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Cottonwood Fish Fry in conjuction with live music is January 23rd

of fish cooking and will be alive acknowledged and appreciated. with country music. It just might Mark your calendars for Friday neighbors in.

Control Group will hold their dren under 10 years of age). Annual Fish Fry fundraiser in conjunction with the musical.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, like most voluntions and fundraisers. If you

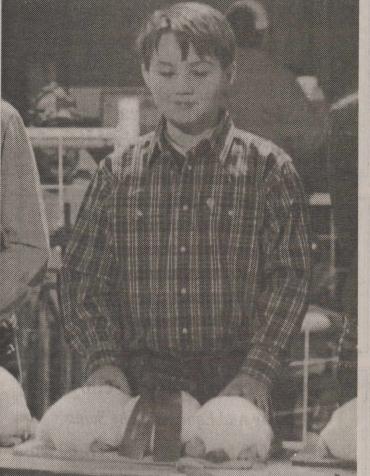
On Friday, January 23, 2015, Control Group, send it to 13085 the old schoolhouse in Cotton- CR 429, Cross Plains, Texas wood, Texas will have the aroma 76443. Any donation will be

bring back memories of a favor- night, January 23 2015, and ite fishing trip you may have travel to the Cottonwood Comexperienced. Instead of sitting munity Center, Cottonwood, on the creek bank, you will have Texas to enjoy a meal of fish or a warm, cozy building to enjoy chicken, beans, coleslaw, fries, eating and visiting with you hushpuppies, with a dessert and drink. All for \$7.00 adult plate The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire and \$3.50 child plate(for chil-

As always, The Cottonwood Country Musical promises to have some great entertainment. I regret to say that the special teer groups are funded by dona- guests have conflicting schedules and can't attend, but it won't would like to make a donation take away from the entertain-



Wade Byrd - Grand Champion Fryer Pen - Cross Plains



Wade Byrd - Grand Champion Fryer Pen -Cross Plains FFA - 2015 Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

Baird woman shot

CEU Forage Seminar in Cross Plains January 27th

Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on to help them produce uniform,

Extension Range Specialist, San Updates", Dr. Charles Allen, Professor & Laws and Regulation for Extension Entomologist, San pesticide applicators, and Jerry

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Angelo, Robert Frost & Sammy warren will discuss "Drift Seminar is set for January 27th Wilson, NRCS & FSA, Baird, Minimization and Calibration". at the First Baptist Church in Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, San Angelo, Scott accompanying meal is \$20 to Anderson, CEA Brown County, those that pre-register by Jerry Warren, CEA Callahan County.

forage management strategies Management-prescribed burns vs. chemical control of brush & high quality forage to meet their Prickly Pear", Ralph Porter will production goals. 5.5 CEU's will discuss "Herbicide Impregnated Eastland Counties. For further be given: 1 - Laws and Fertilizers use on Pastures", Dr. information, contact the Regulations, 1 - IPM, 1.5 - Drift Allen will discuss "Livestock Pest Callahan County Extension minimization, and 2 - General. Management", Robert Frost & Office at (325) 854-5835. Speakers for the Seminar will Sammy Wilson will discuss include: Dr. Morgan Russell, "FSA & NRCS Program Angelo, Ralph Porter, Senior discuss "Farm Bill Decisions", Sales Rep. Dow Agro, Abilene, Scott Anderson will discuss

The cost of the Seminar and January 20th, after January 20th there will be a \$25.00 fee Dr. Russell will discuss "Pasture to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and

> Sincerely, Jerry Warren, CEA AG/NR Texas AgriLife Extension Service Callahan County



and killed during **Cross Plains** home invasion **VFD** Meeting

Cross Plains VFD Auxiliary Group Meeting Feb 3, Your invited.

Fire Department Auxiliary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 at the firehouse. You are invited to join us and be a part of the Auxiliary that will help the CPVFD with fundraisers and other activities. Both men and women of all ages are welcome.

Auxiliary projects include: Planning and helping with bake sales, dinners and other fundraisers, organizing and getting water and food to the firemen when they're out on a

Joe Terstegge is president of the CPVFD Auxiliary.

partment has called in the Texas was shot and killed, Weise said. Rangers to assist with an inves- Misty Mashburn, about 30, was tigation following a home invasion which resulted in the death of a Baird woman on Saturday, January 17, 2015 located at 4575 I-20 West between Clyde and Baird.

According to Callahan County Sheriff's Department Investigator Frank Weise, two men with masks over their faces and wearing "hoodies" and armed with hand guns broke into a residence located on the southside of Interstate 20 around 3:00 p.m. Saturday, west of Shady Oaks

The two men invaded the home demanded money and wanted the couple's cell phones, Weise tion will be released at this time.

Golf Course.

Callahan County Sheriff's De- said. The family's pit bull dog shot once in the upper left side of her body and was taken to an Abilene hospital where she died

> of her injury. Investigator Weise said three children, ages six years, seven years old and four years old, were in the home at the time of the crime.

Weise said the Texas Rangers were immediately called and will lead in the investigation.

The two masked men were able to get some money from the couple and a couple of cell phones and drove away.

Weise said the investigation is ongoing and no more informa-



Origami Cranes for Nora

Nora Pointer was in for a big surprise recently when a box arrived at the post office for her; didn't weigh much and had come all the way from Japan. Turned out to be 140 paper origami cranes from a bunch of kindergarten kids who had "met" Nora through a professor who had visited the school operated by the University of Tokushima.

Earlier, she had received a charming picture of 23 little kids holding pictures of happy faces with Santa Claus in the middle who was holding a "get well Nora Pointer" sign. Santa was Dierk Gunther, professor of literature at the University, who visits the kids each Christmas and decided that the children sharing the pictures with a total stranger was a real message of caring. As the children wouldn't sit still long enough to write a greeting in Japanese, they opted

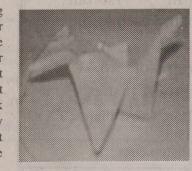
for the smiley faces. However the teachers promised that the children would fold some origami cranes which signify well wishes; "some" turned into 140 of the intricate little things.

Another side of Dierk is his scholarly interest in Robert Howard's writings and his plans to teach a unit on the Texas writer. Dierk and wife Chie from Tokushima were here last June for the Robert E. Howard Days and had stayed over for a few days to experience life in Cross Plains and to get a feel of the small town where Howard had lived during his entire writing career. Larry and Nora Pointer were a part of the Project Pride / Methodist Church reception for the couple and immediately hit it off when Chie discovered that Larry knew a little Japanese folk song. They immediately launched into the song in perfect harmony and she was quite

impressed with his mastery of the language of the song.

As Nora began her battle with cancer, the couples kept in touch via Facebook; exchanging the usual FB pictures and postings supportive relationship would develop. From friends here, yes, but from the other side of the world....never. Cancer survivors always have a story to tell, but Nora's will be hard to top.

And all this happened as one of many ripple effects from the Robert E. Howard story that just keeps going around and around the world.



ResourceCare Dental Clinic to Hold Open House

ResourceCare Community Health Center has been serving the communities in Stephens,

Shackelford, and Callahan counties since 1994. They currently have clinics in five different locations- Albany, Baird,

Breckenridge, Clyde, and Cross Plains. On January 5th they opened their fourth dental clinic in Cross Plains.

Their goal is to provide children and adults with high quality dental services with the convenience of staying in their local communities. They provide emergency care, ongoing treatment, and education for patients that will help them to achieve good oral

What sets them apart is their focus on education concerning preventive measures patients can take that will reduce the risk of oral diseases including cavities. They don't just treat the problems; they want to help their patients to be more aware of how to prevent them.

ResourceCare remodeled their former medical clinic location at 200 N Main Street to include all

state of the art dental equipment including digital xrays and electronic charting.

Services Offered: • Restorative Endodontics

· Prosthodontics Teeth

Whitening Nitrous Oxide

•Preventative Care

• Patient Education They accept most private insurance, Medicaid, and

CHIPS and same day appoint-

ments are available. Dr. Karen Keys, DDS and Laura Herring, RDH will be seeing patients on Mondays and Wednesdays. You can

call the dental office which is open Monday through Friday at 254-725-7330 and speak to Amy

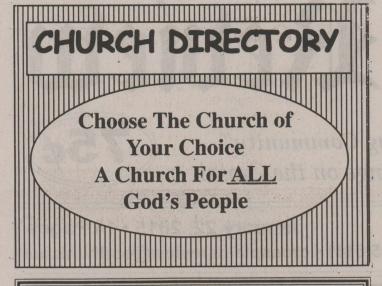
about making an appointment. ResourceCare Dental would like to invite everyone in Cross Plains to come to their Open House on

Wednesday January 28th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Two complete teeth cleanings will be given away.

Refreshments will be served. Tour the clinic and meet the

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Al Taylor, Preacher Phone: 254-725-7522 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

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Sunday Evening Worship	6:00pm
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Statewide Coalition Urges Texas Legislature to Prioritize Nutrition in 2015

Policy Roundtable, a coalition of statewide leaders on nutrition, health and food security, issued the following joint statement today urging the 84th Texas Legislature to boost food security, improve dietary health and reduce state health care costs associated with diet-related illness:

Texas leads the nation in opportunity, yet many hard-working Texans still struggle to put nutritious food on the table. Caught between rising food prices and tight budgets, one in six Texas households is food insecure. These families are forced to make difficult choices between good nutrition and other basic needs.

Increasing food security will reduce hunger in Texas. But it will also improve dietary health and reduce the incidence and severity of chronic conditions couraging healthy eating. like heart disease, cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. Improvements in food security will lead to significantly decreased health care costs, improved academic achievement and a more productive and competitive workforce. These benefits are too valuable to ignore.

Fortunately, Texas is blessed with ample agricultural and economic resources. We have more than enough to help every Texan access the nutrition they need to be food secure and healthy.

Creating a healthy and hunger-free Texas is possible, but only if we all work together. The 84th Texas Legislature has the opportunity to lead the state in the following areas:

· Support communities in scaling promising, new nutrition strategies. Food banks, farmers markets and schools have all developed new approaches to improve access to nutrition while encouraging healthier eating. The legislature should provide state funds to scale these successes and leverage greater private investments that can bring about large-scale improvements in dietary health.

· Protect and strengthen existing nutrition programs.

Austin - The Texas Food Proven programs like SNAP, school meals and out-of-school nutrition should be strengthened to reach more children and families in need. These programs can benefit the two-thirds of Texas schoolchildren who live in families that rely on school meals for nutrition. Access to these programs should also be improved for especially vulnerable Texans, such as seniors, foster children and those living in rural communities.

 Support public nutrition education, particularly for schoolchildren. When children have a good knowledge of nutrition and the tools to eat healthy, whole communities benefit. The legislature should ensure that Texas schools have the means to implement proven educational curricula, and that children receive consistent messaging en-

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!

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



Mike Merrill July 21, 1972 - Jan 15, 2015

Mike Merril

James " Mike" Micheal Merrill, 42, of Snyder, passed away unexpectedly at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas on January 15, 2015. A celebration of his life was held on January 17, 2015 at 2 o'clock pm at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder.

Born in Rankin, TX on July 21, 1972 to James and Johnnie Merrill, he was raised in Sonora, TX. He was a member of the rodeo team and graduated Sonora High School. He attended Cisco Junior College and Western Texas College in Snyder, TX. Mike was a hunter, fisherman, rancher, welder and a frequent traveler. He was a local business man with a generous and kind heart. Mike was beloved by all who knew him. He loved life and to know him was to love him.

Mike's greatest love was his children. He loved to fish, hunt and share stories of his rodeo days and oilfield experiences. He never met a stranger and was the life of any event he attended. He was a beloved father, son, brother, uncle and friend. His death will leave a huge void in

his family. Mike was preceded in death by grandparents, F.L. and Lorain Merrill and W.W. and Avelon Harris. He is survived by his parents James and Johnnie Merrill of Rising Star, TX. Sons all of Snyder, Kanaan Short, Micheal Kaide Merrill, Braydn Merrill, Lawsin Merrill, and Paxton Merrill, and his daughter Jessica West of Snyder. Mother of his children, Melinda Short of Snyder, Sisters Pam Tankersley and husband, Scott of Midland, TX, Judy Fawcett and husband, Lee of Gordan, TX, Sondra Pope and husband, Landon of Burkett, TX, Sallie Boyett and husband, Donovan of Moran, TX and brother, John Merrill of Fort Worth, TX as well as many nieces, nephews and dear family friend, Tim Huddleston.



Frank Blekey Aiken

Frank Blekey Aiken

Frank Blekey Aiken, age 73, of Cross Plains passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at his home with his family by his side. Funeral service will be on Tuesday, January 20th at 2:00 p.m. at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Ronnie White officiating; burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 19th at the funeral

Frank was born on January 18, 1941 to John B. and Irene Thelma (Simpson) Aiken in Moran, Texas. John married Merillyn on January 14, 2005. He retired from the Grand Prairie School District as a maintenance engineer.

Survivors include his wife Merillyn Aiken of Cross Plains; son, Denis Aiken of Teague, Texas; two daughters, Monica Aiken and Machiell Aiken both of Abilene; step-daughter, Mary DeLeon of Abilene, step-son John Schaefer of Mexia; brother Herman Aiken of Abilene; two sisters, Alice Aiken of Cross Plains and Patsy Day of Gatesville; twelve grandchildren and fourteen greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents and wife as well as a greatgrandson.



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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Many of the local Cottonwood kids were involved with the Callahan County Livestock Show and Rodeo last weekend. Several of them showed pigs and rabbits.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and the CottonwoodHistorical Association are busy preparing for this Friday night's Musical and Fish Fry.

You can enjoy a 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. Both organizations will share in the proceeds.

If you can't make the Musical and Fish Fry but would like to support the Fire Control Group or the Historical Association. You can send a donation to: Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, 13085 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443 or Cottonwood Historical Association, P. O. Box 704, Cross Plains, TX 76443.

Our sympathy goes out to Roger and Dennis Hinkle and to the Archer family for the passing of Roger and Dennis' aunt, Joann Archer Spargos of Oklahoma City. Joann was born July 28, 1934 in Amarillo, Texas to Earl and Jewell Archer. She was a member of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Joann attended elementary and grade school in-

Cottonwood and graduated high school from Cross Plains, Texas. She lived in Oklahoma City for the past 40 years. Her parents, her sisters Rita Swan Archer and Barbara Jean Burns, and brothers Mc, Dan, and Rex Archer all preceded her in death. Her brothers Claude Boyd, Ted, Guy, and J.S.; and her sister Sharron Archer Merry survive. Services were held last Saturday, January 24, at the Cottonwood Baptist Church with burial in the new Cottonwood Cemetery.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club's "Cottonwood Log Cabin" quilt went for \$340 in the West Texas Rehabilitation Center Auction Saturday night. Great job quilters! The Cottonwood Quilting Club has been making a quilt for the Rehab Auction for over 50 years. The Cottonwood Quilting Club meets every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. Bring a covered dish and join the ladies for quilting and lunch.

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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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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Notice: More Facts on **Cemetery Road Controversy**

Thanks to HD Weaver for his survey map of the road and letter to editor dated December 11, 2014. Titled "Public Funds Were Wasted in Coverup". His letter discloses little known facts about the Old Cottonwood Cemetery road controversy between the Cottonwood Historical Association and the Callahan County Commissioner Court.

The following details bring forward even more important facts. Elmore Street, now County Road 442, is the only access to the Old Cottonwood Cemetery and the recently acquired Texas Historical Commission Historical Cemetery Marker. The old Cottonwood Cemetery is still in use and requires access in all weather conditions. Elmore Street (CR 442) has been in use for over 60 years by my personal account and for longer according to others who have resided in Cottonwood prior to my time. It was also used daily by the property owners located to the east of the cemetery for entry and exit to their residence/property.

The deed records of the property owners to the south of the road show that the road joined their property boundary on the north. Their deed did not give any portion of their property for the creation Elmore Street now CR 442. The warranty deed of the property owners on the north side of the road, shows the road joining their property boundary on the south. Again no portion of their property was given to create Elmore Street/ CR 442. Elmore Street, along with other city streets and alleys, was platted as part of the old township of Cottonwood in 1888 for public use and was not sold as part of any

adjoining properties. The Cottonwood Historical Association, at its own expense, hired a surveyor to locate and stake the road boundary lines. The survey stakes were located and marked. A

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adjoining properties was made and this document was sent to the Cottonwood Historical Association, and the law firm representing the association. The road survey does not show the adjoining properties to be part of the roadway. There are currently five platted city streets that have county road designated numbers and are shown on the county road map. They are: Center Street now County Road 429, Bent Street now County Road 444, Elmore Street now County Road 442, Main Street now County Road 446, and Elm Street now County Road 437.

In 2006, the following public notice appeared in local newspapers: Pursuant to article 258.002 (c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioner's Court of Callahan County, Texas, provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comments upon the adoption of a county road map including each road in which the county claims then continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing county road. The roads in which the county claims a public interest have been maintained for many years beginning sometime prior to 1981 and have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2005-06 Ad Valorem tax statement.

From the inspection of this notice, County Road 442 is listed as a road in which Callahan County claims the continued existence. From the Commissioner's Court meeting dated February 27, 2006, (filed in Vol. V, page 803, of Commissioner Court meetings), County Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve an order adopting a county road map, pursuant to Chapter 258, of the Texas Transportation Code. Commissioner Grider seconded the

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motion and the motion carried 5-0. Callahan County Road Index Vol.

V, page 815 lists CR 442 as an existing county road. Other details of these proceedings are listed in Vol. V, pages 806, 807.& 808 in which it states that the Commissioner's Court did not receive any oral or written objections to the County Road Map. Elmore Street formed the southern

boundary of the old Cottonwood township plat. It intersected Cochran Street on the southwest boundary and proceeded east to the old cemetery frontage. Today it intersects Bent Street, now CR 444, and proceeds east to the old cemetery frontage. The road is shown on TX DOT maps, including those printed prior to 1981, indicating that it ends at the southeast corner of the old cemetery. No written documents excluding any portion of CR 442 are found to exist in the new road map file. The new county road map lists CR 442 as a continued county road. I was given this file by Judge Corn for inspection in his office on January

Although all the written documents, the survey, a county road sign at the intersection of CR 429, and the local people's testimony stating that CR 442 still exists, and is vital to access of the old Cottonwood Cemetery and the Texas Historical Marker, the Commissioner's court continues to unanimously deny that CR 442 exists as a county road. The Court contends that this road is located on private property. The Cottonwood Historical Association members, and the general public that know the details and facts that surround the cemetery road controversy, remain frustrated about the Commissioner's Court's stand on the issue. We ask why the Commissioner's Court would spend over \$20,000 of our tax dollars to deny helping our

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others with similar road problems) to preserve the county's historical heritage. Instead Commissioner's Court spends our tax dollars on a law firm 250 miles

Laws exist that state the commissioners court can lawfully spend money to help volunteer groups to preserve historical heritage in the county.

The state cemetery laws Section 713.028 allows Commissioner's Court to lawfully use public funds, county employees, and county equipment for the maintenance of cemeteries with graves more than 50 years old for the purpose of historical preservation.

We, the Cottonwood Historical Association, think this controversy has gone too far. The county judge and Commissioner's negative attitude and refusal to acknowledge the facts keeps this controversy

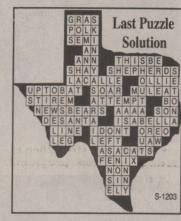
I ask for your help on behalf of the Cottonwood Historical Association, and other cemetery associations in the county. With your help and support, we can put an end to the waste of tax dollars and historical groups money. These groups are funded by donations and

I urge you to let your elected county official know your thoughts on this controversy. The Callahan County Courthouse number is 325-854-5800. Or contact your appropriate County Commissioner.

I can be reached at 254-979-0673 to answer any questions or for any additional information on the controversy.

Your support on this issue is most appreciated by all.

Bob Robinson, Cottonwood Historical Association Board Member



Turs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm Closed Friday

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Mardi Gras Party at the Senior Center

Cross Plains and New Orleans are approximately 700 miles apart, but we can still enjoy the Cajun cooking and sounds of jazz and blues. The Cross Plains Senior Center will host a Mardi Gras Party, Thursday, February 19, 2015 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The cost for the evening

will only be \$12.50/person which includes Shrimp Boil (shrimp, sausage, corn on cob, potatoes, onions and anything else that sounds good), drink, dessert, and music. Masks and beads will be complete the Mardi Gras experience, Texas Style!

Central Texas Farm Credit declares record \$5.2 million cash patronage

Board of Directors recently approved the payment of \$5.2 through its patronage refund program. This payment, which represents a portion of the rural lending cooperative's record 2014 earnings, will be distributed in March.

As a customer-owned co-op, Central Texas Farm Credit provides its members with financing at competitive rates, and also returns its surplus earnings to them after it has branch offices in Brady, met its needs for a strong capital base. This year's record patronage will reduce each borrower's effective interest rate nationwide Farm Credit System. by an average of 1.5 percent.

"Patronage payments are the www.ranchmoney.com. foundation of our cooperative

COLEMAN, Texas - The business philosophy," said Central Texas Farm Credit Jimmy Chambers, Central Texas chief executive officer. "We are proud to be able to million in cash to customers return this money to our member-owners."

Central Texas provides financing for all types of rural real estate, including farms, ranches, rural homes and recreational property. They also finance livestock, equipment and the working capital needs of farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses. The Colemanheadquartered cooperative has Brownwood, Coleman. Comanche, Haskell and San Angelo. It is part of the For more information, visit

Callahan Co. Library news

Some paperbacks new to the July. Callahan County Library are: Declan's Cross by Carla Neggers, Blind Dates by Kristin Billerbeck, Colleen Coble, Denise Hunter and Bev Huston, Pokemon: Arveus and the Jewel of Life by Kakoto Mizobuchi, Pokemon: Adventures Heart Gold and Soul Silver 2 and Pokemon: Adventures Diamond and Pearl Platinum 2 both by

Hideneri Kusaka. TexShare Database Alt HealthWatch focuses on the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. It offers libraries fulltext articles for more than 180 reviewed journals and reports. In addition, there are hundreds or two pieces of coin. of pamphlets, booklets, special reports, original research and book excerpts. Alt HealthWatch a German, left the Clarendon provides in-depth coverage office, taking with him a valise, across the full spectrum of subject areas covered by complementary and alternative medi-

From the Past Callahan County Clarendon Saturday, May 6, 1882 Vol. 3, No. 5

Local News

The Post Office Department, recognizing the fact that the commercial interest of Baird demand a better system for the transmission of money through the mails than is afforded by a registered letter, has established a money order office at this place, which will be opened for the accommodation of the pub- above will be thankfully received lic on and after the first day of by the publisher of this paper.

Last Saturday evening at 3 o'clock the cornerstone of the Methodist Episcopal Church to be erected in Baird was laid, the ceremonies being performed by Rev. A.A. Johnson, of Fort Worth, presiding elder of this district, and Rev. H.P. Mann, of Eastland County. The exercises were very impressive and were witnessed by quite a large number of our citizens. The Odd Fellow turned out in full force and presented a grand and imposing appearance. As is the custom on such occasions, there was deposited in the cavity of the stone several articles among them a copy of the ritual of the international, and often peer- M.E. Church, a hymn book, a copy of the clarendon and one

> On Sunday night Fritz Nickel, dark cassimere coat, gray checkered cassimere suit of cloths, wide-brim, light-colored Stetson hat, pair box-toed boots, and a small, nickel-plated, four-barrel pocket pistol. Nickel is about 20

Stop Thief

years of age, has a smooth face, blue eyes, light hair, fair skin, is about 5 1/2 feet high, weighs about 135 pounds. He speaks English only tolerably well. He is used to all kinds of hardships, having tramped a great deal, and will probably take the first empty box car that he can find. He has often spoken of going out west, as he wants to go to California. Proof sufficient to convict him, if arrested. Any information concerning the

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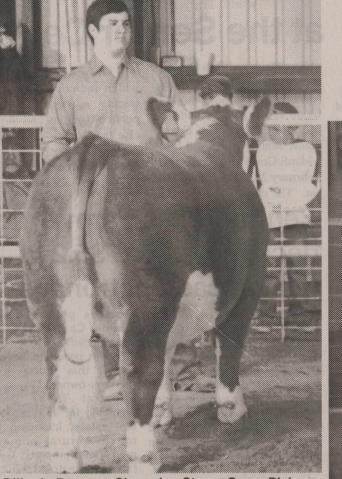
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2015 Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show Results



Bronc Dillard - Reserve Champion Steer - Cross Plains



Katy Jo Morgan - Reserve Champion Broiler-Cross



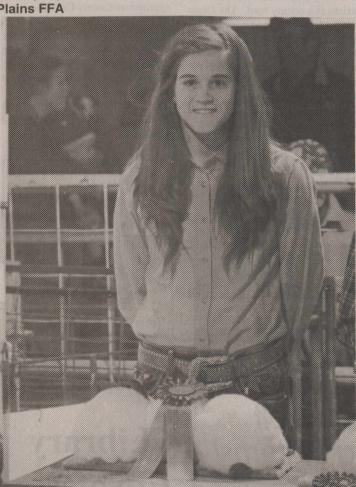
Shana Yates- Reserve Champion Fryer Pen - Cross



Kersey Wyatt - Reserve Champion Boer Goat - Cross Plains FFA



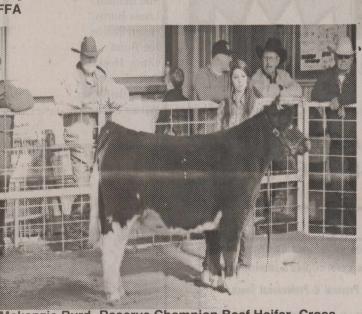
Kersey Wyatt Reserve Champion Boer Goat - Cross Plains FFA



Shana Yates - Reserve Champion Fryer Pen - Cross



Katy Jo Morgan- Reserve Champion Broiler-Cross Plains



Makenzie Byrd- Reserve Champion Beef Heifer- Cross

Results from the Callahan County Junior Livestock Show held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 15th, 16th & 17th at the Callahan County Livestock Show Barn in Cross Plains follow:

Rabbits Jr. Showmanship - Mikayla Kinslow- Clyde 4-H

Sr. Showmanship - Tara Kinslow - Clyde 4-H **Breeding Rabbits** Colored Bucks

1st Place- Morgan Fulgham -Eula 4-H

2nd Place- Tara Kinslow -Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Emery Fulgham -Eula 4-H

4th Place- Ashley Fulcher -Cross Plains FFA 5th Place- Mikayla Kinslow -

Clyde 4-H White Bucks 1st Place- Morgan Fulgham -

2nd Place- Tara Kinslow -

Clyde 4-H 3rd Place- Tallen Payne -

Clyde 4-H Champion Buck - Morgan Fulgham - Eula 4-H

Reserve Champion Buck -Morgan Fulgham - Eula 4-H Colored Does 1st Place- Morgan Fulgham -

Eula 4-H 2nd Place- Ashley Fulcher -Cross Plains FFA

3rd Place- Emery Fulgham -Eula 4-H 4th Place- Tara Kinslow -

Clyde 4-H 5th Place- Mikayla Kinslow -Clyde 4-H White Does

1st Place- Tara Kinslow -Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Mikayla Kinslow -Clyde 4-H Champion Doe - Morgan

Fulgham - Eula 4-H Reserve Champion Doe-Ashley Fulcher - Cross Plains FFA

Market Rabbits

Fryer Pen 1st Place- Wade Byrd - Cross Plains FFA

2nd Place- Shannon Yates -Cross Plains FFA

3rd Place- Makenzie Byrd -Cross Plains FFA 4th Place-Paxton Byrd-Cross

Plains FFA 5th Place- Tucker Isbell -Cross Plains FFA Champion Fryer Pen - Wade

Byrd - Cross Plains FFA Reserve Champion Fryer Pen Shannon Yates - Cross Plains FFA **Broilers**

Jr. Showmanship- Maddox Cauble - Baird FFA Sr. Showmanship - Katy Jo

Morgan - Cross Plains FFA Pen of Three 1st Place- Payton Cauble -

Baird FFA 2nd Place- Katy Jo Morgan -

Cross Plains FFA 3rd Place- Katy Jo Morgan -

Cross Plains FFA 4th Place- Maddox Cauble -Baird FFA

5th Place-Kyler Barron – Baird FFA Champion Broiler - Payton

Cauble - Baird FFA Reserve Champion Broiler -Katy Jo Morgan - Cross Plains FFA

Swine Jr. Showmanship- Raven Ratliff - Clyde 4-H Sr. Showmanship- Jayme

Tennison - Eula 4-H **Breeding Swine Duroc Gilts**

1st Place- Teresta Barnett -Cross Plains FFA York Gilts

1st Place- Mason Kelley -Clyde FFA 2nd Place- Valerie Konecny -

Clyde FFA 3rd Place- Theron Albrecht -Cross Plains FFA

1st Place-Trae Earles - Clyde 4-H 2nd Place- Adrien Canales -

Lt. Hamp Gilts

Cross Plains 4-H 3rd Place-Kailey Isenhower -Baird FFA

Hvy. Hamp Gilts 1st Place- Jayme Tennison -2nd Place-Kelbi Hyles - Cross

Plains FFA 3rd Place- Cayla Caton - Eula

Champion Hamp Breeding Gilt- Jayme Tennison - Eula

Reserve Champion Hamp Breeding Gilt- Kelbi Hyles -Cross Plains FFA

Cross Gilts 1st Place- Jayme Tennison -

Fula 4-H 2nd Place- Jake Prew - Clyde

Grand Champion Breeding Gilt - Jayme Tennison - Eula

Reserve Grand Champion

Breeding Gilt - Mason Kelley - Clyde FFA Market Swine

Light Weight Black OPB 1st Place-Hunter Rice-Clyde FFA

2nd Place- Grant Vinson -Baird FFA 3rd Place-Sydnee Leverich -

Clyde FFA 4th Place- Brooke Widener -Clyde FFA

5th Place- Jake Stone - Clyde

Middle Weight Black OPB 1st Place-Rylan Rogers - Baird

2nd Place- Koby Huff - Cross Plains FFA

3rd Place-Trae Earles - Clyde

4th Place- Brooke Widener -Clyde FFA 5th Place- Jody Broadfoot -

Clyde FFA Heavy Weight Black OPB 1st Place- Jordan Chapponie

- Clyde FFA 2nd Place- Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains FFA

3rd Place- Jake Prew - Clyde 4th Place- Keller Gray - Clyde

5th Place- Kaitlyn Payne -Clyde 4-H

Champion Black OPB -Jordan Chapponie - Clyde FFA Reserve Champion Black OPB - Rylan Rogers - Baird

Light Weight White OPB 1st Place- Trae Earles - Clyde

2nd Place- Dillon Earles -Clyde 4-H 3rd Place-Trampas Mackey -Cross Plains FFA

Heavy Weight White OPB 1st Place- Jaseton Atkinson-Clyde 4-H 2nd Place- Hunter Rogers -

Baird FFA Champion White OPB -Jaseton Atkinson - Clyde 4-H Reserve Champion White OPB - Hunter Rogers - Baird

Light Weight Duroc 1st Place- Spade Koenig -Cross Plains 4-H 2nd Place-Megan Scott - Eula

3rd Place- Valerie Konecny -Clyde FFA

4th Place-Trent Tollett-Cross Plains FFA

5th Place- Valerie Konecny -Clyde FFA Heavy Weight Duroc

1st Place- Jadelynn Gray -Clyde FFA 2nd Place- Kelbi Hyles - Cross

Plains FFA 3rd Place- Madison Foster -Cross Plains FFA 4th Place- Reagan Nichols -

5th Place-Rowdy Nail - Baird Champion Duroc - Jadelynn

Cross Plains FFA

Gray - Clyde FFA Reserve Champion Duroc -Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains

Light Weight Hampshire 1st Place- Spade Koenig -Cross Plains 4-H 2nd Place- Hayden Owens -Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Payton Cauble -Baird FFA 4th Place- Shaden Gray -

Clyde FFA 5th Place- Tanner Mackey -Cross Plains FFA

Middle Weight Hampshire 1st Place-Raven Ratliff - Clyde

2nd Place- Allison Fry - Clyde 3rd Place- Kailey Isenhower -

Baird FFA 4th Place- Hunter Owens -Clyde 4-H

5th Place- Jayme Tennison -Eula 4-H

Heavy Weight Light . Hampshire

1st Place-Ryder Ratliff - Clyde 2nd Place- Kaitlyn Payne -

Clyde 4-H 3rd Place- Raven Ratliff -Clyde 4-H 4th Place- Laura Guerrero -

Eula FFA 5th Place- Spade Koenig -Cross Plains 4-H

Texas Freshwater Hall of Fame induct famed angler, conservation organization

ATHENS-The angler who caught the first entry into Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's ground-breaking big bass angler recognition program and the organization responsible for Texas having a year-around rainbow trout fishery will be inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in June.

Fishing guide Mark Stevenson of Alba is best known for his eatch of the first entry into TPWD's ShareLunker program in 1986. The 17.67-pound largemouth bass from Lake Fork, known as Ethel, was the state record at the time and achieved international fame during her subsequent residence at the Bass Pro Shops store in Springfield, Mo. Her presence there fueled a growing nationwide interest in bass fishing, resulting in an economic impact of billions of dollars. Two-thirds of Texas's 1.7 million anglers are primarily bass fishers, and sales of fishing licenses and taxes on fishingrelated items generate millions of dollars for conservation.

Also to be inducted is Guadalupe River Trout Unlimited (GRTU), the largest Trout Unlimited chapter in the nation with more than 5,000 members. GRTU has been the driving force covery and Project Healing Wabehind the development of a year-round rainbow trout fish- servation efforts nationwide, ery on the Guadalupe River, listed working with other Trout Unlim- year-long residence at TPWD's as one of America's top 100 trout streams in 2013. TPWD studies show this fishery has an annual economic impact of \$1.9 million on the local economy, but GRTU's contributions go much further. The organization of public access to the fishery. *GRTU leases access points along the river from landowners

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Mark Stevenson caught Ethel, the first entry into the ShareLunker program, in 1986. The program how has had more than 500 13-pound or bigger largemouth bass entered.

GRTU also funds scientific studies of the fishery and supports a number of educational programs Trout in the Classroom and Trout Camp. The organization also ters. GRTU also supports conited chapters

Stevenson has organized fishing trips for numerous charitable organizations, including the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Dallas CAN Academy, Project Action Benefit and Turning POINT. maintains a leadership role in He has worked with the Lake conservation and development Fork Sportsman's Association gerlings for stocking into Texas to enhance the Lake Fork fish-

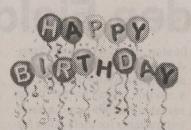
Stevenson's name will forever and businesses and uses fees be associated with arguably the most famous fish ever caught, from anglers to pay the lease Ethel. Her presence at Bass Pro mately 12,000 pounds of large Shops brought millions of visimainbow trout for stocking into tors to see her and sparked a rise of \$25 million a year for the local the river each year. These fish in the company's fortunes, which economy become public property and are now has more than 60 stores.

available for anyone to catch. Gratitude for her contribution and recognition of TPWD's efforts to develop the Texas bass fishery led Bass Pro Shops for young people, including founder Johnny Morris to make a major contribution to TPWD for construction of the Richard contributes to such programs as M. Hart and Johnny Morris Con-Casting for Recovery, Reel Re-servation Center at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in

> Caring for Ethel during her Tyler Fish Hatchery (now closed) gave TPWD fisheries staff experience in keeping big fish alive. That knowledge has been vital to the success of the department's ShareLunker program, which uses pure Florida largemouth bass to produce finpublic waters. Stevenson's promotion of catch-and-release of big bass contributed to Lake Fork's development into one of the top trophy bass fisheries in the world. TPWD studies show this fishery generates in excess

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Seniors and **Students**

Norman Beck

Would you like to spend a few minutes each week helping students become better readers?

Melissa Richards will be bringing her third graders to the Senior Center twice a day every Thursday. This will give these students a chance to improve their skills by reading to an adult.

Join us each Thursday at 9:45-10:30 and/or 12:30-1:15 at the Senior Center. We are never to old to help someone or build a relationship.

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Country **Store Needs**

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

FHU Names Local Student To President's List

HENDERSON, TN - Tiffany McCaghren, a junior psychology major from Cross Plains, has been named to the President's List at Freed-Hardeman University for the fall 2014 semester.

The President's List requires a grade point average of 4.0 and full-time status.

Freed-Hardeman University is a private, four-year university

located in Henderson, Tenn. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to offer bachelor's, master's, education specialist and Doctor of Education degrees, FHU has been consistently listed in the top tier of U.S. News and World Report's "Best Regional Universities - South" category.

Texas' new business growth strong in 2014

AUSTIN-Texas Secretary of over-year growth in the number State Nandita Berry released numbers today showing doubledigit growth for new Texas businesses in 2014.

"Texas continues to show strong economic performance year after year," said Secretary Berry. "That performance can be seen not only in employment numbers or tax receipts, but also in the high number of businesses formations filed with the secretary of state's office each year."

In 2014, the Texas Secretary of State's office received filings for 157,225 new businesses. This is an 11.69 percent increase compared to 2013. In fact, the ness," said Secretary Berry. state has seen consistent year-

of business filings for the last

The number of new business filings includes for-profit corporations, professional corporations, professional associations. limited liability companies, and limited partnerships. Limited liability companies make up the bulk of the new filings with 126,085 formed.

"It takes a certain optimism to start a new business, and this increase in business formations in Texas shows that investors and entrepreneurs believe Texas is a state wide open for busi-

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Joseph D. Perry, theft by check. Thomas K. Walton, theft by check.

Russchelle L. Foster, possession of controlled substance not in penalty group.

Misdemeanor Minutes

William R. Henley, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Grady C. Wellmaker, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$269 court costs.

End of term order discharging Clyde. defendants under misdemeanor probation: Rolando Silva, Forbess Rose, both of Clyde. Deangelo Maurice Dickerson, Christopher Dewayne Ralph.

Andrea M. Coolman, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 40 days in jail, \$429 court

Tina M. Mutchler, motion to revoke probation granted.

Andrea M. Coolman, plea of guilty to theft by check, 40 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Rafael Gomez, Jr., plea of guilty to theft, 15 days in jail, or more. \$319 court costs.

Russell L. Hopkins, plea of guilty to theft by check, 30 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Jatana M. Lowe, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, Ct. I -DWI waived for plea to Ct. II, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$269 court

Leslie A. Robinson, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Jeremy D. Yocum, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other

Marriage Licenses

Michael Glen Atkins and Talitha Janay Wright, both of

Philip Mitchell Fry and Rhonda

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Kristy Lea Taylor and Andy Monroe Taylor, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Gloria P. Thompson, DWI, 3rd



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Texas Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are com- drug-related items were also piled from recent Texas Parks seized during the investigation. and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

• A Toy Story—A Smith County game warden was stopped at a red light when he noticed the driver of a car in front of him waving a pistol around. The driver was pointing the gun at the passengers and at one point was even pointing it at his own head. When the light turned green, the warden followed. He quickly contacted the Tyler Police Department and, together, they conducted a felony traffic stop on the vehicle. The gun turned out to be a toy. The driver, who was a juvenile, and four other passengers were found guilty of extremely poor judgment. All were released to parents and went home safely.

• Girls Just Want to Have Fun-When two Bowie County game wardens were patrolling a campground around Lake Wright Patman, they noticed a young female hiding behind a sign and a stack of beer cans on the side of the road. They turned the car around and came to find two juvenile females intoxicated and stealing beer from other campers. Citations were issued, and the juveniles were released to adults.

· Looters Need Tans, Too-The Leon County Sheriff's Office turned to a local game warden for help finding troublemaker they had dealt with in the past. The subject was believed to be in possession of stolen firearms. After a short search, the warden located a truck belonging to one of the men being sought, and a felony search warrant was served at that residence. The search proved fruitful, netting several stolen items. More information was received that led to two more houses being searched. At both residences, stolen items were found, ranging from firearms to a tanning bed. Several

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Grass is NOT Always Greener-TPWD game wardens, Texas Department of Public Safety, Smith County Sheriff's Office, Tyler Police Department, FBI and the U.S. District Attorney's office were all involved in the raid of a marijuana growing operation north of Tyler. The bust resulted in the seizing of more than 700 plants. Although no suspects were apprehended, DPS has several leads based on both the Smith County wardens' knowledge of the area as well as contacts made while checking hunters near the prop-

• Bump, Set, Spiked -A Shelby County game warden observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of a county road and decided to conduct an investigative and welfare traffic stop. When the vehicle was pulled over, the driver got out after he saw the police lights had been activated. He seemed disoriented and showed signs of intoxication. While the game warden was back at his vehicle running the driver's information, the man got back in his vehicle and proceeded down the road. A pursuit then occurred, lasting nearly 20 minutes and 15 miles through Shelby County. The chase finally ended when the vehicle was spiked. Multiple local law enforcement agencies assisted in the pursuit and spike deployment. The driver was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and evading arrest with a vehicle. It was later discovered that the suspect had a warrant in Montgomery County

• Okie Dokie Smokie -A Bosque County landowner experiencing poaching and theft problems called his local game warden for help. After meeting with the landowner and touring his property, the warden was just about to return to his patrol activities when he observed a pickup truck at one of the landowner's gates. The truck drove out and traveled down two county roads before hitting Highway 56. The vehicle had only headlights on, no taillights, so the warden conducted a traffic stop. The driver couldn't pro-stopping, the female front pasvide a driver's license or any documentation for the truck, but a records check on the driver revealed he had two outstanding warrants for theft. After further investigation, it was revealed the truck was stolen out of Oklahoma and the driver had intentionally installed Texas license plates and window decals which belonged to other vehicles. A search of the truck uncovered three pipes, one containing methamphetamine. Cases pend-

• The Abominable Snowman -A game warden received a call with information about two Yeti coolers for sale on Craigslist. The warden and a DPS Criminal Investigation Division officer reviewed the listing and found the coolers pictured to be consistent with the description of two stolen coolers. The next day, the two officers contacted the seller, posing as possible buyers, and made arrangements to meet. When the officers inspected the coolers, they found the exact markings matching the missing property. When interviewed, the seller quickly admitted to taking the coolers and gave the location of the remaining stolen property. A total of six Yetis were recovered with an estimated value of \$3000. The individual was handed over to Willacy County investigators for processing.

• Love Bites—Two game wardens from Starr and Zapata County patrolling Falcon Lake had just finished seizing multiple illegal trotlines when they decided to check on a couple that was bank fishing near the boat ramp. Upon contact, the wardens discovered the male had an active protective order against the female. When the protective order was confirmed. the woman was arrested and transported to the Zapata County

• Bright Lights, Bowie City den was traveling down Highway 81 in Bowie, having just dropped off his boat. On his way, an oncoming vehicle began flashing its bright lights rap-

senger instantly got out of the vehicle and began yelling that they were trying to find the WinStar Casino, located across the Red River in Oklahoma. She said she told the driver to flash the bright lights so someone would stop and give them directions. After the warden explained they were an hour away, he decided to check the vehicle, discovering multiple open containers of alcohol. The driver did not have any identification in his possession, and a records check came back invalid. It was determined the driver had given one of the aliases he had used in the past. The driver then admitted to just bonding out of Tarrant County Jail four hours prior, and that he did not possess a valid driver's license. He was arrested and charges of failure to ID, open container and no driver's license were filed.

 Pursuit of the Man-Purse— A Cameron County game warden was stopped at a red light when he observed a male sprinting across a busy intersection with a black purse in his hands. After a short vehicle and foot pursuit, the warden was able to detain the individual. Within a minute, a Brownsville police officer showed up in pursuit of the vehicle for theft of a woman's purse. The purse was found, and the subject was booked for

• Family Tides—The U.S. Coast Guard called for help to find a boater who had run aground and was not sure of his exact location. The marooned man thought he was near the mouth of the Arroyo Colorado, but before an exact location could be determined the stranded boater's cell phone died. Two Cameron County game wardens began looking for the vessel, but the U.S. Coast Tuesday 20th - Fried Fish, Guard helicopter ultimately located it. Aboard the vessel were three kids and two adults. One Hushpuppies, Dessert A Montague County game war- of the adults had a preexisting medical condition, but all parties were okay. The wardens waited with them to guide a Cornbread, Fruit, Dessert salvage vessel to the area and assist with removing the boat idly, so the warden turned around from the sand bar. All parties and initiated a traffic stop. After involved were exhausted but fine.

Grand Ole Oplin January Line-up

it's time for an evening of danc-23rd MUDDY CREEK will be not allowed at any of our func-30th MUDDY CREEK will be all during the band's break. returning playing some more of

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Monday-'26th Exercise 11:00 Tuesday-27th Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure

Check /Girling Home

Wednesday-28th Exercise 11:00/ Happy Birthday Day/Foot Care by Girling Home Health.

Thursday -29th 10:45 Exercise - Bingo 11:15 Friday -30th Exercise 11:00

Saturday 31st Jean Alexander's 90th Birthday Party 1:00 p.m- 3:00 p.m.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Jan. 19th - Jan. 23th

Monday 19th - Cheesebur- Thursday 22nd- Steak gers, (lett/tom/pickles/onions, Fingers, Potaoes w gravy, Oven Fries, Fruit Dessert

Baked Beans, Coleslaw,

Wednesday 21st - Chili Beans w/ Cheese, Spinach, Black Eyed Peas, Bread,

Friday 23rd - BBQ on Bun (onion/Pickle), Oven Fries, Dessert

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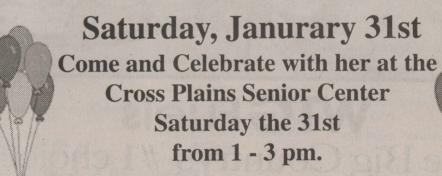
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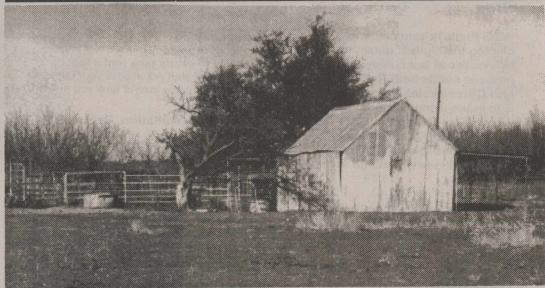
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Heavy Weight Hampshire 1st Place- Kaitlyn Robinson -

2nd Place- Jaseton Atkinson - Clyde 4-H 3rd Place- Larson Walker -Cross Plains FFA

4th Place- Blake Riley - Clyde

5th Place-Kaitlyn Robinson -Baird FFA

Champion Hampshire -Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA Champion Reserve Hampshire - Raven Ratliff -Clyde 4-H

Light Weight Yorkshire 1st Place-Raven Ratliff - Clyde

2nd Place-Hunter Rice-Clyde 3rd Place- Kailey Hart - Clyde

4th Place- Ryan Reed - Cross Plains FFA

5th Place-Mailey Gray - Clyde FFA Heavy Weight Yorkshire

1st Place- Hunter Rogers -

Baird FFA 2nd Place- Kay Jordan - Clyde

3rd Place- Kaitlyn Robinson -Baird FFA 4th Place-Ryder Ratliff - Clyde

5th Place-Megan Scott - Eula FFA

Champion Yorkshire -Hunter Rogers- Baird FFA **Reserve Champion Yorkshire** - Raven Ratliff - Clyde 4-H

Light Weight Cross 1st Place- Kaitlyn Robinson -Baird FFA 2nd Place-Kaitlyn Robinson -

Baird FFA 3rd Place-Hunter Weir-Clyde

4th Place- Laura Guerrero -Eula FFA 5th Place- Logan Proctor -Cross Plains FFA

Light Medium Cross 1st Place- Kaitlyn Robinson -Baird FFA

2nd Place- Michael Campbell Clyde FFA 3rd Place- Jayme Tennison -

Eula 4-H 4th Place- Shaden Gray -Clyde FFA 5th Place- Jayme Tennison - .

Eula 4-H Middle Weight Cross 1st Place- Payton Cauble

Baird FFA 2nd Place- Case Rhodes -Clyde FFA

3rd Place- Kaitlyn Robinson -Baird FFA 4th Place- Kaitlyn Payne -

5th Place- Tyler Nichols -Cross Plains 4-H Light Heavy Weight Cross 1st Place- Kaitlyn Robinson -

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Baird FFA 2nd Place- Brooke Ingram -Clyde FFA

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5th Place- Piper Winfrey -Cross Plains FFA Heavy Weight Cross 1st Place- Jake Stone - Clyde

4-H 2nd Place- Dylan Neuman -Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Cameron Wilson -Baird FFA 4th Place- Kelbi Hyles - Cross Plains FFA

5th Place- Rylan Rogers -Baird FFA Champion Cross - Kaitlyn

Robinson - Baird FFA Reserve Champion Cross -Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA Grand Champion Market Swine- Kaitlyn Robinson -

Baird FFA Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine- Kaitlyn Robinson - Baird FFA **Market Lamb**

Jr. Showmanship- Sierra Inman - Clyde FFA Sr. Showmanship- Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H Finewool

1st Place- Coby McGonagill -Baird 4-H 2nd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula

Champion Finewool - Coby McGonagill - Baird 4-H

Reserve Champion Finewool - Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H Finewool Cross (Class 2) 1st Place-Sierra Inman - Clyde

Haedyn Place-2nd Schwander - Clyde FFA 3rd Place-Kade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA

Finewool Cross (Class 3) 1st PlaceKyle Macias - Baird 4-H 2nd Place-Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H

Champion Finewool Cross -Kyle Macias - Baird 4-H **Reserve Champion Finewool** Cross - Sierra Inman - Clyde

Light Weight Southdown 1st Place-Sierra Inman-Clyde

2nd Place-Makayla Lathers -Baird FFA 3rd Place- Taryn Hudspeth -Clyde FFA

Heavy Weight Southdown Haedyn Place-Schwandner - Clyde 4-H 2nd Place-Caden Culp-Clyde

3rd Place- Darren Ames -Cross Plains FFA Champion Southdown -

Haedyn Schwandner - Clyde Reserve Champion Southdown - Sierra Inman -

Light Weight Medium Wool 1st Place-Sierra Inman - Clyde

2nd Place- Megan France -Cross Plains FFA

3rd Place- Ky Stout - Cross 4th Place- Jae Lynn Stout -Cross Plains FFA Light Medium Weight Medium

Wool Haedyn Place-Schwandner - Clyde FFA 2nd Place- Coby McGonagill

3rd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4th Place- Cade Purvis - Cross Plains FFA

- Baird 4-H

Heavy Medium Weight Medium Wool 1st Place-

Schwandner - Clyde FFA 2nd Place-Kyle Macias - Baird 3rd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula

4th Place- James Rhyne -Cross Plains FFA Heavy Weight Medium Wool

1st Place-Coby McGonagill -Baird 4-H 2nd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula

3rd Place-Blake Vogler - Eula Cross Plains FFA

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Grand Champion Market Lamb- Coby McGonagill -Baird 4-H Reserve Grand Champion

Market Lamb- Haedyn Schwandner - Clyde FFA Goats Jr. Showmanship- Jarrid Tennison - Clyde FFA

Sr. Showmanship- Blake Vogler - Eula 4-H **Breeding Goats** Jr. Breeding Boer Goats 1st Place- Kersey Wyatt -

Cross Plains FFA 2nd Place-Loralei Row - Clyde 3rd Place-Loralei Row - Clyde

4th Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 5th Place-Trampas Mackey -

Cross Plains 4-H Sr. Breeding Boer Goats 1st Place-Loralei Row - Clyde

2nd Place-Loralei Row-Clyde FFA Champion Breeding Boer Goat - Loralei Row - Clyde

Reserve Champion Breeding Boer Goat - Kersey Wyatt -Cross Plains FFA Meat Goat

1st Place-Loralei Row - Clyde

2nd Place- Chase Fortune -Clyde FFA 3rd Place- Hayley Ancinec -

Clyde FFA 4th Place-Hunter Rice - Clyde

5th Place- Tanner Mackey -Cross Plains 4-H Class 2

1st Place-Blake Vogler - Eula 2nd Place- Kersey Wyatt -Cross Plains FFA

3rd Place- Chase Fortune -Clyde FFA 4th Place- Hudson Mayo -5th Place- Kara McIntire -

Class 4 1st Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 2nd Place- Jarrid Tennison -Clyde FFA 3rd Place-Blake Vogler-Eula

4th Place- Ashlynn Vogler -5th Place- Bradley Leverich -Clyde FFA

1st Place- Ashlynn Vogler -

2nd Place- Ashlynn Vogler -

3rd Place- Jarrid Tennison -

4th Place- Jurnee Thomas -

5th Place- Kersey Wyatt -

Class 5 1st Place- Kelby Dean - Eula

2nd Place- Ashlynn Vogler -Eula 4-H 3rd Place- Ivie Smith - Baird 4th Place- Hayley Ancinec -

Clyde FFA 5th Place- Madilynn Shepard - Cross Plains FFA Class 6

1st Place- Blake Vogler - Eula 2nd Place-Blake Vogler - Eula

3rd Place- Kelby Dean - Eula 4th Place- Kelby Dean - Eula

5th Place-Lorelai Row-Clyde Grand Champion Market

Goat - Kelby Dean - Eula 4-H Reserve Grand Champion Market Goat- Blake Vogler -**Beef Cattle** Jr. Showmanship- Kiley

Morgan - Cross Plains FFA Sr. Showmanship- Preston Clark - Baird FFA Class 1 English Heifers

1st Place- Sam Seay - Baird Class 2 English Heifers 1st Place-Kinnia Black - Clyde

4-H Class 3 English Heifers 1st Place- Sam Seay - Baird

Champion American Heifer Kinnia Black - Clyde 4-11 Reserve Champion American Steer - Preston Clark - Baird Heifer - Sam Seay - Baird 4- FFA

Class 1 European Heifer 1st Place- Mackenzie Byrd -Cross Plains FFA 2nd Place-Trent Potter-Cross Plains FFA

Class 2 European Heifer 1st Place-Paxton Byrd-Cross

2nd Place- Alaina Potter -Cross Plains FFA Champion European Heifer -Mackenzie Byrd - Cross Plains

Reserve Champion European Heifer - Paxton Byrd - Cross

Plains FFA Grand Champion Heifer -Kinnia Black - Clyde 4-H Reserve Grand Champion Heifer - Makenzie Byrd -**CPFFA**

Market Steers Class 1 English 1st Place- Alicia Black - Clyde

2nd Place- Casey Heatley -Clyde FFA 3rd Place- Grace Goode -Cross Plains FFA

Class 2 English 1st Place- Kiley Morgan -Cross Plains FFA 2nd Place- Creed Goode -Cross Plains FFA

Class 3 English 1st Place-Alicia Black - Clyde

2nd Place- Preston Clark -Baird FFA Class 4 English 1st Place- Bronc Dillard -

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Champion English Steer Alicia Black - Clyde 4-H Reserve Champion English Steer - Bronc Dillard - Cross Class 1 American Steers

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1st Place- Blane Pack - Eula Class 3 European Steers 1st Place- Bronc Dillard -

Class 2 European Steers

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Grand Champion Market Steer - Alicia Black - Clyde 4-

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer - Bronc Dillard -Cross Plains FFA



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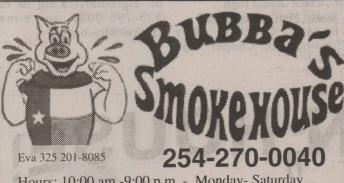
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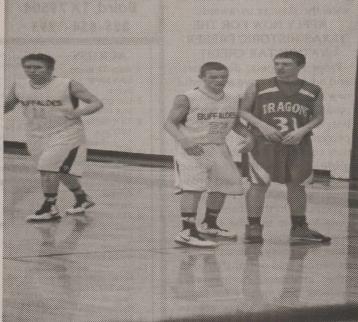
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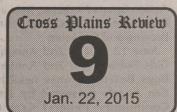
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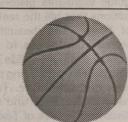
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Residents can register at their in the registry process, and DPS local DPS office when applying is proud to have helped millions for or renewing a driver license of Texans join the Donate Life or identification card, or they registry," said DPS Director can enroll online at Steven McCraw. "Every person www.donatelifetexas.org or

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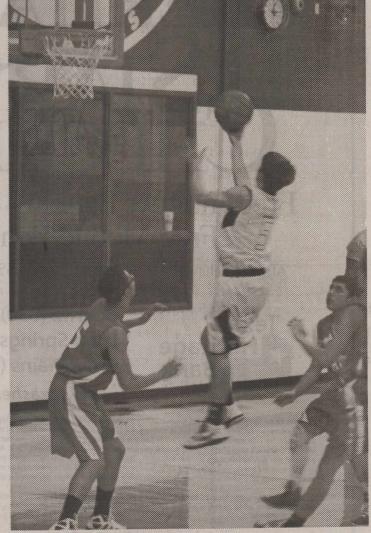
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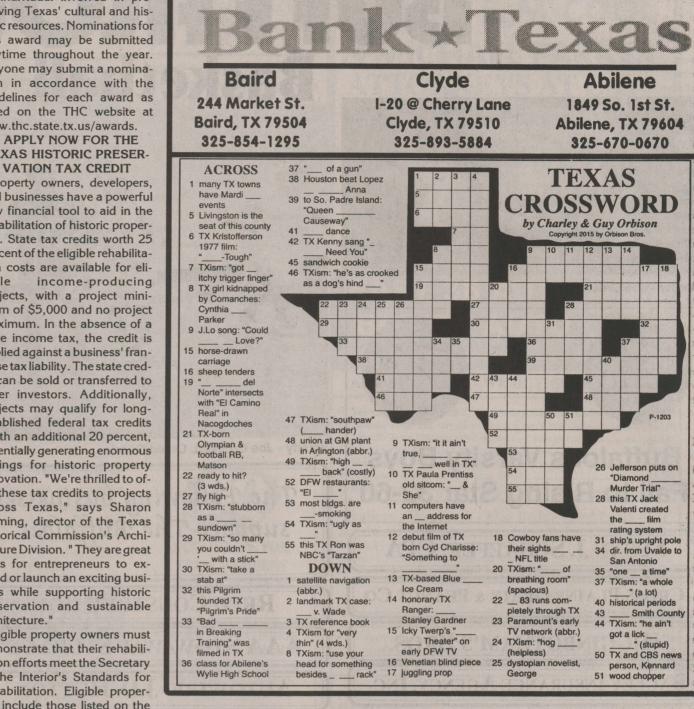
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Big Country Chevy Dealer's FCA All-Star Festival coaches announced

Abilene, Texas - The Big Country Fellowship of Christian Anson announces The Big Country Chevy Dealer's FCA All-Star Festival to be held during the summer of 2015. The Festival is an expansion of FCA's All-Star activities. The events that comprise The Big Country Chevy Dealer's FCA All-Star Festival:

May 3, 2015 All-Star Induction/Awards Banquet, Abilene High School Abilene Civic Center

June 11, 2015 7 th A All-Star Girls Basketball and the 3rd Annual All-Star Boys Basketball games presented by Action Sports Medicine, held in Brownwood, Texas at the Brownwood Coliseum

June 12, 2015 2nd Annual Girls Softball and 2nd Annual Boys Baseball games held in San Angelo presented by 1st Community Federal Credit Union.

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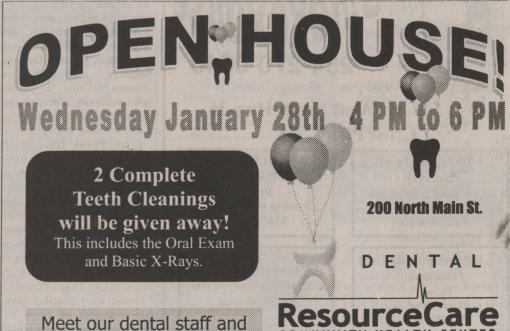
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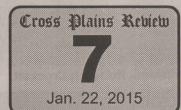
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Belted Kingfisher

As humans, if we do an activity long enough, we become creatures of habit. Take for example the routes in which one drives to work on a daily basis. During this habitual trek there can be multiple living or non-living things observed that can become almost familiar. One such thing for me is a specimen of a particular species of bird known as the Belted Kingfisher.

Belted Kingfishers (Ceryle alcyon) inhabit bodies of standing freshwater throughout much of North America, with the inhospitable northern rim of Canada being the exception. Throughout the eastern twothirds of Texas, this species can be observed year-round, while in the Trans-Pecos it is seen only during the winter months of November through February. This lack of permanency in the Chihuahuan Desert is undoubtably due to the lack of areas of consistent freshwater areas.

This conspicuous species of bird is mid-sized, with the body length approximately 12 inches, while the wingspan can approach two feet. It is primarily blue on the upperparts, and unlike the vast majority of birds in North America, the female is actually more colorful than the male. Both sexes have an elongated, thick black bill, as well as a crest on top of the head that can best the feathers are quite shaggylooking and un-kept in appearance. The head is separated from the body by a broad white collar, and there is a blueish gray band across the chest. Males have white underparts, while the more colorful female has a chestnut band across the belly, which is much more noticeable while she is in flight. The legs in both sexes are very short.

Kingfishers are very conspicuous while perching on high-wires and trees right along the waterways as they visually scan the water for the small fish that make up their diet. After they see an opportunity to dine, they will often hover in a figure eight motion 20 feet or more above the water, waiting for the right moment to plunge headfirst into the water in an acrobatic dive to obtain their prey. This specialized activity is what the nomenclature of kingfisher alludes to.

During the majority of the year, this species of bird is quite solitary. However, during the breeding season, females will select a mate and they remain in a monogamous relationship through-



Belted Kingfishers (Ceryle alcyon)

small (1 inch by 1 inch) and are ate this loud competitor. laid once or twice a year. Both parents incubate the eggs for are fed by both parents up to www.fullprice71@gmail.

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> Editor's Note: Michael Price the 29 days until they hatch. would love to hear from folks! He The young stay in the nest and can be reached by email at

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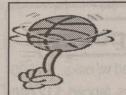
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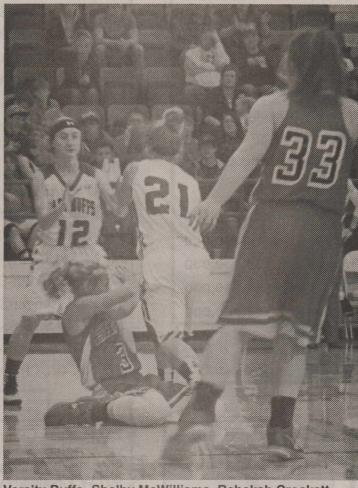
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Varsity Buffs- Shelby McWilliams, Rebekah Crockett



Varsity Buffs - Jurnee Thomas, Taryn Estes, Allanta Wheeler. Kelli Bennett

Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Meeting

January 14, 2015

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

Bennett.

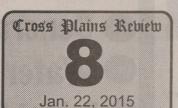
The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence and Athletic Director Daniel Purvis. Prayer was led by Brad Jones.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Cowan that we approve minutes from previous meeting. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Crockett that we approve Update 101 as recommended by TASB. For 7/ Against 0

The board went into executive session at 9:15 p.m. and returned at 10:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0



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Heritage Baptist Church singing is Sunday, Jan. 25th

Psalm 69:30

I will praise the name of God with song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

invite you to come lift your voices, bring your talent & gift to Glorify God.
Time: 6:00 p.m.

We at Heritage Baptist Church

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Date: Sunday, January 25,

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Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu



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LUZC	Asian Chicken Brown Rice Baby carrots w/ranch Broccoli Chilled pineapple Sugar cookie	Steak fingers w/gravy Mashed potatoes Seasoned Corn Roll Sliced peaches Milk	Tex-Mex Stack Spanish Rice Refried Beans Salsa Garden salad Cinnamon apples	Chicken Parmesan Breadstick Green Beans Garden Salad Baby carrots w/ranch	Beef or Chicken Patty on bun Hamburger garnish Potato rounds Western Beans Pears	

Arlinda Williams announces her retirement after 23 years with Callahan County Sheriff's Office

Over 30 years ago Arlinda Williams began serving the Citizens of Texas in a number of different job descriptions. Arlinda has served the Citizens of Callahan County admirably for the past 23+ years. Arlinda is nearing retirement now and would like to thank the Citizens of Callahan County and all the different staff members she has worked with at the Callahan County Sheriff's Department over the years that have come and gone, as well as those individuals whom continue to work for the Sheriff's Department, for providing a lifetime of memories and friendships.

Please join in celebrating Arlinda's many years of service by attending her retirement party to be held January 28, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at County Callahan Courthouse.

Arlinda first entered the field of Public Service in August of 1984 in East Texas working for the New Boston Police Department. Arlinda's duties included working as a dispatcher, a jailer and as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Arlinda worked for the New Boston Police Department until March of 1990, at which time Arlinda's husband was transferred to Stephenville.

Arlinda continued her career in Public Service working for the Dublin Police Department as a Dispatcher and 911 Operator, and as an EMT.

In September 1991, Arlinda and her family moved to the Clyde area and Arlinda had already gained an immense level of training and experience from two police departments, so it made sense for her to continue on the path of Public

The Callahan County Sheriff, Bill Skinner, heard from one of the Highway Partrol Troopers that Arlinda had moved into the area and had prior experience as a Dispatcher, and Sheriff Skinner was in need of a Dispatcher, so Sheriff Skinner contacted Arlinda about coming into the office for an interview regarding the vacant position for the Sheriff's Department. On September 13, 1991, Arlinda had her interview and Sheriff Skinner hired Arlinda on the spot and she began working that very day for Sheriff Skinner at the Callahan County Sherif's Department, and Arlinda has been there ever since!

Arlinda has worked under the guidance of four Sheriffs' of Callahan County; Bill Skinner, Eddie Curtis, John Windham and the current Sheriff, Terry Joy. During Alinda's 23+ years at the Callahan County Sheriff's Department, Arlinda has worn many hats. In 1991 Arlinda began as a part time Dispatcher and is ending her career in 2015 as Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff.

Arlinda also served the Sheriff's Department as the 911 Dispatch Supervisor, TCIC/ NCIC Coordinator, Terminal Agency coordinator, TCEOSE (nowTCOLE) Official, Sex

Supervisor, and TDCJ Coordinator. Arlinda Willliams holds an Advanced Tele-Communicator License, and an Intermediate Jailer License.

Arlinda stated that in the years she has been at the Callahan County Sheriff's Office Department there have been numerous renovations, improvements and general changes to the Department, and within the department. When Arlinda first went to work here there was no written or computerized record or log radio calls or calls for service. Arlinda initiated call card system and put the system in place so the sheriff's Department would have a record to take to court if needed, and over the years those records have been lifesavers! The Dispatcher is not completely computerized yet and the system Arlinda put into place. Dispatchers still handwrite the Radio Logs.

The radio system at the time Arlinda went to work was two old tube type radios with one frequency in each radio (Callahan County's frequency and the State frequency). Back then the radio had old standalone microphones. Getting parts for those old radios were difficult even back then so the Sheriff's Department had to upgrade to more modern equipment which had multiple channels and a more efficient method of paging out fire departments and Emergency Medical

Offender Registrant, Dispatch Services, and the ability to speak with the firemen and EMS Personnel directly on their own channels.

In years later, through Homeland Security Grant Funds and through the 911 program, the Sheriff's Department received state of the art radio equipment whereby dispatchers can communicate with other dispatchers in a very large area of the State. These new radios and equipment are touch screen, easy to operate and records all radio traffic for future review.

There has been more and more paperwork, reports, rules, regulations and strict guidelines put in place in the past 23 years and it is always increasing. All the new rules require us to have nine dispatch staff where we used to be able to get by with

Arlinda said that time marches on but she would like to tell everyone how much she has appreciated you all and that she has learned a great deal, and has enjoyed her time here and that she will miss it greatly.

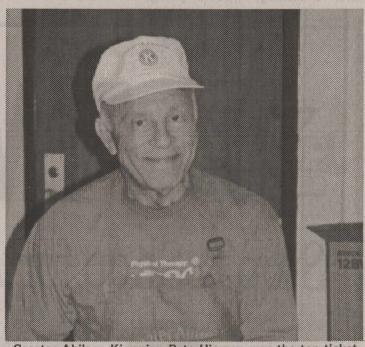
Arlinda's knowledge and personality will be greatly missed by many friends and coworkers and by a great many Officers in the area and Callahan and Shackelford and even some in Eastland and Runnels Counties whom Arlinda always kept in compliance with TCIC/NCIC training and testing, and whom she never said no to. You will be missed by many Arlinda.

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Watchers



Greater Abilene Kiwanians Gail Jay and Lyndel Cook were the chairpersons for the Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club Chili Day &



Greater Abilene Kiwanian Pete Hinman was the top ticket seller for the 2014 Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club Chili Day &

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

low points, the highlights and and women in uniform. the memories. Surely, 2014 saw here in Texas. We sadly that came with the news of the thousands of children make a States often at the hands of vile often goes unappreciated. smugglers and traffickers, some along their journey.

glimmers of light-moments that brought encouragement to all of us. We saw this in the bravery of Sergeant First Class Danny Ferguson, who was fatally fire at Fort Hood on April 2, Ferguson, who had served a combat tour in Iraq and had room. He gave his life so that many lives. I'm reminded of a

his fellow soldiers could keep theirs. He showed the kind of As 2014 comes to a close, heroism that most people can't many will reflect on the year even imagine - the kind of that was - the losses and the heroism that defines our men

We saw the joy and bring to another when former witnessed senseless acts of President George W. Bush hospital halls, shaking hands nation's first confirmed Ebola with the nurses, doctors, and case in Dallas this September. staff, thanking them for their And we witnessed tens of hard work, and providing encouragement to a group of treacherous trek to the United individuals whose critical service

We also saw it in the acts of experiencing untold horrors kindness carried out by groups like Catholic Charities of the Rio have liked to have done. I am But even among these Grande Valley and my friend heartbreaking stories were Bishop Daniel E. Flores who, through the generous contributions of the surrounding community, provided diapers, bottles, formula, clothes and more for the babies and young wounded in the shooting at Fort children at the center of the Hood. As the shooter opened humanitarian crisis that my family to yours, we wish you unfolded along our southern border this summer.

Indeed, there were countless recently gotten home from Texans across the state this year another one in Afghanistan, who showed us the incredible used his body to prevent the impact that even the actions of shooter from entering a crowded one individual can have on so

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young man named Barrett Kenny, age 11, from Kingwood, Texas. Earlier this year, Barrett lost his best friend Landon Ahrendt to a rare form of softtissue cancer. Landon was only 10 when he lost his 18-month its share of tragedy and hardship encouragement one person can battle with the disease. Since kindergarten, Barrett and Landon had been inseparable, violence, such as the shooting stopped by Texas Health running fundraising races at Fort Hood in April, which Presbyterian Hospital in the together and going on each took the lives of three service wake of the Ebola scare. He others family vacations. When members, wounded 16, and gave Amber Vinson, one of the Landon passed away, Barrett rocked a community still healing nurses who contracted Ebola, a decided to set a goal for himself from the attack that occurred big hug and kiss on the forehead to honor his friend and raise only five years ago. We and thanked her for her service. money for fighting pediatric experienced the fear and anxiety The President walked the cancer. Barrett's goal is to run 10 races a year in honor of Landon's 10 years of life. In just a few short months, Barrett has run several races and already raised more than \$10,000. He says, "Racing helps me stay on the bright side of things. Instead of being sad and mad I know I can do races that Landon would

> racing for the both of us." As we gather with our loved ones this holiday season, may we be inspired by Texans like Barrett Kenny and the many like him, and find opportunities to go the extra mile for a friend or fellow Texan in need. From the happiest of holidays and God's blessings of peace and good health in the New Year. Sources: Dallas Morning

News; KTRK ABC 13; L3 Foundation; TIME Magazine **Narcotics & Alcoholics Anonymous**

Jan. 22, 2015

Meeting scheduled for **January 24th** We will be having Callahan County Weight Watchers!! We are having one more information/registration meeting on Saturday, January 24th at 1:00 pm at 401 Chestnut in Baird. We

have almost enough to set up as a Traveler instead of an At Work. If you are currently a monthly pass member, I'll need a registration form completed. We also need to decide on a night. Come join us and let us help you change your relationship with food. Start off the New Year right!!

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Health Tidbit: Hypothermia

With the cold weather that we speaking, slight confusion, lack They may need to wear warmer have been having and another of coordination, fatigue, and clothes than a fit, active adult. cold front on the way, I thought increased heart rate. These are this would be a good time to give out some information on health hazards in the winter.

winter months is Hypothermia. Hypothermia is a very real threat, especially to the elderly and the very young. Hypothermia is caused when your body loses heat faster than it produces it. It can happen both outdoor and indoor. If your body temperature drops too low, vital organs do not work properly and it can lead to

We are all familiar with the first sign of hypothermia-shivering. Shivering is your body's defense mechanism. It is trying to warm you up. There are other signs of hypothermia that most people change them immediately. are not aware of though. Such as: dizziness, hunger, nausea, faster breathing, trouble young, even if they are inside.

symptoms of mild hypothermia. If it gets worse, the symptoms get worse. A very real concern during Shivering will stop, trouble speaking will lead to slurred speech, slight confusion will lead to impaired decision making, and breathing will become slow and shallow.

People suffering from hypothermia are usually not aware of it because it is a gradual process and the confusion lessens their self-awareness.

Things to do to prevent and treat hypothermia:

- Wear warm clothes when outdoors, layers work best. · Avoid prolonged exposure pad. to the cold.
- If clothes become wet,
- Drink warm beverages. Check on the elderly and the

They lose heat faster.

If you notice someone that you believe to be suffering from hypothermia there are a few

- things that you can do: Move the person out of the
- · Remove wet clothing. · Give warm beverages.
- · Watch their breathing.
- Call the doctor.

A couple of things to avoid doing due to the possibility of jolting the heart and causing problems:

 Do not massage or vigorously rub them.

 Do not apply direct heat such as hot water or heating

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