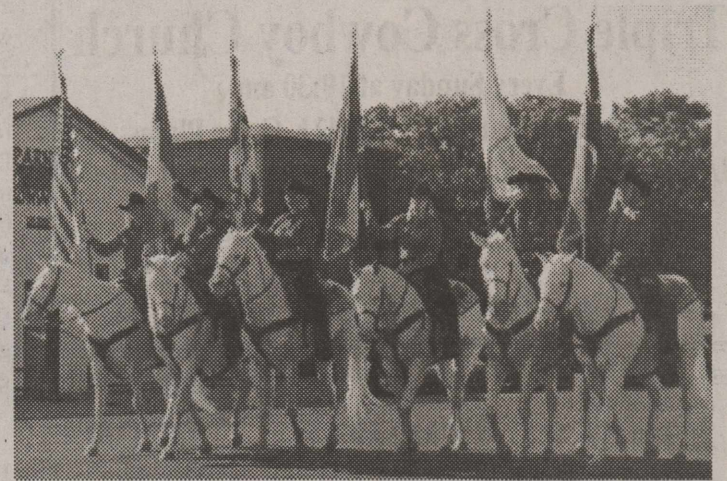
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Coach Mitchell Atchley retiring after 40 years!



Coach Atchley in his first year of Coaching in 1973 in China Spring



Hardin-Simmons University's Six White Horses leading the 2013 Barbarian Festival Kickoff Parade

Barbarian Festival Kickoff Parade Thursday, June 12th

Hardin-Simmons University's Six White Horses, American Hoggies and Rattlesnake Man Jackie Bibby will be featured in this year's Barbarian Festival Kickoff Parade! Led by the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Six White Horses, the parade will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 12th, from the High School and continue down Main Street. The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center will be serving Stuffed Baked Potatoes from 5 until 7 p.m. on the evening of the parade! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy parade viewing from the Senior Citizens Center. Plan your float now. Ride your old

car, tractor, 4 wheeler, bicycle, golf cart, lawnmower or other vehicle in the parade! Or walk your dog or donkey - or just walk with your friends or group. Be sure you bring candy to throw to the kids. Parade line up time is 5 p.m. Line up will be on a first come basis. If you're a business owner, the parade is a great way to let folks know about your business! Just let Joe Terstegge, parade chairman, know what you'll be riding or walking and he'll save you a good spot in the parade! Joe's number: 254-725-7281. Decorate your vehicle, dress up and let's have a good time.

Celebrating Coach Atchley's Retirement, Saturday, June 21st

Join us in celebrating Coach Mitchell Atchley's retirement, Saturday, June 21st from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. Hamburgers and all the fixings will be provided. Coach Atchley has coached for 40 years. His coaching career began in China Spring in 1973 and he coached there for 9 years. He left China

Spring and found his way to Cross Plains serving CPISD for 31 years. During his career he has brought home state titles in Football and Regional titles in Baseball. He served as a head coach in Cross Plains from 1982-1984 and throughout his years he coached football, Junior High girls Basketball, JV girls Basketball, Head boys Basketball, Head

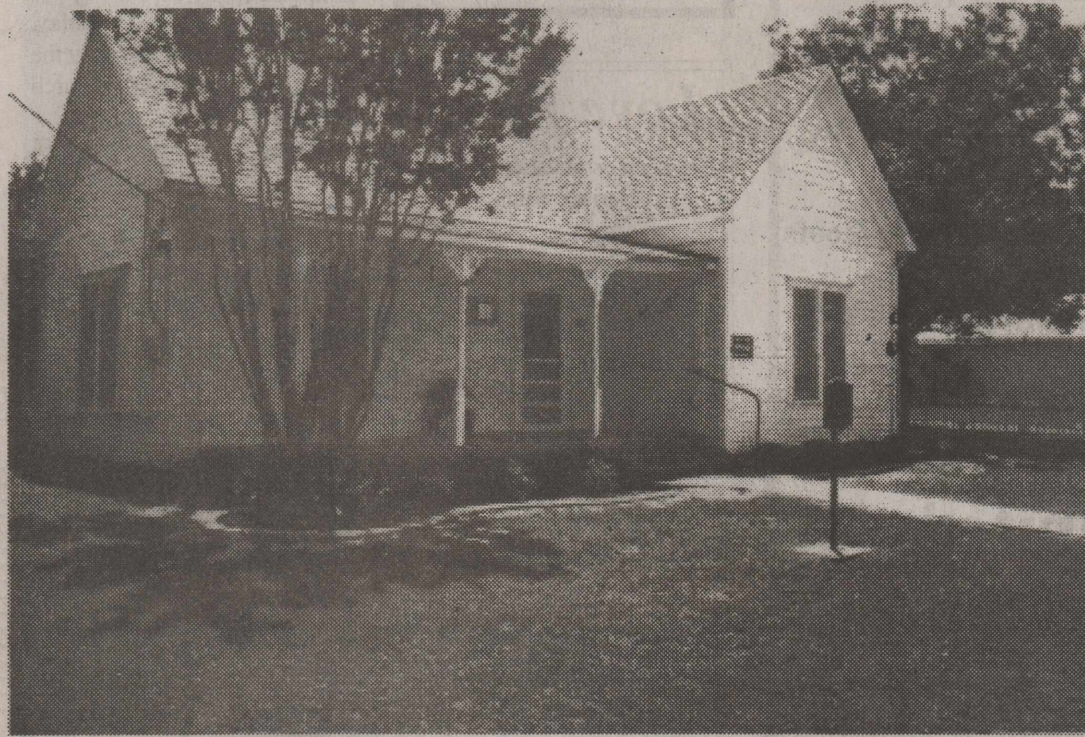
and Assistant Baseball. Coach Atchley says "The highlight of my career was coaching in 5 State Championship games. I've always enjoyed working with kids."

We want to honor him with as large of a turnout as possible. Please make plans to attend and spread the word to ex-students and faculty of CPISD for this

event.

In order to get an estimate of food needed, RSVP to Bill Boyd at bboyd@kisd.esc18.net or Roxie Thomas at (254)-725-6436 by Monday, June 16th. Even if you're not sure you can attend, let us know we can make sure we have plenty. We look forward to seeing you there.

Barbarian Festival This Saturday



The Barbarian Festival is this Saturday! Come out to Treadway Park, just west of Cross Plains from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for lots of food, family entertainment, and fun!!! Stroll through crafts booths, see artwork, jewelry, bird houses and many decor items. Enjoy live music and all kinds of food.

Kids can come and bounce, crawl, slide and have fun on a 75 ft inflatable bounce house obstacle course. They'll also enjoy facepainting, pony rides, a hula hoop contest, a shoe pile contest, balloon pop, duck pond, basketball throw and other kids games.

The "Barbarian Blast" a 5K Fun Run will be held the morning of the festival. Registration begins at 6:30. The run begins at 8:00 am, beginning and ending at the festival grounds. Proceeds will benefit the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund.

The Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show is always a crowd-pleaser! Come and see restored T-birds, Chevy and other fine rides. You might even want to bring your classic car or truck. There's no entry fee and prizes will be awarded to the winners in the Best Car, Best Truck and Best of Show Categories. The Car and Truck Show is presented by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and Hanner Chevrolet.

Take a look at the old John Deeres and Farmalls in the Antique Tractor Show.

Enjoy live music from Class of '57 Band and 4His Glory on the stage. The Texas Tornadoes dance group will also perform for the crowd. The Stage line up:

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 - 3:00 pm Class of '57
 - 3:30 pm Hula Hoop Contest
- Prize drawings for the many items benefiting Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund will be held throughout the day. Those items include an 8ft windmill donated by Meghann's Market in Eastland, a bench, decor items, a garden cart and gift certificates from many Cross Plains businesses.

Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased Texas Heritage Bank and the Senior Citizens Center before the festival at the Barbarian Festival Committee Booth the day of the festival.

A live auction will be held at 1 p.m. for a custom fire pit, handmade by John Fred McWilliams.

There's so much to see and do at this year's festival. Stroll through arts and crafts booths, candles, jewelry, decor items and much more. Enjoy turkey legs, barbeque, funnel cakes, sausage-on-a-stick, pork sandwiches, Cajun chicken, fried oreo/snickers/cookie dough, corn dogs, fresh-squeezed lemonade, ice cream and many other tasty treats.

Free parking is available at the Rodeo Grounds. Just follow the signs to the Parking area. Look for the Barbarian Festival Trolley so you can catch a ride to the festival grounds.

You won't want to miss the Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 14th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the shade trees at Treadway Park, on

Hwy 36, just west of Cross Plains.

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Proclamation

ROBERTE HOWARD

WHEREAS, the City Council realizes the impact Robert E. Howard has had on the effects of tourism for our community and,

WHEREAS, we the City Council of the City of Cross Plains wish to dedicate a day to honor and recognize a man for his contribution to our community,

NOW THEREFORE, I Ray Purvis, Mayor of Cross Plains, Texas do hereby proclaim June 13, 2014, as

ROBERTE HOWARD DAY

And invite citizens to join in the local commemoration.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Cross Plains to be affixed this the 7th day of June, 2014.

Ray Purvis
Ray Purvis, Mayor



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Pastor: Wayne Lenz

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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM

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10:00A.M. (at the church activity

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OBITUARIES



George Ellis Friend
1920 - 2014

George Ellis Friend passed away peacefully in his sleep and went to be with his Lord on May 23, 2014. He was born in Bristol, South Dakota and grew up on the family farm prior to moving to Denver in 1924. He was married to Patricia McNeel Friend, his beloved bride, friend and a wonderful mother, for 66 years. He leaves behind the families of their 6 children, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

George was a member of Blessed Sacrament Parish in east Denver, where he served as an Altar Boy and in the Holy Name Society. He attended and graduated from Blessed Sacrament Catholic Grade School. He then went on to attend Cathedral, Manual, and Regis high schools before graduating as an East Angel in 1939. After high school he took a job as a teletype operator working for the railroad, stationed at the west portal of the Moffat Tunnel at Winter Park, where he also worked at a local saw mill. His teletype experience would serve him well in the service of his country in the US Army Signal Corps stationed at Indiantown Gap, PA, near Harrisburg. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1945 after 3 years of service. Upon leaving the Army, George returned to join the family business, Friend Furniture Company, located in old town Aurora.

'Aurora George' as he was called, was active in the Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, the American Lung Association and Toastmasters International. He was also an active member of the Kiwanis Club, where he served in many leadership positions and also helped to establish several new clubs. He was voted a lifetime member of Kiwanis International for his dedicated service, which included 50 years of perfect attendance.

In 1975, he established George Friend Company, which he ran until he was 89 years old. One of his favorite sayings from the farm days was "It is no disgrace to die in the harness." He had a keen interest in baseball and was an avid Colorado Rockies fan up until the end. He also obtained his private pilot's license at one point in his life and loved to fly and navigate. He and his wife Patsy enjoyed traveling domestically with their growing children and later on internationally as a couple and with close friends. One of the couple's proudest accomplishments was being able to have all of their children graduate with a college education. The cultivation of lasting friendships was also a very important part of George's legacy.

George was preceded in death by his oldest daughter Dianne (Gary) Lowe and by his parents, George Joseph and Addie Baril Friend, his older sister, Luverne Schoendaller, and an older brother, Leon, who died at birth. He is survived by his bride of 66 years Patsy McNeel Friend, He is also survived by daughters Joan Friend; Lisa Friend and Eher son, Robin Friend Stuft; and Nancy (Russ) Hoffman and the Hoffman children, Clayton, Wesley and Jamie. George is also survived by sons Damian (Wendy Comeaux) Friend and their daughter Malorie Joy; and

Stephen (Heather Tomlinson) Friend and their children Lucy and Jack. Grandchildren and their families include granddaughter Kristina (Justin) Lowe Thurman and their children Calder and Herra; grandsons Jonathan (Katina Varzos) Lowe and their children Eliot and Colette; and Nicholas Lowe. Also surviving is Dianne's husband Gary Lowe. George also leaves behind his brother Ralph J. Friend and sister Marion Bartscherer along with scores of nieces, nephews and cousins.

A private family burial was held at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Denver.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests acts of kindness or donations to the charities of your choice.

'Prayer Is The Focal Gem-Stone In The Brooch Of Wisdom...' GEF

Death Notice

L.W. (Bob) Wallace

L.W. (Bob) Wallace passed from this life at his home on Wednesday, June 3, 2014. Bob Was Born September 26, 1926.

Visitation was Friday, June 6, 2014 at Edwards Funeral Home in Strawn, Texas and a graveside service was Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Mt. Marion Cemetery in Strawn, Texas.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sgt. Bergdahl should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law

June 4, 2014

Dear Editor,

Like many local veterans, I respectfully attended the funeral of our native son, Staff Sgt. Michael Murphrey, who was killed in action in Afghanistan, September 2009.

We now learn that, at the time of his death, Murphrey was engaged in search operations for a fellow soldier, a man accused of

deserting his post and going over to the enemy.

Sgt. Bergdahl should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. I am outraged that our Government saw fit to free enemy combatants in order to secure Bergdahl's release. This is no way to honor the memory of true fallen heroes, such as Staff Sgt. Murphrey.

Larry Hicks
MSGT, USAF (Ret.)

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1000 North Main Street

www.gb-gm-umc.org/crossplains/

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Sunday Morning

10:45 a.m.

Sunday Evening

6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

9:30

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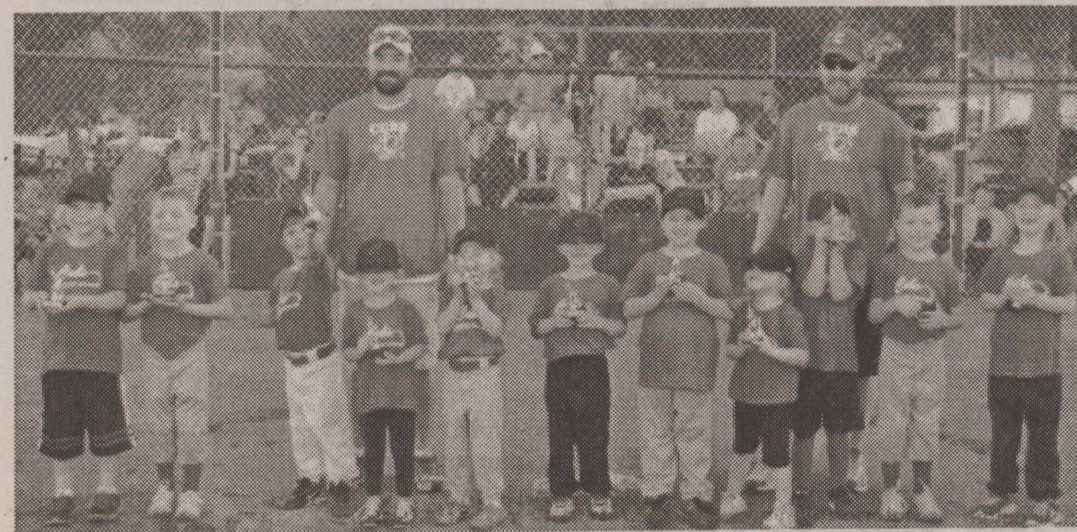
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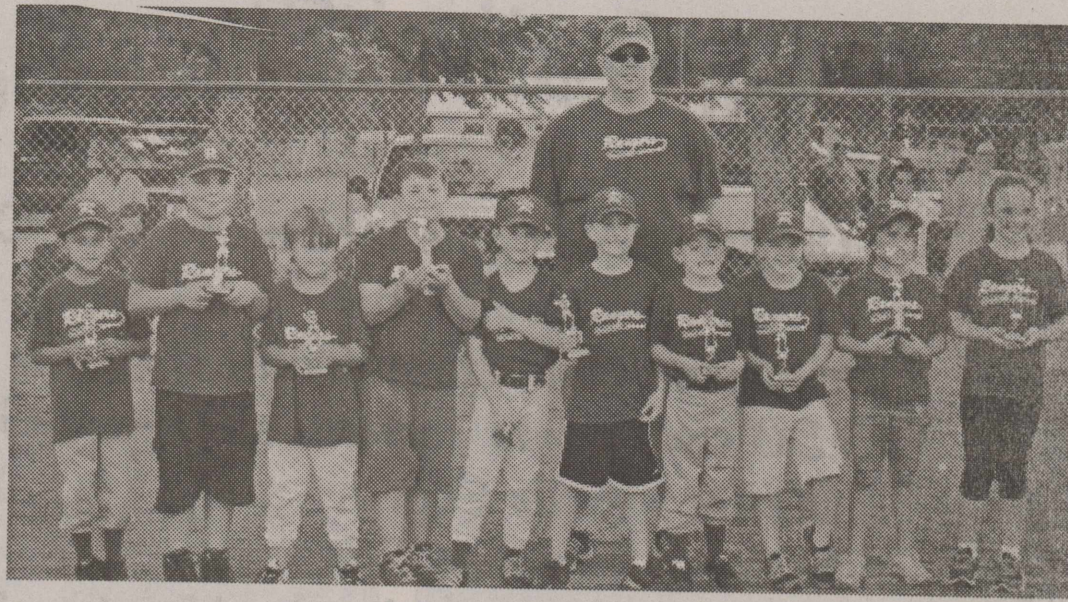
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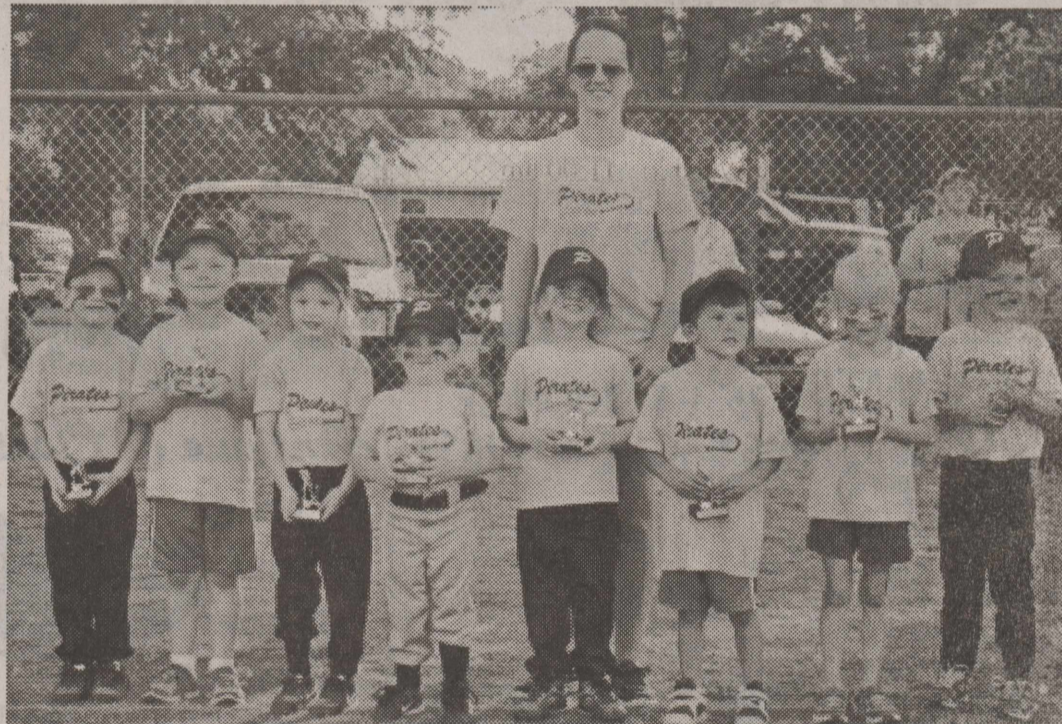


T Ball and Machine Pitch Baseball teams seasons have ended. We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, coaches, Rick Austin for umpiring all games and all that were involved in making this baseball season a successful one.

-Cross Plains Youth Sports

PUBLIC FAX
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Pirates

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



To be auctioned at 1 pm on Saturday — This custom handmade iron fire pit will be auctioned off at the Barbarian Festival this Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. The fire pit was handmade by John Fred McWilliams. Proceeds from the live auction benefit the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund.

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Saturday
June 14



Getting Ready to Cook — Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Joe Terstegge, center and Kathleen Terstegge, right, in their new CPVFD aprons, getting ready to cook brisket, turkey legs, and sausage for the CPVFD Booth at the Barbarian Festival. Brandon Maxwell, left, will be helping in the food booth, too.

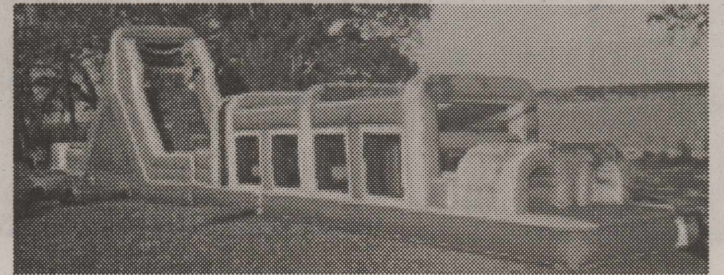
Come and see the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department at the Barbarian Festival

Come and get a hot barbecue brisket sandwich, turkey leg, sausage-on-a-bun, hotdog or nachos at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department booth at the Barbarian Festival this Saturday. Kids can enjoy free ice cream from BlueBell (served to the first 145 kids).

Kids will also want to bounce, crawl, and climb on the 75 ft. inflatable obstacle course at the festival. Members of the

CPVFD will be manning the obstacle course, as well as having booths of Kids Games including Duck Pond, Balloon Pop and other games. Try your luck, you might win a prize.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of building a new fire station. Donations and the proceeds from the booths at the Barbarian Festival go toward the new building.



75 foot obstacle course featured at Barbarian Festival on June 14th

Kids can come a bounce, crawl, slide and have fun on a 75 ft inflatable bounce house obstacle course, a new feature at this year's Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 14th. The obstacle course will be supervised by the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, who will also be hosting a variety of kids games at the festival. Kids will also enjoy face painting, pony rides, a hula hoop contest and a shoe pile contest.

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More sponsors signing up for Barbarian Festival

On Saturday, June 14th over a thousand local and area residents will 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.

Those businesses that have signed up to sponsor the festival are: 36 West Motel, AAA Stowaway Storage, Alon, Azalee Womack, Bagley Insurance Agency, Barr Fabrication, Bear Branch Ranch, Caddo Peak Ranch, Callahan County Sheriff's Office, City of Cross Plains, Complete Home Maintenance, Connie's Cuts & Curis, Cook's Fish Barn, Cottonwood Historical Assn., Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Cross Plains EDC, Cross Plains Grain & Peanut, Cross Plains Review, Cunningham Ranch, Dairy Queen, First United Methodist Church, Hanner Chevrolet, Higginbothams, Hutchins Custom Processing, J & S Ag Fabrication/Boss Hawg, Last Shot Boots & Ranch Wear, Lawrence Farm & Ranch, Liveoak Land & Real Estate, Lowe's Market, McCready's Rods and Rides, Meghann's Market, Mexico City Cafe, MicroMold Plastics Inc, Parker Custom Ironworks, Parts Plus, Ray's Barber Shop, Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters, ResourceCare, Robert E. Howard Foundation, Rodenberger Family, Rusty & Shelly Burke, Salamander's Apparel, Sister's Restaurant, Snippets, Subway, Susan Schaefer CPA, Texas Heritage Bank, Tim's Floral, Trinity Liveoak Real Estate, Turner Landscape

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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 - call Don Childers 254-725-6498, Susan McNeel Childers 325-669-0329 or Cindy Payne 254-725-6692 - so we can add you to the sponsor list. Thank you to all of the sponsors!

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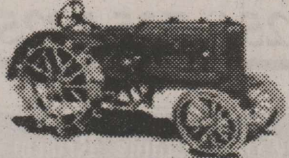
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Truck
Show



Presented by the
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Details online at
BarbarianFestival.net

The Barbarian Festival is Held in Conjunction
with Robert E. Howard Days, June 12 & 13,
a celebration of the works of Robert E. Howard,
Creator of Conan the Barbarian.

PARADE THURSDAY JUNE 12



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ride in the parade?

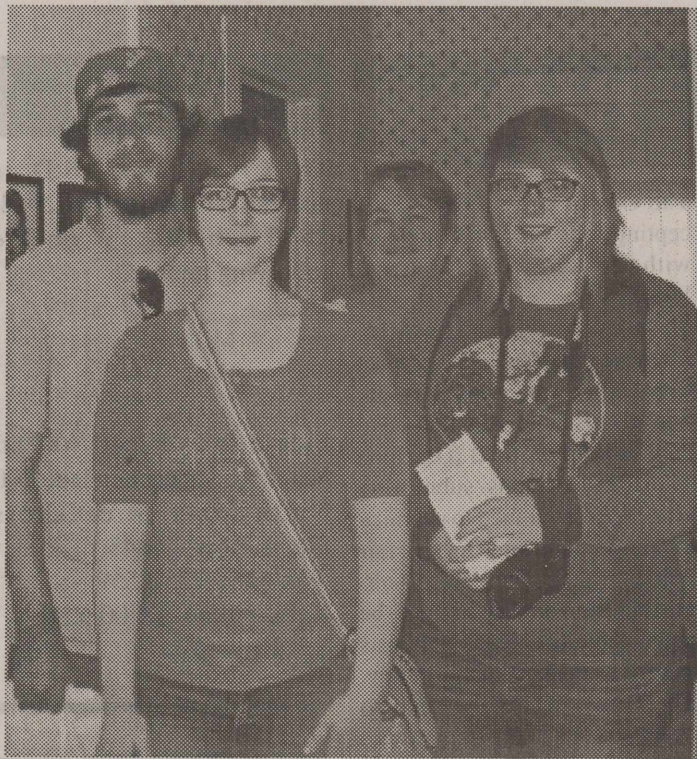
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- Texas Heritage Bank
- Tim's Floral
- Trinity Liveoak Real Estate
- Turner Landscape



REH Museum Visitors

Passing through Cross Plains on their way from Lubbock to Sweeny, TX., Cathy Rodgers, daughters Patti and Annie and John Cherish stopped to visit the REH Museum. After attending a John White concert in Lubbock, Cathy decided it was only fair to honor John's request to visit the home of one of his favorite authors. For such a young man, John has already

pursued most of Howard's genres.

Cherish is attending the Brazos Port Junior College, studying computer science; Annie attends the same college with no chosen major yet and Patti is studying accounting at the University of Houston. Cathy is a stay-at-home mom who stays busy trying to keep up with two college students.



Summer Intern visits Museum

Lucchese Gordon from Zephyr is a student at Texas A&M and is working with the Comanche County Cooperative as an intern this summer. As a special feature writer, she had chosen to visit our Museum as one point of interest in this general area. She is a history major, so the Museum was a good fit for her

writing assignment. Although she had read several resources about Robert E. Howard, she wanted to actually visit the Museum to get a better feel about Howard as a person. Her long range plan is to get her Master's and teach history at the college level.



Guenthers

Arm Chair tour of Japan at Methodist Church

As the annual Robert E. Howard Days wind down and the visitors return to their "other lives," Dierk and Chie Guenther will change gears to explore Cross Plains, Cross Cut, Burkett and Brownwood in a different light.

Guenther is doing research to be used in his class on American Literature at the University of Tokushima, Japan and wants to see how this area in general would have affected Howard's writings. He plans to spend some time at the library, looking through the newly digitized archives of the Cross Plains Review.

On Tuesday, June 17 from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church, the couple will share Japanese traditions, culture, foods, educational systems,

religion, architecture, etc. They will be open for questions from the audience and encourage folks to come prepared to participate in such.

Chie is bringing materials to teach some basic origami. So gather up your courage and plan to join this activity as we learn from a true artist.

A reception of traditional Texas snacks will be available and will provide an informal time for personally visiting with the visitors.

The Methodist Church family encourages the community to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Children are especially invited to meet the folks who sent the children's Bible for the VBS program at FUMC last summer.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 16th - 20th

Monday-16th Exercise 10:45 /Bingo sponsored by Interga care 11:15

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Thursday -19th Exercise 11:00

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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 Cafeterium beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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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 barbeque 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.

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Submitted by: Georgia Yawn, Secretary/Treasurer

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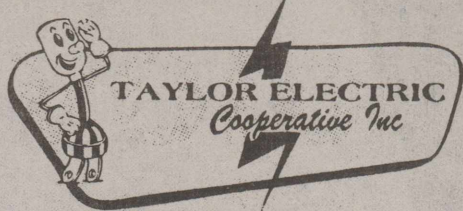
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The 2014 State 4-H Shooting games held here at the Callahan County Shooting Sports Range, from July 28th to August 2nd is a week long event for many 4-H families from all over the state of Texas. Officials for the event would like to make this event the best it can be for all the 4-H youth. The Callahan Range is one of the nicest facilities in the state and we hope to show it off plus show how local communities can come together to help each other out. We plan on having a "Sponsor Board" with names of those individuals or businesses who help with this event. We would like to show a warm welcome to everyone who is entering our town/area for this event. Show them that we are friendly communities and happy to have them here in our communities and shooting

match officials would love to have people from our community come out and watch these kids in action! What a Treat!! Below are some of the things officials say they need to make the week's activities go smoother. **FOOD ITEMS:** Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Pickles, BBQ sauce, Hamburger buns, Hot dog buns, Tortillas, Single serve chips (all kinds), Tortilla chips (for nachos), lettuce, tomato, onion, bell pepper etc., Pork butt roast, sausage, hot dog wieners, hamburger meat, Cases of water, Soft Drinks, and gatorade. **PAPER GOODS & SUPPLIES:** Cups, napkins, paper towels, Toilet paper, hand soap, Brooms, Trash cans, Cleaning supplies. **HARDWARE:** Staplers, staples for mounting targets, Push pins, Orange Marking paint,

White Marking paint. **BEAUTIFICATION:** Flowers (decoration to make range look nice), Mow the ditches along side of entrance road, Water down the entrance road and inside range to keep dust down. **APPLIANCES AND SMALL EQUIPMENT:** Cooktop, griddle or electric stove, Ice machine, Portable generators, Portable power light plants. **MISC ITEMS:** 3-4 picnic tables. Additional RV hookups, Service to empty RV's during the week, Canopies and tents for shade. **Bleachers:** Portable building for Score Shack (with AC for scoring targets), 30-40 traffic cones or barrels for no parking zones. If you have any of these items and would like to loan or donate them to the Rifle Club, we would love to have them. Thank you.

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- 156 George Scott, CP-Beautiful** updates! 3BR-1.5B with covered patio...**\$89,000**
- 2305 Belmeade, B'wood-3BR/2B** brick on lg lot, nice neig**Reduced**...**\$104,500**
- 441 Cypress-Adorable** updated 3BR-2B, hdwood floors, new electrical**\$113,000**
- 325 NW 4th, CP-Beautifully** landscaped 3BR-2B MH w/ 2-car garage...**\$119,900**
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Courthouse News

- Callahan County Court**
Roger Corn, presiding
- Misdemeanor Filings**
- Melodie Yvonne Walton, theft by check.
 - Kenneth Carpenter Sr., theft by check.
 - Dillon G. James, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
 - Santos Medina, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
 - Joel S. Mattson, assault causing bodily injury, family violence.
 - Diane Green, keeping a gambling place.
 - Scott R. Wilsonn, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
 - Philip Ormann, theft.
 - Andrea M. Coolman, DWI.
 - Kelby Cauthen, theft.
 - Christine Rogers, criminal mischief.
 - Hilbert J. Cortez, assault causing bodily injury, family violence.
 - Nicholas Wayne Morgan, assault causing bodily injury, family violence.
 - Justin Burnett, assault causing bodily injury, family violence.
 - Jacey M. Sides, assault.
 - Gary Dean Bowen, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
 - Andrea M. Coolman, leaving the scene of an accident.
 - Jaden J. Moore, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
 - Jalen D. Maddox, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
 - Shaun Conway, assault causing bodily injury, family violence.
 - Allen J. Hastings, DWI.
- Marriage Licenses**
- Christopher Wayne Howe of Clyde and Megan Lee Skelton of Fredericksburg.
 - Anthony Ryan Hutton and Darla Renae Clouse, both of Cross Plains.
- Misdemeanor Minutes**
- Jacey L. Sellers, judgment nisi granted.
 - Jamie Roensch, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
 - Larry R. Carter, judgment nisi granted.
 - Robert G. Adams, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.
- 42nd District Court**
John Weeks, presiding
- Civil Filings**
- Sunoco Pipeline L. P. vs. Gery Saum, eminent domain condemnation.
- Civil Minutes**
- Conley Trey Tucker and Amanda Kay Tucker, divorce granted.
 - Melissa Sue Anne Laney Davidson and Timothy Lloyd Davidson, divorce granted.
 - Thomas Jerald Williams Jr. and Carolina Correa Williams, divorce granted.
 - Richard Alan Livingston Jr. and Crystal Maxine Livingston, divorce granted.
 - Davey Lyn Kennemur and Christine Lee Linnell, divorce granted.
- Criminal Information & Complaint**
- Travis Wheeler, possession of a controlled substance.
- Criminal Minutes**
- Clint E. Gregg, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year in jail, \$364 court costs.
 - Travis Wheeler, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$100 fine, \$354 court costs.

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Lucky day for another visitor

Seeing the parking lot at the Museum full last Saturday, Stephen Sanchez of Austin, stopped to see what was going on and much to his delight, found the Museum open. Kevin Blasor, DVM at the local veterinarian, is his father-in-law

and had encouraged Stephen to check out the historic home of the famous author. Sanchez, a real estate adjuster in the Austin area is quite the Howard fan and was already making plans to hopefully return next week for the annual Howard Days.



Google Ingress Players meet at REH Museum

Players from around the country took dead aim on the REH Museum last Sunday to play Ingress, the virtual reality computer game produced by the Niantic Labs, a startup within Google. A few of the 21 players were from the Austin, Georgetown area, another was

from WA and the rest were from everywhere and from all walks of life. As for what the game is, your best bet is to Google "Ingress" and try to decipher it from there. Or just wait until the creator of the game, John Hanke, is in town the next time to visit his mother Era Lee.

Burkett Activities 2nd Weekend in June

There are lots of activities going on in Burkett the 2nd weekend in June, so mark your calendar!

The Burkett Homecoming and the Annual Memorial Service will be held Sunday, June 8, 2014. The Homecoming will start with lunch at 12:30 at the Christian Community Center. We ask each one to bring food. Paper goods, drinks and bread will be provided. We will have a short meeting after we eat. The Memorial Service will follow at 2:30 at the Cemetery Pavillion with Ernie Neves as our speaker.

The Burkett/Adams Cemetery Board would like to express our thanks and appreciation for all the donation to help in the upkeep of the cemetery. Your continued support allows us to maintain the cemetery and to do some repairs on the markers. Again thank you to all those that have donated.

BUFFALOS

Summer reading program begins next week

The Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Program, "Fizz! Boom! Read!" will kick-off on Wednesday, June 18. Children and teens of all ages are encouraged to join us for a variety of events. Miss Sue's Little Scientists will meet from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. with stories and crafts, followed by the main program beginning at 2:00 p.m. EXCEPT on Movie Days, when everyone will join in at 1:15 p.m. with popcorn and drinks. Mark your calendars and bring the kids on down for some summer fun!

June 18, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue's Little Scientists; Abilene Society of Model Railroaders.

June 25, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue's Little Scientists;

Commissioners post closing portion of County Road 226

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to close a portion of County Road 226 during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Friday, June 6th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

County Road 226, located in Commissioner Bryan Farmer's Precinct #2, is a dead-end roadway and three landowners on the County Road requested the roadway be closed due to illegal dumping on the roadway.

County Judge Roger Corn said before the County Road is closed, the commissioners' court must post for 20 days, they're considering closing the portion of the County Road.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to post for 20 days the closing of a portion of County Road 226.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Com-

missioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present. Also present at the meeting was Billy Hughes with American National Leasing Company.

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

—Under public comments, there was none.

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

—No action was taken on the CETRZ (County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone) grant.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to purchase a Kibota Boom Mower by a lease purchase agreement through American National Leasing Company. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Michelle Beatty representing Davis Kinard & Co. P.C. gave a report on the audit performed

on the county finances. The county received a clean and unmodified auditor for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the audit and Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—No action was taken on the agenda item to adopt an order regulating the use of certain fireworks for the July 4th fireworks season.

—Judge Corn made a motion to table the proposals for hazardous material survey/reporting. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:32 a.m. Judge Corn seconded the motion and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

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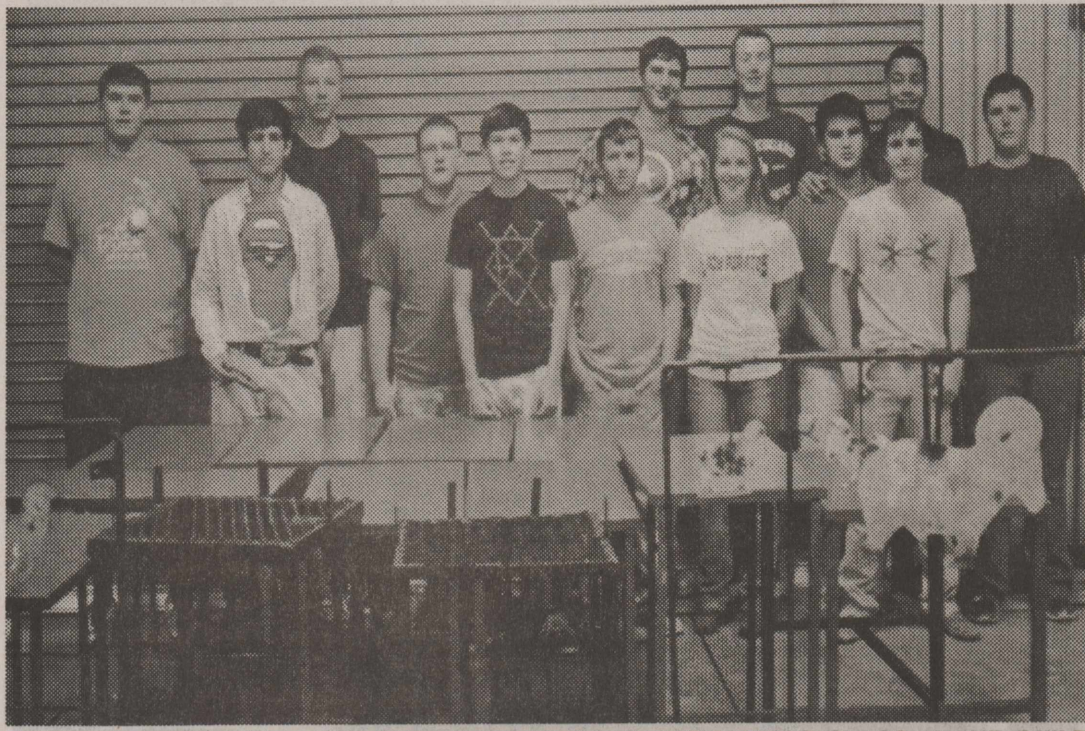
ACROSS

- Grand Saline, TX has large _____
- East TX _____ fish (aka "crawfish")
- real first name of TX "Bum" Phillips
- TXism: "he couldn't _____ a stick horse" (greenhorn)
- TX Ross Perot, e.g. TX'n born "ween July 23 & Aug. 23
- this actor was in 1977 film "The Deep" with UT-grad Eli Wallach
- TV talking horse: "Mr. _____"
- FM 518 in League City is the "Slayton Highway"
- noted TX guitarist: _____
- Ray _____ Vaughan
- Gulf fish: _____
- _____ "head"
- Gulf eagle _____ today, Cowboy fans are as likely to _____ as cheer
- "Hook '_____ Horns!"
- first 2 wds. of DART _____
- cow sounds _____ in Smith Co. on 135
- TXism: "_____ the bull" (gossip)
- "no _____, no gain"
- prong on a fork _____
- TX Kris _____ Kristofferson starred in this '76 film with Striesand
- TXism: "rides his own trail"
- Marines motto: "_____ per Fidelis"
- of the wind _____
- ex-Cowboy Peter Gent wrote novel "North Dallas _____"
- wood chopper _____
- fish propeller _____
- this butter is extracted from the bean _____
- noted Dallas prep school: "School of Texas"
- poker card suit _____
- _____ "out a living"
- Gulf shrimp catcher _____
- TX-made comfort shoe _____
- tech companies try to make products _____ friendly
- gun the engine _____
- this actress Gene is buried in Houston
- TXism: "hair trigger _____" (quick to anger)
- _____ society" (riffraff, rabble)
- longtime TX journalist for ABC, Donaldson (nit.) _____
- TX Larry Hagman was in '76 film "The Eagle _____ Landed"
- salsa singer, _____
- "Babe" Didrikson _____
- the "tall ship" moored at Galveston _____
- ball _____ (writing utensils)
- NBA development league team in TX: "Austin _____"
- "Fort _____" is in TX & NM, with its HQ in El Paso
- TXism: "_____ stock, & barrel" (all)
- golf yell _____
- TX A&M "Corps of _____" was established in 1876
- TXism: "can't _____ silk purse out of a sow's ear"

DOWN

- what Ranger Yu Darvish tries to pitch (2 wds.)
- TXism: "mad as _____" (on rooster)
- _____ rest
- Smith Co. seat _____
- Buddy Holly's wife: _____
- Maria _____
- TXism: "bought a pig in a _____" (screwed up)
- bitterly regret _____
- "for example" abbr. _____
- TXism: "plain as the _____ your face"
- TX "wheeler dealer," Billie Sol _____

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TONY THOMPSON AND HIS EULA AGRICULTURAL /MECHANICS CLASS HAVE BUILT PISTOL TARGET SWINGERS FOR THE CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

Eula Ag/Mechanics Class & teacher Mr. Thompson make targets for Callahan County Shooting Sports Range

Tony Thompson and the Eula Agricultural/Mechanics class have again fabricated items for the Callahan County Shooting Sports Association.

The Group has in years past, built shooting tables, cooler stands, picnic tables and this year they are pictured above with their latest community service project, Pistol Target Swingers, in the shape of pigs, goats, and chickens. These targets do not fall to the ground or turn over when hit, instead they make a loud ringing sound to let everyone know the target was hit.

The Callahan County

Shooting Sports Association officials appreciate this class's continued support, but also want to let everyone, including Mr. Thompson and the students in the Eula Ag/Mechanic Department know how much their support has helped the Shooting Sports program.

Many of the metal stands and tables will be used when the Callahan County Shooting Sports Association hosts the State 4-H Shooting Match in July.

Since Shooting Sports officials are expecting over 200 4-Hers from around the state to

be at the range for the state meet, they are preparing for approximately three times as many competitors as they normally have at one of their regular matches.

Organizers say, without continued support from our local communities, businesses and individuals, hosting events, such as the state meet would be very difficult.

Again, many thanks to the Eula Ag/Mechanics Department, Mr. Thompson and the many others who have supported the 4-H shooting program in the past.

4-H Council meeting

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30 pm, June 3rd at the Baird Court House.

The first thing we talked about was the 4-H Rally. It will be held at the Clyde City Park on September 7th at 3 pm. There will be a water balloon fight and more. Also there will be Hotdogs and refreshments. The second thing we talked about was the Award Ceremony. It will be held at the Clyde Intermediate Cafeteria on August 9th at 10 am. It will look Hawaiian themed. There will be a brunch during the Award Ceremony.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Submitted and written by:
Jennifer Dement

Callahan County Riding Club 2014 Schedule

June: 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.

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Attention Teen Readers

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a girls' teen book discussion, a separate boys' teen book discussion and a co-ed book to movie event during the summer. Teens aged 13-18 are invited to join. Girls will read "He texted: the Ultimate Guide to Decoding Boys" by Lisa Winning and Carry Henderson McDermott, about dating in a digital world- texting, facebooking, and snapchatting can make it pretty difficult. Free copies of the book can be picked up at the library. A discussion will be held on Friday, June 20th, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. with free pizza and drinks in the library's conference room.

In July, boys can pick up a free copy of "Seeing Red" by Katherine Erskine, about a boy who loses his father and has some tough choices to make, weighing tradition with morality. Their discussion will be held on Friday, July 18th, from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. with free pizza and drinks in the library's conference room.

In August, both girls and boys will read Veronica Roth's "Divergent" and then watch the movie on Friday, August 15th, with popcorn, soda, and "movie theater" snacks served. Each participant in these programs will be entered in a drawing for 2 movie passes to a theater in Abilene.

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who has been a guiding force in the celebration since the beginning. Many of the attendees purchase post cards at the Museum and have them cancelled to send around the world. Pretty amazing business for our local station.

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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Last Puzzle Solution

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LIBRARY NOTES

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The Beauty in Terrible Things

By Teagan Fortune
10th Grade

The corridors of the school are crowded as I make my way to the restroom, bodies turning into racecars searching for a win. It's the last day before Christmas break and the students are restless, anxiously waiting for he last bell to ring.

At last, I arrive at the restroom, shoving the door open to get inside. The hinges sing as it sways shut. I look into the mirror, sighing when I appear tired. The past few days have been stressful due to finals. I splash some cold water on my face and prepare to leave.

I recognize the sound almost immediately, having heard the distinct sound in many of many dad's movies. It's the sound of an assault rifle, and bodies dropping quickly. I panic, tearing into a bathroom stall to hide. I lock the door and set my feet on the toilet seat, my shoes almost meeting the water. I duck my head as soon as the door flies open. I peer through the crevice between the hinge and the door. I identify the shooter as Timothy James, the boy who was forced in a locker two days ago. I have never had a conversation with the boy, but I know that doesn't have any effect on him.

He stops walking, looking in every direction for something, or someone. He is dressed in his usual wear. Black hair, black clothes and black makeup, but I cannot stop staring at his eyes. Instead of their rightful color, his eyes are skeletal gray. His eyes are clouded with revenge.

He is on a mission, and I know that he will not stop unless something is done. His eyes settle on the stall. Then, in one swift motion his foot finds the stall door, bursting it open. His gaze finds me; raises his gun to my forehead. I know I only have two choices if I want to stay alive. I could try to out run him, or I can attempt to manipulate his decision. I know the fear is taking control of my body and my legs are too weak, so I decide on the latter.

I clamber down from my perch on the toilet seat and move my shaking legs forward, advancing toward him. He's surprised momentarily, backing up as I move closer, but he rights himself hurriedly.

Now in the middle of the room, I lock eyes with him, hoping to convince him. "Please Timothy, I've never done anything to you. Whatever has happened, we can work it out. It doesn't have to result to this. Please, let me go." I know it was a weak pleading, but he looks like he is contemplating my proposal. His eyes soften, a hint of green fighting back gray, and he smiles. I want to think it's genuine, but I know better.

Darkness is upon him once again and the word "No" forms upon his crusty, black covered lips. He flexes his arm and moves up, again aiming at my head. I see the bullet long before I feel it. It hovers, suspended in midair for what seems like an eternity. I watch it spiral, its grooves propelling it towards me, and then its here. The bullet breaks into my skull, sending shards of bone into the wall, the floor, even the sink. My body thunders to the ground, my head meeting the hard tile, and my

Writing Contest Winners Awarded

The Cross Plains Public Library gave ribbons and plaques to the winners of the Student Writing Contest during the school award ceremonies. Every grade and one homeschooler submitted entries. First, second, and third place winners from each grade received ribbons. Three overall winners were chosen to receive a plaque honoring

them as recipients of the Lou Rodenberger Award for Outstanding Writing.

The three overall winner's papers are published in this week issue of the Cross Plains Review. The Cross Plains Public Library would like to thank all the writers who entered and the school for encouraging the students to do so.

brain begins to hemorrhage. Blood pours from my wounds, seeping into the colorful square tiles and filling the cracks with scarlet.

Timothy looms over me. I wait for him to exit, to find another victim, but he doesn't. He stays, as if to watch. My eyes fixate onto him, daring him to help me, and his figure begins to quiver. Suddenly he isn't there above me anymore. A film starts to play before me, and I am completely and utterly alone, succumbed to its images.

I have never watched a film like this. It resembles that of a Super 8 film, incredibly old and unexplainably captivating.

I see a woman, about twenty years older than myself, and a supernatural force draws me to her. She is exiting an attorney's office. The woman is dressed in a black tailored suit with blue trim and blue heels, carrying a briefcase. The woman reminds me of myself, and I want to talk to her, grab her arm, anything to know she is real, but I can't move. I am stuck like cement, a bystander.

The woman is accompanied by a man, speaking to him in an assertive tone, and I know what she is. I had always wanted to be a lawyer; I had the notion that the job was the greatest way to achieve justice. The man, possible her client, listens intently to what she is saying. When the two are finished the woman simply flicks her hand, sending the man on his way. The man looks hurt but they separate, and they woman continues down the structured steps of the office, taking two steps at a time. She unlocks and starts the engine of her car, and is about to leave when the man returns, sprinting toward her. He takes her in his arms, runs his fingers through her hair, over her face, and kisses her lips. I can tell this is their first kiss by the way the woman's face glows and how the man's smile reaches his eyes.

I'm astounded. I have just witnessed this man and woman, this couple, transition into something great. It is one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen, and I wish to see more. Suddenly, the film flickers and pops, deteriorating, and another scene plays before me.

This time, the woman is seated at the dinner table with the man from before. Two children, a boy and a girl, are seated next to them. The feeling of accomplishment washes over me as I realize the woman made it. This is her family, her husband and her kids. The woman's husband complements her perfectly. His washed blonde hair and soft, sparkling smile that kisses his blue eyes, is the perfect antidote to the woman's striking features. Her trance induced hazel eyes and her dark hair, her soft curls, her small teeth. They are the most beautiful couple I have ever seen, and their two children are gorgeous, resembling them both with dark hair and crystal eyes.

The children are laughing at their father, who is attempting to be an elephant, balancing a spoon on his nose while he throws peanuts. The woman is scolding him, looking at the mess, but I know she is holding back laughter by the way she clamps her mouth shut and turns away. Her composure finally breaks, her body wrecked with laughter. She smears food on her husband's face. He stops the scene, spaghetti noodles hanging from his chin, and a food fight begins between the two and their children.

Food flies around the room, landing on the floor, the ceiling, and their hair.

The family begins to settle down. The children are bathed and put to bed, kisses planted on their foreheads. The woman is in the kitchen, watching her husband wash dishes. She goes to him, puts her chin on his shoulder, and whispers in his ear that everything is fine; they will get it in the morning. He looks at her. Her features are no longer menacing, but are soft and sweet, a little disheveled. He kisses her and they head upstairs, hand in hand.

Just like before, this film begins to recede as another appears, and I am transported to a graduation. The woman is older, faint lines along her face. She is seated in a row of chairs, her husband beside her, and he too has gotten older. She has a camera in hand, her legs tense. Suddenly, the woman springs out of her seat and begins to whoop and holler as a name is declared. Her daughter is on stage, being handed her high school diploma, smiling a smile filled with small teeth. Her mother is taking pictures rapidly while her father makes monkey noises, waving his hand as if it will never get tired, pride shining their faces. Her son's name is declared next, and the parents repeat the performance, a pair of lunatics to their surrounding neighbors.

The amount of love the parents have for their children is visible on their faces. The two await their children at the front of the high school, the same one the mother grew up in, and they shower them with hugs and kisses. They watch, eyes filled with joy as their kids throw their hats up into the air. The father brings out two bouquets of white roses, one for his daughter and one for his wife, because he knows that the flower is their favorite, symbolizing a love stronger than death.

The next film is of the happily married couple. The two have aged drastically, their bodies' heavier set and their skin looser. The love the two shares, however, has not changed a bit. They are sitting on the top of a small hill, a picnic basket set between them. They are, once again, hand in hand, and the woman is leaning on her love. The man has a bouquet of white roses hidden behind his back, along with a ring. As they watch the sun set in the distance, he shows her his gift of love. Attached is an index card, the words "Happy 50th Anniversary" written on it. Her gasp gives away her surprise, and his smile reaches his eyes crinkles giving away his age. After all the years that they have endured together, their love remains as strong as it did the first day they kissed. I know that they will always love each other, the way they will always honor their wedding vows, and the way that the woman will always receive white roses.

In an instant, the film is aflame. The smell of charred skin and death fills my nostrils, and I am viewing a funeral. I search for the woman, but she is no longer here. My eyes find her daughter and her son, each with a child of their own, seated beside their father. Her father holds a bouquet of white roses, his eyes weary and low, tears filling his lids. Their eyes are transfixed on a beautiful mahogany casket, a cross sketched into the wood, along with a photograph sitting atop. Speeches are given about the deceased and words of love



Teagan Fortune 1st place winner in writing contest

fill the area. After the ceremony of a life well lived, the beautiful casket is lowered into the earth. Layers of rich, dark soil are rained down onto the mahogany box. The tombstone reads "Beloved wife, mother, grandmother."

The woman's husband is the last to leave. He sits beside the grave talking and laughing to the deceased soul. When at last the sun is about to set, he pulls a false bouquet of white roses out of his coat pocket. The flowers are placed atop the grave, and the man kisses the rich earth for the last time. A tear tiptoes down his nose and soaks the soil, showing his love for his wife. A whispered "I love you" is spoke, and then, with a flick of his wrist the man walks in the other direction, but he will always be sprinting back to see her.

The film flickers, a soft flicker, and I know there will not be another, so I focus on those beautiful white roses, my favorite flower.

When I open my eyes, I am back to myself. I am back in the restroom. Blood strands the floor, and Timothy stands still in the corner. My head pounds in rhythm to an approaching ambulance, and I can hear rushed footsteps in the hallway, but I am out of time. The clock on my watch no longer ticks.

I am no longer scared but

contentment fills my heart. I have witnessed my whole life flash before my eyes, and it was absolutely beautiful. What my life would have been, was beautiful. Extraordinary. I am the lucky one.

Timothy places the barrel of his gun inside his mouth. I try to stop him, but the sirens are so, so loud, and I am already gone. His eyes are green now. He closes them, and bends his finger, gently. The sound of the shot echoes throughout the school. Timothy drops to the floor beside me, his face soft, and his blood mixes with mine.

I do not hate him. Timothy has given me something no one else could. Thanks to him, a life I did not get to live was mine. Thanks to Timothy, everything was beautiful.

A tear cascades down the bridge of my nose, its diamonds fading away as it splashes the floor, matching the color scarlet. The light begins to fade into darkness and the sirens and footsteps silent.

Then I am in brilliant light, its radiance taking my breath away, for the last time. My world is filled with beautiful white roses, and my family is here, taking my hand and leading me away. I am happy, and I am beautiful. One would think that I would hate Timothy, but they do not know what I know. I know that there is beauty in ter-

rible things.

"Sometimes in the smallest details of our day God reveals the greatest depths of His love--in ways only His heart and ours understand."

I wrote this to dedicate to the children of Sandy Hook Elementary School. I hope that their last moments were not overcome with terror, but filled with beauty.

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Colton McWilliams 2nd Place winner in Writing Contest



2nd Place Overall

The Cattle Drive

By Colton McWilliams
12th Grade

Everything can take a turn for the worse. In one moment, everything can be fine and perfect, and the next, all hell can break loose. This is seen all the time, in sports, business, war, and even at home. Anything can go wrong when least expected, and one day everyone will find themselves in this position. You just don't know when it will happen.

It was early October. After days of the unbearable Texas heat, the first cold front hit that night. The air that morning was cool and crisp, and the chills made it tolerable for warm clothing. Coming to the ranch that morning, I was still drowsy from my slumber, but I came to my senses when I started going. After saddling my horse, we headed out on our journey.

My grandpa, his hand, my sister and brothers, and I were heading to our pasture to gather cattle for the branding. We started at a walk and then transcended into a fast trot as we followed the road to the pasture where the cattle were held. After entering the pasture, we again followed the twisted road as we made our way to the cattle. When we reached the cattle, they were agitated, but once they got used to us, they started to cooperate. After calming the cattle down, we then began to push the cattle to the branding area. Going at a slow pace, the cattle started moving forward. The drive was calm, but the slow-moving pace was starting to make me and my siblings feel the languor of the long drive we had ahead of us. As soon as languor reached its peak, the excitement began.

A wild cow had escaped our hold of the herd. All of the sudden, the other cattle followed suit. They started running wild as our grip of the herd was loosening. They started to scatter everywhere. From left to right, the cattle ran loose like a stampede from the old cowboy movies. Our only hope was to gather

them back up and calm them down.

I had soon realized what was going to happen. My grandpa and his worker were going to gather the cattle that had escaped and wandered north of us. That left me and my siblings to gather the rest of the herd. I felt nervous. I had never taken charge during a cattle drive. I had been on cattle drives but never had I taken charge before. I didn't want to take charge, but my grandpa just said

"Colton, don't be scared. You been with me on a good deal of cattle drives, and you are the best cowboy I have seen in quite a while. I believe in you."

Suddenly, I felt a rush of confidence run through my body. I yelled out the orders to my other siblings. I told my brother and sister to gather the cattle that had wandered toward the east of us. I told my younger brother to help me gather the cattle that were south. As my brother and I gathered the cattle, my sister and brother had followed the cattle I told them to gather. I noticed that my grandpa had not come back. My sister told me that maybe we should take the cattle to them, but I knew better. I told her that we needed to stay here.

It took me a while to convince her, but she finally agreed. As we waited for my grandfather, the same cow that started this ruckus was causing trouble again. When the cow started to escape from the herd, I wielded my horses toward the cow. I stopped the cow, but she tried to cut the other way. My horse, the cow and I were locked in a paramount clash. I mirrored the cow with my horse as I tired her out with every move. After my final move had stumped her, she finally quit.

My grandfather had been watching the action as he brought the rest of the cattle in. He was amazed with the leadership I had taken, and with my horsemanship. With the rest of the cattle in hand, the cattle drive was smooth and easy.

I had to step up that day and become a leader. I had never been a part of a drive where I had to be a leader and take control of a cattle drive. It was there when I learned that I have to be confident of my choices no matter if they're good or bad. I wasn't ready to take a leadership role, but I had to man up and take my role that was given. Now if another situation, like the one I faced were to happen, I will be ready.



3rd Place Overall

A Medieval Education

By Jackilann Shepard
7th Grade

The moment that Priscilla walked through the doors of Arthur Academy she immediately knew it was the best. She had never been to school let alone one this fine. When she slayed that dragon, saving her town, King Pete had granted her a request. Priscilla asked to be educated in the best school in the country.

"Hello," the teacher said, "my name is Professor Potts and wish thee welcome at Arthur Academy. I know that many of you don't know each other so when I call your name would you please stand up, say your full name, then favorite color, and favorite animal. Princess Laureth!"

"Laureth Diane Amelia Finkleberg the third, purple, and cats" the girls who had stood up had very curly hair and a huge purple gown with a heavily embroidered bodice. She was sitting beside a boy who, when called, answered to Prince

Charming whose favorite color is baby blue and favorite animal is a show white stallion.

When Professor Potts called Priscilla, she stood up, and immediately Laureth guffawed and asked if that were the new maid. Priscilla looked down at her tunic and felt herself growing red in the face.

"Priscilla Ann Baggins, green, and deer."

The last person to be called was a pretty girl in a long black cloak with silver toggles. Her name was Grendella Zuphili, her favorite color was midnight blue, and her favorite animal as a dragon. Laureth leaned over and whispered to Prince Charming that Grendella was a witch and the only way she got into the school was because she threatened to curse the entire country.

Priscilla noticed that Grendella was keeping to herself and wasn't sitting with anyone. When she scooted over next to her, Grendella shrieked and gave a jump. "Oh, I'm so sorry I didn't mean to startle you." Priscilla said backing away. "No, don't leave. I'm sorry, I just didn't expect anyone to come near me considering I'm a witch and all. I would like to have a friend who isn't able to make fun of my spell work since she doesn't know about it."

"Girls, girls, please pay attention to me," called Professor Potts. "Now as I was saying, this school is only a week long course and we learn by making it a little competition. Don't you scoff at this, the week will pass by very quickly and whosoever wins the competition will receive the prize of being the ruler of the country for the next year where they will continue their education. Now, with that all out, off to your classes and if you want to pick up your books they are down the hall just to your left. You will



Jackilann Shepard 3rd Place Winner in Writing Contest

only be needing Bracken: A Documentary for today's lessons with Helen."

Priscilla hurried along down the corridor so that she would be early and prove that peasants could be worth more than princesses if they put their minds to it. Being the first one there, she opened up her book so that when the teacher walked in it would look like she was serious about winning this competition.

Grendella was the next pupil to get to class and sit down just as a lovely woman walked in the door informing them that she was their teacher. The teacher had long bright red hair in soft waves down her back.

"Hello," the teachers voice rang out, "I can't be certain, but I do not think that my class is supposed to have only two members."

At that moment Laureth sat down in the desk in front of Priscilla and swept her golden curls across Priscilla's desk, but the teacher had a wary eye and at that moment coughed loudly. Laureth sat up strait and started to mumble that she was sorry. The teacher introduced herself as Mrs. Trevelstien called her forth to the front of the room to perform.

"My name is Grendella and I'm a witch. Now I will perform a spell that should make a member of the king's guard appear then go back again. London, Greenland, one of the king's men!"

Then a gargantuan cloud of smoke filled the room, and suddenly a soldier in a red uniform and large black hat was standing at attention in the middle of the classroom. The children waited for a minute, but the soldier didn't disappear. Grendella started to turn red and Laureth let out a snort. Then something extremely weird happened, the soldier walked in front of Laureth and gave a salute speaking a language they had never heard before. When the teacher got order in the classroom, the soldier scooted a desk over next to Laureth. He was holding a weird metal and wood stick with a very strange knife of the end, which he stamped on the ground. The teacher had tried to talk to him, but the soldier just stared strait forward like she wasn't there. Finally they just resolved to call him Bob since he wouldn't talk to anyone.

The students worked for four whole days until the day of the contest drew near and they started to realize what was at risk. Priscilla and Grendella became great friends and were inseparable the whole week. On the final day of their training, the girls studied together the ways to kill a dragon, how to brew medicine for fever, and terms of money. All these exercises were necessary for a future leader of the county to learn.

They went to sleep and awoke at dawn exhilarated for the first event when a girl screaming outside the door caused them to jump out of their beds. Priscilla opened the door and found Laureth with a bag and a very angry Mrs. Trevelstien grasping her hair. "You are disqualified for such

lavish behavior."

"But Miss, you don't understand, there is no possible way for me to win this competition. I was just going to make sure they were late for the first event to give me an equal chance!" Laureth was sobbing and the tears were leaving spoils on her satin nightgown.

The girls stepped back inside their bedchamber and silently got dressed. They livened up though as soon as they saw why Laureth didn't want them to arrive to the first task. Rows of large cauldrons were lined up on the long wooden table in the orientation room. Mrs. Trevelstien announced that the first task would be to brew a tonic for fever. The two girls smiled as they got their ingredients from the cupboard and began to chop everything into small pieces. At the end, Priscilla and Grendella's tonics tied, being perfect. Prince Charming's didn't get any points, having taken on the quality of mud.

The girls were very excited to see if the next event was on their list also. It turned out that the next event was figuring numbers to find out the yearly total costs of imports and exports in the country. Once again, Priscilla and Grendella passed with flying colors, but Prince Charming's score was way below theirs.

Feeling very joyful, they just knew that there were going to do the last thing on their list and realization at that moment dawned on them. The last thing on their lists was killing a dragon. Grendella began to cry and Priscilla was on the verge of tears upon remembering her own slaying of a dragon in her village and their terror of the near-death experience.

Professor Potts was standing at the door of the training field where the last task was located.

"Good morning and I hope that your earlier tasks went very well. Behind me lies the last task, to win you must exit the

door on the other side of the field. A guardian lies await and if you wish to forfeit you may simply come back through the door. Now please go through in this order, Grendella, Charming and Priscilla."

Grendella took a deep breath and stepped through the open door. The room as silent for a moment and then the door flew open and Grendella flew out through it. She stood up and started mumbling something about a monster and unfair. Prince Charming opened the door and just closed it without going inside. All of Priscilla's instincts were screaming to not go inside, but she fought them and went through the open door. Trees and shrubs lined either side of a straight path and a lion with a woman's face lay in front of the open door on the other side. Her brain flew into action and recalled the creature as a sphinx and it's job was to ask each contestant a riddle. Priscilla remembered learning about the riddle the sphinx asked automatically knew the answer even before it spoke.

"What in the beginning walks on four legs, in its prime two, and at the end three?" The sphinx's voice seemed to flow all around Priscilla in a soprano waterfall. Even more surprising was when Priscilla spoke the answer, man, it crawls as a child, walks as a man, and walks with a cane in old age. The sphinx replied in the same melody as before.

"You may pass." Priscilla walked through the other door and was immediately congratulated by Professor Potts and the other students, claiming that she was the winner, that she had won the competition. "No, no, no. This can't all be, I'm a peasant there is no way I can run a country all by myself," she insisted.

Professor Potts took her by the hand and started to lead her down the hall. "Let me tell you a little secret," he said as his brilliant red hair started to lengthen and curl.

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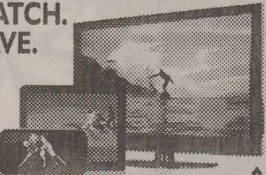
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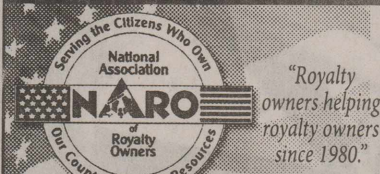
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each Friday evening. Our Friday dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$5.00 per person.

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

Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion is Saturday, June 28, 2014

The Pioneer Ex-student Association will meet Saturday, June 28th at a new location, the SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER in Cross Plains on Main Street next to Higginbotham.

Registration for this 94th event begins at 9:30 a.m. Complimentary coffee and snacks will be served.

Photos of attendees at past reunions and other mementos can be viewed during registration.

The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. A memorial service will be held for those ex-students, friends, and family lost during the past year. Family members will have the opportunity to participate. Lunch will be served about 11:30 a.m. (Immediately after the business meeting) for a nominal cost.

Plan now to attend the Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion on Saturday, June 28th at the Senior Citizen Center in Cross Plains. Bring your family and friends for a time of renewing old acquaintances and sharing memories of Pioneer School years.

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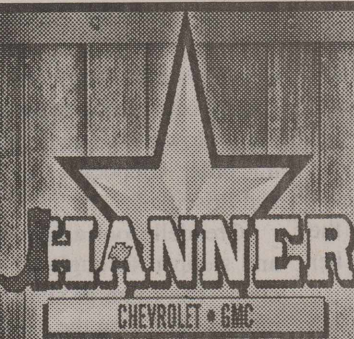


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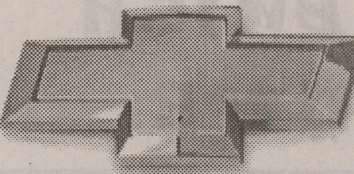
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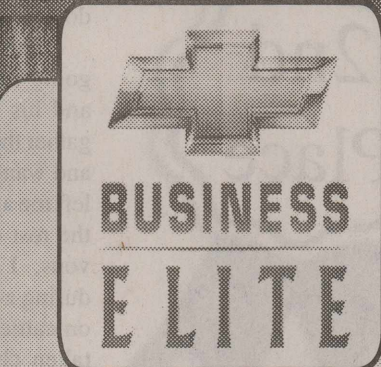
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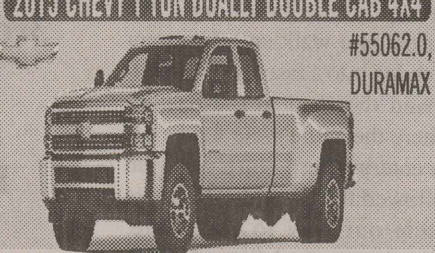
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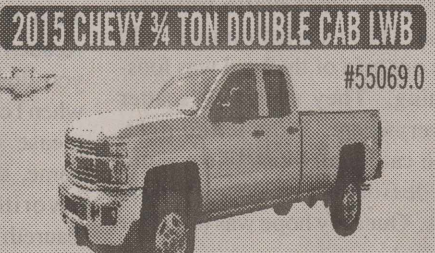
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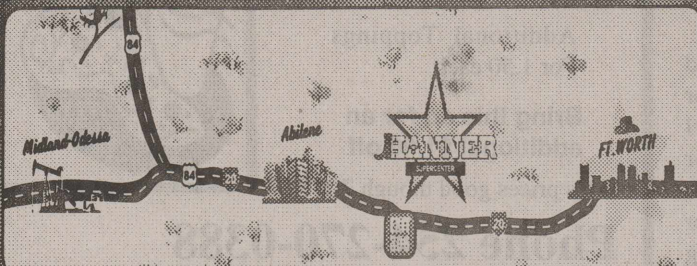
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Greater Roadrunner

The dynamics of this generation are quite a bit different from just a couple of decades ago, including Saturday morning cartoons. My children have difficulty grasping the concept of watching cartoons just once weekly, and they have no real concept of the epic struggle of good (prey item) against evil (predator) as depicted by Warner Bros. Of course I am referring to the Coyote and the fascinating Roadrunner.

The Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*) is a common bird throughout much of the southwestern portions of the United States, ranging from western Arkansas westward to northern California. From there it occurs throughout much of the Chihuahuan Desert and Mexican Plateau regions of Mexico. It can be observed throughout the entire state of Texas, barring a small swath of the southeastern-most counties. It is not a migratory species, meaning that it occurs in its Texas range year-round.

This attractive and subtly colorful species of bird is moderately large, with a body length of approximately twenty four inches, while the wingspan can approach six inches more. The breast coloration is generally a light tan to yellow, with numerous vertical dark and light streaks. These streaks fade away underneath the breast area. The back feathers are colored similarly to the breast area, but tend to be much darker overall. The feathers on the top of the head, or crest, are very shaggy in appearance. This comical bird has a tendency of raising these crest feathers, giving it the look of an '80's "hair band" front man. There is a patch of featherless skin behind the eye that is usually blue in coloration, although it can occasionally be candy apple red. The tail is long, and is often raised high and slowly lowered when the bird is irritated. The beak is heavy and dark, while the legs are long and thin, but are very strong.

Roadrunners are commonly seen while foraging for food along roadways, primarily while on the ground or perched on a fencepost. They feed on a number of invertebrate creatures, as well as smaller vertebrates. Documented food items include such animals as grasshoppers, beetles, lizards, snakes (including venomous rattlesnakes), mice, kangaroo rats, bird eggs, and smaller birds. They will also occasionally feed upon fruits and seeds, particularly prickly pear cactus tunas.

These birds typically prefer to live a solitary life except during



Greater Roadrunner (*Geococcyx californianus*)

mating season, the timing which can vary annually depending on weather conditions. This species of bird is monogamous, and it is widely believed by most naturalists that Roadrunners will mate for life. One to two broods per year are produced, with the nest containing two pale yellow eggs being constructed near the ground in cactus or shrubs. Incubation time is only twenty days, and the young are unable to take care of themselves at hatching. Both sexes will feed them during the next two weeks as they learn to hunt for food and to evade predators.

Roadrunners are somewhat bashful birds, and usually will opt to run from perceived threats rather than fly. When they do take flight, it is with several fast wing beats followed by a low

glide. They are seldom seen very far above the ground, preferring to perch on rocks and fence posts in dry, open spaces. The habitat of choice is grasslands, pasturelands, and rocky desert areas.

Roadrunners are a common to abundant bird throughout their range in Texas. The best place and time to observe them is during mid-morning or late afternoon drives. Look for them as they perch along the roadside, or as they dart across the roadway. Hopefully, seeing one of these magnificent creatures in person will elicit memories of those care-free Saturday mornings of yesteryear.

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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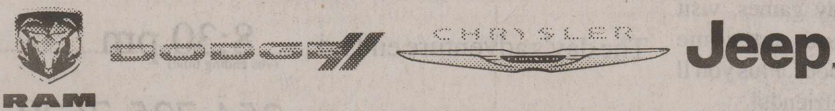


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Clyde's Festival by the Lake July 4th & 5th is fast approaching

The 2014 Clyde Festival by the Lake, sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee, will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 4th and July 5th at Clyde Lake.

Activities both days include live band performances, annual cookoff, food and merchandise vendors, carnival rides and fireworks on both Friday and Saturday night.

Activities on Friday, July 4th will begin at 5:00 p.m., according to Clyde Festivities Project Coordinator Terry Davis. Davis said three bands will begin playing on the Clyde Lake band stage beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Santa Fe. Santa Fe will play from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday. Guadalupe Pirates will perform on Friday from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Belle Plain Revival will be the final band performing on stage Friday from 9:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Those bands scheduled to perform on Saturday, July 5th include the Clyde band Five Times, The Charm from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Holloway will perform from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. 3 Shades Blue will perform from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Dave Hobbs will perform from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and the Saturday night performance will conclude with the popular Clyde performer Bo McDowell from 9:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Officials for the Fourth of July festival at Clyde Lake reported here will again be two fireworks displays at dark on both Friday and Saturday night.

Davis said Jason Gray and Hughie Gray with Gray Electric will again provide funding for a fireworks display on Friday night, July 4th.

Davis said this year's fireworks displays will take place at dark on Friday, July 4th and Saturday, July 5th, on the south end

of Clyde Lake. He said the fireworks displays will begin around 10:00 p.m.

Davis said Jason, and his father, Hughie, will ignite the Friday night fireworks displays at Clyde Lake. Saturday night's fireworks display will be ignited by Richard Sheffield and Chad Sheffield.

Davis also recognized the Men of Clyde organization for all their help with putting on this year's Festival. He said the Men of Clyde members will again be taking donations at the game of Clyde Lake at this year's Festival both Friday and Saturday night.

The festival coordinator said a number of area businesses will again purchase fireworks for a second showing on Saturday, July 5th at dark at Clyde Lake. Those assisting with the second fireworks show include: City of Clyde, Clyde Economic Development Corporation, Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep, Edward Jones, First Bank Texas, Gray Electric, Metal Mart, and Tytan Heating & Cooling.

Davis also recognized other contributions from: Big Country Trophies, Clyde Auto Supply, Clyde Chamber of Commerce, Citizens EMS, Clyde Farm & Ranch Supply, Clyde Journal, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, First Financial Bank, Happy Trails, Key City Septic & Plumbing, Lawrence Brothers IGA and Shady Oaks Country Club.

"We still need more cookoff teams," Davis said after another cookoff event the weekend before Clyde's festival, has reduced the number of cookoff teams. Davis said right now, there are several cookoff teams which have registered for the Festival cookoff. He said cookoff teams can register for the Festival cookoff until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4th the day of the festival's start.

The festival coordinator said some of the carnival rides scheduled to appear both Friday and Saturday include a bucking mechanical bull, and bungee cord jump area for older children and a dunking booth will be set-up. Davis said an air castle, with a maze, will be inflated at the carnival area.

Davis said the Festival is in need of various merchandise vendors for this year's festival. He said there are now enough food vendors for the festival.

The Project Coordinator said the carnival will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4th and will take place all day on Saturday, July 5th. Davis said he's also working on getting pony rides for kids, as well as the miniature train that appeared at last year's festival.

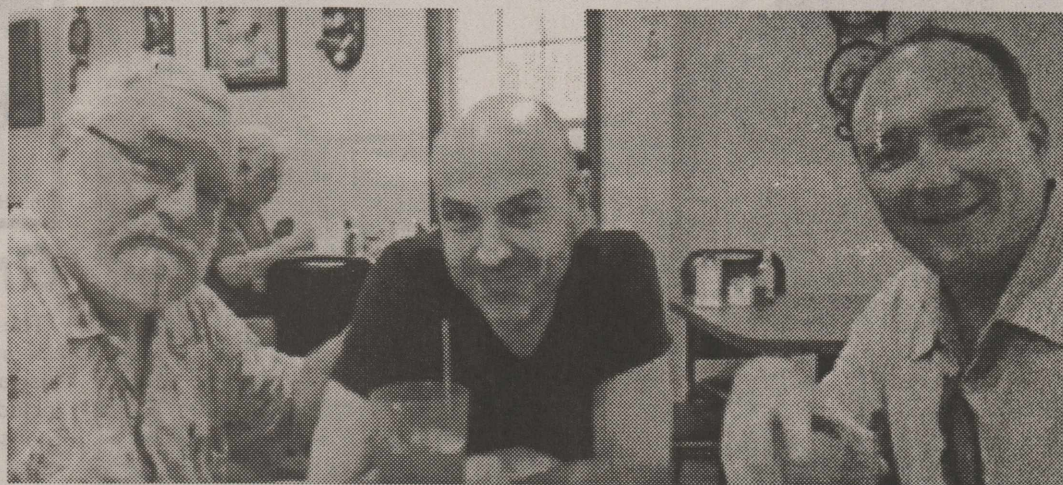
Davis said just like last year, cookoff judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, and the awards will be announced under the lake pavilion at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday evening.

Davis said there will also be horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments on Saturday, July 6th.

Davis said KBCY 99.7 is planning a live remote from Clyde Lake on Saturday, July 5th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Anyone wishing to obtain information about the merchandise vendor booths should contact Terry Davis at 893-3712. For additional camping information at Clyde Lake, contact David at 893-5339, or visit the City of Clyde's website at www.clydeamerica.com.

Clyde Lake is located eight miles south of Interstate 20, east of FM 604, at FM 3217.



Left to right: Bill Cavalier, Patrice Louinet, Jeff Shanks

Robert E. Howard Days are here

The annual Robert E. Howard Days will officially kick off 8:30 Friday with Project Pride offering coffee and donuts at the Museum Pavilion. Several of the visitors will have already arrived in town, eager to see old friends again and to see if the Museum has anything new and different to offer. Others arrived earlier with plans to enjoy the potato supper at the Senior Center and the Barbarian Festival parade.

The yellow school bus will depart from the Pavilion at 9:00 for a quick tour around town to visit some of Howard's old haunts before heading out to Richard and Sharon Parr's ranch to experience our native wildlife up close and personal.

At the same time, the Museum will open for tours, with a full contingent of volunteer tour guides waiting to greet the visitors and to provide informative tours of the entire house until 4:00. The special commemorative postal cancellation will be available at the Post Office until 4:00, while the Library opens its doors at 10:00 to be ready for the first panel

discussion beginning at 11:00.

The 11:00 panel discussion, led by Jeff Shanks from FL and Al Harron from Scotland, will focus on Howard's use of historical events as the basis for his fictional stories. At the 1:30 panel, Rusty Burke from Washington DC will interview guest of honor Patrice Louinet from France in his role as one of the premier scholars, researchers and translators of all things "Howard." Following at 2:30 will be the presentation of the REH Foundation 2013 Awards. Ann Beeler was the recipient of one of these awards in 2012 for her "Footsteps of Approaching Thousands," the early history of Cross Plains.

Then at 5:30, folks will start gathering at the Community to survey the items in the Silent Auction and to decide which items they hope to obtain. The celebration dinner begins at 6:30 with a full slate of interesting features; not the least of which will be Louinet's keynote address that he has titled "By this Accent, I Rule! The Frenchman is in Cross Plains."

Saturday starts real early for those early birds participating in the Barbarian Blast 5K run at 8:30. The Museum again opens at 9:00 for tours and will close at 4:00.

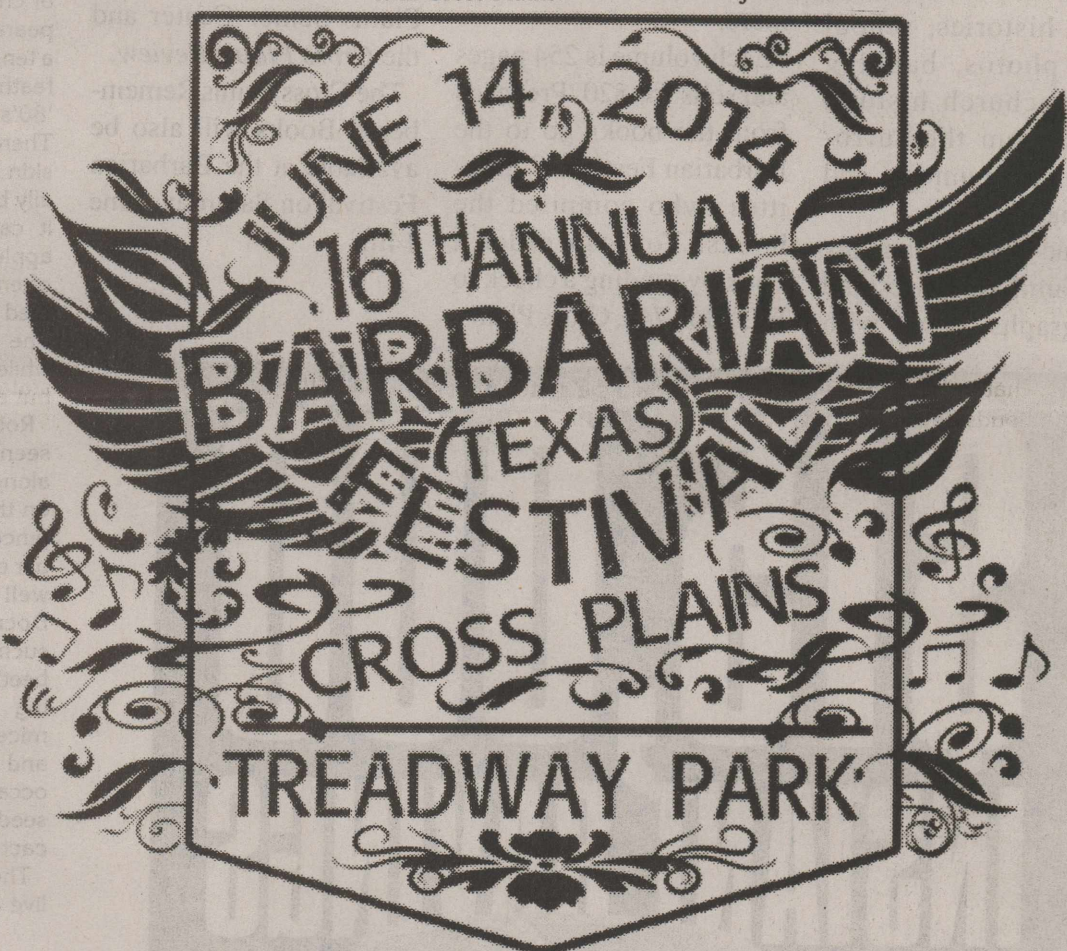
The first panel at the library does not start until 10:30, giving the "Howard visitors" time to explore the Barbarian Festival. At 10:30, Texans James Reasoner and Dave Hardy will discuss the continuing legend of Howard's writing. Howard's boxing stories will be the focus of the 2:00 panel and Louinet, Mark Finn of TX, Chris Gruber of NM and Tom Gianni of Chicago. Gianni has illustrated a number of Howard's stories published by the Robert E. Howard Foundation Press, including the recently released "Fists of Iron."

At 3:30, the group will move out to the Pavilion as they discuss what is looming on the horizon in the world of Howard studies.

There is no charge for any of these activities and panels and the public is warmly invited to join the visitors.

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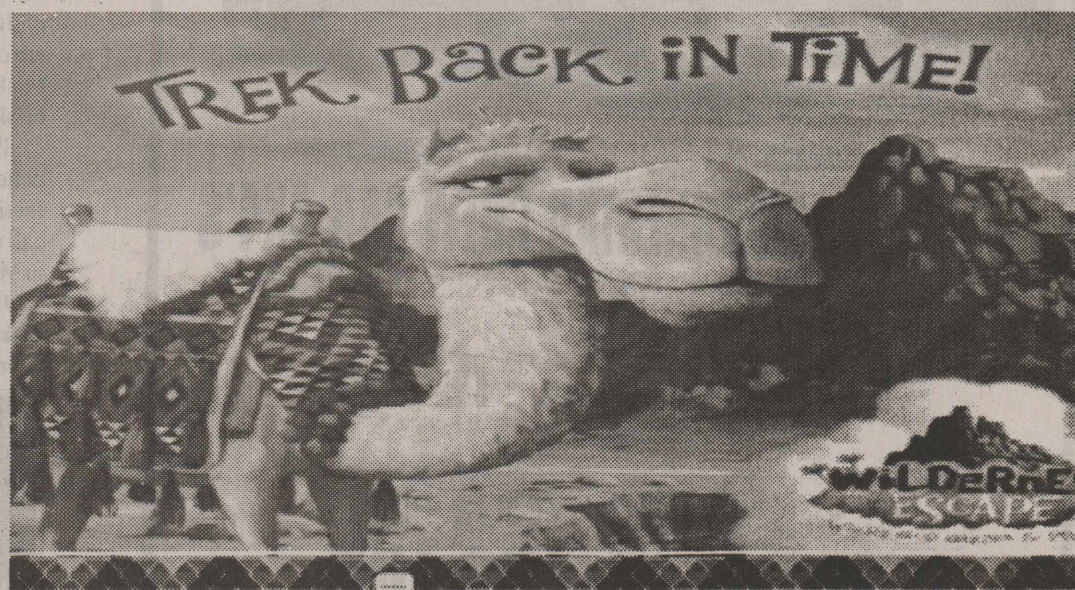
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From the Era of the Dust Bowl to the Present

Commemorating 75 Years of Soil and Water Conservation

By Clyde Gottschalk
TSSWCB Program Specialist

"May 29, 2014 marks the diamond jubilee of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the beginning of Texas soil and water conservation districts (SWCDS). The date is also the official kick-off date for many celebratory events around the state throughout the year commemorating the event," said Rex Isom, executive director of the agency.

The problems of wind and water erosion in the 1930's (which was the reason for the creation of the TSSWCB and SWCDS in Texas as well as in other states) caused great land devastation in Texas and throughout the Great Plains region of the country. The era was marked by a period of drought from 1931 to 1939 that was coupled with severe wind-driven soil erosion of overgrazed rangeland and soil exposed by the use of farming practices not adapted to the semiarid U.S. Great Plains.

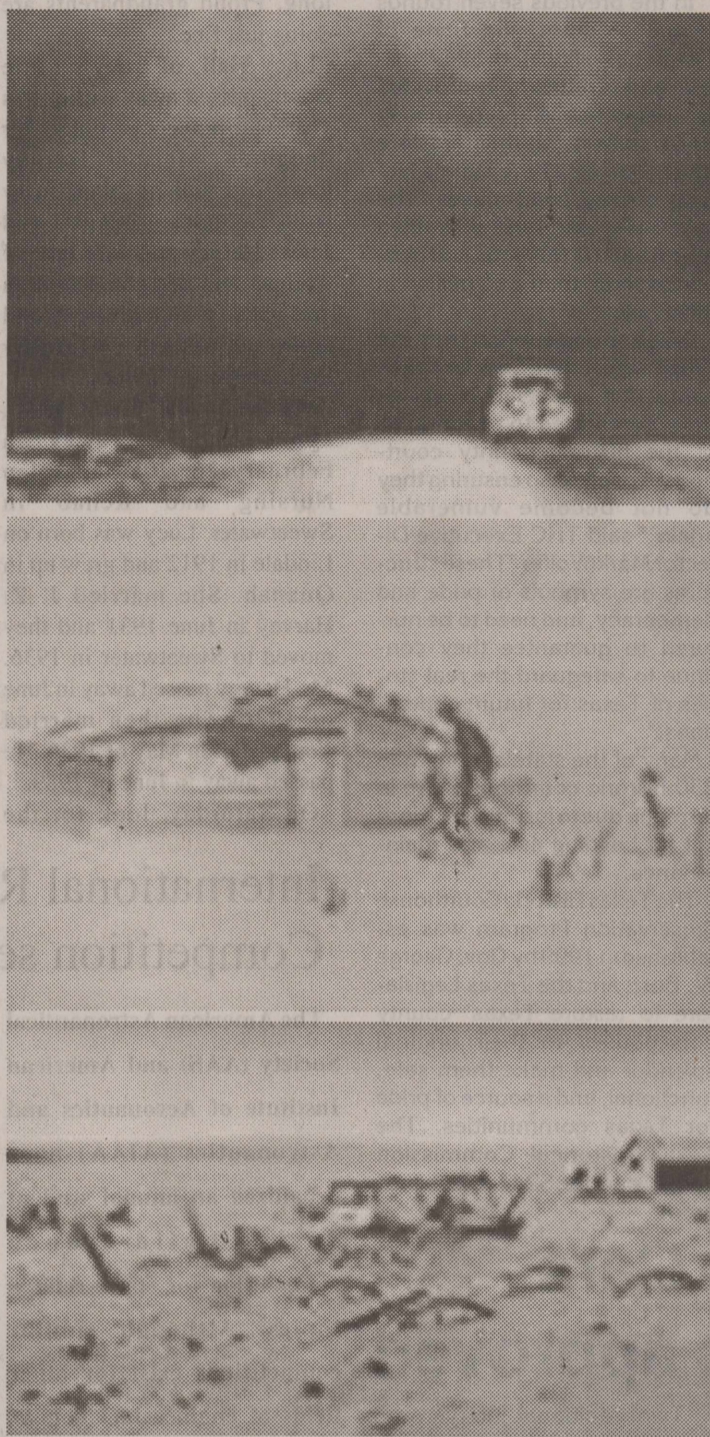
"In addition, this catastrophic display of nature caught public attention at a time when the state and nation was in the throes of a great economic depression. Nature just added additional woes to the suffering of the people because some of the worst dust storms that had ever been seen in the history of the country were occurring at that time," added Isom.

In his book *The Worst Hard Time*, Timothy Egan notes the horrendous cataclysmic forces of nature which plagued the land and people during the early 1930's. This era of American and Texas history is better known as the "Dust Bowl."

Egan vividly describes living conditions that existed in that era. "Dust clouds boiled up, ten thousand feet or more in the sky, and rolled like moving mountains and when the dust fell, it penetrated everything: hair, nose, throat, kitchen, bedroom, but the eeriest thing was the darkness. (See above picture of rolling dust clouds with building in foreground) People tied themselves to ropes before going to a barn just a few hundred feet away from the house for fear of being lost in the blackness of the swirling dust. (See above picture of lone automobile in front of blackened dust filled sky) Buildings, fences, and farm implements were seen as all but buried under the devastating effects of windblown soils." (See above picture of farm implements, building buried under effects of a dust storm)

Egan goes on to say that the storms had, "ferocity and density never before seen and they came to be known by many as 'black blizzards.'"

"So, out of this chaos of nature



and economic depression the TSSWCB and SWCDS were born." It should be noted that since the creation of the TSSWCB and organization of local soil and water conservation districts we can proudly say that the majority of Texas farmers, ranchers and timber producers from one generation to the next for the past 75 years have voluntarily and continuously entered into working agreements with their local SWCDS to implement a soil and water conservation program on their farms and ranches to meet the changing conservation needs of every acre on that property," said Isom.

But the story didn't begin smoothly. It had a rocky start until all the political kinks were worked out. When the first version of a conservation law for Texas came out the early movers and shakers for such a law found that it lacked stability and convinced then Governor Jimmy Allred to veto the bill which he did in June, 1937. Their reasons for wanting the bill vetoed was because the law would auto-

matically establish soil conservation districts on a county basis, make the county commissioners court the governing body and called for a portion of county taxes to finance the program," said Isom.

"What they wanted in law was a farmer-rancher controlled program in which local landowners would determine whether a soil conservation district was needed. In addition, they did not want a soil conservation district to have taxing authority or powers of eminent domain. A new bill was written which satisfied their concerns and passed in 1939 by the following legislature. The rest is history," added Isom.

Today the TSSWCB administers several key state programs that provide technical and financial assistance to landowners and land managers who wish to enter into a cooperative agreement with local SWCDS to protect their natural resources. In addition, the success of local voluntary conservation programs involves partnerships.

Though the name has changed a few times over the years, a key partner working with the TSSWCB and local SWCDS is the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. NRCS employs people in numerous occupational disciplines including soil conservationists, rangeland management specialists, soil scientists, agronomists, biologists, engineers, geologists, engineers, and foresters. Some federal conservation financial assistance programs, enable these experts to help landowners and land managers develop conservation plans for crop, range, and timberlands.

"Conservation practices implemented on private agricultural lands benefit all citizens because implemented conservation practices not only protect and improve soil resources, but insure a sustainable agriculture from which come food products and the raw commodities which drive all aspects of the economy. In addition, conservation practices improve water quality, and in some cases, enhance water quantity, but public benefits don't end there. Implemented conservation practices also contribute to cleaner air, improved wildlife habitat, improved rangeland as well as being a factor to healthy and viable rural and urban communities," Isom noted.

"The only reason the TSSWCB still exists 75 years after its establishment is because of the state's soil and water conservation districts, and they in turn exist because of the state's farmers and ranchers who come to local SWCDS for help in planning and implementing conservation programs on private lands. This diamond jubilee then is a celebration of a success story that has worked across the state and across generations because it is based on local control by those closest to the issues," said Isom.

Isom's words certainly reflect the philosophy of V. C. Marshall, considered the "father of the conservation district program in Texas" who is attributed with saying, "The soil conservation district is the workshop through which those who love the land and pool their efforts and information in making land more stable and productive and our country more prosperous, more attractive and a better land in which to live. The fact that landowners themselves have the responsibility for petitioning for and voting in a district, formulating its program and work plan, administering its business and entering into cooperative agreements with their fellow landowners and operators, makes soil conservation districts a democracy in action."

Will the work of the state's 216 soil and water conservation dis-

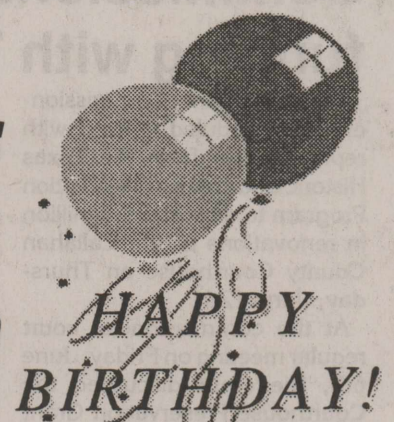
tricts ever be completed, and will the soil and water conservation programs administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board ever be fully achieved? Probably not. Land ownership changes, or family land when passed on through inheritance is cut into smaller pieces of the pie accompanied with varying land management objectives. Then too, an ever changing political environment coupled with ever changing climatic conditions and agricultural technological advancements all impact existing and future soil and water conservation programs and practices that are implemented on the land.

The late Raymond F. Dasmann, professor emeritus of ecology at University of California, Santa Cruz added additional insight as to why conservation of natural resources is a perpetual process. He said, "Most conservation problems exist on particular pieces of ground occupied or cared for by a particular group of people. Attempts to solve them at a global, or even a national level, often strike far from the mark." Thus the words of the founding father of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Program "rings even truer...." The fact that landowners themselves have the responsibility for organizing a local SWCD, formulating its program and plan of work, administering its business and entering into cooperative agreements with their fellow landowners and operators, makes soil conservation districts a democracy in action."

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush.

The TSSWCB, in an additional area of responsibility, acts to ensure that the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors. The agency also facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

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Area Rain Report

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

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The Market in Clyde at The Old Firehouse is June 14th

The Market at Clyde in The Old Firehouse is June 14th from 10:00am-3:00pm. Your favorite Vendors will be there with the items that you love. This is the Saturday before Father's Day so it will be a great place to find one of kind gifts for Dad.

See the ad in this paper to see the list of items that will be available. Also watch KTAB4U ON Friday at 4:00pm to see more about this market. There will be special soaps and skin care products for Dad as well as some unique jewelry items. For the Dad that likes to be in the yard doing landscaping there are yard ornaments. Or you might prefer a special art item, like a painted canvas or ceramic piece. Each item is individually created so you will be able to show your Dad that he is one of a kind by blessing him with a one of a kind gift.

Just come and look and you are sure to find the perfect, individualized gift for your Dad.

There is no way to list all of the items available but you will find food items, hand sewn items, wood crafted art, metal art and so many other things. Each item is produced by hand by a local artist, crafter or cook. All food items are prepared in a home kitchen by cooks that have completed the Food Safety Class required by the State of Texas.

The Farmer's Market, with fresh produce, will be just across the street from the Old Firehouse. Those vendors will be there every Saturday 8:00am-12:00 noon. The Market at The Old Firehouse is the second Saturday of each month 10:00am-3:00pm. Put both Markets on your calendar.

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Commissioners to discuss courthouse grant funding with Texas Historical Commission Thursday

Callahan County Commissioners are scheduled to meet with representative from the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program to discuss \$1.7 million in renovations to the Callahan County Courthouse on Thursday, June 12th.

At the commissioners' court regular meeting on Friday, June 6th, the court discussed the Courthouse Preservation Grant which has been awarded to Callahan County by the Texas Historical Commissioner. Included in the discussion on Friday was a preliminary capital improvement program analysis presented by Paul Jasin of Specialized Public Finance Inc.

Judge Corn said the commissioners' court is considering a Certificate of Obligation loan at this time due to the low interest rates. He said the interest rate on a 10-15 year loan would be just 1.9 percent.

Although the commissioners' court took no action at the Friday court meeting, County Judge Roger Corn said the commissioners' court will hold a grant orientation meeting with the Texas Historical Commission on the Round VIII grant approved for Callahan County's courthouse. The meeting will take place at 10:00 a.m. at the commissioners' courtroom at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Judge Corn said in the Master Plan for the courthouse renovations, the entire building will be rewired and new windows will be installed in the four floor courthouse. He said the construction work is estimated at \$1.7 million and the grant Callahan County has been awarded is approximately \$450,000.

Judge Corn said Callahan County will fund approximately \$1.2 million of the entire project. He said the county commissioners are considering Certificates

of Obligation to fund its portion of the project.

Callahan County's Courthouse was constructed in 1928. Judge Corn said when he took office in 1999, the second floor of the courthouse was wired with aluminum wiring and the entire floor ran off just two fuses.

He said in the Master Plan, the courthouse offices would have to move out for one year while the project was being undertaken. However, Judge Corn said since the Master Plan was made, the courthouse offices might not have to move out for one year. Instead, they're considering moving portions of the courthouse offices to the old Hospital Annex building to the west of the courthouse. Judge Corn said the Human Resources offices in the east end of the old Hospital Annex building have been closed since August of last year and relocated to Abilene. Judge Corn said the old Hospital Annex building was recently rewired and not many renovations would be needed before portions of the courthouse offices could be relocated there.

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) announced Round VIII grant recipients of its nationally recognized Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program at its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, April 30th in Fort Worth. Commissioners awarded matching grants totaling more than \$5 million to 18 Texas counties to help preserve their historic courthouses.

The communities to receive funds in Round VIII of the program are: Callahan, Dickens, Dimmit, Houston, Hunt, Jefferson, Karnes, Lamar, Lee, Limestone, Lipscomb, Lynn, Polk, Rains, San Saba, Upshur, Wilson, and the city of Hidalgo. The awards are all emergency grants totaling \$5,906,955 that

included funds held in reserve from the previous grant cycle.

The THC requested \$20 million for the Round VIII grant cycle, but was appropriated \$4.2 million by the 83rd Texas Legislature. While the significant reduction is a temporary setback for the 76 counties that currently qualify for additional funding, Round VIII emergency grants will address serious building deficiencies affecting usability, including flooding, fire and electrical hazards, and structural and safety issues in historic (more than 50 years old) county courthouses.

A total of 24 grant applications requesting more than \$18 million were submitted in Round VIII. Pending additional funding from the Texas Legislature, the THC anticipates continuing the highly successful program with additional rounds of grant opportunities.

"The goal of this program is to assist as many communities as possible," said THC Architecture Division Director Sharon Fleming. "Counties receiving grants this round are in imminent danger of experiencing a catastrophic event, such as a fire, electrical hazard, or structural mishap that could cause injury or further endanger the building to the point where it is unusable. The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program strives to not only preserve our historic courthouses, but make them functioning, safe, and up-to-date facilities."

In 1998, Texas' courthouses appeared on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's list of America's Most Endangered Historic Places. As a result, the Texas Legislature established the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, and appropriated funding to preserve and protect them.

Leaky roofs, poor site drainage and water seeping through walls, threats to structural integrity, equipment, and threats to county records are all serious problems facing Texas' historic courthouses. With less money to work with, the THC program's current grant cycle will provide smaller, but a larger number of grants to assist with emergency needs.

In the previous seven rounds of the program, the State of Texas has allocated \$247 million, and counties have provided local matches of approximately \$174 million, to fully restore more than 60 of the state's historic county courthouses. The successful partnership created more than 10,000 jobs and generated more than \$21 million in local taxes.

"With strong support from the Texas Legislature and the Texas Land Title Association we remain committed to restoring all of the historic county courthouses, while also ensuring they do not become vulnerable again," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "These structures are symbols of pride and democracy, and need to be nurtured to guarantee they continue to safeguard the real stories of Texas for future generations."

Many of the state's more than 230 historic courthouses are in disrepair due to insufficient funding for building care and maintenance.

The Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program was established in 1999 by Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas Legislature to restore Texas' county courthouses to their original splendor and make them safe, functional, and a source of pride for Texas communities. The Texas Historical Commission administers the \$247 million program.

Cottonwood News

By Beverly Brown

More rain in Cottonwood. We've gotten about an inch to an inch and a half of rain over the weekend.

Ray and Ava Dodd traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas to be present at the birth of their newest grandchild, Tristy Michael. Tristy weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are doing just fine.

Lucy Hall, of Lucy's Little Acres, passed away earlier this year. Our prayers go out to her daughter Martha Harvey Crawford and husband Jerry from Lubbock, Texas, and James Harvey and wife Jane of Abilene and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and Lucy's sister, Dorothy Whittington of Abilene.

Martha Lucille "Lucy" Hall, age 102, passed away on February 26, 2014 at Nolan Nursing and Rehab in Sweetwater. Lucy was born in Lindale in 1912 and grew up in Quanah. She married J. Z. Harvey in June 1931 and they moved to Sweetwater in 1936. Mr. Harvey passed away in June of 1936. She then married Young Hall in May of 1936. He passed away in June of 1989.

On Saturday, look for the

Cottonwood Historical Assn and the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group at the Barbarian Festival. Both will have booths at the event. The Fire Control Group will be serving Cajun Chicken on-a-Stick. Stop by and see them and give them your support.

Also, be sure and check out the Car Show. It's across the footbridge on the front side of the park. Erik Woodard and the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce are the organizers of the Car Show. If you like looking at old tractors, There's also an Antique Tractor Show.

Diana and Russ Miller will be coordinating the booths. Mandy and Matt Sowell will be performing with 4HisGlory (along with Connie and Rhonda Swift) on the stage at 11 am and 2 pm. There's also a Hula Hoop Contest.

Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstege will be at the Cross Plains VFD food booth serving barbeque brisket sandwiches, turkey legs, sausage on-a-bun, hotdogs and nachos. You'll probably see a lot more Cottonwood people at the Barbarian Festival, too. It's this Saturday at Treadway Park in Cross Plains from 9 until 4.

International Rocketry

Competition set for June 13-15

The American Astronautical Society (AAS) and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) have organized an annual student design-build-launch competition for space-related topics. Although similar competitions exist for other fields of engineering (robots, radio-control airplanes, racing cars, etc.), most space-related competitions are paper design competitions. While these are worthwhile, they do not give students the satisfaction of being involved with the end-to-end life cycle of a complex engineering project, from conceptual design, through integration and test, actual operation of the system and concluding with a post-mission summary and debrief. This competition

fulfills that need! This annual competition is open to teams from universities and colleges. Teams must be able to design and build a space-type system, following the approved competition guide, and then compete against each at the end of two semesters to determine the winners. Rockets will be provided but teams are responsible for funding the construction of their CanSat and all travel/lodging expenses.

For More information go to www.Cansatcompetition.com

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Chamber of Commerce to host banquet July 24th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet speaker this year is Steve Warren, Abilene High head football coach. Steve's hometown is Lockney, TX. He has been married to his wife Carol for 29 years, and has one son Stephen. Steve took the head coaching position at Abilene High in 1996. As head coach Steven led the Eagles to their 1st District Championship in 44 years. His overall Head

Coaching Record is 178 Wins, 72 Losses. The Chamber is excited to welcome Steve as this year's banquet speaker.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 24, 2014, 6:30pm at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains. There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. More information to come soon.

TxDOT to provide \$634,800 for Albany Municipal Airport

Approximately \$634,800 for Albany Municipal Airport was approved by the Texas Transportation Commission at its May meeting.

The funds will be used for planned airport improvements, which includes:

Pavement improvement: Construction for the improvements will begin this year. Project costs will be funded through the city of Albany and TxDOT's Aviation Facilities Grant Program, which preserves and improves the state's general aviation system.

This year, TxDOT expects to provide approximately \$60 million in funding for planning, constructing and maintaining community airports.

Approximately 275 community airports in Texas are eligible for funding.

Arrivals and departures from community airports account for more than three million flight hours per year and provide aircraft facilities for agricultural, medical, business and commuter use.

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New Foster Care safety rules approved

AUSTIN - The Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) Council today approved a set of new safety-related rules designed to more thoroughly screen potential foster parents and other caregivers and more adequately protect foster children.

The rules for new and existing foster homes apply to the state's 220 foster child-placing agencies (CPAs), which are licensed by DFPS to operate networks of foster homes and to recruit, screen, train, and monitor the homes. It is the first substantive revision of CPA rules since 2007.

The rules approved today are expected to take effect Sept. 1st after a public comment period.

"These rules significantly strengthen protections for our foster children," said Judge John Specia, DFPS Commissioner. "Our focus is ensuring that we know who is in these homes and who may be around these children that could pose an unacceptable risk. These children deserve complete protection and safety."

For new foster homes, in addition to existing requirements (for example, interviews and criminal background checks of all adult family members and a safety assessment of the home) the rules require:

An additional interview of a family member not living in the home.

Two additional interviews of neighbors, clergy, school employees, and/or other community members.

Interviews of all adult children of foster parents.

An assessment of personal relationships of foster parents, and review of household finances.

Review of any law enforcement agency calls to the foster home for the past two years.

Verification of identity and background checks for any person designated as an emergency caregiver.

The new rules also require CPAs to more closely monitor existing foster homes for major changes in the household, including job losses, marriages, divorces, or the addition of any household members or frequent visitors.

The new rules are the result of a close collaboration between DFPS and foster care providers following an alarming increase in the number of abuse/neglect fatalities among foster children in Fiscal Year 2013. In FY 2013, eight foster children died from abuse/neglect in homes, compared to just two in FY 2012.

So far in FY 2014, which began Sept. 1, 2013, one child has died from abuse/neglect in foster care.

For more information about efforts to increase child safety, please visit:

http://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Child_Protection/Child_Safety/default.asp

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Tips to help you sell your house this summer

Selling your house this summer? It's the hottest real estate market in years, with buyers in bidding wars over some properties.

Of course location is important. But the right staging can make a difference in the bottom line. Dr. Randall Guttery, clinical professor and director of Real Estate Programs at the Naveen Jindal School of Management, has seen all the mistakes sellers can make in his 30 years as a broker.

Here are the real estate expert's tips for making sure your house is ready to show:

- Give it the impersonal touch: Take down the college team memorabilia to avoid offending die-hard fans of a rival team. Same with religious and political items and potentially offensive or embarrassing movies, books or magazines. Don't forget to remove family photos.

- "You've got to neutralize the house as much as you can," Guttery said. "Those are your family pictures, and the buyers are trying to use their imagination and visualize what they would look like living in this house. They're having a hard time looking at it when your grandma is looking at them from the wall."
- Tone it down: On that note, paint over wild colors on walls. Remove loud wallpaper or

carpet.

- Get rid of the clutter: Own too much furniture? Fill up storage units if necessary. "You need to de-clutter your house; remove the extra items," Guttery said. "The more clutter you have, the smaller a room looks."

- Clean up your mess: Guttery has seen sellers leave dirty dishes in the sink, dirty laundry in the laundry room.

- Finish your weekend chores: Mow the lawn, make basic repairs.

- Don't make a stink: Remove litter box odors and other potential problems. "When you know you have a showing, pop a bag of popcorn or bake some chocolate chip cookies and set them out," Guttery said.

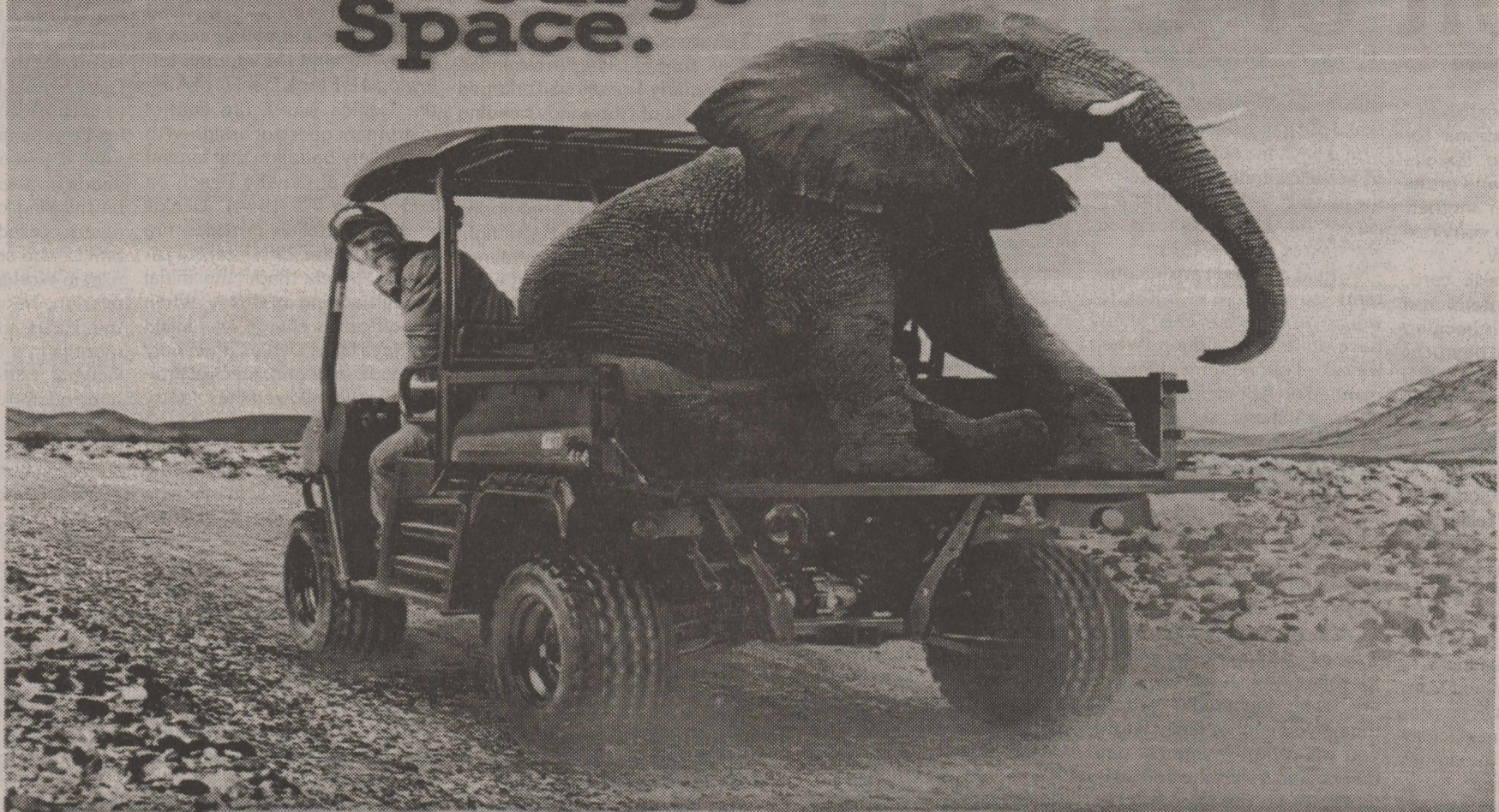
Even in a strong housing market, some houses don't sell. Make sure yours isn't overpriced, Guttery advises. Get a listing agent with a good reputation. And be willing to leave on short notice for showings - and take your pets with you.

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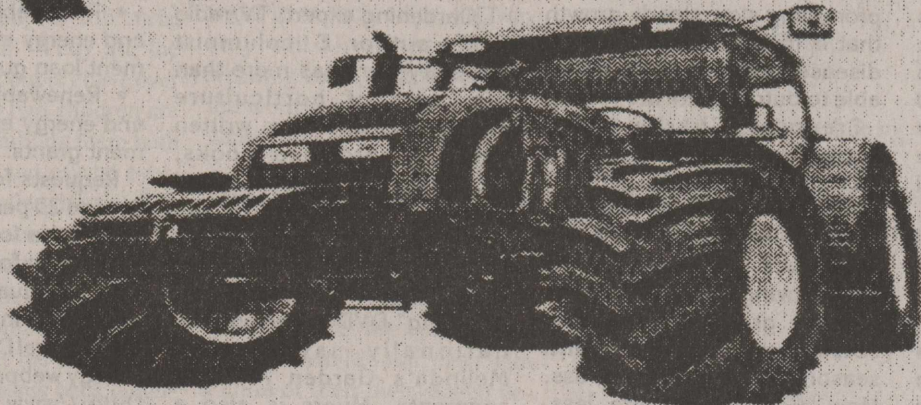
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June Consumer Tips from the Independent Bankers Assoc. of Texas

Debit or Credit?

By Debbie Scanlon

AUSTIN, Texas—We are bombarded with applications for credit cards offering special rates, awards, points and prizes if we use one card over another. All of it is designed to convince us to buy things NOW.

In addition to a credit card, most of us also have a debit card attached to a personal checking account. With all these payment choices, how do you know which one is the best to use, and when? First, know the difference between the two cards.

A debit card allows you to quickly access your money by using an automated teller machine (ATM) to withdraw cash, or by using the card at retailers, grocery stores, and gas stations. Every time you use your debit card, you pull directly from your checking account balance.

A credit card is obtained from a bank or a merchant. The provider of the credit card decides your credit line, the maximum amount you can charge using that credit card, based on your financial information. A credit card allows you to "borrow" money from the card provider and then pay them back over time with interest on the amount you owe.

To help you determine when to use which card, let me share a story. When my daughter started

driving, my husband and I decided to give her a credit card with a small credit line so she could put gas in her car. We then would pay the credit card bill out of her allowance. When we got the first bill, we both hit the floor! As you have probably guessed, she maxed out the card.

My husband and I are accountants, so we were at a loss for words on how our child could have done such a thing. When we asked our daughter how she planned on helping us pay back the large balance, she just stared at us with a look that said "we have to pay that back?" Was she that clueless? Well, actually, yes. And, so are many of us when it comes to educating ourselves, and our children, about the world of debit and credit cards.

Credit cards are a convenient way to buy things today and pay for them later. However, if you are using the credit card for things you cannot really afford, you will drown in interest payments, and it will take you years to pay down the full credit balance. But, if you can afford your purchases and just want the convenience of using the credit card, it can be a great option. Just pay more than the minimum balance, and if possible, pay the credit card balance off every month so you owe minimal or no interest. If you want to

pay for something immediately, have a small purchase to make, or you are not disciplined at paying off debt, the debit card is the way to go.

Both debit cards and credit cards are conveniences that help us live our lives more efficiently. If you are honest about your spending habits and disciplined in paying off debt, you can use a mix of both debit and credit cards to effectively implement your payment strategies which will allow you to buy things when you want them, responsibly.

Debbie Scanlon is a partner with BKD, LLP.

About the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT)

Formed in 1974, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) represents Texas community banks. The Austin-based group is the largest state community banking organization in the nation, with membership comprised of more than 2,000 banks and branches in 700 Texas communities. Providing safe and responsible financial services to all Texans, IBAT member bank assets range in size from \$10 million to \$20 billion with combined assets statewide of nearly \$165 billion. IBAT member banks are committed to supporting and investing in their local communities.

Texas Shouldn't Block Interbasin Transfers

By Josiah Neeley

Imagine that you're buying a new car. You pick out the model you want, haggle over the price, and jump through all sorts of hoops to secure financing. But when they pull your new car around, it's for a different, much less valuable year than the one you bought. "Sorry," says the dealer when you object, "the law says that you can buy whatever car you want, but I can only give you this one."

Sounds crazy, right? Yet something very similar is happening now with Texas' water.

Surface water in Texas governed by what's known as the "prior appropriation" system, which follows the principle of "first in time, first in right." Water rights are issued by the state for a given purpose, amount, and point of diversion, which may be bought and sold. If there is ever not enough water to meet all existing rights, water rights are given priority based on the date they were issued.

Newer or more "junior" rights are curtailed first, while older or "senior" rights can continue to receive their water. For this reason, senior water rights tend to be more valuable than more junior rights, and fetch a higher price on the market. But according to a state law passed in the 1990s, this normal priority procedure does not apply to water that becomes part of an interbasin transfer (which is sim-

ply a transfer of surface water from one of Texas' river basins to another). Under the so-called "junior rights provision" water subject to an interbasin transfer loses its seniority in the priority system. The junior rights provision thus creates a situation where the act of buying a water right erases much of the value of that right. As a matter of economic logic, a sale of water will only take place if the buyer values the water in question more highly than the seller.

The junior rights provision, however, creates a gap between how valuable the water is to a potential buyer and to a potential seller. This has become a major disincentive to interbasin transfers.

According to an analysis conducted by Todd Vottele, Kathy Alexander & Joe Moore in a 2006 issue of the State Bar of Texas Environmental Law Journal, after the junior rights provision went into effect the number of new non-exempt interbasin transfers approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) declined dramatically.

To some extent, concerns over interbasin transfers are understandable. People worry about whether sales of water out of a particular basin could leave that basin without sufficient water to meet its own future needs, or current economic opportunities. For that reason, interbasin transfers have long been subject to

special requirements to ensure that the interests of the basin of origin are protected. Most interbasin transfers of surface water cannot occur if the TCEQ concludes that "the benefits from the diversion were outweighed by detriments to the originating basin."

The junior rights provision goes far beyond this, imposing burdens on interbasin transfers regardless of whether there is legitimate opposition to a particular transfer. That's bad news for Texas. Not only have Texans been using interbasin transfers as a way of meeting their water needs for more than a hundred years, but state plans on how to meet future water needs rely heavily on such transfers.

Fifteen of the 44 recommended ground and surface water transfer projects listed in the 2012 State Water Plan involve interbasin transfers.

To the extent that interbasin transfers do involve harms to those in the basin of origin, these are better dealt with directly, rather than by throwing up barriers to all transfers. If Texas is going to have enough water for the future, it needs to make sure it doesn't stop up beneficial transfers just because they cross from one basin to another.

Josiah Neeley is a Policy Analyst in the Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment with the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Eco-friendly Weed Control in Lawns

BY MELINDA MYERS

Don't let lawn weeds get the best of you. These opportunistic plants find a weak spot in the lawn, infiltrate and begin the take over your grass. Take back the lawn with proper care. Your lawn will not only be greener and healthier, but good for the environment.

The grass and thatch layer act as a natural filter, helping to keep pollutants out of our groundwater and dust out of our atmosphere. They also reduce erosion, decrease noise and help keep our homes and landscapes cooler in summer. And a healthy lawn is the best defense against weeds.

Start by identifying the unwanted lawn invaders. Use them as a guide to improve your lawn's health and beauty. Weeds appear and spread when the growing conditions are better for them than the grass. Correct the problem to reduce the weeds and improve the health of your lawn. Killing the weeds without fixing the underlying cause is only a temporary solution. Unless the cause is eliminated the weed problem will return.

Here are a few of the more common weeds, the cause and possible solutions for managing them out of the lawn.

High populations and a variety of weeds mean you need to adjust your overall lawn care practices. Mow high and often, removing no more than 1/3 the total height of the grass at one time. Leave the clippings on the lawn in order to return water, nutrients and organic matter to the soil. This along with proper fertilization using an organic nitrogen slow release fertilizer with non leaching phosphorous, like Milorganite (milorganite.com), can greatly reduce weeds.

Knotweed and plantains often found growing next to walks and drives or other high traffic areas can also be found in lawns growing on heavy poorly prepared soils. These weeds thrive in compacted soil where lawn grasses fail. Reduce soil compaction and improve your lawn's health with core aeration. Aerate lawns when actively growing in spring or fall. Or replace grass in high traffic areas with permeable pavers or stepping stones to eliminate the cause.

Nut sedge is a common weed in wet or poorly drained soils. Improve the drainage to manage this weed. It may mean core aerating the lawn and topdressing with compost, regrading or the installation of a rain garden to capture, filter

and drain excess water back into the ground.

Clover and black medic mean it's time to get the soil tested and adjust fertilization. Both thrive when the lawn is starving. Clover was once included in lawn mixes because of its ability to capture nitrogen from the atmosphere and add it to the soil. If these weeds are present, boost the lawn's diet starting this spring with a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer. It feeds slowly throughout the season, promoting slow steady growth that is more drought tolerant, disease resistant and better able to outcompete the weeds.

Creeping Charley, also known as ground ivy, violets, and plantains usually get their foothold in the shade and then infiltrate the rest of the lawn. Take back those shady spots by growing a more shade tolerant grass like the cool season grass fescue or warm season St. Augustine grass. Mow high and fertilize less, only 1 to 2 pounds of nitrogen per growing season, than the sunny areas of your lawn. Or replace the lawn with shade tolerant groundcovers. Adjust your overall care to reclaim and maintain the rest of the lawn.

Crabgrass and Goosegrass are common weeds that follow

Remembering the Price of Freedom on the 70th Anniversary of D-Day

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

As we observe the 70th anniversary of "the longest day," D-Day, June 6, 1944, I'm reminded of so many Texans who charged the coast of Normandy heeding the words of their commander, Gen. Eisenhower: "Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!"

One of these was long-time Waco resident Paul Marable. Several years ago, he was filmed for a PBS special while visiting the very bluff on Utah Beach where he came under heavy fire by a German tank, which nearly ran over his squad. "I can still hear the gears in that turret turning," Marable said. He lost consciousness that day and woke up later to a German soldier poking him with a machine gun. Marable was taken captive and held as a POW in a Polish prison camp for the next seven months. When asked if he felt lucky to survive, Marable said: "Oh-ho! Oh, yes!" He continued, "Because of that, I've been able, a little bit better than most maybe who haven't gone through that, to decide what's really important. I don't get disturbed easily at little frets. And then I feel that I owe some things, too."

Paul Marable, who passed away last December at 92, dedicated his life to improving Waco for all its residents, including efforts to desegregate downtown stores and restaurants in the 1960s and establish a community college to boost access to an affordable education. He is one of many Texas heroes who risked

his life to liberate France and turn the tide in World War II.

Another Texan who survived to tell of the harrowing assault on D-Day and the months following it is Frank Denius of Austin. Denius was a fire control instrument operator assigned to an artillery battalion that landed in France at Omaha Beach on D+1 (June 7th, 1944). Denius and his battalion provided fire support to the 29th Infantry Division, which made the initial assault landing on D-Day. When his officer in charge was killed six days later, Denius, then only 19, took over and directed artillery fire that allowed the infantry to advance and accomplish the mission. He later received four Silver Stars and is one of the most decorated soldiers who served in the European Theater and the D-Day Invasion in World War II.

When he was awarded the Legion of Honour—France's highest decoration—in 2012, Denius recalled his journey from the shores of Normandy to Paris: "I crawled, I walked, I swam, and at times I couldn't believe it. I hadn't brushed my teeth in over two months, nor had I had a bath nor change of clothes for two months." He said, "I was barely nineteen when I went to France. And when I left in August of the same year, I'd turned forty."

In 1990, Denius started the Normandy Scholar's Program at his alma mater, the University of Texas, through which hundreds of students have studied the causes, history and consequences of World War II, complete with an annual visit to the beaches of Normandy and other sites in Europe.

Indeed, Texas' contributions to D-Day and World War II are

countless. We remember the unthinkable sacrifices of General James Earl Rudder and his famous Rudder's Rangers, who lost more than 150 men on D-Day and enabled the Allied forces to secure a foothold that would lead to ultimate victory.

On a personal note, on this year's somber anniversary, I will be thinking of my own father, now deceased, a career Air Force officer who served as a bomber pilot in World War II. On his 26th mission, he was shot down by the Nazis and spent several months in a POW camp before General Patton's troops freed him and his fellow service members. I'll also be thinking of my father-in-law, Don Hanson, who stormed Utah Beach on D+1 70 years ago and passed away earlier this year.

As we pay tribute to the heroes of D-Day, may we remember their sacrifices and those of their family members. May we remember their bravery and their commitment to the mission that would change the course of history. And may we all heed the words of Frank Denius, who said, "I hope that American people will always understand what freedom is and the price of freedom."

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Sources: Public Broadcasting Service, The University of Texas, Waco Tribune-Herald

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance and Judiciary Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

USDA Announces Effort to Cut Energy Costs for Farmers, Ranchers, Rural Small Businesses

TEMPLE, TEXAS, May 6, 2014 — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is seeking applications from rural small businesses and agricultural producers for funding to make energy efficiency improvements or to install renewable energy systems.

"Developing renewable energy presents an enormous economic opportunity for rural America," Vilsack said. "This funding will help farmers, ranchers and rural small business owners incorporate renewable energy and energy efficiency technology into their operations, create jobs and help America become more energy independent. When small rural businesses and farmers cut their energy costs with cleaner and more efficient energy, we are both helping their bottom lines and reducing the amount of greenhouse gas pollution that affects our climate."

The funding announced today is being provided through USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Investments from programs like REAP help support the true en-

gine of America's economic growth—a thriving middle class. REAP is one of many USDA programs and initiatives to support an expanded domestic energy economy. In addition to helping to increase renewable energy production, USDA makes investments in the bioeconomy, provides support for the emerging biobased products industry, supports new technologies, and supports energy efficiency improvements.

"We're pleased to offer this funding availability to those who are interested in identifying and implementing projects that will conserve energy," said Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "Projects funded through Rural Developments REAP program reduce our dependence on foreign resources and help America's farmers, ranchers and rural businesses become more energy efficient."

REAP funding is an example of the many ways that USDA is helping revitalize rural economies to create opportunities for growth and prosperity, support innovative technologies, identify new markets for agricultural producers and better utilize our nation's natural resources.

Created by the 2008 Farm Bill, REAP was reauthorized by the recently passed 2014 Farm Bill. For fiscal year (FY) 2014, USDA plans to award up to \$12.3 million in grants and \$57.8 million in loan guarantees. Additional REAP funds provided by the Farm Bill will be made available with a subsequent notice.

USDA is accepting applications for:

- Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement loan guarantee and grant combinations;
- Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grants.

Requests for grants may not exceed 25 percent of a project's cost—either for stand-alone grant requests or for grants combined with loan guarantees.

For more information visit the USDA Rural Development Texas Energy webpage at HYPERLINK "http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX_Energy.html" http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/TX_Energy.html or page 25564 of the May 5, 2014 Federal Register located online at HYPERLINK "http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-05/pdf/2014-10054.pdf" http://

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-05/pdf/2014-10054.pdf. For grant only applications, applicants may submit their electronic applications at HYPERLINK "http://www.grants.gov" www.grants.gov. All other applications for Texas applicants must be submitted to Billy Curb, Texas Rural Development Energy Coordinator, 101 South Main Street, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76701 no later than 4:30 p.m. of the dates as follows:

For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications: July 7, 2014.

For renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications: On a continuous basis up to July 31, 2014.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way—strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values.

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