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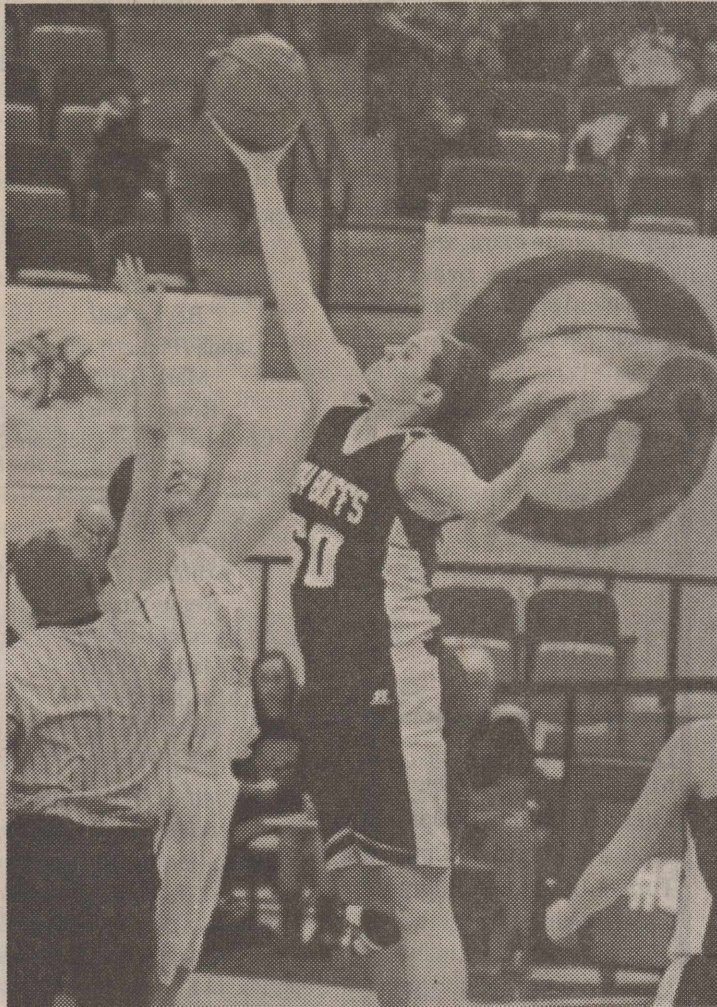
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Jurnee Thomas #50 with the tip off



Jurnee Thomas Cross Plains Lady Buff

Jurnee Thomas named "Best of the Big Country" Student Athletes

Local Cross Plains Senior, Jurnee Thomas, has had a remarkable basketball season. Jurnee has played for the Cross Plains Lady Buffs for all of her high school career, and now as a Senior she is reaping the rewards. Jurnee's 2014-2015 stats exhibit her passion and dedication to her sport. With an average per game of 15.6 points, 11.4 rebounds, 2 blocks and 1.7 steals, she has been a force to be reckoned with. In fact, in the recent game for

Regional Semifinals the competing coach made sure to double and even triple cover Jurnee to prevent her from running roughshod over their team. Throughout this past season, Jurnee has been observed by several college and university recruiters. Her domination on the court has been remarkable to say the least. She has several options she is considering at this point. The "Best of the Big Country" Award is given to a student ath-

lete only after they have been first, nominated by their coaches and second, selected by local Big Country experts. This award is only given to Seniors who are considered the best of the best by their commitment to excellence in Performance, Teamwork, Leadership and Character. Our own Jurnee Thomas has these in abundance. Jurnee's achievements off the court combined with her on court performance have earned her this

high honor. She has been involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, FFA, church activities, as well as community giving efforts. She is a leader who takes on responsibilities and commits to each task until it is completed. She is positive force exhibiting strong character in all she does and is a role model of true excellence.

Cross Plains VFD Fish Fry slated for April 10th

Mark your calendar now for Friday, April 10th for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry! Your local firefighters will be frying fish, chicken, onion rings and fries.

They'll be preparing all the fixings for the dinner. Peach cobbler will be on the dessert menu. The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Seniors and Students

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-

Weight Warriors Journey onward in 2015

Cross plains Weight Warriors is continuing their journey into the new year.

We are a group of like minded individuals who are going in the same direction with healthy eating, exercising, and learning new ways with food and recipes. We all are struggling every day to be the healthiest we can be.

Everyone is welcome to come join our fun and energetic meetings. There is no charge and no membership requirements except to donate to our local food pantry. Our food pantry is always in need of non perishable items.

We have a celebration bracelet that is passed every week to the one who has lost the most that week. We also do a door prize drawing weekly and if you stay for the meeting you have the opportunity to win a bag of goodies donated by the previous week winner!

Come — bring a friend and find out how group support might just be the little boost you need to succeed in the weight loss department. Scales are provided if you choose to weigh in.

We meet every Tuesday at 5:30 at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall. Come join us! And we will see less of you every meeting!!

Double the Money

The Cross Plains Senior Center continues to be blessed daily by the generosity of people who are willing to help monetarily and give of their time and talents.

Marsha Ossowski and Sheila Allen, who volunteer each month, realized that the stoves used to prepare daily meals for seniors to enjoy at the Center (or to be delivered to the homes of those that require a little extra care) needed an upgrade. They have written articles and posted the details of this campaign on various websites.

During the past three weeks, over \$1,700 has been raised, which is about half of the cost of a commercial grade gas stove. An anonymous donor has offered to match any donations up to a total of \$500.00 received by March 31, 2015. If you were considering donating toward the new commercial stove, here is a chance to see your donation doubled.

10:30 and/or 12:30-1:15 at the Senior Center. We are never too old to help someone or build a relationship.

Cross Plains' Jurnee Thomas named All-Star

Cross Plains High School Lady Buffalo Jurnee Thomas has been named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Team in Class A-AAAA, released on Tuesday, March 10th.

TGCA selects 12 All-Stars from conference 1-2-3-4A and 12 All-Stars from conference 5-6A. These athletes are selected by the TGCA Basketball Committee, which is composed of basketball member coaches of the association, at their annual meeting. Selections are made from nominations submitted by member coaches. Athletes must be seniors to be selected.

Kiwanis Pancake Supper

The Annual Kiwanis International Cross Plains Pancake Supper is Thursday, March 19th. This fund-raiser supports children projects and local endeavors in our community. The Kiwanis group and Key Club students will be serving all the you can eat pancakes and sausages at the Cross Plains School cafeteria from 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. Cost for the event is \$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00. We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship in our community. Submitted by the Kiwanis Club.



Band member holding their award



Band members in concert at UIL

Cross Plains Band receives Division I in District UIL Concert Competition

On Friday March 6, 2015, the Cross Plains High School Band traveled to Coleman High School to compete in district UIL Concert and Sight Reading. The group has been working very hard on their 3 concert pieces. The band received a Division I (Superior Rating) in concert for their performance of the three pieces. The band also competed in sight reading and received a Division I (Superior Rating). The students were amazing and performed superbly! Great job to all who participated! It has been many years since the band has accomplished this endeavor! Congratulations to the Pride of Cross Plains!

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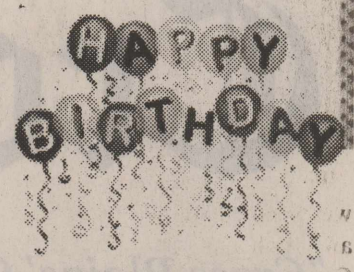
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Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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9:00 AM

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Evening Worship: 5:00P.M.
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
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Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

Community Garden Tools Being Assembled for Shipping!

The Lord's Acre Community Garden at First United Methodist Church was awarded a grant from Fiskars' "Project Orange Thumb" to receive \$2,000 in cash and \$1,500 in tools. Fiskars' Project Orange Thumb garden grants provide tools and resources to help communities in Canada and the U.S. reach their goals for neighborhood beautification, community collaboration and healthy, sustainable food sources. FUMC was the only winner in the state of Texas.

FUMC was recently notified that their tool kit is being assembled for shipping and should be delivered by the end of the month. Our community garden workers will have these Fiskars' tools available for use:

- 5 PowerGear 2 Pruners
- 3 PowerGear 2 Loppers

- 4 3-piece Softouch Garden Tool Sets
- 12 Steel D-handle 46" Digging Shovels
- 1 Steel Posthole Digger
- 6 24" Leaf Rakes
- 4 7" Folding Saws
- 4 Herb and Veggie Shears
- 6 Pairs of Contoured-Fit Knee Pads
- 4 Hardshell Bottom Kangaroo 30-gallon Garden Bags
- 4 Big Grip Garden Knives
- 3 Big Grip Cultivators
- 3 Big Grip Trowels
- 1 14" X 7 Hatchet
- 1 28" X 25 Splitting Axe
- 4 Steel 40"-60" Extendable Rotary Cultivator

The \$2000 cash will be used to purchase a locking tool shed to house all the tools, in addition to hoses, mulch, fertilizers, etc. It will also be used to purchase wood for the raised beds, plants,

and soil. Individuals who would like to lease (it's FREE) a 4' x 8' raised bed should contact FUMC at 254-725-7377 as beds are limited. Any beds not leased will be planted for the benefit of the Cross Plains Food Pantry and the Senior Citizens' Center. Anyone who has their own garden plots, but would like to help, can join our "Seed Drive" to collect these seeds: carrots, onions, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, cabbage, squash, okra, peas and strawberries.

Future plans are to expand to perennial herbs, broccoli, cauliflower, corn and pole beans. Drop off your extra seeds (in packets with necessary information) at the Senior Center in the basket provided.

Historical Commission Fundraiser make reservations for "The Comanche Empire"

Renown historian, Dr. Donald S. Frazier, will present the program, "The Comanche Empire" on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains, Texas. Reservations can be made by calling the County Judges Office in Baird at 325-

854-5805. The last day for making reservations will be April 6, 2015. The cost of the meal and program is \$15.00. "Indian Tacos", beans, salad, dessert and drink will be served at 6:30pm and the program will start at 7:00 pm. Please make your reservations soon.



Jamie Lee Turner, formerly of the Scott family, married many years to Turner Hicks, and long time member of the Callahan County Historical Commission was recently presented with an Emeritus Status Certificate for her long service and support in preserving Callahan Counties history.

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6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship

Wednesday
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www.firstbaptistcp.com

Library Notes

Library Hours
Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tue. 11:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Turs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Closed Friday

March 2 - March 5, 2015

Patrons 66
Books Checked 98
Programs

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- Lap & Lapsit 7
- ASAP
- Other

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Memorials

Volunteers
Sue Bennett
Linda Burns
Helen Parson
Jan Bond
Ginny Hoskins
Polly Beeler
Wilma Lawrence
Beverly Ross
Sheila Allen
Marsha Ossowski

March 15

Traci (Morgan) Franke
Ethel Champion
Debra Denise Stout
Joe McNeel
James Barr
Betty Albrecht
Vicky Nigar
Tracy Lee Long
Julianna Childers

March 16

Leonard Joy
Rick Neal
Shanda (McClure) Johnson
Mrs. Buddy Hardin
Eddy Don Edmonson
Becky Self
Janna (Pickett) Clare
Mark Baum
Robert Kuner
Chelsea (Long) Dickson

March 17

Mrs. Fritz Barnett
Arnold Childers
Reggy Stover
Vondal Hutchins
Margie Wilson
Mrs. Mary Hayes
Randy Rucker
T.J. Harris

March 18

Tina (Evans) Bradley
Don Draper
Whitney (Walker) Grant
Chandra Heath
Kye King
Allison Joy Pope
Kimberly (Merrill) Thomas
Bonnie (Gosnell) Switzer
Henry Ring
Gail Walker
Bruce Johnson
Jay Wilcoxon
Faye Renfro
Dorothy Merilyn Aiken

March 19

Nora Jean Odom
Blayzon Walker
Dora Price-Warlick
Alex Stout
Judy (Peevey) Archer
Peggy Brame
Ticia Dee (Wilson) Elkins
Betty Ann Aiken
Joe Terstegge
Dakota Willis
Dusty Dickson
Gunner Dickson

March 20

Priscilla Perry
Kyler Stout
Mike Duke
Sandra Kelly
Jeffery Champion
Howard Phillips
Howard Lee

Love Fund

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

Love Fund

has been opened for Jesse Markham at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses

Love Fund

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

March 21

Linda (Whitton) Hill
Wesley Markham
Lisa Vaught Campbell
Laura Ann Baum
Wesley Banks
Selena Twiner
Donna Roe
Andrea Hamer
Kimberly Goldsmith
Chris Orum

Love Fund

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

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Kevin Morton, Pastor

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.

1000 North Main Street
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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

We went from cold weather to wet weather. We received about an inch of rain here in Cottonwood. We'll all be glad when the sun comes out and dries out roads, so the road graders can come and work on the roads.

Be careful driving around as the kids are out of school now through Tuesday for Spring Break.

Visiting with Dena Nickerson were Dena Jo Hines and grandchildren Madison and Logan of Weatherford and Kathy Franke of Hamby and granddaughter Abby Falon.

Adrian Allen and Roy Boyd attended the Callahan County Fire Fighters Association Meeting in Baird on Saturday morning. Others in attendance from the Cross Plains area were Teri Brown and Rickey Carouth.

Brandon and Ethan Maxwell are here for Spring Break visiting with their grandparents, Joe and Deana Terstegge.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control's monthly meeting is

next Tuesday, March 17th. That's also St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to wear something green.

The next Cottonwood Musical is scheduled for Friday, March 27th at the Cottonwood Community Center.

The fellowship dinner at Cottonwood Baptist Church is on Sunday, March 22nd after the services. Bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship.

Many folks here in Cottonwood are involved with the Cross Plains Library. They will be bringing Revolution to perform here in Cross Plains on Tuesday, March 31st. Revolution is a group of musicians - the most talented kids from Cooper High and Abilene High - on violin, guitar, viola and other stringed instruments. They will play music from jazz to classical to country and everything in between. The performance is at the First United Methodist Church, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the library or at the door.

Lowe's Receipt Program Ends March 31st

Cross Plains I.S.D. would like to thank all the parents and supporters who have been saving their receipts from Lowe's.

Each time you shop at the store and submit your register receipts to us, our school earns credit towards free educational equipment and supplies, all do-

nated from Lowe's.

The program runs through March 31, so keep on shopping and sending receipts in to school with your child.

We will ship receipts on April 10th. That will be the last day we can take receipts before shipment.

Taylor County Mobile Vet Center (Abilene) will visit Callahan County March 18th

The Taylor County Mobile Vet Center (Abilene) will visit Callahan County to provide outreach services in support of the VA2Vets Initiative to Veterans and eligible dependents on March 18, 2015.

This is a free event for all service members, Veterans, and their families to come by and learn about the Vet Center and other Veterans benefits and resources at the following location:

Callahan County Courthouse
400 Market Street, Baird, TX
79504-5305

Wednesday, March 18 from 3-5 p.m.

This event is sponsored by Taylor County Vet Center.

Services offered by the Taylor County Vet Center include:

- Individual, group, and family readjustment counseling to Veterans and their families in making a successful transition from combat to civilian life.

- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) treatment and help with other related problems that affect functioning within the family, work, school, or other areas of everyday life.

- Military sexual trauma counseling for Veterans of both

genders, regardless of combat service.

- Veterans and families needing more information, should call the Taylor County Vet Center at (325) 232-7925.

- The Taylor County Vet Center is located at 3564 N. 6th Street, Abilene TX 79603. To better serve Veterans and their families, the hours of operation are:

- Mondays - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- Tuesdays - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Wednesdays - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

- Thursdays - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

- Fridays - 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- After hours and weekends by request

Vet Center staff respect the privacy of all clients, and we hold information in strictest confidence. No information will be communicated to any person or agency without written consent, except in necessary circumstances to avert a crisis.

www.vetcenter.va.gov

Combat Call Center: 1-877-WARVETS (927-8387)

VA Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255

Texas Brigades program deadline is approaching

San Antonio, TX - The Texas Brigades program application deadline is quickly approaching! We need 170 motivated youth leaders interested in participating in an award-winning program designed to provide a wealth of knowledge and communication skills. Our mission is to educate and empower youth with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. This will be the 23rd year of the Texas Brigades.

The application deadline is March 16, 2015 and may be found at <http://www.texasbrigades.org/Applications/applications.html>.

Participants are selected through a competitive application process. Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, says they are looking for youth ages 13-17 years of age. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, natural resources, livestock, and/or the

environment. "We are looking for those with an interest in learning and then sharing what they have learned with their communities," reports Holdsworth.

The 4.5 days camps are held on beautiful private ranches across the state. "These landowners open their gates to us for five days, allowing us to utilize the land as a living laboratory. Natural resource professionals give of their time to mentor the youth. This is an invaluable networking opportunity," she said.

The cost of the camp for youth applicants accepted into the program is \$400, but scholarships and financial assistance are available. "We do not want the fee to be a barrier to anyone. We have donors who are willing to support the youths' educational experience," says Holdsworth.

Texas Brigades is also accepting applications for adult volunteers.

For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391 or email hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

March 16th - March 20th

Monday-16th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-17th (Wear Green) Exercise 11:00 Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday-18th Exercise 11:00/Foot Care by Girling Home Health.

Thursday -19th Exercise 11:00/ Reading with 3rd graders 9:45 & 12:30- Care Inn Door Prizes

Friday -20th Exercise 11:00/ First Day of Spring.

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

March 16th - March 20th

Monday 16th - Cheeseburger, (lettuce, Tomatoe, onion, pickles) Oven Fries, Dessert.

Tuesday 17th -Chicken Tenders, Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, Bread, Dessert,

Wednesday 18th - Pot Roast w/ Gravy, (Potatoes Onions, Carrots) Green Beans, Bread, Dessert (Birthday Cake)

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Thursday 19th- Spaghetti w/ Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Bread, Dessert

Friday 20th - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, (Lett/Tom) Chips, Jello, Cookie

MEAL IS SERVED -
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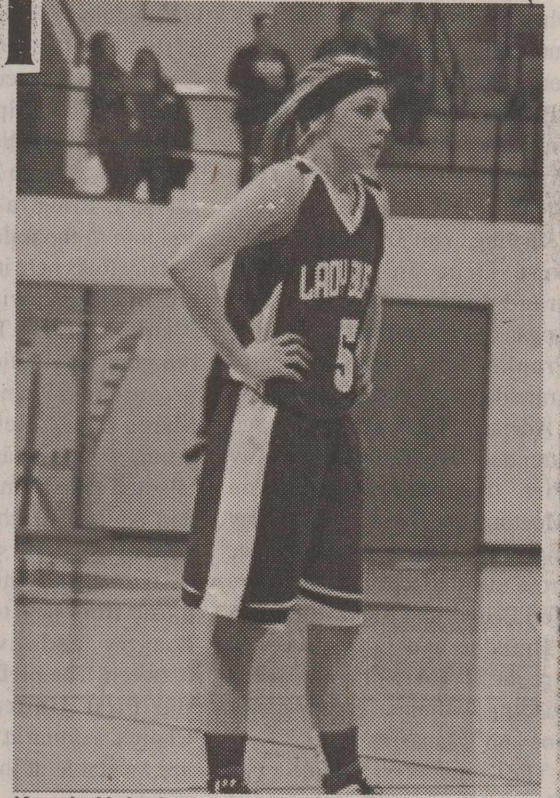
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Kenzie Halsel #5

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Rebekah Crockett #21 Hannah Cowan #10



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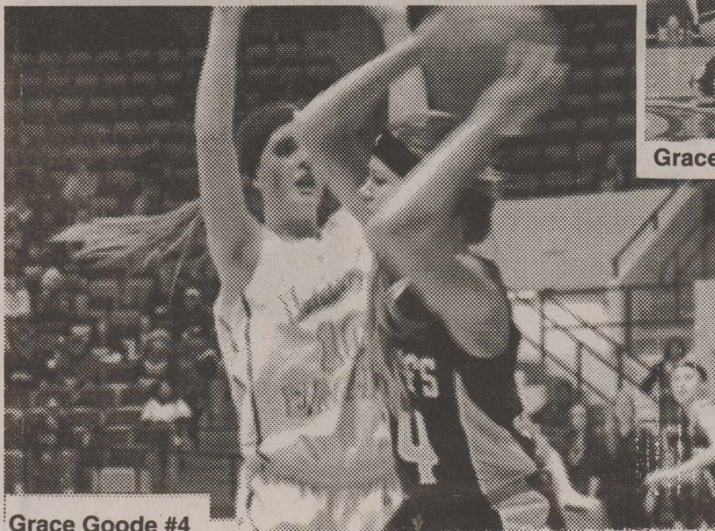
Grace Goode #34 Shelby McWilliams #12



Shelby McWilliams #12



Hannah Cowan #10



Grace Goode #4

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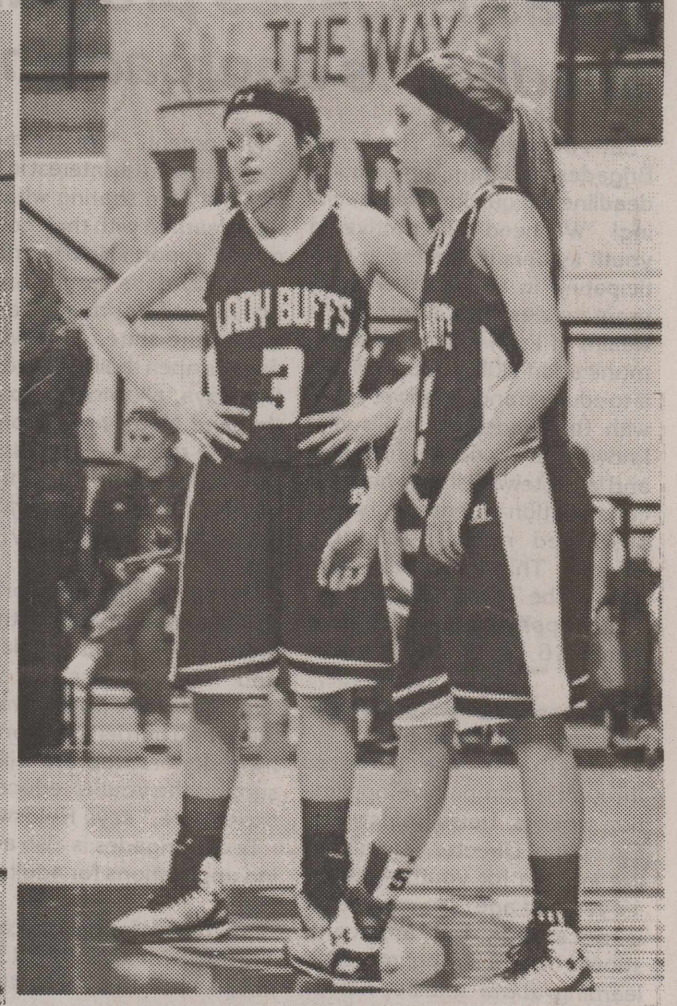
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Cell Phone Survey is Fraud


The following is an E-Alert from your Better Business Bureau. BBB is warning AT&T customers to think twice about participating in a survey about phone service. Cell phone customers are receiving calls asking them to participate in a short 3 question survey. The caller identifies themselves as AT&T and promises a \$20 credit on their next bill. At the end of the survey the phony agent requests that the customer verify the last 4 digits of their social security number. The crook uses the information to fraudulently add a phone to your account and rack up thousands of dollars in international calls. Some of the calls appear to come from 866-606-0000, a spoofed non-working number. **BBB WARNS YOU** to never give Personally Identifying Information (PII) to anyone that calls you. Check your account online, use strong passwords and report any suspicious activity to your carrier immediately.



Rebekah Crockett #21



Kelli Bennett #3, Kenzie Halsel #5



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Kenzie Halsel #5

District 15-A 2015 Boys All District Basketball Team

MVP : Kelbi Valdez SR. Eula
Offensive MVP: Eli Williams JR. May
Defensive MVP: Brayden Grubbs SR. Eula
Newcomer of the Year: Cameron King Soph. May

First Team All District:

Caleb Wilde Sr. Eula
Isaac Williams Sr. May
Emory Geye Sr. Rising Star
A.J. Martin Soph. May
Garrett Deal Sr. Baird
Lane Ancell Sr. Eula

Second Team All District:

Coby McGonagill Sr. Baird
Junior Escobedo Sr. Eula
Rocky Gage Jr. May
Korbin Mclean Sr. Cross Plains
Holden Senclair Soph. Cross Plains
Matt Lawrence Jr. Rising Star
Tommy Gann Jr. Rising Star

Honorable Mention All-District:

Chance Beasley, Sr., Eula
Matthew Wagner, Jr. Eula
Sydney Tencate, Sr. Moran
James Briggs, Soph. Cross Plains
Rylan Laminack, Jr. Cross Plains
Zach Davis, Jr. May
Aaron Sadler, Sr. May
Seth Porter, Fr., Baird
Ashton Beauchamp, Jr. Baird
Isaiah Cruz, Jr., Baird
Dakota Fannin, Soph. Baird
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EARLY OUT ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015
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BUSES WILL RUN AT 1:10 P.M.

RETURN TO CLASSES ON
MARCH 17, 2015 AT REGULAR TIME.

EARLY OUT ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015
AT 11:00 A.M. FOR UIL MEET.
BUSES WILL RUN AT 11:10.

WE ARE HOSTING THE DISTRICT ACADEMIC MEET.
SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT REGULAR TIME ON MARCH 27.

BECAUSE OF THE BAD WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS, WE WILL HAVE SCHOOL ON APRIL 13 AND APRIL 27.

Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu March 16 - 20, 2015

| | MONDAY 16 | TUESDAY 17 | WEDNESDAY 18 | THURSDAY 19 | FRIDAY 20 |
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Misdemeanor Filings

Amy Leann Kilough, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
Ellen D. Richards, false alarm or report.

William Richards, false alarm or report.

Noe R. Villeda, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Corrina C. Whitley, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Tommy J. Guy, assault.

Michael Stultz, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

Syntisha L. Helser, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

Walter Perez, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Motion for dismissal of judgment nisi: Daniel Stephens; Dana J. Hogrell; Jody D. Harris.

Final default judgment of forfeiture: Arturo Vasquez; Keith W. Watts; Alejandro J. Aleman; Daniel Strickland; Leslie S. Campbell; Jody L. Carlisle, Jr.; Cameron Jackson; Cedris D. Sherman; Aaron Gutierrez; Christopher Houston; Austin C. Dodson; Jesus Gabaldon; Ray D. Torres; Clayton R. Chennault; Casey Fillmore; Joseph R. Housand; Sean A. Branham; Jaca L. Taylor; Carrie Schaefer; Ricky J. Adesso; Larry R. Carter; James E. Nolley; Robert W. Mendez; Aaron Gutierrez; William A. Johnson.

Robert K. Corbin, judgment nisi granted.

Kelvin E. Crowe, plea of guilty to theft by check granted, 15 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Jennifer A. Gravely, motion for continuance granted.

David N. Velasco, motion to dismiss to expired driving while license invalid granted for plea to other case.

Arienne A. Bennett, plea of guilty to theft by check, 10 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

Christopher D. Horn, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$379 court costs.

Danion D. Merritt, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 1 year probation, \$1500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Scott R. Wilson, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Edward B. Brumbaugh, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

David Sims, motion to dismiss to interference with public duties granted, insufficient evidence.

Russchelle Foster, plea of guilty to possession of dangerous drug, 15 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

Amy Leann Kilough, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Marriage Licenses

James Thomas Moss and Linda Sue Melton, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

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Civil Filings

Serena Sue Sebolt and David Rube-Franklin Griffith, divorce.

Ian Clayton Burleson and Rhonda Sue Burleson, divorce.

Stephanie Barker Murphy and James Craig Murphy, divorce.

Kendal Rutland and Mathew Rutland, divorce.

Richard Michael Craig and Tracy Marie Craig, divorce.

Pamela Sue Teague and Douglas Henry Teague, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Prosperity Bank successor to American State Bank vs. Troy Hall, final summary judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$3500 from the defendant granted.

Criminal Minutes

Charley R. Smith, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Timothy G. Baker, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, insufficient evidence.

Kevin S. Wilson, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Jeffery C. Corley, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 1 year in prison, \$339 court costs.

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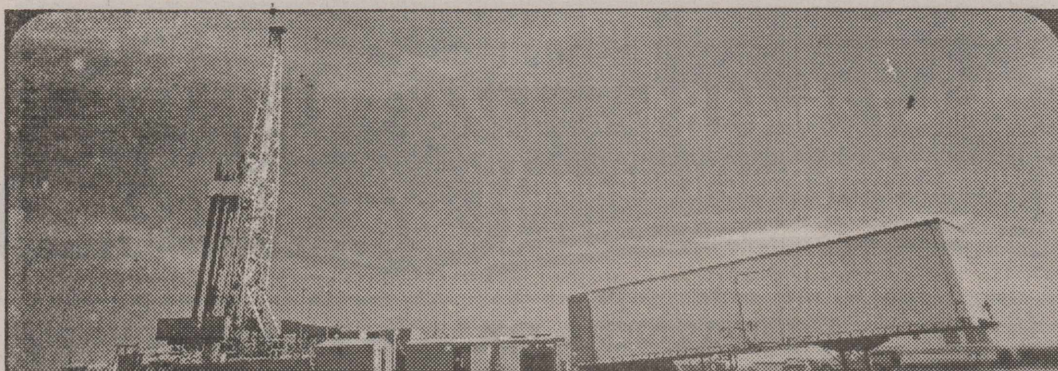
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The Callahan County Historical Commission encourages you to record your history or your families history. Preserving our history is a doorway to our past. What we do today will be our children and grand-childrens history.

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The Market at Clyde at The Old Firehouse March 14th, 10:00am-4:00pm

The Second Saturday of each month is the day for the vendors in the area to meet at The Old Firehouse in Clyde, on North First Street. There is a large assortment of handcrafted items at each Market. All items are hand crafted, hand made, home grown or cooked in a home kitchen.

Mark this event on your calendar now. Next week you will see an advertisement in this paper with a more complete description of the items available. You will also see one of the vendors on KTAB TV,

channel 32, on Friday, March 13th at 4:00pm showing some of the items available.

In conjunction with the Market the vendors are hosting a drive for First Aide supplies for Heart to Heart Ministries. See the article in this paper for more details on Heart to Heart ministries and contact information.

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The performance will be Tuesday March 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church sanctuary located at 1000 N. Main Street in Cross Plains. Tickets will be \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students under 18. To reserve your seat, please call the Cross Plains Public Library

at 254-725-7722. You may also purchase tickets at the door the night of the performance, however, with limited seating it is suggested you get your name on the reservation list.

This group of talented young people offers a genera to please everyone from jazz to classical, to country and everything in between. For the performance in Cross Plains, think Charlie Daniels times 13! You are guaranteed a rousing and energetic evening when you come to see Revolution. Don't miss your opportunity to see this phenomenon called REVOLUTION.

Grand Ole Oplin March Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out to their weekly Friday evening dance. On March 13th MIDNIGHT BLUE will be here playing all the country music you enjoy dancing to, on March 20th MIDNIGHT BLUE is back playing more of your favorite dancing tunes and on March 27th MUDDY CREEK returns playing some more of your favorite two-step and waltzes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Cen-

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

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to The Grand Ole Oplin and dance the evening away!

The Circus is Coming to Town!

The Clyde Chamber of Commerce is happy to announce the arrival of the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus on Saturday, March 28th. Show times are at 2:00 and 4:30 and families are invited to come view the raising of the "big top" circus tent for free at 10:00am. Established in the mid 1980's, the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus travels all over the United States. Their last visit to Clyde was in 2012 and they are excited for the opportunity to come back and entertain us! They'll be bringing with them several animals, including a lion and tiger, high flying acrobats, clowns, concessions, and a whole lot more! Advance tickets at a discounted rate are on sale now at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce, First Financial

Bank, and Clyde City Hall. Children's tickets (ages 2-12) are \$6, and adult tickets (13+) are \$10. Get your tickets now so you don't miss out on all the fun fun FUN! For more information please call Jen at the Chamber at 325-893-4221. We'll see you there!

Hey kids, want to win a FREE ticket to the Circus? We're having a coloring contest and the winner will receive two free tickets! Have your parents bring you by the Chamber to pick up coloring sheet and bring it back to the Chamber by Friday, March 20th; the winner will be announced on Monday, March 23rd on our Facebook page. We'll also be hosting a fun jelly bean contest and will have other surprises along the way so be sure to keep watching our Facebook page for more details!

Health Tidbit-Diabetes

Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the U.S. There are a few different types of Diabetes; this article is going to focus on the most common type. Type 2 Diabetes, also known as Non-insulin Dependent Diabetes or Adult On-Set Diabetes, accounts for 90-95% cases of diabetes in the U.S.

Diabetes is a disease in which blood glucose (sugar) levels are above normal. Most foods we eat are turned into sugar for our bodies to use as energy. The pancreas makes insulin, a hormone to help get sugar out of the cells in our bodies. When you have diabetes, your pancreas either doesn't make enough insulin, or can't use its own insulin as it should. (www.cdc.gov)

Symptoms of Diabetes, may have some or all:

- Frequent urination
- Excessive thirst
- Unexplained weight loss
- Extreme hunger
- Sudden vision changes

- Tingling or numbness in hands or feet
- Feeling very tired much of the time
- Very dry skin
- Sores that heal slowly
- More infections than usual

Risk Factors:

- Older age
- Family history
- History of gestational diabetes
- Impaired glucose tolerance
- Physical inactivity
- Race/Ethnicity
- Obesity

Treatment:

- Healthy eating
- Physical activity
- Glucose testing May require oral medication, insulin, or both.

Complications:

- Heart disease
- Blindness
- Kidney failure
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For more information, please visit www.diabetes.org and www.cdc.gov

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Collection of First Aid Supplies for Heart to Heart Ministry March 14th

Heart to Heart Ministries helps families and individuals in all of the Callahan County Communities with food and other needs. First Aid supplies are needed at this time to help meet those needs. There will be a drive to collect First Aid supplies March 14th at the Old Firehouse in Clyde, on North First Street, on Saturday March 14th from 10:00am-4:00pm.

This drive is in conjunction with, and hosted by, the vendors of The Market at Clyde. Each individual or family that brings a donation of new, in date, unopened items, will be entered

into a drawing for a gift basket. This basket will contain items donated by the vendors. If you have attended the Market at Clyde you know the quality of the items. The gift for February, valued at \$129, was won by Mendy Henson of Abilene. The basket varies from month to month, depending on the vendors in attendance and the items they contribute. The Market at Clyde and Heart to Heart Ministries would like to say thank you to all of those that brought donations of hygiene and personal care supplies in February.

Suggested items are Band-Aids, first aide cream or ointments, alcohol, peroxide, baking soda, wound cleansers, cotton balls, gauze pads, tapes, nonstick pads; Children and Adult Tylenol, Ibuprofen, cold and flu medications.

Make sure the items that you bring are new with a current date and unopened. Any over the counter medication or supply that is not expired and is unopened will be accepted.

For more information on Heart to Heart Ministries contact Vivian Smith 325-893-5459.

2015 Begins with continued job growth for Texas

Unemployment continues decline as rate falls to 4.4 percent in January

AUSTIN —The Texas job market began 2015 with continued positive momentum in job growth as seen in 2014. The state added 20,100 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs in January for a total increase of 392,900 jobs over the year. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.4 percent in January down from 4.6 percent in December 2014.

"We are pleased to see that the growth of jobs in our state is continuing," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Texas employers added 20,100 jobs including growth in nine of 11 major industries in January, which is a great testament to the strength and resilience of our economy and labor market."

The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry showed the greatest gains in January with 10,900 jobs added for a total increase of 79,100 jobs over the year.

"The diversity of skills found in the Texas workforce has contributed greatly to the

strength of the Texas economy," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "As jobs are added, Texas has skilled workers to fill them and resources available for workers to obtain new skills when needed. I encourage all job seekers to look for available positions through TWC's online job-matching resource, WorkInTexas.com and to take advantage of the many services and training resources available through their local Workforce Solutions office."

Other major industries that made notable job gains in January included Professional and Business Services with 4,800 positions added; Information, which grew by 3,600 jobs; and Leisure and Hospitality, which added 1,800 jobs.

"This latest labor market data indicates that our state is approaching the 12 million jobs milestone, with 11,769,600 jobs now in Texas," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "Employers continue to propel

Texas on a path paved with growth and innovation."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest January unemployment rate in the state at 2.6 percent. The Odessa MSA and the Amarillo MSA followed, each at 3.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from Commissioner Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: [HYPERLINK "http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2015/press-releases-2015.html#pressReleaseAudio"](http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2015/press-releases-2015.html#pressReleaseAudio) <http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2015/press-releases-2015.html#pressReleaseAudio>. Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.tracer2.com"](http://www.tracer2.com) www.tracer2.com.

USDA Invites Applications for Loans to Fund Community Facility Projects

TEMPLE, TEXAS, March 5, 2015 —USDA Rural Development has recently been awarded over \$60 million in funding to be dispersed for community facility projects throughout Texas. Funding is authorized through the Department's Community Facilities Direct and Guaranteed Loan Program.

"We are pleased to announce available funding in the form of low interest loans, guaranteed loans, and grants used to develop or improve essential facilities and equipment in rural communities that have experienced a lack of capital during these challenging times," said Paco Valentin, Rural Development Texas State Director. "Funds to promote local and regional food systems, healthcare and education broadband protocol, renewable energy/energy efficiency, public safety and public service facilities are in much demand statewide."

USDA Rural Developments' community programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to public bodies, community-based non-profit organizations and Federally-recognized Tribes for essential community facilities and services. Funds may be used for a wide range of various community projects. These include, but are not limited to, projects such as those which will enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, farmers markets, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, and community centers. Funding can also be used to purchase public safety equipment such as ambulances, firefighting equipment, and other emergency required implements.

Community Programs can make and guarantee loans to develop essential community

facilities in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population. Loans and guarantees are available to public entities such as municipalities, counties, and special-purpose districts, as well as to non-profit corporations and tribal governments. Community Programs can guarantee loans made and serviced by lenders such as banks, savings and loans, mortgage companies which are part of bank holding companies, banks of the Farm Credit System, or insurance companies regulated by the National Association of Insurance

Commissioners. Community Programs may guarantee up to 90% of any loss of interest or principal on the loan. Community Programs can also make direct loans to applicants who are unable to obtain commercial credit. In some circumstances, grants may be awarded to smaller communities.

Applications are now being accepted to fund projects meeting the criteria for community facility loan, guaranteed loan, and grant programs, as outlined on <http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/tx>.

USDA Rural Development strives to see that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding this program or any other USDA Rural Development Programs, contact your nearest Rural Development office, all listed on our website [HYPERLINK http://rd.usda.gov/](http://rd.usda.gov/) tx.



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Southern Spadefoot

Many animals have curious adaptations that give them an advantage in surviving the natural world in which they inhabit. One such amphibian that exhibits this type of adaptation is one that is common right here in west Texas, the Southern Spadefoot.

Southern Spadefoots (*Spea multiplicata*) belong to a frog family that has two representatives here in Texas. This particular variety occurs throughout most of the western two-thirds of this state, occupying grasslands and mesquite scrublands, although it appears to be more commonly observed in the creosote flats of the driest portions of the Trans-Pecos. It occasionally, albeit rarely, can be seen living around cultivated fields and gardens. Outside of Texas it can be observed from the western-most portions of Oklahoma westward to central Arizona and then southward to southern Mexico.

The ground color can vary from different shades of brown to olive to even gray. Along the back are broad greenish or more frequently, brownish blotches. Occasionally the blotches are a light gray color, giving the animal an almost pattern-less appearance. The sides are not as colorful as the dorsal pattern fades into a white belly. Adult females are the larger sex, with mature individuals approaching two and one-half inches. Males are smaller, very rarely exceeding two inches. This variety of spadefoot is smaller and not nearly as "showy" as the largest and most colorful species of the genus, the Couch's Spadefoot.

While being toad-like in appearance, there are three characteristics that separate spadefoots from true toads. Unlike true toads, spadefoots' pupils are vertically elliptical and the skin is smooth and lacks warts. Spadefoots also have a single elongated crescent-shaped sickle on each heel that is utilized for digging deep into the ground. This sickle is where the namesake of spadefoot originated from.

The behavior of this amphibian is dependant primarily upon surface moisture. While small rainstorms may cause other amphibians to come out of hiding, it takes substantial rain amounts to lure this species out from the depths of the earth. In fact, this species has been known to remain underground for several YEARS awaiting adequate rainfall to reproduce. It utilizes the sharp spade on its hind legs



Southern Spadefoots (*Spea multiplicata*)

to dig a deep burrow where it encases itself in a thin membrane-shell made from skin secretions. It is here where the metabolism of the spadefoot slows to the point where it can remain for vast amounts of time in a state of "hibernation", waiting for the ample rainfall amounts it needs to reproduce. Research has shown that low-frequency sounds from falling rain is what draws this species to the surface, although drops in barometric pressure are also thought to be a catalyst for this emergence.

Like other amphibians, Southern Spadefoots live a dual life. When the rains have fallen enough for them to emerge from their earthy bed, adults will congregate at shallow pools where males will call for the attention of females. Once a receptive female approaches, the male will clasp the female around the waist and externally fertilize up

to three thousand eggs. This activity is known as amplexus. Once the eggs hatch, the fish-like tadpoles are primarily carnivorous, and as the pools dry up, the tadpoles begin to compete for food to the point of cannibalism. Over the period of just days, the tadpoles metamorph into small froglets, developing air-breathing lungs rather than gills, absorbing the tail, and developing legs.

Spadefoots are unique creatures, and many times are misappropriately called spadefoot toads. Their skin secretions are toxic, although not enough to harm humans, and smell superficially like garlic. There are cases of humans having allergic reactions, however, so always wash your hands if you choose to touch this intriguing little amphibian.

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

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Unveils Take Care of Texas License Plate

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Take Care of Texas program today (unveiled a specialty license plate, encouraging drivers to proudly show their commitment to the state's environment.

"With more than 9 million automobiles on the road in Texas, and about 80,000 miles of highway, a specialty license plate gets noticed," said TCEQ Commissioner Zak Covar. "It's a great way to get the word out on our program."

The Take Care of Texas program encourages all Texans to help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, and reduce waste. Until now, the program has used more traditional outreach mechanisms such as website, social media, and radio and TV public service announcements.

The TCEQ worked with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to design a new license



NEW TCEQ LICENSE PLATE COST \$30, WITH \$22 GOING TO TAKE CARE OF TEXAS PROGRAM

plate with the TCEQ's environmental slogan: "Take Care of Texas. It's the Only One We've Got."

The cost of the new Take Care of Texas license plate is \$30, with \$22 going directly to the Take Care of Texas program to

further promote environmental education and outreach. For more information on the program and how you can spread the Take Care of Texas message with a specialty license plate of your own, visit the [Take Care of Texas license plate page](http://TakeCareOfTexas.org).

OUR LIVES, OUR STORIES: America's greatest generation exhibit to close March 14th

After a 6 week run at the Eastland County Museum, the national exhibit, Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation will close on Saturday, March 14. The exhibit will next be on display at the Silent Wings Museum in Lubbock before leaving Texas.

OLOS was developed and created by the Minnesota Historical Society and promoted by the National Endowment for the Humanities where it began a five year tour throughout the nation. Following an exhibition in Cleveland, Mississippi the exhibit will close forever in October 2015.

The exhibit was brought to the Eastland County Museum through efforts of the Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council and their Executive Director Julie Crouch.

"Five years ago Julie Crouch was attending an arts conference in Austin and learned of this exhibit," said Eastland County Museum President Terry Simmons. "She brought the information back to her board and began the task of finding the perfect location to host the exhibit. She first approached the Eastland Centre for the Arts board about using the Lyric facility. That board was agreeable but construction on the Lyric was not near close enough to being ready when a final decision had to be made on a location."

Simmons said the decision was made about three years ago to bring the exhibit to the Eastland County Museum, where it should be since it is a historical exhibit. A steering committee began discussing all of the logistics for the exhibit and any coinciding events, including an opening ceremony, and a documentary of interviews from local World War II veterans and

those who lived through the time period.

The exhibit arrived in Eastland on January 20 and with the help of many volunteers was unpacked and assembled on Saturday, January 23. The exhibit officially opened on January 28 and the opening ceremony was Saturday, February 7 which honored World War II veterans. The area American Legion, Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council and Eastland County Museum coordinated the ceremony which was attended by over 200 veterans, family and guests.

A special premier of the documentary Answering the Call was held following the ceremony at the Majestic Theatre and was attended by over 150 guests. The documentary was a project created by numerous volunteers and produced by the Art and Digital Media class at Tarleton State University. Copies of Answering the Call were provided to those interviewed and is currently being shown each day at the museum. DVD's are also available for purchase at the Museum.

Special exhibition hours were set by the steering committee and the board of directors of the Eastland County Museum. The exhibit hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with extended hours of 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Two special guests presented talks at the museum to coincide with the exhibit on Saturdays. The final presentation will be by Dr. Jennifer Le Zotte. Jennifer received her Ph.D. in United States History from the University of Virginia's Corcoran Department of History in August 2013. Dr. Le Zotte teaches U.S. History and is co-director of the

minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies at Tarleton State University. Her research is on economic and cultural history. Her first book, From Goodwill to Grunge: Rogue Economies and Secondhand Styles, is under contract with the University of North Carolina Press. Dr. Le Zotte's presentation is entitled Fashion and Rations: American Styles During World War II and will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday March 14 at the Eastland County Museum, 114 S. Seaman St., Eastland.

Over 300 guests have visited the Eastland County Museum to see the Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation exhibit. In addition numerous civic and other organizations have held their weekly or monthly meetings at the museum during the exhibition. School children from Eastland, Merkel, Gordon and Cisco ISDs have visited and groups from area VFW's, American Legion, and retirement centers have attended. Visitors from Snyder to Dallas, Wichita Falls to Granbury and surrounding areas have made the trip to Eastland to see this wonderful exhibit.

If you have not taken the time to visit this exhibit, time is running out and we whole heartedly encourage you to take the time to visit before it closes for good in Eastland.

Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation Now through 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 14 Eastland County Museum 114 S. Seaman St. Eastland, TX 76448 www.olos.info facebook.com/pages/Our-Lives-Our-Stories-Americas-Greatest-Generation/ 254-631-0437

Simple Steps to Seed Starting Success

By Melinda Myers

Get a jump on the growing season by starting your favorite or hard to find plants indoors from seeds. Starting hard to find plants, like many of the heirloom or newly introduced varieties, from seed may be the only way you will be able to add these to your garden. Plus, you'll be extending the growing season and bringing the fun of gardening indoors.

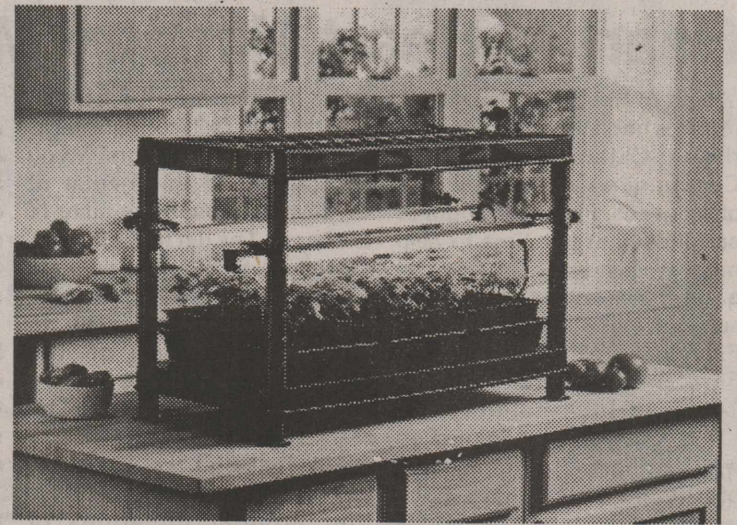
All you need is a little space, a few supplies and of course seeds to get started. Check the back of your seed packets for planting directions. Most recommend when and how to start seeds indoors as well as any other special care the seedlings will need.

Purchase, recycle or make your own containers from newspaper. Sanitize used pots by dipping them in a one part bleach and nine parts water solution and then rinsing them with clean water.

Fill the containers with a sterile well-drained potting mix or seed starting mix. Once the containers are filled, plant the seeds according to the seed packet directions.

For most seeds, plant them twice their diameter deep and gently water. Continue to water often enough to keep the soil slightly moist. Extend the time between watering and increase your seed starting success by covering the container with plastic. Or purchase a seed starting kit, like the self-watering Growease seed starter kits.

Move your containers to a sunny window as soon as the seedlings emerge from the soil. Turn plants often to encourage even growth. Or increase your success by growing seedlings under artificial lights. You can make your own light system or purchase tabletop, shelf units or easy to assemble light systems, like Stack-N-Grow (gardeners.com). Keep the lights four to six inches above the top



Increase success and encourage even growth by growing seedlings under artificial lights. Photo: Courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company

of the seedlings for best results. As the seedlings grow, be sure to maintain this distance by simply raising the lights or lowering the containers.

Move overcrowded seedlings to larger containers once they have two sets of true leaves. The first leaves that appear are rather indistinct and are called seed leaves. The next set of leaves look more like the mature plant's leaves and are called true leaves. Once the next set of true leaves forms, it is time to transplant overcrowded seedlings.

Use a fork or spoon to carefully lift out the seedling. Clusters of seedlings can be dug and carefully teased apart before planting in individual pots. Be careful not to pinch and damage the young tender stems.

Place seedlings in their own clean container filled with moist sterile potting mix. Plant the young plants at the same depth they were growing in the original container.

Thin seedlings started in individual containers as needed. If you planted several seeds in each small container remove all but

the healthiest one. Prune the weaker seedlings to ground level, so the remaining seedling can develop into a strong transplant for the garden.

Continue to grow your plants in a sunny window or under artificial lights and water thoroughly and often enough to keep the soil slightly moist.

Soon it will be time to move your homegrown transplants into the garden.

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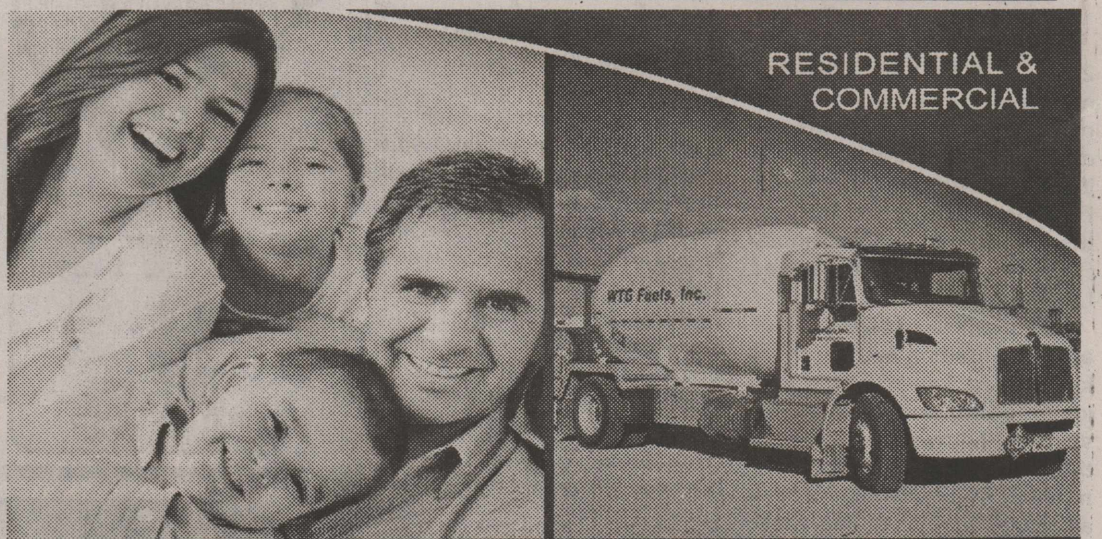
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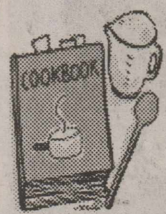
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Prep Time: 20 Minutes Bake Time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

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- * 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed cream of potato soup, undiluted
- * 1 1/4 cups 2% milk, divided
- * 1 teaspoon garlic pepper blend
- * 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- * 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * 2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
- * 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Cheddar-Monterey Jack cheese
- * 1 1/2 cups biscuit/baking mix
- * 1 egg



Directions

* Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine broccoli, soup, 3/4 cup milk and seasonings in a large saucepan; bring to boil. Reduce heat; stir in ham and cheese. Cook and stir until cheese is melted. Pour into greased 11x7 inch baking dish.

* Combine biscuit mix, egg and remaining milk in a small bowl just until moistened. Drop by tablespoonfuls over ham mixture; spread gently.

* Bake, uncovered, 25-30 minutes or until golden brown.

Yield: 6 servings.

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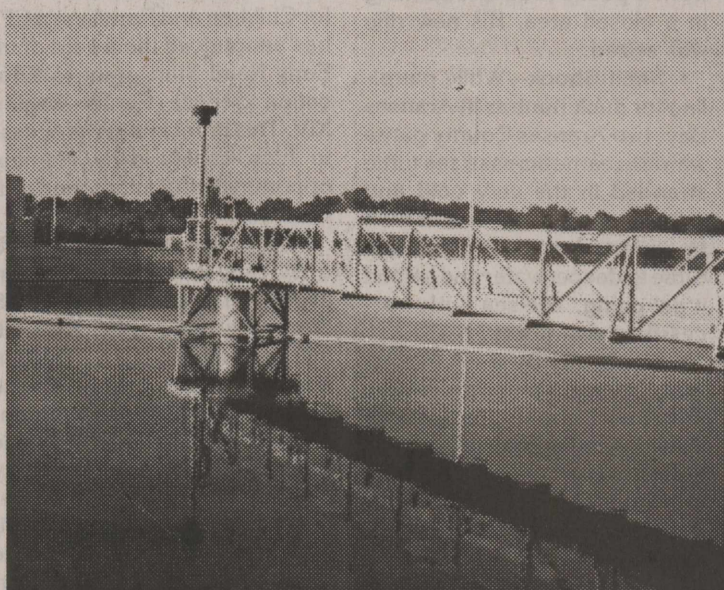
Flushing - we all do it, often without a thought. What happens after that is something many of us don't ponder, or at least would prefer not to. Fact is, we all produce waste, and an entire system has been set up to safely and reliably remove it from our homes and treat it.

Given that they help keep our lives sanitary and reduce the occurrence of some waste-borne illnesses, our wastewater treatment systems are an important part of our society indeed. Wastewater treatment is a mix of modern technology and natural processes.

If you live in a city or other populated area, you are most likely connected to a municipal or regional wastewater system. These treatment plants use a multistep process to make raw water suitable for discharging.

First, the wastewater has to get from your home to the plant. The pipes from your home carry it to a main sewage line. Waste treatment plants are typically built in low-lying areas so the wastewater can use gravity to help carry it there through the sewage line. Often, pumps at a lift station are used to help the wastewater along its way.

There are a variety of methods used to treat sewage, but here's a general breakdown of the process. These techniques are used at wastewater treatment plants



Wastewater is run through a screen to remove solids

operated by the Brazos River Authority, with minor variations.

When the wastewater reaches the plant it runs through a screen to remove items such as sanitary wipes, rags, sticks or any other solids that might damage or clog the equipment. This material is sent to landfills. It is important you are careful with what you flush or pour down the drain. For instance, if you dispose of unwanted kitchen grease in your sink, it can block sewage lines over time. Likewise, flushing old or unneeded prescriptions should be avoided. Most wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove these substances and they can wind up in the environment. Traces of a variety of medicines have been found in our nation's lakes and streams. Research suggests that there may be some ecological harm when certain drugs are present, but so far, no evidence has been found of human health effects. Authorities continue to study the issue.

Once wastewater is screened, it goes into tanks where grit

settles out, to be removed and taken to landfills so it doesn't interfere with the rest of the treatment processes. Next, the wastewater moves into aeration tanks, where air and naturally occurring microorganisms (bacteria) are introduced. The bacteria feed off materials in the wastewater. This process breaks down and removes pollutants.

The wastewater then enters settling tanks, known as clarifiers. Here, solids, referred to as "floc" or sludge, settle to the bottom and are pumped out as waste sludge or returned to the aeration basins to provide a fresh source of microorganisms (bacteria) to continue the process. The waste sludge is pressed to remove water and the remaining solids (known as bio-solids) are either sent to a landfill or used to make organic compost material.

The BRA operates one such composting operation at the Temple-Belton Wastewater Treatment Plant in Belton, Texas. This involves combining the bio-solids with chipped wood

products in a windrow composting process.

Meanwhile, the clear water from the top of the clarifiers flows into tanks or basins, where it is disinfected using chlorine products or ultraviolet light. The final treated product, known as "effluent," is safe for the environment and is released into nearby streams, canals, etc. The effluent mixes with water already in the environment, and some of it makes its way to water treatment plants to be further purified for public water supplies.

Reuse of treated wastewater effluent, as a source of irrigation water for areas such as golf courses and ball fields, is well established. State water planners are also considering reuse of treated effluent for multiple purposes as one means of meeting increasing demand for water in the coming decades.

As the drought has gotten more and more severe over the last few years, dwindling water supplies have prompted some communities to reuse treated effluent to supplement their drinking water supplies. Such is the case with the North Texas city of Wichita Falls, which built a pipeline connecting its water and wastewater treatment plants. In 2014, the city began pumping their treated effluent directly to the water plant, where it is mixed with regular raw water and treated for public consumption. This was expected to add up to 5 million gallons a day to the available water supply.

As much as we might not wish to think about how our wastewater is treated once it leaves our home, there is no denying that our treatment systems play a vital role. They help protect us and the environment and in times of growing need amid periodic scarcity, they help keep our communities from going dry.

Commissioners sign contract with First Bank Texas

Callahan County Commissioners approved the Direct Deposit Contract with First Bank Texas during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, March 9th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to approve the contract with First Bank Texas for Direct Deposit of county funds. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Judge Roger Com with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Jan Windham and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

—The minutes from the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment, there was none.

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

—No action was taken on the Texas Historic Grant-Courthouse repairs, windows and electrical.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which

carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A motion was made to go into closed session by Commissioner Hicks and a second by Commissioner Kirkham at 10:08 a.m. Motion carried 5-0. The closed meeting was held pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (consultation with attorney) for the commissioners' court to consult with and seek advice from its attorney regarding: (1) Cause No. 20,379 now pending in the District court of Callahan County, Texas, styled Bob H. Robinson, et al v. Callahan County Commissioners' Court, including all matters related to that suit; and (2) any topic listed on the agenda posted for this meeting.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to go back into regular session at 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Discussion and potential action—Discussion and potential action shall occur regarding Cause No. 20,379 now pending in the District Court of Callahan County, Texas, styled Bob H. Robinson, et al v. Callahan County Commissioners' Court, including all matters related to that suit. No action was taken.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.



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Motorists make up vast majority of fatalities in Texas work zone crashes

ABILENE — With 146 people killed in Texas work zone crashes last year - an increase of more than 20 percent from 2013 - the Texas Department of Transportation urges drivers to slow down, pay attention and be extra cautious when driving through work zones and construction areas. TxDOT's call-to-action, "Drive Safe in Work Zones So We All Get Home," coincides with National Work Zone Awareness Week, March 23-27.

"People often think work zone crashes result in the deaths of roadside workers, but last year, 87 percent of work zone fatalities were motorists," said TxDOT Deputy Executive Director John Barton. "Our TxDOT employees and contractors are obviously at risk, but so too are drivers and their passengers. We urge everyone to be careful and responsible in work zones so our roadside workers and passing motorists, alike, can arrive safely at home to their loved ones."

With approximately 400,000 people moving to Texas each year, the price of progress can mean more than 2,500 active TxDOT work zones at any given time. Last year, 19,393 work zone crashes marked a 12-percent increase over 2013.

The top two factors of work zone crashes are failure to control speed and driver inattention. Traffic fines in work zones double when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000. Outside of TxDOT work zones, a new law passed last year now makes it mandatory for drivers to move over or slow down when approaching work crews, emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped on the roadside or shoulder with flashing blue or amber lights.

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During National Work Zone Awareness Week, TxDOT's permanent message signs along state highways and roadways will remind drivers to use caution in work zones.

For more information, contact TxDOT Abilene's Public Information Officer, Mary Belle Turner, at MaryBelle.Turner@txdot.gov or (325) 676-6817.

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 1 TX Orbison ballad
 5 TXism: "got as much to do as a hibernating bear"
 6 TX-filmed "Zapata!"
 7 "take ___ face value"
 8 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of him"
 9 ___-off TX lottery ticket
 16 several TX towns host a "Mardi"
 18 folks not easily excited? (2 wds.)
 21 TXism: "it'll ___ in a pinch"
 22 Pelican or Mustang, e.g.
 23 TXism: "I've half a mind to"
 24 TXism: "___ the bats are flying on auto pilot"
 30 favored rooms on So. Padre Island (rich)
 34 Yo ___ Digo Creek
 35 TX B.J. Thomas' "Home Belong" 1976 gospel album
 36 misfortunes
 37 in Lamb Co. on hwy. 70
 39 mafia clan (2 wds.)
 43 stare angrily
 44 Fort Worth Art Museum
 45 ___ "Bum" Phillips
 46 anger or wrath
 47 TXism: "lower than a snake's ___ a wheel rut"
 49 earthquakes
 52 TX Prentiss 1960 film: "Where the Boys ___"
 53 TXism: "don't amount ___ a hill of beans"
 54 God
 55 a rising plant
 58 "Hill Country State Natural ___"
 59 TX Tech residence
 60 ___ upon receipt"

DOWN
 1 TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)
 2 VIP at the Tomball-Magnolia Tribune
 3 in Johnson Co. off I-35
 4 TX summer event: "___ wave"
 9 birth state of Alamo's William Travis (abbr.)
 10 vending machine receptacle (2 wds.)
 11 ex-Cowboy CB Derek
 12 TX Pride's "___ Have to Offer You"
 13 TXism: "you got the tail waggin' ___"
 14 this Eastwood was in "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" with UT grad Eli Wallach (init.)
 15 nickname for country singer Merle Haggard
 17 one prominent in TX society
 19 this del Rio starred with TX Ginger in "Flying Down to Rio"
 20 TXism: "leave no ___ unturned"
 24 dir. to Austin from Waco
 25 TX Roy Orbison's "___ Pretty Woman"
 26 TXism: "hes not playing with a full ___" (strange)
 27 "above" south of the border
 28 this Kevin was Ranger outfielder from '88-'92
 29 Junction is seat of this county
 31 Dallas street where JFK was assassinated
 32 TX George Foreman lost title bout to him in '74
 33 actor Sam in 1981 TV film "Murder in Texas"
 38 delay leaving
 40 skinny Gulf fish
 41 TXism: "when pigs ___" (never)
 42 "Kick the Can" and "Croquet" (2 wds.)
 48 TXism: "he's got tumbledweed blood in his veins"
 50 big boot width
 51 60 seconds (abbr.)
 56 to wear away a TX beach
 57 showing "Dallas" again, e.g.

Texas Game Warden Field Notes

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

• **Daffy Duck Hunters**—An Upshur County game warden and a Wood County game warden investigated an anonymous tip about two duck hunters shooting a 10-man limit of ducks at an unknown location one morning. The only evidence the tip offered were a possible last name and a photograph of one individual posing with 60 ducks. Later that evening, the wardens identified, located and interviewed the two individuals involved, who both admitted to shooting 60 ducks over a baited pond as well as dumping 55 ring-necked ducks in the woods to waste. The ducks and bait were located and collected for evidence. Multiple cases and restitution are pending.

• **Possum High**—A Smith County game warden was sitting on a night set watching two pastures. After a while, a car drove by, slammed on the brakes, swerved into the bar ditch and turned around quickly. The car sped up for a short distance before swerving into the bar ditch and turning around again. The warden watched the vehicle do this two more times before catching up with it and making a stop. When the warden asked the driver what he was doing, the driver replied he was trying to run over an opossum that was trying to cross the road. The warden could smell a heavy odor of marijuana coming from the driver, who admitted to possessing a small amount. The warden issued citations and the cases are pending.

• **Dude, Where's My Deer Head?**—Two Jasper County game wardens went to a local deer processing plant and began inspections, during which the owner of the plant became very uncooperative, telling the

wardens they had no right to look at his business. The wardens stepped out of the plant to discuss the several class C violations they found at the plant, and upon their return to the plant, they noticed a deer head in question with undersized antlers was missing. The wardens filed felony charges for tampering with evidence and the undersized buck was eventually found.

• **Stolen? No. Wait, Yes.**—As an Atascosa County game warden was on patrol, he came across a parked truck on the side of a county road that was "out of place." He ran the rear license plate and it did not come back stolen. However, upon further investigation, he learned that was in fact actually stolen and had been for two weeks. In addition, the truck had been used to carry undocumented immigrants from South Texas to a designated drop off point in Atascosa County. The truck was going to be reused for that same purpose until the warden happened upon it during his routine patrol. Those responsible had switched out the back license plate with a similar truck's license plate.

• **Peyote Nights**—Several Texas game wardens helped investigate a group of trespassers on the East Wildlife Foundation property after receiving a picture of two individuals walking into the ranch from the southern boundary fence. Based on prior intelligence, the wardens believed these trespassers were the same ones that had gotten away from them just two weeks prior. In all, five wardens and two ranch security personnel waited alongside a trail the trespassers had used previously, where they successfully apprehended to Mexican nationals with about 103 pounds of peyote. The wardens charged the trespassers with criminal trespass class B misde-

meanor and possession of controlled substance first degree felony. Further investigation could lead to organized criminal activity charges.

• **On a Ram-page**—While investigating a poaching case, two Webb County game wardens visited the local taxidermist hoping to locate a missing deer. While going through the records, the wardens found two ram skulls that raised a concern. Further investigation proved that both rams were taken illegally. Both hunters who shot the rams were cited for hunting without a hunting license and no proof of hunter education.

• **"I Didn't Think You Would Be Home"**—A Comanche County game warden had come home for lunch and parked his truck in the driveway when a knock came at the front door. His wife answered the door to find a young man asking if she knew where he could hunt hogs. She said she didn't know and sent him on his way. The warden got to the door just as the man was getting into his white truck to leave. He felt there was something off about the encounter, so he moved his patrol truck behind his house and set up where he could watch the oat field just across the highway. At dusk, he saw a white truck driving slowly on the highway and stop at the edge of the oat field. He then saw the man get out, remove a rifle from the backseat, sneak up to the fence and fire four shots into a herd of deer. Another car was coming down the road and spooked the man, so he ran back to his truck and made a U-turn just as the warden arrived to the scene. The warden proceeded to handcuff, search and read Miranda rights to the man before asking him, "What were you thinking?" The young man said, "I didn't think you would be home." The warden then searched the field but

did not find a deer or any blood. The man said he had just bought the .243 rifle and had not bothered to sight-in the scope. The man was charged with hunting from a public road and hunting in a closed area. His new rifle was seized.

• **Shell Shock**—While patrolling for duck hunters in Aransas Bay, two Aransas County game wardens came across a sea turtle stranded in the very cold and shallow water. The wardens then transported the stunned sea turtle to deeper water and helped it get going. The sea turtle successfully swam away.

• **The Brady Bust**—A McCulloch County game warden was patrolling a county road when a truck towing another truck on a flatbed trailer approached from the opposite direction. The warden met the approaching vehicle side-by-side in the middle of the road and began a casual conversation with the driver. The driver said that he and his buddy had met up in Brady to sell a truck at the scrapyard, but the scrapyard had not taken the truck due to some missing paperwork, so the guys decided to drive around and visit for a while before parting ways. Having been called out many times before to this specific county road for suspected road hunting violations, the warden asked if there were any guns in the truck. The driver revealed a loaded rifle tucked between the seat and the console. Further questioning and a driver's license check indicated that the driver had a suspended license and a felony conviction. A deputy was called in for assistance on a vehicle search, which turned up .6 grams of methamphetamines, drug paraphernalia and open containers of alcohol. The driver was arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm, possession of a controlled substance and driving with a suspended license.

Region XIV Service Center receives \$1.2 million to provide care for young children

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (ACF) has announced the award of an Early Head Start grant to Education Service Center Region XIV. This grant improves access to high quality early learning opportunities for infants and toddlers in low-income families. As the mother of young children, early learning is a big part of my personal life," said HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. "We're awarding \$1.2 million annually to Education Service Center Region XIV to help ensure more children in Abilene will benefit from high-quality early childhood efforts. As a result, we expect that 72 additional children a year will be able to access Early Head Start. That's a lot of young lives changed, and a lot of impact delivered."

"Research shows the first three years are critical for brain development, and Early Head Start provides high-quality early care and learning opportunities for our most vulnerable young children," said ACF Acting Assistant Secretary Mark Greenberg. "These grants will help support working families by providing a full-day, full-year program for young children."

Infants and toddlers in the new program will receive developmentally enriching caregiving, promoting their physical, cognitive, social and emotional development, and preparing them for future growth. In addition, this

program will offer support to parents in their roles as primary caregivers and teachers, helping them move toward self-sufficiency.

The Early Head Start program requires significant support from the community, including matching funds, much of which is delivered in kind. These programs work most effectively when local businesses and community organizations work together to support these most vulnerable children. Public and private entities throughout the community are invited to embrace this new program and be part of the solution for early childhood care and education.

"We are pleased to partner with communities from all over the country to expand high quality early learning opportunities for children who need it most. By providing the fundamental services young children need, we will improve their chances to reach their full potential," said ACF Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development Linda Smith.

This grant is part of the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership program President Obama first proposed in his 2013 State of the Union address, when he put forward a comprehensive plan to support high-quality early education for all children from birth through school age.

Visit the ACF website to learn more about Early Childhood Development, Office of Head Start and Office of Child Care.

Callahan Co. Library news

New books at the Callahan County Library in Baird are: *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, *Trust No One* by Jayne Ann Krentz, *Una Fiesta Saludable* by Amy White and *Insatiable Appetites* by Stuart Woods.

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From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, May 13, 1882
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Local News

Owing to the delay of the west-bound train yesterday, we are unable to give our readers as late news as we would like to.

The teamster who came up with Mr. Cusenbary's sheep last Saturday, under took to cross the creek south of town, and in so doing, drowned one of his horses.

Rumor states that Mr. R.J. Duncan-train master here, requests to be relieved, and will probably be allowed to do so. It is further said that he will again take a passenger train on some division west of Fort Worth.

The heavy rain of Saturday washed out the railroad track down about Vigo, eight miles east of here; also one end of a bridge near Elmdale, some fourteen miles west of here. No accidents, so far, have resulted from the washouts.

Mr. Backhouse, an Englishman who arrived at this place last week, has located among us, having bought the Warren place, on Deep Creek, known as the James Hart old ranch. We hope this gentleman may be the means of bringing others to our county from the bleak shores of Lion land.

Heavy loss
The Messrs. Coggin Bros., of Brownwood, had several car loads of sheep to arrive here on the evening of the heavy rain. They were turned into the T&P

stock pens here and between three and four hundred were dead the following morning. We are not advised as to the particulars, but presume the loss was the result of mismanagement. Sheep should be sheltered during heavy hail and rain storms in all countries—Texas not excepted.

The cattle trail from south eastern Texas, leading north via Fort Griffin is now moved west from the old military telegraph about seven miles. This throws the cattle being driven north via Baird. There are thousand pass-

Gov. Greg Abbott: Texas Means Business

Editor's Note: The following news release was provided by Texas Governor Greg Abbott's Press Office.

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March 9, 2015
<http://gov.texas.gov/news/feature/20627>

Texas is once again the top state for job-creating capital investment projects.

We have built a framework that allows free enterprise to flourish, including less government, low taxes, reasonable regulations and the right-to-work laws that attract job creators and keep job growth here in the state of Texas. As governor, I intend to do more to build an even stronger business environment.

Tracked by Site Selection magazine, the 689 capital investment projects completed in 2014, the most of any state, represent a significant investment of a minimum of \$1 million per project, with 20 jobs or more created by each new or expanded corporate facility.

This banner year for economic development was celebrated with Site Selection's presentation on Monday of the annual Governor's Cup—the third in a row for the Lone Star State and the sixth since 2004.

Showing the geographic breadth of these capital investments, Odessa, Houston and Dallas were also named among the top metro areas for business facilities growth.

I was honored to accept this coveted award on behalf of the job creators and community economic leaders in Texas and the hardest working job force in the world. But we cannot be complacent and rest on past accomplishments. Challenges remain.

Texas will defend our champi-

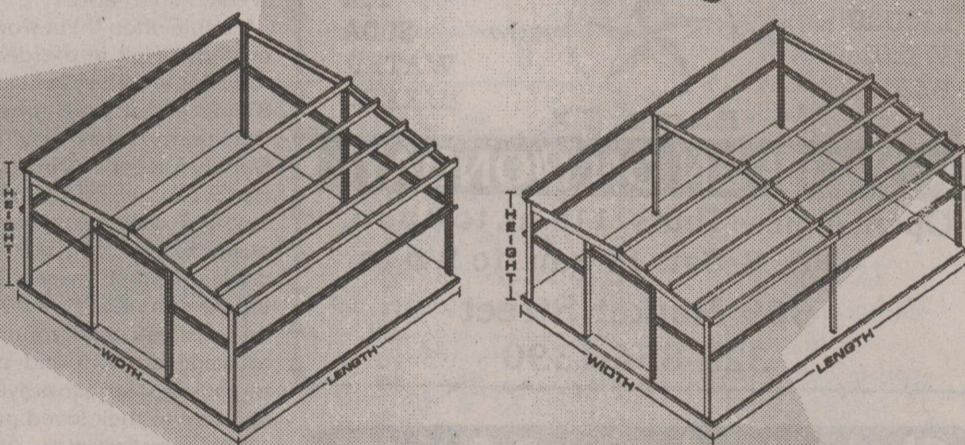
ing here now daily and the festive cow-boy gives our business man a good patronage, thus tending to enliven our streets.

The red May wheat and the barley on the railroad farm, at this place, has been harvested, and we learn the wheat will yield about ten bushels per acre, the barley fifteen to twenty bushels per acre. It should be remembered that this grain had less than one inch of rain fall on it from March 1st until it was cut, May 6th. The late wheat on this farm will be much better than that already harvested.

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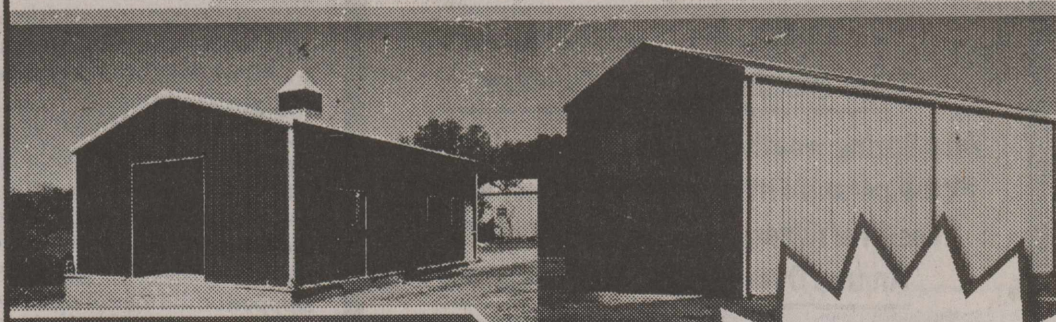
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