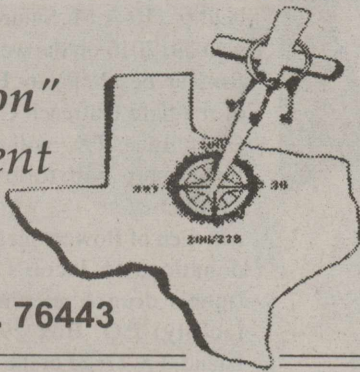


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Off-duty Abilene police officer found dead at Clyde residence

The Clyde Police Department will be assisting the Texas Rangers on an investigation of an unattended death of an off-duty Abilene police officer discovered late Monday night, August 31st at his residence on Yucca Street in Clyde.

Clyde Police Chief Robert Dalton said the Clyde Police Department received a call of an unattended death on Yucca Street around 7:00 p.m.

According to Chief Dalton, a subject, who was a family member of the deceased, found the deceased man inside the Yucca Street residence.

Chief Dalton said the name of the deceased has not yet been released, but will be named soon. Chief Dalton said in respect to the Abilene Police Department, the officer's name has not yet been released.

The investigation into the unattended death will be led by Texas Ranger Shane Morrow, with assistance by the Clyde Police Department and Abilene Police Department.

Chief Dalton said that when Clyde officers arrived on the scene, they found the deceased

off-duty police officer in the home. He said the Texas Rangers were called to lead the investigation "due to circumstances of the death."

The body has been transported to the Tarrant County Medical Examiners' office for an autopsy, and Chief Dalton said the preliminary autopsy results should be available later today (Tuesday, September 1st).

Chief Dalton said police officers were on the scene gathering evidence from 7:00 p.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. He also said the area around Yucca Street was canvassed for evidence.

Chief Dalton said the Abilene Police Department, led by Abilene Police Chief Stan Standrich, held a press conference at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday in Abilene, to provide more information on the case.

In the press conference, the death of an Abilene Police Officer is being called a murder, according to police.

Standridge confirmed Officer Don Allen, 27, was murdered in his home. He is a 2006 graduate

of Clyde High School.

Police have multiple leads, and they are working to exhaust them all as they close in on a suspect.

The FBI has joined the investigation, and multiple law enforcement agencies continue to search for answers.

Chief Dalton said the FBI contacted him Tuesday morning offering their assistance and they (FBI) are involved in the investigation too.

Officer Allen recently joined the Abilene Police force after serving in Cisco.

He was engaged to be married and is survived by his fiancée, parents, and other family members.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, at Beltway South in Abilene from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The funeral will be at Beltway at 10:00 a.m. Friday, September 4th with graveside services in Clyde.

Chief Dalton declined to provide more information, saying "we're (Clyde Police Department) allowing the Texas Rangers to take the lead on the investigation."

Save The Date September 12 TCRC Ranch Rodeo

The sixth annual Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Memorial Ranch Rodeo will be held Saturday, September 12 at the TCRC arena in Cross Plains. Be sure to save this date and join us for a great time! 12 teams will compete in a traditional ranch rodeo beginning at 5pm, preceded by a 'mutton bustin'' at 4pm, and followed by Shetland bronc riding.

In honor of Reggie Pillars, proceeds will benefit Cooks Children's Hospital. Sponsors are always welcome!

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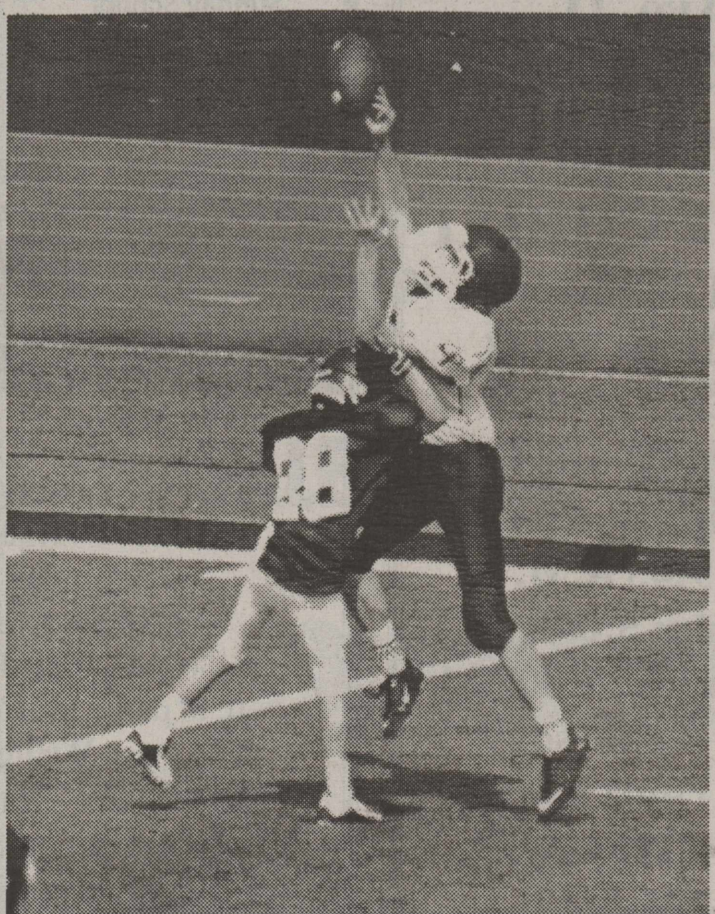
The Review, founded in April 1909, has been telling the story of the Cross Plains area for over 107 years. Tours will be conducted of the business at the end of the dedication, and Jack Baum will recount stories of his

working at the paper. You will be able to see many pieces of equipment used over the years including the original Linotype machine. The 107 year old Babcock Reliance cylinder press which was used even when the newspaper was on the banks of Turkey Creek can be seen. When the railroad came and the community moved closer to the depot and Cross Plains was founded in 1911, the large press was moved to its current location and the brick building was built around it. You will not want to miss this celebration!

Library Sponsors Design Contest for Kids

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Apparel. Ezra Jack Keats broke the color barrier with the mainstream success of The Snowy Day, in 1962. He based the lives of his multiracial characters on his childhood but added loving parents, friends, and pets. He believed that all children should be able to see themselves in the books they love. "If we could see each other exactly as the other is," he wrote, "this would be a different world."



JV Buffaloes vs. Brownwood

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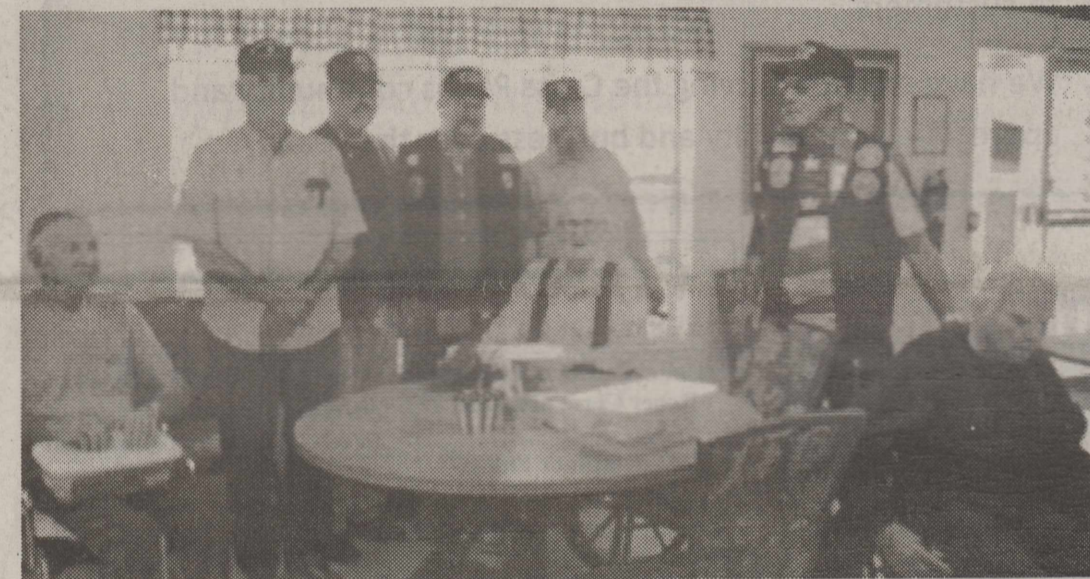
Free Concert in front of the T&P Depot in Baird

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Ranger Veteran's Support Group: Larry Monroe, Bill Carmack, Gerald Cozart, Kenny Welch and John Stanton

Ranger Veterans Support Group Visits Nursing Home

The local veterans support group of Ranger visited Rising Star Nursing Center last week. Among the veterans that were available were Paul Neeb, Cecil Windham and LC Barkemeyer. The support group consisted of

Larry Monroe, Bill Carmack, Gerald Cozart, Kenny Welch and John Stanton. The visit was greatly appreciated by the veterans and staff. The support group delivered care packages to each of our veterans. We

strongly support all the veterans in our community and especially those in our Home. For more information regarding support of our Activity Program call Barb Gainer at 254-643-6700. www.risingstarnursing.com

Marguerite Ransdell Celebrates 100 Years

Many friends and family gathered for a special celebration, August 2, 2015,

honoring Marguerite Lawrence Ransdell for her 100th Birthday. The grand event was held at the

Family Life Center of First Baptist Church where she was showered with many cards, flowers, music, and other expressions of love. Marguerite has been a resident of Cottonwood since 2003 when she and her daughter, Gail (d.), moved here from Albuquerque, New Mexico to be close to family. Marguerite was born July 16, 1915 in Bowling Green, Kentucky and was the wife of John W. Ransdell (d.) who served in New Mexico as a Southern Baptist Minister for nearly 40 years. Marguerite served faithfully as an active pastor's wife in many capacities. Pastor Ronnie White honored Marguerite with a prayer of thanksgiving and spoke on behalf of all those who love her, mentioning her century of life experiences. Charla White and Dick and Faye Tucker played popular piano music from the last 10 decades. Mayor Ray Purvis presented Marguerite with a special proclamation, honoring her on behalf of the City of Cross Plains. Stacy Montgomery led everyone in singing "Happy Birthday" to Marguerite for this milestone. Mrs. Ransdell lives next to her family, Scott and Jacque Childress, in Cottonwood.



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Obituaries



MAX VINSON WATSON
12/19/1937 8/22/2015

Max Vinson Watson

Max grew up on a working ranch in Coleman County, Texas. He graduated from Burkett, TX High School in 1956 and then attended Tarleton State University where he was on the rodeo team, ROTC Commandant, and Most Popular. He graduated with a BS from North Texas State University in 1960.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-62.

He had a career in the industrial/commercial construction business. He especially enjoyed dove hunting, fishing, & practical jokes. He took medical retirement in 1996 following a massive stroke. In 1997 he and his wife moved to Port Bolivar.

He was predeceased by his parents Roger V. and Ernestine Watson of Cross Plains, TX.

Survivors include his wife & companion for nearly 40 years - Edith Havard Watson, 2 daughters Holly Surrency and Becky Hilyer, both of Opelika, AL., six grandchildren and his brother Billy Watson of Sugar Land, TX. He was loved by many cousins, nieces, nephews & friends.

A special thanks to all of our friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness and support special thanks to Barbara Couttee, Aegis Sr. Services; Ken Bankes; Carlis Cole; and Nancy Taylor, Kindred at Home

Hospice.

A Memorial service and scattering of his ashes will be held at 10 A.M. Saturday, August 29, 2015 on the west end of Bolivar beach. Pastor Eric Ford of the Safe Outreach Church of God, Buna, TX, will officiate. Fellowship will follow at the PBVFD.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jacob's Ladder, (men's drug & alcohol rehab facility) P.O. Box 291, High Island, TX 77623 or the PBVFD, P.O. Box 675, Port Bolivar, TX.



54th Wedding Anniversary

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Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Zachery T. Inman, burglary of vehicle.

John Wayne Dogie, theft by check.

Kristin Paige Williams, theft or worthless check.

Paul Mayes Zinn, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Larry R. Carter III, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for completion of PTD Program.

Ricky J. Adesso, plea of guilty to theft by check, 15 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Randall L. Matlock, affidavit of surety to surrender principal granted.

John Barnett, motion to dismiss to assault granted for completion of PTD Program.

Derek R. Breazeale, request for extension of probation granted.

Beverly F. Escamilla, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Nathan V. Cardenas, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 35 days in jail, \$429 court costs.

Michael A. Wode, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Kirsten M. Dole, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Minutes

Jason Stroud, plea of guilty to aggravated assault, 4 years in prison, \$314 court costs.

Ronald G. Riddle, plea of guilty to indecency with a child, 7 years in prison, \$324 court costs.

Clifford L. Young, plea of guilty to DWI, 3 years in prison, \$534 court costs, \$60 restitution.

Jon J. Jones, plea of guilty to unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, 10 months in jail, \$264 court costs.

Damion Hall, motion to dismiss to burglary of a building granted, witness unavailable.

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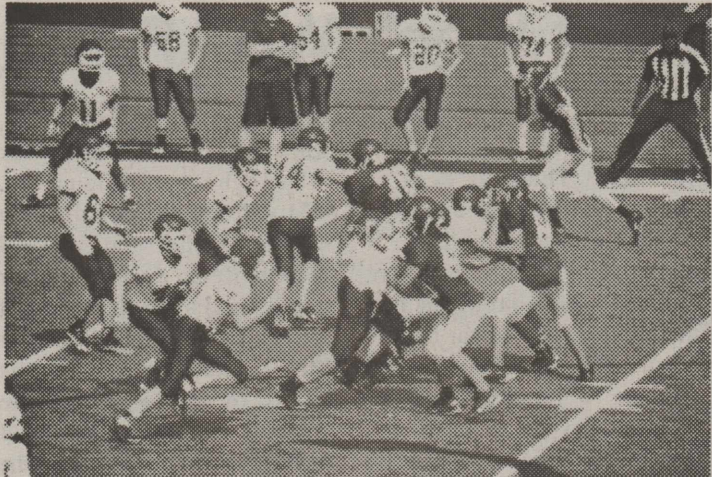
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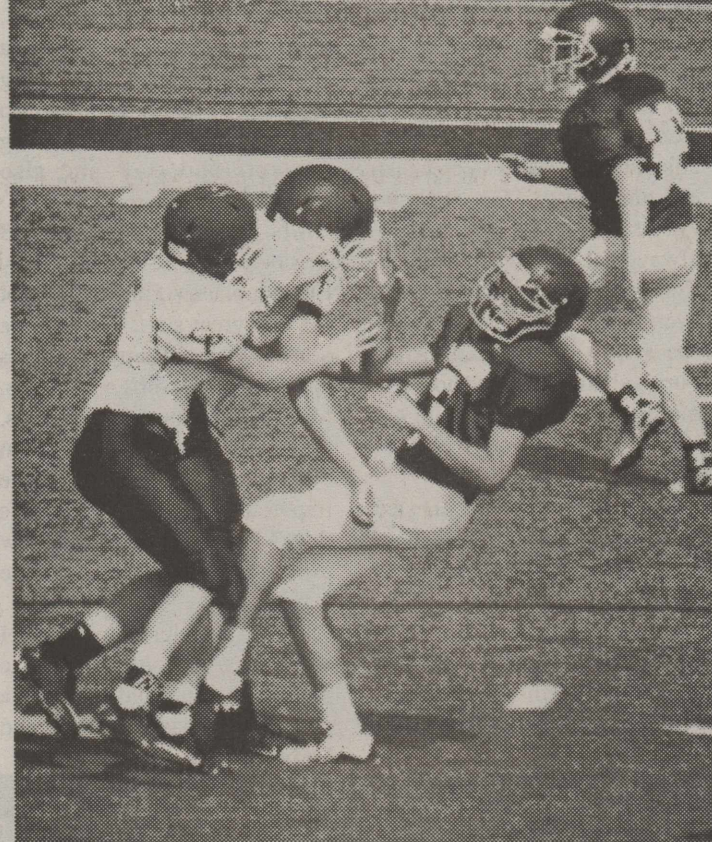
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Game Notes:

The JV Buffaloes played their first game against the Brownwood Lions 9th Grade on Thursday. They played to a 0-0 tie at Gordon Wood Stadium. They travel to Haskell this week to play the Haskell Indian JV at 6:00 PM.

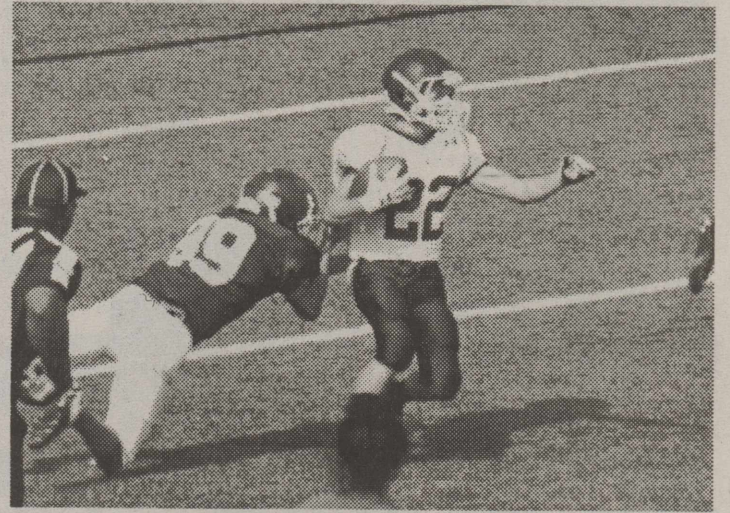
Friday, August 28th

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JV BUFFALO FOOTBALL



JV Buffaloes vs. Brownwood



JV Buffaloes vs. Brownwood

Football Schedule for Friday, September 4th

Junior Varsity
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Varsity
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Spirit Day at the Pep Rally

Cross Plains ISD Pep Rally Friday, August 28th was held in the gymnasium to show support for the Buffalo Football Teams. The theme last week was, "Nerdy" as you can see in the above picture. Students and staff went all out in their support showing quite the team spirit.

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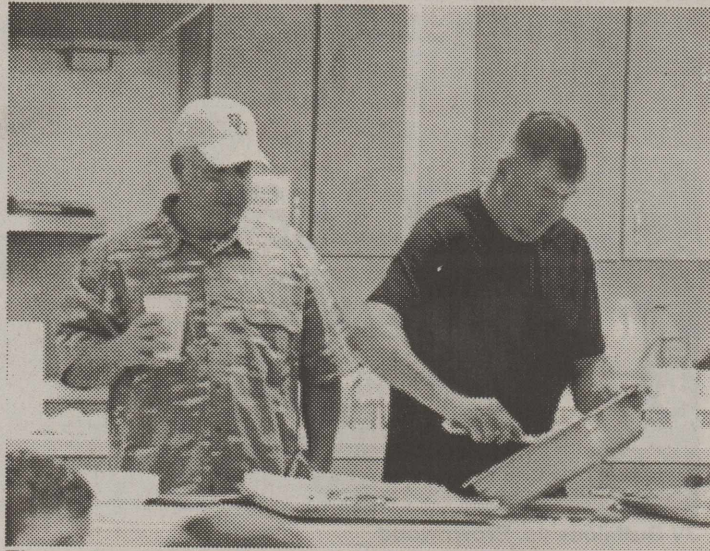
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The men making breakfast at First Baptist Church

Buffalo Breakfast has kicked off

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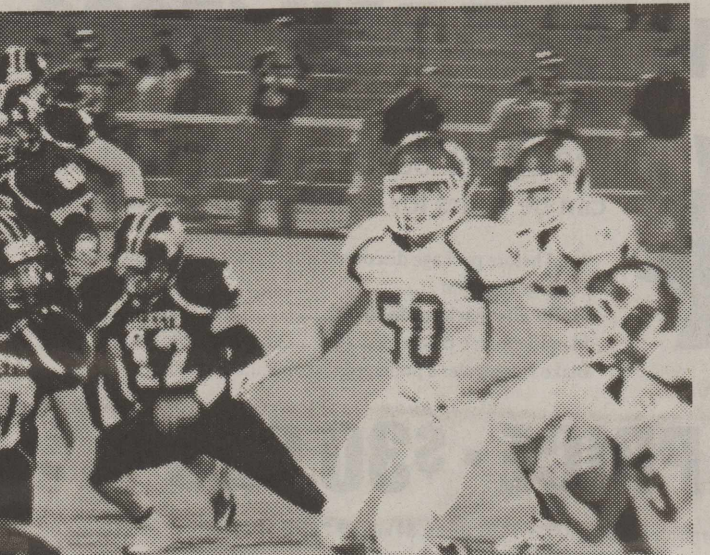


Guest Speaker - Ophelia Merrill at the Kick Off Breakfast

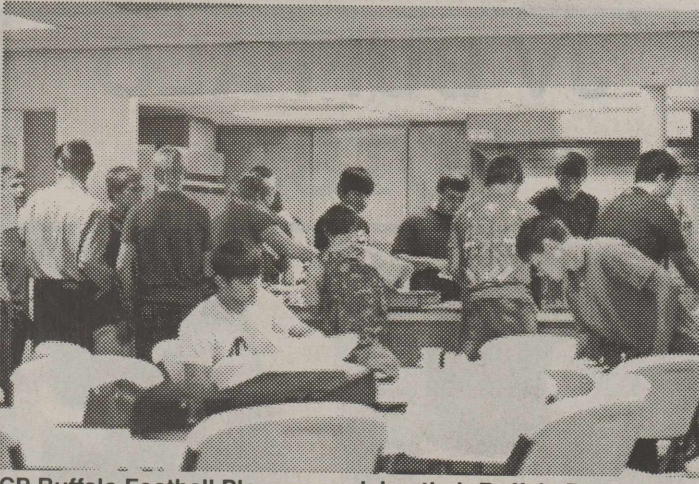
Varsity Buffalo Football



CP Buffaloes vs. Menard Yellowjackets



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CP Buffalo Football Players receiving their Buffalo Breakfast



CPISD Students dressed for Spirit Day (Nerdy) at the breakfast

Game Notes:

The Cross Plains Buffaloes fought the Menard Yellowjackets in a shoot-out at Findlay Field in Menard last Friday night. It went all the way to overtime for a winner to be determined, as the Buffaloes fell short to a state-ranked Yellowjacket team, 26-32. The score was tied 26-26 at the end of regulation. This week the Buffaloes have their home opener Friday night at Buffalo Stadium as they host Fort Worth Calvary at 7:30 PM. Come out and support the Buffaloes!!

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Friday, August 28th
Cross Plains Buffaloes
 vs.
Menard Yellowjackets
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First Week WRAP-UP

By: Alex Jones

CPHS is back in full swing after 3 months of summer vacation. The first week of school can be dreaded by students and teachers alike. It marks an end to the care free summer when students had nothing to worry about but the horrific Blue Bell shortage, and teachers' were able to trade in their red pens for flip flops and shades. The first week is often thought to be the busiest and most draining 5 days of the first semester.

Just ask Mallory McCready (CPHS Freshman) who said, "It was exhausting and a hard adjustment. I can't sleep as late as I am used to." Coach Daniel Purvis said "The first week is always the toughest, from the first games, to the first pep-rally everyone is trying to get back in the swing of things." Coach Purvis also commented how well morning work outs are going and that attendance has improved from past years.

Stacy Jones (Counselor) said, "The first week was very busy, but I was glad to have kids back in the building again. The summer paperwork has to be done but what I really, really love is working with my students." Dailynn Baker (CPHS 7TH

Grader) said, "It was great", when asked how his first week in the High School building was.

Mrs. Eddy Cooper the new math teacher at CPHS commented on how her transition to a new school went smoothly. CPHS veteran teacher Mrs. Keeka Byrd said, "I was happy to get to see all the students coming back after 3 months. I was excited to meet the new students as well." Mr. Brad Jones (CPHS Principal) said, "Everything went great. It was a smooth transition despite being so busy. I look forward to working with all returning students and staff and also welcoming the new."

Mrs. Rhonda Atchley (CPHS Teacher) said, "Students in my English classes grades 8-10 got off to a great start. We began a journey that will enrich our lives and prepare us for great things. My quote for this past week is, 'I may not be there yet but I'm closer than I was yesterday.' The important thing to remember is that we learn something new every day and use it in a positive way."

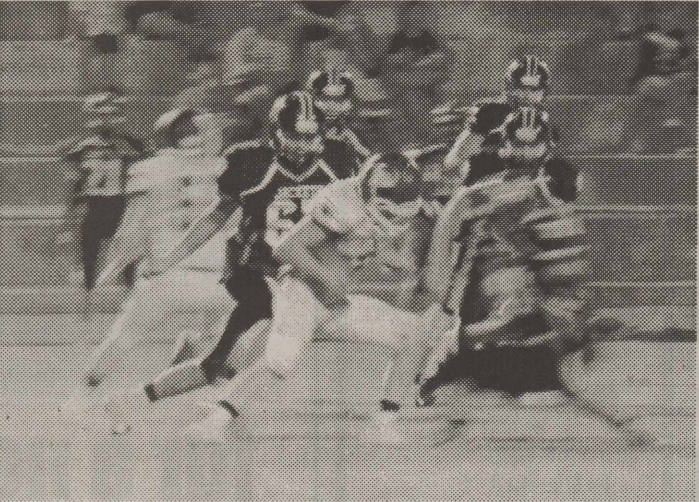
From the interviews I had I would say school is off to a wonderful start, and we have a great year ahead. Go Buffs and Lady Buffs!



CP Buffaloes and Menard Yellowjackets after the end of Friday night's game



Young fans observing the trainer tape up a Buffalo player



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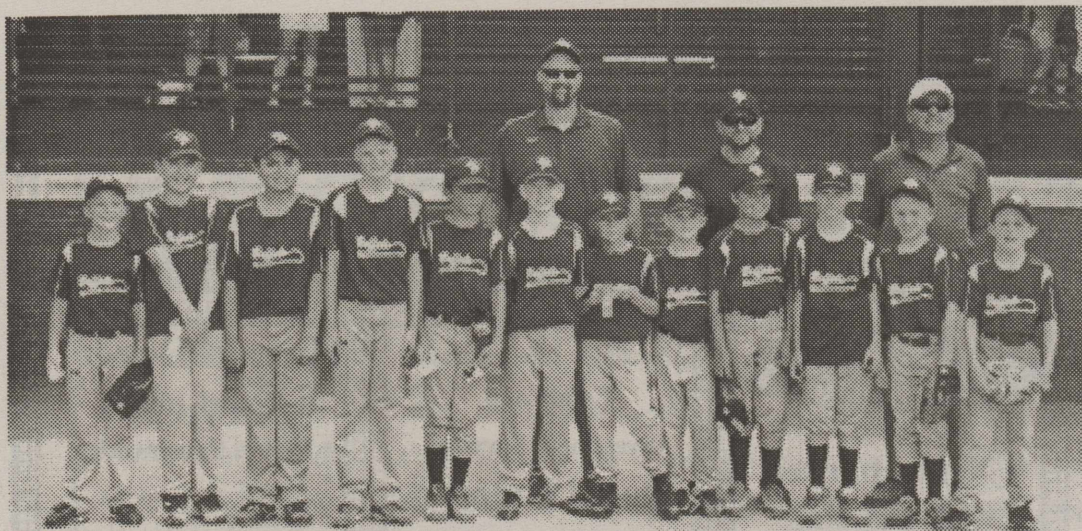
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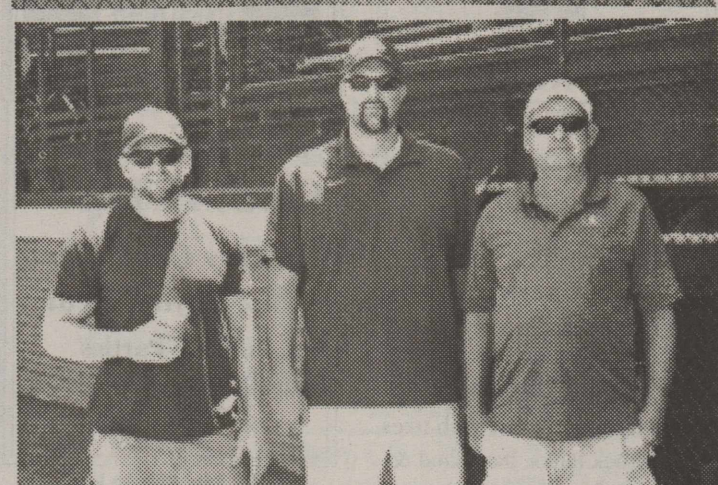
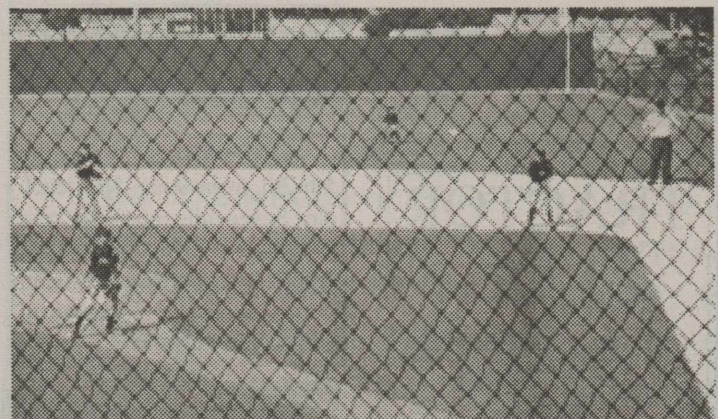


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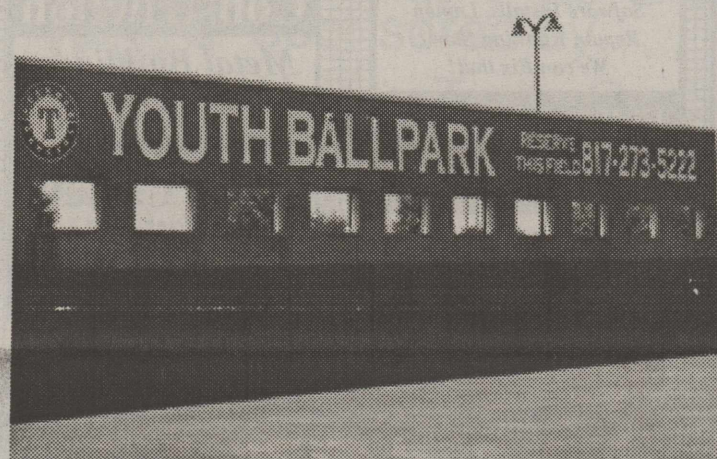
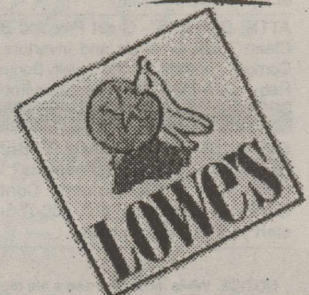


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You may fill out an entry form and return it to the school with your receipt tapes by January 15, 2016 for a chance to win \$500 Lowe's grocery gift certificate and an iPod Shuffle. Please see complete contest rules at www.registertapesforeducation.com/shoppercontest. Your receipts can be dropped off at the schools deposit box, location of collection boxes are outside the elementary and high school offices, or at the Superintendents office. You may also send your receipts to 700 N. Main St., Cross Plains, Texas 76443.



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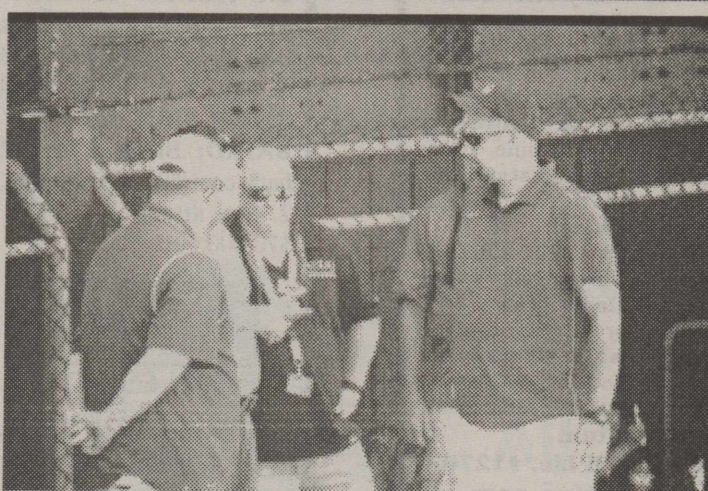
Other Cottonwood events include:

September 19th - Open house beginning at 6 p.m. at the Community Center for the former students of the Cottonwood School along with their friends and family members.

September 25th - The Cottonwood Country Musical
October 17th - The Annual Cottonwood Community Sporting Clays Shoot benefiting the Cottonwood Historical Association and the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.

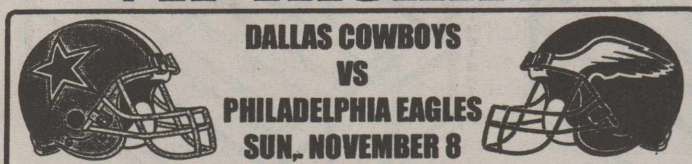
October 23rd - The Annual Cottonwood Community Turkey Supper and Country Musical.

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		MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11
B R E A K F A S T	Labor Day		Chicken-n-Biscuit Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	French toast Sausage Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Early Bird Sandwich Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Dutch Waffle Bacon Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk
	LUNCH		Asian chicken Brown rice Baby carrots w/ranch Steamed Broccoli Chilled pineapple Cookie Milk	Tex-Mex Stack Spanish rice Refried Beans Salsa Garden salad Cinnamon apples Milk	Chicken Parmesan Green beans Garden salad Apple slices Bread stick Milk	Beef or chicken Patty on bun Hamburger garnish Oven fries Western beans Diced pears Milk



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North American Porcupine

With most animals that occur in this region, the old adage "more than meets the eye" is quite an understatement. Such is the case with a rodent that is second only to the beaver for the crown of largest rodent of North America, the North American Porcupine.

The North American Porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum) can be observed throughout the western half of Texas with regularity, and it apparently is ranging further into the Tamaulipan thorn-scrub of south Texas annually. It prefers to live in rocky areas such as dry arroyos and sloped canyons, although it can also be seen in flat-land areas with gulches associated with them.

Many porcupines are seen while foraging for food in trees, and while they are seemingly awkward due to their methodical movements, they are adept climbers. I have witnessed numerous specimens in rocky scree that is littered with boulders. This particular habitat is typically full of crevices and caves that are large enough for this animal to utilize as densites. In fact, although porcupines by nature do a fair amount of wandering, they will often return to the same densites year after year.

Weighing in at over twenty five pounds, porcupines are surprisingly large rodents. In fact, it is rivaled only by the Beaver as the largest rodent in North America. Males are the larger sex, with sexually mature adults reaching almost thirty two inches in body length with a ten inch tail. Females are not substantially smaller with mature females having a twenty nine inch body and an eight inch tail.

The outward appearance of the porcupine is unmistakable, as well as unforgettable. The body and head are almost abnormally roundish, and are covered with barbed quills and long hairs. The quills are between two and three inches in length, with the larger ones occurring on the tail. The quills are also more concentrated along the hind end and tail as well. The guard hairs are long, up to a foot in length, and vary in color from various shades of brown, tan, and yellow. The elongated paired incisors are orange to yellow in coloration, and are very easily noticed. The eyes are brown and almost beady in appearance.

The distinguishing character-



North American Porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum)

istic of the porcupine is the presence of quills. These quills are nothing more than modified hairs covered with layers upon layers of keratin, giving them a more solidified structure than the normal guard hairs. The purpose of the quills are two-fold; camouflage and defense. The camouflage aspect of the quills comes in the way that they cause the animal to blend into the grass and cactus covered hillsides of their preferred habitat. With hairs and quills of varying lengths, the animal almost disappears in plain sight.

Defensively, the quills make the porcupine a very formidable foe for just about any predator, regardless if that predator has four legs or two. Go to the internet and google "dog versus porcupine" to see the gruesome images of these lop-sided battles. The quills are released on contact, and the barbed ends are very much like a fish hook. Once a quill has entered the skin, re-

moval can be quite difficult, as well as painful. Thankfully, this herbivore is quite placid unless severely provoked. Even then, the quills can only be utilized as a weapon if direct contact with them takes place. Contrary to popular belief, porcupines cannot "shoot" their quills at a would-be attacker. Breeding takes place during the fall months, and gestation lasts about seven months. Unlike most other rodents that reproduce incessantly, porcupines breed annually, and typically the litter consists of one almost disproportionately large young. This young is born almost prepared to begin its journey on its own, complete with quills, and although it will nurse for a short period, it will begin to feed on the plant diet that sustain it for its rather long life, up to twelve years.

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

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NEW! Hwy 67-377, Blanket-RV park on 14+ac w/ hwy frontage on outskirts of Early, 41 designated spots all w/ elec, sewage & water, wifi avbl, laundry room, 1,200 sq ft workshop/office w/ bathroom, great income potential!.....\$675,000

Featured Property of the Week:

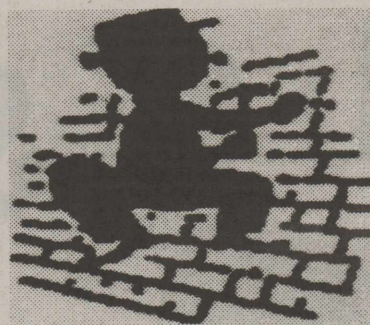
50+/-Ac, FM 880, Callahan Co-Beautiful property w/ amazing views of surrounding hillsides situated on rolling terrain, draw thru property separates wooded side from cultivated side, lots of oak trees, 1 tank, ideal location.....\$225,000

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4-H has things everybody can do, in the city or the country or anywhere in between.

Adults—4-H offers a variety of programs, activities and events designed specifically to support and enhance volunteer participation and involvement in kids' lives. They can lead special projects, drive 4-H'ers to activities, make refreshments for meetings, and much more! In fact, your whole family can be part of a lot of 4-H activities!

How much does it cost? 4-H has a participation costs of \$20 (before November 1st of each year) to \$25 (November 1st and after) to join for members

third grade to age 19.

For more information or to register please contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status.

The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

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Cans of Food are Needed for Cancer Walk

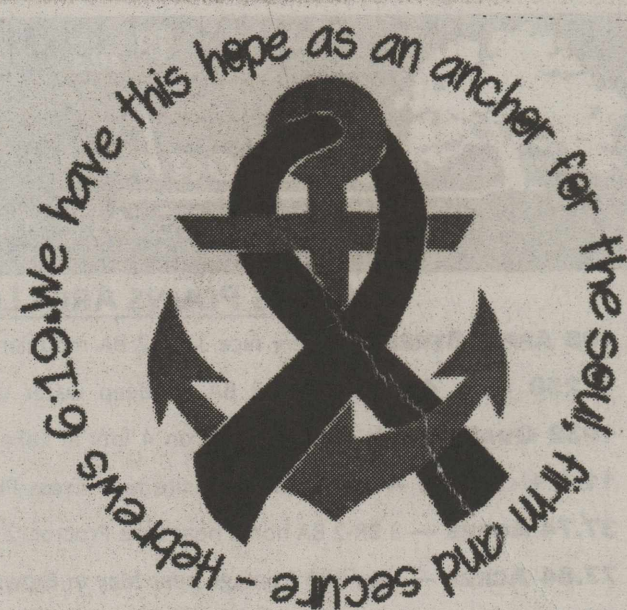
You can help feed the hungry and help those battling cancer—all with just one can.

Again this year, the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund is collecting canned goods to be used at the Cancer Walk on October 10th. The cans will be used in the lighted Luminary Sacks that surround the walking track at dark for the memory walk. After the Cancer Walk, the cans will be divided between the local Food Bank and the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center.

Your generous donations made last year's event so successful, that we need your help again. We have a collection box set up at Lowe's Market and at the Senior Citizens Center. If you'd like to collect cans at your business, please let Cindy or Dannes know, and we will get a

collection box to you.

Last year, caring citizens from Cross Plains and the surrounding area generously donated hundreds of canned goods to be used at the Cancer Walk. Each can was placed in one of the luminary sacks, a battery-powered tea light sat on the can—and in the dark the luminary sacks created an amazing glow around the CPISD track and football field for the "Memory Walk", the final walk of the Cancer Walk. If you missed this event, make sure you come this year, as the "Memory Walk" is a beautiful and chilling memorial. The tea lights are lit, the overhead lights are turned off and the names of the loved ones who have passed on due to cancer are read aloud.



Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk

Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk Shirts are now available

The Cancer Walk is coming up soon on October 10, but the official Cancer Walk shirt is available now! You can be one of the first ones to have this year's shirt! The design, the Hope Anchor and Ribbon, was chosen by the directors of the Cancer Fund and re-created by Teri Brown. The shirt features a bright green anchor and a light purple ribbon. The purple ribbon

signifies "all cancers". The scripture of Hebrews 6:19 surrounds the anchor and ribbon. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Shirts are available in ocean blue, dark purple, charcoal gray and pink. You can see a display of shirts at the Cross Plains Senior Center and at Salamanders.

The Bankhead Highway is Studied at "Meet the Author"

Cross Plains Public Library's "Meet the Author" will host Dan L. Smith, author of *The Bankhead Highway in Texas*, on Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center.

The author was born in Miami, Florida. After graduation from Florida State University he began a forty year career with the National Weather Service. He is a Fellow of the American Meteorological Society. Retired in 2005, he lives with his wife in Fort Worth and now devotes time to subjects of historical interest.

His first encounter with the Bankhead Highway occurred while bicycling on back roads in Parker County near Aledo. The narrow country road seemed to belie the nearby street sign which identified it as the Old Bankhead Highway. Few seemed to know much about the old road, and even less was known about the Bankhead Highway. Years later the author began his

research which soon revealed the historical significance of the unassuming road. Originally referred to as Kuteman's Cutoff, the over-grown country lane he encountered had once been part of Texas Highway No. 1 and was a link in the nation's first all-weather transcontinental highway. Travelers in the 1920s and 1930s also knew it as part of the "Broadway of America" and U.S. 80.

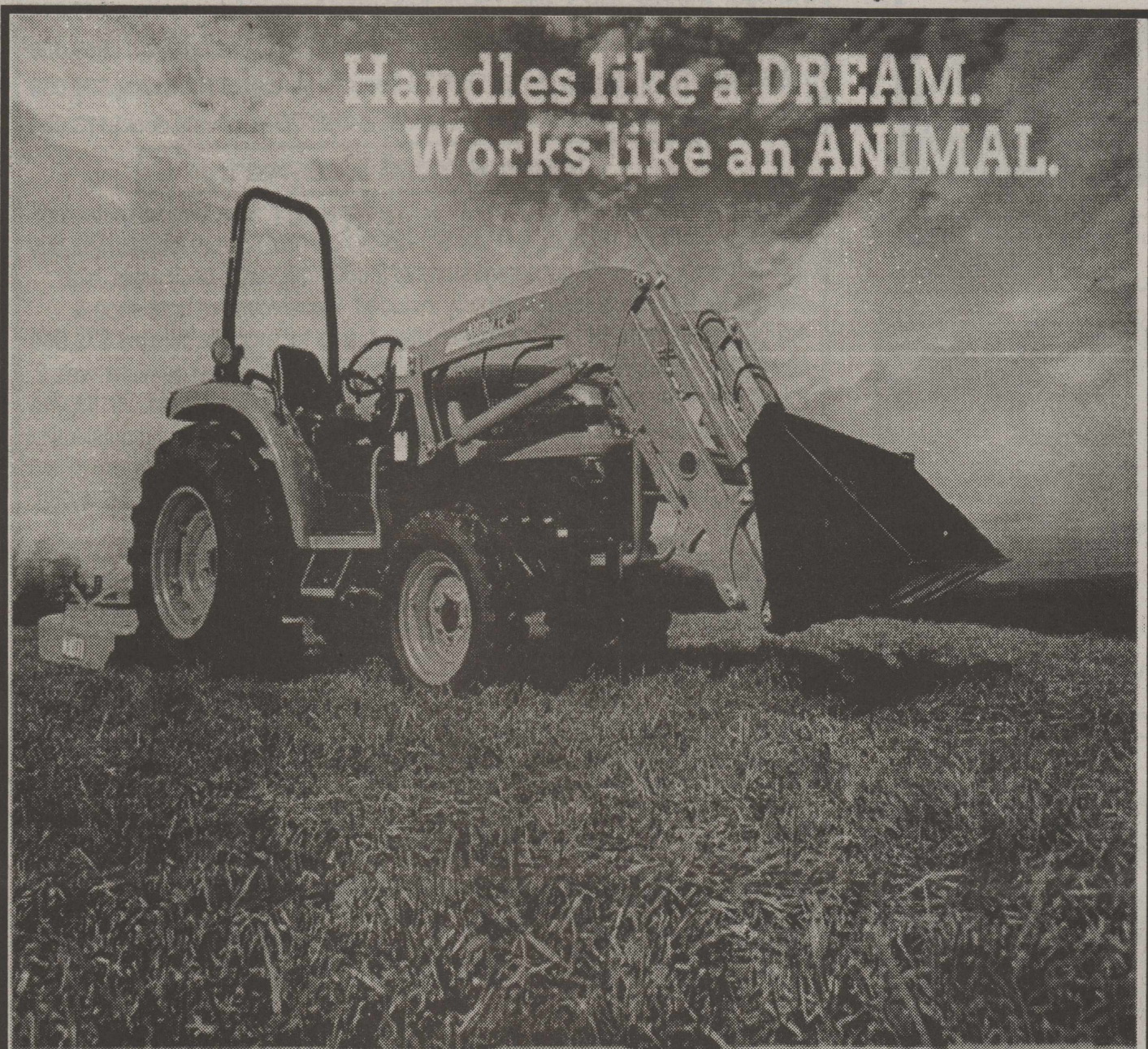
The Bankhead Highway in Texas adds to the documentation of one of America's most significant early highways. It also provides a guide to the earliest Bankhead route across the state. All along the way are remarkable stories yet to be told about the people who built and traveled the long road.

Mark your calendars to join us for this educational AND entertaining event. Refreshments will be served and the author's books will be available for purchase. Admission is FREE.

2015 Moran Homecoming September 25th-26th

The 2015 Moran Homecoming will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, according to the Moran Ex-Student & Teacher Association. A parade and pep rally are planned for Friday afternoon. That evening, the seventh annual Luncheon Club Exes Dinner will be held at the school cafeteria followed by the homecoming football game, where the Moran Bulldogs are scheduled to host the Rule Bobcats at Bulldog Stadium. Activities on Saturday will include a reception at the Community Center, Moran Historical Museum open house, a barbeque luncheon at the Legion Hall, the traditional homecoming assembly and program at the high school auditorium, a 60's and 70's class gathering at the Moran Community Center, followed by a street dance downtown Saturday night featuring Kelby Hodges and the Moonlight Bandits band of Throckmorton. The Association members also

need your help updating their mailing list, which contains addresses for ex-students and faculty/staff members, current and ex-Moran residents and their children and grandchildren. It has been updated according to information currently known. There are likely several addresses that have changed since the 2013 Homecoming (some individuals may have since passed away) that the Association is unaware of. If your address has changed or if you know of someone who is not on the mailing list and who would like to be, e-mail the information to moranhomecoming@aol.com, send a message on Facebook at www.facebook.com (search for Moran Messenger Moran Texas), or call 325-945-3145 (if no answer, please leave a message). The Association welcomes your suggestions to make this year's homecoming a memorable and successful one for our exes and guests. Please make plans to attend.



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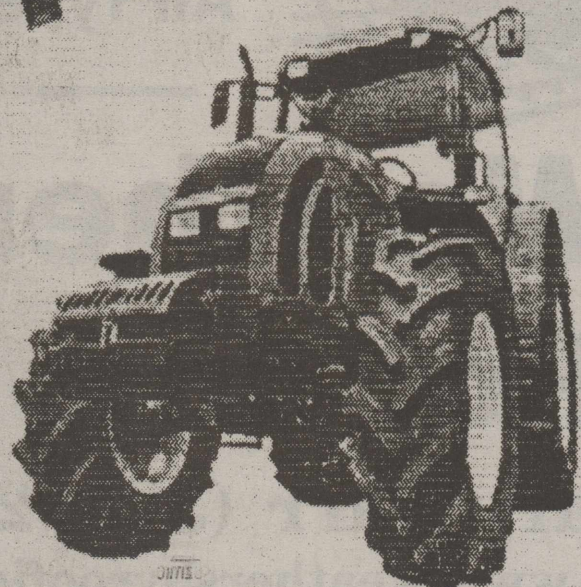
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From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday September 2, 1882
Vol. 3, No. 22

It is said that not less than two hundred human lives were lost by the late flood near Fort Concho. Upward of one hundred bodies have been recovered.

Terrible Flood in Tom Green County

San Angela and Ben Ficklin Both Washed Away

From an extra of the Tom Green Times, kindly handed us by Mr. S. Lapowski, we extract the following particulars regarding the great flood which devastated the towns of San Angela and Ben Ficklin, the county seat of Tom Green county. We deeply sympathize with the deeply afflicted people of our sister county:

At 8:30 p.m., on Wednesday evening the 23rd inst., a cloud gathered in the west and at 9 o'clock rain fell in torrents for more than an hour. Then the moon shone out clear and indicated that the storm was over. But at 11 rain began a second time accompanied by bright flashes of lightning and heavy peals of thunder. All night the rain continued its

impetuous fall with no sign of change at morn. By early light the Middle Concho was 30 feet above its level, and rapidly rising. The rain poured until eleven on Thursday morning. The register measured a rain fall of 5.85 inches, full one inch more than the average fall of rain in this section for an entire year.

The river quickly rose above the banks, and spread over the plains two or three hundred yards beyond. The drift was of every conceivable species of property; such as goods, trunks, furniture of all kinds, houses, hundreds of sheep, etc. The river reached its highest point about 4 o'clock Thursday evening, and was thought, by experienced men, to be at least 45 feet above its ordinary bed.

Perhaps the greatest interest is excited over the fate of the family at the old stage station, between this town and Ben Ficklin. Mrs. M. J. Metcalf and family of five, Mrs. Kate Arden and two children, Mr. B. Taylor and daughter, Mr. Frank Lerch, who was luckily absent and Mr. S. C. Robertson and wife, of San Angela, reside at the station. Early in the morning their houses were surrounded and the water was rising rapidly. Mr. C. D. Foote apprehending the danger, drove from Ben Ficklin to the station, and brought off Mrs. Arden and her two children, Miss. Taylor,

Misses Fannie and Amelia Metcalf and the two sons of Sheriff Spears. Mrs. Metcalf and her daughter, Miss Zemula, apprehending no danger, remained. Mr. Robertson, with some difficulty, conveyed his wife to a place of safety, then returned to aid Mrs. Metcalf and others. They started, but the horses balked, and they were forced to return and seek refuge on the roof of a house. Mr. Terrell Harris and Kerby Smith, a colored man, left Ben Ficklin for the purpose of rescuing them. Their frail boat capsized near the house and the two occupants swam to and secured a place on the top of some tall pecan trees. Upon the roof were Mrs. Metcalf and daughter; Messrs. Blake Taylor, Sr., George and S. C. Robertson; Anselmo, a Mexican; and Red Evans, a negro cook. The roof soon broke in two, and all were lost except Mr. S. C. Robertson, who caught on a tree and he together with Smith and Harris were rescued on the following day after spending a terrible night clinging to their trees.

Ben Ficklin is almost wholly destroyed. The water rose to a height of 15 feet upon the court house, which with the jail and Mr. Elliot's residence alone remains upon the flat. The majority of its inhabitants have lost everything. (to be continued)

County Sheriff's Corner

By Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy

Three new Sheriff's Department vehicles have recently been added to our fleet.

A new 2015 Tahoe, fully equipped with a police package, with all new emergency lights, county radio, radar system, and GPS system. The total package was provided to us through grant money from West Central Texas Council of Governments and did not cost the Callahan County tax payers anything. This is our second new, fully equipped Chevrolet Tahoe patrol unit that was obtained by grant money without costing the Callahan County Taxpayers. The first was obtained in 2014.

The Sheriff's Department now has a new 2015 Tahoe and a new 2015 Chevrolet Pickup. These two new vehicles also came fully equipped with new emergency lights, county radio, radar system, and GPS system. They were obtained through a rental agreement initiated and approved by the Callahan County Commissioner's Court.

The agreement allows this department to obtain both new vehicles for the cost of (purchasing just one) of these vehicles, which again, saves taxpayer's money.

Some citizens have inquired about the number of Sheriff's Office vehicles; in particular those parked behind the jail, and those seen parked in front of and beside the jail.

There are two older, high mileage vehicles, one of which has over 200,000 miles; both vehicles are in need of repair; and we will trade them in as part of the rental agreement on the two new vehicles.

The vehicles you see parked



CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT GETS THREE NEW PATROL VEHICLES WITH ALL THE BELLS AND WHISTLES!

behind the jail are used for specific purposes such as: transporting prisoners, to court from jail in other counties, transporting inmates to doctor and dentist offices for medical appointments, transporting inmates to other counties for housing when the Callahan County jail is full, or for other reasons that an inmate should be housed in another facility; they provide patrol vehicles when the Sheriff's or Deputies' vehicles are in the shop for repairs; and they are used when supplies must be purchased for the jail, such as food supplies.

Extra vehicles are also used by Reserve Deputies. The Reserve Deputies fill in for regular full time deputies when they are on vacation, sick leave, or other reasons. Our Deputies are on schedules but are often called in to work hours other than their assigned shift. It is my policy that calls ARE RESPONDED TO as soon as possible, so... extra vehicles are sometimes needed. My Deputies are willing to respond to calls even when they have exceeded their 40 hour work week.

The Deputies have offices in

the courthouse and are required to make reports on each call they respond to, each investigation they make, and any traffic stops they make. They come to their offices and prepare reports either for filing for reference purposes, or prepare offense Reports for the District Attorney or other court.

On occasion, there will be an additional vehicle parked behind the jail due to the turnover in personnel. The vehicle will remain parked behind the jail until the position has been filled.

And, there are the meetings I have with my employees periodically to discuss law enforcement problems, issues, new law enforcement information, and sharing ideas on how our office can better serve the citizens of Callahan, County.

Chief Deputy Rick Jowers and I supervise the care and maintenance of each patrol vehicle. We have vehicles with over 200,000 miles on them and they are still performing properly for us.

We adhere to regular dealer recommended oil changes and tire rotations. Trustees from the jail are utilized to help keep the vehicles clean. Each vehicle is clearly marked and proudly displays a Callahan County Sheriff's Department Star and emblem on its doors.

I hope this answered some of the questions that have been asked or that you have been wondering about.

I try to be in my office, so I can be available to the public during the day; although you may not always find me there (in the office), because I also answer calls. If you have a concern or a suggestion, feel free to come in and discuss it with me.

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Last Puzzle Solution

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Sept 7th - Sept 11th

Monday 7th- Center Closed Labor Day
Tuesday 8th- Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes w/ gravy, Spinach, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 9th- Beef and Bean Burrito (chili and cheese) Lettuce Tomatoe Salad, Spinach Rice, Dessert

Thursday 10th- Chicken Salad, Crackers, Fruit, Dessert

Friday 11th Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Lettuce Tomato Salad, Corn, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

CROSS PLAINS EX-STUDENTS ASSN.

HOMECOMING 2015

SEPT 18 & 19

Tuesday
Sept 15

Saturday
Sept 19

Tour of the New
Cross Plains
VFD
Firehouse
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Community
Hotdog Supper
Senior Citizens Center
Parking Lot
6:00 p.m.

Color Walk/Run
Put on by Moses Fitness
Proceeds benefit the Cancer
Fund
8:00 a.m.

Parade
Downtown Cross Plains
3:00 p.m.

Friday
Sept 18

Coffee
and
Registration
High School Library
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Class
Meetings
4:30 p.m.

Pep Rally &
Pre-Game
Football
Field
6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting
High School Auditorium
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Party & Dance
Treadway Park
Live Band,
\$10 person
Starts at 6:00 p.m.

Football
Game
Cross Plains Buffaloes
vs. Roby Lions
7:30 p.m.

Lunch
Put on by the
Band Boosters
Cafeteria, 11:30 a.m.

Coffee
Cross Plains Library
6:00 p.m.

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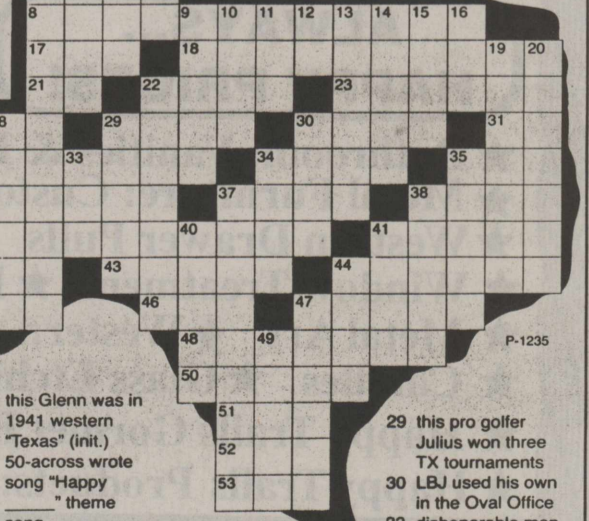
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C. P. H. S. Homecoming — Make Your Plans Now!

C.P.H.S. Homecoming is just a little over a month away on September 18th and 19th. Make your plans now for your class meetings and your homecoming float. You don't want to be left out!

Homecoming kicks off of Tuesday, September 15th with the Hotdog Supper in the parking lot next to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. The football players and the cheerleaders will be there. This is always a lot of fun. If you'd like to help with the Hotdog Supper, call Scarlett Harrell Koettel 254-725-6713.

Then on Friday, September 18th, the Pep Rally and Pre-Game Festivities start at 6 P.M. The Coming Home King & Queen Nominees will be presented. (Have you sent in your registration form and votes for King and Queen?) Also Past Teachers, Military, the Oldest Graduate and the Graduate Who Came the farthest to Homecoming will be recognized, along with students who went to State and Nationals during the past 3 years.

Then, the Football Game against the Roby Lions starts at 7:30 P.M. Go Buffaloes! Be sure you are decked out in Purple and Gold for the game as you cheer on the Buffaloes.

Saturday, September 19th will be a busy day, too. First, 8 A.M. Moses Fitness is putting on a Color Walk/Run that will benefit the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund.

Coffee & Registration will be held in the High School Library from 9:00 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. Come and see all your old friends. Connie Roby Kirkham and Dannes Dickson Turner are in charge of the Coffee and Registration.

Business Meeting starts in the Auditorium at 11 A.M. and runs

until 11:30 A.M. The seating will be sectioned out by decades (Classes of the 1950's, 1960's, etc.). The Homecoming King & Queen Nominees will be recognized. You'll recognize Cross Plains Ex-Student's Association President Jackie Dale Thomas and Vice-President Rusty Reed.

At 11:30 A.M., the Band Boosters will have lunch ready in the Cafeteria.

From 11:30 A.M. until 2 P.M., you're invited to visit the new Cross Plains VFD Firehouse. The firehouse is not quite finished. You'll be among the first to tour the building, meet the firemen and see the firetrucks.

The Homecoming Parade starts at 3 P.M. Parade line up is at 2 P.M. at the High School. Get your float planned out now, so you can be one of the first in line for the parade. Need some ideas? You can always call the Parade Chairmen: Whitney Kirkham Henderson at 325-260-9330, Shelley Horan Manley at 817-991-6086, Susan McNeel Childers at 254-725-6498 or Roxie McConal Thomas at 254-725-6436.

Class Meetings start at 4:30 P.M.

The Party and Dance at Treadway Park starts at 6 P.M. There will be a live band. The dance is always a lot of fun and starts a little earlier this year to give everyone a chance to come out and have fun with their former classmates.

Also at 6 P.M., there's a Coffee at the Cross Plains Library.

September 18th and 19th will be a fun-filled weekend. Make your plans now. Send in your registration form. It will be a great Homecoming!

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BAKE SALE, HAMBURGERS & HOTDOGS AT LOWES MARKET ON SEPT 4

Your local Cross Plains VFD Firefighters will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill outside of Lowe's Market on the Friday before Labor Day. Stop by during lunch, while you're running errands or on your way to the lake. The burgers and hotdogs will be fresh and ready — and you can grab them on the run. There will also be a Bake Sale, so you can pick up something sweet for the holiday — cakes, pies, cookies, etc. Bake sale starts at 9 a.m., with the hamburgers and hotdogs ready about 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The CPVFD is cooking to raise money for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund. The Cancer Walk is less than two months away on October 10th. The Cross Plains Fire Depart-

ment is getting a jump on the fundraising to see how much money they can raise for the Cancer Fund. Cancer Fund is a local organization that helps Cross Plains area cancer patients with transportation expenses, as they travel to and from doctors appointments and treatments.

If you'd like to help out — or if you'd like to bake something for the sale, both organizations - the CPVFD and the Cancer Fund will be greatly appreciate it. You can let Joe Terstegge know. His number 325-260-5701.

All proceeds from the Bake Sale and the Cookout will go to the Cancer Fund.

Come out to Lowe's Market on Friday, September 4th, have fun, eat a great hamburger or hot dog, pick up some sweets and help out a great cause!

Local Ranching event scheduled for Sept. 10th

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) will host a ranch gathering Thurs. Sept. 10th at the Cliff Styles Activity Center in Seymour, Texas.

Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a complimentary beef dinner.

The ranch gathering is free and open to the public. The featured speaker at the ranch gathering will be marketing expert Randy Blach, CEO, CattleFax.

Blach's presentation will address a number of key factors producers should consider this fall, including stocker cattle and wheat grazing prospects, cattle price outlook, and recent demand trends. In addition, TSCRA Special Ranger Scott Williamson will provide a law enforcement update and offer ranchers information on how they can keep their livestock and equipment safe and secure.

Additionally, TSCRA staff will update cattle raisers on important legislative issues.

Please RSVP to 800-242-7820, ext. 192, or rsvp@tscra.org.

To get to the Cliff Styles Activity Center from the intersection of Bus. 183 and Hwy. 82, head east on East California St. for .7 mile and the event will be on the left.

Anyone who joins TSCRA at the gathering will receive a free metal gate sign courtesy of Bayer Animal Health. All members of the press are invited to attend. TSCRA is a 138-year-old trade association and is the largest and oldest livestock organization based in Texas.

TSCRA has more than 17,000 beef cattle operations, ranching families and businesses as members.

These members represent approximately 50,000 individuals directly involved in ranching and beef production who manage 4 million head of cattle on 76 million acres of range and pasture land primarily in Texas and Oklahoma, but throughout the Southwest.

HOMEcoming 2015 CLASS MEETINGS

MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 4:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY THE 19TH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

- CLASS OF 1947
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL (NEIL BUSH)
- CLASS OF 1952
HOME OF WILMA LAWRENCE
- CLASS OF 1953
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL (JO VEDA)
- CLASS OF 1954, 55 AND 56
CHURCH OF CHRIST ON HWY 36 (ANN BEELER)
- CLASS OF 1959
HOME OF ROLAN AND SANDRA ILLINGSWORTH JONES
- CLASS OF 1961
HOME OF ALVIN AND VONDEAN HUTCHINS
- CLASS OF 1962
MOZELLE BRYAN RICHARDSON ROOM AT BANK (SANDRA JONES)
- CLASS OF 1963, 64 AND 67
HOME OF CLIFF AND CONNIE KIRKHAM
- CLASS OF 1966
HOME OF RON AND NANCY RHODES
- CLASS OF 1969
BENNY FREE'S PLACE WEST OF TOWN
- CLASS OF 1970
HOME OF RICHARD AND LINDA WILSON
- CLASS OF 1970'S
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
- CLASS OF 1979-1982
SURF SHOP (JANICE KELLEY/RUTH HUTCHINS)
- CLASS OF 1986 AND 1987
HOME OF SHELLEY HORAN MANLEY
- CLASS OF 1988, 89 AND 90
COMMUNITY CENTER
- CLASS OF 1991
HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 107 (ROGER AND MICHELLE RUDLOFF)
- CLASS OF 1992
HOME OF ROLAN AND SANDRA JONES (JAMIE JONES BURUD)
- CLASS OF 1996
HOME OF WHITNEY KIRKHAM HENDERSON
- CLASS OF 1999
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PLAYGROUND (JESSICA CHILDERS TAFF)
- CLASS OF 2005
HOME OF MONTY AND MELISSA PANCAKE RICHARDS (4-8 PM)

Callahan County Shotgun Shooting Sports to host 12th annual 5-Stand Shoot

Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Sports will be holding their 12th Annual 5-Stand Shoot on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the 4-H Range between Clyde and Baird. Shooting hours will be between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

A Team of five can shoot fifty targets each at the Whiz-Bang Field for \$125.00. Call to reserve a time to shoot.

Organizers will also have a 5-Stand Field set-up for 25 targets, cost will be \$10.00 per 25 targets.

The Trap Field will also be open for \$6.00 per round (25 targets).

So if you are not finding the amount of dove you would like or would like to hone your bird hunting skills before you go out that afternoon, bring your shotgun, shells, vest, eye and ear protection and come out to shoot some clays and have some fun!

The concession stand will be open.

For more information or to reserve a time for a team to shoot 5-stand call Kevin Meier at 325-665-7810.

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Cancer Fund Sets Sail on Cancer Walk; Events and Drawings Happening prior to Oct. 10th

The Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund is "Setting Sail" on the plans for this year's Cancer Walk slated for Saturday, October 10th at the CPISD Football Field.

With the nautical theme of "Dropping Anchor on Cancer", your booth could be a scene from the Love Boat, an underwater fantasy, Pirates on the Caribbean, a sailing adventure, a fishing trip, an old battleship, a beach party, Finding Nemo, Charlie the Tuna, or just about anything nautical you can come up with! Start planning your booth now, October 10th will be here soon!

Several events are already planned to kick off the Cancer Walk.

First, the Cross Plains VFD will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs and having a Bake Sale in front of Lowe's Market on Friday, September 4th to raise money for the Cancer Fund.

On Saturday, September 19th (that's the Saturday morning of Homecoming), Moses Fitness

will be sponsoring a Color Walk/Run to benefit the Cross Plains Cancer Fund. Race starts at 8am. You can get your registration at Moses Fitness or at the First Baptist Church office. Early registration price is \$25 per adult and \$15 for children under 13. Early registration will end on September 10. Volunteers are needed to help with the run.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club and the Cross Plains Quilting Club have teamed up and created a quilt to be raffled, with the proceeds going to the Cancer Fund.

You can take a chance on Four Texas Rangers Tickets, donated in honor of Howard Edington. Tickets available at Texas Heritage Bank or from Debbie Edington.

The 2015 Cancer Walk T-Shirt featuring the Hope Anchor and Ribbon design is available now! You can get your shirt at the Cross Plains Senior Center or at Salamander's Apparel. Shirts are available in ocean blue, purple, charcoal gray or pink. Teams can

order 12 or more shirts with the Hope Anchor design in a variety of colors with their team name on the back.

Items are needed for the Live Auction, Silent Auction, Children's Auction and the Raffle at the Cancer Walk. You can drop off donations for the auctions with Dannes at the Senior Citizens Center or with Cindy at ResourceCare. Marsha Ossowski is in charge of the Silent Auction and Children's Auction. She can help you with your donations, as well.

Mark on your calendar now that you might want to do some baking for the Cancer Walk, as cakes, pies and goodies are needed for the Cake Auction, Bake Sale and Cake/Prize Walk at the Cancer Walk.

Prizes are also needed for the Cake/Prize Walk, for Bingo and the Raffle.

Get your team or group together now and start planning your booth and what you will donate for the Cancer Walk. "Set Sail" and get ready to "Drop the Anchor on Cancer".

Cross Plains School Board Minutes August 26, 2015

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

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis and guests Mindy Whitaker and Cyndi Beggs.

Prayer was led by Crockett.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan that we accept proposed Budget Amendment #3. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by Crockett that we approve the 2015-2016 school year balanced budget. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we move the property tax rate be approved by the adoption of a Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$1.04, which is the same as the prior year.

THIS TAX RATE WILL NOT RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING THAN LAST YEAR'S RATE. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we approve Jerry Warren, Callahan County Extension Agent, as adjunct staff. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Crockett that we approve Jessica Abbe as concussion oversight person. For 7/Against 0

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

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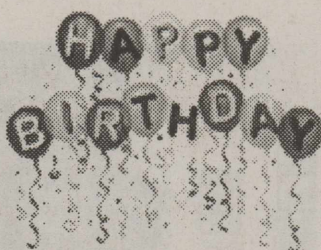
Melissa Richards, reading teacher at Cross Plains Elementary began a successful program about 3 years ago. Each Thursday, she drives a bus load of 3rd grade boys and girls to the Senior Center at 9:45 and 1:05 and a student reads to an adult. It is an opportunity not only for the children to improve their

abilities to read, but it gives the "older kids" a chance to share knowledge, life experiences and just a little extra love and care for the students.

It is definitely a way to bridge the generation gap and everyone comes out a winner.

If you are interested, join us at 108 N Main St beginning 9/10/15, or call Dannes Turner at 254 725-6521 for more information.

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September 6

Kristen Hunter McClure
Eddie Gibson
Elizabeth Smith
Jami (Lewis) Stotts
Pete Barbar, Jr.
Many Bushnell
Jimmy Clark

September 7

Shena Jo Thomas

September 8

Oda Perry
Latrell Joy
Joyce Johnson
Mrs. Bill Hollis
Amanda Kitchens
Kevin Ray Purvis
Micheal Eppard
Curtis Wyatt
Lanna Switzer
Beverly (Weiss) Graves
Shirley Davis
Steve Stephens
Deanna Conlee

September 9

Judy Oliver
James Rhodes
Lynn Holland
John Swift
Devin Koenig
Jody Fortune

September 10

Robert Grissom
Ruth Went
Glendor Wolfe Dawkins
Norma (Lee) Cundiff
Wendy Corley
Jaden Winfrey
Bill Russell

September 11

Nathan Rogers
Macky Morgan
Bill Walker
Ima Jean Falkner
Holly Suzanne Smith
Emily Winfrey
Ricky Floyd
Mrs. Dan Notgrass

September 12

Kenneth White Jr.
Alisa Rae Gould
Wanda C. Turner
Cody Winfrey
Garland Gossett
Kathryn Viola Walker
Heidie Wagner
Tamara Kay Flippen Chyrel
Peevey Cox
Lynda Gray King
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Scranton Musical Sept. 5th

The musical will be held Saturday, September 5, 2015 at the community center.

The kitchen will be hosted by Sarah Matthews of Abilene. Serving begins at 5:00 and Sarah will be serving a meal of Grilled Chicken, baked beans, salad and bread. There will also be sandwiches and homemade pie available. All proceeds of the kitchen go toward the continuous upkeep of the community center.

Buddy Johnson is the emcee and has a full line up of musicians for your enjoyment. The music begins at 5:30 and usually ends at 10:00.

We look forward to you joining us for a pleasant evening of good food, entertainment and fellowship.

Attendees are encouraged to bring Scranton memorabilia to share. We will be videoing and conducting interviews for a documentary about the history of Scranton and surrounding area.



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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Friday is the fundraiser for the Cancer Fund. Joe Terstegge and the CPVFD crew will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs in front of Lowe's Market that day to raise money for the Cancer Fund, who helps so many here in the Cottonwood/Cross Plains area. They'll also be having a Bake Sale to go along with the cookout. If you can bake something for the sale, it will be really appreciated. Stop by and pick up lunch and say hello. Bake Sale starts at 9 A.M. with the hamburgers and hotdogs getting ready around 10:00-10:30 A.M.

Last week, we mentioned some of the upcoming events in September and October. Well, that list is growing! You'll want to cut out this list and attach it to your calendar. There's so much going on!

September 12th (Saturday) - Memorial Ranch Rodeo at the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena. The rodeo benefits Cooks Children's Hospital, in honor of Reggie Pillans. Grand entrance begins at 5 P.M.

September 15th (Tuesday) - Community Hot Dog Supper in the parking lot of the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center. This is a homecoming kickoff event. Introduction of the football teams, coaches, and cheerleaders. Look for Cottonwood's Loralei Woodard and Kelli Bennett. They're both CPHS Cheerleaders.

September 18th (Friday) - CPHS Homecoming. Pep Rally

and Pre-Game starts at 6 P.M. at the football stadium. Game against the Roby Lions starts at 7 P.M.

September 19th (Saturday) - CPHS Homecoming. Coffee and Registration at the high school library at 9 A.M. Business meeting in the Auditorium at 11 A.M. Lunch in the cafeteria at 11:30. Open house at the new CPVFD Firehouse from 11:30-2:00 P.M. Parade at 3 P.M. Class meetings start at 4:30 P.M. The Coffee at the Library and the Dance at Treadway Park both start at 6 P.M.

Also on September 19th at 6 P.M., there's an Open House at the Cottonwood Community Center for former students of Cottonwood School and their family and friends.

September 22nd (Tuesday) - Cross Plains Library's Meet the Author with Dan L. Smith, author of *The Bankhead Highway in Texas*. Held at the Senior Center.

September 25th (Friday) - The Cottonwood Country Musical at the Community Center.

October 10th (Saturday) - Cancer Walk at the CPISD Football Field. Starts at 5 P.M.

October 17th (Saturday) - The Annual Sporting Clay Shoot, benefiting the Cottonwood Historical Association and the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control.

October 23rd (Friday) - Turkey Supper Night at the Cottonwood Country Musical.

It's going to be a busy couple of months!



Visitor returns to see Museum second time

Kevin Craig was so delighted with his visit to the REH Museum last week that he brought his parents back a few days later to share the experience. Kevin is from Huntsville, AL while his parents, Dwight and Betty are from Athens, AL and they were all in the area visiting relatives in Santa Anna. Kevin has long enjoyed

Howard's stories, but was surprised to learn that the local author had created so many characters in so many diverse genres.

In explaining his vocation, Craig commented that he wrote technical documents manuals for General Dynamics. Then he laughed, well, boring computer manuals may be a better term!

Dwight is retired from the U.S. Army where he had served as MP in both Korea and Vietnam.

The Craigs were delighted with Cross Plains as they had enjoyed chicken and dumplings at Jean's Feed Barn. On his first visit, Kevin promptly joined the docent in pulling weeds from the flower beds and they all visited with the docent in the shade of the pavilion the second time around.

Grand Ole Oplin September Line-Up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a whole lot of dancing. On September 4th MUDDY CREEK joins us playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes, on September 11th MIDNIGHT BLUE will be here playing the kind of country music that will make you want to get up and scoot your boots, on September 18th MIDNIGHT BLUE returns playing some more of your favorite country tunes, and on September 25th MUDDY CREEK will be joining us again playing 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 dance is still only \$5.00 per person. Our Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our community center functions. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

So get out your dancing boots, gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to The Grand Ole Oplin, we're sure you'll have a real good time.

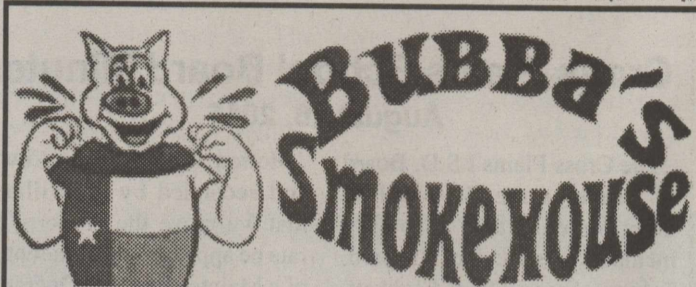
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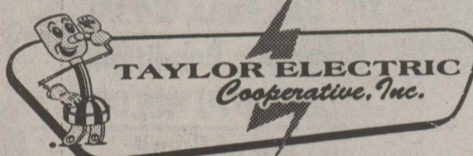
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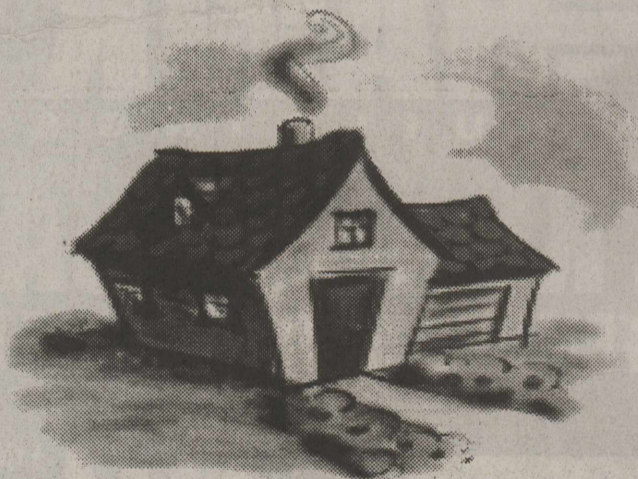
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**NFPA provides action steps for residents
to reduce wildfire risk Seven tips to help
keep homes from igniting in a wildfire**

While wildfires continue to burn actively across the west, they don't have to burn everything in their path. In fact, clearing property of debris and maintaining a home's landscaping can make a significant difference in reducing the risk for wildfire damage.

As wildfires continue to receive news coverage this season, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) strongly encourages education regarding the ways residents can increase their safety, and improve their home's likelihood of surviving a wildfire.

NFPA offers a wealth of resources, including action steps for homeowners, and soundbites and b-roll from wildfire expert Michele Steinberg, NFPA's Wildland Fire Operations division manager, to use in upcoming wildfire coverage. Video files are available to download and can be found in NFPA's online library. (If you receive the Microsoft Word Security Warning, please click OK and ownCloud should open.) This library also includes a 30-second video from the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) Research Center demonstrating home vulnerability to wildfire embers.

The following action steps are aimed at homeowners to help protect their homes in the event of a wildfire in their area:

- Clear off pine needles, dead leaves and anything that can

burn from rooflines, gutters, decks, porches, patios and along fence lines. Falling embers will have nothing to burn.

- Collect and store away things like furniture cushions, rattan mats, potted plants and other decorations from decks, porches and patios. These items catch embers and will help ignite a home if you leave them outside.

- Wind-borne embers can get into homes easily through vents and other openings and burn homes from the inside out. Take a walk around your house to see what openings can be screened or temporarily sealed up.

- Embers landing in mulch that touches your house, deck or fence are a big fire hazard. Rake out any landscaping mulch to at least five feet away from your home.

- Trim back any shrubs or tree branches that come closer than 5 feet to the house, attachments, and any overhanging branches.

- Take a walk around your house and remove anything within 30 feet that could burn, such as woodpiles, spare lumber, vehicles and boats – anything that can act as a large fuel source.

- If you are ordered to evacuate, make sure all windows and doors are closed tightly, and seal up any pet doors. Many homes are destroyed by embers entering these openings.

- Additional NFPA resources

include:

- Firewise Toolkit: Homeowner checklist

- Infographic: Seven tips to help keep homes from igniting in a wildfire

- Wildland Fire Safety Tips Sheet

- The Basics of Defensible Space and the Home Ignition Zone

For more information, please visit www.firewise.org or contact NFPA's public affairs department at publicaffairs@nfpa.org or 617-984-7275.

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**DPS Commends Officers,
Employees for Outstanding Service**

AUSTIN – The Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw presented two Lifesaving Awards, three Texas Highway Patrol Division Chief Awards and one Unit Citation to DPS employees for their exemplary service.

"These law enforcement officers and DPS employees are true public servants dedicated to helping their fellow Texans, and we are grateful for their selfless service," said Director McCraw. "Today we recognize these award recipients for their outstanding character and heroic actions, and the state of Texas thanks them for their continued commitment to protecting others."

The following awards were presented today:

- Trooper Jeremy Frazier, Texas Highway Patrol in Tyler, received a Lifesaving Award for his actions during a life-threatening incident on Sept. 10, 2014. While on patrol, Frazier heard and responded to a request for emergency medical assistance for an unresponsive passenger in a vehicle on U.S. Highway 83 in Rio Grande City. Upon arriving at the scene, Frazier checked on the woman, removed an obstruction from her airways and began performing CPR until EMS arrived. The woman was ultimately transported by EMS to the hospital.

- Trooper Travis High, Texas Highway Patrol in Pampa, received a Lifesaving Award for

his assistance at the scene of a crash on Jan. 24, 2015. While working traffic enforcement on I-40, High responded to a major crash in Carson County involving a passenger car and a motorcycle. High found that both the motorcycle operator and passenger had been ejected and suffered severe trauma to their left legs. He applied tourniquets to both individuals' legs and monitored the two victims until EMS arrived. High's actions helped save the life of the passenger and helped prolong the life of the motorcycle operator, who later died.

- Sgt. Karl Keesee, Cpl. Cristobal Delgado and Trooper Michael Sams, all Texas Highway Patrol in Abilene, each received a Texas Highway Patrol Division Chief Award for their response to a life-threatening situation. On March 19, 2015, Keesee, Delgado, Sams and a Texas Ranger responded to the DPS office parking lot to help a man who was not breathing. Sam immediately began CPR, while Keesee retrieved a defibrillator from the office. The officers used the defibrillator and continued to perform CPR until the Brownwood Fire Department arrived. The man was ultimately transported to the hospital for treatment.

- Lubbock Crime Laboratory DNA Section received a Unit Citation for its significant accomplishments and assistance to colleagues at other DPS crime labs. In 2014, the Lubbock Crime Laboratory DNA Section assisted with the

Garland Crime Laboratory caseload and provided accelerated training for the new DNA section supervisor/technical leader at the Corpus Christi lab. Laura Baker, Gema Guerra, Heather Hall, Brent Hester, Becka Klein, Daniel Lindley, Naomi McDonald, Amber Miller, Kristen Poirier, Yahaira Romero, Amy Snell, Jason White, and David Young were all recognized as part of the Unit Citation.

In addition to the awards above, Special Agent Roberto Aguirre, Criminal Investigations Division in Del Rio, was recognized at 2015 Texas Gang Investigators Association Conference in June. Aguirre was named the organization's Peace Officer of the Year for his significant contributions to combating criminal street and prison gangs.

Also, Trooper Raegan Drodgy, Texas Highway Patrol in Orange, and Grapevine Police Department Senior Officer Greg Ross were recognized for competing in the 23rd Annual Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance North American Inspectors Championship recently in St. Louis. Each year, the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance invites member jurisdictions throughout North America to participate in the championship, which is the only event dedicated to recognizing and awarding commercial vehicle inspector excellence. At the competition, Drodgy placed sixth overall and Ross placed 17th.

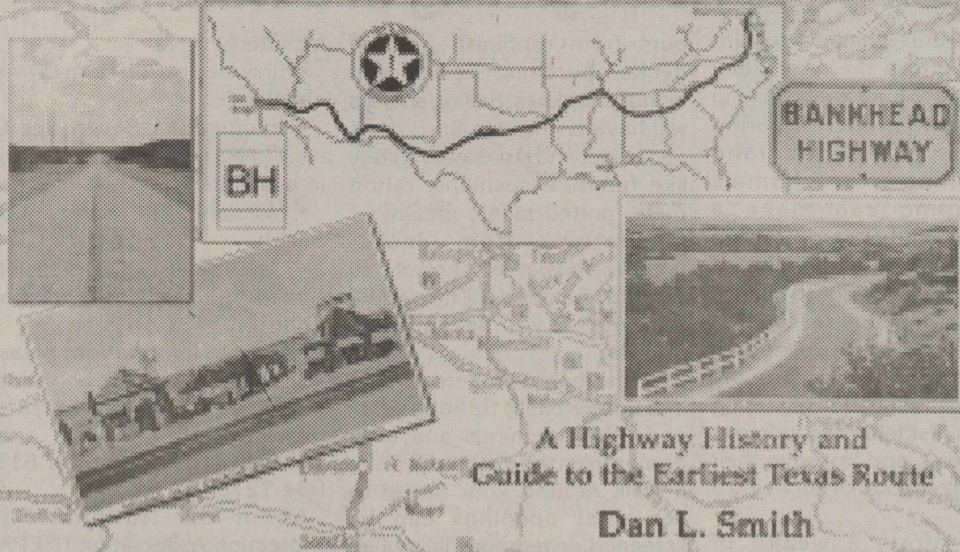
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This is just one of many rave reviews for Dan L. Smith's *The Bankhead Highway in Texas*. You can meet Smith on Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center where he will speak for the Cross Plains Public Library's "Meet the Author" series.

A native of Miami, FL, Smith is a recognized historian who is retired and now resides in Fort Worth. His first encounter with the Bankhead Highway occurred while bicycling on the back roads in Parker County near Aledo. One narrow country road seemed to belie the nearby street sign which identified it as the Old Bankhead Highway. Few seemed to know much about the old road, and even less was known about the Bankhead Highway. Years later the author began his research which soon revealed the historical significance of the unassuming road. Originally referred to as Kute-man's Cutoff, the overgrown country lane he encountered had once been part of Texas Highway No. 1 and was a link in

the nation's first all-weather transcontinental highway. Travelers in the 1920s and 1930s also knew it as part of the "Broadway of America" and U.S. 80.

The Bankhead Highway in Texas adds to the documentation of one of America's most significant early highways. It also provides a guide to the earliest Bankhead route across the state. All along the way are remarkable stories yet to be told about the people who built and traveled the long road.

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Weight Warriors Journey onward in 2015

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

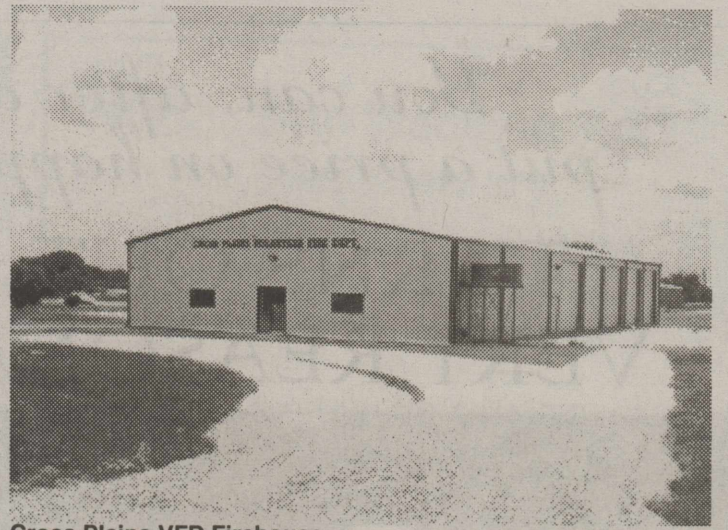
We are a group of like minded individuals who are going in the same direction with healthy eating, exercising, and learning new ways with food and recipes. We all are struggling every day to be the healthiest we can be.

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.

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Cross Plains VFD Firehouse

CPVFD Firehouse Completions Update

The new driveway at the Cross Plains VFD Firehouse. The Firehouse is almost completed; work still needs to be done on the inside of the building. Your donations and support have got-

ten us this far. If you'd like to help with the completion of the firehouse, you can send a donation to Cross Plains VFD, P. O. Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Thank you so much for your support.

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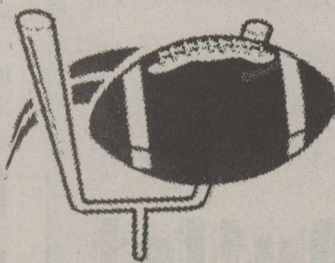
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Market at Clyde at The Old Firehouse returns to Fall/Winter Hours on September 12th

After a very successful Summer The Market at Clyde that meets at The Old Firehouse will return to Fall/Winter hours of 10:00am-4:00pm. With school resuming and football season well under way, the new hours will better meet the needs of the community of customers and vendors.

Each month The Market at Clyde also features a collection for Heart to Heart Ministry. In August the community was very generous in donations of school supplies and cash to purchase school supplies. Thank you to each one that made a donation.

In September there will be a collection of non perishable food items. To mark the return of the season, vendors will also be donating items for a nice gift box to go to one of the customers that brings in food donations. Each vendor donates an item from their stock for the box. Each person that makes a donation of food or cash to Heart to Heart may enter their name into a drawing for the gift box.

The Market at Clyde is made up of local crafters of all types, artist, gardeners and home cooks. All items are made by

hand. September will mark the beginning of holiday shopping at The Market and the vendors will be ready with home decorations and one of kind gifts.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at The Market at Clyde you may call 325-5218-3939 or email HYPERLINK "mailto:themarketatclyde@gmail.com" themarketatclyde@gmail.com to learn more. Visit the Facebook page The Market at Clyde Texas.



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