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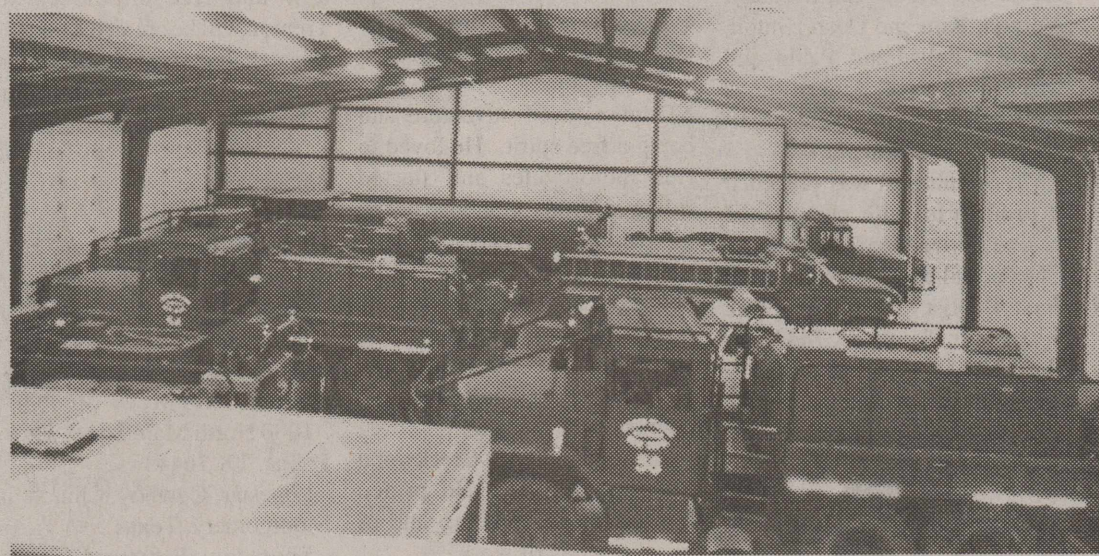


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Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department moves into new Firehouse

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department has moved into the 'New Firehouse!' While there is still work to be done - including finish the kitchen, bathrooms and meeting room, the rest of the building is

ready to go. The trucks are moved in to their new bays and the gear is stowed and ready when needed. Your donations and support and have made this new building possible.

If you'd like to help with the completion of the firehouse, you can send a donation to Cross Plains VFD, P. O. Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Again, thank you for your support.



Loyal Buffalo fans, Jean Alexander and May Jones, meet the Cross Plains Buffalo mascot at a recent game.

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Lots of room around trucks



Joe Terstegge



Judy Foster, Treasurer and Netha Carouth, Secretary organize the office



Sorting and placing gear in racks



Unloading with the forklift



Allen Wilson presenting check to Josh Loftis

Texas Farm Bureau thanking local Fire Fighters

The Cross plains Fire Department received a check for \$150.00 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies as an expression of thanks for the department's work on the property of Alvin Hutchins. The money will be used for their loss prevention program. The Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire depart-

ments this amount when the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them. The Insurance Company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Cross Plains Fire Department in their program.



Putting up gear



Moving water tank

First Baptist Church Collecting Eye Glasses

The First Baptist Church is collecting eye glasses for an upcoming mission trip to Guatemala on July 11th through July 18th. Please drop off any eye glasses you would like to donate at 301 N. Main

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!

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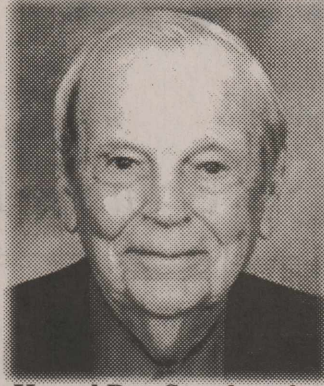
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OBITUARIES



Harvel Roy Stambaugh

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Harvel Roy Stambaugh, age 92, passed away Sunday, February 8, 2015 at his home in Cross Cut. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 11th at the First Baptist Church with Ronnie White officiating and assisted by Burlie Taylor; burial will be in Cross Cut Cemetery.

Roy was born on July 30, 1922 in Kress (Swisher County), Texas to Roy Herbert and Willie Mae (Bramlet) Stambaugh. On August 14, 1945, Roy and Mable Marie Baucom of Cross Cut were married in Wingate, Texas, she preceded him in death on November 7, 2011.

Roy enlisted in the National Guard on September 27, 1939, and then was in active duty with the 1st Battalion Service Battery, 131st Field Artillery, 36th Infantry Division from November 19, 1940 until he was discharged on September 27, 1945. He served in the European Theatre in Italy, France, Africa, and Germany from September 9, 1943 through May 8, 1945. He received the Bronze Medal, the EAME Service Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

After being honorably discharged from the Army, Roy worked for Rudco Oil Company, Rising Star, until it closed in

1965 and then worked for 3M Company in Brownwood until his retirement in 1987.

Roy was a member of First Baptist Church of Cross Plains as well as a deacon in good standing. He was also a member of the Kiwanis and Masons in addition to serving on the Cross Cut Cemetery Board.

Survivors include his nieces and their spouses: Donna and Bob Robillard, Lawton, OK; Janna and Dr. Derrell Monday, Vernon; Kim and Dean Hinton, Wichita Falls; and Paula and Michael Beard, Amarillo; as well as many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

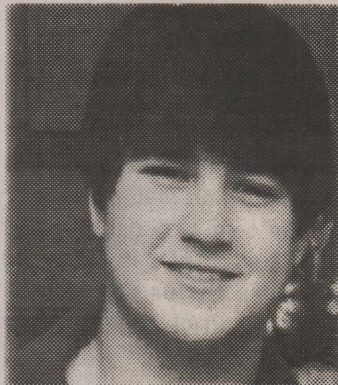
Mr. Stambaugh was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and sister Laurita Mae Bertrand.

Memorial may be made to the First Baptist Church, PO Box 130, Cross Plains, TX 76443; or the Cross Cut Cemetery Association or to the Senior Citizens in Cross Plains.



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Trenton Fortune

Trenton Fortune

Trenton Fortune, 17, went to be with the Lord on February 13,

2015. Trenton was a junior at Montgomery High School was killed in an accident.

Trenton was a kind, forgiving, honest and loving young man. Wise beyond his years, he rarely judged others or spoke ill of anyone. He strived for everyone to get along and was many times the peacemaker among friends and family. He had an infectious smile and made everyone laugh with his kidding and jokes. Trenton was respectful to everyone and many of his teachers spoke of his respectful and kind nature.

Trenton loved adventure and being a free spirit. He loved to ride motorcycles and started riding with his granddad when he was 4 years of age on his first dirt bike. Trenton loved to hunt and shoot and rarely missed his target. He often fished with his friends in Lake Conroe. Trenton preferred being outdoors in the country or at the lake.

Trenton worked at Creekwood Shooting Sports. He prided himself in never being late or missing a day of work.

Trenton is survived by his parents Gene and Jill Fortune of Floresville, Texas, Amy Johnson of Mineral Wells and Michael Johnson of Arrowbear, California and brother, Chase Foster, Grandparents, Terry and Cindy Cummings of Montgomery, Texas, Terry and Cindy Fortune of Burkett, Texas, Tommy Young of Millsap, Texas and Masako Doi of Zushi City, Japan, great-grandparents Charles and

Frances Greenway of Baird, Texas. Teruko Doi, Yokohama, Japan. Trenton was survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Also special in Trenton's life was his beloved girlfriend, Madison Pratt, the Sherrill family, the Miller family, the Oliver family and so many other close and dear friends.

In respect of Trenton's wishes to become part of something new and free on the earth, Trenton will be cremated and his ashes shared with loved ones and in the many places he loved to ride, hunt and fish.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

Two Celebration of Life Services will be held:

First Methodist Church in Cross Plains, Texas
Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 2:00 PM

1000 North Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443

Lonestar Cowboy Church in Montgomery, Texas

Thursday, February 19th at 4:00 pm

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Ron Bell, Burlie Taylor, Mrs Taylor



Neil Belote, Pat Stephens, Principal Mrs Lawrence, Ron Bell

Cross Plains American Legion Continues Its Service

The Cross Plains American Legion continues its service to the community throughout the year. In December, Ron Bell, post commander, and Neil Belote, adjutant, presented coats, caps and gloves to the

Cross Plains Elementary School. The color guard was present to honor two WWII veterans on their birthdays and recognized past officers, Bob Kirkham and Burlie Taylor.

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9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening

6:30 pm Acts of God Video Series
6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st-6th
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Love Fund

has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Teri Brown in Memory of Gilbert Ibarra

Love Fund

has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Owen Turner son of Joseph & Allison Turner and grandson of Greg & Dannes Turner

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Love Fund

has been opened for Rickey Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses!

Love Fund

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Varsity Lady Buffs #5 Kenzie Haisel, #3 Kelli Bennett



Varsity Lady Buffs #50 Jurnee Thomas, #23 Allanta Wheeler, #32 Taryn Estes



Varsity Lady Buffs #5 Kenzie Haisel, #3 Kelli Bennett, #23 Allanta Wheeler



Varsity Lady Buff #12 Shelby McWilliams

Buffaloes defeated by Tigers

On Friday night, February 13, 2015, the Varsity Buffaloes played the May Tigers in Cross Plains.

The Buffaloes fought hard and stayed close with a score of 30-19 in May's favor at the half, but ended the game with a score of 62-38 in May's favor.

The high scorers were Korbin McLean with 13 points, Rylan Laminack with 10 points, James Briggs with 7 points and Creed Goode with 4 points.

The buffaloes are working hard to prepare for their next game against the Baird Bears in Cross Plains on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

Cross Plains Powerlifting Results

The Cross Plains Powerlifting team traveled to Clyde on Thursday, February 13th. The results are as follows:

- Loralei Woodard - 1st
 - Alexis Mauricio - 4th
 - Kersey Wyatt - 5th
 - Rebekah Crockett - 1st
 - Hannah Cowan - 2nd
 - Inez Salazar - 5th
 - Taryn Estes - 1st
 - Kaitlyn Potter - 3rd
 - Joe Crockett - 6th
 - Zach Gartman - 5th
 - James Briggs - 11th
 - Dalton Gilliam - 2nd
 - Nain Martinez - 10th
 - Zach Thompson - 7th
- Taryn Estes was the best girl lifter at the meet. The girls placed 2nd overall as a team.

Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes seventeenth in Class A TABC poll

The Cross Plains High School Lady Buffaloes are currently ranked seventeenth in the state in Girls Class A of the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The poll was released Monday, February 16th. The Girls Class A poll follows:

- 1A
1. Nazareth (27-2)
2. Lipan (28-3)
3. Strawn (31-3)
4. Roscoe Highland (24-5)
5. Follett (23-6)
6. Valley (26-4)
7. Garden City (26-4)
8. Petersburg (25-1)
9. Coolidge (28-2)
10. Chireno (24-5)
11. Saltillo (21-6)
12. Dodd City (26-4)
13. Ira (23-8)
14. Leggett (21-7)
15. Menard (23-9)
16. Rochelle (28-3)
17. Cross Plains (23-5)
18. Huckabay (19-9)
19. Slidell (26-4)
20. Richland Springs (24-4)
21. Eula (20-8)
22. Calvert (14-7)
23. McMullin County (28-2)
24. D'Hanis (23-6)
25. Rankin (24-5)

Varsity Buffaloes Over Moran

On Tuesday night, February 10, 2015, the Varsity Buffaloes played the Moran Bulldogs. The Buffaloes played a great game and ended with a win. The score was 46-16.

The scorers were Holden Senclair with 21 points, James Briggs with 10 points, Korbin McLean with 5, Dakota Willis and Kaiden Petree with 3 points each, Phoenix Sanders with 2 points and Creed Goode with 1 point.

The buffaloes are working hard to prepare for their next game against May on Friday, February 13, 2015.

Lady Buffs defeat Tolar 48-43

The Varsity Lady Buffs traveled to Tolar on February 13th. The girls played an intense game and came out victorious. A great victory of 48 - 43 for the Lady Buffs. They will take on Jayton or Roby on Friday February 20th location will be determine.



JV Buffs Over May

On Friday, February 13, 2015, the Cross Plains Junior Varsity boys played May.

The boys played a tough and exciting game. The Buffaloes ended up victorious with a score of 46-44 in overtime. The game ended with a buzzer beating 3 pointer by Joe Revoir.

The high scorers were Joe Revoir with 18 points and Joe Crockett with 13 points. Others that scored were Larson Walker with 4, Logan Phillips with 3, James Willis, Sean Armer, Caleb Partin and Riley Potter all with 2 points. The Buffs never gave up and fought till the end.

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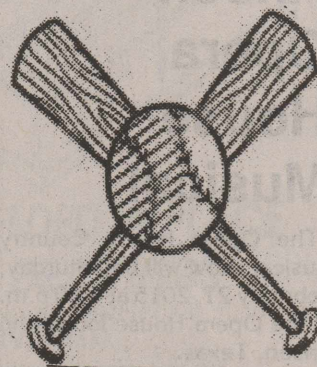
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Youth Sports Sign Up Time

It is time to sign up for T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Little League, Soft Ball, and Pony League. Forms have been sent home with your child from school. Please fill out the form and send it back to the school with money no later than March 11th.

Forms will not be accepted after March 11th!

Registration fee is \$40 for the first child and each additional sibling is \$30. If you need an extra form, please see the elementary or high school office. For any questions, please call Matt Reed at 325-660-4162.

Thank you. Cross Plains Youth Sports.

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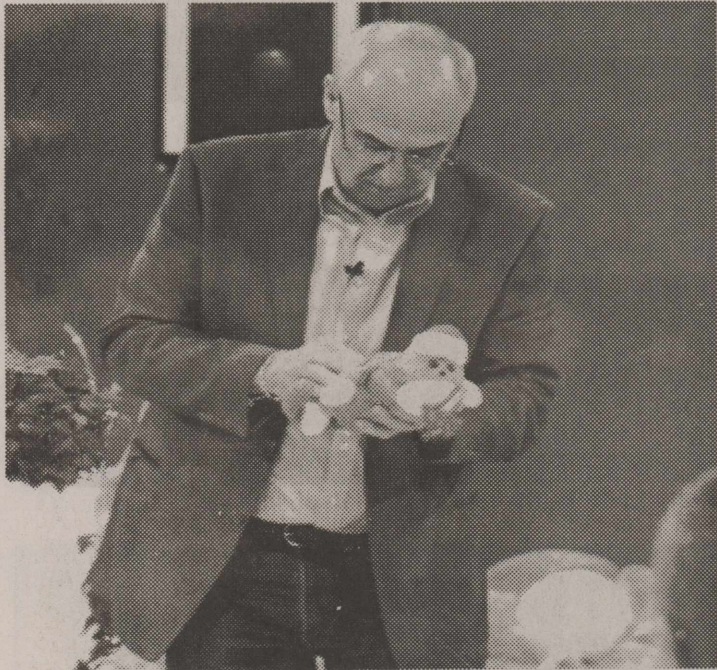
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DAL-MAR ENERGY

	MONDAY 23	TUESDAY 24	WEDNESDAY 25	THURSDAY 26	FRIDAY 27
B	Sausage roll	P.B. & J. Sandwich	Breakfast Pizza	Waffles	Cinnamon Pastry
R	Yogurt	Cereal	Cereal	Sausage	Yogurt
E	Cereal	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Cereal	Cereal
A	Assorted juice	Fruit	Fruit	Assorted juice	Assorted fruit
K	Fruit	Milk	Milk	Fruit	Juice
F	Milk			Milk	Milk
A					
S					
T					
L	Chicken Spaghetti	Country Fried Steak	Chicken Quesadilla	Turkey & Cheese	Beef or Chicken
U	Garden Salad	Gravy	Salsa	Sub	Patty on bun
N	California Blend	Mashed potatoes	Garden Salad	Baby Carrots	Hamburger Garnish
C	Apple slices	Green Beans	Refried Beans	Seasoned Corn	Cucumbers w/ranch
H	Milk	Roll	Rosy-Applesauce	Orange Smiles	Sweet Potato Fries
		Strawberry cup	Milk	Milk	Sliced Peaches
		Milk			Milk



Pastor Ronnie White demonstrating one of the prizes



Greg and Dannes Turner



Wendell and Vanda Draper



Youth Group at the Valentine Banquet

Callahan Co. Library news

Some new books for the kids at the Callahan County Library are: **Healthy foods from A to Z**, **Comida sana de la A a la Z**, **The Monster Health Book** by Edward Miller, **The Busy Body Book: A Kid's Guide to Fitness** by Lizzy Rockwell, and **Chop Chop: The Kid's guide to Cooking Real Food with Your Family** by Sally Sampson.

Two more **TexShare Databases** available to the citizens of Texas are: **Book Review Digest Plus** brings together book reviews on subjects such as art, biography, business, education, general interest, history, humanities, literature, music and more with coverage back to 1983. **Business Abstracts & Full-Text** offers full-text articles from hundreds of key publications, and provides access to product evaluations, interviews, biographical sketches, corporate profiles, statistical rankings and more.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, May 13, 1882
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Local news
Mr. S.L. Ogle returned from Dallas Tuesday morning, whither he had gone to replenish his stock of groceries.

Messrs. Swartz & Bro. have received one of the best make of fire and burglar proof sales, and are now prepared to take money on deposit—for goods.

At least 50,000 head of cattle have passed this place during the past week.

We learn that there was a very pleasant social dance at the residence of Mrs. Keating, Monday night.

Mr. James Seay was quite sick Monday, but we are glad to say that he is again up and at his post.

Mr. Henry Davis has been busy assessing the town property of Baird during the past week.

Eight cars of mutton sheep were shipped from this point last Monday by Mr. D.B. Cusenbary, of Coleman.

Captain J.P. Alexander of Fort Worth, son-in-law of W.H. Parvin, post-master at Belle Plain rejoices in the birth of another son.

Mr. J.F. Taylor, of Coleman, shipped two cars of mutton sheep to St. Louis Wednesday.

Mr. R.H. Overall has about 1,800 head of mutton sheep in our stock pens, which will be shipped east as soon as a sufficient number of cars can be secured.

The sheep business seems to be growing very rapidly. There were



Longest years married went to couple Mr. & Mrs Shipley with 63 years.



Shortest years married went to couple Mitchell and Rhonda Atchley with 3 years.

Valentine Banquet at First Baptist Church

On February 11th at the annual valentine banquet at First Baptist Church couples were treated to a beautifully decorated room, a wonderful meal catered by Jean's Feed Barn. Enjoying the night were about 80 people in attendance.

Prizes were awarded to couples married most amount of years

and least amount of years. The longest amount of years went to Mr. & Mrs. Shipley visiting from Burkett with 63 years. The shortest amount of years went to Mitchell & Rhonda Atchley. The youth group served the crowd and done a wonderful job. A good time was had by all.



Nora Odom & Darlene and Lee Meador



Jim and Arlene Payne

Retirees visit REH Museum

Jim and Arlene Payne from Fredericksburg enjoy day tripping around the state after having traveled all around elsewhere with Jim's work. He had recently retired from a life time career with the gas and oil industry and they had moved from Houston to the more laid back and much smaller Fredericksburg.

Payne is quite interested in all of Howard's writings, but it was the poetry that caught his eye. Getting acquainted with their new area and having more time

to read, he remembered one of Howard's best known poems "Cimmeria", that is related to the Enchanted Rock in that area. At that point, the Payne's decided to make the drive up to see Howard's home and to tour the Museum.

After purchasing several items from the Museum shop and catching a quick lunch, they headed back home, hopefully beating the fast approaching unpleasant weather.



Chris Czechowski and Chris Vrysen

Museum draws visitors from icy northeast

Perhaps in an effort to escape the long and brutal winter in MA, two fellows opted to visit the REH Museum on the most beautiful day we have had in months.

Chris Czechowski and Chris Vrysen are both originally from MA and were college roommates for awhile. Czechowski had moved to Plano with his job as a hospitality specialist for a restaurant chain and Vrysen came down for a short and warmer visit. He is the tech support person for Cumberland Farms of Hopkinton, MA. The Cumberland Farms can be com-

pared to our 7 - Elevens and have been around since 1958 under the ownership of the same family.

Both of the visitors were quite familiar with all of Howard's genres and were hard pressed to name their favorite. And both were quite impressed with the REH Museum and the efforts to retain Howard's legacy that is enjoyed around the world.

Loaded with purchases from the Museum and a local lunch, the two headed back to Dallas after their short day trip to our little community.

Anson Opera House Musical

The Opera House Country Musical show will be Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Opera House located in Anson, Texas.

A Bar-B-Q Supper will be held before the musical and they will start serving at 5:00 p.m. Cost of the Bar-B-Q is \$7.00 per plate and includes drink and dessert.

For further information call Terra Ortega at 325-338-2184 and leave a message.


Donations Needed

The Clothes Closet, "Kingdom's Door" Needs Boy's and Girl's clothing all sizes (jackets, coats, socks) are appreciated. Call Edith at First Baptist Church 725-7629 for drop off information.

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BUBBA'S Smokehouse

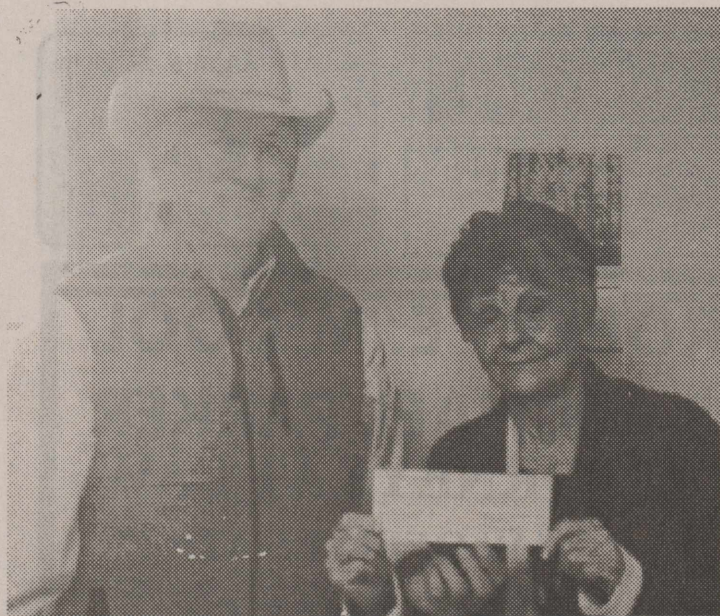
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President Phil Williams presents Katie Dunn with a \$500 check



Board Member Allen Wilson presents Dannes Turner a \$250 check

Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau gives back

Callahan-Shackelford Counties Farm Bureau farmers and ranchers and other counties across the state will reach out to local customers to talk with them about how their food is grown during Texas Food Connection Day, February 17.

"Texas Food Connection Day is about sharing what we do on our farms and ranches to grow our food, fuel and fiber," said Phil Williams, Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau president. Texas Food Connection Day, formerly Food Check-Out Week,

was established to connect farmers with their customers and spur conversations about agriculture and food-related issues, including affordability, nutrition, animal welfare, profitability and productivity.

Callahan-Shackelford Farm Bureau donated a check in the amount of \$500 to the Callahan Meals on Wheels and also a check of \$250 to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center to coincide with Texas Food Connection Day.

Spring is in the air join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and receive 10 free trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2015 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees.

"White flowering dogwoods will add beauty to your home throughout the year," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Dogwoods are known for their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries that attract songbirds during winter."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped postpaid with enclosed planting instructions at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 30, 2015. Or join online at arborday.org/march.

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Virginia Opossum

Many mammals are wary of man, and many times their presence is detected only by sounds or even from tracks. One such animal that has adapted to human conditions while rarely actually being seen is the Opossum.

The Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) has been observed throughout Texas, save for a few counties west of the Pecos River in the Trans-Pecos eco-region (Hudspeth, Culberson, and Reeves counties). These areas are too dry to maintain viable populations of this moisture-dependant mammal. Although it is more common in the wooded areas of east Texas, it also inhabits prairies and farmlands of the panhandle and Edwards Plateau regions. In the latter portions of this environment, it prefers to dwell among the dense vegetation along streams, rivers, cattle tanks, and any other permanent bodies of water. Many times, the five-toed tracks this animal leaves along the mud in these areas are what give away its presence.

Opossums, commonly referred to by many as simply possums, are medium sized mammals that are about the size of a small dog, with a total length of about two and 1/2 feet. Males are the larger species, with females achieving about seventy-five percent of this length. The tail is long (over fourteen inches), scaly in appearance, and is prehensile, meaning that it can be utilized as a fifth limb. The tail is bicolored with the half closest to the body black, while the latter half is whitish. The background color of the coarse fur is generally gray, although a black color phase is also encountered, although this color morph is rather uncommon. The eyes are large, coal black, and centered toward the front of the skull. The ears are black, rather short, and almost leathery in appearance. Each foot has five toes on it.

They are exclusively nocturnal, coming out of their hiding places (woodpiles, hollow logs, rock piles, and the occasional attic) shortly after dark to forage for food. Opossums are omnivorous, meaning that they will feed on plant and animal materials. They will feed primarily on animal matter, with up to sixty-five percent of their diet being insects such as grasshoppers, beetles, bugs, and crickets, but they will also feed on other endothermic animals such as mice,



Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*)

rats, small rabbits, and birds. A very small percentage of their diet includes crustaceans, reptiles, fruits and berries.

During the majority of the year, Opossums are solitary animals, only gathering together for short periods of time for the purpose of reproduction. Females are in heat only for one month, and the mating period is actually limited to a thirty-six hour window. Typically, there are two litters produced per year (one in February and one in June), with each litter numbering between five and twenty young. The gestation period is exceptionally short, taking only eleven days from conception to birth. Newborn Opossums are very small, being about the size of a honey bee and weighing only one-fifth of a gram. The young are totally blind, practically helpless, and almost fetus-like in appearance. Despite this, they will crawl unaided into the mother's marsu-

pium, or external pouch. This pouch makes the Opossum unique from all other mammals in the United States, no other mammal has such an apparatus. Immediately after reaching this pouch, the young will firmly attach itself to a nipple. Here it will remain for the next two months, secure and able to feed at will.

The life span on this interesting creature of the night is relatively short, sometimes spanning only two years from birth to natural death. Natural predators include coyotes, foxes, and owls, and many are found dead along highways. It is occasionally harvested for its pelt, although the value of its fur is astonishingly low. Populations in Texas are quite stable, largely due to its ability to adapt to human structures.

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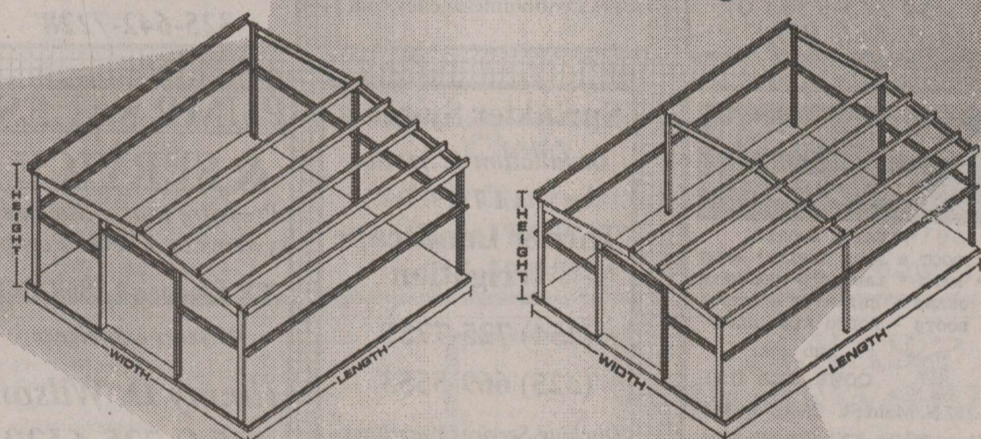
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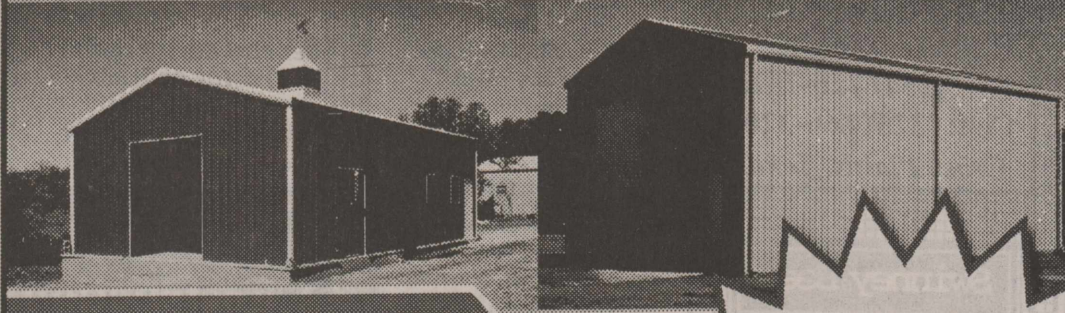
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ACROSS

1 Friona newspaper
 5 Cresson once had the "___ Museum of Transportation"
 6 TXism: "sounds like a dry ___ (bad singer)"
 7 TXism: "old ___ dirt"
 8 TX Waylon Jennings album: "The ___ and Only"
 9 "nap" south of the border
 15 TX Perot founded "Electronic ___ Systems"
 16 he was a Cowboy player (1965-72) & coach (1972-80)
 19 TXism: "mad as ___ on rooster"
 21 Jennifer O'___ of "Rio Lobo" (70)
 22 foils or prevents
 27 TX George H.W. said "___ my lips: no new taxes"
 28 "watermelon" south of the border
 29 kids can play this football at an early age in TX (2 wds.)
 30 on OK border in NE Lipscomb Co. ___ Edward's Univ. in Austin
 33 TX poem says the devil "put ___ cactus, horns on loads"
 36 this TX Brickell is wife of Paul Simon
 37 past mgr. of King Ranch, Kleberg
 38 TXism: "roosters crow, hens ___"

DOWN

1 mineral spring
 2 state sales ___ is 6.25%
 3 in Cass Co. on 59
 4 this Lubbock base was closed in 1997 (3 wds.)
 39 "mirror, ___ the wall..."
 41 infamous TX Schlosser who killed her baby for God in 2004
 42 TXism: "paddle your own ___"
 45 direct selling beauty products company
 46 giant American conglomerate
 8 paddles
 9 honoring XIT cowboys in Dalhart: "Empty ___"
 10 TXism: "___ cahoots with"
 11 TXism: "let '___ rip!"
 12 TX Cruz beat Paul Sadler in 2012
 13 early Roy Orbison band: "___ Kings"
 14 enthusiastic
 15 several TX stories have been featured on "___ NBC"
 16 distribution in "Texas hold 'em"
 17 "er for 'her," e.g. ___
 18 in Lubbock Co. on hwy. 84
 20 TXism: "a ___ light idea" (inspiration)
 22 this Tom was a "Traveling Wilbury" with TX Roy (init.)
 23 TXism: "mad as a wet ___"
 24 unwanted plant
 25 TXism: "growing like ___ (fast)"
 26 a Cincinnati Red from 1954-59
 28 TX JoBeth Williams '80 film: "___ Crazy"
 31 TX "___ Brickell & New Bohemians"
 34 TX Longoria
 35 dir. from Quannah to Vernon
 37 1982 sci-fi film with Jeff Bridges
 40 TX Roy Orbison hit: "It's ___"
 43 TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"
 44 West Africa republic
 50 TXism: "small ___ in a big wheel"
 51 Santa's word

County Wide 4-H Easter Lily Fundraiser Kicks Off

The Callahan County 4-H clubs are kicking off their spring fundraiser. Members will be selling Easter Lilies just in time for Easter! Each plant will sell for \$12. The plants will be in 6" pots with 5-7 blooms per Easter Lily. Each plant will be wrapped in a green pot cover. The money raised from this fundraiser will be used for county 4-H needs such as project support, project pins, project certificates, end of the year awards ceremony, and any other needs that arise county wide.

The Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains and Eula 4-H clubs will all be participating in this fundraiser. The sale began on February 18th

and all orders will be due by March 6th. Delivery date will be between March 23rd-April 3rd. Please contact any 4-H member to order your plants today or call the County Extension office at (325) 854-5835. We will be happy to take your order or get you in contact with your local club members. We invite our local churches and businesses to consider ordering your Easter Lilies from your local 4-H club. Club members will be accepting cash and checks made out the Callahan County 4-H

Thank you for your support of this great organization and youth. We look forward to taking your orders!

Time is Running Out To Sign-Up for CSP

By Traci Bruckner,
tracib@cfra.org,
Center for Rural Affairs

Time is running out for farmers and ranchers that want to participate in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) this year. February 27th is the deadline for the 2015 round. Producers should visit their local NRCS office before that date to initiate the application process.

The CSP rewards farmers, ranchers, and foresters for maintaining existing conservation practices and for adopting additional practices on cropland, grassland, non-industrial private forestland and tribal lands. The program pays producers for fostering clean water, better soil management, improved habitat, and other natural resource benefits.

As part of the CSP application process, applicants work with NRCS field personnel to complete a resource inventory of their land to determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities. The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking and payments. Contracts are

awarded to those offering the highest level of environmental benefits, with NRCS working down through the list of eligible applicants until acreage allocated to the particular state runs out.

In addition, producers who received a CSP contract in 2011 have the opportunity to renew their contract for another five-year period. Renewal applications must be received by March 31, 2015 to ensure a seamless transition into their next contract without a lapse in payments. Renewal contracts do not compete with new applicants.

Potential applicants can call the Center for Rural Affairs Farm Bill helpline by calling (402) 687-2100 or emailing Traci Bruckner at tracib@cfra.org for assistance from Center staff with knowledge about program rules.

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.

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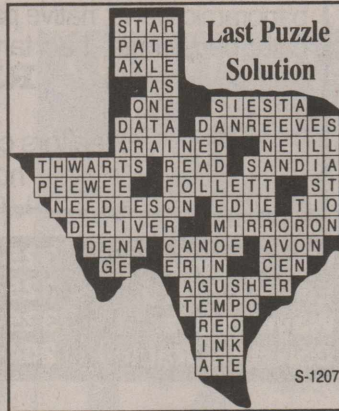
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4 named to Texas A&M Dean's Honor Roll

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 16, 2015 — Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0. A second designation, "Distinguished Student," recognizes those who earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the fall semester.

Among those recognized were: Kaysi K. Dean, Senior, Clyde, Degree 1: Bachelor of Science -

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Name: Landon R. Riles, Senior, Clyde, Degree 1: Bachelor of Science - Health DEAN'S HONOR ROLL.

Name: Brandi A. Turner, Sophomore from Clyde, Degree 1: Bachelor of Science - Physics DEAN'S HONOR ROLL.

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Grand Ole Oplin February Line-up

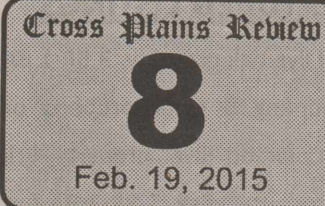
The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time.

On Feb. 20th MIDNIGHT BLUE will return to play some more of your country favorites, and on Feb. 27th MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us all.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 694 S. and F.M. 2926.

Our dance begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our community center functions.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin!



Clyde man gets 10 years in Abilene aggravated assault

A Clyde man who punched and killed another man during a fight at an Abilene motorcycle club in 2011 was sentenced Tuesday, February 10th in an Abilene court to 10 years in prison.

Michael Heuermann, 37, pleaded guilty in November to one count of aggravated assault in the death of Jimmy Pardue Jr.

The sentencing hearing began Thursday, February 5th in 104th District Court at the Taylor County Courthouse in Abilene. The sentence was handed down by District Judge Lee Hamilton.

According to testimony, Heuermann met Pardue at a motorcycle club in West Abilene in July 2011. Pardue tried to shake Heuermann's hand, to which Heuermann took offense. Heuermann then punched Pardue in the jaw, knocking him unconscious.

In a taped police interview,

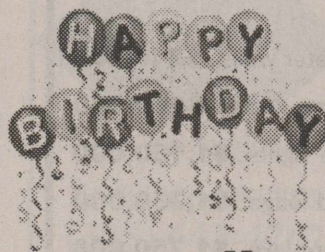
Heuermann told an Abilene detective that he hit Pardue, but a few people at the club sprinkled water on Pardue's face afterward, and he appeared to be revived.

Pardue, who was dumped in a field near Abilene Regional Medical Center, later died from his injuries.

Former members of the Rebel Riders motorcycle club—the club to which Heuermann belonged at the time of the incident—testified in the case. Pardue's mother and daughter, and Heuermann, also testified.

Heuermann initially was charged with aggravated assault, but a charge of murder later was added. That charge was dropped when he pleaded guilty to aggravated assault last year.

He may be eligible for parole. Abilene attorney Sam Mehaffey represented Heuermann. Taylor County Assistant District Attorney Joe Burkett prosecuted.



February 22

Cheril Alken
Nona Belote
Bobby Nell Brown
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Nancy Chessir Rogers
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February 23

Mike Ingam
Davis Plumlee
Ronald Holmans
Patsy Ruth Day

February 24

Mrs. Marillyn Mitchell
Fredda Jean Wilson
Gayla (Albrecht) Creamer
James Payne
Joshh Thayer
Jery Biehl
Mary Hubbard
Karen Hubbard
Karen Archer
Richard Clark
Authur Larkin

February 25

Brenda Wood
Madie Brown
ElWanda Jennings
Celeta Strahan
David Havener
Colby Walker
Romana Lewis
Vivian Nowell
Chase Ryan Hunter
Joaquin Montreal
Matthew Lee
Christin (Hyles) Bullock

February 26

Georgia Townson
Mrs. Anse Barr
JaDeana Nolan
Connie Young
Nathan Bryan
Micheal J. Quinn
Jason Collier
Billy Wilson
Seth Fortune
Paige Suzanne Chambers

February 27

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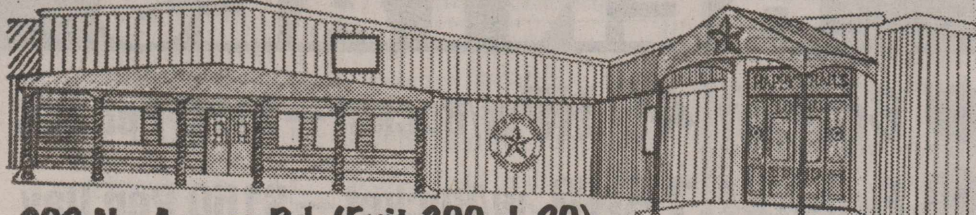
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Earlene Justice
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Barbara Stephens
Marilou Sifentes
Constantiono Reyes
Gwendolyn Joann Creech
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February 29

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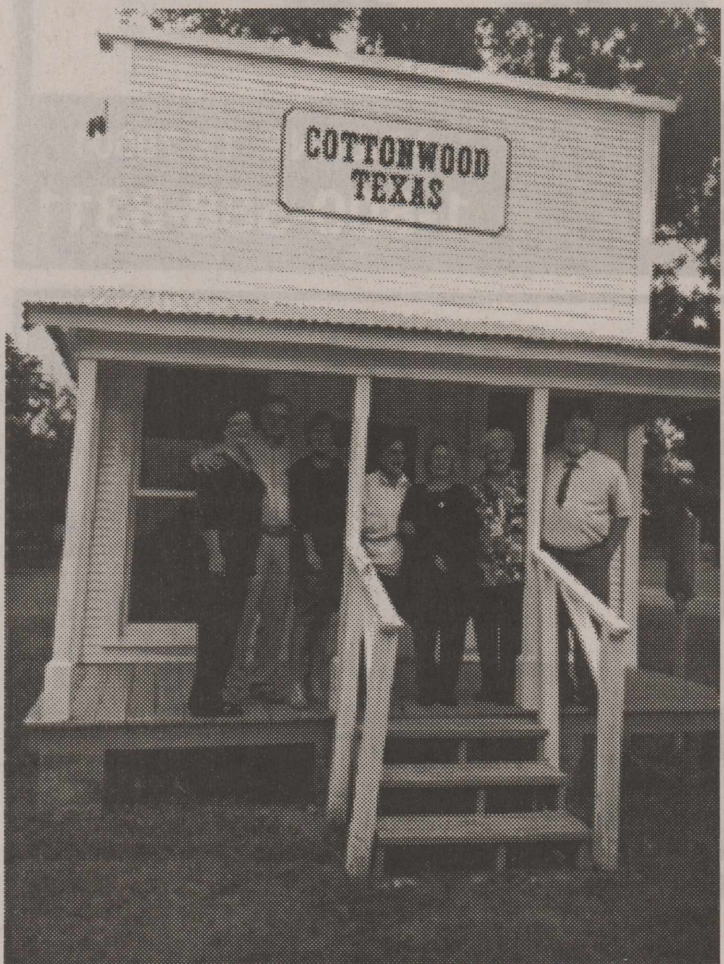
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From Left to Right- Sarah Isenburg, Paul Purvis, Barbara Purvis Batten, Kathy Purvis, Dennis Purvis, Peggy Purvis at the Cottonwood Schoolhouse (Community Center)



From Left to Right - Becky Purvis, Dennis Purvis, Jody Ashline, Jean Baker, Jeanell Purvis, Freda Purvis, Paul Purvis at the Cottonwood Post Office

A Day at Cottonwood

The Purvis family recently visited the old buildings of Cottonwood. Whether it be traveling back to a loved one's funeral or returning to attend a family reunion, people enjoy sharing childhood memories of Cottonwood. There are three historic buildings in Cottonwood; the Post Office, the Methodist Church, and the Schoolhouse. These buildings

are under the care of the Cottonwood Historical Association. Anyone wanting to visit any of the buildings, may schedule a time by contacting Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771. The schoolhouse (community center) is available for rental for family reunions and the Methodist Church is available for rental for weddings and other activities.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Winter has been reminding us that it's not Spring yet, with the cold temperatures this week. Light drizzle was falling this morning. Cold morning temperatures are turning the rain into ice. Be careful out there. Many Cottonwood residents have been down with colds lately, too.

The Cross Plains Senior Center is celebrating Mardi Gras Thursday night (tonight). There's still time to get in on the fun. The party runs from 5:30 to 7:30 with Cajun cooking and sounds of jazz and blues. Dinner includes Shrimp Boil (shrimp, sausage, corn on the cob, potatoes and onions), drink and dessert for \$12.50 per person. Go and celebrate Mardi Gras, Texas style right here in Cross Plains.

February's Fellowship dinner at the Cottonwood Baptist Church is this Sunday right after church. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship of friends and neighbors.

The Cottonwood Musical is next Friday night, February 27th, at the Cottonwood Community

Center. Come out and enjoy good ole country music, visit with old friends and make new ones, and have a good time. Dinner, sandwiches and dessert are available in the kitchen. Musical starts at 5:30 pm.

Have you been by the new donut shop in Cross Plains, Country Donuts? Teri, Deana Terstegge and I stopped in for breakfast last Tuesday morning. They had a large selection of donuts, filled donuts, apple fritters, and breakfast items. The "pigs" and the donuts were great and we enjoyed visiting with friends Nora Pointer and Amelia Cortez.

Lowe Market in Cross Plains is putting in a hardware department and garden center. This will be great. Next time you need a plumbing part, bolts, or other hardware on Saturday evening or Sunday, you won't have to drive any further. Both department are being set up now.

Joe and Kathleen Terstegge helped with the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department building move last weekend.

Cottonwood Musical is Friday, February 27th

The next Cottonwood Country Musical and Jam night will be Friday, February 27, 2015.

A good musical program is scheduled.

The kitchen will open at 5:00 p.m. The serving of the meal will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m but the kitchen will remain open for coffee, soft drinks and desserts.

Taco soup, sandwiches, chips, desserts, and drinks will be for sale.

Come out to Cottonwood, Texas on February 27, 2015 for a night of great entertainment.

For additional information, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Feb. 23th - Feb. 28th

Monday 23rd - Swiss Steak, Buttered Noodles, Carrots, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 24th - BBQ on Bun Pinto Beans, Onion/Pickles Slices, Dessert

Wednesday 25th - Sweet & Sour Chicken, White Rice, Broccoli, Bread, Birthday Cake

Thursday 26th - Salmon Patties, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Fruit, Cookie

Friday 27th - Chicken Pot Pie, Cucumber Salad, Fruit, Cookies

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Feb 23rd - Feb. 28th

Monday-23rd Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-24th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-25th Exercise 11:00/Happy Birthday/ Blood Pressure Check Girling Home Health

Thursday -26th Exercise 10:45/ Bingo 11:15/ Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:30

Friday -27th Exercise 11:00

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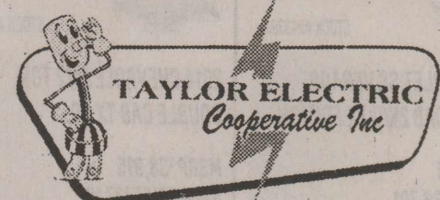
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Callahan County Historical Commission to record oral history of Callahan County

One of the projects of the Callahan County Historical Commission is to record the oral histories of the citizens of Callahan County.

Oral history is not often passed down from generation to generation as it once was. These memories are a valuable treasure for the county, as well as for the family members. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this preservation of history.

A recording session for the Baird area will be held Friday, February 27, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Baird Depot. A recording date for the Clyde area will be announced at a later date.

A list of questions that will be asked is printed below. This will give the person being recorded time to think about the events and people who may not have occurred to them in a very long time.

Release forms can be picked up at the Clyde Library, Cross Plains Library and Cross Plains Senior Citizens Building in Cross Plains and the Callahan County Judge's Office in Baird.

Although oral histories are preferred at this time, written histories and memories will be accepted and these can be returned to the places previously mentioned.

Please review these questions and talking points. Answer all questions on this page and use all others as guides to prompt your memories. Please answer questions 1 - 11 as completely and accurately as possible. Feel free to skip any that do not pertain to you or that you do not know, remember or do not wish to discuss.

*State your name.
* Spell your name out (unless

written history only).

* State today's date.
*Where and when have you lived in Callahan County?

TALKING POINTS
EDUCATION & SCHOOL
Who were some of your most memorable teachers and school staff?

What do you remember most clearly about classmates?
Tell about your remembrances of sports locally and in the country.

Tell about significant school events you remember.
Give other school related information of interest

TOWN LIFE
Tell about Businesses (shops, hotels, banks, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, etc.)

CITY LEADERS
BUSINESS LEADERS
Atmosphere or attitude of townspeople.

What was life like? (town size, peaceful or not, friendly or rough, comfortable or poverty stricken, exciting or dull, etc.)

RAILROAD MEMORIES & OTHER
TRANSPORTATION
Local, county or country events you remember.

RURAL LIFE TELL ABOUT FARM AND/OR RANCH LIFE MEMORIES

What crops and animals were raised?
What types of farm and ranch equipment do you remember that are no longer in use today?
What about those still in use today?

***FARM/RANCH HANDS**

* **WHAT WERE ROADS LIKE?**
* **TRANSPORTATION**
* **WILDLIFE**

* **CHORES YOU DID**
Other memories of rural life
WARS AND PEACETIME (including the Cold War)
Did you, your siblings, or parents serve?

WHAT BRANCH OF SERVICES? OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT OF EACH. MEMORIES OF SERVICE
How did you hear about a war starting?
What home front war efforts did you participate in or remember? (civil defense, war bonds, scrap drives, etc.)
How did the war (including the Cold War) affect you, your family and your community? (Life-styles, fears, changes in actions, etc.)
How did you hear about war ending?

OIL & GAS PRODUCTION
Do you have memories of oil & gas discoveries, production, companies, oil field workers, locally and in the country?
What were the changes it made? (People, money, businesses, etc.) Were there any big crimes you remember?
What remembrances do you have of local to federal law enforcement and justice?
Do you recall important or memorable people? (i.e., Robert E. Howard, the Newton Brothers, Matthew Baird, Burkett Family, Larry Leo King, etc.) What do you remember about them and what they did?
What is your memory of churches and their impact on communities in the county and country?
Tell about your holiday memories.
Is there anything else you would like to add?



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Project Pride launches membership drive

It's time once again to re-new memberships in Project Pride or to join for the first time and discover the scope of the organization, both locally and beyond the city limits. The group makes a real impact on the community, collaborating with the library, sorority, garden club, school, cancer walk and Higginbothams on many projects. And there's a place for everybody, whether you can attend monthly meetings to share your input, be actively involved in activities or to just support the cause.

Project Pride is proud to be the premiere good will ambassador for the major tourist attraction in Cross Plains. The membership roll routinely lists folks from numerous states and a couple of foreign countries in addition to many cities in Texas. Visitors to the Robert E. Howard Museum throughout the year represent a

fascinating collection of professions, interests and addresses. Attendance at the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June draws an even bigger gathering of visitors from even farther away.

And all these people take dead aim on Cross Plains. And Project Pride members get to be involved with all of them!

This group was organized in the mid-80's for the purpose of making the community a cleaner, more attractive place to live and to preserve and document the history of the Cross Plains area. A strong membership base has always been essential for maintaining the non-profit status of the organization as well as for the maintenance and operation of the Museum.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00

p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and usually last about an hour. Plenty of space and plenty of parking, so come on out and join the fun.

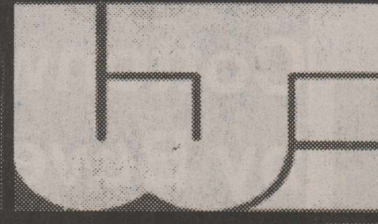
Annual dues are only \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. A new category this year encourages business and/or organizations to join for \$10.00. Such groups will receive special recognition for their support. Checks payable to Project Pride may be mailed to PO Box 534 or you may pay via PayPal at Projpride@yahoo.com

For more information, please contact Arlene Stephenson, 725-4993 or Era Lee Hanke, 725-6562.

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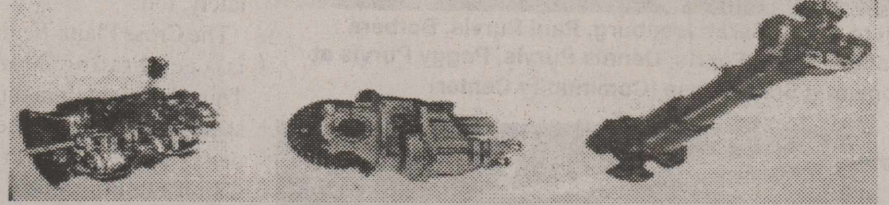
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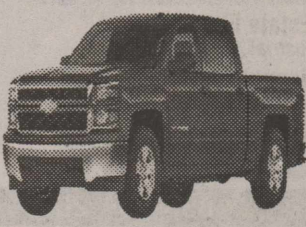
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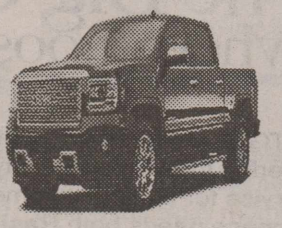
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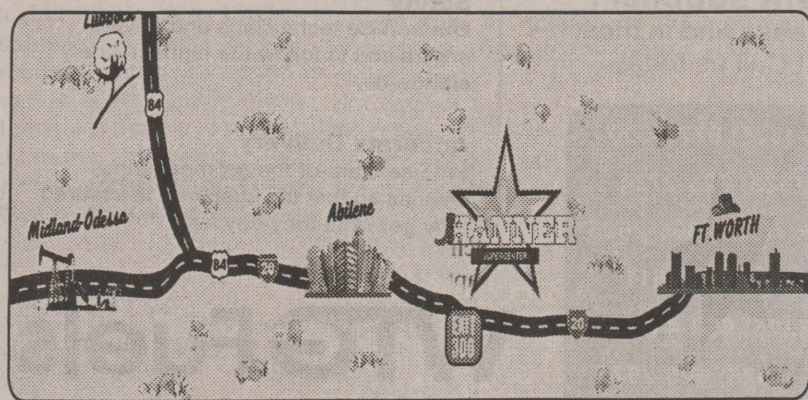
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Cross Plains' retail sales start 2015 higher by 10%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2015 are just over ten percent higher than 2014, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, February 11th.

Cross Plains' 2015 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$39,284.62, which is 10.36 percent higher than the \$35,594.72 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2014.

The payment to the city for February 2015 was \$21,729.53, which is 17.46 percent ahead of the \$18,498.42 payment made to Cross Plains in February 2014.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today, Wednesday, February 11th, that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2.56 billion, up 11.2 percent compared to January 2014.

"The growth in sales tax revenues was led by business spending," Hegar said. "Receipts from the manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors were up sharply. In spite of the recent decline in crude oil prices, tax receipts from the oil and natural gas mining sector also grew strongly."

"This allocation marks the 58th consecutive month of year-over-year growth and is indicative of a dynamic and diverse economy that continues to generate business investment and spending in Texas," Hegar added. "My office will continue to carefully monitor the impact that lower oil prices will have on our state's economy, but these sales tax allocation numbers are an encouraging sign of continued strength."

Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their February local sales tax allocations totaling \$873.1 million, up 8.9 percent compared to February 2014.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$569.8 million in February 2015, which is higher by 8.3 percent compared to February 2014 and higher by 7.8 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$54.6 million in February 2015 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 10.8 percent compared to February 2014 and higher by 10.6 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$196.7 million in February 2015 sales tax allocations, which is 9.4 percent higher than February 2014 and up 8.2 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$52.0 million in February 2015 allocations, which is 10.9 percent higher than February 2014 and higher by 13.5 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$873.1 million in February 2015, which is 8.9 percent higher than February 2014 and up 8.4 percent year-to-date.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS		
	2014	2015
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$35,594.72	\$39,284.62
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$18,498.42	\$21,729.53

The sales tax figures represent December sales reported by monthly tax filers, as well as October, November and December sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

For details of February sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2015 started the year 12.36 percent higher than the 2014 payments. The city has received \$38,462.17 in 2015, while the 2014 tax payments to the city totalled \$34,231.88.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2015 was \$24,087.87, which is 20.27 percent ahead of the \$20,027.90 monthly payment made to the city in February 2014.

—The 2015 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 41.88 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2014. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$117,467.09 in 2015. The 2014 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$202,139.10.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2015 was \$71,972.95, which is 54.47 percent below the \$158,090.38 payment made in February 2014. According to R.J. DeSilva with the Texas Comptroller's Office, the Comptroller's Office performed an audit on one company in Clyde in which a large onetime payment was made to the City of Clyde for city sales tax. DeSilva said he could not give the name of the company, or what industry the company is involved with.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2015 payments to the town totalled \$2,207.77, which is higher by 13.34 percent from the 2014 payments to the city in the amount of \$1,947.76.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2015 was \$1,041.96, which is 8.89 per-

cent below the payment of \$1,143.72 made to the city in February 2014.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2015 in Callahan County are lower by 27.92 percent compared to the 2014 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2015 amounting to \$197,421.65 while the 2014 payments to the county towns totalled \$273,913.46.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of February 2015 was \$118,832.32, which is 39.91 percent below the February 2014 payments of \$197,760.42 made to the Callahan County cities.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4 percent share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one-half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.



"All Gave Some....Some Gave All!" Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Abilene

"ALL GAVE SOME * SOME GAVE ALL" is the military motto familiar to American veterans displayed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The first part recognizes all living or deceased veterans who served our country during the Vietnam War era. The second part recognizes all deceased veterans who sacrificed their lives in the service of our country during the Vietnam War era.

Several area veterans organizations are working together to raise funds for a Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene (located north of Abilene at 7457 West Lake Road on the west side of Fort Phantom Lake). It will be 8 feet high and 21 feet wide, constructed of black granite, occupy a prominent place at the cemetery and resemble the memorial in our nation's capitol (approved design above). Its cost will be \$55,000 and its purpose is to honor all who served during the Vietnam War era from 1961 to 1975 without regard to branch of service or location. It is a voluntary veterans project and no funds are being sought from

government or military sources.

Vietnam was America's most unpopular war. It lost public support because it was prolonged, combat casualties and costs were high and the mission was not clear or consistent. It was created, controlled and concluded by democratically elected civilian politicians. The military questioned the strategy at times but always saluted and performed its duty. Unfortunately, the public blamed both our government and military for its perceived and actual failures. For many years, loyal Americans who served honorably in the military during the Vietnam War era as volunteers or draftees were treated with contempt and disrespect by their fellow Americans. Although the conscience of our citizenry has slowly and favorably changed toward Vietnam era veterans, many in our area have passed on or are growing old without receiving the respect and recognition they justly deserve.

This proud patriotic project is an opportunity for us to right the wrongs of the past and

provide Big Country men and women who selflessly sacrificed and served our country during the Vietnam War era with an honorable memorial at their final resting place in the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene. Please seriously consider making a tax-deductible donation to insure the success of this worthy cause.

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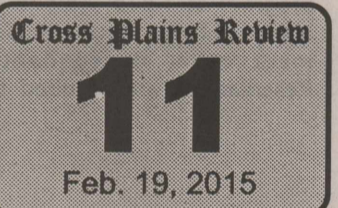
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CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTICE OF MEETING—BOARD OF TRUSTEES CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on February 18, 2015, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
February 18, 2015 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Open Forum New Business

- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Review Bills/Finance Report
- Consider Joining "Coalition for Educational Funding"
- Call for School Board Election - May 9, 2015
- Consider Resolution to Have Joint Election with the City of Cross Plains
- Consider the following Election Decisions
- Location of Polling Place - Cross Plains Community Center
- Election Judge - John Swift
- Early Voting Clerk - Debbie Gosnell
- Early Voting Place - Cross Plains City Hall
- Superintendent's Report
- Principal and Athletic Director's Contracts in March (Executive Session)
- Review "Chrome Books" Use Policy
- Excess Bond Revenue into the General Fund
- Cop Sync Drills
- 2015-16 Calendar
- Open Forum Forms
- Board Member Training Hours
- Exit Incentive

Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 13, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

Veteran Survivor is fortunate indeed

Dick Thrasher, a 93 year old Veteran understands completely what the word fortunate means.

Thrasher lived here in the Cross Plains area for many, many years and was always willing to share his story's with his friends and neighbors. Clearly an example of perseverance, Dick spent thirty years in the United States Army and survived three crashes while flying in the B-36 Peacemaker.

The first of these was in 1949 when the engine fell off the plane. The second and more harrowing was in 1950 while acting as the gunner on a run from Eielson AFB, in Fairbanks, Alaska to Carswell AFB, in Fort Worth. As the plane began to ice over, three engines caught fire.

The 17 man crew had to wait to bail out of the plane until its lethal payload, a Mk-4 nuclear bomb, had been dropped into the ocean to keep it from being set off in a crash over US/Canadian soil. Once the payload was safely off the plane, the crew parachuted out over a nearby island. Only twelve of the seventeen survived, one being Thrasher.

In yet another incident involving Thrasher and the famed B-36 in 1951, the military was undergoing training exercises state-side when a P-51 Mustang ran into Thrasher's plane. The Mustang hit the nose of the B-36 and broke in half. "Right after that, all this debris went by and all six engines shut off...," said Thrasher. Thrasher was able to scramble out of the plane. Unfortunately seconds later, the tail of the plane broke off and everyone left inside was swept away. Those who happened to have on their parachutes survived, but many did not.

Thrasher continued his service to his country for another 21 years and even flew missions over Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. He retired in 1971 with 30 years in service. He knows how fortunate he was during his years serving our country and never forgets how lucky he is to have survived. Thrasher had moved into the Dallas/Fort Worth area some years ago, but is still thought of fondly by many in the Cross Plains community.

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All Texans (natural born and adopted alike) are invited to a Texas-sized 179th birthday celebration at the Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site—the very spot "Where Texas Became Texas." "It was there, on March 2, 1836, where 59 delegates bravely met at Washington, Texas to make a formal declaration of independence from Mexico." From 1836 until 1846, the Republic of Texas proudly existed as a separate nation.

"Texas Independence Day Celebration" is an annual two-day celebration on Saturday, February 28th and Sunday, March 1, 2015 on the expansive 293-acre park grounds of the Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site, between Brenham and Navasota and less than 90 minutes from Houston. The weekend birthday celebration features live music, traditional crafts, living history presentations, keynote address by Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, firing demonstrations, historical encampments and commemorative programs. This year, several 7th grade students will be selected to lay a wreath at the site's "Texas Independence Monument" next to Independence Hall on Saturday morning to kick off the programs. The students were chosen based on a Texas-related written essay.

Guests will step back into history at this state park to experience life in Texas in 1836 by visiting with reenactors; witnessing firing demonstrations in the Texas Army camps; viewing demonstrations of cooking, weaving and period crafts; and walking the same trail as Texas' forefathers and pioneer families. Texas musicians will provide musical entertainment, including the North Harris County Dulcimers, the Lone Star String Band, which plays old-time music and "old fiddle tunes and songs," the Star of Texas Dulcimers, and the Great American Medicine Show featuring Professor Farquar and his "historic narratives, comic chronicles, tall tales, unabashed balderdash and the greatest songs of the 19th century." Food vendors will offer a variety of items for sale throughout the event. Visitors can bring picnics and are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. However, state park rules apply; alcohol is prohibited.

The featured exhibit at the Star of the Republic Museum *Enduring Spirit: African Americans in 19th Century Texas*—opens on Feb. 1, 2015 and runs for a year. Artifacts

on display will include typical documents of the period such as slave records, freedmen contracts and an oath of allegiance. Stoneware pottery made at the Wilson Pottery near Seguin, the first African American business in Texas, will be exhibited as well as an example of the intricate and difficult Pine Burr pattern quilt.

The three attractions on the Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site (WOB) Independence Hall, Star of the Republic Museum, and Barrington Living History Farm, will feature various activities, and all admission and tour fees will be waived during the two-day celebration. Free bus shuttles will run throughout the park on Saturday and Sunday; and as always, parking and admission to the grounds is free. A free shuttle will also run from the city of Navasota to the park grounds. The shuttle will pick up and drop off at the corner of McAlpine and Railroad, and will run continuously from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday only.

Complete list of activities for Saturday, Feb. 28:

- Wreath laying at the Texas Independence Monument (10:15 a.m.): Seventh grade students will lay a wreath at the oldest monument in the park, next to Independence Hall, to kick off the weekend. Since the monument is the first permanent marker (1899/1900) of the events that took place on this spot, and because it was largely due to the efforts of school children, WOB will recognize their efforts with a brief ceremony. By inviting children to play a key role in the program, WOB hopes to foster a deeper appreciation in the young generation about events that occurred in the place they call home.
- Firing demonstrations, musket and artillery at Texas Army camp (10:45 a.m. & 3:45 p.m. - approximately 20 minutes each): Visitors will learn how black powder small arms and artillery are loaded, fired and maintained through interpretive programming. Watch from a safe distance, hear the crack of rifle fire and musketry, and feel the rumble of artillery just as Texian soldiers would have during the war for independence.
- Craft vendors, demonstrators, and musicians (ongoing from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.): Stroll through the park and the Museum to enjoy the many craftsmen demonstrating skills and crafts of the period. Enjoy music from one of the many bands offering up the finest in period appropriate music as well as modern favorites at various locations

and times throughout the weekend.

- Independence Hall Tours (11 a.m., 1, 2, 3 & 4 p.m. approximately 30-45 minutes each): Visitors will have a chance to tour the exact replica of Independence Hall and hear the story of those courageous men that signed the Texas Declaration of Independence during that important 17-day convention in 1836. Visitors should meet just inside the back entrance of the Visitors Center approximately five to ten minutes prior to the scheduled tour time. The tours are free.
- Entertainment at the amphitheater includes:
 - 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. - Professor Farquar's Medicine Show
 - 12 p.m. & 3 p.m. - Lone Star String Band
 - 1 p.m. - North Harris County Dulcimers (Saturday only)
- Texas Heroes Living History at the Star of Republic Museum Theater (first-person stage performances as these Texas heroes):
 - 11 a.m. - Col. James Bowie
 - 1:30 p.m. - Susannah Dickinson
 - 3:30 p.m. - General Sam Houston

Complete list of activities for Sunday, March 1:

- Masonic Flag Raising Ceremony (10 a.m.) - The Texas flag will be ceremonially raised by Masonic members of the Lone Star Commandery #114 from North Zulch, Texas.
- Firing demonstrations, musket and artillery at Texas Army Camp (10:30 a.m. & 12 p.m. - approximately 20 minutes each): Visitors will learn how black powder small arms and artillery are loaded, fired and maintained through interpretive programming. Watch from a safe distance, hear the crack of rifle fire and musketry, and feel the rumble of artillery just as Texian soldiers would have during the war for independence.
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- Descendants of Signers Reunion: Doors open to the Conference Center at 10 a.m. with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and program at 12:15. This is an opportunity for descendants to meet other descendants. Reservations are required by

filling out form on Museum website at www.starmuseum.org Descendants' souvenirs will be available.

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 - 1:30 p.m. - Texas State Senator Lois Kolkhorst will introduce Texas Lt. Governor Dan Patrick, who will deliver a short keynote address, followed by the Signers of the Declaration Roll Call and a giant Texas-shaped birthday cake, for all to enjoy.

Independence Hall, Barrington Living History Farm and the WOB Visitor Center are all administered along with the parklands by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD); the Star of the Republic Museum is administered by Blinn College.

This event is made possible by ExxonMobil, Bluebonnet Electric Co-op, the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley, the City of Brenham, the City of Navasota, Brenham/Washington County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Blinn College, KTEX 106 Sounds Like Texas, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Washington on the Brazos State Park Association.

More detailed information on the weekend's festivities will be continually updated at www.wheretexasbecametexas.org; the public can also call (936) 878-2214 or email office@wheretexasbecametexas.org for more information. For lodging information, please contact the Brenham Visitor Center at www.visitbrenhamtexas.com/ or 1-888-BREHAM, or the City of Navasota at 936-825-7055 or www.navasotatx.gov.

HEALTH TIDBIT-MEASLES

With all the media coverage and people on both sides of this debate, I thought I would put out basic facts regarding the measles.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that is spread through coughing and sneezing. It can live on a surface or in the air for 2 hours after an infected person has coughed or sneezed. It is specific to humans, animals cannot spread it.

Signs and symptoms of measles usually appear 7-14 days after being infected.

High fever, Cough, Runny nose, Red, watery eyes

2-3 days after symptoms appear tiny white spots may appear in mouth.

3-5 days after symptoms appear, a rash breaks out, flat red spots that appear at hairline and spread down to the neck, trunk, arms, and legs.

Small raised bumps may appear on top of flat red spots.

Fever may spike to 104 when rash appears

Rash and fever will typically subside after a few days.

Complications:

Ear infections and diarrhea are common complications. Ear infections can lead to permanent hearing loss.

Severe complications include pneumonia and encephalitis. Pneumonia is the most common cause of death from measles. 1 in 20 children with measles will get pneumonia. Encephalitis (swelling of the brain) can lead to convulsions and can leave a child deaf or mentally retarded. For every 1,000 children who get measles, 1-2 will die from it.

There is a very rare, but fatal long term complication of measles that can develop 7-10 years after a person has had measles, Sub acute sclerosing pan encephalitis (SSPE).

Measles vaccine is up to 97% effective at preventing measles after receiving both doses, 93% after the first dose. Measles had been effectively eliminated in the U.S. until there was a surge of unvaccinated people.

There are a few side effects to the measles vaccine. A vaccine is a medicine, and as with any medicine, there is always a risk of side effects.

Mild side effects:

- Fever 1 out of 6
- Mild rash 1 out of 20
- Swelling of glands 1 out of 75

Moderate side effects:

- Seizure caused by fever 1 out of 3,000
- Temporary pain/stiffness in joints 1 out of 4
- Temporary low platelet count 1 out of 30,000

Severe (very rare):

- Serious allergic reaction less than 1 out of 1,000,000

Myths:

The link between MMR vaccines and Autism has been discovered as not true. The journal that originally published that article had to write a retraction. There have been many studies on Autism and MMR vaccine and there has been no link discovered.

MMR vaccine does not contain mercury.

The measles vaccine resulted in a 75% drop in measles related deaths worldwide between the years 2000-2013. That is an estimated 15.6 million deaths prevented.

For more information on Measles, please visit The Center for Disease Control and The World Health Organization.

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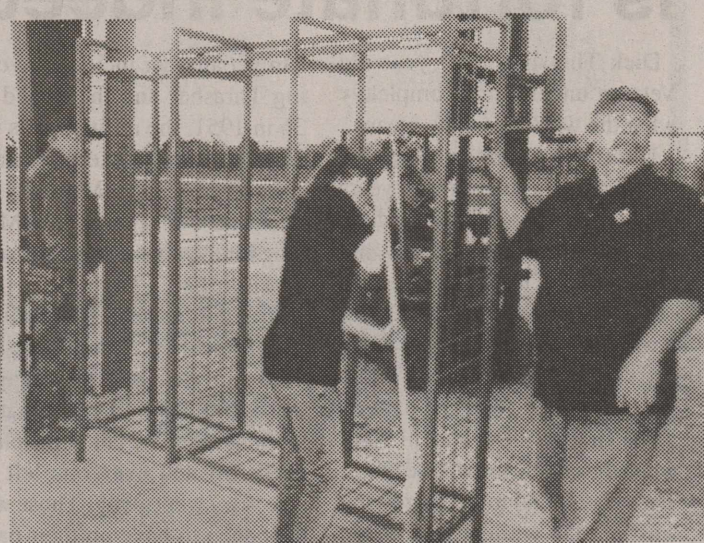


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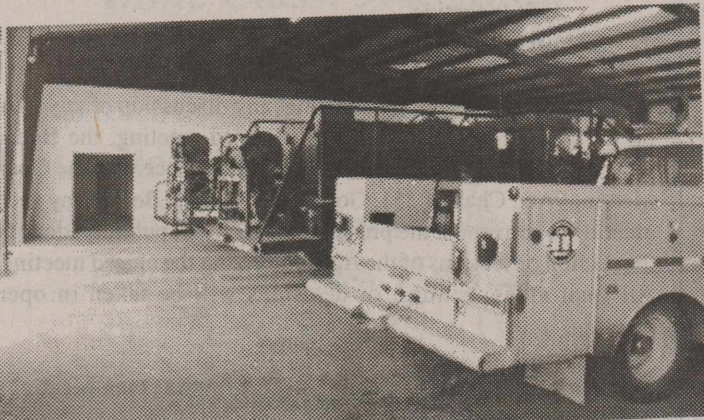
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Spacious bays



Racks on the move



Joe Terstegge with arm load of gear

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