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The Egg Hunt is On!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th. The location for this event will be at the Cross Plains ISD Practice Field. Starting time for 'the hunt' will be 10am and it 'closes' at 12pm. Bring out the kids to get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. This event is for children ages 0-9 years.

This event is sponsored by Tunnell Construction. For more information call the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce at 254-725-7251.

Sunrise Service in Putman

Brushy Creek Cowboy Church is having Sunrise services in Putman on April 5th, at 6:30 a.m.

Come join us in Praise and Song. Breakfast will follow the services.

Baird FFA Hosts Rabies Clinic

The Baird FFA will be hosting a Rabies Clinic on Monday, April, 13th at 4:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M. behind the Ag Building, after the buses run.

Rabies Shot will be \$15.00 or Combo Shots for \$30.00. NO CATS PLEASE! Proceeds will benefit the Baird FFA.



Easter Scavenger Hunt!

Come join us at the Cross Plains Public Library, Wednesday April 1st at 4 p.m. for an Easter Scavenger Hunt.

Cross Plains Spring City Wide Clean-up

Free Drop Off Event!

The City of Cross Plains has scheduled its annual Spring clean up beginning April 13th offering residents the opportunity to dispose of any large, bulky items, **FREE**, at:

201 N. Avenue A

To take advantage of this free service, please bring a recent water bill to confirm residency. No one will be allowed to use the service unless a water bill is provided. The Elderly & Disabled may call City Hall @ 254-725-6114 for assistance with large items.

Free Drop Off Dates

April 13th
Thru
April 18th

Monday – Friday 9 am to 4 pm
Saturday 8 am to 12 pm

NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE, NO TIRES, BATTERIES, APPLIANCES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR ANY TYPE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ALLOWED.

We are closer than you think!

Weight Watchers now has a Travelers meeting in Baird! You can join us every Thursday at 6:00 pm (weigh-in at 5:30) at the community center located at 401 Chestnut.

Weight Watchers can help you with a healthier and happier lifestyle!

For more information contact Sharon Ward at swardww@AOL.com. You can join at anytime!

Holy Week to be Observed at First United Methodist Church

A traditional belief in the Methodist Church is that one cannot experience the true joy of the resurrection of Jesus without also experiencing the depth of the pain he suffered in death on the cross.

The time known as Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (March 29) with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to participate in the Passover with his disciples. Maundy Thursday commemorates the last supper that Jesus served to his close followers. Good Friday is the somber acknowledgment of his crucifixion. Then comes the glorious Easter morning celebration of Christ overcoming death and arising from the grave.

Palm Sunday will be celebrated with the younger members waving the symbolic palm leaves as they progress down the aisle to begin the regular 10:45 worship service. Both the Maundy Thursday communion service and the Good Friday services will be at 6:00 p.m. in the church



Cross Plains High School Band



Cross Plains 6th Grade Band

Cross Plains 6th Grade and High School Bands Receives Superior Ratings

The 6th Grade Band and the High School Band attended the annual Cisco College Music Festival on Wednesday, March 25 in Cisco. Each band performed three pieces for the judges. The 6th Grade's pieces included Centurions, Dojo, and Air of Nobility. The 6th Grade made three ones, or a superior rating from the judges. The High School Band performed three pieces as well for the judges. Their music included Onward and Upward, Dance Celebration, and Majestica. The High School received three ones or a superior rating as well. Both groups of kids did an exceptional job and represented Cross Plains well! I am so proud of the hard work these kids have put in this year! Congratulations to both groups you did an exceptional job!

American Legion to host Annual Good Friday Fish Fry April 3rd, 5 to 7 P.M.

The American Legion Post 82 in Baird will host its Annual

Boy Scout and Cub Scout Meeting Scheduled

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will hold a meeting on Thursday April 2, at the First Baptist Church in the fellowship hall.

All interested persons please attend. Adults and volunteers also welcome to attend. Ages for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts range from 6 years to 18 years.

"Good Friday Fish Fry" on Friday, April 3, 2015 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M.

Immediately following the "Fish Fry" there will be a Birthday Party to celebrate the Birthday of Janis GoForth, who is Crystal McGuiness' mother.

The Birthday party will be complete with a Band.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the "Fish Fry" and help Janis and her family celebrate her Birthday!!

Pioneer Historical Association Meeting

The first semiannual meeting of the Pioneer Historical Association and Cemetery Board will be held at 6:00p.m. Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Dairy Queen in Cross Plains, Texas.

We hope all board members will be in attendance for this first meeting of the new year. Visitors are welcome and all with family ties to the Pioneer Cemetery are asked to give their input to help keep it special for all concerned.

Scranton Community Center Meeting

Marie Starr, president, has called a Scranton Community Center meeting on Saturday, April 4th at 1:30 PM. All people with a connection to Scranton are encouraged to come. Learn what we do and how you can be involved. We will be making plans for the Homecoming Musical dinner and other items to be discussed.

Please come; your participation is appreciated.

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Cross Plains VFD Fish Fry Friday April 10th

Friday, April 10th is the date for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry. Serving starts at 5 p.m. You'll get fried fish (or chicken), beans, coleslaw, French fries, onion rings, hushpuppies, peach cobbler and iced tea — all for only \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12. The first 90 people through the serving line will get Blue Bell ice cream to go with their cobbler. The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Take out dinners are available. Stop by on your way home from work.

Local Cross Plains firefighters will be cooking the dinner, frying the fish and preparing the fixings for this fundraiser. Proceeds from the evening will go toward completing the new firehouse. While the CPVFD has moved into the new firehouse, there are still many parts of the building that need to be completed including plumbing, cabinets, flooring, tables and chairs.

If you'd like to help out the Cross Plains VFD, but won't be able to make it to the Fish Fry, you can send a donation to: CPVFD, P.O. Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Your donation and support is greatly appreciated.

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Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains
(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)
Al Taylor, Preacher
Phone: 254-725-7522
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints
Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm
Pastor Max Evans
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

Pioneer Baptist Church

Pastor: Dwaine Clowers **Music Director:** Barbara Jo Medley
Sunday School.....10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

Rowden Baptist Church

Pastor: Wayne Lenz
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
Bible Study...10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School9:45 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Ministry Activities
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM
Thomas Estes, Pastor
Gregg Steinkle, Youth Pastor
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

First Presbyterian Church

SUNDAY SERVICE
9:00 AM
Pastor Kathy Monroe
208 N. Ave. D

CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street
Cross Plains, Texas 76443
Minister: RICK AUSTIN
SUNDAY:
Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.
Evening Worship: 5:00P.M.
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
Ladies Class - Wednesday:
10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)
Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

OBITUARIES



Florence Janell Rector

Florence Janell Rector

Graveside Services for Florence Janell Rector, age 85, of Brownwood, will be at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at Pioneer Cemetery in Eastland County (5.1 mi. E of Cross Plains on Hwy 36) with Bro. Bill Slaymaker officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday morning from 10-12 prior to graveside service at Blaylock Funeral

Home. Janell went to be with her Lord and Savior, Sunday, March 29, 2015 at a local nursing home. She was born to Rube Franklin and Oma (Duncan) Griffith, November 20, 1929 in Olney, Texas. She attended Austin Ave Church of Christ. Janell enjoyed singing at different churches in the community. She loved sewing, gardening, and eating fried catfish.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories her children, Janice Ann Broussard and husband Don of Pearland, Connie Irene Allen of Saginaw, Larry Buel Bowman and wife Shirley Ann of Bangs, Dennis Earl Bowman and wife Julie of San Angelo, Judy Kay Clark and husband Bobby of Beeville, John Robert Rector, III of Austin, Angela Diane Curbow and husband Gene of Zephyr, Jackie Wayne Rector and wife Barbara of Ft. Worth, Patricia Elaine Doyle and husband Chuck of Winchester, N.H.; 23 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-

grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arvie Buel Bowman; second husband, J.R. Rector, Jr.; 2 grandchildren, Wendi Clark of Judy and Bobby Clark, Jacob Allen of Jim Cody Allen; 6 brothers and sisters.

Online condolences for the family are welcome at www.blaylockfuneralhome.com. Memorials can be made to Cherokee Children's Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Home.

Blaylock Funeral Home
1914 Indian Creek Rd.
Brownwood, TX 76801
(325) 203-4027



Anthony G. Mitchell

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Anthony (Tony) G. Mitchell, age 63, passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at his home in

Cross Plains. Memorial services were at the Cross Plains Church of Christ on Saturday, March 28th with Bob Pipes and Charles Chesshir officiating.

Anthony was born on January 22, 1952, in Kermit, Texas, but grew up in Michigan. Her served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and Thailand from 1969 to 1971 as a Combat Engineer. After his honorable discharge and return home, Tony became an auto body and paint man, and a mechanic, working in those areas of work for over 40 years.

Anthony was married to Darlene Dillard on May 11, 1995, at Brownwood. He loved fishing, hunting, camping out and cooking on his grill. He loved spending time with his family, friends and his beloved animals. Tony was a member of the Church of Christ in Cross Plains.

Anthony is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Darlene Mitchell; 4 children: Angilynn Thompson of Michigan, Anna Silverthurn of New York, Miranda Randle and Michelle Loveland, both of Michigan; 3 step-children: Wesley Bowden of Hobbs NM, Stephanie Faulkner of Marble Falls Tx., and Angela Howle of Leonard Tx; 1 "adopted" son and wife, Waylon & Lisa Floyd of Cross Plains; 2 sisters: Florence Frejeris and Carol DeBlase of Michigan; 6 grand children; and one adopted great-grandson.

Anthony was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Vanessa Vilcans

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

Love Fund

has been set up for Darby Nichols at Texas Heritage Bank to help with expenses

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

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First Baptist Church

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 pm Evening worship
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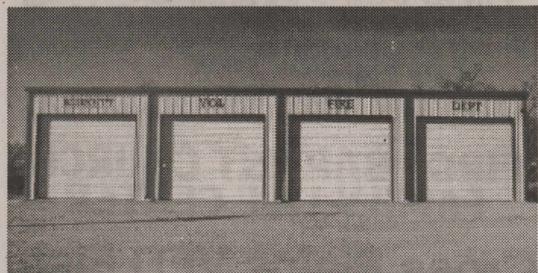
Ladies of the Burkett VFD serving dinner last spring



Fellowship at the Burkett VFD's Flag Dedication Ceremony



Burkett VFD new 5 ton truck



Burkett VFD Building

Burkett VFD 7th Annual BBQ and Open House

The Burkett VFD is having their annual supper and open house on Saturday, April 4th from 5-8 p.m. this year.

They will be cooking up brisket, sausage, and chicken with all the trimmings to tantalize the taste buds (takeout available). Everyone is invited to come eat, get in on the raffles, and visit.

The proceeds from this event will be used to purchase a slip-on unit for their new 5 ton truck as well as help with their operating expenses. Between the door prizes, cake auction and 'Split the Boot', it's sure to be a good time and a great way to finish out a busy Saturday.

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CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES



Macee Stiegleder 7th Grade



Hannah Crockett 8th



Chelesa Parson 7th Grade



Macee Stiegleder 7th Grade



Jacklynn Shepard 8th Grade



Macee Stiegleder 7th Grade

JH Buffalo Track Meet Results

Men's 100M 7th-8th Grade
Nathan Hernandez 7th-14.028
Trent Tollett 7th-14.871
Sterling Switzer 8th-12.846

Men's 200M 7th-8th Final
Logan Proctor 7th-27.301
Jared Armer 7th-27.966
Ethan Jones 8th-27.524
Paxton Byrd 8th-29.151

Men's 400M 7th-8th Final
Gage Brock 8th-1:00.59

Men's 800M 7th-8th Final
Ben French 7th-3:12.722
Jevon Tillery 8th-2:28.5010
Ky Stout 8th-2:47.912

Men's 300M Hurdle 7th-8th Final
Bryce Petree 8th-51.184

Men's 4x100M Relay 7th-8th Final
Cross Plains 8th-49.8116

Men's 4x200M Relay 7th-8th Final
Cross Plains 7th-1:58.15
Cross Plains 8th-1:56.09

Men's 4x400M Relay 7th-8th Final
Cross Plains 7th-4:35.79
Cross Plains 8th-3:58.14

Men's High Jump 7th-8th Final
Jared Armer 7th-4'2"

Men's Pole Vault 7th-8th Final
Ben French 7th-5'0"
Jevon Tillery 8th-7'6"

Men's Long Jump 7th-8th Final
Jared Armer 7th-14'10.75"
Nathan Hernandez 7th-13'9"
Sterling Switzer 8th-15'4"
Gage Brock 8th-15'0"

Men's Triple Jump 7th-8th Final
Bryce Petree 8th-32'5.75"

Men's Shot Put 7th-8th Final
Logan Proctor 7th-25'11.75

Men's Discus 7th-8th Final
Trent Potter 8th-91'7"
Ethan Jones 8th-83'050"

Women's 100M 7th-8th Final
Hannah Crockett 8th-14.6210
Destinee Cooper 8th-14.938

Women's 200M 7th-8th Final
Chelsea Parsons 8th-29.6610
Destinee Cooper 8th-32.036
Hanna Fortune 8th-33.904

Women's 400M 7th-8th Final
Hanna Fortune 8th-1:19.038
Cayla Barron 8th-1:22.004

Women's 800M 7th-8th Final
Ashley Anderson 8th-3:25.778

Women's 1600M 7th-8th Final
Ashley Anderson 8th-8:30.1110

Women's 100MHurdle 7th8th Final
Macee Stiegleder 8th-20.568
Kenzie Kleiber 8th-22.594

Women's 300MHurdle 7th8th Final
Jacklynn Shepard 8th-56.0210
Kenzie Kleiber 8th-1:09.256

Women's 4x100M Relay 7th8th Final
Cross Plains 8th-59.15

Women's 4x200M 7th-8th Final
Cross Plains 8th-2:01.00

Women's 4x400M 7th-8th Final
Cross Plains 8th-4:45.18

Women's High Jump 7th-8th Final
Macee Stiegleder 8th-4'2"
Jacklynn Shepard 8th-4'0"

Women's Long Jump 7th-8th Final
Macee Stiegleder 8th-12'7.50"
Chelsea Parsons 8th-12'7"

Women's Triple Jump 7th8th Final
Jacklynn Shepard 8th-23'6"
Kenzie Kleiber 8th-23'3.50"

Women's Shot Put 7th-8th Final
Jacy Bien 8th-20'9.75"

Women's Discus 7th-8th Final
Jacy Bien 8th-67'10"

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Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Team Competes at the San Angelo Junior Shoot-Out

Members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team recently participated in the San Angelo Rodeo Junior Shoot-Out on March 20 & 21. This event was held in conjunction with the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo and was open to 4-H and FFA members at the San Angelo Claybird Association gun range. Competition consisted of a 50-bird trap event, two 50-bird whiz-bang events and a 100-bird sporting clays event. Those competing from Callahan County 4-H were Colton Bradley, Brandon Hobbs, Will Meier and Ted Pitzer. Also competing were fellow shotgun team members Matt Jacob and Megan Jacob from Runnels County and Cory Hays from Stonewall County.

Over \$20,000 in prizes and cash awards were presented to top shooters in four age groups in each event. The two day contest proved a challenge as San Angelo experienced some very unusual but much needed rainfall. However, this did not stop the shooting. After a slight delay the first morning, shooting began and continued until

Saturday afternoon with most contestants shooting all their events in the rain.

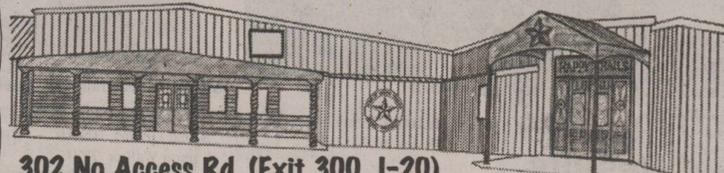
Local youth placing in the Shoot-Out were Brandon Hobbs and Ted Pitzer, both competing in the Senior 2 age division. Brandon Hobbs' trap score qualified him for a 4th place tie-breaking shoot-off. He won the shoot-off and was presented a 4th place medal. Ted Pitzer's trap score qualified him for a 2nd place tie-breaking shoot-off. Still tied after the initial shoot-off, an additional tie-breaker was held and Ted ended up 3rd. He was presented with a 3rd place medal and a cash prize.

The Callahan County 4-H shotgun team will be hosting a novice shotgun shoot at our range on Saturday, April 11. This is our third year to host this special shoot designed for first-year shooters with less than 300 targets in competition. It is designed to be a slower-paced learning experience with focus on shooter safety. We welcome everyone to come out and watch these youngsters learn how fun shooting clay targets can be!

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Cross Plains High School Academic UIL District Champs

Cross Plains students competed against Rising Star, Eula, Baird, May, and Moran this past Thursday to win their third consecutive Academic UIL Championship with a total of 718 points. Cross Plains won most of the team events and was also the overall Speech and Journalism Champions. Students placing in the top three in their event and top teams will be traveling to San Angelo to represent Cross Plains and compete in the Regional Academic Meet on Saturday, April 25th in hopes of making it to the State Academic Meet in Austin, Texas.

Cross Plains teachers and students have worked hard to take at least one student to the State Academic Meet for the past five years. We will be taking over 30 students to the Regional Meet in San Angelo and hope to need a bus as well to travel to Austin, Texas in May. Congratulations to all students and coaches for a job well done and a special thanks to all who helped make the meet such a huge success!

Individual results from the meet are as follows:

Social Studies: Stephen Saltus 1st, Bronc Dillard 7th, Billy

Woodard 8th, Brenna Kleiber 12th
First Place Team coached by Shawn Bullock

Science: Larson Walker 1st Top Biology Score, Stephen Saltus 2nd Top Physics Score, Hannah Cowan 3rd Top Chemistry Score, Katy Jo Morgan 6th, Rylan Laminack 8th, Phoenix Sanders 15th, **First Place Team** coached by Brandi Purvis

Number Sense: Phoenix Sanders 1st, Larson Walker 2nd, Tibor Vorbeck 4th, Joe Crockett 15th **First Place Team** coached by William Norman

Mathematics: Larson Walker 1st, Tibor Vorbeck 2nd, Phoenix Sanders 5th, Joe Crockett 15th **First Place Team** coached by William Norman

Literary Criticism: Brenna Kleiber 1st, Strena Cunningham 2nd, Brandon Waggoner 3rd **First Place Team** coached by Janna Austin

Calculator Applications: Larson Walker 1st, Mackenzie Byrd 2nd, Holden Senclair 7th, Eddy Calvagna 17th **First Place Team** coached by Rhonda Kelley

Current Issues: Stephen Saltus 1st, Bronc Dillard 2nd, Ryan Carey 5th, Billy Woodard 9th **First Place Team** coached by Brandi

Purvis
Speech Champions:
LD Debate: Coached by Brad Jones, Jurnee Thomas 1st

Prose: Coached by Debbie Mitchell, Grace Goode 1st, Kelli Bennett 2nd, Katy Jo Morgan 3rd
Poetry: Coached by Debbie Mitchell, McKenzie Halsel 1st, Ariel Sneed 2nd, Hannah Cowan 3rd

Informative: Coached by Robin Porter, Kersey Wyatt 1st, Jack Larimore 2nd, Holden Senclair 3rd

Persuasive: Coached by Robin Porter, Mackenzie Byrd 1st, Jurnee Thomas 3rd, Dakota Willis 5th

Journalism Champions:
Headline: Coached by Janna Austin, Morgan Manley 1st, Kaitlyn Koettel 5th, Strena Cunningham 6th

News Writing: Coached by Janna Austin, Joe Crockett 1st, Teagan Fortune 3rd, Lorelei Woodard 6th

Feature Writing: Coached by Robin Porter, Morgan Manley 1st, Grace Goode 3rd, Eddy Calvagna 5th

Editorial Writing: Coached by Robin Porter, Larson Walker 1st,

Teagan Fortune 2nd, Mackenzie Byrd 3rd

One Act Play: Advancing to Bi-District: Directors Matt Sowell, Debbie Mitchell, and Robin Porter

Grace Goode: Best Actress, McKenzie Halsel: All-Star Cast, Hannah Cowan: All-Star Cast, Ariel Sneed: All-Star Cast, Stephen Saltus, Taryn Estes, Billy Woodard, Kelli Bennett, and Larson Walker: Best Crew

Ready Writing: Coached by Robin Porter, Taryn Estes, Lorelei Woodard, Kayla Stoudemire (competed)

Accounting: Coached by Daniel Kelley, Taryn Estes 1st, Tucker Isbell 2nd, Billy Woodard 7th **First Place Team**

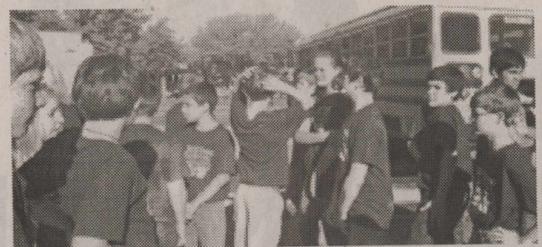
Computer Applications: Coached by Jack Bart Eison, Rebekah Crockett 1st, Eddy Calvagna 2nd, James Ryan 5th

Spelling and Vocabulary: Coached by Keeka Byrd, Kayla Stoudemire 5th, Allanta Wheeler 6th, Kelsi Sasser 8th, Rebekah Crockett 15th **Third Place Team**

Computer Science: Coached by Daniel Kelley, Phoenix Sanders 3rd, Colton Bradley 4th, Tibor Vorbeck 7th **2nd Place Team**



Cross Plains 6th Grade Buffalo Band



6th Grade Buffalo Band waiting for results

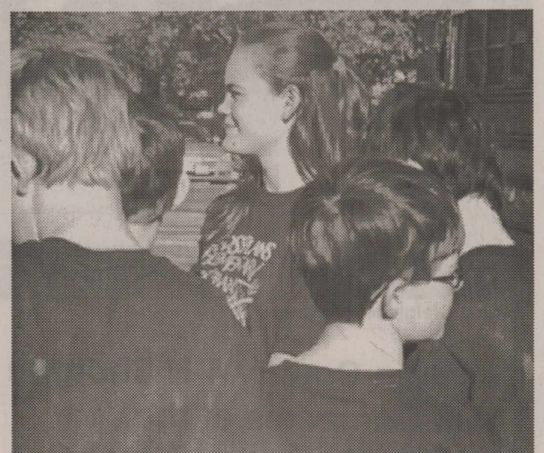


Cross Plains 6th Grade Buffalo Band anxiously waiting

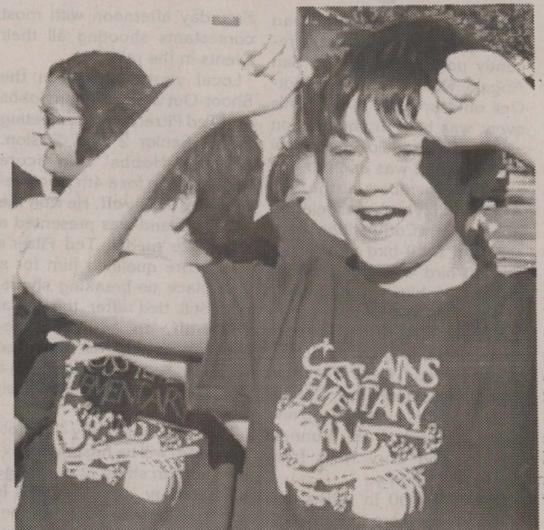
Congrats to the Cross Plains Mighty Buffalo 6th Grade Band for receiving a Superior rating



6th Grade Buffalo Band cheering with trophy



Cross Plains 6th Grade Buffalo Band all smiles with UIL results



6th Grade Buffalo Band Member after getting results



6th Grade Buffalo Band thrilled with results

Buffalo Track Meet Results

Men's 100M JV Final
Seth Wyatt 12.18
James McMillian 12.62
Phoenix Sanders 12.72

Men's 200M JV Final
Dalton Gilliam 25.37
Seth Wyatt 26.50
Logan Phillips 26.69

Men's 200M V Final
Kiefer Steinle 25.09

Men's 400M V Final
Dobbs McWilliams 56.72

Men's 400M JV Final
Larson Walker 59.46
Sean Armer 59.56

Men's 800M V Final
Dakota Willis 2:16.93

Men's 800M JV Final
Eddie Calvagna 2:22.78
Tibor Vorbeck 2:24.58

Men's 1600M JV Final
Eddie Calvagna 5:50.06
Tibor Vorbeck 6:00.73

Men's 1600M V Final
Dakota Willis 5:45.25

Men's 110M Hurdle V Final
Creed Goode 18.24

Men's 110M Hurdle JV Final
Brayden Kennedy 18.90
A.G. Partin 21.75

Men's 300M Hurdle JV Final
A.G. Partin 49.00

Men's 4x100M Relay V Final
Cross Plains 46.15 (5th)

Men's 4x100M Relay JV Final
Cross Plains 49.72 (3rd)

Men's 4x200M Relay V Final
Cross Plains 1:37.59 (4th)

Men's 4x200M Relay JV Final
Cross Plains 4:00.37 (1st)

Men's 4x400M Relay V Final
Cross Plains 3:47.121 (3rd)

Men's High Jump V Final
Creed Goode 5'6"
Holden Senclair 5'4"
Dobbs McWilliams 5'0"

Men's High Jump JV Final
Logan Phillips 4'8"
Isaiah Guerrero 4'6"

Men's Pole Vault JV Final
Logan Phillips 10'0"

Men's Pole Vault V Final
Korbin McLean 9'6"
Dakota Willis 9'0"

Men's Long Jump V Final
Rylan Laminack 19'5.50"
Kaiden Petree 18'6.50"

Men's Long Jump JV Final
Isaiah Guerrero 15'7.25"
Joe Crockett 14'9.50"

Men's Triple Jump JV Final
Sean Armer 32'3"

Men's Triple Jump V Final
Rylan Laminack 38'7.50"

Men's Shot Put JV Final
Phoenix Sanders 30'2.75"
James Rhyne 29'11"

Men's Shot Put V Final
Bronc Dillard 38'6"

6th Grade Buffalo Band celebrating results

Men's Discus V Final
Bronc Dillard 109'10"
Larson Walker 77'0"
Brayden Kennedy 75'0"

Women's 100M V Final
Lorelei Woodard 29.52

Women's 400M V Final
Lorelei Woodard 1:10.14

Women's 800M V Final
Shelby McWilliams 2:31.09
Natalie Anderson 3:02.19

Women's 1600M V Final
Natalie Anderson 7:34.00
Inez Salazar 7:35.18

Women's 100M Hurdle V Final
Kersey Wyatt 17.52

Women's 300M Hurdle V Final
McKenzie Halsel 51.02
Kersey Wyatt 55.67
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Women's 4x200M Relay V Final
Cross Plains 1:54.68 (1st)

Women's 4x400M Relay V Final
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Women's High Jump V Final
McKenzie Halsel 5'0"

Women's Pole Vault V Final
Allanta Wheeler 8'9"

Women's Triple Jump V Final
Shelby McWilliams 31'5"

Women's Shot Put V Final
Taryn Estes 37'1"
Kaitlyn Potter 24'8.25"
Kelli Bennett 24'0.50"

Women's Discus V Final
Jurnee Thomas 103'3.50"
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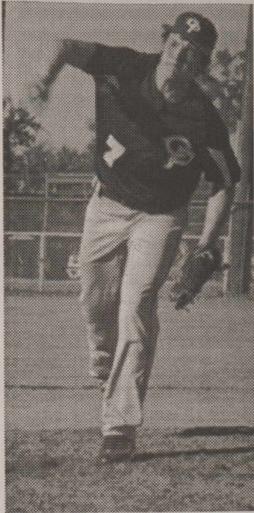
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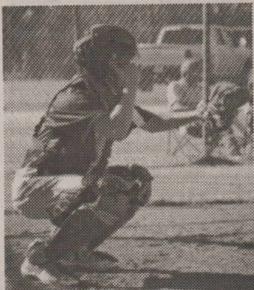
CROSS PLAINS BUFFALOES



Coach Kelly with the Herd



Buffalo Pitcher Holden Senclair



Buffalo Catcher Dakota Willis

Buffaloes Baseball vs. Goldthwaite

The Cross Plains Buffaloes played Goldthwaite on Thursday, March 26. They played a tough game, keeping the score close. At the end of the 4th the Buffs were down 7-3. The buff's came back 8-7 at the end of the 5th. The Buffs played hard but came up short in the end. The final score was 10-8.

Heart to Heart Ministry Collection at Old Firehouse Saturday April 11th

There will be a collection of cleaning supplies for Heart to Heart Ministries on Saturday April 11th, 10:00am-4:00pm, at The Old Firehouse on North First Street in Clyde. Heart to Heart ministers to families and individuals in Callahan County that need a helping hand from time to time.

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Each one that brings cleaning supplies to donate is entered into a drawing for a gift basket provided by the vendors of The Market at Clyde. This will be a very nice gift and varies from month to month, depending on what the vendors place in the basket.

To learn more about the donation of cleaning supplies for Heart to Heart Ministries contact Vivian Smith 325-893-5459.

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Buffaloes Baseball vs. Winters

The varsity buffaloes baseball played in Cross Plains this past Tuesday against Winters. The Buffaloes fought hard and the end result of the game was a loss for the Buffs with score of 23-1. Dakota Willis ran from 3rd base to home plate for the Buffaloes 1 point.



Buffalo Riley Potter

Buffaloes vs. San Saba

The Cross Plains Buffaloes played San Saba Friday March 27. In the 1st Rylan Laminack scored for the buff's. In the 3rd the score was 2-7, with Rylan scoring for the buff's again. At the end the buff's came up short 2-9. The Buffaloes play in Miles Thursday, April 2.



Buffalo James Rhyme



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Cross Plains ISD will conduct its Regular Monthly Meetings on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:00 p.m. The next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting will be Wednesday, April 15, 2015. If conflicts arise with the third Wednesday of the month, the superintendent will take the necessary steps to notify the public.



Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu April 6 - 10, 2015



	MONDAY 6	TUESDAY 7	WEDNESDAY 8	THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10
B	Sausage roll	Cheese Omelet Wrap	Breakfast Pizza	Waffles	PBJ Sandwich
R	Yogurt	Cereal	Cereal	Sausage	Cheese stick
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					
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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



Lady Buffs congratulating Jurnee Thomas on her home run



Lady Buff Taryn Estes

Lady Buffs Softball vs. Santa Anna

The Lady Buffs softball team played this past Wednesday in Cross Plains against Santa Anna. They were ready to play once they stepped onto the softball field. As a team, they encouraged each other and because of their motivation for the game, they 10 run ruled Santa Anna in the 3rd inning and the Lady Buffs won the game 19-0.



Lady Buff Hannah Cowan

Lady Buffs vs. DeLeon

The Lady Buffs this past Friday played DeLeon in Cross Plains. They had a tough loss, and the game ended earlier than the Lady Buffs expected. They lost in the 5th inning with the score being 15-5. The Lady Buffs are shaking that game off and are ready to come back and play Monday night against Goldthwaite.



Lady Buff Kersey Wyatt

Lady Buffs Softball vs. Richland Springs

The varsity girls softball team played Richland Springs this past Tuesday. The Lady Buffs played as a team and worked hard to keep the score close. The game was tied going into the sixth inning with a score of 7-7. The Lady Buffs managed to score one more point before the seventh inning started with a score of 8-7. The Lady Buffs stayed strong to keep ahead, but Richland Springs ended up scoring in the seventh inning making the score at the end of the game be 9-8.



Lady Buff Rebekah Crockett

SCHOOL NEWS AND APRIL SCHEDULE

SCHOOL WILL BE OUT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015 FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAY.

CLASSES WILL RESUME AT REGULAR TIME ON MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015.

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Report from The Market at Clyde

On March 14th The Old Firehouse in Clyde was a hub of activity in the community. Vendors and customers from several surrounding areas came together for a time of fun and shopping. The weather was beautiful and vendors were inside as well as outside. Many enjoyed the festive atmosphere as they visited and purchased one of kind items from crafters, artist and home cooks. After shopping many of the out of town guest requested information on places to eat in Clyde. Some shopped, left to

eat and then returned to spend the rest of the day shopping and visiting with the vendors. An addition to The Market in March was music. Sue Stokes, one of the vendors from Coleman, sang as she accompanied herself on the guitar. Sue plans to sing again at the April Market. Watch this paper for information and advertizing for The Market at Clyde that takes place the second Saturday of each month. The next Market is scheduled for April 11th, 10:00am-4:00pm.

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The City of Cross Plains would like to remind its citizens of the Nuisance & Weed Ordinance. For a copy of the Ordinance in its entirety please contact City Hall. Article II, Section 9 states the following:

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm corporation, owner, agent, occupant or anyone having supervision or control of any lot, tract, parcel of land or portion thereof, occupied or unoccupied, improved or unimproved, within the corporate limits of the city to suffer or permit grass, weeds or brush that is uncultivated to grow to a greater height than twelve (12) inches on any lot, tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits of the city, five (5) acres in size or less.

Annual notice may be given to property owners, as above provided, prior to the grass-growing season.

In addition to court action, the city may enter upon the property found in violation of this article and mow or have said property mowed at thirty day intervals during such annual growing season in the event such owner fails to mow same.

Expenses incident to the action taken by the city to correct any condition coming under the provisions of this article, which includes a service charge of Fifty (\$50.00) dollars to cover administrative costs shall be assessed against the owners of all outstanding interests in the lot or parcel of land involved. An itemized bill of such costs shall be mailed by the city secretary to each such owner if his address is known.

If the bill for the city's expenses in correcting any condition

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Cross Plains has an ordinance prohibiting allowing junked & abandoned vehicles to remain on Public or Private property over a period of time if the vehicle is not licensed and registered. The City is asking persons who have these types of vehicles to either properly conceal the vehicle or to remove the vehicles to a place of disposal or outside the city limits.



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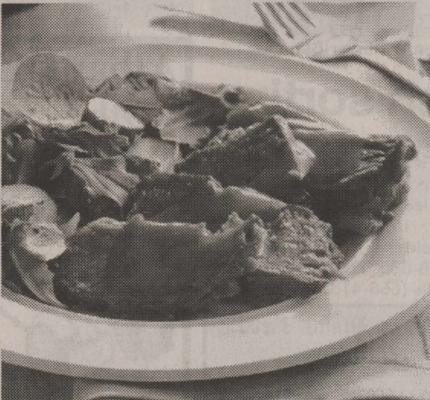
The Recipe Corner

Sweet 'N Tangy Pot Roast

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Cook Time: 9 1/2 hours

Ingredients:

- * 1 boneless beef chuck roast (3 pounds)
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- * 1 cup water
- * 1 cup ketchup
- * 1/4 cup red wine or beef broth
- * 1 envelope brown gravy mix
- * 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- * 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- * 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- * 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- * 1/4 cup cold water



Directions

- * Cut meat in half and place in a 5-quart slow cooker. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. In a bowl, combine the water ketchup, wine or broth, gravy mix, mustard, Worcestershire sauce, and garlic powder; pour over meat.
- * Cover and cook on low for 9-10 hours or until meat is tender.
- * Combine cornstarch and cold water until smooth. Stir into slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 30 minutes or until gravy is thickened. Remove meat from slow cooker. Slice and serve with gravy.

Yield: 8 servings.

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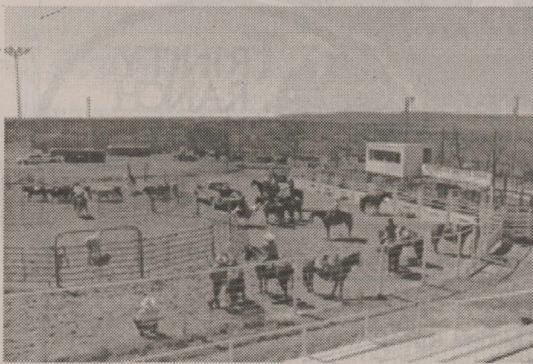
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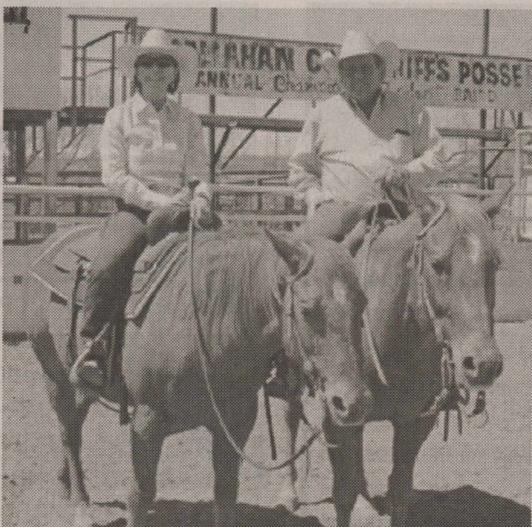
- 1 this Alan starred in TX-based film "The Big Land"
- 5 TXism: "___ piece" (long way)
- 6 Jacksonville AM
- 7 TX singer ___ Mae Morse
- 8 TXism: "you got two chances: ___"
- 16 XIT Ranch covered ___ counties
- 17 this gov. resigned in '41 to enter the U.S. Senate
- 21 TX "Cowpokes" creator Reid (init.)
- 22 barbed-wire tycoon TX John ___ "Million" Gates
- 23 easily led or taught
- 24 21-across, e.g. ___
- 29 29-across for a mischievous student
- 31 init. of TX Stevie Ray without the "R"
- 32 this woman was famous gambler in early TX
- 34 Kingsville FM
- 35 TX case: "___ vs. Wade"
- 36 TXism: "lower ___ scum"
- 37 TXism: "packed like sardines in ___"
- 38 TXism: "ole ___ and chain" (spouse)
- 39 hymn: "___ the Promises"
- 41 TX singer Charley Parker Co.
- 42 TXism: "sells like ___ at the State Fair"
- 43 fast curve by an Astro or Ranger
- 44 UT has handwritten songs by this Paul
- 45 hockey legend Bobby
- 46 large TX families
- 47 pickup feature: ___ wheel
- 49 Laguna Madre waterfowl
- 50 TXism: "the bigger they ___ the harder they fall"
- 51 this "Lurch" actor Cassidy was "discovered" in "Big D"
- 52 TX Perot's old company
- 11 agcy. that watches for drugs on TX southern border (abbr.)
- 12 TXism: "close but ___ cigar"
- 13 "___ out"
- 14 TX poet Shihab Nye
- 15 name before Exxon
- 18 TX Kenny's "The Gambler, Part ___"
- 19 Spanish publication: "___ Texas"
- 20 adjustable washing machine foot, e.g. ___
- 22 outlaws south of the border
- 24 nickname for TX Abraham Lincoln Neiman
- 25 TXism: "___ gut" (liquor)
- 26 class days at a TX univ. (abbr.)
- 27 in Hill Co. on 81
- 28 seat of San Patricio Co.
- 29 a fast food restaurant was named for this Plano, TX woman
- 30 "___ impasse"
- 33 in Hidalgo Co. off hwy. 83
- 34 PBS member TV station in El Paso
- 35 surprise attacks
- 37 sum of the parts
- 38 TXism: "___ home the bacon"
- 40 old name: "Rio Grande del ___"
- 41 Jason Garrett devises "game ___"
- 43 TX Chisum cut a ___ in cattle ears
- 46 religious beliefs
- 48 made a mistake in Minute Maid Park



Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch sorting at the Baird rodeo arena was held Saturday March 28, 2015. Come on out on April 18th for the next Ranch Sorting for a day of fun and entertainment.



Open #1 winners - Mike Mallory & Logan Daniels



Open #2 & Masters winners - Scott & Sherry Odom



Ladies only winners - Sherry Odom & Ginger Bunn

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch sorting

Ranch sorters enjoyed great spring weather and competitive cattle sorting for cash prizes last Saturday at the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse rodeo arena in Baird. There were four classes of sorters that included open #1 (experienced riders &

sorters), open #2 (less experienced riders or sorters), masters (seniors over 50) and ladies only (all cowgirls).

Winners of open class #1 were Mike Mallory & Logan Daniels, open class #2 were Scott Odom & Sherry Odom, masters class

were Scott & Sherry Odom, and ladies only class were Sherry Odom & Ginger Bunn.

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse will hold its next ranch sorting on Saturday, April 18. There will be 5 classes available for entry including (1)

experienced riders & sorters, (2) less experienced riders or sorters, (3) masters over 50, (4) ladies only and (5) youth. For information contact President Steve Goldsmith (518-8805) or Director Teri Hollis (668-4181).

Texas Unemployment Rate Falls to 4.3 Percent in February

Job growth continues with the statewide addition of 7,100 positions

AUSTIN - Fueled by an impressive expansion in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry, Texas saw continued seasonally adjusted job growth in February. The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry saw its largest monthly increase in more than 20 years with the addition of 16,300 jobs. The state experienced a net gain of 7,100 nonagricultural jobs in February with 357,300 positions added over the year.

"We are pleased that Texas employers continue to create opportunities," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Our state offers many competitive advantages to employers who choose to do business in Texas, including a highly skilled workforce."

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.3 percent in February, down from 4.4 percent in January. Texas continues to maintain an unemployment rate well below the U.S. national unemployment

rate which now stands at 5.5 percent.

"The continued decline in our state's unemployment rate is encouraging," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "The Texas workforce is strong and employers know that they will find skilled workers to match their hiring needs in our state."

Five of 11 major industries added jobs in February. The Leisure and Hospitality industry added an estimated 9,700 positions in February and grew by 55,500 positions over the year, for an annual growth rate of 4.8 percent. Texas employers also added jobs in Construction, Other Services and Financial Activities, which increased by a combined total of 2,800 jobs.

"Private-sector employers added 9,700 jobs in Texas in February," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "We appreciate the investment that these companies have made in their local communities and we look forward to being a resource

for them as they continue to grow in the Lone Star State."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest February unemployment rate in the state at 2.8 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA with a 3.1 percent rate and the Lubbock MSA at 3.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from Chairman Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: [HYPERLINK "http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2015/press-releases-2015.html#pressReleaseAudio"](http://hyperlink.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.



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Dangers of Social Media Parent Presentation

Clyde CISD invites parents and the community to a Social Media presentation on Tuesday, April 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at Clyde High School in the performing arts center. Mr. Rod Pruitt from Region 14 Education Service Center will be the guest speaker. He will be discussing the dangers of social media, apps that are dangerous, and how to keep up with your child's digital footprint. All parents no matter the age of your child will benefit from this information.

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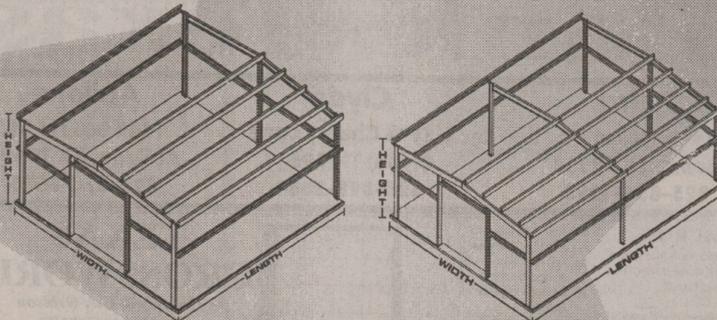
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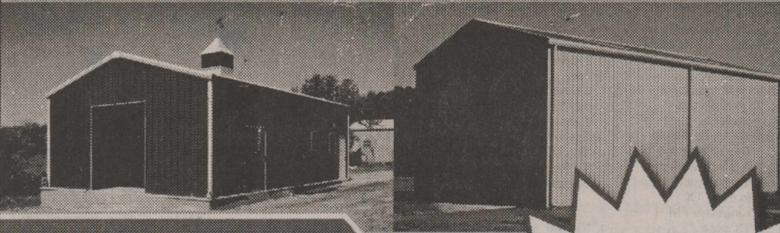
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Senior Citizens Center Activities

April 6th - April 10th

Monday-6th Exercise 11:00
Tuesday-7th Exercise 11:00 Game Night 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-8th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Girling Home Health
Thursday-9th Exercise 11:00/ Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:30
Friday -10th Exercise 10:45/ IntraCare Bingo 11:15 Carter Home Health

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.

Barbarian Festival Slated for Saturday June 13th

Mark your calendars now for the 17th Annual Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 13th.

The Barbarian Festival features handmade items, arts, jewelry, candles, and other crafts booths, as well as, an Inflatable Obstacle Course Bounce House, face painting, kid's rides and games and live music.

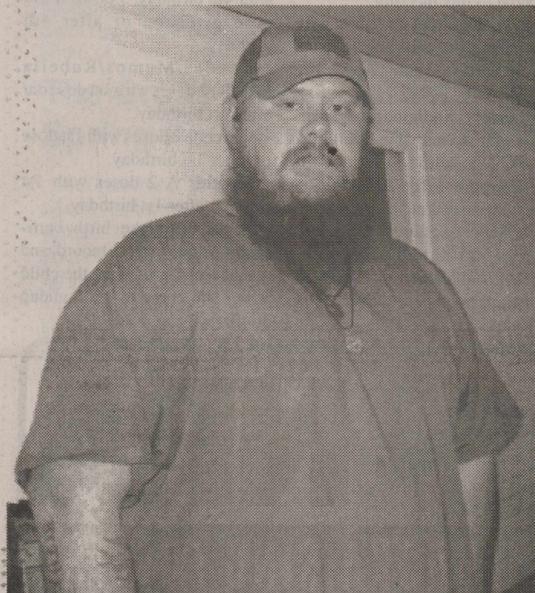
An Antique Tractor Show and an Antique and Classic Car and Truck show round out the event. Hot dogs, hamburgers, barbeque sandwiches, sausage on a stick and other tasty treats can be

found at the festival.

Make plans for your booth now! Booth space is available at the festival at a discounted rate of \$35 - until May 10th. Details on line at barbarianfestival.net

The festival is held the second Saturday each June at the same time as Robert Howard Days, a celebration of life of noted author Robert E. Howard creator of Conan the Barbarian.

Don't miss out on the fun! Circle the date on your calendar now - Saturday, June 13th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Treadway Park



Zach Bennett at REH Museum

History Student visits REH Museum

Zach Bennett recently visited the Robert E. Howard Museum to do some research for a paper he is writing for a class at Cisco Junior College. The class is focusing on various aspects of area history and Bennett has felt that the Museum has always been a historical asset to Cross Plains. A graduate of Cross Plains High School, Bennett had served a tour of duty in Afghanistan before starting his college career. He currently lives in Abilene and commutes several days a week to get some of his pre-requisites finished before he transfers to a larger school in Austin.

Bennett had inherited a love of reading in general and history in particular from his father Phillip. This interest naturally led him into Howard's Conan stories as he admired the way Howard used a wide scope of history in his writings, as well as the use of his vivid imagination in creating his own historic world that he labeled *The Hyborian Age*.

Bennett admitted that he was probably reading Conan before he was really old enough to totally appreciate the stories. However, this led to his interest in many of Howard's other character stories and he has become well versed in several of Howard's numerous genres.

H.P. Lovecraft is another of Bennett's favorite writers and as he's always been fascinated by

the professional relationship between Howard and Lovecraft, he was excited to hear that the upcoming Robert E. Howard Days will be exploring that very friendship. By the time he was informed that a discussion panel during the two day event will focus on one of his favorite stories, "Conan vs Cthulhu", that the new role-playing board game featuring Conan the Cimmerian will get a sneak review here in Cross Plains and that the well-known illustrator of Howard's works, Mark Schultz, will be the guest of honor, Bennett was asking how he could get registered for the event.

Bennett is another local fan of Howard's impact on the literary world, joining Mrs. Austin's 11th grade English class that visits the Museum as the culmination of a unit on his writings and the 3rd grade classes who visit the Museum every year as part of their social study class.

As Arlene Stephenson, President of the Project Pride organization that owns and operates the Museum, puts it, "It's very rewarding to see the inroads that Howard's writings are making in the academic world. Local students are slowly realizing that Howard had a unique style of developing his characters, a most descriptive approach to defining the environment and the ability to draw a reader immediately into the story."

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

April 6th - April 10th

Monday 6th -Hamburger Steak, Potatoes w/ gravy, Black-Eyed Peas, Bread Dessert

Tuesday 7th - Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies, Dessert

Wednesday 8th - Chili Beans, Spinach, Sliced Onions, Cornbread, Dessert

Thursday 9th- Baked Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Greenbeans, Bread, Dessert

Friday 10th - Tuna Salad Sandwich, Chips, Pickle Spear, Fruit, Cookie

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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Johnny and Leonna Adkins.

JL Chuckwagon receives Chuckwagon of the Year

The Academy of Western Artists' 19th Annual Will Rogers Awards representing outstanding achievement in the advancement of contemporary Western Arts was held Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Grand Ballroom Sheraton Hotel Irving, Texas.

Receiving the Garnet Brooks Cowboy Chuckwagon 2014 Award went to the JL Company, Johnny and Leonna Adkins of Abilene, Texas. Johnny and Leona bring their chuckwagon to Baird and do the Annual Meals on Wheels fundraiser. Also attending were Christy and Ramey Burke McKinney Texas, Odell and Carol Taylor of Abilene and Tim Smith of Clyde, Texas.



2014 Garnet Brooks Cowboy Chuckwagon Award given to JL Chuckwagon.

The Cross Plains Garden Spring Plant And Yard Art Sale

The Cross Plains Garden Club's Spring Plant and Yard Art Sale will be held on Friday, April 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Library Park. This spring event promises to be bigger and better than ever with a huge selection of plants and the addition of silent auction and yard art items. Silent Auction winner will be announced at 4:00 p.m. Our extensive plant assortment includes bulbs, cactus, flowering plants for shady and sunny areas and a vast assortment of herbs, succulents and vegetables.

If you need to replace plants or would like to enhance your plant assortment and pick up some yard art items, get a jump on

spring by shopping this sale. Proceeds from this event support our \$500.00 high school scholarship program and donations to our local volunteer organizations, the Cross Plains Public Library and the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center. Sponsors for this event are: From Cross Plains, Connie's Cuts and Curls, Higgingbotham's Bros Hardware and Lumber, and Lawrence's Farm & Ranch. From Abilene, Garden World, Home Depot, Seafood Tavern and Willow Creek Nursery. From Eastland, Meghann's Market. Please remember our generous sponsors during your next shopping or business experience.

Note: If rained out event will be rescheduled for April 17th.

Texas Registration and Inspection Stickers are Partnering Up in County

Callahan County is gearing up for a new Texas Two Step. Beginning March 1, 2015, the state will no longer issue vehicle inspection stickers and will move to a "Two Steps, One Sticker" program. Under the new system, Texas vehicle owners will need to pass inspection prior to renewing their registration. The familiar blue-bordered Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) registration sticker will serve as proof of both inspection and registration.

"Callahan County is prepared to make this transition as smooth as possible for our residents," said Callahan County Tax Assessor-Collector Tammy T. Walker. "During the first year of the program beginning March 1, 2015, all you will need to do is make sure you already have a valid passing vehicle inspection before you renew your registration in our office, online or by mail."

When vehicle owners renew their registration, the system should automatically verify whether the vehicle has a valid inspection. Without a passing inspection, the vehicle will not be eligible for registration renewal. You will be given a Vehicle Inspection Report (VIR) and you will want to retain this form just in case it is not certified in the system.

During the second year of the program, beginning March 1, 2016, vehicles' inspection and registration expiration dates will align to the date that is on the registration sticker. Once the

expiration dates are aligned in that second year, you will have a convenient 90-day window to pass inspection first and then renew your registration before the end of the month listed on your sticker.

"When the 'Two Steps, One Sticker' program is fully implemented, Callahan County residents will appreciate having just one sticker in the corner of their windshield and only one expiration date to worry about," said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "And because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew your registration, more vehicle owners will comply with inspection requirements leading to safer and more environmentally sound cars on Texas roads."

The implementation of "Two Steps, One Sticker" is a result of House Bill 2305 which passed during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013. The program is joint effort by the TxDMV, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the 254 county tax assessor-collector's offices which process vehicle registrations and vehicle inspection stations across the state.

For more information: HYPERLINK "http://www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com"

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April issue offers 108 pages of wild drives, outdoor fun, food, much more Texas Highways Magazine welcomes spring with colorful wildflower issue

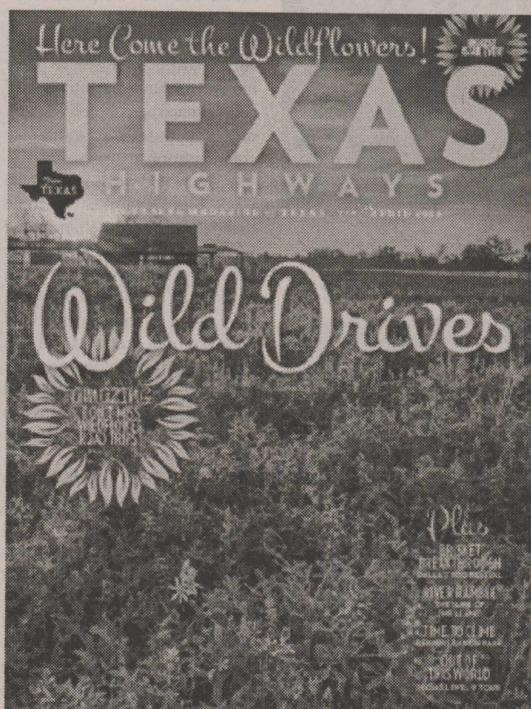
March 25, 2015 AUSTIN – The April issue of Texas Highways is bursting with beauty as "The Spectacular Wow!" guides readers to four stunning wildflower drives. Featuring lesser-known places across Texas with potential for wonderful photographs and memories, each wildflower tour is comprised of helpful maps, text and astonishing images of the region. From April 25 through May 31, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in southwest Austin will feature a Texas Highways photo exhibit showcasing the springtime images in the April issue along with highlights from previous years. Stay tuned to TexasHighways.com and social media for more details.

Also in the April issue, visit modern and historic fusion along the Llano River where big-city commodities have been added to this 19th century ranching community. Readers will discover the South Llano River State Park, Eckert James River Bat Preserve and the downtown Sandstone Cellars Winery.

Readers also learn "the ropes" at Milton Reimers Ranch Park, located 30 miles west of Austin. Offering rock-climbing routes for all skill levels, the park covers more than 2,000 acres along the Pedernales River and truly is an outdoor paradise, complete with mountain biking trails, swimming or paddling in the river, and birding and fishing opportunities.

Long-known for its wealth of innovative chefs, Dallas is now making a name for itself in the world of true Texas barbecue. Restaurants including Pecan Lodge, Lockhart Smokehouse, The Slow Bone and Ten 50 BBQ are opening in what some call an "underserved" area, the DFW Metroplex.

There's much more in the April



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issue, including a special tour of Space Center Houston's Level 9; the Grand Masonic Lodge in Waco; the "Daytripper's" guide to Johnson City; the revival of downtown Houston; as well as the rare beauty of Concho River pearls.

Throughout 2015, readers are invited to submit nominations for their favorite Texas comfort food dining establishments. Nominations will be collected over a period of several months and the Top 40 dining destinations will be revealed in a single Texas Highways issue this fall.

Grand Ole Oplin Fundraiser

The Grand Ole Oplin is proud to present JODY NIX AND THE TEXAS COWBOYS on Friday, May 29, 2015. The Grand Ole Oplin will host a fundraiser on that date to benefit our community center which was originally built in 1938 and is always in need of some kind of repairs. We will also be having a bake sale and silent auction at that time. Our dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for \$15.00 per person and seating will be limited.

For ticket information or if you would be interested in donating items to our silent auction please contact one of the following

folks: Paula Windham at 529-3173, Alice Denunzio at 529-4646 or Pam Rumfield at 529-4522.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions.

Some snacks will be provided but everyone is invited to bring snacks to be shared by all during the band's break.

So purchase your tickets early and come on out for an evening with country and western great JODY NIX AND THE TEXAS COWBOYS.

Votes and suggestions can be submitted at texashighways.com/comfort or letters@texashighways.com. Submissions also may be mailed to P.O. Box 141009, Austin, TX 78714-1009. Subscribers began receiving the April issue on March

Texas Community Futures Forum is Thursday, April 16th in Baird

The Texas Community Futures Forum is being held in Callahan County to assist local Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Agents and the Leadership Advisory Board identify the most critical issues affecting local citizens. Our local Extension program has a rich history of providing educational programs that address the most critical issues in the county, related to Agriculture and Natural Resources, Families and Health, Youth Development and Community Development. In order to make sure that the programs being planned for the future are on target, we invite your participation in the Online Issue Forum.

We invite your participation in the Texas Community Futures Forum to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at

10; the digital edition was released on March 12; and the hard-copy issue is on sale today at hundreds of newsstands statewide, including H-E-B, Target, Walmart, Randall's and Barnes & Noble.

About Texas Highways magazine

Founded as a travel magazine in 1974, Texas Highways has been inspiring travel in Texas for 40 years. Today, Texas Highways has 200,000 subscribers and 400,000 monthly readers across the United States and around the world. According to a 2014 economic impact study conducted by Strategic Marketing & Research Insights, approximately 54,000 trips by Texas Highways subscribers can be directly attributed to the magazine over the past two years. In addition, subscribers who already planned to take trips were influenced to extend their visits as a result of reading the magazine. For every dollar spent on operating costs, Texas Highways magazine returns \$63 in travel revenue and \$3.47 in tax revenue. Texas Highways' mission is to encourage travel to and within the state. According to estimates from the Texas Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism division, travelers to and within Texas in 2013 spent more than \$67.5 billion, an increase of 3 percent over 2012. This directly supported 601,000 jobs and generated \$4.7 billion in state and local taxes. To learn more about Texas Highways, visit www.texashighways.com.

the District Courtroom on the 3rd floor in the Callahan County Courthouse, 100 West 4th, Baird, TX 79504.

Your opinion is highly valued in our community, so we truly hope you can join us. Our expectation is that the forum will last less than two hours, as we understand the value of your time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension office at (325) 854-5835. Please RSVP to the same telephone number with your ability to join us. Thank you very much for your involvement in this forum, and we look forward to seeing you on April 16th.

Sincerely,
Jerry Warren
County Extension Agent

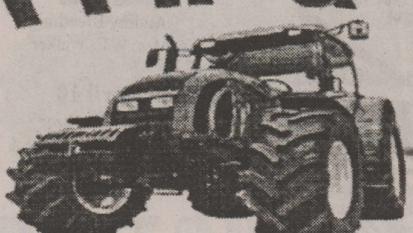


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Ranchhouse Fellowship Cowboy Church Easter Sunday Service

Ranchhouse Fellowship Cowboy Church in Merkel, Texas will have a special addition to their established Easter Sunday Services on April 5th at 10:30.

The parents of the legendary bull rider Lane Frost; Elsie and Clyde Frost, will be joining Pastor Jerry Joe Cox with their special testimony and message about their son Lane.

Mrs. Frost will also discuss the realities of the movie "8 Seconds" during the RFCC 10:30 morning service.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost are still very active in several scholarship programs for FFA and high school rodeo participants as well as the Western Wish foundation for youth with terminal illnesses. After the Service, they will be signing autographs, provide Lane Frost Bibles and other items to the public.

RFCC will also have an Easter Sunrise Service beginning at 7:15 AM. The RFCC concession



Movie "8 Seconds"

stand will be open with breakfast foods and drinks available for a minimum cost. Overalls and blue jeans are welcome.

Directions to RFCC: IH-20 West, exit 272, go north on Wimberly Road approximately 1 mile.

Scranton Musical to be held Saturday

The musical will be held on Saturday, April 4th at the community center. Ann-Elta Dunning is the hostess in the kitchen. The kitchen opens at 5:00. She will be presenting a chicken and dressing plate for this month's special. The special does include a drink of your choice.

Sandwiches are available for \$1.50 and homemade pie is a real bargain at \$1.00 a slice. Buddy Johnson is the emcee and starts the music at 5:30. A full program is lined up for your enjoyment. We hope to see you there.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

With the good rains, every one has been out mowing and shredding and weed eating and getting their yards ready for Easter egg hunts and their gardens ready for planting.

Easter services at the Cottonwood Baptist Church start at 11 a.m.

The First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains is hold special Holy Week services - Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 2nd at 6 p.m. and Good Friday Service on Friday, April 3 at 6 p.m. Followed by Services on Easter Sunday - Sunrise service at 7 a.m. and Easter service at 10:45 a.m.

Take the kids out to the CPISD Practice Field this Saturday, April 4th, for an old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt! From 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., kids 9 years and under can hunt for eggs and get their photo taken with the Easter bunny. The Easter Egg Hunt is being put on by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Be sure to check out the Cross Plains Garden Club's Plant Sale on Friday, April 10th in the park next to the Library in Cross Plains. The plant sale starts at 9

a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. - unless they run out of plants beforehand. Several of our Cottonwood folks will have plants at the sale.

Joe and Kathleen Terstegge will be cooking onion rings on Friday April 10th at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry. The dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and includes fish or chicken, beans, coleslaw, french fries, peach cobbler, iced tea - and of course, Joe's onion rings. It starts at 5 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

The Burn Ban is off. If you are planning a control burn, call the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444 to let them know before you light the match. Also, contact the fire departments - the fire chiefs of both departments - to let them know you are going to burn. It's always better to be prepared, just in case the wind kicks up unexpectedly.

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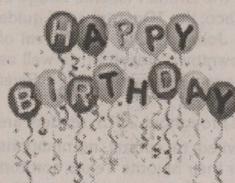
Volunteer: person or organization that gives of their time, talent, and personal resources to help another improve their circumstances.

Cross Plains and the surrounding area are so very blessed to have the number of people who share their lives with others without any monetary compensation.

Where would we be without the EMS, Fire Departments, people that deliver meals, help men and women earn their GED, sponsor reading programs for children, just stop by to help dust or sweep, stay with a shut-in so their caretaker can breathe for a few minutes, or take blood pressure and offer diabetic foot care and manicures, at no cost, to anyone who needs it, and the list just goes on and on.

April 12-17 is National Volunteer Week. Please take this opportunity to write a note, place a phone call or just give a hug to a volunteer that has touched your life.

Cross Plains Senior Center would like to honor ALL volunteers. Volunteers will be the guests of honor as the community stops in for punch and cookies, **Wednesday, April 15 from 10:00-2:00.** This will be our opportunity say 'Thank You' to our hometown heroes.



April 5

Betty Wyatt
Abb Fox
Linda Wilson
Tony Golson
Jeff Bacon
Lorene Lanford
J.D. Hutton
Casey Williams
Carolyn Wilson
Donna Jane Besselar
Jody (Momo) Collier
Rylen Wayne Reed

April 6

Hayden Colt Pope
Jerry Belew
Mike Bright
Kenneth Hester
Dan Johnston

April 7

Greg Hutchins
Jerry Lewis
Harold Strahan
Ruby Gardner
Kathy Tate
Sherry Williams
Alton Wayne Teague
James Johnson
Tery Riffe Bivins
Brody Lane McClure

April 8

Melissa (Montgomery) Hamilton
Mrs. Richey Smith
Inez Fox
Colleen Jones
Gail Patricia Jackson
Mrs. Lynn Nabors
Larry Evans
R.D. Childers
Alan Key
Angie Honea
Seth Morgan

April 9

Pam Hutton
Beverly Tatom Ross
James Daryl Huntington
Lee Creamer
Jana Hinkle
Dusty Hinkle
Wesley Brown
Larry Scott
Audrey Breeding
Mrs. W.E. Walker

April 10

Lonnie Switzer
William H. Kelly

April 11

Wendell Draper
Erin Stephens
Wayne Fortune
William Charles Earp
Terri Ann Williams
Kevin Martin

Callahan County Historical Commissioner Fundraiser 'The Comanche Empire' is April 11th

Dr. Donald S. Frazier will present "The Comanche Empire" on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains. Reservations can be made by calling the County Judges Office in Baird, Texas at 325-854-5805. The cost of the meal and program is \$15.00. "Indian Tacos, beans, salad, dessert, and drink will be served at 6:30 pm and the program will start at 6:30 p.m.

Donald S. Frazier is professor of history at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas. He is the award-winning author of three books on the Civil War including *Blood and Treasure*, *Cottonclads*, and *Fire in the Cane Field*. His other work includes serving as co-author of *Frontier Texas*, *Historic Abilene*, and *The Texas You Expect*, as well as general editor of *The U.S. and Mexico at War*.

In addition to his teaching duties, Frazier has been very involved in a variety of heritage and cultural tourism projects, including consulting on the development of three museums; two research centers; a Mexican War battlefield; work on Civil War and frontier heritage trails in Texas, New Mexico, and Louisiana; and work on historical projects in Europe and Mexico.



Dr. Donald Frazier to present program in Cross Plains on Saturday, April 11th

He also helped Abilene, Texas achieve recognition as a *Preserve America* city and grant recipient. He is the writer and director for the video *Our Home, Our Rights: Texas and Texans in the Civil War*, a winner of the Mitchell Wilder Award for Excellence in Publications and Media Design from the Texas Association of Museums.

Frazier is also active in historic preservation projects. He is currently serving as President and CEO of the McWhiney Foundation, a Texas-based educational

non-profit which, among its various activities, manages and preserves the Buffalo Gap Historic Village, a museum that includes a collection of more than a dozen antique buildings. He has served as a consultant with several communities as they develop their heritage and cultural assets, and has been recognized for his efforts by numerous organizations including the American Association for State and Local History, The Texas Historical Foundation, the Historical Society of New Mexico, and the Louisiana Historical Association. Frazier is also involved in two highly regarded history publishing enterprises, State House Press and McWhiney Foundation Press.

Dr. Frazier has received accolades and honors for his contributions to the historical dialogue in the United States. He was chosen for a military history fellowship at the United States Military Academy at West Point, a fellowship at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and is in high demand as a thinker, consultant, and speaker. Frazier is also an elected member of the prestigious Philosophical Society of Texas, the oldest learned organization in the state, as well as the Texas Historical Foundation.

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Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 4.0% in February 2015

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped one-tenth of one percent to 4.0% in February 2015, according to jobless figures released Friday, March 27th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in February 2014 was 4.3 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.1% in January, 2015.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.1% in December 2014, 3.4% in November 2014, 3.6% in October 2014, 3.9% in September, 4.1% in August, 4.1% in July, 4.1% in June, 3.6% in May, 3.4% in April, 4.0% in March, and 4.3% in February, 2014, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for February 2015 include: Brown, 4.3%; Coleman, 5.6%; Eastland, 4.3%; Jones, 4.9%; Runnels, 3.5%; Shackelford, 2.2%; Stephens, 3.6%; and Taylor County, 3.6%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.8% in February, 2015, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 77,300. There were 74,400 employed during February 2015, while 2,900 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.8%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 77,300 in January, 2015. Total employment of 74,300 was reported in January 2015, while 3,000, or 3.9% were unemployed in February 2015.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for February, 2014 was 4.8%. The total workforce was reported at 77,000, with 73,300 employed and 3,700 or 4.8% unemployed in February, 2014.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of February, 2015 was 4.3 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,114,000 in February 2015. The total number of Texans employed is 12,548,500. The total number of unemployed Texans was 565,500 in February 2015.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 4.6 percent in January 2015. The state's unemployment rate in February of 2014 was 5.7 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for February, 2015 was 5.8 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of January, 2015 was 6.3%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in February, 2014 was 7.0%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate decreased by three-tenths of a percentage point to 4.3 percent. This was the lowest February unemployment rate since 2008. The five-year average January-to-February rate decline was 0.2 percentage points. The unemployment rate fell by 1.4 percentage points over the year. The national unemployment rate dropped by three-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 5.8 percent. The Texas rate has continued to be below the national rate since December 2006.

The Civilian Labor Force decreased by 12,700 individuals to a total of 13,114,000 people. This was the first February labor force decline since 2008. The past three months have shown an average labor force decline of 29,600 persons each month. Over the year, the Texas labor force expanded by 100,900 individuals, a growth rate of 0.8 percent.

The number of employed Texans increased by 24,700 individuals over the month to a total of 12,548,500 people. This was the lowest February gain in the number of jobholders since 2009. The five-year average gain in the number of employed Texans in February was 50,300 people. The number of jobholders increased by 271,100 individuals over the year.

In February, the number of jobseekers fell by 37,400 persons to a total of 565,500 individuals. Over the past three

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Jan.	Feb.
	4.1%	4.0%

months, the average decline in the number of jobseekers was 7,700 persons each month. Since February 2014, the number of unemployed persons dropped by 170,200 individuals.

The unemployment rate decreased in 22 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) over the month, with the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA posting the largest decline of 0.8 percentage points. The unemployment rate for two MSAs increased over the month, with the rates in the Midland and Odessa MSAs rising by 0.2 percentage points each. The rate in the San Angelo MSA remained unchanged. The Midland MSA maintained the lowest unemployment rate of any MSA at 2.8 percent.

The number of Texans continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits grew by 5,900 individuals over the month to a level of 118,900 persons. This was the fourth consecutive month in which there was an increase in the number of continued unemployment insurance claims. Over the year, the number of individuals seeking unemployment insurance benefits declined by 11,800 claimants.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Kimberly-Clark Will Build Distribution Center

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Business Journal)—Candace Carlisle—Irving-based Kimberly-Clark Corporation is working to build a new \$22 million distribution hub in South Dallas. The consumer products company plans to use the new 55-acre property to move product throughout the region. It's one of a number of companies seeking new distribution space in North Texas.

Kimberly-Clark plans to use a third-party logistics provider to operate the facility, which is expected to employ at least 99 full-time equivalent employees with an associated payroll of \$3.5 million each year, according to Dallas city documents. Additionally, 20 to 100 temporary workers are expected to be at the facility on any given week. Kimberly-Clark Global

Sales LLC will be eligible to receive a \$350,000 economic development grant from the city after verification that it's employing at least 99 full-time workers.

CST Brand Opens Center

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—CST Brands, the parent company of Corner Store, is opening the company's new distribution center this month in far north San Antonio. The new 365,000-square-foot warehouse will serve as the main distribution hub for food and merchandise for about 600 Corner Store locations across Texas.

CST Brands bought the \$43 million property, in part, through a city and county incentive package and \$2 million worth of cash grants. The Fortune 500 company is required to upgrade the property and retain 305 total jobs, including 280 professional positions. The company plans to create and maintain an additional 100 jobs by 2019. The company relocated from a separate location in Schertz to the new center and brought 215 jobs to San Antonio initially.

Seaholm to Add Under Armour, Retail Store

AUSTIN, TX (Austin-American Statesman)—Under Armour plans to open a new office at the former Seaholm power plant site in downtown Austin.

The sports apparel company's new office will employ more than 100 Austin-based employees, with more than 100 new jobs to be filled in 2015.

Retailer Trader Joe's is scheduled to open up at Seaholm on May 1. The store will be the California-based specialty grocer's third Austin location. In February, Athenahealth, a

Watertown, Massachusetts-based health care information technology firm, moved into their new location in the renovated turbine building of the former power plant.

Annova LNG Plans Export Facility

BROWNSVILLE, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—Sergio Chapa—Annova LNG Common Infrastructure LLC is seeking approval from federal

regulators to build a natural gas liquefaction terminal along the coast in deep South Texas. After an environmental impact review, construction for the project could begin as soon as September 2017. Annova LNG reports that it plans to invest \$3 billion in a construction project that is expected to employ 675 people and be completed by December 2019. Once complete, the plant is expected to employ 165 people at an average annual salary of \$70,000. The request comes after announced regional plans to build a pipeline from the Eagle Ford shale to a planned LNG export terminal inside the Port of Brownsville.

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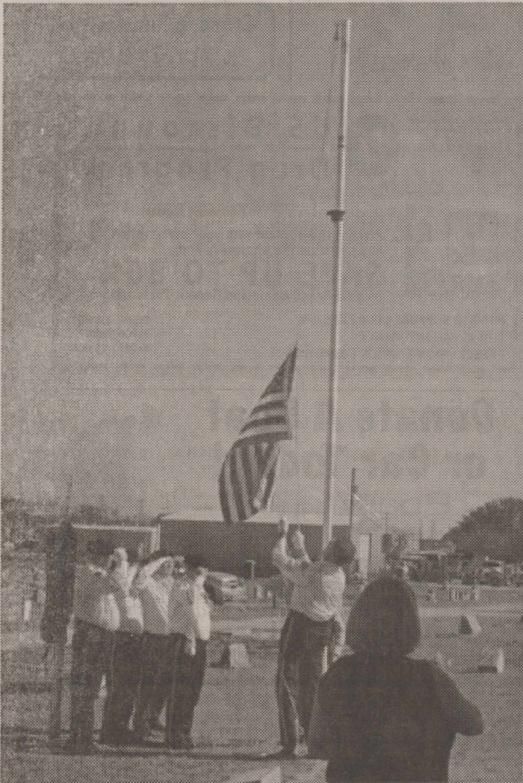
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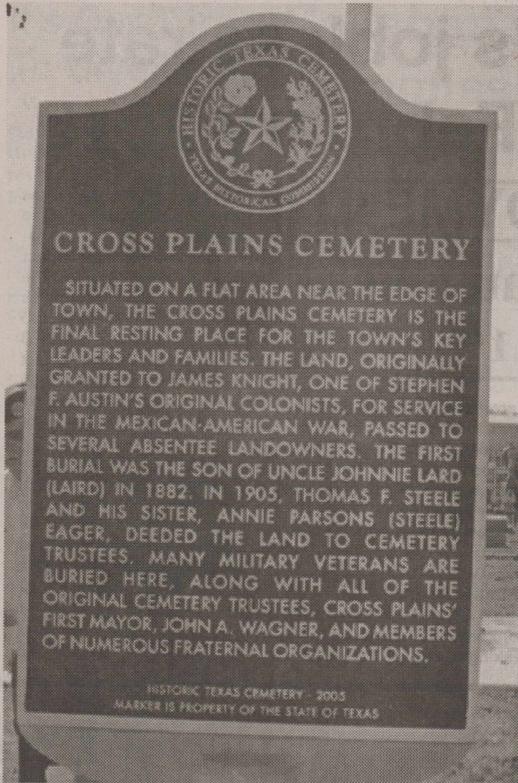


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An Honor Guard of the Cross Plains American Legion hoisted the American flag during the dedication ceremony.



Historical Marker at Cross Plains.

Courthouse News

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Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Sky N. Saxon, theft by check.
Sherri D. Walker, theft by check.
Corey L. Wylie, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Judgment nisi granted: Brian G. Smith; Bhalodia M. Dakshech, Amanda Hernandez, Jason Howell.

Melissa A. Wyatt, order amending conditions of probation.
Leslie A. Robinson, order amending conditions of probation.

David R. Garrett, order amending conditions of probation.

Justin M. Gardner, order amending conditions of probation.

Marriage Licenses

Otis Ray Purvis of Cross Plains and Jacqueline Allen of Holliday.

Civil Minutes

Yahdah Yliyah Kahan Badayah Hawkins and Shoshannah Gayah Badayah Hawkins, divorce granted.

Lonny Earl Broadus and Lisa Raven Broadus, divorce granted.

Dixie Ellen Delorme and Roger Stanley Delorme, divorce granted.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Carrie Annette Conner and Jerry Merton Conner, divorce.

Tiffany Sevanna Stripling vs. Patrick Mitchell Stripling, divorce.

Shelly Ann Davis and Roy Franklin Davis, divorce.

Joanne Eleasa Ruddell and James William Ruddell, divorce.

Callahan County Historical Commission Dedication of Texas State Marker at Cross Plains Cemetery

On March 24, 2015 a Texas State Historical Marker was dedicated at the Cross Plains Cemetery. An Honor Guard from the Cross Plains American Legion hoisted the American flag as Ariel Hutchins, a student at Cross Plains High School, sang "The Star Spangled Banner". Mrs. Ann Beeler of Cross Plains gave the history of the cemetery. The oldest known tombstone has "son of Uncle Johnie Lard 1882" engraved. Pictured on the Cross Plains Cemetery Association are members: Bob Harrell, Jerry Castle, Vondell Bailey, and

Burlie Taylor. From the Cross Plains American Legion are Ron Bell, Kenneth Lowry, Roland Jones, and Neil Belote. Callahan County Historical Commission members are Felix Manion, Hubert and Marlene Donaway, Judy Luter, Bob and Cookie Robinson, Paula Windham, Beverly Ross, Elnora Scott, and Virginia and Billy Beard (not pictured). There were a number of guests present, including Sandra Jones and Nona Belotte (pictured) and Ann Beeler (not pictured), who was instrumental in writing the application for the marker.



Pictured above are members of the Cemetery Association, American Legion, the Historical Commission members and a few guests.

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Wild for Texas Collection license plates add hummingbird, rattlesnake

Two New Ways to Keep Texas Wild

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is introducing two new conservation license plates to support native wildlife projects in Texas. One of the plates features a Lucifer hummingbird, while the other depicts a western diamondback rattlesnake.

"These two new plates broaden the choices for those who love nature and the outdoors and want to show their support," says Janis Johnson, TPWD marketing specialist who manages the conservation license plate program.

More than 17,000 people participated in an online survey to select the new conservation plates. Of the six design options, the hummingbird and rattlesnake plates were selected as the most popular designs by a wide margin.

"Conservation license plates provide critical funding for Texas' plants and animals in great need of help," says John Davis, TPWD Wildlife Diversity Program director. "The more plates purchased, the more funding will be available to help wildlife!"

These funds support new projects each year, including habitat restoration, local nature improvement projects, increased access to nature, outreach and education, and scientific research on rare or sensitive wildlife.

In the past, projects funded by these conservation license plates include an education development project with the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute and Nature Center; creation of wildlife viewing blinds at Camp Lula Sams in Brownsville; and habitat management and restoration at Bracken Cave north of San Antonio, just to name a few.

TPWD now offers seven conservation license plates, including the Texas horned lizard plate benefiting native wildlife, which ranks as the third most popular specialty plate of all available charity plates.

This summer, the largemouth bass plate, which benefits fishing, will be completely redesigned. The white-tailed deer (benefitting big game management); the bluebonnet and

camping plates (benefitting state parks); and the horned lizard (benefitting native wildlife), will still be available for purchase. Collectively, these specialty plates have generated more than \$7 million for conservation efforts in Texas since 1999.

The plates are available for cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers and RVs at a cost of \$30 per year, with \$22 going to support Texas conservation efforts. This annual fee is in addition to the regular registration cost.

For more information about specific projects that have benefited from funds generated from the conservation license plate program, visit <http://conservationplate.org/projects.phtml>

Specialty plates may be purchased at any time of the year independent of vehicle registration renewal. The new wildlife license plates and the other five designs are available for purchase online and at a county tax assessor-collector's office. Toyota has been a sponsor of this Texas Parks & Wildlife program since 2003.

Texas Unemployment Rate Falls to 4.3 Percent in February

Job growth continues with the statewide addition of 7,100 positions

AUSTIN — Fueled by an impressive expansion in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry, Texas saw continued seasonally adjusted job growth in February. The Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry saw its largest monthly increase in more than 20 years with the addition of 16,300 jobs. The state experienced a net gain of 7,100 nonagricultural jobs in February with 357,300 positions added over the year.

"We are pleased that Texas employers continue to create opportunities," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "Our state offers many competitive advantages to employers who choose to do business in Texas, including a highly skilled workforce."

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.3 percent in February, down from 4.4 percent in January. Texas continues to maintain an unemployment rate well below the U.S. national unemployment

rate which now stands at 5.5 percent.

"The continued decline in our state's unemployment rate is encouraging," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "The Texas workforce is strong and employers know that they will find skilled workers to match their hiring needs in our state."

Five of 11 major industries added jobs in February. The Leisure and Hospitality industry added an estimated 9,700 positions in February and grew by 55,500 positions over the year, for an annual growth rate of 4.8 percent. Texas employers also added jobs in Construction, Other Services and Financial Activities, which increased by a combined total of 2,800 jobs.

"Private-sector employers added 9,700 jobs in Texas in February," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. "We appreciate the investment that these companies have made in their local communities and we look forward to being a resource

for them as they continue to grow in the Lone Star State."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest February unemployment rate in the state at 2.8 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA with a 3.1 percent rate and the Lubbock MSA at 3.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from Chairman Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: [HYPERLINK "http://texasworkforce.org/news/press/2015/press-releases-2015.html#pressReleaseAudio"](http://hyperlink.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://texasworkforce.org"](http://hyperlink.texasworkforce.org) www.tracer2.com

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Grand Ole Oplin April Line-Up

The Grand Ole OPLIN invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a whole lot of country dancing. On April 3rd MUDDY CREEK will be playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes, on April 10th MID-NIGHT BLUE will be here to entertain us all, on April 17th MIDNIGHT BLUE will return playing all your favorite country tunes and on April 24th MUDDY CREEK will be back playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our Friday 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 are not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared 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, you'll have a real good time.

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Sheriff's Corner

By Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy

Callahan County Sheriff's Department & DPS Troopers in High Speed Chase

A day in the life of Department of Public Safety Troopers and Callahan County Deputies is sometimes long and dangerous.

On March 25, 2015, the Sheriff's Office in Palo Pinto County called in reference to a subject evading arrest. According to Palo Pinto authorities, the subject had warrants for felony evading arrest with a vehicle and motion to revoke.

Palo Pinto County stated that the subject was in route to Callahan County in a 2013, four door Dodge diesel pickup, black in color. At 11:50 p.m., Department of Public Safety Trooper Eric Pechacek encountered the vehicle on Interstate 20 at Union Hill Road west of Baird. Trooper Pechacek attempted to stop the vehicle for an unreadable license plate. The subject refused to stop for the DPS Trooper; the subject proceeded to flee the officer through Baird at speeds up to 110 mph. The subject traveled south on State Highway 283 turning east on Belle Plains Road. The subject then took to the county roads at this time; Trooper Pechacek lost the subject at County Road 469 and State Highway 36 near Rowden.

Callahan County Chief Deputy Rick Jowers took the lead at this point, which was approximately three miles east of Rowden. Department of Public Safety Troopers spiked the fleeing subject's front tire.

Chief Deputy Rick Jowers stayed with the subject as he turned left onto County Road 455 North onto County Road 430 then onto County Road 431 at speeds 120 miles per

hour. Such speeds were necessary because the subject's vehicle had a high powered chip installed and the subject was driving at speeds in excess of 120 mph.

The subject stopped his vehicle before entering Cross Plains from the west. He bailed out and ran, leaving his vehicle near the Golson Ranch.

Chief Deputy Jowers continued the chase, pursuing the subject on foot for approximately one half miles in the creek bed, briars and brush.

At this point, the Department of Public Safety Troopers called the Middleton Prison unit for dogs and horses to help in the search.

The dogs were able to pick up the subject's trail in the area south of the rodeo arena in Cross Plains. The dogs continued working until about 10 a.m. on March 26th, when the search was ended.

Law enforcement officers believe the suspect was picked up by an unknown person or persons. The subject is still at large; however, the Sheriff does not believe that the suspect is still in the Cross Plains area. Citizens should not be concerned.

The subject, once caught, will be charged with felony evading arrest with a vehicle by the Department of Public Safety and the Callahan County Sheriff's Department. Warrants for the subject's arrest will be issued by both agencies. These warrants will be in addition to other warrants already issued.

Callahan County citizens are fortunate to have such dedicated law enforcement officers.

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Callahan Co. Library news

New books at the Callahan County Library are: **Mightier Than the Sword** by Jeffery Archer, **Breaking the Rules** by Suzanne Brockmann, **Haven** by Kay Hooper and **Cold Betrayal** by J.A. Jance.

Some TexShare Databases for do-it-yourselfers: **Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center** offers "how-to" instructions for virtually every hobby enthusiast with full text for more than 1,500 leading hobby books and craft magazines that cover Arts & Crafts, Collecting, Home & Garden, Indoor Recreation, Kids' Crafts, Model Building, Needlecrafts & Textiles, and more. **Home Improvement Reference Center** provides users with user-friendly "how-to" information covering a range of home improvement and repair projects and features full-text content from leading magazines, images not found anywhere else online, and videos of popular home repair projects. **Small Engine Repair Reference Center** provides repair guides for small engines and route maintenance (tune-ups, brake service, etc.) as well as extensive repairs (engine and transmission disassembly) and also allows users to search by product type, brand, model/engine type, specific area of model/engine type, and model numbers.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, May 20, 1882
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Local News (cont.)

The remains of little Carrie Rice were followed to the grave yesterday afternoon at two o'clock by a large concourse of relatives and friends, including Professor Smith's school, of which she was a member.

A Mr. Gardner, charged with theft of two head of cattle, property of Sam Cutbirth and Mr. Cochran, had his preliminary examination before Judge Austin last Monday, and was bound over in the sum of \$300 in each case to make his appearance before the district court.

An establishment at Baird for the slaughter and shipment of beef in refrigerator cars, and on a large scale, is in contemplation. Baird has good stock yards, an abundance of water convenient, and offers decidedly the best location for this business to be found in the west.

We regret to learn of the serious accident which happened to Mrs. Coppins last Saturday. In stepping out at the door, the step turned over with her weight, causing her to sprain her ankle very seriously. We hope she will soon be about again.

The family of Mr. John Rice, has been doubly afflicted during the past week. In addition to the sickness and death of their little daughter, three others have been sick, two of whom have been quite sick and one of whom, the little sister of the one who died, is still very low.

Cattle Stealing
George Gardner, an old cattle driver, was arrested in Shackelford County by Deputy Sheriff Matthews, on a charge of theft of cattle, last Monday, and taken to Belle Plain. Mr. Matthews informs us that when he arrested Gardner there were twenty-three head of cattle in the herd under his (Gardner's) control that belonged to parties in this county, and which he was driving away without the knowledge or consent of the owners. We are also informed that several cases of this kind have occurred this spring and that the parties have been allowed to escape punishment, after having been caught in the act of driving off cattle that belonged to someone else. Now that the proper remedy has been applied, we trust that all parties found driving off cattle over which they have no control will be reported to the property authorities, and such steps taken as will insure a speedy punishment.

Health Tidbit- Snakebite

It's springtime in Texas: the birds are singing, the flowers and trees are blooming, and the snakes are crawling. If you have lived in Texas long, you know we have our fair share of snakes. I'm just going to give a reminder on ways to avoid getting bit and what to do if you do get bit.

Prevention is always the best treatment:

Do Not reach blindly under anything! Always look under the house, the car, the doghouse, the bush. Whatever you are reaching under: look first.

Use a long rake or stick to move debris or turn over anything lying on the ground.

Unless you are a professional; Do Not try picking up a snake.

Avoid walking in tall grass if possible. If it is not possible, make noise and use a walking

stick in front of you. If you do happen to get bit there are a few things to remember.

Try to see color and size of snake; it will be important to determine treatment.

Try to stay calm and still to help prevent spread of venom.

Seek medical attention immediately.

It is possible to be bitten and not realize what has bitten you. Here are some signs/symptoms to look for with a snake bite.

Puncture wounds
Redness or swelling around the bite.

Severe pain at the site.
Nausea and vomiting.

Laborated breathing.
Disturbed vision.

Increased saliva and sweating.
Numbness or tingling around face and/or limbs.

There are some things not to do if bitten by a snake.

DO NOT:
Pick up snake.

Apply tourniquet.
Slash wound with knife.

Suck out venom.
Apply ice or immerse in water.

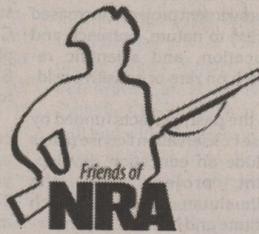
Drink alcohol for pain.
Drink caffeinated beverages.

The poisonous snakes of Texas are: Copperhead, Cottonmouth, Harlequin coral snake, and numerous rattlesnake species (rattlesnake, western diamond, timber, Mojave, blacktail, western, massasauga, and pygmy).

For more information, please visit: www.tpwd.texas.gov and www.cdc.gov

Buffy Tounget, RN
Callahan County
Home Health

Friends of the NRA Banquet is Saturday, April 25th in Clyde



Callahan County Friends of the National Rifle Association's Fundraising Banquet will be held at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, located at 217 Oak Street in Clyde, on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m., with the doors opening and the banquet should conclude around 9:00 p.m.

The banquet ticket price is \$25.00 per person. This year's banquet will be a non-alcohol event. Tickets for this year's banquet are available from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal, Rowden Store, Don Boles Insurance Agency, and Longacres in Abilene. For ticket information, contact Mike Walker at (325) 232-2780.

Tickets can be purchased by either check, cash or credit card. Make checks payable to Callahan County Friends of the NRA.

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA will also be selling tables at this year's banquet. The table prices include:

The Friends of the NRA is offering a Special Table package for the Callahan County Banquet. The Special Table for Eight is \$1,750, which includes a Colt AR-15 LE 6900 556 with a 16

inch barrel.

A Basic Table of Eight: \$200, will receive eight dinner tickets.

The Bronze Table: \$750, will receive eight dinner tickets and a gun package.

The Silver Table: \$1,500, will receive eight dinner tickets and gun package.

The Gold Table: \$2,500, receives eight dinner tickets and your choice of one of two gun packages.

The Platinum Table: \$5,000, will receive eight dinner tickets and your choice of two gun packages.

Also, in conjunction with this year's banquet, the Callahan County Friends of the NRA are selling raffle tickets at the Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet. The 2015 Guns of the Year offered include the Springfield M1A-38 and the Colt 45 ACP Government. Only 250 tick-

ets will be sold. You need not be present to win. Ticket prices are \$20.00 each. Pre-affle tickets for the Colt LE6900 AR-15 can be purchased from any Friends of the NRA committee member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal.

Proceeds from this raffle will benefit the West Texas Friends of the NRA and the NRA Foundation.

Mike Walker is chairman of the committee which will be putting on this year's banquet. Michelle Ratliff is secretary of the committee. Lyn Walker is treasurer of the committee.

Jack Cannon, Senior Field Representative for the NRA said the Friends of the NRA is a grassroots offshoot for the NRA Foundation 501 C nonprofit organization. He said the NRA Foundation is a nonpolitical organization which has held some 1,100 fund-raising banquets nationwide over the last year. He said the Friends of the NRA donated over \$436,000 to support youth shooting sports, FFA organizations, 4-H shooting sports clubs, Boy Scouts, Junior ROTC, law enforcement organizations, as well as educational, historical, and gun safety course and more than 175 other programs.

Farmers Have Until April 7 to Update Yields, Reallocate Base Acres, and Make Final Selections

USDA Extends ARC and PLC Deadlines

WASHINGTON, March 27, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today provided farm owners and producers one additional week, until April 7, 2015, to choose between Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), the safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill. The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres also will be April 7, 2015.

"This is an important decision for producers because these programs help farmers and ranchers protect their operations from unexpected changes in the marketplace," said Vilsack. "Nearly 98 percent of owners have already updated yield and base acres, and 90 percent of producers have enrolled in ARC or PLC. These numbers are strong, and continue to rise. This additional week will give producers a little more time to have those final conversations, review their data, visit their local Farm Service Agency offices, and make their decisions," said Vilsack.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by the deadline, the farm's current yield and base acres will be used. If a program choice of ARC or PLC is not made, there will be no 2014 crop year payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage

for the 2015 through 2018 crop years. Producers who have an appointment at their local FSA offices scheduled by April 7 will be able to make an election between ARC and PLC, even if their actual appointment is after April 7.

These safety-net programs provide important financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. As part of the strong education and outreach campaign launched by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in September, to date more than 5 million educational postcards, in English and Spanish, have been sent to producers nationwide, and more than 5,000 events with more than 430,000 attendees, including training sessions and speaking engagements, have been conducted to educate producers on the programs. The online tools, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc, which allow producers to explore how ARC or PLC coverage will affect their operation, have been presented to more than 3,400 groups.

Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crame, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain

rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.

Producers need to contact the Farm Service Agency by April 7. To learn more, farmers can contact their local Farm Service Agency county office. To find local offices, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The 2014 Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

2015 Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show at Abilene Civic Center April 11th-12th

The Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 2015 Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show on Saturday, April 11th and Sunday April 12th at the Abilene Civic Center located on North Sixth & Pine in Abilene.

The show hours are from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11th and from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12th.

Admission is \$3.00 for adults, and \$1.50 for children ages 6-

12. Children under five are free, as are Scouts & Military (in Uniform).

A Silent Auction, Wheel of Fortune and Geodes (to purchase and crack) will be held. Hourly door prizes for adults and children will be announced. A grand prize of \$100 will also be announced.

Fossils, jewelry, gemstones, minerals, beads, crafts, lapidary equipment and supplies and gifts at all prices are available.

The Market at Clyde in The Old Firehouse Saturday, April 11th

The Market at Clyde meets the second Saturday of each month in The Old Fire House on North First Street. The hours for April are 10:00am-4:00pm. There is a large variety of vendors at this market. Each month the vendors have different handcrafted items to offer. Since all items are handcrafted you will seldom see any duplication.

In April the Woodcrafters will be featured. Larry Davis, a local scroll saw artist, will set up his equipment and give demonstrations of his scroll saw work. This will be a great opportunity to witness the work that goes into the beautiful wood art that is offered at The Market. There are several wood crafters and artist that will be displaying their work.

Other booths will have handcrafted jewelry, soaps and other personal care items, fragrant wax products, fine art, sewn items, baby items, toys,

home decor and many other items to numerous to list. The great variety of home cooked items is always a hit. These will include, but not limited to, home canned jellies and jams, breads, cakes. All of the home cooks have completed training to comply with the Texas Cottage Food Laws.

The Market at Clyde always has a goal to give back to the communities. This month they will be collecting Cleaning Supplies for Heart to Heart Ministries. Each person that brings donations of cleaning supplies is entered into a drawing for a gift basket. The basket is made up of handcrafted items donated by the vendors themselves.

For more information on becoming a vendor call 325-518-3939 or email HYPERLINKmailto:themarket@clyde@gmail.com

Demonstrations include: Lapidary, Silver-smithing, Wirecraft, Carving, Faceting, Beading, & Jewelry.

Profits support the CTGMS Educational Scholarships.

The Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of rocks, minerals and fossils. They offer field trips and provide educational opportunities and instruction to members in a variety of areas related to the Lapidary Art and Jewelry making. They also award scholarships to students enrolled at local universities in a field closely related to geology. The society also provides educational displays related to this hobby at shows of similar interest.

The Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society meets weekly on Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at their clubhouse at 7607 Highway 277 South in the Caps Community. Business meetings are the first Monday of the month and dues are \$15 per year. Everyone is welcome to attend the society meetings, including children of school age.

For additional information, contact Kay McDaniel at (325) 668-8558 or email her at: kmcdaniel23@suddenlink.net.

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