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CROSS PLAINS OATHS OF OFFICE—Callahan County Precinct #4 Justice of the Peace Hughie Taylor, right, during an oath of office ceremony held Monday, January 5th at the County Courthouse in Baird. The oaths of office was delayed from January 1, 2015 until January 5, 2015 due to icy road conditions throughout the county.



Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 2015 Membership Meeting & Drive set for January 12th

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse will hold its 2015 annual membership meeting and membership drive beginning at 6pm on Monday, January 12th at the rodeo grounds on US Highway 80 East, one block east of its intersection with US Highway 280 South in Baird. There will be a cook-out with free ribeye steaks, beans, potato salad and drinks for all prepaid 2015 members attending. New officers and directors will also be elected. All interested in supporting this continuing county historical restoration and maintenance project whose purpose is community enjoyment and economic benefit are invited to attend and join the non-profit organization. Annual individual memberships are \$25, annual family memberships are \$35 and lifetime memberships are \$500. Business sponsors may purchase an advertising banner to be displayed at all events at \$1,500 for 5 years. Other donations and work volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated.

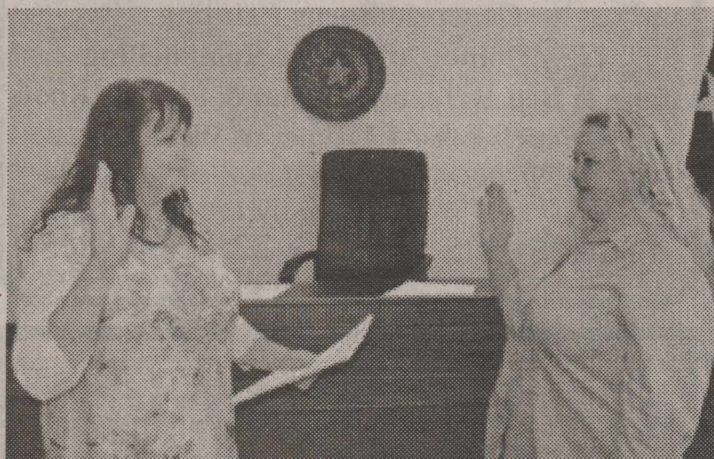
CROSS PLAINS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER

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"Elf on the Shelf" Contests End

Thank you to all who spent the holidays with us at the Cross Plains Public Library for our "Elf on the Shelf" contests. Our girl elf was a popular figure to hunt for, and many of you spied her to receive a treat. Everyone enjoyed the hunt so much that we will be featuring "Where's Waldo?" in the near future.

Our little elf needed a name and all were able to vote by checking out new books courtesy of the Libri Foundation and donors Terry Meany, Bill Strawbridge and Meg Wallhagen. The winner was "Snowflake," so our girl elf is happy to finally have a name.



NEW DISTRICT CLERK—Amber Tinsley, at right, was given her oath of office as Callahan County 42nd District Clerk during an oath of office ceremony held Saturday, January 3rd at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. New county offices were scheduled to be given their oaths



COUNTY JUDGE OATH—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, at left, was given his oath of office during a ceremony held Saturday, January 3rd at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Giving Judge Corn his oath of office is County Clerk Donna Bell, at right.

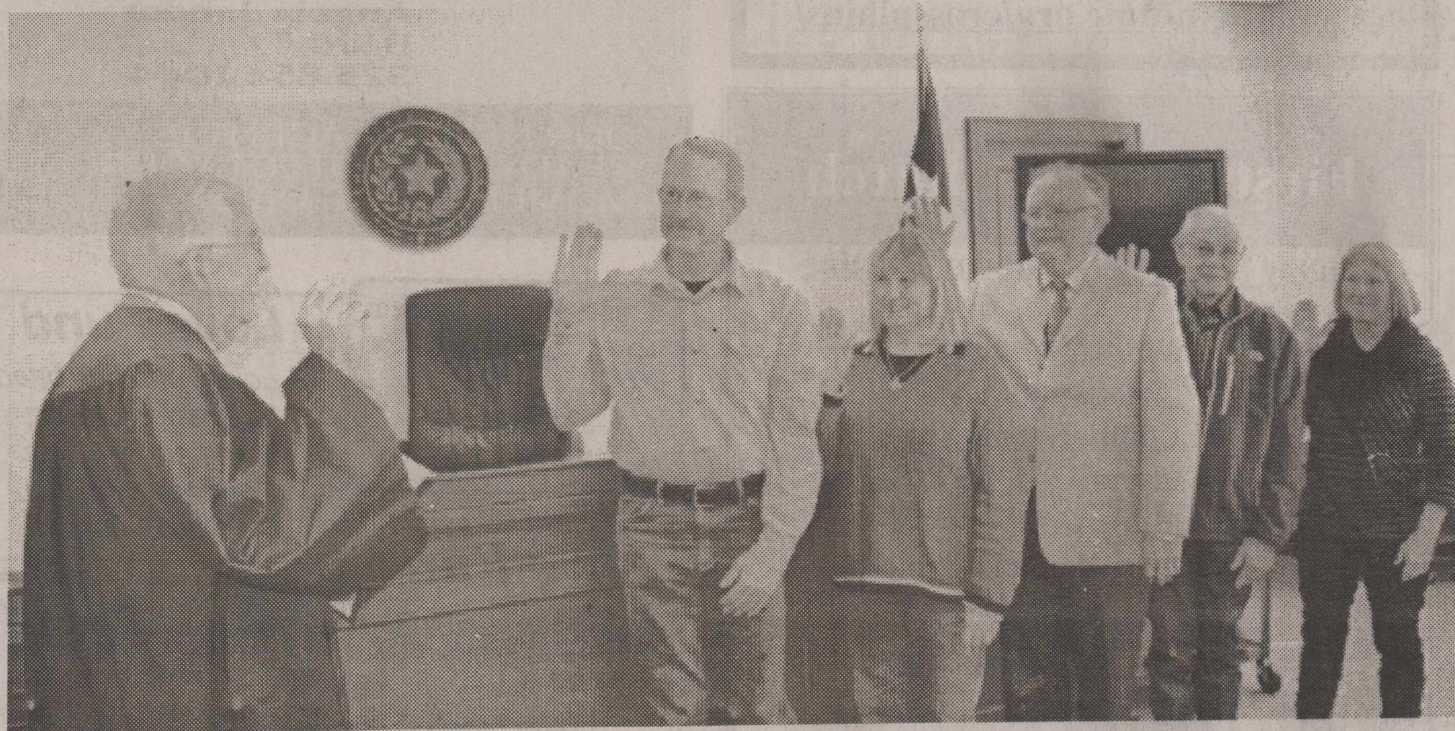
CPVFD- Chili Supper January 9

Does good hot bowl of Chili sound good? Well, it's almost time for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Chili Supper!

The Chili Supper will be held on Friday, January 9th at the Family Life Center of the Cross Plains Baptist Church. Prepared by the local firefighters, the chili comes in two varieties — hot and mild. Frito Pie and Chili Dogs are also available. Chili is \$8, with Frito Pie \$2, and Chili Dogs \$2. Serving is from 5 until 7 p.m.

Plan now to come out and enjoy dinner, visit with friends and neighbors and help the CPVFD.

Proceeds benefit the new firehouse, which is getting closer to being completed. About \$20,000 more is needed to finish the building. If you can't make the Chili Supper, but would like to help with the building, you can send a check to Cross Plains VFD, P. O. Box 339, Cross Plains, TX 76443. Your support is appreciated



RECEIVING THEIR OATHS OF OFFICE—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, at left, giving the oath of office to five Callahan County elected officials during a ceremony held Saturday, January 3rd at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird. Receiving their oaths of office include second from left to right: Tom Rumfield, Precinct #1 Justice of the Peace; Callahan County Clerk Donna Bell; Steve Odom, Precinct #3 Justice of the Peace; Callahan County Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer; and County Treasurer Jan Windham.



Writing Contest

The Cross Plains Public Library is looking for entries for our annual writing contest which is open to all students attending or eligible to attend the Cross Plains Schools. Poetry, essay and short story are allowed. Entries will be accepted from grades K through 12. Home-schooled students may come by the library to pick up a set of guidelines and an entry form. CPISD students should ask their teachers about entering through the school, or they may enter at the library. Only one entry per student will be accepted. Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than Wednesday January 21, 2015. Entries will be "blind judged," and ribbons will be awarded to the top three entries in each grade. Plaques will be awarded to the top three overall winners from all grades. The three overall winning papers will be submitted to the Cross Plains Review for publication. For more information call the library at 725-7722.

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

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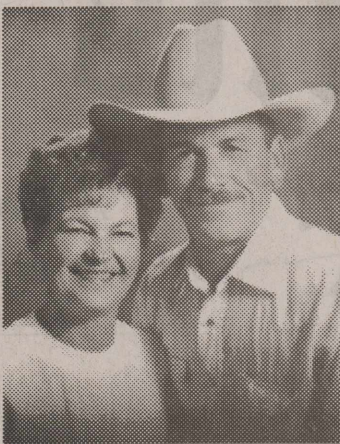
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Obituaries



Alice Beth Kleiber

Alice Beth Kleiber, 70, of Burkett, died Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at Coleman County Medical Center. Funeral service were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 3, 2015 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, 400 West Pecan Street, Coleman. Burial was in the Burkett Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

She was born Alice Beth Golson on August 29, 1944 in Coleman to James Wade Golson and Jo Anna Walker Golson. She grew up in Novice and graduated from Novice High School. She married Robert Marsh Kleiber on November 7, 1970 in Novice. He preceded her in death on October 10, 2014. She enjoyed being around her family and growing rose bushes. She was a member of the Burkett United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three children, Matt and Emma McKinney of Goldsboro and their family, Alice, Kevin and Jessica; Steven and Amber Kleiber of Cross Plains and their family, Brenna and Kenzie; Dawn and Gabe Garcia of Menard and their family, Cheyenne and Garrett; one brother and sister-in-law, Pete and Carlene Golson of Rankin;

one sister-in-law, Liz Golson of Brownwood and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

Her husband, parents, one granddaughter, Victoria Sage Garcia, three brothers, Low Golson, Joe Golson and his wife, Hope, and Roy Golson, preceded her in death.

Family visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 2, 2015 at Stevens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123-1718.

Condolences may left on-line at www.livingmemorials.com.



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Alfredo "Freddy" Mendez, Jr.

CLYDE - Alfredo "Freddy" Mendez Jr., 50, of Baird died Monday, January 5, 2015 at his home. Funeral service will be 12:00 p.m. Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Bailey Howard Funeral Home in Clyde with Father Robert Bush officiating. Burial will follow in the Ross Cemetery in Baird under the direction of Bailey Howard Funeral Home. Visitation will be at 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 9, 2015 with a Rosary following at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Blane Ferguson named to Dean's List

Blane Ferguson named to Dean's List at Arizona State University

TEMPE, AZ. Blane Ferguson, a Clyde, TX native, received academic honors from Arizona State University by making the University's Dean's List for the Fall 2014 semester.

Undergraduate students who earn 12 or more graded semester hours during a semester in residence at ASU with a GPA of 3.50 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List. A notation regarding Dean's List

achievement appears on the unofficial transcript.

Arizona State University is a New American University—a major public educational institution, a premier research center and a leader in innovation. Our vision is described by our three core principles: excellence in scholarship, access to education and impact in our global community. As a New American University, ASU is intellectually vibrant, socially conscious and globally engaged.

Texas Concealed Handgun License Class offered in Clyde

The Texas Concealed Handgun License (CHL) class will soon be taught in Clyde. Scott Kniffen, who recently retired from a 40 year career in law enforcement, has moved home to Clyde and will be offering the training.

Kniffen served with several different police departments throughout his career and spent the last 21 years as a Chief of Police in Sunset Valley, Texas (13 years) and Trophy Club, Texas (8 years). He has been a firearms instructor or range officer with state and municipal agencies and has been a CHL instructor since 2012. He is also a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol and home firearms safety instructor.

His first CHL class will be held

at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce. Due to the length of the class, it will be held on Tuesday, January 27th and Thursday, January 29th from 7 - 9:30 PM. The class will be limited to 10 participants and the cost of the class is \$50 per person. This covers the cost of the class only. License fees are paid to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The qualification will take place on Saturday, January 31st at the Abilene Indoor Gun Range. The cost of the qualification will be \$15 per person paid to the range.

If you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Kniffen at scottkniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-89-5263.

Coaches Association eliminates All-Star games

San Marcos, TX — At the December meeting of the Texas High School Coaches Association's Board of Directors, the board was informed of the decision from the NCAA Legislative Relief Waiver Committee to deny the THSCA's request for exemption from the new NCAA Bylaw (13.1.7.9.6 — which prohibits Division I college football coaches from attending or speaking at a convention that has an all-star game affiliated with it). This decision has forced the Board to eliminate an 80-year tradition of hosting the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star games.

While there is a sentimental attachment to the THSCA All-Star games which have had a rich history over the years, the THSCA Board of Directors felt it was in the best interest of the Texas High School Coaches

Association to make sure its Convention and Coaching School remained a quality event. Eliminating attendance by the Division I college coaches would be very detrimental to the success of the convention which is the main source of income for the Texas High School Coaches Association.

"This is not a decision we wanted to have to make at all. We felt our convention and all-star games were not a violation of the NCAA rule and took extra steps to separate the two events as best we could, but the Waiver Committee felt otherwise," said THSCA Executive Director D. W. Rutledge. "When faced with the burden of either excluding the college coaches from attending our convention or hosting the all-star games, the Board felt it was in the best interest of the association and its members to eliminate the all-star games."

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10:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening

6:30 pm Acts of God Video Series

6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st- 6th

6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship

Wednesday

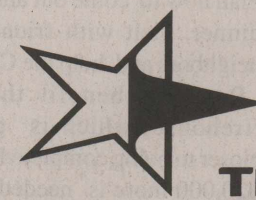
6:30 p.m - Prayer/Worship

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Love Fund

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

Love Fund

A Love Fund has been opened for Jesse Markham at Texas Heritage Bank for Medical Expenses.

Love Fund

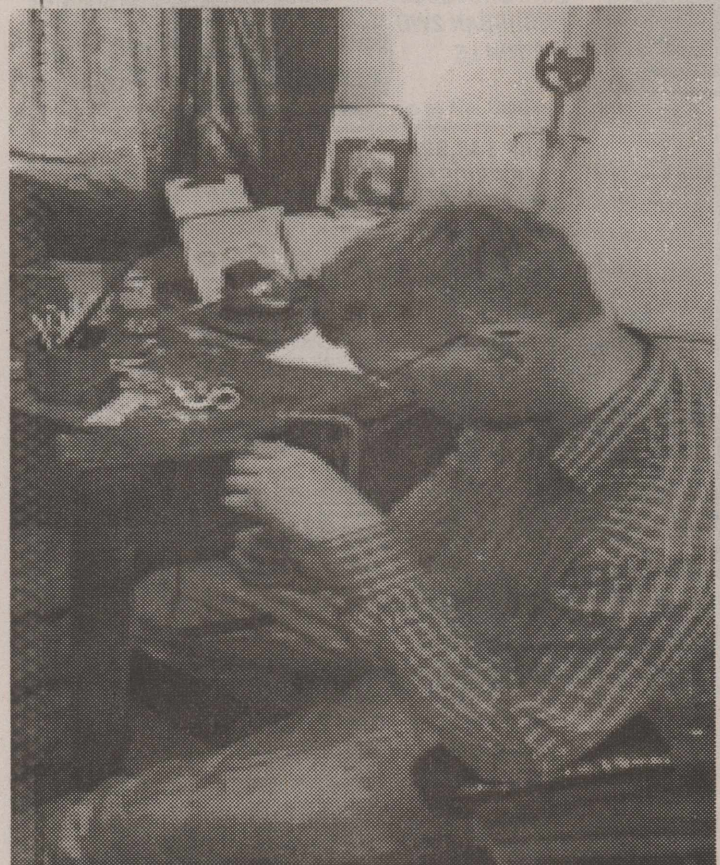
A Love Fund has been opened for Rickey Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank for medical Expenses!



Clay Koenig working



Personalized belt buckle



Koenig working a piece



Clay Koenig and his dog Chick

Traditional Cowboy Arts Association Competition

The (TCAA) Traditional Cowboy Arts Association is dedicated to preserving and promoting the skills of saddlemaking, bit and spur making, silvermith and rawhide braiding and the roll of these traditional crafts in the cowboy culture of the North American West. They choose their top ten entries from all over the state. The Traditional Cowboy arts Association grew out of leading Western craftsmen in the Spring of 1998. This elite group saddlemaking, bit and spur makers, silvermiths and rawhide braiders found common cause in the need to attract the next generation to take up these four disciplines and the equally important task of helping the public understand and appreciate the level of quality available today and the value of fine craftsmanship. One of our own Clay Koenig was one of those chosen to participate in the TCAA competition. The following story was submitted to the TCAA commity.

My name is Claydon Koenig I have always drawn on thing's and loved art class . In 2005, a man named Chad Cunningham moved to Cottonwood, Tx., about 12 miles from where I

lived. I became friends with his son and started staying at their ranch. Eventually, I started working for them.

I saw that Mr. Cunningham made bits and spurs and the process amazed me. I started asking lots of questions and the biggest question was, "will you make me a pair?". As I recall, he handed me a tablet and said, "draw me something you'd want". I worked on it for couple of days, then showed him . He told me the next time we had some off time on the ranch we would go to the shop and start the building process. So the day finally came when we went in the shop, the more we worked the more I started thinking of more things I would like to build.

As I started getting better and better, Chad told me I should open my own shop. So, with lots of support from my mom and dad we enclosed what used to be my horse shed and fixed the floor and a door. My dad, being a welder, had extra tools and with a few hand me down tools from Chad, I had a working shop. The

shop was finished right before Christmas, so the first pieces that came out of there were presents for my family. From that came lots of encouragement to continue.

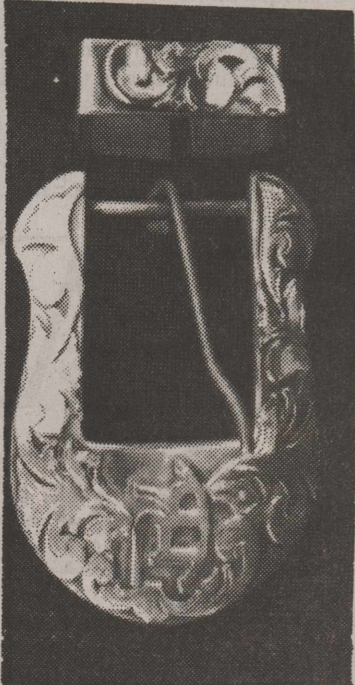
Over the next couple years every one told me that I needed to take my pieces to Western Heritage in Abilene, Tx. On that first day I sold all the pieces I had and caught the eye of Matt Litz. Litz challenged me to cut out something while he watched. I guess he saw something in me.

From that time on, he took me under his wing and we have become great friends. He has helped me with all aspects of building and perfecting this craft. Litz also helped name my shop. While I work, I always have two dogs underfoot, so it didn't take long for Litz to suggest the shop be named The Dog House Silversmith Shop.

Clay Koenig will depart for Mesa, Arizona on January 22, 2015 with project in hand for competition.



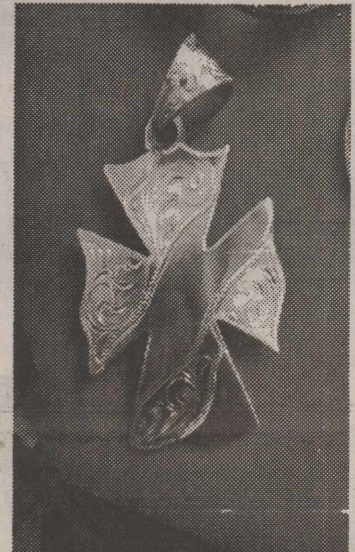
Belt buckles



Personalized belt buckle



Wedding bands



Cross pendant

Country Store Needs Donations

A favorite activity at the Rising Star Nursing center is the Country Store. The store gives the residents the opportunity to do some shopping with "money" won at bingo. Lately there has been a shortage of items for the store. If you would like to donate items for this much loved activity please contact Donna Ames at 325-669-4679. Some items that have been requested are lotions, deodorant, lap blankets and small items to give as gifts to family & friends. All donations will be very appreciated!

Abilene area Aggie Mom's Club invites you to our January meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2014 at 6:45 pm at 1422 Tanglewood, Abilene. Just off South 14th and Leggett.

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

We will be having an Ornament Exchange so bring an ornament to trade!!

We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 pm for refreshments and fun. If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email Tammy Crowe at 325-518-3464 tcrowe@suddenlink.net

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CP Basketball
Lady Buffs start District Friday, January 9th.
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CPJH starts District Monday, January 12th.

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OUTLAW CLEANERS

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Fish Fry fundraiser in conjunction with Cottonwood Country Musical

Friday night, January 23, 2015 will be a special night at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas!

Not only is it the regular Cottonwood Country Musical but the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Fish Fry fundraiser in conjunction with the musical.

Those of you who live in the rural areas know how important the smaller volunteer fire groups are when a brush fire breaks out. These volunteers are your neighbors who have donated their time to attend training in fire fighting and they are there fighting to extinguish the fire and protect your property.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, like most

volunteer groups is funded solely by donations and fundraisers.

Mark your calendars for Friday night, January 23 2015, and travel to the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas to enjoy a meal of fish, chicken, beans, coleslaw, fries, hush puppies, with a dessert and drink. All for \$7.00 adult plate and \$3.50 child plate (for children under 10 years of age). Serving will be from 5-7 p.m.

After you've enjoyed the meal, stroll into the auditorium for the Cottonwood Country Musical.

Plans are for toe tapping, hand clapping good country music with the possibility of special guests.

Heart to Heart Food Drive Jan 10th, at the Old Firehouse

On January 10th, from 10:00am-4:00pm, bring non-perishable food items to the Old Firehouse on North First Street in Clyde, as a donation to the Heart to Heart Ministry.

Every person that brings at least one item will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket that is filled with items donated by the vendors that participate in the Market at Clyde. If you have shopped at The Market in Clyde in the past, you know that this will be a nice gift. The names will be collected through the day and one name will be drawn at 4:00pm, at the completion of the market. The person will not have to be present to win.

Any non-perishable item will be helpful but these are some suggestions; canned meats,

soups, chili, canned sausage, stews, canned beans, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables or any vegetable, canned fruit or fruit juices, pastas, cereals, crackers and healthy snack foods. All donations will be appreciated.

Heart to Heart Ministry helps families and individuals all over Callahan County. The need for good food is great. Healthy proteins, fruits, vegetables, and whole grain products are important for the children of our communities to grow and learn well. Many working families in our community are not able to provide adequate nutrition without a little extra help. Every donation is important. If you can participate in this food drive we ask you to please give what you can.

Grand Ole Oplin January Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin hopes everyone survived the Holidays and all the nasty weather. Now it's time for an evening of dancing and enjoying both family and friends. Come out on Jan. 9th and enjoy the music of MID-NIGHT BLUE, on Jan. 16th MID-NIGHT BLUE returns playing all your favorite country tunes, on Jan. 23rd MUDDY CREEK will be here playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes, on Jan. 30th MUDDY CREEK will be returning playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted

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

So gather the family and call all of your friends and come out to The Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music and a real good time.



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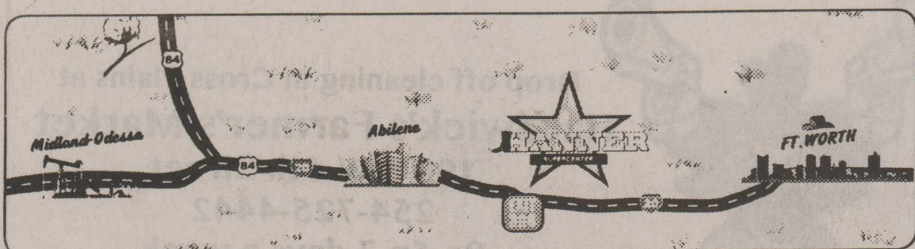
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<p>STK #55336.0</p> <p>2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX</p>  <p>MSRP \$25,395 SALE PRICE *\$24,995 REBATE: *\$750 SALE PRICE WITH REBATE: *\$24,245 GM LOYALTY REBATE: *\$1,000 ONLY *\$23,245</p>	<p>STK #55482.0</p> <p>2015 CHEVROLET TAHOE 2WD LS</p>  <p>MSRP \$45,890 SALE PRICE *\$43,890 GM LOYALTY REBATE: \$1,000 ONLY \$42,890</p>	<p>STK #55412.0</p> <p>2015 GMC TERRAIN FWD SLE WIFI HOTSPOT</p>  <p>MSRP \$27,485 SALE PRICE *\$26,933 REBATE: \$250 SALE PRICE WITH REBATE: \$26,683 GM LOYALTY REBATE: \$1,000 ONLY \$25,683</p>	<p>STK #55467.0</p> <p>2015 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 2WD 1/2 TON LS</p>  <p>MSRP \$49,990 SALE PRICE *\$47,715 GM LOYALTY REBATE: \$1,000 ONLY \$46,715</p>
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Cottonwood Community Center Quilt Winner

The winner of the quilt donated by the Cottonwood Quilting Club for the maintenance of the Cottonwood Community Center was Glen "Butch" Champion. Butch spent his teenage years living at Cottonwood. The Cottonwood community holds many good memories for him. The Cottonwood Quilting Club and the Cottonwood Historical Association wish to extend our thanks to Butch and those of you who bought tickets for the quilt.

Glen is the son of Ethel Champion and the late Glen Champion. Ethel was for a period of time, the president of the Cottonwood Quilting Club.



December 31

- Jesse Norris
- Kimberly (Ratliff) Stover
- Royce Lawrence
- Rodney Gene Gregory
- Austin Walker
- Seth Wyatt
- Kathy Denny
- Johnny Combs
- Shirley Emmons
- Mrs. Norman Farr
- Danielle Webster
- George Randall Dickey
- Vickie (Hickman) Walker

January 11

- Kinlee Sky Jacobs
- Staci LeAnn (Weiss) Mayo
- Terry Dewbre
- Barbara Johnson
- W.A. Watson
- Benjamin Worley
- Mrs. Charley Havens
- Jeff Brown
- Jayde Lee Peters

January 12

- Fred Flippen
- Patricia (Driskell) Musick
- Mike Walters
- Keri Mabelle Bowman
- Angie Sanders

January 13

- Sarah Rogers Savell
- Barbara (Clark) Robinson
- Sylvia Graham
- Christopher Teasdale
- Crissa Teasdale
- Cindy Sue Payne
- Kenneth E. Dobbins
- Edith Adkins
- Mrs. Albert Lee
- Randy Dillard
- Cecilia Smoot
- John Terrell Gardner

January 14

- Lorissa Gressett
- Charles Pippins
- Le'Ann Jordan
- John Roberts
- Crystal Nelson
- Ileen Smith
- Jessica (Childers) Taff
- Eula Blake
- Todd Watson
- Sam Fleming, Jr.
- Aaron Phillips
- Micheal Curry

January 15

- David Strickland
- Gary Childers
- Mrs. Jackie Pancake
- Regina (Gary) Fleming
- Mrs. Vernon Donaway
- Velma Byers
- Jody Gosnell
- Monty Richards

January 16

- Joey Westerman
- Laurie Lavender
- Blake Hutchins
- Mrs. Raymond Young
- Trivina Newman
- Barbara Havener
- Betty Randell
- Amber Parker

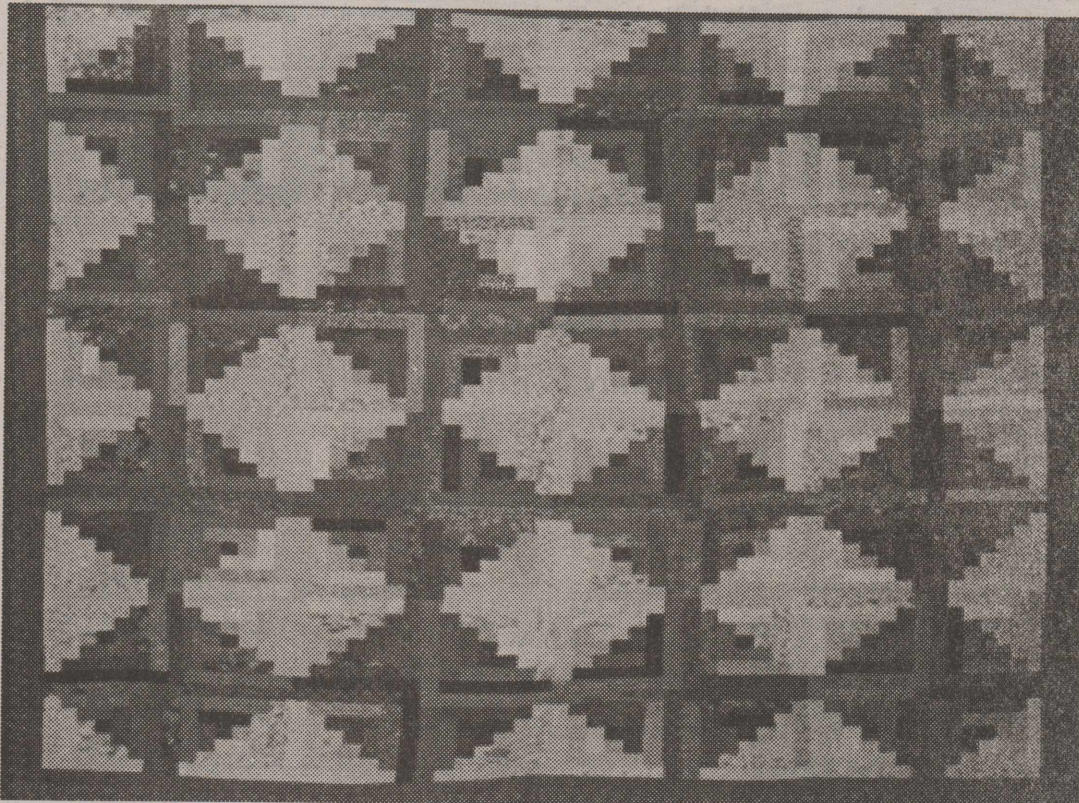
January 17

- Brandi (Richey) Purvis
- Staci Strickland
- Don Nelson
- Ladorn Allen
- Dana Teeters
- Christian Noah Wells
- Chelsea Brown
- Kody Reyes

Flu/Immunization Clinic in Callahan County set for January 14th

The Texas Department of State Health Services has set up a flu/immunization clinic at the Clyde First Baptist Church, located at 216 Austin on Wednesday, January 14th. The Clinic will be open from 10 am - 12 pm & 1:30 pm - 3pm. For Children with Medicaid, no insurance or underinsured and for adults with no insurance. For your convenience please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer leave a message. Please bring child's immunization records. If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown



We had icy, cold weather this past week and it looks like more is on the way. Everyone's been stocking up and preparing for the cold weather.

The West Texas Rehabilitation Center's 2015 Auction continues through next Saturday night, January 17th. This year's quilt handmade and donated by the Cottonwood Quilting Club is a Cottonwood Log Cabin quilt in shades of orange, beige, blue and brown. The size is 85x87 to fit a double bed. You can bid on line at rehabauction.org. Just search on Cottonwood and you'll see the listing for the quilt - item 944.

Joe, Deana and Kathleen Terstegge and Roger Hinkle will all be helping out with the CPVFD's Chili Supper this Friday evening. It should be perfect chili weather, as the forecast is for cold and snowy weather. In addition to chili, they have frito pie, chili dogs and

dessert. Chili's hot and ready to go from 5 until 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's Annual Meeting will be held the third Tuesday in January, January 20th, at the Cottonwood Community Center at 7 p.m. Board members for the new year will be elected. Current board members are Roy Boyd, Chairman of the Board; Norma Farmer, Fred St Peter, Roger Hinkle, Bob Ossowski and Omer Rivard. Adrian Allen is Fire Chief; Roger Hinkle, Asst. Fire Chief; Norma Farmer, Secretary; and Sheila Allen, Treasurer.

The next musical is coming up in two weeks on Friday, January 23. Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control will hold their Annual Fish Fry the night of the musical. You can have a great fish dinner and then listen to some good ole country music! Dinner includes fish or chicken, beans, coleslaw,

french fries, hush puppies, drink, and dessert for \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 10 years of age. Dinner will be served from 5 until 7 p.m. The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is supported solely by your donations, so come out and help the Fire Control.

The Burn Ban is off. Remember to exercise extreme caution if you do decide to burn - and call the Sheriff's office to let them know you will be burning before you light the match. Their number: 325-854-1444.

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Senior Citizens Center Activities

Jan. 12th - Jan. 16th

Monday-12th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-13th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-14th Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure

Check Girling Home Health

Thursday -15th Exercise 11:00/ Care Inn Door

Prizes

Friday -16th Exercise 10:45 / IntraCare Bingo 11:15

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Jan, 12th - Jan. 16th

Monday 12th - Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Potatoes, Corn, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 13th - Chicken Strips, potatoes w/ gravy, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 14th - Chili Dog, (cheese/onion/relish) oven Fries, Fruit, Dessert

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

Thursday 15th - Salmon Patties, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Fruit, Dessert

Friday 16th - Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Fruit Cup, Cookie

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center



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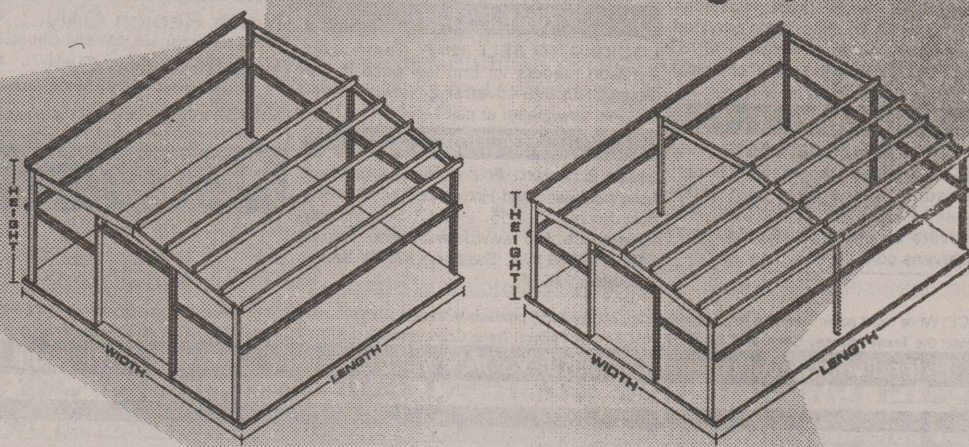
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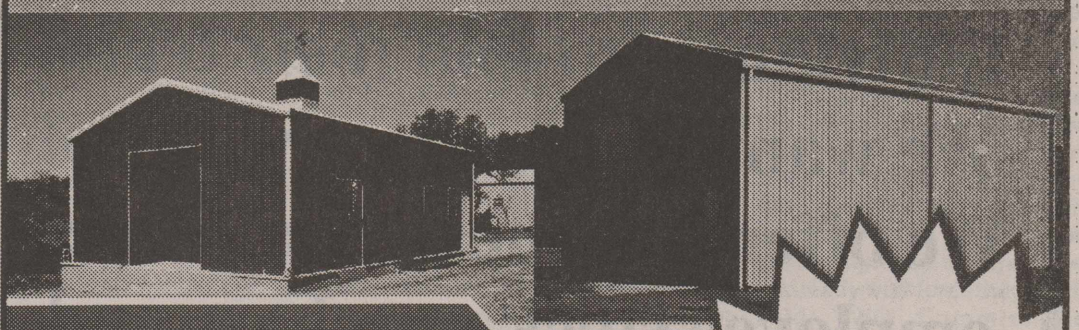
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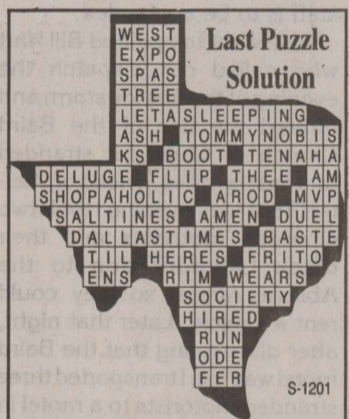
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- Lot 100 Oak Pt. Drive-105x209 lot w/mesquites & native grass, fenced...\$12,000**
- Lot at 423 N Ave A, CP-Pecan trees, 3/4 of a block, will divide.....\$16,000**
- 624 Chestnut-2BR-1B frame hm, all new plumbing, all new electrical.....\$22,500**
- 308 N Ave. D - 2BR-1B home w/ metal roof, 1 car garage, 2 lots.....\$28,000**
- 633 NE 3rd, CP-3BR-1B hm, C/H/A, workshop, owner financing avbl.....\$29,900**
- 000 George Scott , CP-Vacant lots 1-6, nice area to build, avbl separate\$30,000**
- NEW! 301 E. Walnut, Coleman-Charming 3BR-1B,new paint/plumbing\$34,500**
- 301 Reed, R.S.-Completely remodeled 1BR-1B, owner finance.....\$34,900**
- 4411 Cherokee Dr, Lake B'wood- 2BR-1.5B MH at Thunderbird Bay...\$44,000**
- 324 NE 7th, CP-2BR-2B hr **UNDER CONTRACT** eat location.....\$45,000**
- NEW! 208 NE 6th-Charming 2BR-1B hm w/ carport & privacy fence.....\$46,500**
- 520 Pine, Ranger-3BR-1 3/4B, C/H/A, hardwood floors in living room.....\$49,000**
- 507 W Mill St, R.S.-2BR-1B w/ 2 living areas, metal roof, new wiring.....\$49,500**
- NEW! 322 S. Ave E-Quaint 2BR-1B, landscaped yard, wkshop, lg lot.....\$65,000**
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DPS Advises Texans to Prepare for Winter Weather

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging Texans to prepare for a strong cold front impacting parts of Texas through Friday. Forecasts indicate the possibility of sleet and freezing rain, with light ice accumulations possible in portions of Texas. "DPS is asking Texans to prepare for winter weather as a cold front moves into areas of the state before the New Year's holiday. Drivers may encounter freezing rain and sleet in some areas, which could create dangerous road conditions," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Texans should continue to monitor the changing weather conditions in their area and use extra caution on roadways." In preparation for possible winter weather, the Texas State Operations Center — in coordination with several state agencies, including the Texas Department of Transportation,

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Military Forces — will continue to monitor weather conditions and maintain close contact with National Weather Service local forecast offices across the state. DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during this weather event:

- Avoid unnecessary travel if possible, monitor local weather broadcasts, and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions at <http://www.weather.gov/>.
- Remember that ice forms first on bridges, overpasses and shady areas.
- On icy roads, drive slowly, increase distance needed for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.
- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip — check fluid and antifreeze levels.

- Don't drink and drive and buckle up everyone in the vehicle.

For more information on road conditions statewide, check www.drivetexas.org or call 800-452-9292.

In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, mittens, hat
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight, extra batteries
- First-aid kit and pocket knife
- High-calorie nonperishable food, bottled water
- Sack of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and shovel

For additional information regarding winter weather preparedness, visit: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/threatawareness/winterStormPlanning.htm>

TWC Launches High Demand Job Training Program

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today announced the launch of the High Demand Job Training Program, a \$1 million program to support collaborations between Workforce Solutions partners and local economic development councils (EDCs) to create occupational job training programs to improve the skill sets of individuals for jobs in high-demand occupations in their communities. "Through this partnership between Texas Workforce Solutions and local EDCs, TWC will leverage resources necessary for high-demand job training in expanding industries in Texas and strengthen partnerships with local communities and employers," said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. EDCs are statutorily authorized to spend local economic development sales tax funds for job training. Through the High Demand Job Training Program, TWC will provide matching funds to local workforce

development boards to partner with EDCs that are allocating local funds to job training projects. "The Texas economic development sales tax is an important tool for more than 500 communities across Texas to attract jobs and create wealth," said Texas Economic Development Council President and CEO Carlton Schwab. "This collaboration between Texas Workforce Solutions and local economic development organizations is a win-win for employers, jobseekers and the local communities." Through this program, the 28 local workforce development boards will be able to apply for up to \$75,000 to match the amount committed by local EDCs for the next two years and while funds are available. "This incentive program will help increase access to necessary training for job-seekers and ultimately help connect them to employment in one of Texas' many growing industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing

Local Ronny Congleton. Local workforce development boards may use grant funding to support high-demand, job-training activities and related direct costs, including individual participant recruitment, skills assessment, job search skills improvement, equipment and minor renovation of facilities used for program-related job training. "This program will strengthen the relationship between our local Workforce Solutions and their local economic development entities across the state, ultimately providing our Texas employers with the skilled and ready workforce they need," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. For more information on available training programs, contact a local Workforce Solutions office. A directory of locations is available at <http://www.texasworkforce.org/officelocator>

Texas Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

• **Missed a Spot**—When a landowner in Red River County heard gunshots near his property, he called his local game warden for help. The warden searched several deer camps and found evidence of blood at an unoccupied camp. There, the warden observed that the hunter had made an effort to rake up the remaining debris and place it in a nearby burn barrel. When the warden located the hunter, he had power-washed his vehicle in an attempt to remove blood evidence. After questioning, the hunter admitted to shooting an 11-point buck with his .30-.30 rifle during archery season. Case pending.

• **If At First You Don't Succeed...**—A Titus County game warden received a call from a hunter about a trespasser on a nearby ranch. The hunter approached the trespasser and attempted to escort him off of the property, but the trespasser refused and continued across the ranch. The hunter then took video and photos of the male suspect, who was later identified and arrested for Class B criminal trespass and an active felony warrant from the neighboring county.

• **Who Let the Drugs Out?**—Two game wardens from Gregg and Upshur County were conducting surveillance near their county line when they observed an individual stop near their location and collect a whitetail buck from the roadway. The subject became increasingly irritable and uncooperative after contact was made. When consent to search was given, the wardens located multiple containers of methamphetamine,

drug paraphernalia, suspected meth lab components and an illegal firearm. The subject was arrested for manufacture or delivery of controlled substance and unlawful carry of firearm. Additional charges and cases pending.

• **Dude, Where's My Boat?**—A Jefferson County game warden responded to a call about a possible stolen boat and motor recovered from the Neches River. When the boat was towed in and contact was made with the owner, he said he had gotten hung up on a pipe and left his boat. When he returned, he discovered it was missing. The value of the recovery was estimated at \$15,000.

• **"I'm Sure Glad to See You"**—As a Real County game warden pulled into a hunting camp to check for hunting violations, he was greeted by a hunter who said, "I'm sure glad to see you." When the warden asked why, the hunter replied, "Seeing you reminds me that I have to put my tag on my deer." The deer was already quartered in the ice chest and the cape in a trash bag. The hunter was cited for possession of untagged deer. Case is pending.

• **Oh Deer**—Two Bandera County game wardens and one Uvalde County warden responded to information about a few deer that had been illegally taken. At the residence, the wardens located meat from a freshly killed whitetail deer. During the investigation, it was learned that two 17-year-old males had killed one whitetail deer with a bow from a public road that night and also killed another whitetail deer by running it over with a truck a few nights earlier. The Uvalde County game warden obtained written statements from both suspects,

and multiple charges have been filed.

• **Darkness Falls**—While a Hill County warden was patrolling Aquilla Lake for illegal hunting activity, he noticed a boat returning without running lights. As the warden performed a water safety inspection and license check, one of the hunters said he had left his license at his residence. When asked why he wasn't displaying his running lights, the hunter said the lights had broken while traveling to the lake. The warden found that the vehicle and trailer registrations were expired, so citations were issued for failing to produce a resident hunting license and no running lights on a vessel while underway. A warning was also given for the expired registrations. Cases pending.

• **The Duping Deer Dumper**—A McCulloch County game warden received a call that a deer carcass had been dumped in the middle of a street in downtown Brady. A police officer removed the deer from the street and relayed to dispatch the name on the permit attached to the deer. Before the warden arrived, a bystander reported that someone jumped out of a dark-colored sedan, removed the tag and drove off, leaving the deer at the curb. Using the name that was reported, the warden traced the deer to a local property owner who informed the warden that he had donated the deer. The following morning, the warden went to the suspects' place of employment. The individual admitted to dumping the deer and then returning later to remove the tag.

• **Scared Fishless**—Two Travis County game wardens were checking a known fishing area that has issues with trespassers. As the wardens ap-

proached the fishing tank, a male subject saw their truck, which he later said he thought was the landowner, and took off running into the wooded area. One of the wardens then requested assistance from a third Travis County game warden and K9 partner Ruger to track for the evading trespasser. Also deployed was a fourth Travis County warden who was positioned across the wooded area, which was the subject's most probable path of escape. K9 Ruger tracked the male subject and assisted with flushing him out of the wooded area, where the game warden was in a position to observe the male cross the river and quickly take him into custody. The male subject told the wardens that he had placed his shirt along the river and hidden his fishing poles. Ruger was deployed for an article search and recovered the items. The subject was filed on for criminal trespass and fishing without a valid fishing license. Cases pending.

• **Baited and Booked**—A Cameron County game warden received notification of an individual offering protected fish and shrimp for sale. He made contact with the seller and arranged to buy some fish. The Cameron County sergeant met with the seller at a public parking lot and negotiated the buy of several spotted seatrout and a few bags of gulf shrimp for \$100. Shortly after the sale, the Cameron County game warden along with a warden from Hidalgo County were on scene and apprehended the subject. The following were seized: 29 spotted seatrout, of which 26 were undersized; 20 black drum; 28 gallon-size bags of gulf shrimp; and two gallon-size bags of squid. Multiple charges filed.

Taking Donations for Heart to Heart Ministry

The Market in Clyde at the Old Firehouse Jan 10th, 10:00am-4:00pm

The Market in Clyde at The Old Firehouse will be Saturday Jan 10, 10:00am-4:00pm. The vendors for this Market have come together to promote the Heart to Heart Ministry. Non-perishable food items will be accepted. Each person that brings items will be entered into a drawing for a gift that will contain gifts from the vendors. If you have been to this market and seen the quality of the merchandise you know that this will be a nice gift. At this time there are twenty one vendors signed up for booths, so there is a good variety. There will be crafters, artist and home kitchen cooks at this market. See the ad in this paper for more information. Also watch KTAB4U on channel 32 Friday at 4:00pm for information and to see some of the items to be sold. Also visit the Facebook page The Market at Clyde. Many of the vendors at The Market will accept orders in their specialty.

This Market has many styles of wood craft and wooden art. This will range from scroll saw creations, yard ornaments, wall hangings, crosses, bird feeders and bird houses, crosses, toys and much more. Besides the wooden creations you will see metal creations that are one of a kind to decorate your home, office space or yard.

Various styles of jewelry will be presented by many jewelry artists. There are styles to fit each taste. The Market is the place to shop for Valentine gifts.

Sewn items available are to numerous to mention; clothing, baby and doll clothing, home decor, kitchen items, welders caps, many other things. These seamstresses do take special orders.

One cannot mention the Clyde Market without considering the fine arts; pencil drawings, oil and acrylic paintings. If you are decorating your home, business or office space The Market is the place to shop for one of a kind, original, very affordable fine art.

The Market is also known for personal care items like handmade soaps, scrubs and body products. These are all top quality products known for purity and beauty that can only be found in hand produced products. This is also true of the wax products such as candles and melts. Compare these to any commercially produced items that you are using and you will observe a difference in quality.

Each Home cook that brings baked or canned items has taken classes required by the State of Texas to comply with the Texas Cottage Law. The food offered varies each month and is always good. Samples are offered. Visit The Market this Saturday and be amazed at the creativity and talent in the local communities. Each item is made by hand. You may call 325-518-3939 for more information or to inquire about reserving a booth.

Sheriff's Corner

By Terry Joy
Callahan County Sheriff

The ice storm that brought 2014 to a close and ushered in 2015 is a never to be forgotten time for all Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, Volunteer Fire Departments, Wrecker Services, Texas Department of Transportation, and utility companies. The "calm under pressure" of the Callahan County Sheriff's Department dispatch staff is to be applauded.

I also want to applaud Bill Hart who called our dispatch the evening of the first ice storm and offered the use of the Baird Church of Christ for stranded motorist families in need of shelter. That very evening I took two stranded motorists and their black Labrador dog to the Abilene Airport so they could rent a vehicle. Later that night, after discovering that the Baird motel was full, I transported three stranded motorists to a motel in Abilene. The many truckers whose trucks were disabled had their sleepers to wait out the bad weather.

Sometimes it is hard to remember when it began, but knowing when it ended. When the sun came out on Saturday, January 3, 2015, that is a day to remember and to be thankful for. It took every available law enforcement officer, working and risking their lives and vehicles, to cover the unbelievable number of vehicle accidents during the ice storms that marked the closing of 2014 and the beginning of 2015.

According to Callahan County Dispatch from December 30th to 31st, there were 16 reported accidents and from January 1st to January 3rd, 2015 there were 25 reported accidents for a total of 41 accidents reported to dispatch. That number doesn't count all the vehicles that slid off the highway and had to have help getting back on the road again because of the slick ice. If they had a minor accident by hitting the cable or an embankment and could still drive off they were given a blue form and sent on their way.

One Department of Public Safety Trooper commented that he had never seen it so bad and frankly, we had some bad ones the past two years. A semi-truck driver, one of the local news channels, made the comment that he had been driving for 40 years and this was the worst he could remember.

Thankfully, through it all, there were no serious injuries from wrecks caused by the ice. The wreck that caused the death of a

man and seriously injured two others occurred on Sunday morning, December 28th on a clear day with no ice. A west bound driver lost control of her vehicle and crashed through the cable on I-20 at Clyde. She crashed her vehicle head-on with a vehicle occupied by a man and his wife traveling east to Georgia. The man was killed and his wife was seriously injured. The Clyde Volunteer Fire Department had to cut out occupants of the wrecked vehicles. Then, the ice set-in following the previous week's ice glaze.

We all made it through, worked endless hours, and were thankful to see the sun come out on Saturday. And the aftermath of so many wrecks means clean-up. Law enforcement officers spent several hours in traffic control on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday while wreckers and workers removed wrecked trucks and their lost loads from Highway 36 and Interstate 20.

As Sheriff of Callahan County, I cannot express enough thanks to all personnel who risked their lives to check on, and try to preserve, the safety of others.

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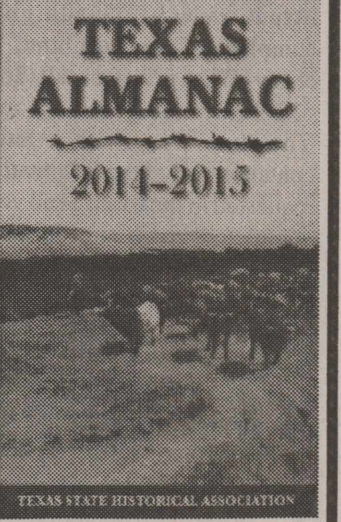
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379,525 people in Texas selected 2015 Marketplace plans in the first month of open enrollment

86 percent of Texans who selected a 2015 plan are getting financial assistance to lower monthly premiums

According to a report released by the Department of Health and Human Services today, 379,525 people in Texas selected plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace leading up to the December 15th deadline for coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2015. About 86 percent of Texans who selected health insurance plans in the first month of open enrollment were determined eligible for financial assistance to lower their monthly premiums, compared to 74 percent who selected plans over a similar period last year. Of the 379,525 Texans who selected a plan, 46 percent reenrolled in a Marketplace plan in 2015 and 54 percent signed up for the first time.

Today's report provides the first detailed analysis of enrollment in the Marketplaces for the first month of the 2015 open enrollment period. Because the automatic reenrollment process for the 37 states using the HealthCare.gov platform (including Texas) began on December 16 and was completed for the vast majority of consumers on December 18, today's report with data through December 15

does not fully capture the number of people who selected plans leading up to the deadline for Jan. 1, 2015 coverage.

"We're pleased that in Texas 379,525 people signed up for Marketplace coverage during the first month of open enrollment. The vast majority were able to lower their costs even further by getting tax credits, making a difference in the bottom lines of so many families," HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell said. "Interest in the Marketplace has been strong during the first month of open enrollment. We still have a ways to go and a lot of work to do before February 15, but this is an encouraging start."

Nationwide, more than 4 million people signed up for the first time or reenrolled in coverage for 2015 during the first month of open enrollment. That includes more than 3.4 million people who selected a plan in the 37 states that are using the HealthCare.gov platform for 2015 (including Texas), and more than 600,000 consumers who selected plans in the 14 states that are operating their own Marketplace platform for 2015.

HHS also released a Weekly

Enrollment Snapshot that captures more recent enrollment activity in the Marketplace. The Weekly Snapshot shows that from November 15 to December 26, nearly 6.5 million consumers selected a plan or were automatically reenrolled.

Open Enrollment in the Marketplace runs from Nov. 15, 2014, through Feb. 15, 2015. Consumers should visit HealthCare.gov to review and compare health plan options. Consumers shopping for health insurance coverage should sign up by Jan. 15, 2015, in order to have coverage effective on Feb. 1, 2015. If consumers who were automatically reenrolled decide in the coming weeks that a better plan exists for their families, they can make that change at any time before the end of open enrollment on February 15.

Consumers can find local help at: Localhelp.healthcare.gov/. Or call the Federally-facilitated Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325. Translation services are available. The call is free.

The information contained in today's report provides the most systematic summary of enrollment-related activity in the Marketplaces to date. Data for the various metrics are counted using comparable definitions for data elements across states and Marketplace types.

To read the monthly enrollment report visit: http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2014/MarketPlaceEnrollment/Dec2014/ib_2014Dec_enrollment.pdf

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	MONDAY 12	TUESDAY 13	WEDNESDAY 14	THURSDAY 15	FRIDAY 16
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R	Yogurt	Cereal	Cereal	Sausage	
E	Cereal	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Cereal	
A	Assorted juice	Fruit	Fruit	Assorted juice	
K	Fruit	Milk	Milk	Fruit	
F	Milk			Milk	
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S	Chicken Spaghetti	Country Fried Steak	Chicken Quesadilla	Turkey & Cheese	
T	Garden Salad	Gravy	Salsa	Sub	
L	California Blend	Mashed potatoes	Garden Salad	Baby Carrots	
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4. Check for air leaks around windows and doors using a lit incense stick. If the smoke is sucked out of an opening, seal the leak with caulk, spray foam or weather stripping.

8. Keep your car fuel tank at least half full as gas stations rely on electricity to operate their pumps and may not have back-up power.
9. Keep extra cash on hand since an extended power outage may prevent you from withdrawing money from ATMs or banks.
10. Be a snow angel. Volunteer to check on elderly neighbors, friends, or relatives who may need assistance during the outage.
11. Wear layers of loose fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors.
12. If you are using a gas heater or fireplace to stay warm, be sure the area is properly ventilated.
13. Arrange ahead of time with family, friends, or neighbors for a place to go if you have an extended outage. If you have nowhere to go, head to a designated public shelter. Text SHELTER + your ZIP code to 43362 (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in your area (example: shelter 12345)

15. Avoid opening the fridge or freezer. Food should be safe as long as the outage lasts no more than four hours.

Generators

16. Do not run a generator inside a home or garage. Use gas-powered generators only in well-ventilated areas.
17. Follow manufacturer's instructions such as only connect individual appliances to portable generators.
18. Don't plug emergency generators into electric outlets or hook them directly to your home's electrical system as they can feed electricity back into the power lines, putting you and line workers in danger.
19. Consider purchasing and installing a permanent home generator with an automatic on switch.

When Power Returns

20. When power comes back on, it may come back with momentary surges or spikes that can damage equipment such as computers and motors in appliances like the air conditioner, refrigerator, washer or furnace. Be sure to install a system of surge protection that consists of point-of-use devices and whole house surge protection.
21. When power is restored, wait a few minutes before turning on major appliances to help eliminate potential problems caused from sharp increases in demand.

Keep Your Family Safe & Warm

5. Keep a supply of flashlights, batteries and a battery-powered radio on hand. Do not use candles as they pose a fire hazard.
6. After the power goes out, make sure to turn off all lights but one, to alert you when power resumes.
14. Keep a supply of non-perishable foods, medicine, baby supplies, and pet food on hand, and have at least one gal-

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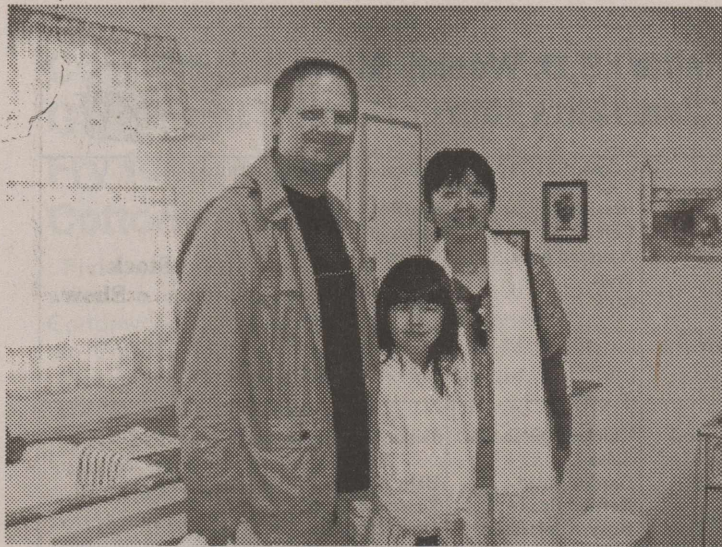
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- 6 early Mineral Wells attractions
- 7 TXism: "smart as a full of owls"
- 8 TXism: "dog lie"
- 17 TX cosmetics queen, Mary Kay
- 18 maybe the best LB UT has ever had
- 21 strikeout letters for TX Nolan Ryan
- 22 TXism: "burn some leather" (run)
- 23 in Shelby Co. on 84
- 24 heavy rain
- 29 this Wilson was in TV "Pinocchio" with TX Sandy Duncan
- 30 TXism: "suits me to a fare-well"
- 31 College Station university letters
- 32 compulsive shopper
- 34 Rodriguez who played SS for the Rangers (2000-03)
- 35 award won by 34-across in 2003
- 36 chill
- 37 TXism: "camps out in the corner" (religious)
- 38 TX King Vidor directed "in the Sun"
- 39 "Herald" was shut down in 1991
- 41 moisten meat
- 42 TX Kenny sang "I Can Make It on My Own"

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- 1 wealthy western suburb of Austin
- 2 newspaper in Pleasanton, TX
- 3 TX bestselling author Judith McNaught
- 4 TX Brent Spiner was in 1997 comedy "Out _____"
- 9 Coach Tom Landry on the sideline?
- 10 rope circle
- 11 ambulance technician (abbr.)
- 12 "Gig 'Aggies!"
- 13 a snake skin for costly cowboy boots
- 14 TXism: "that like an armadillo needs an interstate"
- 15 TX Tommy Sands' 1969 war film: "but the Brave"
- 16 this Adams discovered dinosaur tracks near Glen Rose (init.)
- 19 TX Charley Pride tune: "All _____ Offer You"
- 20 specimen
- 22 TXism: "end" (handle)
- 24 this Darrin got 2 rings with the Cowboys (init.)

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- 19 TXism: "throw some leather horse"
- 34 in Liberty Co. on hwy. 90
- 35 molds, decays
- 37 Margaret Hunt Hill book: "H.L. Hunt - My Father"
- 38 milk products these immigrants played a large part in early TX history
- 41 rotten kid
- 44 TXism: "chicken" (little money)
- 47 hot dog
- 49 unprocessed oil



Swindell Family visits the Robert E. Howard Museum

Museum attracts holiday visitors

Catching a decent day between Christmas and New Years, the Swindell family from Los Angeles stopped to visit the REH Museum. Having spent the night in Abilene, they were enroute to Dallas and points beyond when they realized they could swing through here to see the museum.

An avid reader of Howard's stories by night, Bob is a structural engineer for Boeing by day and as he explained, "When a plane breaks, they call us." He met Akiko near Hiroshima when

he was over there on business 11 years ago. They now live in CA, where she works as a commercial artist, concentrating on illustrating and drawing cartoons. Daughter, Alice as a third grader, is quite the artist also, drawing the docent an excellent and quick rendition of a couple of characters from the *Frozen* movie.

Another couple had scheduled a tour for Wed. Dec. 31, but the bad weather kept them in Roswell, NM and they opted to try again another day.

Congress Slashes Conservation programs

By Traci Bruckner,
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When thinking about the \$1.1 trillion spending bill passed by Congress last month, one might ask, what does Congress have against conservation?

They made huge cuts to conservation programs, such as the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) that supports conservation practices on cropland, pastureland and rangeland, totaling \$402 million over ten years. This cut means 2.3 million fewer acres enrolled in the program.

This anti-conservation spending bill also cut the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) by \$136 million for this fiscal year.

While the CSP is designed to reward farmers and ranchers who have a history of integrating conservation, EQIP will help them develop a conservation practice for the first time. Both programs support practices such as cover crops, diverse cropping systems, as well as rotational grazing practices on pasture, rangeland, and cropland restored to a grass-based system.

These are the conservation-

based farming practices we need more support for, not less. This is especially true in the face of climate change impacts on agriculture, and the increased need to protect and restore water quality.

So while they cut the conservation programs that help farmers and ranchers integrate risk management through conservation-based farming practices, they left intact the unlimited federal crop insurance premium subsidies and farm program payments that encourage risk taking and agriculture consolidation by the nation's largest and wealthiest farms.

This is an anti-farmer, anti-conservation bill that is representative of crisis-driven legislation stemming from a dysfunctional Congress. Join us and fight for annual spending bills that are forward-looking, and create opportunity.

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Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

DPS Graduates 109 State Troopers

AUSTIN — Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw, Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon, and the entire Public Safety Commission today were joined by Lieutenant Governor-Elect Dan Patrick as the department commissioned 109 men and women as Highway Patrol Troopers during the recruit graduation ceremony. Lieutenant Governor-Elect Patrick was the keynote speaker during the ceremony, which was held today, Friday, December 19th, in Austin.

"Texas is grateful for these men and women who have answered the call of duty, making the selfless commitment to protect and serve this great state," said Lieutenant Governor-Elect Patrick. "They say the stars at night are big and bright deep in the heart of Texas. Texans sleep better under those stars because of the men and women who wear the Texas Tan of the DPS."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

"Each of these dedicated recruits has earned the privilege to now be called a Texas State Trooper — a truly incredible achievement. You are among the select few who have what it takes to carry on the esteemed

tradition of this department," said Chair Leon. "I commend your selfless commitment to duty and thank you for your service to the great state of Texas."

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in July. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"Texas Highway Patrol Troopers work every day to fulfill the critical responsibility of protecting and serving the communities of Texas. Today, DPS is honored to welcome 109 new members of that elite force," said Director McCraw. "These specially-trained men and women will serve as front-line officers dedicated to protecting Texas from crime and all threats facing our state — and we are grateful for their courage and commitment to selfless service."

The department encourages individuals interested in joining the Texas Highway Patrol and becoming a state trooper to visit the DPS website, www.joindps.com, for more information.

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center 2015 Calendar

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families that endured these struggles to leave a legacy that is still vital to the economy in our area today.

A 2015 calendar archiving some of these landmarks through photographs taken by James

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is available for only \$5.00. All proceeds from the sale of these calendars benefit the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. Get your calendar today at the Center, City Hall, Connie's Cuts and Curly or Texas Heritage Bank.

Glenn Hegar sworn in as new Texas Comptroller

AUSTIN—Glenn Hegar was sworn in today as Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts by Gov.-elect Greg Abbott in a ceremony in the Senate Chamber.

In his inaugural speech, Hegar said he could assure Texans he would do everything in his power to keep the Texas economy on track.

"Texas is a land of economic opportunity with no equal, where private property rights are respected, where people can raise families in safety, and entrepreneurs can pursue their dreams and create jobs," he said.

Texas Lt. Gov.-elect Dan Patrick, who gave the welcome address during the ceremony, said he looked forward to working with Hegar.

"Texas is lucky to have Glenn as its next Comptroller — he is a man of great integrity who will faithfully serve as the chief financial officer of this state," Patrick said. "Glenn and I came

into the Texas Senate together, and it has been a pleasure working with him for the past 7 years. His fiscal experience and proven leadership will serve the state well."

"The state of Texas will have a faithful advocate of our growing economy and a watchful steward of Texans' taxpayer dollars in the Office of the Comptroller with Glenn Hegar," Abbott said. "I look forward to working with Comptroller Hegar to ensure Texas' continued success in reducing government inefficiencies and a more fiscally responsible future for generations to come."

Of the goals for the agency, Hegar said he will focus on "constitutional functions including tax collection, accounting and providing a clear revenue estimate to legislators."

Regarding the Comptroller's role in the continued economic strength of our state, Hegar said he will focus "more than ever on customer service" and will

continue to "root out waste, fraud and inefficiency in state government to maximize 'shareholder value' for Texas taxpayers."

He added, "We will never forget that we work for the Texas taxpayers and not the other way around. Our job is to handle the basics then get out of the way."

He also spoke of his love and gratitude for his family, most notably his wife and three children.

In conclusion, Hegar pledged to work with Abbott and Patrick to "ensure Texas remains an example to the nation and the world of personal freedom, game-changing innovation and unlimited opportunity."

Hegar, who was the youngest member of the Texas Senate before leaving to become Texas Comptroller, is a sixth generation Texan who farms on land that has been in his family since the mid-1800s.

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Driver's License Office in Baird is open again

The Driver's License Office in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN again.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Christopher Ralph, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Mark A. Serrano, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, defendant in prison on other case.

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American Coot

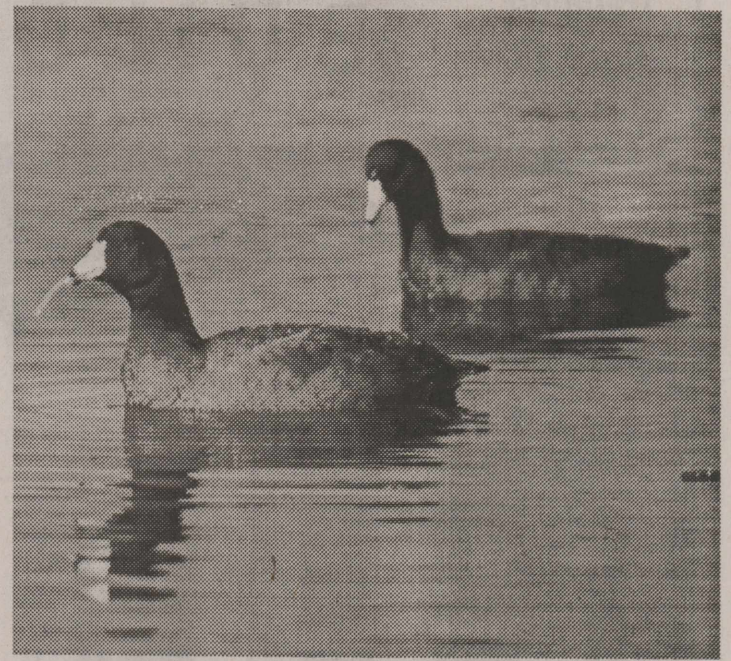
There is an old saying "If it looks like a duck and acts like a duck, then it must be a duck." However, there is a species of bird that is often mistaken for a duck because of its appearance and aquatic tendencies, but is actually NOT a duck. That bird is the American Coot.

The American Coot (*Fulica americana*) is a common bird year-round throughout much of the western United States, including all but the Upper Gulf Coast region of Texas. There it is common only in the winter months. It can be observed on just about any large body of permanent to semi-permanent bodies of freshwater.

At first glance, this particular species of aquatic bird appears to be rather drab in coloration. However, it is upon closer examination (often through the aid of binoculars) that this bird's true beauty can be appreciated. The wings and stout body are a shade of dark gray, almost black, oftentimes with a light sprinkling of white dots on the chest area. The small head and thick neck are black, and there is a peppering of white dots that surround the bright red eyes. Mature adults also have a red frontal shield just above the short white bill that extends onto the forehead. The short legs are typically an olive hue. Both sexes are similar in appearance, with body lengths of about 15 inches and a wingspan of just over two feet.

Coots are commonly observed while foraging for food either on land along the waters edge or while casually swimming on the surface. Its gait while on land makes it appear lazy and clumsy, almost chicken-like with its head bobbing back and forth. However, if it feels threatened, it is quick to take to the waters to paddle away to a safe distance from a potential predator. While searching for food along the shoreline, it immerses its head and neck into the shallow waters, leaving just its backend and tail tipped up above the surface. When foraging in deeper waters, it will dive up to twenty-five feet below the surface to obtain its food. It feeds primarily on roots of aquatic plants, although a variety of other items such as leaves, seeds, insects, and small amphibians are also consumed.

The flight pattern is a simple one, with the wings beating rapidly as it flies in a fairly straight



American Coot
(*Fulica americana*)

line. If disturbed while swimming, it will run across the surface of the water to obtain enough momentum to achieve flight.

These birds are typically found in small groups of two to four animals, although they will often congregate in larger flocks when they are searching for suitable feeding areas, particularly while on land. They pair up during the breeding season, with the male and female remaining monogamous during this time. The males actively pursue the females during courtship, many times chasing her across the surface of the water. The female responds with nasally hoarse grunts when she is receptive to her mate. The pair assists each other with the building of the floating nest, which is made primarily from dead stems. Both sexes also incubate the eggs, which are pinkish in coloration, are about 2 inches in length, and

number anywhere from two to twelve. Incubation time is about three weeks in length. The young are precocial, which means that they are born with their eyes open, have a covering of down, and have the ability to leave the nest within a day of hatching. The hatchling birds are taken care of by both sexes, and most begin flight at about seven weeks of age. Each pair of adults will have one to two broods annually.

The American Coot is a common to nearly abundant bird throughout its range in Texas. Many are observed while foraging in lawns along lakes and large ponds. It can be quite wary of anything that it perceives as a potential threat, so having a good pair of binoculars handy is a must for close-up viewing.

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

Weight Watchers in Callahan County

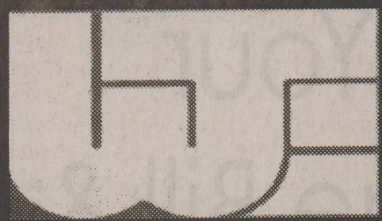
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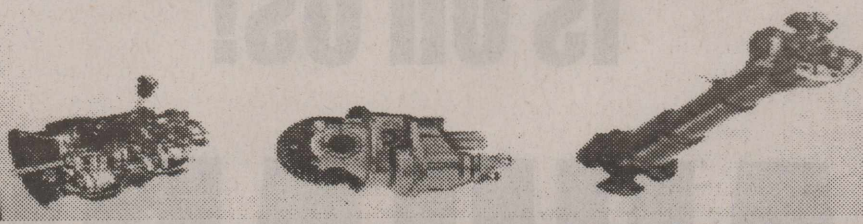
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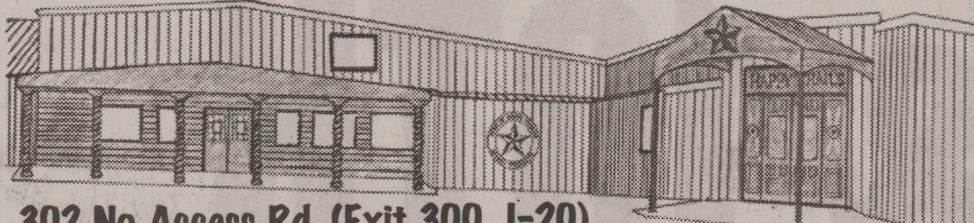
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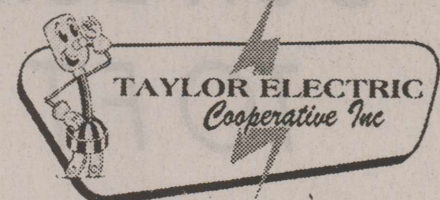
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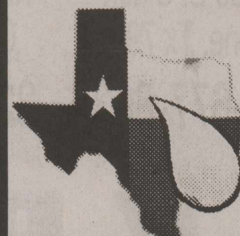
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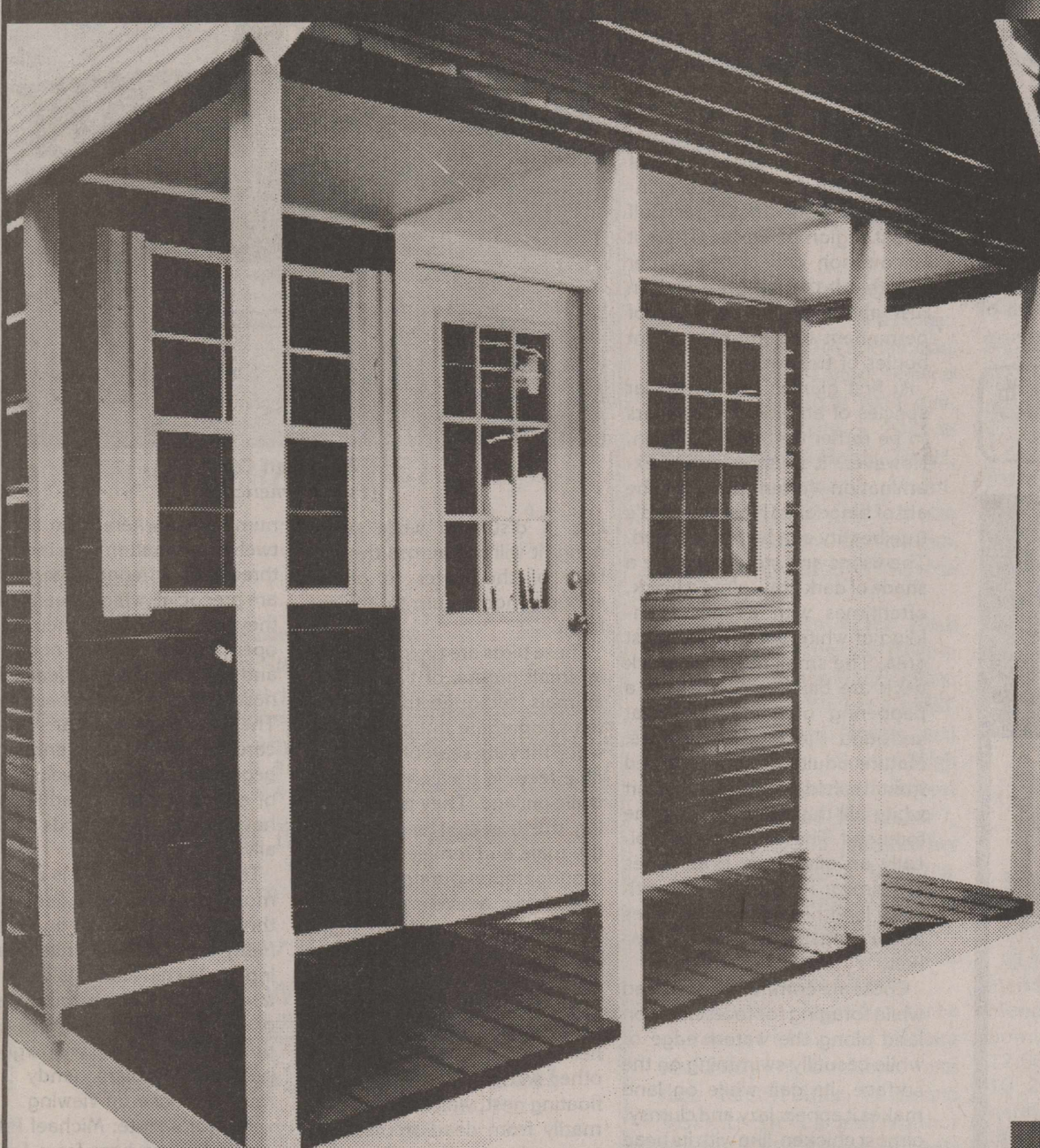
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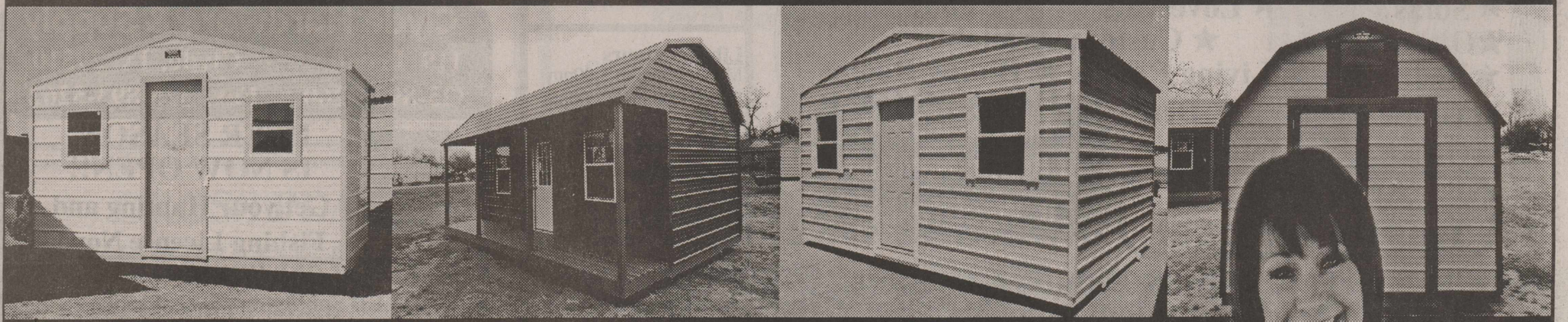
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