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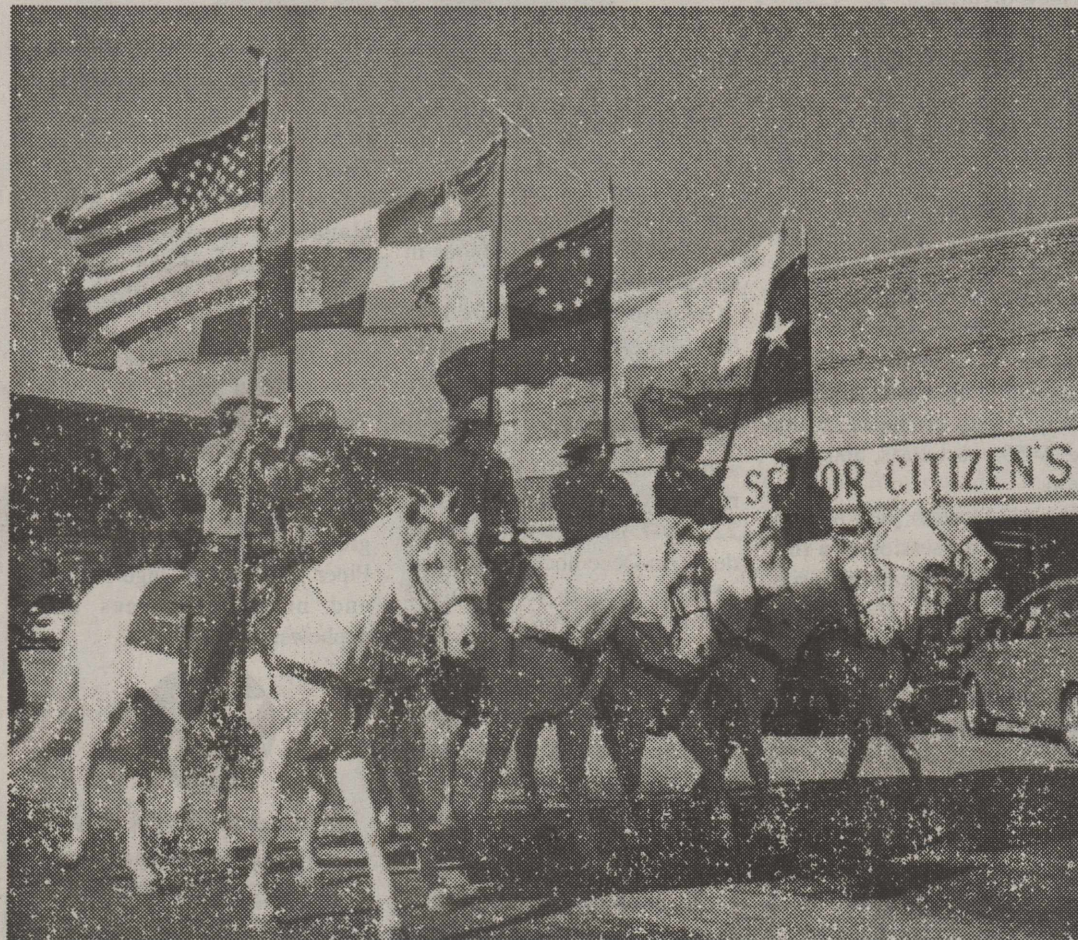
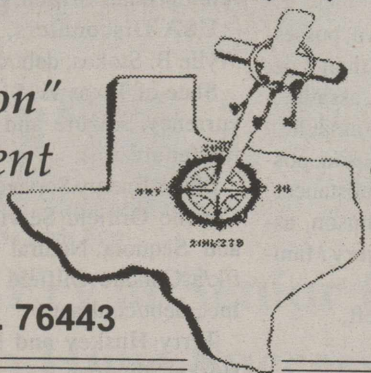
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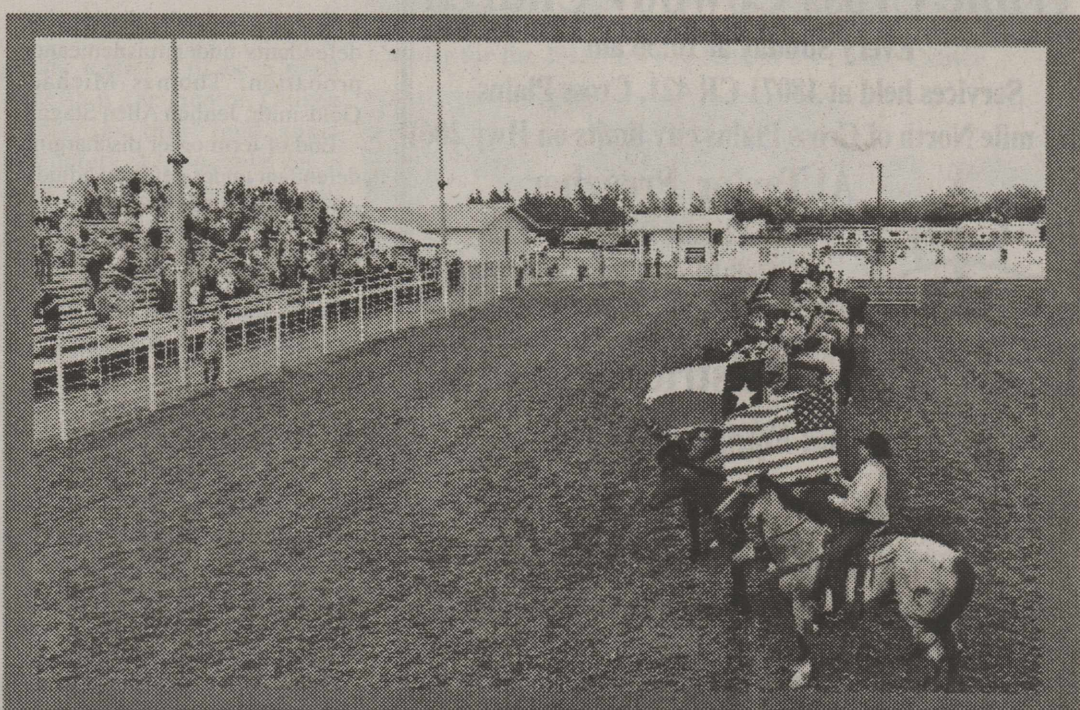
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Six White Horses at the 2015 Parade



SCENE FROM RANCH RODEO FROM 2014.

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 2015 Ranch Rodeo this Saturday at Baird Arena

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse annual ranch rodeo will be held at its historic rodeo grounds in Baird beginning at 6 pm this Saturday, June 20th. 10 invited area ranch teams will compete for cash prizes and bragging rights in 4 events - cattle penning, cattle doctoring, calf branding and wild cow milking. Open free youth events will include the goat ribbon race (age 10 and under) and boot race (age 5 and under) for cash prizes. The entertaining wild burro race for a cash prize has been scheduled again this year. A top hand and top horse will be awarded. A hard luck cowboy or cowgirl will also be recognized, if necessary.

Admission is \$5 for adults with youth 12 years and younger admitted free. The concession stand will be open for food, snacks and drinks. There will be a free hamburger, chips and drink for each new Callahan County Sheriff's Posse membership paid. Annual memberships are individual \$25, family \$35, business with 5 or more employees \$125, and lifetime \$500. Donations of any kind and work volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated. The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse is a Texas non-profit corporation that owns and maintains the historic county rodeo arena and grounds at

Baird. Officers, Directors and Members are all non-paid volunteers who freely contribute their time, service and resources to the organization that meets at 6pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month in its clubhouse on the rodeo grounds. 2015 Officers and Directors are President Steve Goldsmith, 1st Vice President Larry King, 2nd Vice President Brad Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer Christy King and Directors Seth Goldsmith, Dr. Rob Harle, Teri Hollis, David Mays, David Ratliff & Billy Sparks. For information about the ranch rodeo or organization, please contact President Steve Goldsmith at 325-518-8805.



CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH DANIEL PURVIS AND HIS FAMILY DURING THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES NORTH/SOUTH ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC PLAYED SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH AT SHOTWELL STADIUM IN ABILENE. COACH PURVIS WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH ALL-STAR COACHING STAFF. PICTURED AT THE RIGHT IS TONY DANIEL, A FCA OFFICIAL WITH THE BROWNWOOD CHAPTER OF FCA.

Jeremiah 29 Project

The first year of the Jeremiah 29:11 Project was a huge success! For those of you who are not familiar with Jeremiah 29, we had a vision to make sure all children received a warm meal during the summer months. We fed around 20 children a day for a total of 1090 meals for the summer. We could not have done this endeavor without Dannes Turner, Carrie Wheeler and Vivian Wooten. They graciously added to the daily meals at the senior center five days a week for our kids. The volunteers are also such a beneficial part of the Project, they selflessly gave of their time daily to help others.

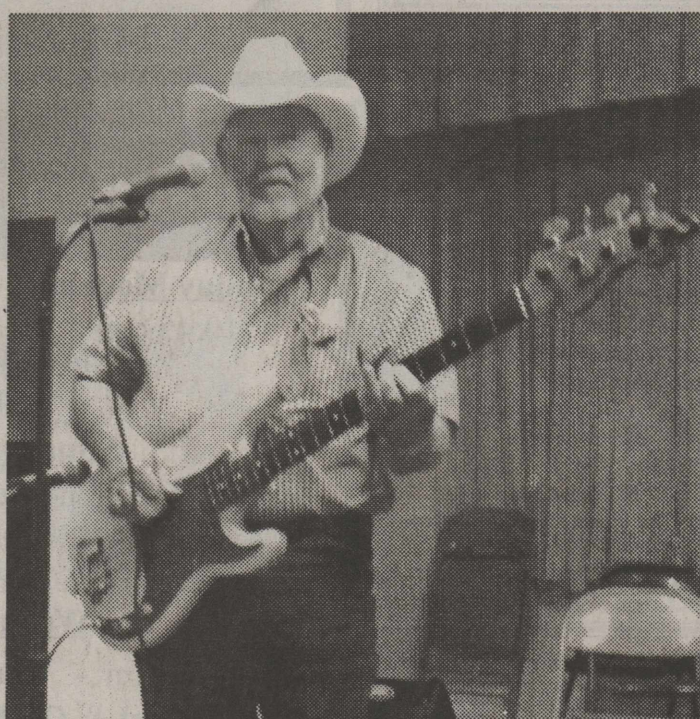
We also wanted to thank Michelle Kaiser for her help with the grant she acquired for us, and weekly library books. Crystal and I want to say a huge thank you for the individuals and churches who donated to the Jeremiah 29 Project. With the support of everyone in our community a warm meal was deliv-

ered to children 5 days a week and on Friday's a library book and snacks for the weekend were given.

We are so thankful for all of the help and support that we received this summer. We believe that we will reach even more children next year, and we will continue to grow yearly!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:11-13

If you would like to volunteer your time in this summer's Jeremiah 29 Project, or donate funds to purchase food stuffs please contact either Whitney Henderson at (325) 260-9330 or Crystal Conway at (325) 370-7790. They do need all the help they can get.



Featured musician this month is Byrl Sirmon of Lake Leon, Texas.

Cottonwood Country Musical June 26th

The Cottonwood Country Musical will be held on Friday, June 26, 2015 at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas. The featured musician this month is Byrl Sirmon of Lake Leon, Texas. Byrl plays the bass guitar, and is a vocalist as well. We have had the pleasure to hear him play and sing at the Cottonwood musicals for the last two years. In the past, Byrl was a member of the Mack Wiseman band. Come hear some of the great country tunes he plays and sings along with

the other country musicians. The music begins at 5:30 p.m. The menu for this time is Chicken Spaghetti Casserole with salad, sandwiches, chips, desserts, tea, coffee and soft drinks. The kitchen will open at 5 p.m. with serving of the meal from 5 - 7 p.m. The kitchen will remain open during the entire musical for snacks and drinks. Come out to Cottonwood, Texas on Friday night June 26th for an entertaining evening. Call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771 to check on the status of the musical.



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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

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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Ministry Activities
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Gregg Steidle, Youth Pastor
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

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Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.
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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Michael Wayne Brown, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.
Casey Keith Bowen, assault.
Michael L. Vasquez, assault.
William Andrew Johnson, possession of controlled substance.
William Andrew Johnson, assault causing bodily injury / family violence.
Clinton J. Easter, theft.

Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Thomas Michael Goldsmith; Jeulian Allen Staggs.
End of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication: Christopher Ralph.

Marriage Licenses

Felipe DeJesus Perez and Erika Margarita Lopez, both of Abilene.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings
Portfolio Recovery Association LLC, assignee of GE Capital Retail Bank (Lowe's) vs. Michael Stultz, debt/contract.
Nathan Brashear vs. Nathan Cardenas and Tosha Cardenas and

State Farm Mutual Insurance Company, damages/injury, automobile accident.

William Clifton Griffen and Jennifer Jean Griffen, divorce.

USA Discounters, LTD vs. Wylie B. Stokes, debt/contract.

State of Texas vs. \$15,000 US currency, seizure and intended forfeiture.

Shack Energy Services, Inc. vs. Concho Oilfield Services, LLC and Sequoia Natural Gas, Inc. f/k/a Concho Oilfield Services, Inc., debt/contract.

Terry Huskey and Elizabeth Huskey, divorce.

Steven Ray Goldsmith and Kimberly Propest Goldsmith, divorce.

Katlin Elaine Johnson and Christopher Scot Johnson, divorce.

Criminal Minutes

Tommy Foster, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$354 court costs.

Jared W. Scoggins, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$459 court costs, \$60 restitution.

Antonio Moreno, plea of guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, 2 years in prison, \$274 court costs.

Brian W. Baxter, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year in prison, \$434 court costs.

Obituaries



Sarah Frances (Frankie) Smith

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Sarah Francis (Frankie) Smith, age 86, died Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at Hillview Manor in Goldthwaite, Texas.

Graveside services were held Saturday, June 13, 2015, at 10 a.m. at Pioneer Cemetery.

Frankie was born June 20, 1928 in Ranger, Texas, to Perry and Fannie Bell Vinson. She married Oliver Smith on March 22, 1947. He preceded her in death on December 5, 2001.

Frankie was an active part of the Pioneer community. She attended Pioneer Baptist Church, where she loved to sing in the choir. She belonged to the Quilting Club for many years; she was always proud of the quilt the club made for the Rehab Auction in Abilene each year.

She loved golf, playing bridge, cards, dominoes. If there was a game on, Frankie was there! She was involved in Meals on Wheels for a time. She was a

Immunization Clinic in Clyde Wednesday, July 15th

The Texas Department of State Health Services has set up an immunization clinic for children with Medicaid, no insurance, or underinsured and adults with no insurance in Clyde on Wednesday July 15th. The Clinic will be open from 10-12 & 1:30-3, at the First Baptist Church located at 216 Austin.

For your convenience please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer leave a message. Please bring child's immunization records. If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

LOVE FUND

for Sherryl Goble has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses

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!

regular visitor to the Senior Citizens Center in Cross Plains. She and Oliver loved attending local musicals.

Friends were so important to Frankie. She never met a stranger. She was cheerful, warm-hearted, generous, and sweet to everyone she met.

Frankie and Oliver owned and operated Smith Grocery on Hwy. 36 in Pioneer for over 30 years.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Yvonne Pidgeon and Dorothy Rogers, one brother, Kenneth Vinson, and her son-in-law, Robert Nance.

She is survived by one sister, Janie Waters of Weatherford, Texas; two daughters, Roxie Nance of Brownwood and Shirley Harrelson and husband Steve of Fort Worth; three grandchildren, Laura Irrgang and husband Adam of Lone Oak, Texas, Scott Nance and wife Wendy of Brownwood, and Joey Nance and wife, Stephanie of Arlington, Texas.

She is also survived by three great grandchildren, Violet and Piper Irrgang and Jago Nance, and numerous nieces and nephews.



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Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tues. 11:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Turs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Closed Friday

June 8, - June 13, 2015

Patrons 276
Books Checked 42
Programs
GED 4
Lap & Lapsit
ASAP
Other 197
Copies 50
Internet 86
Wi Fi 6

Memorials

Living Tributes

Volunteers

Sue Bennett
Linda Burns
Jan Bond
Michelle Kaiser
Ginny Hoskins
Helen Parson
Wilma Lawrence
Tucker Isbell
Brandon Waggoner

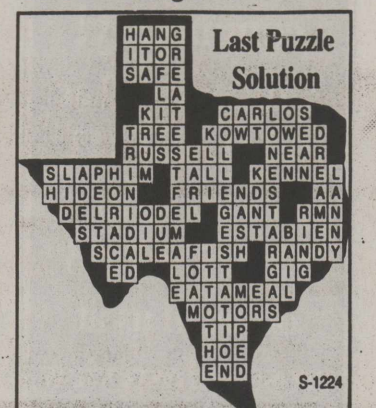
Opera House Country Musical this Saturday

The Opera House Country musical show will be Saturday June 20th at 6:00 pm, at the Opera House, located in Anson, Texas.

A Bar-Q Supper will be held before the musical, serving starts at 5:00pm. The supper cost \$7.00 a plate and this includes a drink and dessert.

Special Guest performers- Colton Brown & Journee!

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



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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FISH FRY - serving banana pudding



Enjoying The Fish Fry

Fish Fry at Senior Center was a Huge Success

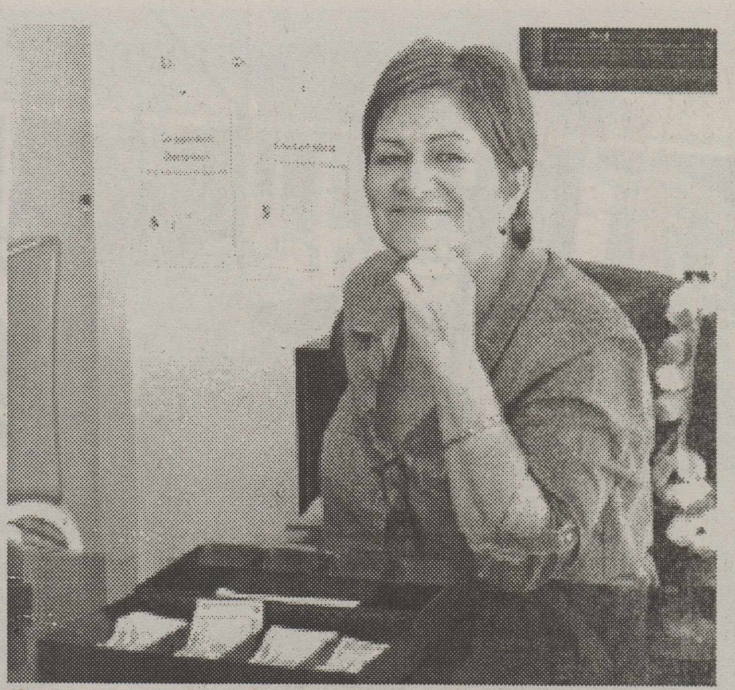
The fish fry held last Thursday evening at the Senior Citizen Center was a huge success.

They served a large portion of Catfish, french fries, coleslaw, hushpuppies, banana pudding with ice tea or water to drink. The Catfish and the banana pudding was among the favorites of the crowd.

Each year the Senior Citizen Center sponsors the fish fry in conjunction with the parade. This year they out did them selves feeding approximately 277 patron. The estimated profit in addition to donations after expenses were deducted were approximately \$1,700.00.

This money will be a great benefit it the Senior Citizen Center as they feed approximately 175 people on a weekly basis, and approximately 244 prepared meals delivered on a weekly basis. This summer they will add an additional 175 weekly meals for Jerimiah 29 Project which benefits children in need.

If you would like to donate and have not had the opportunity you may do so by sending your donation to Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center: P. O. Box 144 Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Your donations will touch so many lives.



Cashier for the 2015 Fish Fry Held at the Senior Center



FISH FRY — Susan Childers and Cindy Payne

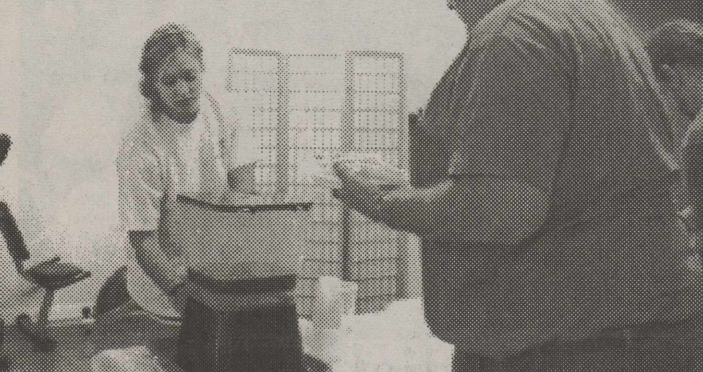


FISH FRY - working in the kitchen



FISH FRY - serving beans

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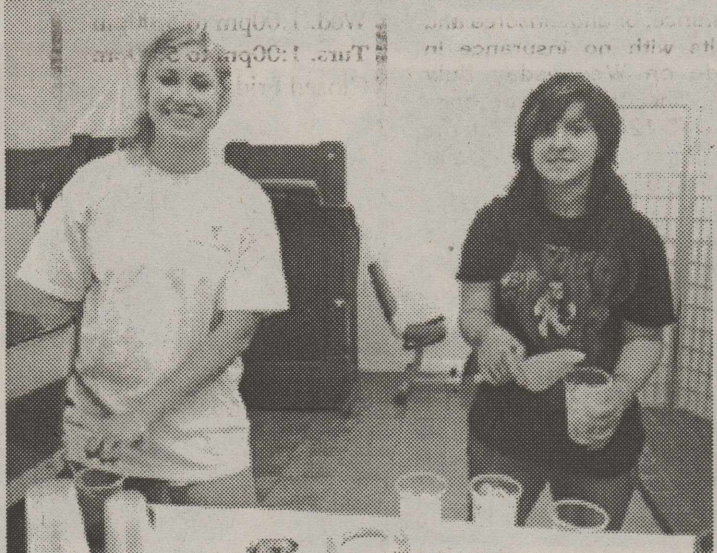
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Crowd at the 2015 Fish Fry held at the Senior Center last Thursday Night



Enjoying Fish and Laughter and the Fish Fry



FISH FRY - serving tea and water



Serving the Crowd at the 2015 Fish Fry at the Senior Center



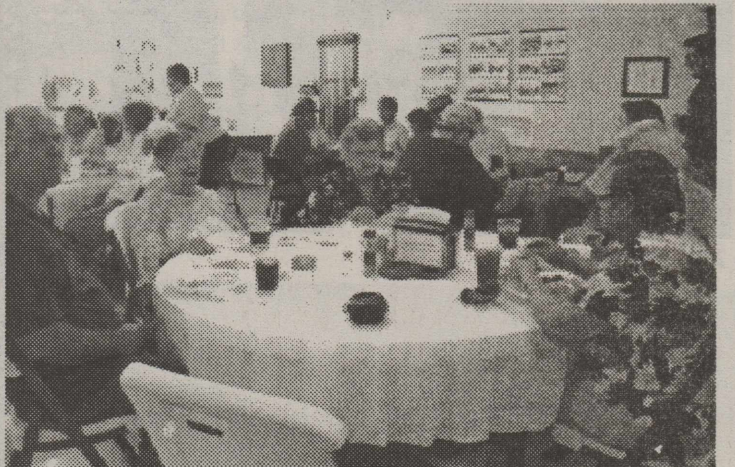
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FISH FRY - Becky and Gil Tabor




Teri and Beverly Brown at the Fish Fry



Crowd at the Fish Fry last Thursday evening

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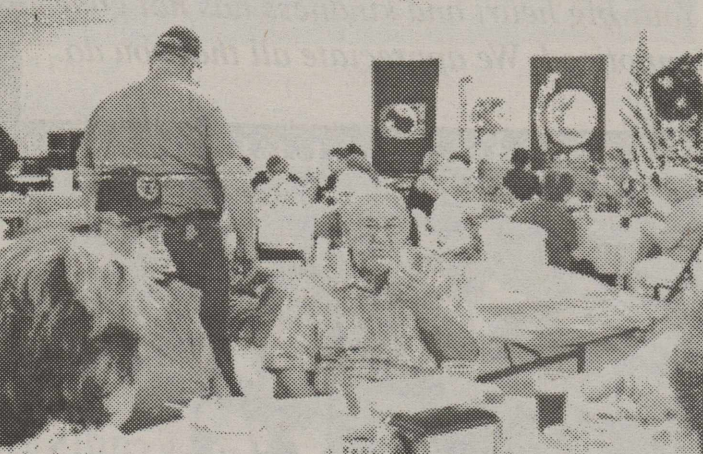
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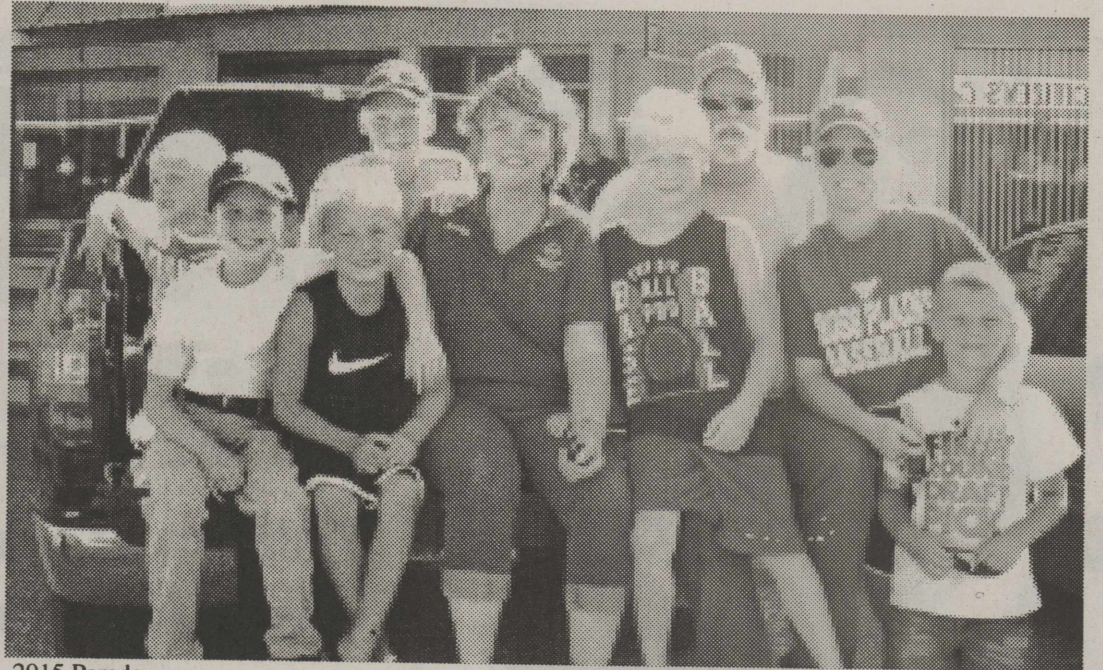


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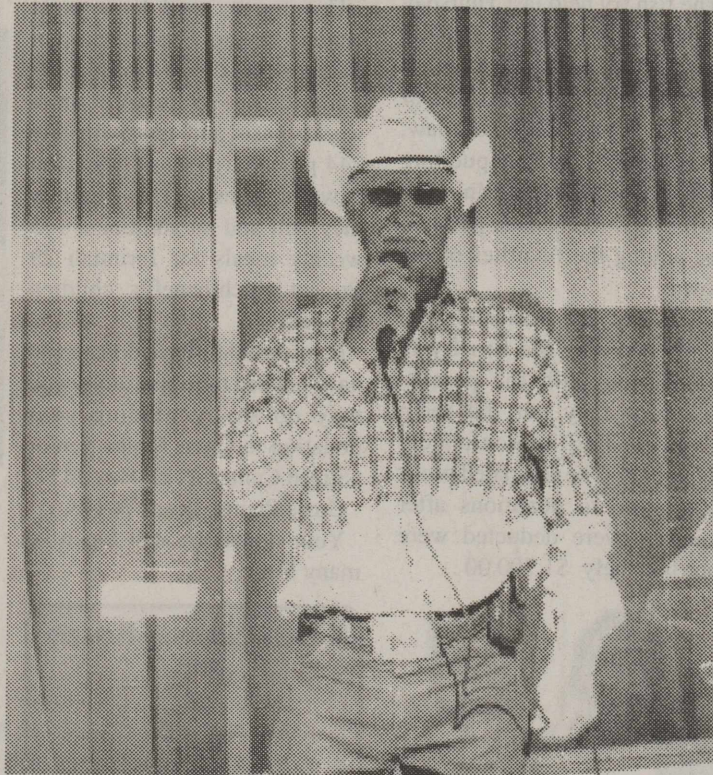
American Legion at 2015 Parade



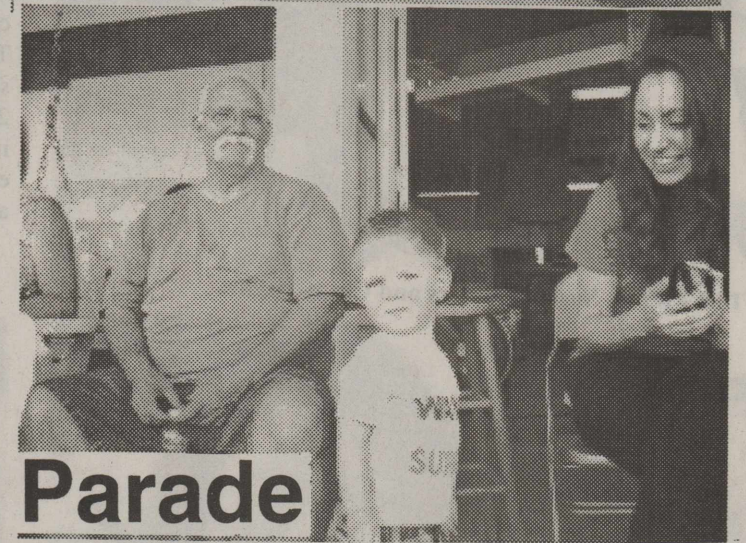
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Bob Golson Announcing the 2015 Parade



Barbarian Festival Kick Off Parade



2015 Parade



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A Big Thank You!

To the Barbarian Committee for all of your hard work this year. It would not have been possible without you!

Susan and Don Childers, Greg and Dannes Turner, Cindy Payne, Joe and Deana Terstegge, Russ & Dianna Miller, Teri Brown, Corey Hull, Vivian Wooten

A Special Thank You goes out to Teri Brown and Beverly Brown for all the special photos and articles that you share throughout the year.

Your big heart and kindness has not gone unnoticed. We appreciate all that you do.



2015 Parade



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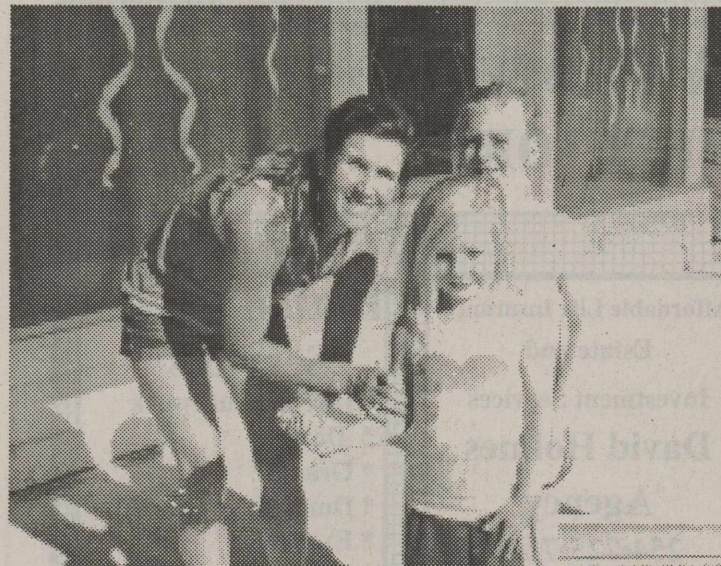
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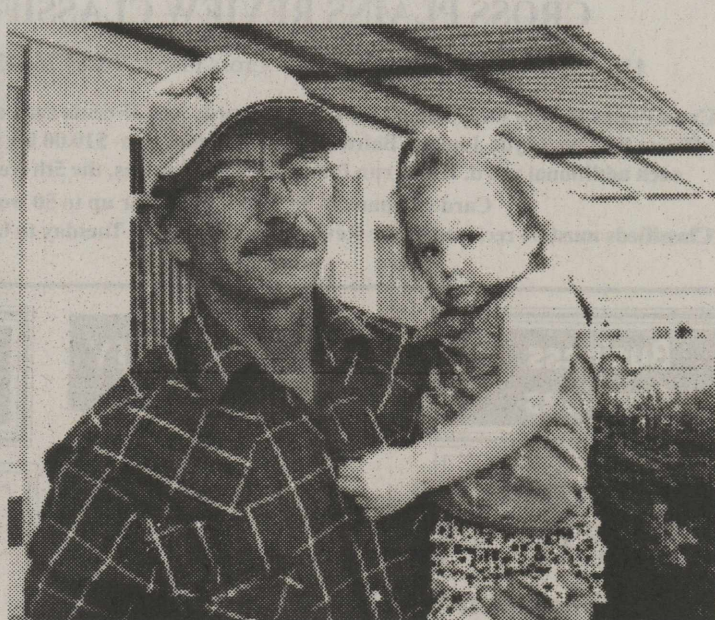
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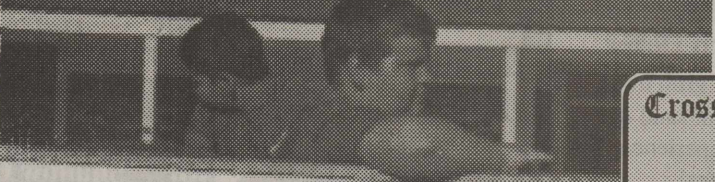
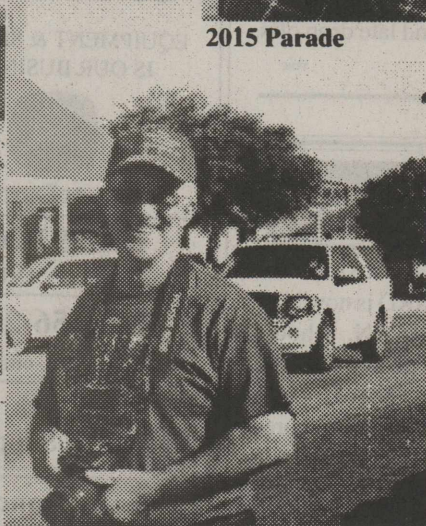
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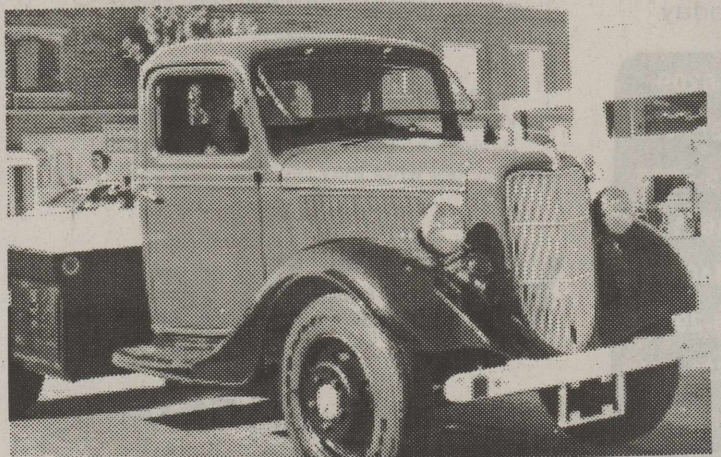
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CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on June 17, 2015, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2015 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Open Forum
New Business

- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
- Review Bills/Finance Report
- Consider Bids on Fuel for 2015-16
- Consider Bids on Milk for 2015-16
- Approve Materials Allotment and TEKS Certification (Textbooks) for 2015-16
- Approve Employee Salaries for 2015-16
- Consider Lunch/Breakfast Prices for 2015-16
- Consider Resolution Extending Bank Depository Contract Through August, 2017
- Respond to Premier Charter School's Request on the Impact for Cross Plains ISD
- Approve City of Cross Plains' Request to Allow Full Ownership in Order to Remove Dilapidated House And Get Property Back on Tax Rolls for Future Revenue

Personnel

- Resignations
- Consider Recommendations for Employment
- Superintendent's Report
- STAAR Testing Results
- State Academic Results
- Football Schedule
- Board Training

Adjourn

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

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on June 11, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

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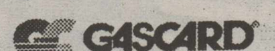
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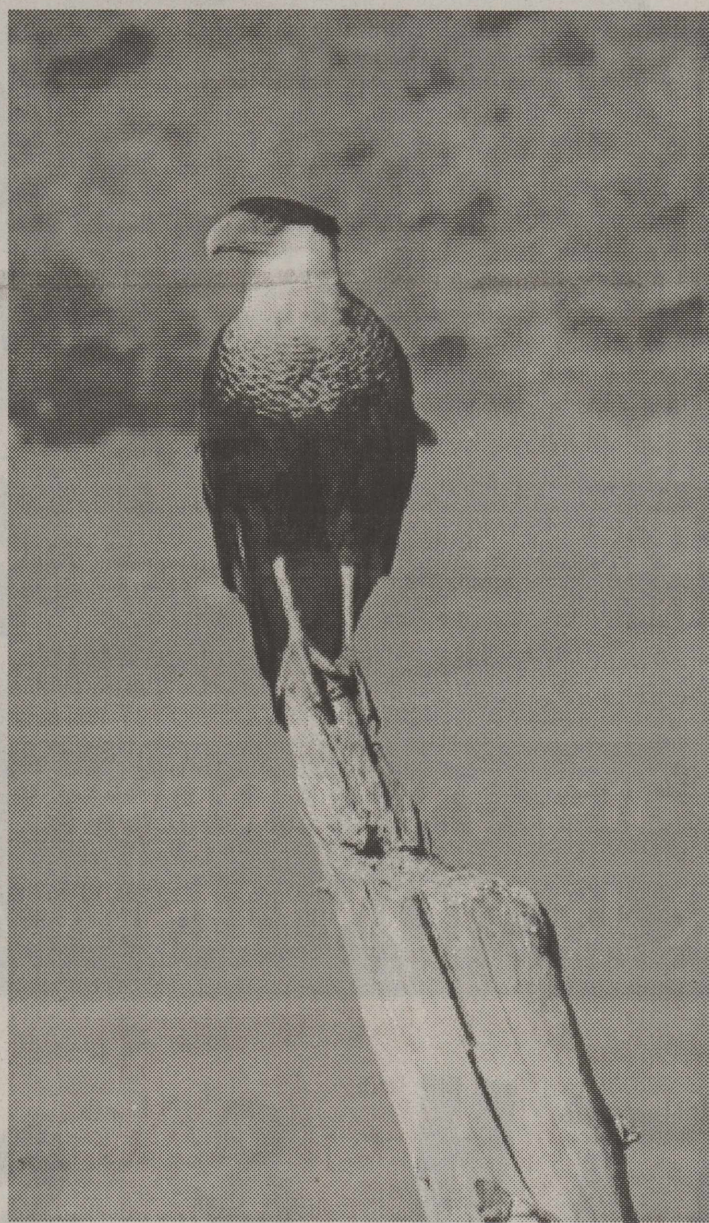
While in the field making observations about the wildlife present, occasionally an animal will really grasp the attention of the observer, particularly when that species is not commonly seen in that area. Such is the case for me with the largest species of US falcons, the Crested Caracara.

The Crested Caracara (*Caracara cheriway*) is one of six species of falcons that call Texas home, and it is the only one in its genus. It ranges from the southwestern Edwards Plateau southward through the Tamaulipan thornscrub country of south Texas through the Sierra Madre Oriental on the eastern side of Mexico. There is another population that occurs in southern Arizona and ranges southward through the Sierra Madre Occidental on the western side of Mexico. These two populations connect along the southern portion of the Mexican Plateau. There is also an isolated, but stable population in southern Florida. It is expanding its range in Texas, and more verified reports of sightings occur annually throughout west Texas.

Caracaras are the largest species of falcon that lives in Texas, with adults attaining a body length of more than two feet. The wingspan is also impressive, reaching lengths of four feet. The legs are long and are colored a bright yellow or yellow-orange. The crown and crest on the head are black, as are the body and wings. The breast is white with a transverse of thin horizontal black bars. The tail is black on the upper wings, but the undertail is a creamy white. The sides of the head and the long neck are white, and there is a distinctive patch of naked skin from the eye to the nostril that can be either orange or red. The thick bill is white. The white head, tail and wingtips are easily noticeable when the bird is in flight, making identification easy when observed from beneath.

Caracaras are most commonly seen perched on fence-posts or telephone poles while foraging for food, although they are not too uncommonly observed walking on the ground searching for prey. They are not too particular in their dietary requirements as recorded prey items include insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and small mammals. They will occasionally even feed on carrion along with vultures, and many times they will actually dominate the carcass.

Like other species of falcons, Caracara pairs are monogamous, and breeding occurs once or twice annually. They are solitary nesters, and they are unique



Crested Caracara
(*Caracara cheriway*)

from other falcons by the fact that this species is the only one of the family to actually build a nest. Nests are constructed with vines, twigs, and sticks up to thirty feet above the ground. Both sexes rotate turns at incubating the one to four two-inch long pinkish eggs. The young are tended to after hatching for approximately two months by both parents. By that time, the young have obtained their ability to fly and developed their ability to hunt.

It has been debated for some time that this bird, and not the Golden Eagle, is actually the national bird of Mexico. While the two species are superficially similar, the story of an Eagle battling a large rattlesnake in the mountains surrounding Mexico City is more indicative behavior of an eagle, not a Caracara.

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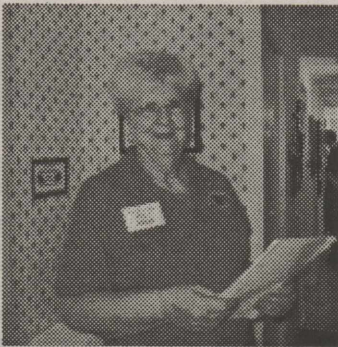
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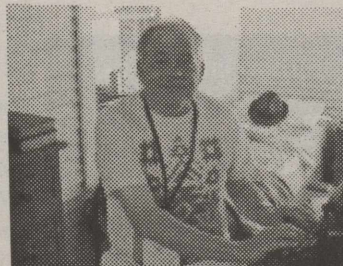


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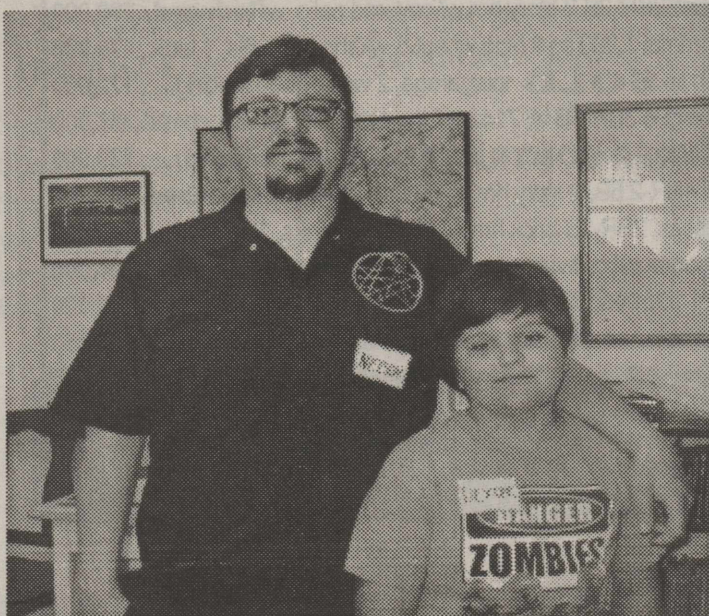
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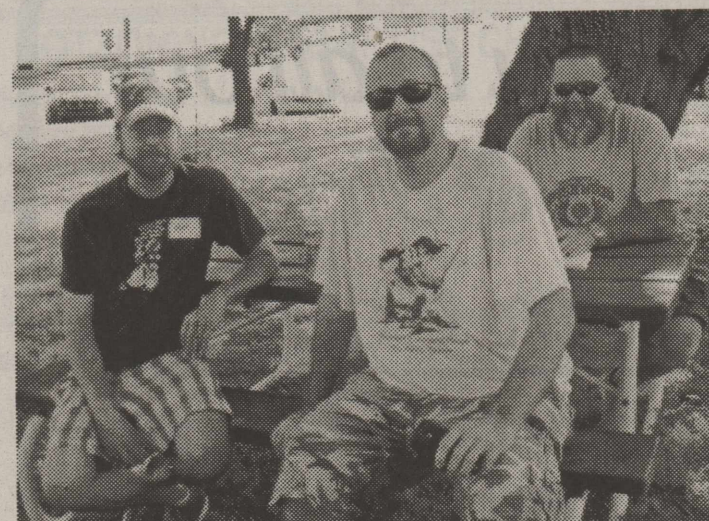
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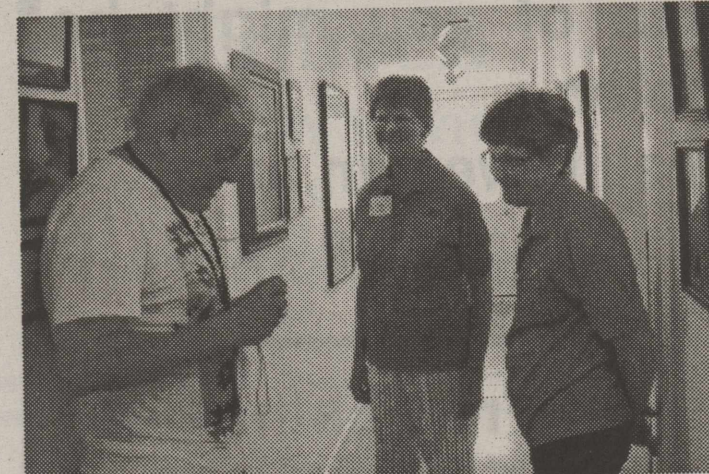
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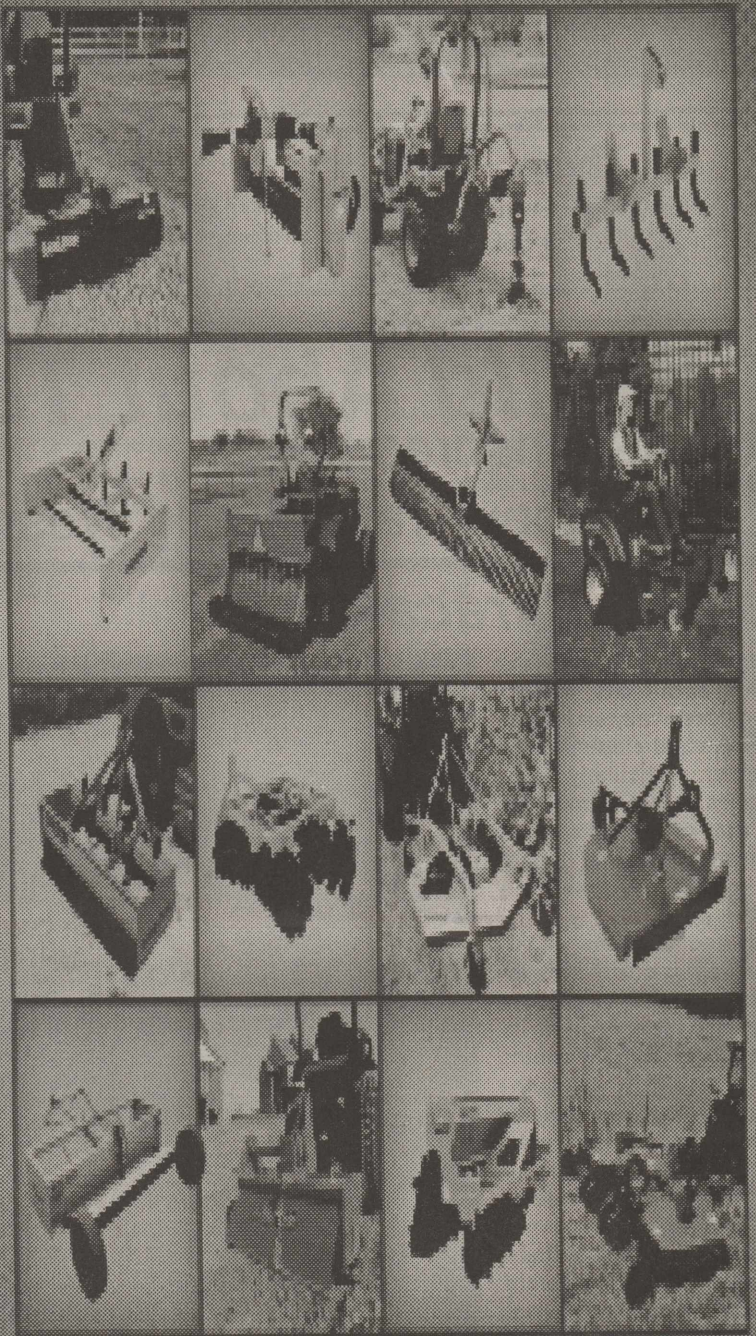
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Cross Plains Garden Club Tours Local Garden

The Cross Plains Garden Club met on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the home of Larry and Judy Killgo for a garden tour.

The Killgo's warmly welcomed Garden Club members Diana Miller, Russ Miller, Carlene Howard, Johnny Howard, Sarah Stone, Debbie Eudy and additional guest Cher Ptacek into their lovely home for an informal discussion prior to beginning the garden tour. This was the Garden Club's second year to tour the Killgo's garden and the following includes last year's as well as this year's additional tips from Larry who enjoys all types of gardening; his lifelong passion is raising vegetable gardens.

Larry began by saying it has been a tough year for vegetable gardening with the cool, cloudy and wet weather. He had to take his potatoes out early. Larry recommends adding plenty of organic matter to the soil. This includes leaves, manure and all unused vegetable parts "green manure". When adding other composted materials he avoids any that include Bermuda grass hay. Larry also adds wood ash to his soil but cautions that it will change soil from acidic to alkaline so you will want to test your soil ph after a heavy or repeated application. Larry typically rototills his garden in early spring to loosen the soil and get rid of winter weeds. He'll till again just prior to planting to remove newly germinating weeds.

Production of flavorful tomatoes is probably his favorite ongoing gardening experiment. He's found that he most enjoys Sun Gold thus far - slightly larger than a cherry tomato and gold in color. Last year he began planting several varieties in addition to Sun Gold including heirloom.

Larry's tomato planting tips begin with digging a 2' hole for each desired plant then adding to the soil a mixture of compost and small amounts of zinc sulphate, super phosphorus, Miracle Grow for tomatoes, and Epsom salts. He cuts the bottom out of 5 gallon containers and places them over the plants to protect them from the wind. To protect

the plants from frost, Larry covers the top of the containers with saran wrap secured with duct tape creating a green house environment. His plants get the much needed sun and heat well before many of us were even thinking about our spring gardens. Watering is done only when the plants become dry which was rare. The saran wrap was removed after the last hard freeze. Larry recommends applying a tomato fertilizer every week or two and his tomatoes are watered every other day. Be careful not to over water tomatoes. Wait until they are "stressed" before watering. If you get volunteers growing up during the middle of the summer, leave them because as others die out, they will give you tomatoes lasting into the fall. Tip: Plant tomatoes the first of April.

Some tomatoes may show a calcium deficiency or blossom end rot. A spray may be applied, however, Larry finds that crushed egg shells or powdered sheet rock (gypsum) prevents blossom end rot. Another tip: some gardeners may not realize that if tomato or okra plants grow too high they can be sheared off to stimulate inside growth and making harvesting easier. If your large tomato plant is not producing, give it a haircut all around.

When selecting tomatoes Larry suggested that we be aware of the difference between determinate varieties and indeterminate varieties. Determinate are generally desired by canners and supermarket, producing large crops in early season. Indeterminate crops will produce all season right up until the first frost.

In addition to tomatoes, other favorites include Pecos cantaloupe, cucumber, honeydew, okra and watermelon. Prior to Larry and Judy's move to Cross Plains nine years ago, they lived in the arid dry climate of New Mexico. Larry noted that cantaloupe and tomatoes are more flavorful in that environment.

Onions are a must for everyone's garden and they generally tolerate our late winter

weather. Larry recommends selecting short day onions as opposed to mid day or long day. He finds that short day are slower to bloom allowing the onions to grow larger. He generally sets his onions in February and says to buy them as soon as they come out in the stores as the first ones out have the best roots.

When planting corn he plants thick rows then thins them to 8"-10" as they get about 6" tall to allow them to branch out. He has had great success with Peaches & Cream corn which can be found at Jackson's in Abilene. When mature, the harvest produces sweet yellow and white corn. He found that planting two rows, then waiting 3 weeks, then planting another two rows allows them to enjoy fresh corn longer without the need to freeze the ears.

Larry noted that corn takes a lot of water; he sometimes waters twice a day. He quotes "keep enough water on them to keep a catfish alive". Larry adds nitrogen to the soil every week. He begins with 13-13-13 then converts to 28-0-0. And of course all corn growers will eventually be visited by worms. It's best if you are not too inundated to merely break off the wormy tips, but to fend off a huge infestation spray when silk is about 6" long with a combination of Malathion and Seven. A follow up application will be necessary. Note: Larry does not spray in early morning when the bees are working. He harvests his corn when the kernels are plump and filled out. Kernels need to be milky when squeezed. As the silk begins turning reddish black begin testing your corn. When planting okra he says to plant thick rows and don't thin them. When the okra gets too tall, cut the tops off for easier harvesting.

Larry started his melons, lettuce, spinach and broccoli, cucumbers, carrots and okra under a painter's drop cloth to create a greenhouse environment similar to that of his tomatoes. It worked! Tip for lettuce: Lettuce is hard to germinate even with the drop cloth so Larry plants the lettuce, waters it good, then puts

a plastic covering over the lettuce and it will germinate good and fast.

Eggplants will do better if they are planted in buckets like the tomatoes and do not plant black-eyed peas until the ground is hot.

Next we went out to view the lush garden. Larry's blackberries (with thorns) are thriving and producing large berries. He recommends Womack's thorny blackberries. He tried some others and they did not do well.

When growing grapes, Larry says to watch for black rot. The fungicide to use on it is Mancozeb.

Every gardener is faced with aphids, grasshoppers, squash bugs and tomato worms Larry says. For aphid control he merely uses water from the hose to wash them away. He sprays Malathion for grasshopper control in the garden only - his chickens take care of the rest. He also sprays squash bugs with Malathion but picks and kills individual tomato worms.

Larry has an orchard of 36 fruit trees. He sprays his trees for worms when small fruit is first forming. He follows up every two weeks for three sessions using a mixture of Malathion and Seven. He paints his tree trunks with white paint to avoid sun scald and borers. Tip: prune your peach trees on the inside branches to allow good air circulation and light. During our garden sampling we found the Chinese Mormon apricot tree to have delicious fruit.

As the garden tour concluded, we retired to Killgo's picnic area under the shade of beautiful live oak trees to enjoy a tasty lunch and Judy's beautiful homemade cupcakes and enjoyed more gardening conversation. Larry and Judy were gracious hosts for a truly lovely and informative day!

The next meeting of the Cross Plains Garden Club will be held on Friday, September 11, 2015. Please contact us at (254) 725 - 9418 if you would like to become a member or just visit one of our upcoming meetings. And you can always check us out on Facebook at Cross Plains Garden Club, Cross Plains, TX.



Best in Show #4 - Jeff Chambers, Brownwood

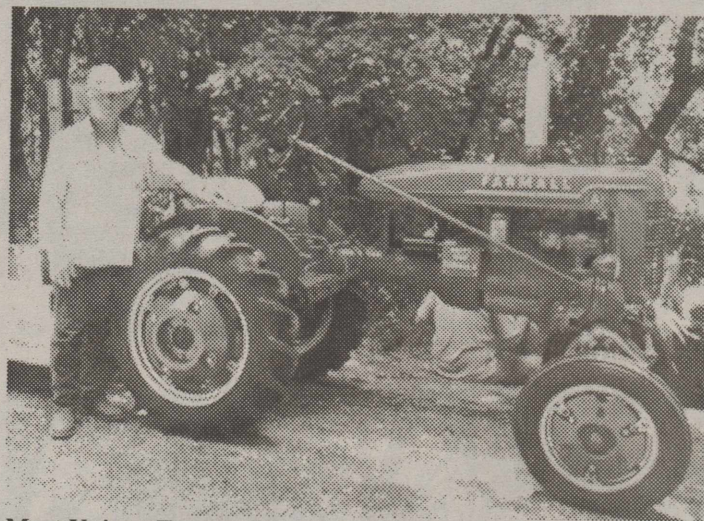
Barbarian Festival Tractor Show

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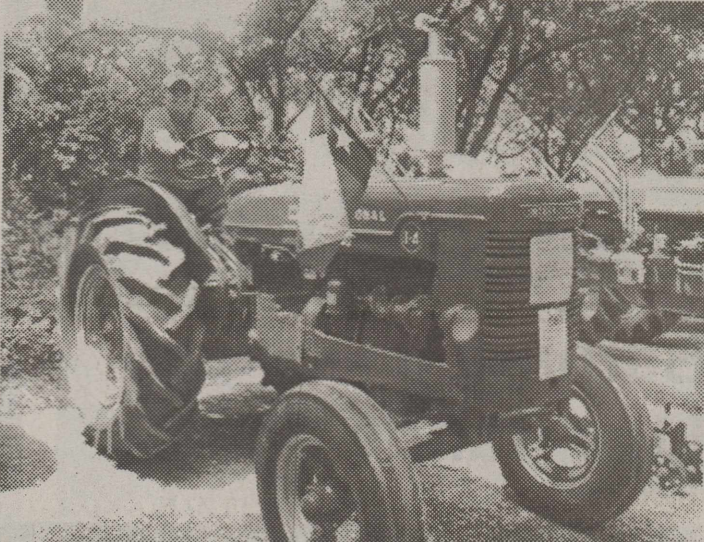
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Best in Show #4 - Jeff Chambers, Brownwood

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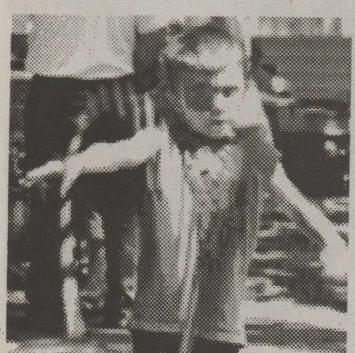
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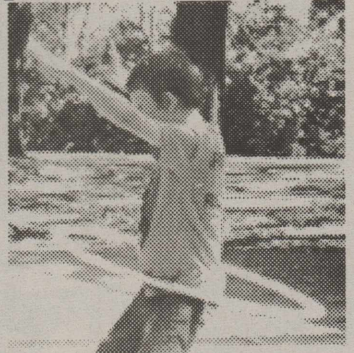
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Barbarian Festival Hula Hoop Contest



Barbarian Festival - hula hooper



Barbarian Festival - hula hooper Austin Thompson

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Barbarian Attendees



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BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - car show, drive in food service



BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - attendee shopping for jewelry

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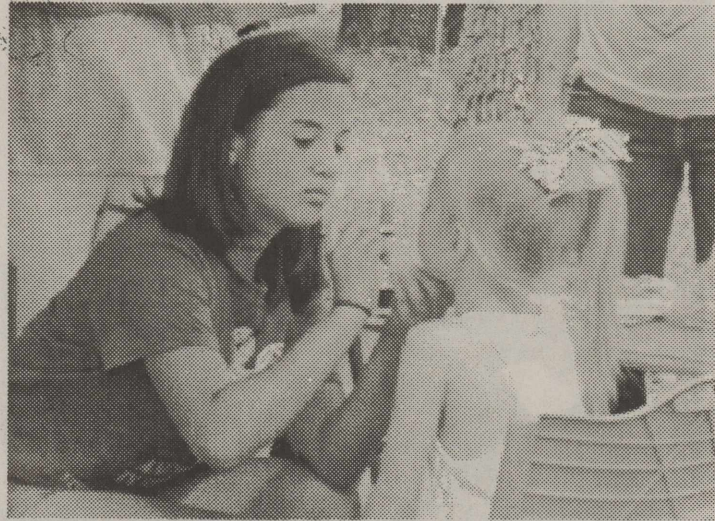
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BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - face painting booth



Barbarian Festival - Texas Tornadoes Dance Group

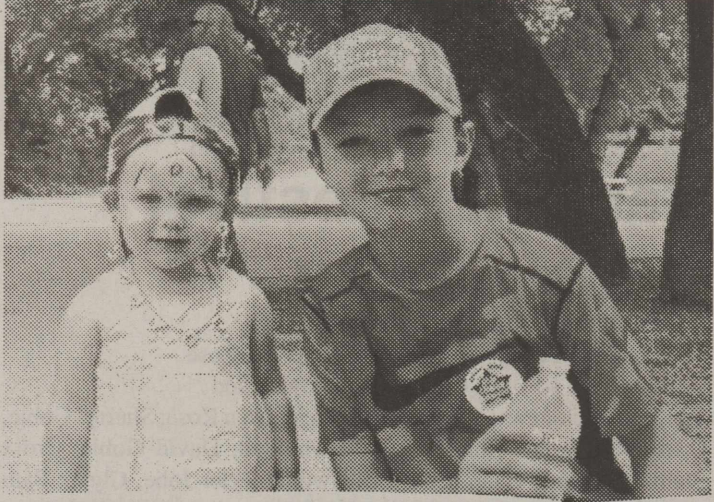


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Barbarian Festival 2015



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BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - attendees, one with face paint

Barbarian Festival Live Bands



BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - The Class of '57 Band



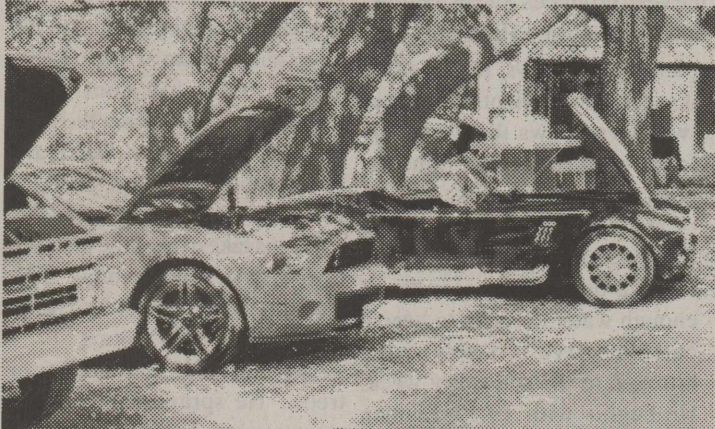
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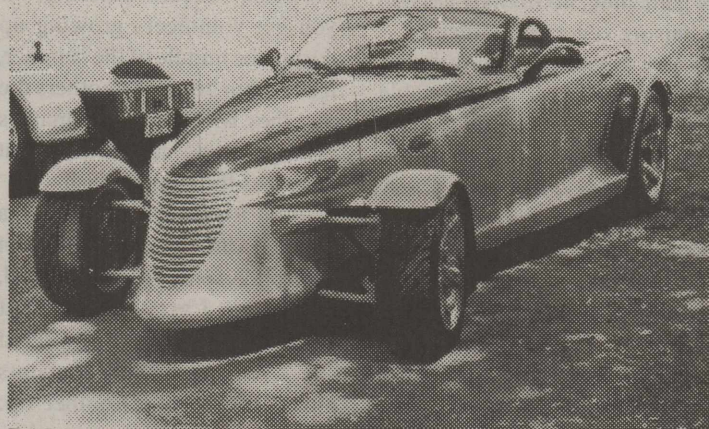
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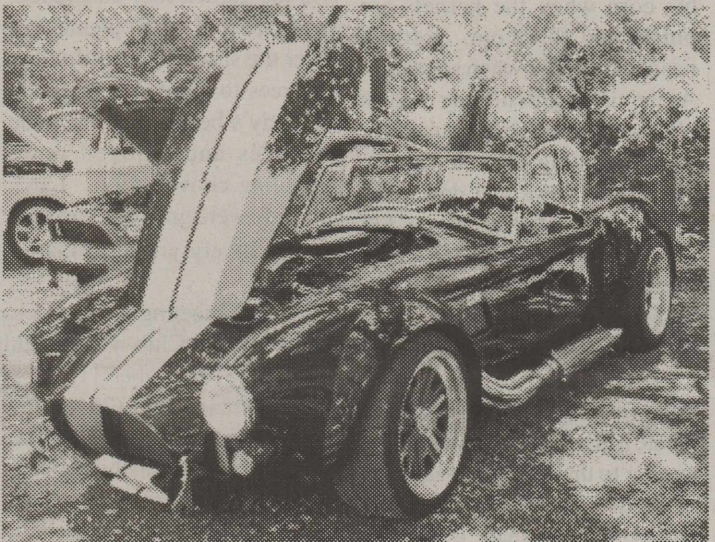


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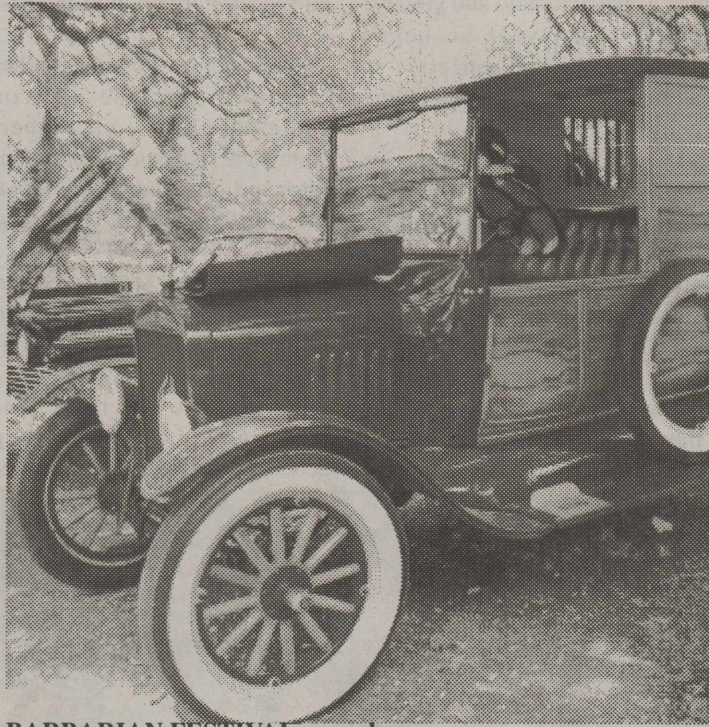


BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - Car Show

Barbarian Festival Classic & Antique Car Show



BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - car show



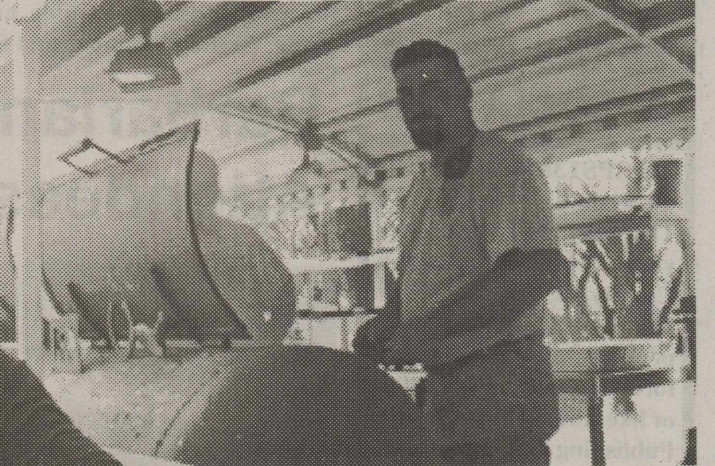
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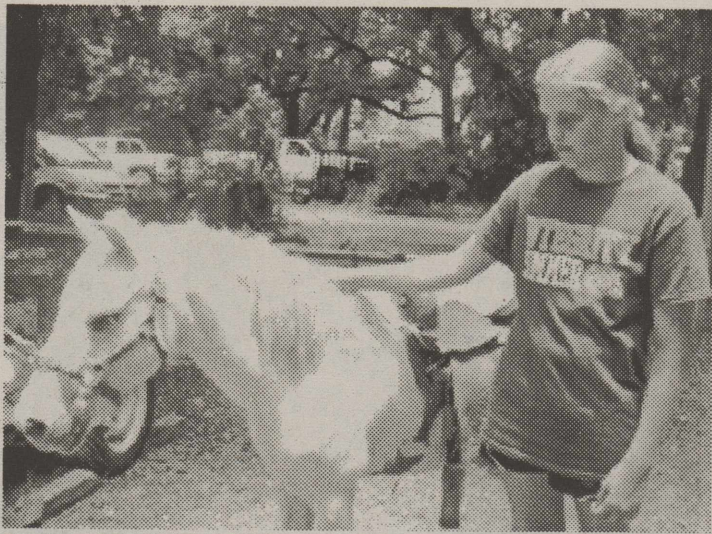
CPVFD -Josh Loftis cooking at the Barbarian Festival



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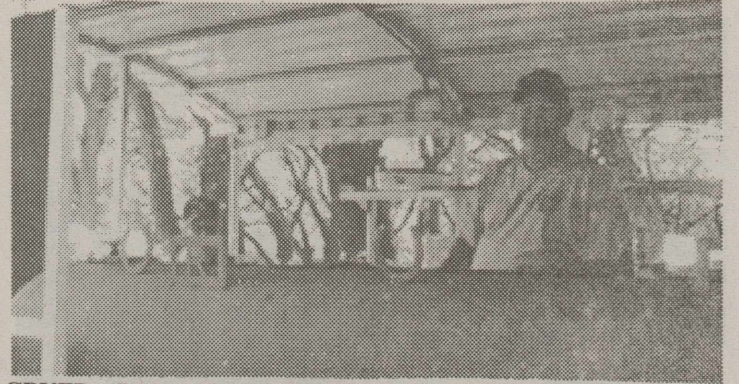
BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - attendees with basket of goodies



BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - pony ride event



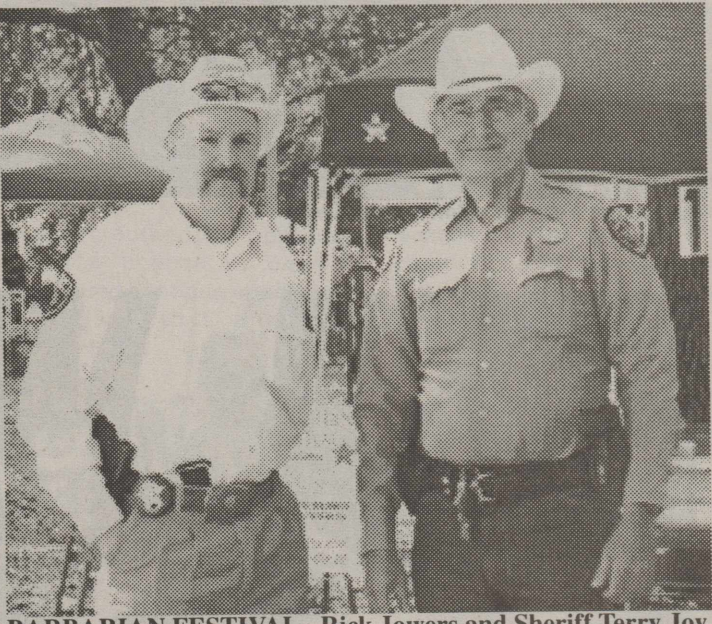
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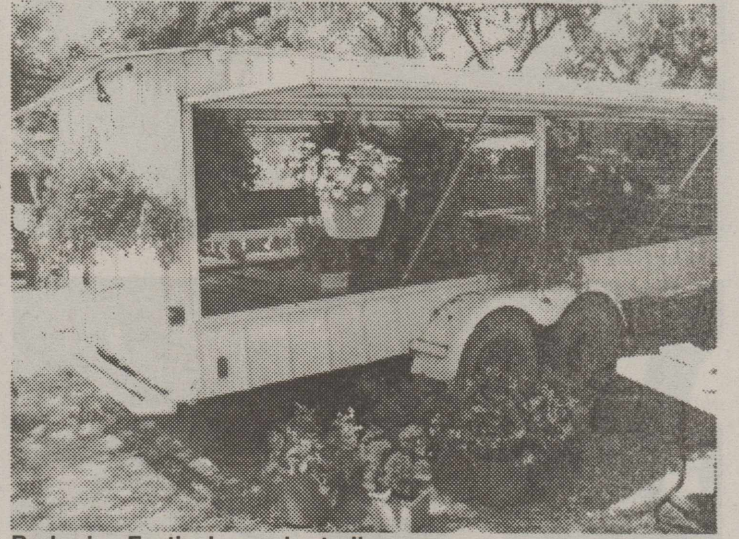
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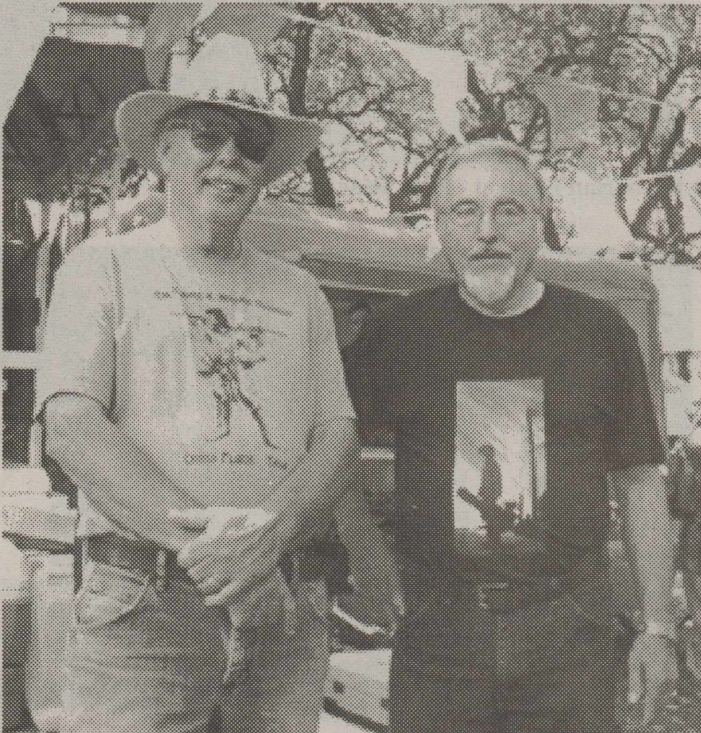
BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - Rick Jowers and Sheriff Terry Joy



Barbarian Festival - vendor trailer



CPVFD Fire Chief Rickey Carouth at the Barbarian Festival



Noted Artist Ken Brown with one of his art students. E Ken was raised in Pioneer and was in town from Oklahoma City for the festival.

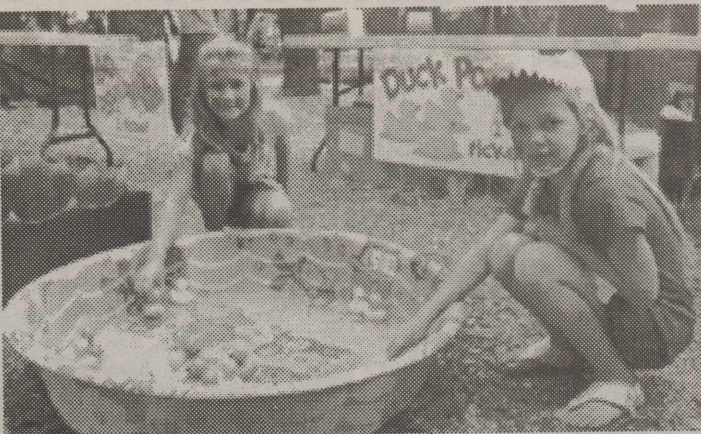


Barbarian Festival - vendors

Barbarian Festival Craft & Event Booths



BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - preserve's booth



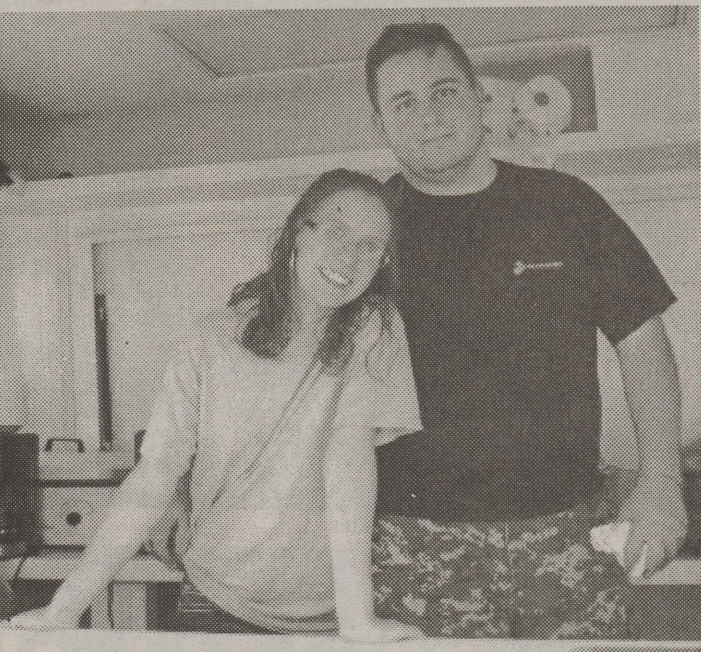
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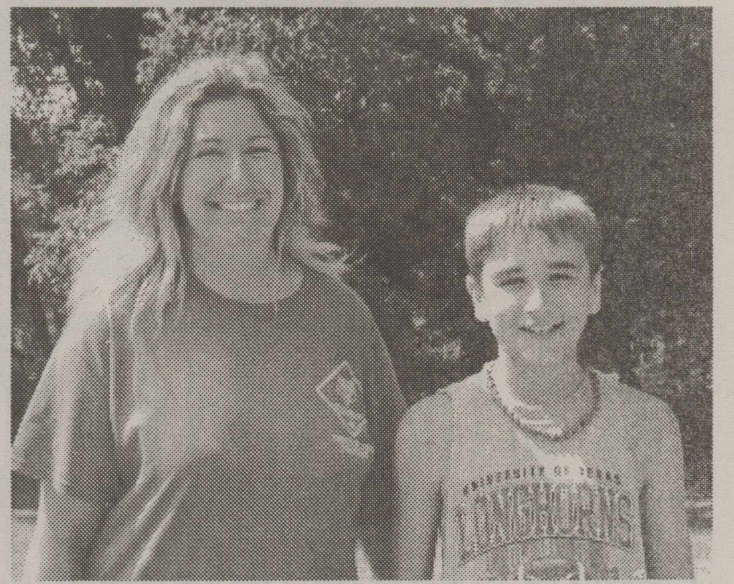
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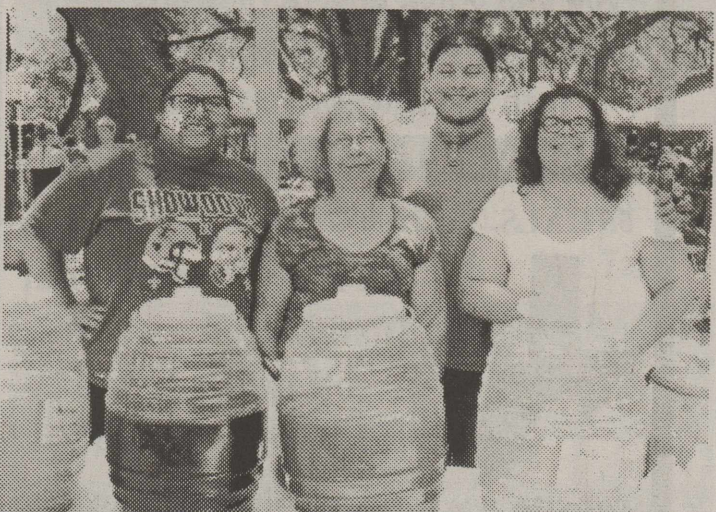


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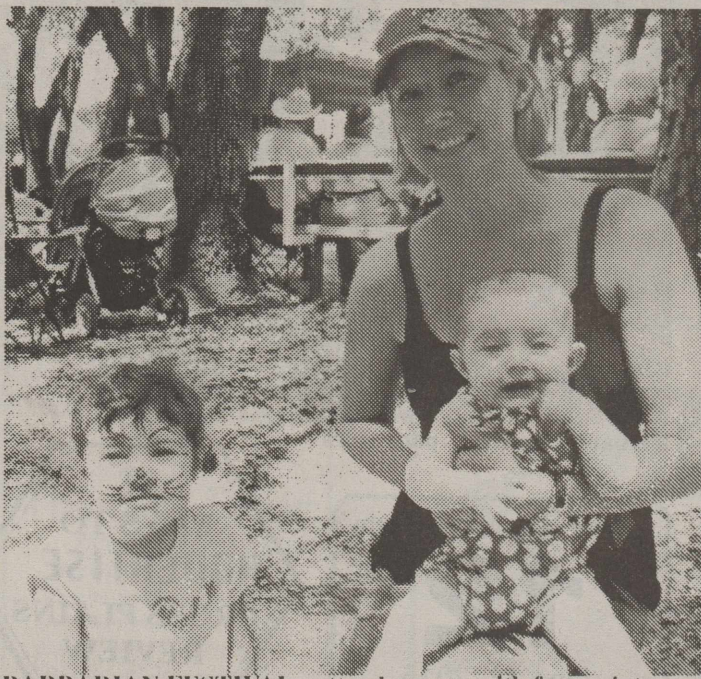
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BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - fishing



Barbarian Festival - vendors



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BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - vendors



Barbarian Festival - pony rides



Barbarian Festival - Pony Ride Event



'Kansas Sunflowers' by Lois McDonald and the Pioneer Quilt Club

Pioneer Community Center Quilt Raffle July 4th

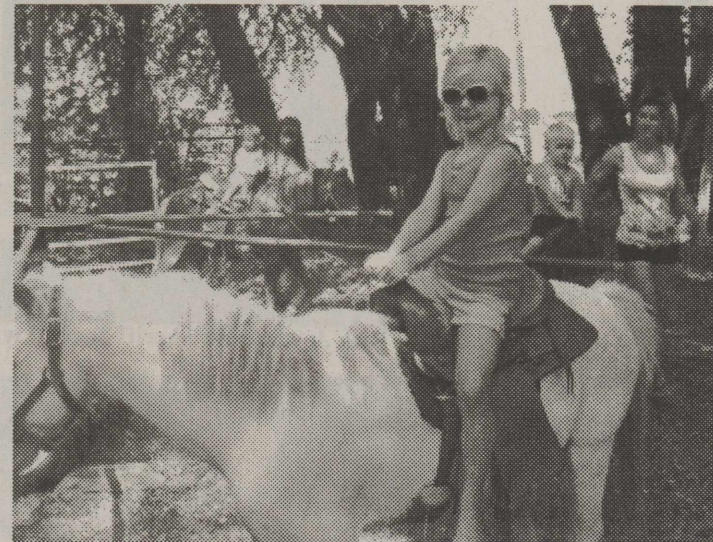
Hello to everyone! The Pioneer Quilting Club is selling raffle tickets for this beautiful "Kansas Sunflowers" quilt to help refurbish and maintain the Pioneer Community Center Building. Lois McDonald of Eastland hand-pieced the blocks and the Pioneer Quilt Club hand-quilted the quilt. It has been on display at the Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains, and it currently can be viewed at the Cross Plains Senior Center. Tickets are available at the Senior Center or from any member of the Pioneer Quilt Club. The drawing for the quilt will take place on July 4th at the Main Street Market in Rising Star.

the building but we do not have the funds. However, we have received a generous donation from Sandra Barr in memory of her grandparents, Buck and Lona Milner. They owned and operated the grocery store and gas station in Pioneer for many years until the late sixties. We have set this donation aside in a separate fund to use for our new roof but we still need more donations to reach our goal. We really appreciate Sandra so much for her interest and generosity. She has given us a much needed boost! Please help us preserve our building with a new roof. For more information call Marqueta Westbrook at 254-643-3223. Thank you so much

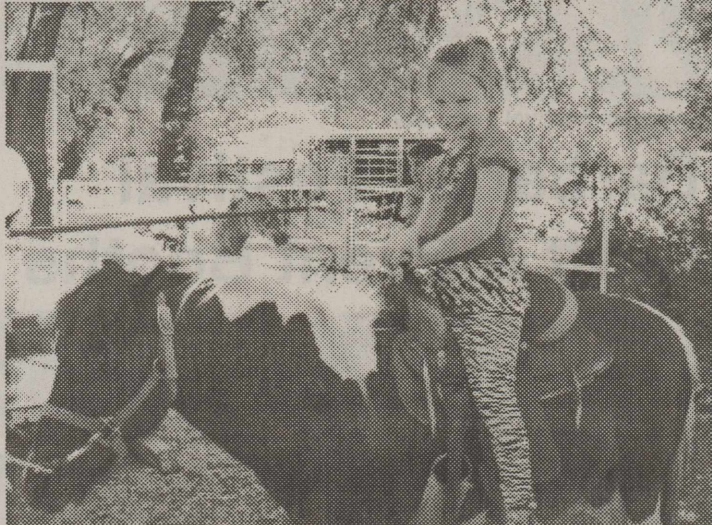
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Barbarian Festival - pony rides



Barbarian Festival - Pony Ride Event



Barbarian Festival - pony rides



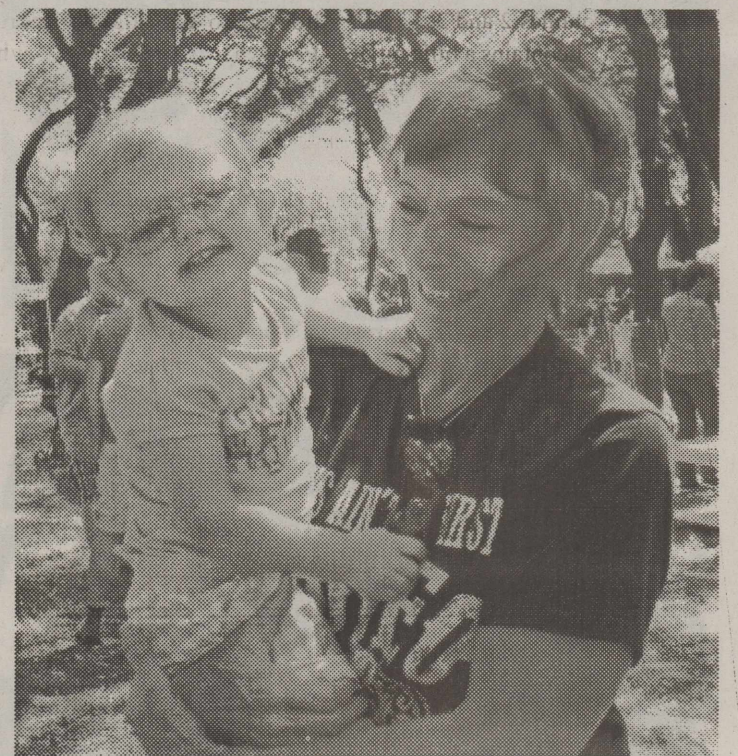
Barbarian Festival - "Color Run" Fun Blast Winners



Barbarian Festival - Pony Ride Event



Barbarian Festival - pony rides




BARBARIAN FESTIVAL - attendees

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Monday 22th - Salisbury
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Tomatoes, Bread, Dessert
Tuesday 23th - Chicken
Spaghetti, Lettuce Tomatoe
Salad, Green Beans, Bread,
Dessert

Wednesday 24th - Stuff
Baked Potatoe, (Meat &
Cheese) Cucumber &
Tomatoe Salad, Bread, Fruit
Jello

Thursday 25th - Baked
Chicken, Mac & Cheese,
Okra, Bread, Dessert

Friday 26th - Chili Dogs
(Cheese, Onion, Relish,)
Baked Beans, Chips, Des-
sert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

**Senior Citizens
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June 22th - June 26th

Monday-22th Exercise 11:00
Tuesday-23th Exercise 10:45/Bingo 11:15
Wednesday-24th Exercise 11:00 /Blood Pressure
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Thursday -25th Exercise 11:00/
Friday -26th 11:00 Exercise

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seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and
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Festival

LIVE BANDS BY THE LAKE

Friday

Saturday

5-7 Chrissy Phillips

12-2 Wilvis

7-9 Guadalupe Pirates

2-4 Santa Fe

9-11 Belle Plain Revival

5-7 Transporters

7-9 Dave Hobbs

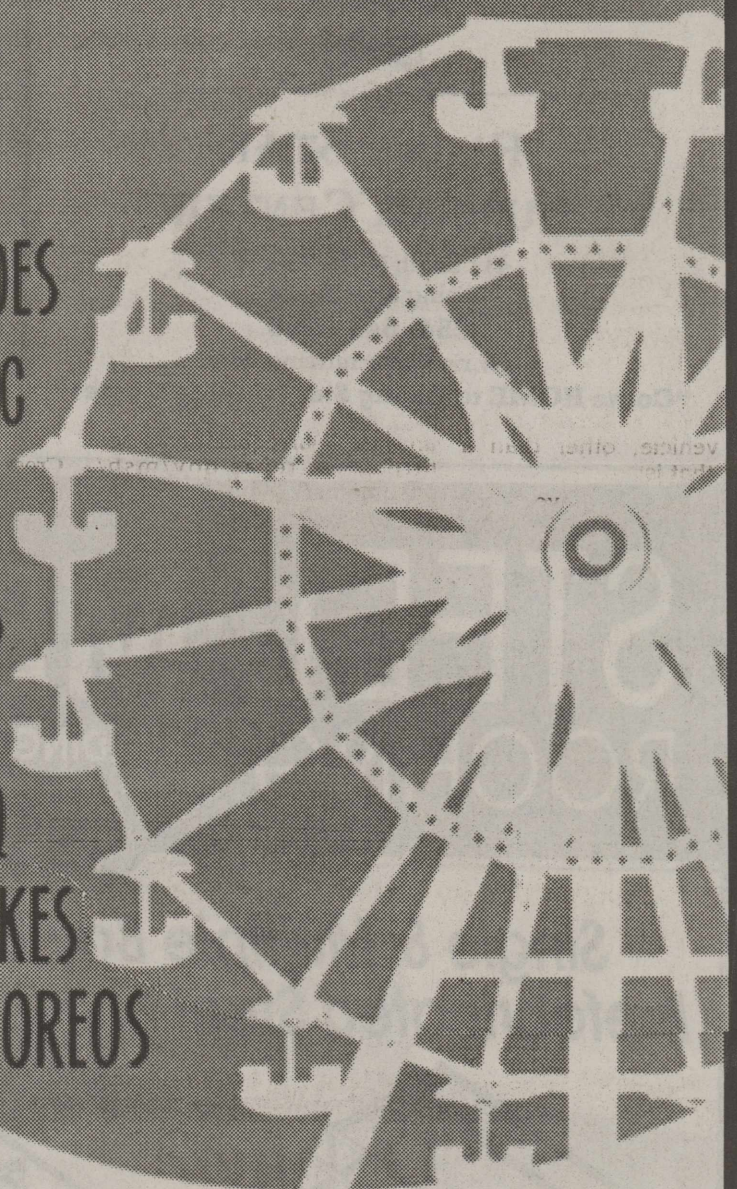
9-11 Bo McDowell

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James Baird Presented with new American Flag

James Baird is one of America's Army War Veterans living at 333 Stella Street in Baird, Texas.

Mr. Baird proudly flies his American Flag every day in front of his home.

Baird was recently presented with a new American flag by the American Legion of Cross Plains.

The new flag was mounted on his flag pole for him by American Legion members.

A very appreciative James Baird watched in salute as his new flag was being raised.

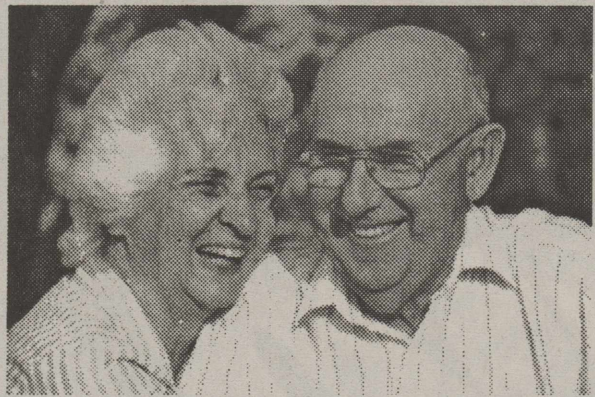
Mr. Baird has multiple health problems, but tries to remain as

independent as possible.

The Baird community extends a big "Thank You," James, for your sacrifice and service to America, so we can enjoy the many freedoms we do today.

Everyone, say "thank you" to a veteran today, it will make his day and yours too!!

Baird's old flag was showing the effects of the weather; wind and rain we have received in the past few months, so it was retired. Mr. Baird questioned the disposal of his old flag. He didn't want it just thrown in a trash bin somewhere. He was assured by American Legion members that it would be disposed of properly.



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Saturday, May 23
June:
Saturday, June 6
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Saturday, June 27
July:
Saturday, July 11
Saturday, July 18
August:
Saturday, August 8
Saturday, August 22
September:
Saturday, September 5
Saturday, September 19

Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating.

Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

Any rain-outs or make up days will be held on the open weekend or on Fridays or Sundays depending on weather and options of membership.

Parades we are looking to participate in:

June - Albany Fandangle Parade - June 20
June-Coleman Parade
July - Stamford Parade
Sept - West Texas Fair Parade - Abilene
Oct - Pecan Festival Parade - Clyde

For more information call Paula Kinslow at 325.893.4054 or 325.829.1381

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Fun for all at Clyde Festival by the Lake July 3rd & 4th

The 2014 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for Friday, July 3rd & Saturday, July 4th at Clyde Lake. There is no admission fee to the festival area; however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

Last year's attendance was estimated at 6,000-8,000 and is expected to be exceeded this year. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

FAMILY FUN

Activities for all ages include carnival rides, air castle and maze, gyro-ball ride, bungee cord jump area, bucking mechanical bull, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments and more being planned.

Exciting display of fireworks set for both nights after dark around 10:00 p.m.

The fireworks on Friday night, July 3rd will shot off by Gray Electric.

The fireworks display on Saturday night, July 4th will be shot off by Richard Sheffield and Chad Sheffield.

Live entertainment scheduled: Friday, July 3rd: 5:00-7:00 - Chrissy Phillips. Ms. Phillips won

the Big County songwriter contest and played at the Outlaws & Legends concert in Abilene.

Friday, July 3rd: 7:00-9:00 - Guadalupe Pirates

Friday, July 3rd: 9:00-11:00 - Belle Plain Revival

Saturday, July 4th: 12:00-2:00 - Wilvis (Elvis impersonator)

Saturday, July 4th: 2:00-4:00 - Santa Fe

Saturday, July 5th: 5:00-7:00 - Transporters

Saturday, July 4th: 7:00-9:00 - Dave Hobbs

Saturday, July 4th: 9:00-11:30 - Bo McDowell

COOK-OFF COMPETITION

Information and registration forms for cook-off teams can be picked up at City Halls in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. Categories that require an entry fee include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans & dessert. Cook-off teams meet at 5:00 p.m. Friday for final instructions. Deadline is Friday at 5:00 p.m. A new category of competition this year, not requiring an entry fee, is "Best Damn Campsite". Cook-off campsites will be judged on how they are decorated to capture the spirit of the event.

FOOD and MERCHANDISE

Vendors offering food and merchandise will be at the festi-

val. A few merchandise vendor spaces are still available for this year. Get information by calling Terry Davis at 893-3712, or Sheree Gray at 370-9560.

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The Festival committee is most appreciative of the support of the following businesses and organizations that make the 2-day event spectacular: City of Clyde, Clyde Economic Development Corp., Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep, Edward Jones, First Bank Texas, Gray Electric, MetalMart, Tytan Heating & Cooling and ResourceCare.

More contributors include: Big Country Trophies, Clyde Auto Supply, Clyde Chamber of Commerce, Citizens EMS, Clyde Farm & Ranch Supply, Clyde Journal, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, First Financial Bank, Happy Trails, Key City Septic & Plumbing, CashSaver Grocery Store and Shady Oaks Country Club.

CAMPsites AVAILABLE

For camping information at Clyde Lake contact David at 893-5339 or visit the city of Clyde website at www.clydeamerica.com. Clyde Lake is located 8 miles south of Interstate 20, east of FM 604, at FM 3217.

Callahan Co. Library news

Some more books at the Callahan County Library for kids are: *Christopher and Pony Boy*, *Girl of the Alamo*, and *Texas Footprints* by Rita Kerr, and *Texas History Stories* by E.G. Littlejohn.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, June 10, 1882
Vol. 8 No. 10

Last Thursday we went down to the Company's farm just below the depot, where Messrs. J.E. Eastham and Bent Mitchell are starting their season's work with their new steam thresher. This is the first steam thresher ever used in this county. It is the Aultman Taylor make and although it troubled the boys a little to get the pump of the engine to work, one of the railroad boys started it off and now it works just like a charm. The wheat they were threshing for Maj. Richardson is very fine, is well filled and will make an excellent article of flour. The Major has a field of oats growing which would be called good in any other country. They will yield at least fifth or fifty-five bushels to the acre. At some future time we

will give our readers some figures regarding this experimental farm, want of space prevents us doing so this week.

County Court Proceedings
The state vs. I.T. Blount, unlawfully carrying a pistol; plea of guilty. Fined \$25 and cost of suit.

The state vs. J.M. Foy pursuing occupation of liquor dealer without license. Verdict, not guilty.

The state vs. Henry Akin; unlawful sale of intoxicating spirits. Fined \$50 and an imprisonment of five days in the county jail.

The state vs. A.J. Chapman; unlawfully carrying a pistol. Fined \$25 and all costs.

The state vs. A.J. Chapman, assault. Verdict, not guilty.

The state vs. Chapman and Kennedy; malicious mischief. Verdict, not guilty.

Justice Court

The state vs. John Blakely; assault. Fined \$5 and cost.

The state vs. W.G. Ruete; theft. Bond set at \$150 for his appearance to stand preliminary examination.

A Day at Belle Plain

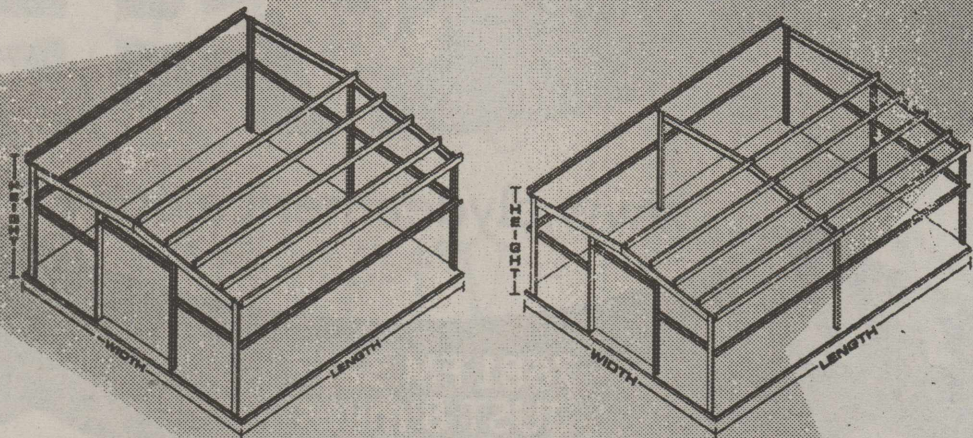
Last Monday, we in company with several others of Baird's citizens, were called to Belle Plain to attend county court, which has been in session during the present week. It was not an acceptable position to go and fill, when the issuing of the Clarendon is entirely dependent upon the labors of ourself band our better half, but deputy sheriff Matthew said we must go and appear as a witness, so of course, go we must. We did not witness much, however, as our being wanted was all a mistake. We saw a number of our old friends there, many of whom were called on to attend county court, either in the capacity of jurors or witnesses.

It being the first Monday of the month, was consequently stray sale day. Three horses and a mare and colt were sold by sheriff Jones and his deputy, John Matthews. They all brought good prices; in fact they sold higher than they would have done at private sale. The prices ranged from \$30 to \$45 which is about all the animals were worth.

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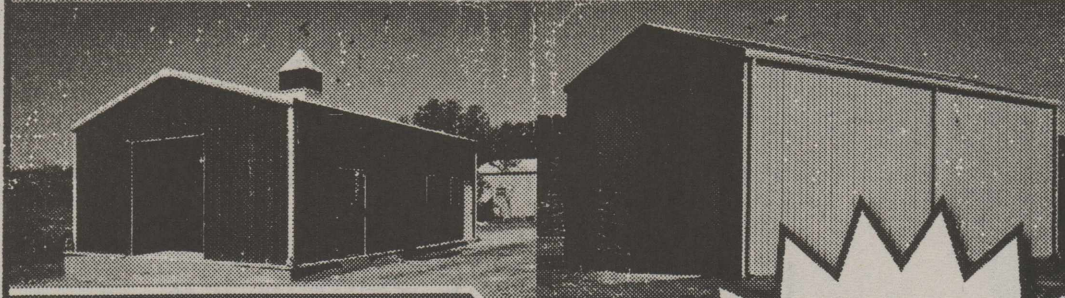
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Marjorie Tillery with Isaac the Alexandrine Parrot

Rising Star Nursing Center News

Shay and Jean Talley of Rising Star brought their pet Parrot, Isaac, to visit the residents. Isaac is 13 years old and is an Alexandrine Parrot. He enjoys playing with toys and can eat almost anything. Alexandrine Parrot's will live between 25 and 30 years. The parrot is perched on Marjorie Talley.

According to Wikipedia, The Alexandrine parakeet or Alexandrian parrot (*Psittacula eupatria*) is a member of the psittaciformes order and of the Psittaculidae family. The species is named after Alexander the Great, who is credited with the exporting of numerous specimens of this bird from Punjab into various European and Mediterranean countries and regions, where they were considered

prized possessions for the nobles and royalty.

The species name eupatria has its origins from Greek. Where the prefix eu translates into good or noble and the suffix patria is a Greek word translating as either fatherland or ancestry. Consequently, the species' scientific name means something in the line "of noble ancestry", "of noble fatherland" or "of noble nation". The species has naturalized itself in numerous European countries. Particularly in Germany, in the south of England, in Belgium, in Greece, in western Turkey and in the Netherlands where it generally lives amongst or alongside flocks of naturalized *Psittacula krameri* (ringnecked or rose-ringed parakeet). For more information, call Barb at 254-346-6700.

"Cross Plains Remembered" books available locally or by mail

A limited number of Cross Plains Remembered books – Volumes 1, 2 and 3 – are still available. If you haven't purchased a copy, you will want one to see all of the old photographs of people and places in Cross Plains. If you only have Volume 1, now is a good time to go ahead and pickup Volumes 2 and 3.

Volume 1 contains a little bit of everything, including many old street scenes, family histories, school group photos, banking history, church history, photos of Robert E. Howard and the Howard Museum photos from the surrounding communities, and much more.

Volume 2 contains many more family histories and photographs, along with more school photos, and photos of Cross Plains and the surrounding communities and much more.

Volume 3, contains the histories of "Centurian" ranches that have

been in business in the Cross Plains area for over 100 years, old homecoming photos, more school photos, photos of Cross Plains and the surrounding communities, a special section of businesses of today, and much more.

Each volume is 254 pages and sells for \$20. Proceeds from the books go to the Barbarian Festival Committee, who compiled the books. You can order a book by sending a check to P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Indicate on the check, which volume or volumes you want. Send \$20 per book, plus \$4.50 shipping for 1 book, \$7.00 shipping for 2 books, or \$10 shipping for 3 books.

You can also pick up the books locally in Cross Plains at Texas Heritage Bank, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Salamander's Apparel, Connie's Cuts and Curls, the Cross Plains Library, the Cross Plains Senior Center and the Cross Plains Review.

Governor Abbott signs legislation expanding Texans' second admendment rights

AUSTIN – Governor Greg Abbott, signed HB 910 (Phillips, R-Sherman; Estes, R-Wichita Falls) and SB 11 (Birdwell, R-Granbury; Fletcher, R-Cypress), which expand Texans' Second Amendment rights. Both bills implement proposals in the Governor's Bicentennial Blueprint.

HB 910, known as "open carry," authorizes individuals with a license to carry a holstered handgun openly in all locations that allow the

licensed carrying of a concealed handgun. SB 11, known as "campus carry" authorizes individuals with a license to carry a concealed handgun on campuses of public institutions of higher education.

"Today I am proud to expand liberty in the Lone Star State," said Governor Abbott. "By signing these bills into law, Texans can be assured that their Second Amendment rights will be stronger and more secure than ever before."



Mrs. Audrey Watkins

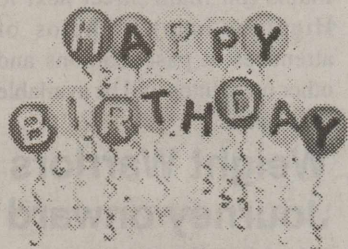
Another Success Story at Rising Star Nursing and Rehab

Mrs. Audrey Watkins of Cross Plains is pictured as she prepares to return home from successful rehab with Rising Star Nursing and Rehab. Ms. Watkins was quoted as saying "I knew I would get the best care here." She went on to say it was an overall great experience. She thought the staff was wonderful. "The Physical therapist, Haidee

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Ms. Watkins was here for short term therapy. Medicare pays for short term therapy for up to 100 days per episode. For more information, call 254-643-6700.

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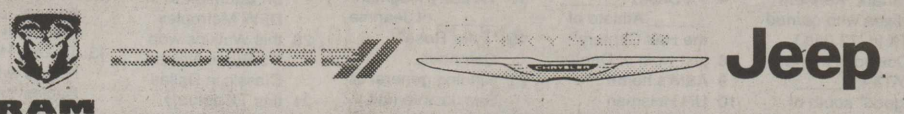


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Immunization Clinic in Clyde

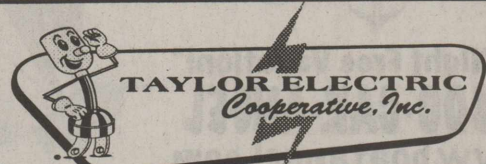
The Texas Department of State Health Services will have a free immunization clinic on Wednesday, July 15th in Clyde, Texas.

This clinic will offer their services free of charge to both children and adults. The requirements for a child to receive free immunizations are that they either have Medicaid, no insurance, or if they are underinsured. For adults to qualify for the free program, they must be uninsured.

The clinic will take place at Clyde's First Baptist Church, located at 216 Austin from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.-3p.m.. All they ask is that you bring your child's shot records, and Medicaid card if applicable.

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Finlay and Hines re-elected to Central Texas Farm Credit Board of Directors

Each year, shareholders vote to elect their peers to serve Central Texas Farm Credit and continue to advance the Farm Credit's mission to provide financing for rural America. This year, shareholders voted to reelect Mr. Mike Finlay and Mr. Philip W. Hinds to serve three year terms.

As board members, Finlay and Hinds both bring valuable insight and experience from their own agricultural operations and businesses.

"Our board members are essential to this organization's success," says Jimmy Chambers, chief executive officer of Central Texas Farm Credit, "Our nominating committee always provides a slate of quality candidates to choose from in selecting representatives to serve on our board of directors."

Finlay and Hinds rejoin fellow board members Robby A. Halfmann, Chairman; Kenneth D. Harvick, Vice Chairman; Burl D. Lowery, Director; and Steven R. Lehmann, Director.

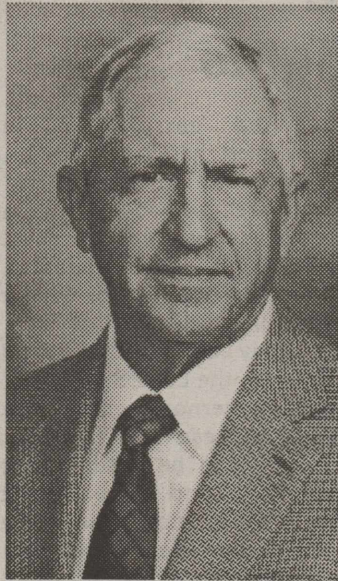
Mike Finlay was first elected to the board of directors in 2008 and currently serves on the Association's audit and compensation committees. Mr. Finlay is a farmer and rancher in McCulloch and Coleman counties. His principal business consists of various crops along with cattle and sheep operations. He is a

member of the McCulloch County Conservation board and the McCulloch County Tax Appraisal District board. Mr. Finlay has also served on the Lohn Co-op Gin board, the McCulloch County Soil and Water Conservation board, the Lohn School board, and the Millersview-Doole Water Supply Corporation board.

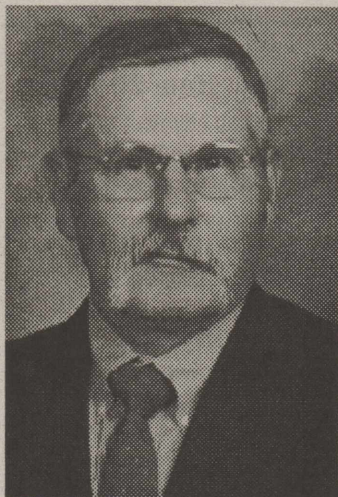
Philip W. Hinds was first elected to the board of directors in 2009. Mr. Hinds owns and operates the Bargain House, a furniture business, and a small stock-farming operation in Coleman, Texas. He has been a member of the Coleman County Farm Bureau and the Coleman County Rodeo Association. Mr. Hinds currently serves on the Association's audit and compensation committees.

About Central Texas Farm Credit

Founded in 1916, Central Texas Farm Credit is dedicated to providing a reliable source of financing for agricultural producers, agribusinesses, and recreational property. Member-owned and part of the Farm Credit system, Central Texas Farm Credit maintains a portfolio of 2,700 loans for over \$430 million in a 20 county area in central and west Texas. It is headquartered in Coleman, Texas and has branch offices in Brownwood, Texas; San Angelo, Texas; Comanche, Texas; Brady, Texas, and Haskell, Texas. For



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Pioneer School Ex-Student Reunion

The Pioneer School Ex-students meet annually on the last Saturday of June at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center.

This 95th event begins Saturday, June 27th at 9:30 a.m. with complimentary coffee and snacks during registration. The business meeting at 10:30 a.m. includes a memorial service for Ex-Students and family members lost during the past year. Lunch will be served after the business meeting.

Come to this 95th Reunion, renew old acquaintances, and share remembrances of Pioneer School years on Saturday, June 27th at the Senior Center in Cross Plains (on Main Street next to Higginbotham). Photos of attendees at past reunions and other mementos will be available for review.

Weight Warriors Journey onward in 2015

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pioneer Cemetery Report

Plot Status:
The Pioneer Cemetery Board is again asking that anyone who feels they have a reserved plot that might not have been recorded, please call a board member for a status report.

We feel the records are now all correct, but some of these plots were reserved many years ago and may not have been validated. It is also important to remember the cost of a regular plot is two hundred (\$200.00) dollars and should be paid for when the plot is reserved.

The following are some questions that you should discuss with your family members to help purchase and protect your plots.

1. Has a family name and a plot location been given to a board member to be recorded?
2. Was the plot previously paid for when it was chosen?
3. At one time, a deposit of \$50.00 could be paid to hold each plot. Was this done by your family?
4. Does your family still need the amount of plots they previously reserved?

If we can help in any way, please call one of the board members. Not all have these listings, but they will be glad to get the information and get back to you. Wanda Nelson:(325) 646-4892 Sara McGowen:(254) 643-3276 Lou Brooks: (254) 643-1169 Rueben McCowan:(325) 280-0180.

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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

It was a nice clear weekend for the Barbarian Festival and the Color Blast Fun Run down at the park in Cross Plains.

Three ladies from Cottonwood did pretty good at the festival. Gayla Creamer came in first in the adult division of the Color Blast Run. We are proud of her. In a "Color Blast" run they throw (washable) colors at you at several places along the run — so by the end of the run, you look like a rainbow. Gayla did real good.

Now, the other two ladies. Mary Ella Weaver won the Grand Prize in the Raffle at the Festival. The concrete cowboy bench has found a home on Mary Ella's porch. I won one of the other big prizes — the bird house. Teri and Susan both said that they would 'take care' of the bird house for me, but I think I have just the place for it. Plus the birds have already taken a liking to it.

Cody Adams of Jarrell was here over the weekend visiting with the Terstegges. He attended the Barbarian Festival and worked in the CPVFD booth. Brandon and Ethan Maxwell are also here visiting with their grandparents, Joe and Deana Terstegge.

Great to see so many Cottonwood folks at the Barbarian Festival — and at the Fish Fry and Parade on Thursday evening: Joe and Jane Besselaar, Russ and Diana Miller, Bryan

and Grace Bennett, Emma Bennett, Wes Larimore, just to name a few. The kids from the Cottonwood Baptist Church helped out at the festival and adults from the church operated the trolley that took people from the parking lot up to the festival.

The missions group from the Cottonwood Baptist Church will be going to Romania soon.

Rain showers fell early Sunday morning with .7 inches of rain being reported in Cottonwood. The quail were sounding off — whip-por-will. We're awaiting Tropical Storm Bill to come our way with more rain.

Nickerson reunion at home of J. J. Rhodes in Marquez. Traveling to the reunion from the Cottonwood and Cross Plains area were Dena Nickerson, Annette and Bill Nickerson, Kevin and Jessica Nickerson, Hailey and Gus; Jennie Nickerson, Autum, Cadence and Barrett.

Even though it has been wet and the burn ban is off, you still need to let the Sheriff's Office know if you are planning a control burn. That way, if your neighbors see smoke, the Sheriff's Office can tell them know not to worry. Call them at 325-854-1444. You also need to let the fire chiefs of both local departments know you are going to burn. It's always better to be safe and prepared; you never know when a control burn can get out of control.

Grand Ole Oplin June Line-up

Everyone is invited out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On June 19th MID-NIGHT BLUE returns to play some more of your favorite country tunes, and on June 26th 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. Admission to our Friday night dances is \$5.00. Our dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be 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, we know you'll have a good time.

New Law Establishes Definition, Rules for Autocycles

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is informing Texans about a new motor vehicle designation created by the 84th Texas Legislature through SB 449, which defines an autocycle and establishes requirements for titling, registration and operation. The law went into effect May 22, 2015.

An autocycle constitutes a motor vehicle, other than a tractor, that is:

- designed to have when propelled not more than three wheels on the ground;
- equipped with a steering wheel;
- equipped with seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride the seat; and
- manufactured and certified to comply with federal safety requirements for a motorcycle.

(The bill also specifies an autocycle is required to be titled and registered as a motorcycle. Additionally, an autocycle can be operated under a Class C driver license (the standard license for operating a motor vehicle).

Autocycle Requirement
For a more detailed chart related to autocycle rules along with title, registration, licensing and headgear requirements, see <http://dps.texas.gov/msb/documents/VDRchart.pdf> and <http://dps.texas.gov/msb/documents/autocycleFAQs.pdf>.

Additional information is also available on the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles website at <http://www.txdmv.gov/registration-and-title-bulletins/2015-01-27-16-32-49/004-15>.

Homecoming Invitation Deadline Approaching

The Cross Plains Ex Student Association has invitations ready to be picked up and mailed. They are available at the following businesses: Connie's Cuts and Curls - Connie Kirkham, Texas Heritage Bank - Debbie Edington, Higginbotham's Hardware - Debbie Reed, and the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center - Dannes Turner.

You can either return your invitations for mailing to one of these local businesses or drop it in your local USPS.

Because Homecoming is a big community event, we would like to get all the invitations in the mail by the end of June or mid July at the latest so we are able to plan accordingly. Thanks, Connie Kirkham.

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- 1 TXism: "got the ___ of it"
- 5 Ripley's Believe ___ Not
- 6 TXism: "___ as a squirrel up a tree"
- 7 TX ___ Quinta Inns
- 8 TXism: "the whole ___ and caboodle"
- 9 "Charles" south of the Rio Grande
- 15 a TX mesquite
- 16 TXism: "he ___ to no one" (refused to obey)
- 18 actor Kurt of film "The Deadly Tower" about 1966 UT sniper
- 20 TXism: "it's ___ bout"
- 21 TXism: "___ a new hat size" (hit)
- 26 TX Joe Don Baker 1973 film: "Walking ___ dog hotel"
- 29 TXism: "fits like ___ a horse"
- 30 amigos
- 32 Centerville high school class
- 33 early name: "El Paso ___ Norte"
- 36 ex-Cowboy "Shark" Kenneth Nixon who carried TX in '72 (init.)
- 38 Cowboys arena: "AT&T ___"
- 39 "good" south of the border
- 41 young TX anglers learn how to do this (3 wds.)
- 44 TX actor Quaid
- 45 "Too Tall" Jones
- 46 in Falls Co. on 77
- 47 "___ em Aggies!"
- 48 TX outlaw Sam Bass left passengers \$1 so they could do this (3 wds.)
- 51 TX Ross Perot sold EDS to General ___ in 1984

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- 1 book: "Lone Star Rising" Lyndon Johnson and ___ Times"
- 2 TXism: "hard as dodging rice ___ wedding"
- 3 TXism: "___ on her" (pretty)
- 4 TX Babe: "___ Athlete of the Half Century"
- 8 just west of Denton
- 9 A&M's home
- 10 UH Heisman winner Andre (init.)
- 11 Erik Williams old position on the Cowboys (abbr.)
- 12 former TX fuel supplier (3 wds.)
- 13 McKinney's '48 gold medal vaulter: ___ Guinn Smith
- 14 the Spjurs have retired the #32 jersey of this Elliott (1989-2001)
- 15 in Henderson Co. on hwy. 31
- 16 once a FM in Hooks
- 17 TX Larry Hagman ___ of Jeannie
- 19 "Tyler Rose" Campbell
- 21 winning general at San Jacinto (init.)
- 22 TXism: "put a ___ on it" (shut up)
- 23 citrus drinks
- 24 "critter" hides
- 25 former Fort Worth AFB was named for ___ Carswell
- 27 former call letters of "Boom 94.5" in DFW Metroplex
- 28 this Watkins won '73 Byron Nelson Classic in Dallas
- 31 this TX Johnny sang "I Can See Clearly Now"
- 34 DXism: "black gold"
- 35 TXism: "he's over ___ (deserving)"
- 37 feature of 38-acres: "___ of Honor"
- 40 TXism: "jump (escape from law)"
- 42 TXism: "all beer and no ___ (genuine)"
- 43 TX Don Henley helped write the Eagles' hit: "Take ___ Limit"
- 49 motorbike with a pedal
- 50 TXism: "let ___ rip!"

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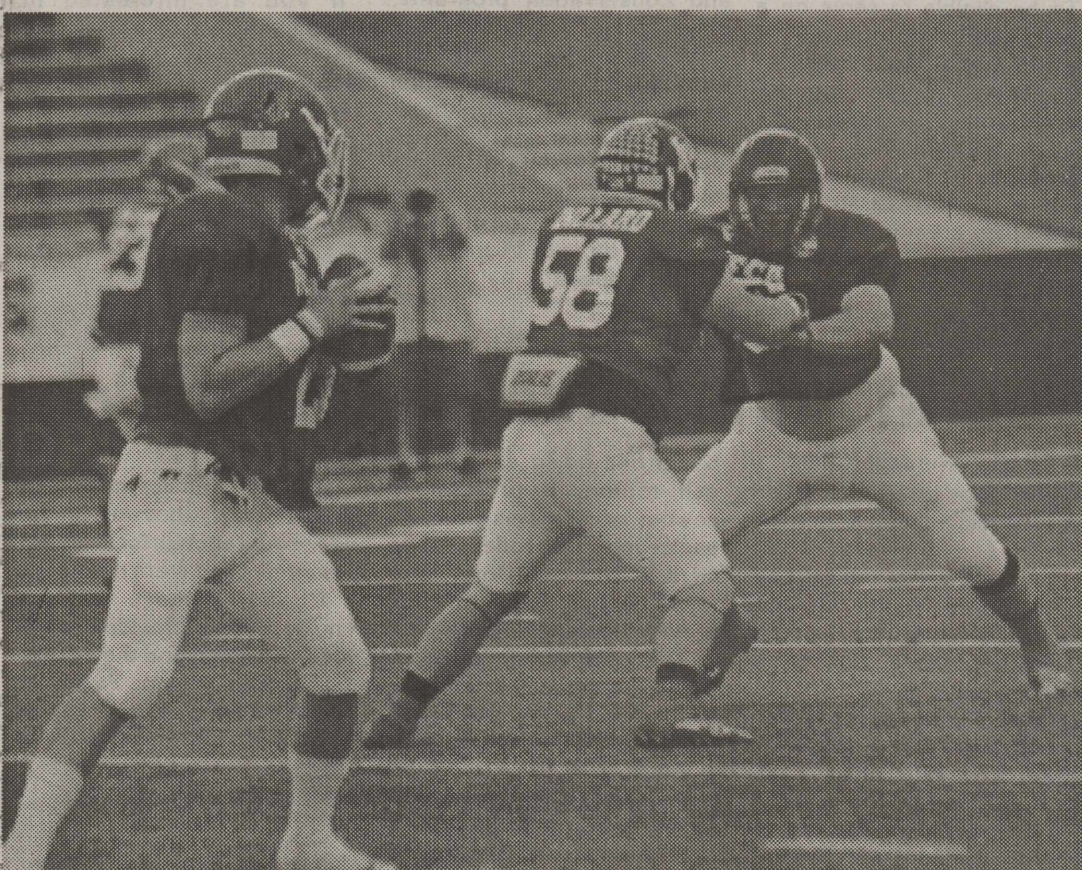
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DPS Reminds Texans About Dangers of Leaving Children in Vehicles

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that as summer temperatures increase, so do does the potential for vehicular heatstroke deaths in children. Every year, children die from heatstroke after being left in a vehicle or entering a vehicle unnoticed.

"Children should never be left unattended in a vehicle regardless of the weather; however especially in warmer temperatures, the likelihood of serious injury or death increases exponentially when a child - or anyone - remains in a hot vehicle for too long," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS urges parents, caretakers and the public to do their part to prevent vehicular heatstroke by never

leaving a child inside a vehicle without an adult present, and by notifying emergency personnel if they see a child alone in a car."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, temperatures inside a car can rise more than 20 degrees in only 10 minutes; and even with an outside temperature of 60 degrees, the temperature inside a car can reach 110 degrees. Leaving windows partially rolled down does not help. In addition, young children are particularly at risk since their bodies heat up faster than an adult.

DPS offers the following tips for preventing vehicular heatstroke deaths and injuries:

- Always check the back seats of your vehicle before

walking away.

- Establish reminders that help ensure you remove children from the vehicle. For example: leave your bag, lunch or cell phone in the back seat with the child's car seat.

- Call 9-1-1 if you see a child alone in a car, and emergency personnel will instruct you what to do next.

- If a child goes missing, open the doors and trunks to every vehicle in the area. One-third of all of the deaths occur when a child accesses a parked car unnoticed.

- Teach children not to play in vehicles and make sure to place the keys out of reach when not being used.

For more information, visit www.safercar.gov/parents/index.htm.

Cross Plains June Pony League Schedule

Cross Plains Pony League Baseball has begun with two teams, a Purple Team and a Gold Team. All away games will be played in Brownwood on the fields located behind the Gordon Woods Stadium. The teams are yet to be announced, but will be assigned to the Freshman League of players.

The following schedule is for both away games scheduled to play on Thursday's and some home games to be played on Tuesdays.

June 4th Gold Team at 6 p.m., Purple Team at 8 p.m.

June 11th Purple Team 6 p.m., Gold Team at 8 p.m.

June 18th Gold Team at 6 p.m., Purple Team at 8 p.m.

June 25th Purple Team 6 p.m., Gold Team 8 p.m.

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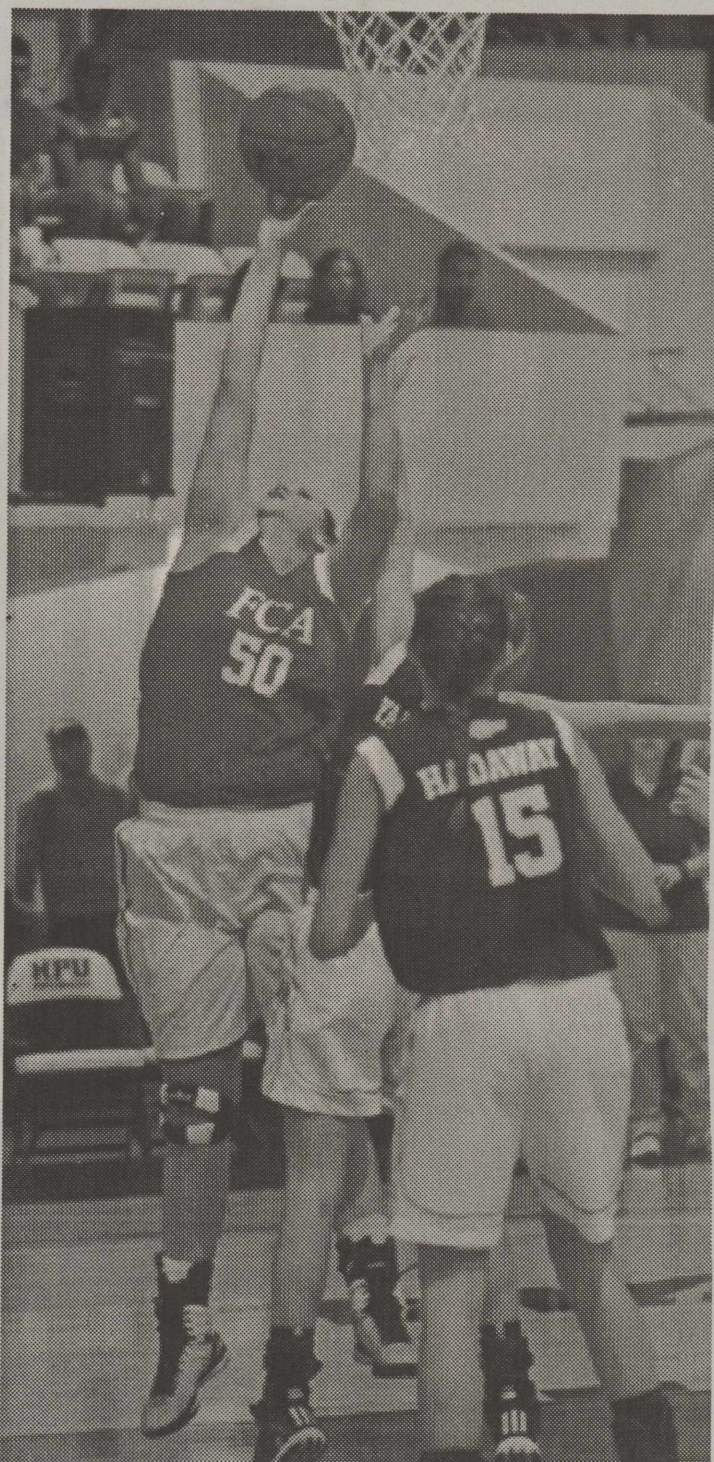
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2015 CROSS PLAINS GRADUATE JURNEE THOMAS, #50 IN BLACK, PUTS UP A SHOT DURING THE FELLOWSHIPS OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES NORTH/SOUTH ALL-STAR PLAYED THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH IN BROWNWOOD. THOMAS PLAYED FOR THE SOUTH ALL-STARS, WHICH WON THE GAME 76-44.

Governor Abbott signs legislation expanding Texans' second amendment rights

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott, signed HB 910 (Phillips, R-Sherman; Estes, R-Wichita Falls) and SB 11 (Birdwell, R-Granbury; Fletcher, R-Cypress), which expand Texans' Second Amendment rights. Both bills implement proposals in the Governor's Bicentennial Blueprint.

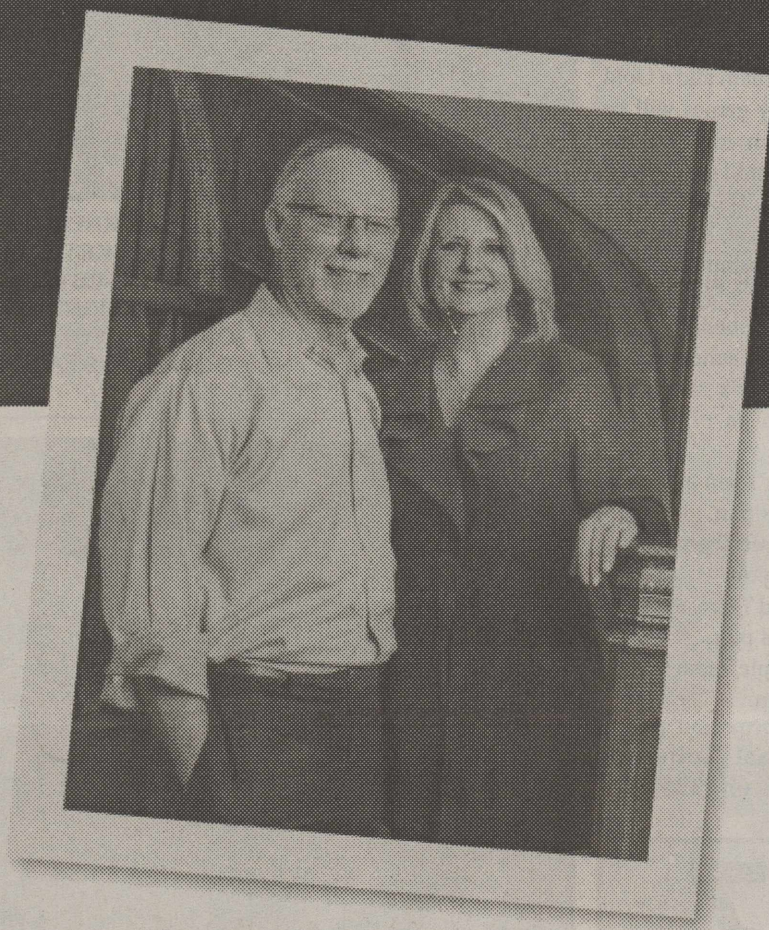
HB 910, known as "open carry," authorizes individuals with a license to carry a holstered handgun openly in all locations that allow the

licensed carrying of a concealed handgun. SB 11, known as "campus carry" authorizes individuals with a license to carry a concealed handgun on campuses of public institutions of higher education.

"Today I am proud to expand liberty in the Lone Star State," said Governor Abbott. "By signing these bills into law, Texans can be assured that their Second Amendment rights will be stronger and more secure than ever before."

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CALLAHAN COUNTY



Having now finished my 10th Regular session in the Texas legislature, I intend to complete my current term as State Representative (District 60) but will not seek reelection in the 2016 Republican primary. It has been the highest honor and greatest privilege to serve you. Since our initial election victory in 1996, Leslie and I strove at all times to put rural Texas families first while working under three Texas Governors (George W. Bush, Rick Perry and Greg Abbott). We now bid an affectionate farewell to the august body of men and women who will carry forward the responsibilities of our state government. At the end of this term (January 2017), we will take our leave of all the employment of public life with no regrets. Having ever-lasting friendships across the district, and with now grown children and young grandchildren, we are ready to share all that is great about being Texans. Thank you!

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Farm Service Agency County Committee Nomination Period Begins June 15th

WASHINGTON, June 8, 2015 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins on Monday, June 15, 2015.

"Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice. Their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "It is important for county committees to reflect America's diversity, so I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers, including beginning farmers, to get involved in this year's elections. We've seen an increase in the number of nominations for qualified candidates, especially among women and minorities, and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on a FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where they are nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may

nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections

Nomination forms for the 2015 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3, 2015.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9, 2015. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7, 2015. Newly elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2016.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

Texas Concealed Handgun License class

The Texas Concealed Handgun License (CHL) class will be offered in Clyde June 23rd and 25th. Scott Kniffen, who recently retired from a 40 year career in law enforcement, will be the instructor.

Kniffen served with several different police departments throughout his career and spent the last 21 years as a Chief of Police. He has been a CHL instructor since 2012. He is also a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol and home firearms safety instructor.

The CHL class will be held at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce. Due to the length of the class, it will be held on two evenings from 7-9:30 PM. The class will be limited to 10 participants and the cost of the class is \$65 per person, range fee included. The qualification will take place on Saturday, June 27th at the Abilene Indoor Gun Range.

If you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Kniffen at scottniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-899-5263

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Fourth Annual Exceptional Rodeo

Cowboy Heritage Church in Clyde sponsored the fourth annual Exceptional Rodeo Jun 6th.

Twenty cowgirls and cowboys were thrilled to ride the white horses from Hardin Simmons University. Some children had never ridden a horse. Judy Overturff, a professional therapeutic riding instructor, oversaw the safety of each child as they mounted the horse.

Other events included stick horse barrel races, pole bending,

barrel bull riding and dummy calf roping. A professional cowboy or cowgirl assisted with each event. Two rodeo clowns, Gene Williams and Jory Carter, kept the bull riders safe and provided entertainment.

The goat ribbon race was exciting as the contestants raced to the two fainting goats, who thankfully did not faint.

Each participating cowboy and cowgirl was presented a trophy by pastor Dr. Dan Murray and was given a Resistol hat

and bandana.

The excited smiles on the face of each little cowboy and cowgirl was reward enough for the many volunteers and team members.

Cowboy Heritage Church's chuck wagon provided lunch for the children and their guest.

The planning team, Pat Balch, Tammy Faulk, Judy Overturff and Jan Barron wishes to thank the many volunteers who made the rodeo a success.

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Invitational Ranch Rodeo

6:00pm June 20, 2015



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For more information contact: Steve Goldsmith @ 325-518-8805

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