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Shelby McWilliams receives scholarship

ABILENE, TX (01/04/2016)-- McMurry University is pleased to announce that the following students received scholarships at the Honors Day Scholarship Competition on December 12, 2015:

Destiny Carson of Clyde and Shelby McWilliams of Cross Plains.

McMurry University was founded in 1923 as a United Methodist institution, and is a vibrant and comprehensive center of higher education. McMurry has a national reputation for excellence and value through the achievements of its faculty, students and graduates. The University enrolls more than 1,200 students and has an average class size of 16. No graduate assistants teach courses and over 77% of our professors have achieved the highest degree in their academic field.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum students can choose from 45 majors in the arts, business, education and the sciences as well as our pre-professional programs in medicine, dentistry, engineering, law, pharmacy, physical therapy and others. The Servant Leadership

Program has been on campus for 25 years. With courses and service opportunities focusing on moral decision making, reasoning and practical application in the development of sensitivity to ethical issues of our global society. Students gain hands-on experience as they apply those concepts and techniques through extensive work with local non-profit entities in the Abilene community.

McMurry has over 40 clubs and organizations and 19 intercollegiate sports. Students are engaged with the community and average over 24,000 hours of annual service. Our beautiful campus is located on 52 acres in Abilene, Texas, a city of over 118,000 friendly people.

McMurry is guided by our core values: Christian Faith as the foundation of life, Personal Relationships as the catalyst for life, Learning as the journey of life, Excellence as the goal of life, and Service as the measure of life. Our students are equipped to exceed expectations and go on to make their mark in the world, through scholarship, leadership and service.

Search Warrant also produces pornography Scout Leader charged with drug delivery December 30th at Clyde Boy Scout Hut

Following an ongoing investigation, a Clyde Boy Scout leader was arrested and charged with a first degree felony of distributing methamphetamine Wednesday afternoon, December 30th at the Clyde Boy Scout Hut located at 321 Forrest Road in Clyde.

Bill Cedergren, 47, who lists an address at 208 Bowie Street in Clyde, was arrested at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday outside the Clyde Boy Scout Hut and charged with manufacturing and delivery of methamphetamine over 4 ounces. The first degree felony charge was due to the fact the Scout Hut where Cedergren was arrested is within a drug-free zone due to its location across the street

from the Clyde Elementary School. A drug-free zone charge is for distributing within 1,000 feet of a school.

Lieutenant Leroy Foley, a deputy with the Callahan County Sheriff's Department, arrested Cedergren in a sting operation Wednesday afternoon. Foley said Callahan County Chief Deputy Rick Jowers also assisted with the arrest.

Foley said Cedergren was a dealer locally of methamphetamine. The Lieutenant said Cedergren was receiving 3 1/2 grams of the drug every other day. He was arrested with 1.88 grams of methamphetamine. Foley said one dose of methamphetamine

is .20 of one gram of the drug at a street value of \$50.

Cedergren was booked into Callahan County Jail Wednesday afternoon, and released on a \$15,000 bond the following day.

Foley said a search warrant of the premises was issued by Judge Steve Odom and during the search "a massive amount of pornography" was also found inside the Scout Leader's office inside the Scout Hut. Foley said he hasn't been through all of the evidence yet to determine if any of the pornography was child related.

Foley said Cedergren told him that the pornography and distribution of drugs was kept away from the children in the

Scout Hut, however he's still investigating if any drugs were sold to children.

Foley said there also could be other arrests associated with how Cedergren received the drugs. He said most methamphetamine is manufactured elsewhere and is only distributed in Callahan County from dealers in Abilene or the Dallas area.

Foley said this case against Cedergren is airtight. "My money was in his (Cedergren's) pocket and he pulled drugs out of his (Cedergren's) pocket," Foley said of the sting operation.

Foley said "all he (Cedergren) wants to do is cooperate," with this investigation.

Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 14th - Saturday, January 16th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 14th, at 4:00 p.m. with the judging of the poultry and rabbits.

Superintendents for the 2016 show are:

- Heifers, Steers, & Beef—Buster and Karen Smith
- Market & Breeding Swine—Frankie Hyles, Asst. Tom Windham and Doug Johnston
- Poultry & Rabbits—Scott Byrd
- Sheep & Goats—Bill & Kim Dean

Judging of the poultry and rabbits will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14th with Dr. David Frazier doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 4:00 p.m. on the 14th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15th, Scott

Mauney, will start judging the Market Sheep followed by the Breeding Goat Show, then the Market Goat Show.

Immediately following the Market Goat Show, Brad Bevell will judge the Breeding Swine Show, followed by the Market Swine Show.

Bill Bender, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 16th with the heifer show. Bill Bender will also judge the steer show immediately following the heifer show.

The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be at 1:00 p.m. The Premium Sale will be immediately following the Awards Presentation.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

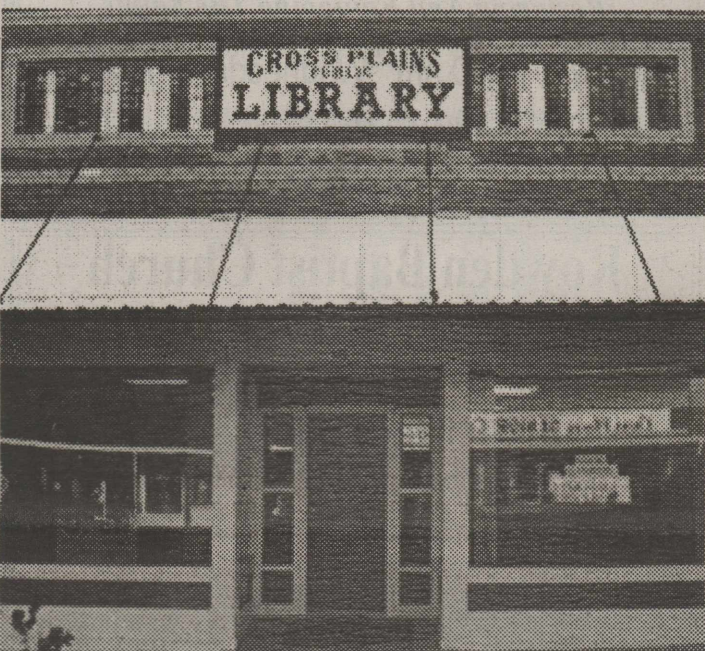
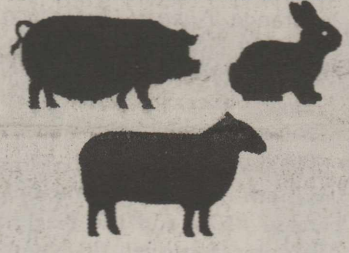
Additional information can be found at <http://callahan.agrilife.org>

Cross Plains 4H News

The Cross Plains 4-H club is off to a wonderful start this year. The January 4th meeting, held at the First Baptist Church, had 30 members attend, and a fun Mexican themed Potluck. Bucky Shackelford, our guest speaker, was kind enough to give our members a pep talk before the stock show. He encouraged the kids to take things slow and steady, to be honest with themselves (are they really giving it their best?) and to "always do your best, let God handle the rest".

The Stock Show starts on January 14th and we would like to encourage everyone to stop in, see the animals,

and wish the 4-H members good luck. This year we have Jayden Shank showing Rabbits and goats, Amanda Roberts showing Rabbits, Kambria Smoot showing rabbits, Adrien Canales showing pigs, and Spade Koenig showing pigs. These members have put a lot of work into their animals and we wish them the best of luck.



Cross Plains Public Library

Upcoming Schedule of Games

January 7th JHG JHB vs. Abilene Hawks in Cross Plains 6PM

January 8th JVG VG vs. May in May 5PM

January 8th JVB VB vs. Gustine in Gustine 6PM

January 9th JHB vs. Rising Star in Rising Star TBD

January 11th JHG JHB vs. May in Cross Plains 6PM

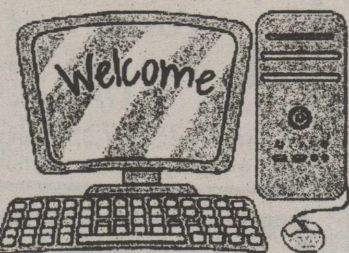
January 12th JVG VG vs. Baird in Baird 4PM

January 12th VB vs. Gordon in Cross Plains 8PM

Veterans Reunion Scheduled

The Texas Veterans and Abilene Grunts Association would like to invite all Veterans and their families to the 29th Annual "TET" Reunion to be held Saturday, February 6th, 12:00 noon, at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. There will be food, drinks, displays and an USO style show. All Veterans and their families are invited to attend and bring their "in Country" photo's and memorabilia, regardless of era of service or conflict.

It is sure to be a great time of fellowship and camaraderie. For more information contact the Abilene Grunts at (325) 690-0750, (325) 672-4003, (325) 676-2291. Or find them on Facebook at "Abilene Grunts".



Computer Classes Continue

The Cross Plains Public Library is continuing our computer class on Thursday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. Hank Ball has been leading this class on the Linux operating system. It's not too late to join us and learn about this free operating system. There are over 74,000 free programs that will operate using the Linux system. The class is very informative with a lot of hands-on learning.

Forage Seminar set in Cross Plains Jan. 26th

A special 5-hour CEU(TDA approval pending) Forage Seminar is set for January 26th at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on forage management strategies to help them produce uniform, high quality forage to meet their production goals.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. John Tomecek, Extension Wildlife Specialist, San Angelo, Dr. Morgan Russell, Extension Range Specialist, San Angelo, Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, San Angelo, Dr. Sonja Swinger, Extension Entomologist, Stephenville, Mark McMillan, Nutritionist-Moormans Feed, Paul Weiser, Texas Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Tomecek will discuss "Balancing Wildlife & Cattle", Dr. Morgan Russell will discuss "Weed & Brush Management", Dr. Sonja Swinger will discuss

"Identification & Control of Bermuda Grass Maggots and Sugar Cane Aphids", Bill Thompson will discuss "Lease Grazing, Stocking Rates & Marketing", Mark McMillan will discuss "External Pest Control & Internal Parasite Management for Livestock", and Steven Boston will discuss Laws and Regulation for pesticide applicators.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$20 to those that pre-register by January 19th, after January 19th there will be a \$25.00 fee to be paid at the door. This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Sincerely,
Jerry Warren, CEA AG/ NR
Texas AgriLife
Extension Service
Callahan County

Its almost time

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The United Blood Services Blood Drive is coming upon us very quickly, Tuesday, January 12th from 10am - 2 pm! Don't forget to make an appointment to donate. If you need help making the appointment, contact Andrea Lee at (325) 649-3392 and I'll be happy to help you. You may also follow the link to schedule your own appointment www.bloodhero.com.

Cross Plains ISD schedule change

Thursday, January 14, 2016 - early out at 1:00 P.M.

Buses will run at 1:10 P.M.

Friday, January 15, 2016 - student and staff holiday for the Callahan County Livestock Show.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 18th at regular time.

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight

This month's Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spot Light is The Cross Plains Public Library.

The Cross Plains Public Library has almost 17,000 books including a complete collection of Newberry & Caldecott children's books, audio books and large print books.

Patrons can borrow any book

or item that the library does not own, if it is available, through the Interlibrary Loan program. Location, 149 N Main St. in Cross Plains. Library phone: 254-725-7722. Their hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 1pm-5pm. Tuesday: 11am-7pm. Stop in sometime and check out a book!

Learn English while you complete your GED

GED and English as a Second Language classes will be starting soon. Classes are currently offered in: Abilene, Albany, Ballinger, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Coleman, Colorado City, Cross Plains, De Leon, Early, Hamlin, Snyder, Stamford, and Sweetwater.

Please call 325-671-4419 for more information. Classes are free and sponsored by the Abilene Independent School District.

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Cottonwood Country Musical

Friday, January 22, 2016 will be the next Cottonwood Country Musical.

We are looking forward to resuming after the holiday break.

The meal in the kitchen will be served from 5 - 7 p.m. The music will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Watch your paper next week for more details.

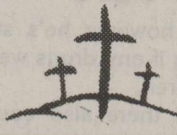
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CHURCH DIRECTORY

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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Every Sunday at 10:30 am
Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains
(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)
 Al Taylor, Preacher
Phone: 254-725-7522
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

Pioneer Baptist Church

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

Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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

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

First Baptist Church

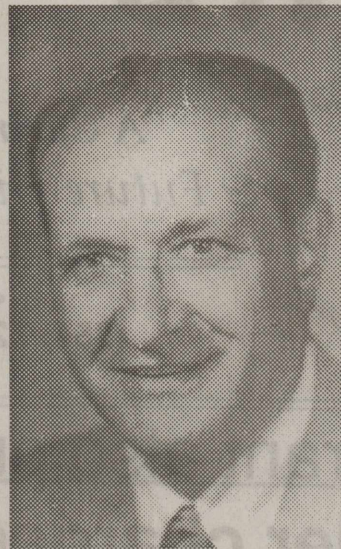
Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30
Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship
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JAMES C. GARRETT

James C. Garrett

James C. Garrett, age 90, of Moran, Texas, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2016, in Hendrick Hospice, Abilene, Texas. Services will be held at 2:00 Wednesday, January 6, 2016, in the Matthews Memorial Presbyterian Church in Albany, Texas, with Rev. John Stanislav officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in Moran Cemetery. Parker Funeral Home of Baird, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

James was born on the Sears Ranch in Jones County, Texas, on November 2, 1925 to Roger Q. and Neta Cranston Garrett. He graduated from Anson High School. He attended John Tarleton College and the law school at the University of Texas. James graduated from Hardin Simmons College in May of 1949. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in the European Campaign.

James and Doris Thomas married in Moran, Texas, on September 15, 1951, and from this union came five children. James and Doris kept Moran as their home base while James worked in the banking industry in Moran, Albany, Cross Plains and Big Lake for over 20 years. They also operated Moran Insurance Agency. Following his retirement from banking, James served as the Veteran's Service Officer for Shackelford County for many years.

He had held membership in both the Anson Masonic Lodge #575 and the Knights Templar for over 60 years. James was a Baptist, a member of Lion's Club, and the Moran American Legion. In addition to the organizations in which he was active, in earlier years he enjoyed raising Hereford cattle with his brother. When his family, the Cranstons, came to Texas in the late 1800's from Missouri, they brought two Hereford bulls with them and started their herd in Jones County. James also loved attending the Texas Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo in Stamford with his family where his uncle,

J.B. Cranston, was one of the directors in the early 1930's. Perhaps most of all James enjoyed watching his children, and later, his grandchildren, play sports. He was an avid supporter of all their activities.

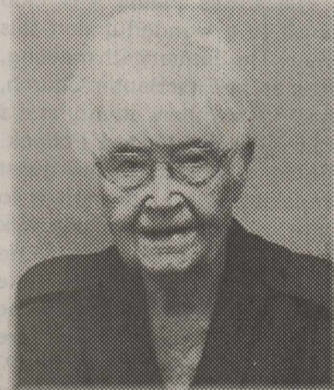
Survivors include his wife, Doris Thomas Garrett; 4 daughters, Delnita (Bert) Jones of Albany; Mary Anna (Sam) Snyder of Moran; Susie (Joe) Clack of Moran, and Gayl (Larry) Brewster of Abilene; 6 grandchildren, Wade Garrett Jones, Brock David Jones, Geoffrey Chase (Brandi) Snyder, Clayton Burke (Amanda) Snyder; Megan Elise Adams, and Austin Garrett (Melissa) Adams; 3 Great-grandchildren, Kate Allison Jones, Blake Adam Jones, and Cyrus Bleu Snyder; sister-in-law Ruth Garrett of Granbury and brother-in-law G. C. (Fern) Thomas of Nebraska; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding James in death were his parents, his son James C. Garrett, Jr., brother Roger Garrett, and sister and brother-in-law Liddell Garrett Kennedy and Herbert Kennedy.

The family of James would like to sincerely thank the caregivers of Hendrick Hospice for their dedication at this difficult time. The family also suggests memorials to Hendrick Hospice or a charity of your choice.

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PEARLIE MAE KEITH

Pearlie Mae Keith

Pearlie Mae Keith, 90, of Clyde died Thursday, December 31, 2015 at a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 3, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bailey-Howard Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Mike Auten officiating. Burial followed in Belle Plain Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Howard Funeral Home of Clyde. Visitation was Saturday from 4 to 6 pm at the funeral home.

Pearlie was born December 10, 1925 in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma to Willis and Eda (Troub) Sadler. She attended Bayou School and Cross Plains High School. She married Horace Johnson Keith on October 5, 1946 in Abilene. They moved to Clyde from Lubbock in 1990. Pearlle worked for Lubbock Estacado and Coronado High School Cafeterias for 25 years

and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clyde.

She is survived by two sons, Charles D. Keith and wife Brenda of Abilene and Mark A. Keith and wife Lupe of Lubbock; two daughters, Martha Ann Keith Lee and husband Bobby of Lubbock and Susan C. Keith Simpson and husband Clay of Floydada.

Preceding her in death are her parents, her husband Horace and a son, James A. Keith.

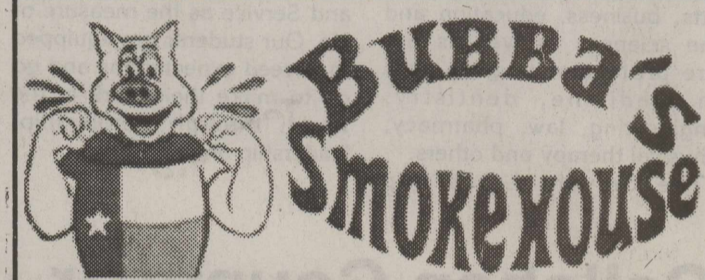
Online condolences may be made at www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com

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

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

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

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Applications being accepted for 2016 Big Country Master Gardener class

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County is now taking applications for its next Master Gardener volunteer training class.

12 sessions will be held from February 11 to April 19. Most classes are on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Three (3) Tuesday evening and two (2) Saturday classes will be conducted.

Master Gardener classes address topics ranging from plant growth and development to plant diseases, insects, soils, and basic landscaping and garden design.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Gardeners, assisting AgriLife Extension through community education in horticulture. Volunteer hours may be applied to a variety of approved projects discussed during training.

Interns completing classroom training and passing the final exam will be required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service toward youth and/or adult education outreach their first year, and 24 hours annually thereafter.

Class size is limited to 20 participants and the deadline for submitting the application is Feb. 1. A registration fee of \$150 is payable in full on the first day of class for those selected



to participate. No refunds will be issued after start of classes. A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Gardener program.

Click here for 2016 Big Country Master Gardener Application or call or come by the Taylor County Extension Office (325-672-6048) located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center.

Submission of the application is not automatic acceptance into the class. Acceptance to the class is based on the person's willingness to volunteer and the completeness of their

application. Master Gardeners support the community by providing information and advice on gardening and landscaping, providing technical assistance, and being involved in a variety of horticulture-related community service projects.

For more information, contact the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048

Sincerely,

Robert Pritz
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service - Taylor County

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2016 Cattle Raisers Convention scheduled for April 8th-10th in Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas - The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) announced today that the 139th annual Cattle Raisers Convention, the biggest ranching industry event in Texas and Oklahoma, is scheduled for April 8 - 10, 2016 at the Fort Worth Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

Peter Zeihan, geopolitical strategist and author of "The Accidental Superpower: The Next Generation of American Preeminence and the Coming Global Disorder," will be the keynote speaker at the opening general session. Zeihan will discuss how economics, demographics, history and culture work to create global complexities and how these complexities may impact ranchers in the future.

Information sessions will feature experts on critical ranching topics such as sustainability, water and surface rights, eminent domain reform, and how to dispel beef nutritional myths. The Cattle and Beef Marketing Forum will take a look at today's cattle market and provide attendees with insights into the challenge of marketing beef in today's retail environment.

Additionally, the School for Successful Ranching and issues sessions will feature more than 20 educational programs and a world-class lineup of subject matter experts who will provide insights into current ranching topics and practical tools attendees can take back to their ranch.

The Cattle Raisers Dinner and Dance will be held at River

Ranch and will feature great food and entertainment by Jake Hooker and the Outsiders. The Belles of Cowtown Heifer Sale, featuring 100 head of high-quality replacement heifers, will be held in conjunction with the evening.

The Closing General Session Brunch will feature climatologists Evelyn Browning-Garriss and James Garriss, who will present their 2016 weather outlook.

The Cattle Raisers Expo is the largest annual ranching exposition in the region and will play host to more than 200 companies bringing the newest products and services to ranchers and landowners. The Expo will host live cattle handling demonstrations, which will take place inside the Fort Worth Convention Center. The demonstrations will teach attendees how to handle cattle in a safe, low-stress manner.

Rounding out the program are numerous entertainment and special interest options such as the Law Enforcement Silent Auction, Young Cattle Raisers' After Party, Texas Beef Council Fun Run and Walk, Texas Cattlewomen annual meeting, Young Leadership Series forum, and Cow Camp for the younger attendees.

"We're looking forward to another great Cattle Raisers Convention," said Pete Bonds, TSCRA president. "The unique combination of speakers and educational programs, focused on issues of importance to ranchers, makes this a can't-miss event for any cattle raiser or landowner."

Day registration begins at

only \$125. The Cattle Raisers Convention full registration includes:

Access to the Cattle Raisers Expo, including lunch on Friday and Saturday, and Friday's welcome reception

Opening General Session and Closing General Session Brunch

All School for Successful Ranching programs

All Information Sessions / Cattle Raisers Dance and Dinner

The Cattle Raisers Convention hotels are within easy walking distance of the Convention Center. Rooms are expected to book quickly, so those interested should register as soon as possible.

More information and registration links are available at www.cattleraisersconvention.com.

All members of the media are invited to attend. For media registration, please contact Laramie Adams at ladams@tskra.org.

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TSCRA is a 139-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.

Gearing up for the big fight

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

Crop insurance is an important and necessary component of an effective farm safety net. However, it is a very complex program that will work more effectively with much-needed, commonsense reforms.

Under current law, we are subsidizing crop insurance at an average rate of 62% on every acre without limit regardless of farm size or wealth. We have an issue with that. Our tax dollars - the public trust - subsidize the largest operators no matter how big they get.

To be certain, crop insurance is a valuable and necessary tool for farmers. Fundamentally, we believe in government helping family-scale farmers manage risk. But, we think there ought to be a limit.

One federal study points to a single farming corporation that insured crops across eight counties and raked in \$1.3 million in taxpayer subsidies in just one year. In turn, the largest and wealthiest farms use their premium subsidies to bid land away from smaller farmers and beginning farmers.

We are working to develop policy reforms that cap subsidies, create opportunity for beginners and diversified farmers, and link meaningful stewardship practices to enrollment in the program. The nation's largest farms must carry their fair share of the cost of doing business, like any other economic sector.

This will be a tough fight. We don't expect to win easily. But for over 42 years we've been fighting for family farmers and ranchers. We're not backing down when it comes to crop insurance reform.

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ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

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Texas Guitar Quartet to perform with Abilene Philharmonic on January 30th

The virtuosos of the Texas Guitar Quartet -- Isaac Bustos, Jonathan Dotson, Alejandro Montiel and Joseph Williams II -- play Rodrigo's rousing Concierto Andaluz with the Abilene Philharmonic on Saturday, January 30. The program also includes classical favorites Beethoven's Egmont Overture, Debussy's Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun, and Faure's Suite from Pelleas and Melisande. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center's auditorium. Concert Conversations with Music Director David Itkin takes place backstage at 6:45 p.m. Tickets range from \$18-\$42.

Sponsors for the concert are Kiowa Casino, Pete and Karen Renick, and Frank, Rebecca, and Bobby Johnson.

Texas Guitar Quartet
The four players of the Texas Guitar Quartet are Isaac Bustos, Jonathan Dotson, Alejandro Montiel and Joseph Williams II. As soloists, they have garnered acclaim on concert stages around the world and prizes in dozens of international guitar competitions. Together, they bring their unique passions and talents to an ensemble dedicated to presenting chamber music of the highest quality. Recent performances were presented by the New York City Classical Guitar Society, Victoria Bach Festival, Austin Classical Guitar Society, Guitar Houston, Texas Music Festival, Troubadour Series at Wofford College, University of Texas at Brownsville Guitar Ensemble Festival and Competition, and Austin Chamber Music. Their critically acclaimed 2012 debut recording, RED, was featured on the internationally syndicated radio show Classical Guitar Alive.

Isaac Bustos
A top prize-winner in 13 international guitar



competitions, Bustos's extensive performing career has taken him all over the world. Isaac holds both Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees from the University of Texas at Austin earned under the tutelage of world-renowned American guitarist Adam Holzman. Dr. Bustos is Director of Guitar Studies at Texas A&M University's Department of Performance Studies and he directs the university's International Guitar Symposium and Competition.

Jonathan Dotson
A passionate ambassador for the classical guitar, Dotson has concertized in venues ranging from nightclubs in Austin, Texas, to gothic cathedrals in Palencia, Spain. Jon holds degrees in guitar performance from Kennesaw State University and the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his doctorate under Adam Holzman. Dotson has claimed top prizes at several international competitions. He is presently teaching at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville.

Alejandro Montiel
Described by Soundboard Magazine as a "flawless musician, filled to the brim

with polished technique," guitarist Alejandro Montiel enjoys a performing career that has taken him throughout the United States and Italy. He holds graduate degrees from the Peabody Conservatory and the University of Texas where he studied with Julian Gray and Adam Holzman, respectively. In addition to performing, arranging and recording, Dr. Montiel directs the guitar programs at Sam Houston State University and Lone Star College.

Joseph V. Williams, II
Joseph Williams II has performed throughout North America and Brazil. He has won prizes in 12 international guitar competitions. He is an in-demand composer, having written major new works for the Miró String Quartet, Les Freres Meduse, Cavatina Duo, and many more. A native of New Mexico, he finished his Doctorate of Music Arts at the University of Texas with Adam Holzman. Dr. Williams is the guitar instructor at University of Mary Hardin Baylor.

Rodrigo's Concierto Andaluz
Blind from age three, Joaquin Rodrigo was one of the 20th century's most important composers for the guitar. The

Concierto Andaluz, inspired by the Andalusian Mountains of southern Spain, shows the composer's love of his homeland. The concerto was commissioned by the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra for performance with the esteemed Los Romeros Guitar Quartet. The melodies are deliberately styled as popular folk music from Andalucia though in fact they are original. The popular and dance character is undeniable. The first movement prominently features a flamenco-inspired conclusion. The second movement begins with an elegant, simple melody intermixed with exciting cadenzas featuring impressive technical displays from the guitarists. The finale is constructed of two different dances: the sevillanas (a lighthearted dance in waltz-meter derived from the Sevilla) and the zapateado (a flamenco-like dance that accentuates the dancer's footwork).

Tickets and Pricing
Tickets may be purchased online at www.abilenephilharmonic.org, by calling (325) 677-6710, or visiting the Philharmonic's office located at 401 Cypress Street, Suite 520.

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Abilene area Mom's Club invites you to our monthly meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:45 pm at 1470 Woodland Trail, Abilene.

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop!

We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 pm for refreshments and fun.

If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email either of the following:

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Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

For Callahan County Sheriff Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford

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Senior Citizens Center Activities

Jan. 11th- Jan. 15th

Monday-11th Exercise 11:00
Tuesday-12th Crafts with Chris 10:00/ Exercise 11:00
Wednesday -13th Blood Pressure Check /Girling Home Health
Thursday -14th Exercise 11:00 /Reading with 3rd graders 9:45 & 1:05
Friday -15th Exercise 11:00
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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Jan. 11th- Jan. 15th

Monday 11th Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Peas, Bread, Dessert
Thursday 14th Taco Salad, (meat, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese)
Tuesday 12th Fried Fish, Veg. Sticks, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies Dessert
Friday 15th Chicken & Spaghetti, with Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Salad, Chips, Fruit, Cookie
Wednesday 13th Pinto Beans & Sausage, Spinach, Tomato & Cucumber Salad, Corbread, Dessert

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Callahan County Citizens

Why is it that our current Sheriff is refusing to debate his opponent, Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford? Could it be that he is not very proud of his term as Sheriff?? His supporters need to ask him why he is not willing to debate Bucky. I think the citizens of Callahan County deserve to hear what both sides have to say about the current affairs and the future plans for the County.

Some of the things I'm hearing about, that our current Sheriff and one of our County Commissioners are doing, I absolutely do not like at all.

They are threatening business owners and citizens of the county who put up signs or support Bucky. They are telling them, that if they support Bucky they will lose business or not be their friends' anymore. Is this not illegal? What kind of low-life politics is this? Last I heard, Callahan County was still a democracy and everyone has a right to support whoever they want without fear of being harassed. I heard about another incident on New Year's Eve that involved the Chief Deputy. He pulled up in a friend's yard who had a Bucky Shackelford sign displayed and started giving her a hard time about the sign and telling her how she shouldn't vote for him.

If anyone doubts these incidents the business owners and citizens who were approached will be more than glad to talk about it with you.

I'm sure there are many more who have been approached that we haven't heard about yet.

Instead of harassing and intimidating our citizens wouldn't their time be better spent investigating crime and protecting us? After all the crime rate is the highest it's ever been in Callahan County. This kind of voter intimidation should not be tolerated anywhere and especially not by the elected (or appointed) leaders of our county. Whatever happened to honesty and integrity? People, this isn't Mayberry, things have changed for the worse and the old ways won't work anymore. Andy and Barney won't be able to handle what's going on in our County, time for a change!!

Hughie Gray - 325-669-8506
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Clyde Chamber of Commerce to Host Meet the Candidate Night for Callahan County Offices

The Clyde Chamber of Commerce will host a Meet the Candidate Night for those running for office in Callahan County. The event will be held on Tuesday, January 12th beginning at 6:30pm.

Confirmed to attend are Sheriff Terry Joy, Commissioner Harold Hicks, Bucky Shackelford, John Windham, and Rick McGowen. Each participant will have 15 minutes to introduce

themselves, discuss their platform, and answer questions from the audience if they choose.

This event is open to all those seeking office in Callahan County including those seeking reelection and those running unopposed.

All residents of Callahan County are encouraged to attend the event and get to know the candidates.

All candidates wishing to participate in the event need to pick up their Rules of Engagement information sheet from the Chamber office at 106 Cedar Street in Clyde. They may also request one by e-mailing chamber@clydeamerica.com.

Anyone that has questions or would like more information on the event may contact Ada Vernon at the Chamber office at 325-893-4221.

Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu January 11 - 15, 2015					
	MONDAY 11	TUESDAY 12	WEDNESDAY 13	THURSDAY 14	FRIDAY 15
B	Sausage Kolache	Breakfast Strudel	Breakfast Pizza	Waffles	
R	Yogurt	Cheese stick	Cereal	Sausage	
E	Cereal	Cereal	Fruit	Cereal	
A	Fruit	Fruit	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Stock Show
K	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Milk	Milk	
F	Milk	Milk			
A					
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L	Chicken Spaghetti	Country Fried Steak	Meat & Cheese	Turkey & Cheese	
U	Breadsticks	w/ gravy	Tostadas & salsa	Sub	
N	Garden Salad	Mashed potatoes	Spanish rice	Baby carrots	
C	Vegetable Medley	Green beans	Garden salad	w/ranch	
H	Apple slices	Refried beans	Rosy-Applesauce	Seasoned corn	
	Milk	Strawberry cup	Milk	Cookie	
		Milk		Milk	

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Letter To The Editor

A Thank You to Cross Plains and Project Pride

From Dierk Guenther

When in 2012 my wife Chie and I decided to spend our first vacations in ten years outside of our country of residence, Japan, instead of traveling to my native country of Germany we opted for a visit to the United States (a first time for both of us).

Having been a fan of Robert E. Howard's stories, a visit to the Howard Museum in Cross Plains was something I absolutely wanted to do during this trip to the United States. Via the Robert E. Howard Foundation website we contacted Project Pride and arrangements for the visit to the Howard House were made.

When we arrived at the Howard House on a cloudy day in early March 2012 we were warmly welcomed by members of Project Pride, Arlene Stephenson, Era Lee Hanke and Larry and Nora Pointer. From the information we could gather on the Internet about the Howard Museum, Chie and I had calculated a stay of about one hour at the Howard House. Nothing did we know of Texas hospitality and friendliness! In the end we spent about 2 1/2 hours at the museum, learning not only a lot about Robert E. Howard, but also the town of Cross Plains. We finished our stay at Cross Plains with lunch at Jean's Feed-Barn (probably

better: a neighboring diner) where we had our first taste of Fried Chicken Steaks. When we left Cross Plains on this day, we knew that we would return one day.

Back in Japan we stayed in contact with Arlene Stephenson, who kindly procured me with a lot of helpful information for my research on Robert E. Howard, which would later turn into a presentation at a conference on American Literature at the University of Hiroshima/Japan.

In June 2014 Chie and I returned to Cross Plains in order to attend the annual Howard Days and spend a few more days in Cross Plains for some further research on Robert E. Howard and the community of Cross Plains.

Howard Days, organized by Project Pride, was another great experience and is an event the community of Cross Plains can indeed be proud of: Secretly fearing it to be a gathering of eccentric fans, Howard Days turned out to be an event attended by intelligent, interesting, friendly and open minded people coming from all over the world in order to celebrate the memory of Cross Plains' most famous writer in a highly enjoyable and utterly positive atmosphere. The friendly members of Project Pride took outstanding care of the attendees by providing them with guided bus tours around Cross Plains and

excellent Hot Dogs whose fame Chie and I have since then been spreading also here in Japan!

By the time this article is being written, Chie and I have already visited Cross Plains for a third time (Howard Days 2015). During each of our stays in Cross Plains, we have had the pleasure to meet many members of the community, receiving their kindness and experience an incredible hospitality. Chie and I are honored and proud to call a lot of them by now friends.

During each of our visits, we could see and learn so much of Cross Plains, ranging from visiting local institutions like the impressive town library and the local school or experiencing an authentic chuck wagon dinner on a farm. What has impressed both Chie and me most though, is the openness and friendliness of the people of Cross Plains we had the honor and are grateful to having met and talked to during our visits.

It might sound 'cheesy', but for us Cross Plains has become a kind of second home, we are looking forward to visiting again each summer. And each time, saying goodbye at the end of our stay, knowing that another year has to pass before we will return has become more and more difficult. And all of this started with a supposedly short visit at the Project Pride administrated Howard Museum.



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Nothern Shoveler

Generally speaking, when referring to waterfowl, most people are familiar with the Mallard, mostly due to its distinguishable appearance and its propensity for flourishing in domesticated settings. Nevertheless, there is a species of native waterfowl that is actually as common as the Mallard, and that species is the Northern Shoveler.

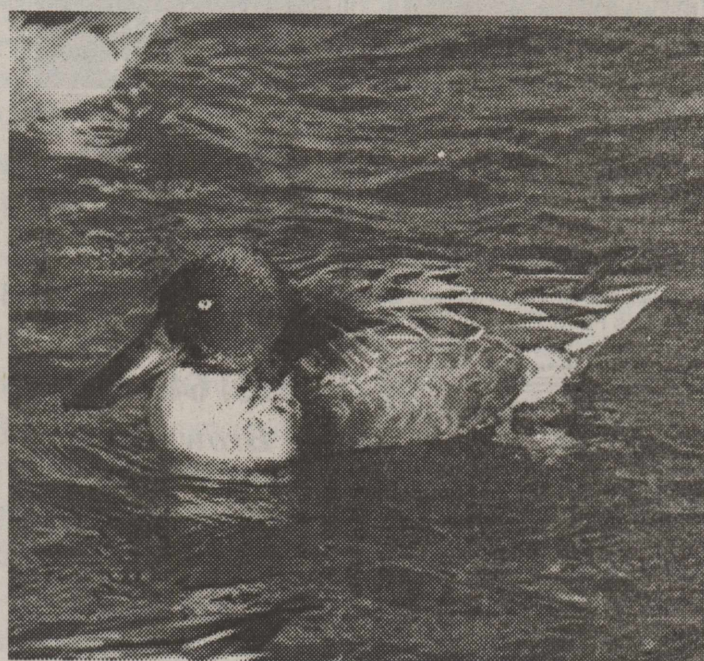
The Northern Shoveler is a migratory species that spends the summer months in the Great Plains region of the United States, primarily west of the Great Lakes vicinity. During the colder winter months, it fixates on the southern states from California eastward all the way to Florida, including wintering throughout the entire state of Texas.

While the coloration of a mature male Mallard is striking, the coloration on a male Northern Shoveler is no less impressive. Males and females are sexually dimorphic, and as is the case with the majority of avian species, the male is the more colorful one. In mature males, the body is decorated with a bright white breast, followed by opulent chestnut belly and sides. Along the dorsal backside are feathers colored in streaks of black, white, and brown. In direct sunlight, the black coloration on the back has a glossy green hue. There is a blue patch on the upper wing, but this patch is not set apart by white highlights. The head is black and it too has a glossy green hue as well. But perhaps the most distinctive trait that separates this duck from other species is the disproportionately sized spoon-shaped bill. In fact, it has the largest bill of any duck in North America. In mature males, this massive bill is black in coloration.

By comparison, the females are quite non-descript and superficially resemble female Mallards with their mottled brown bodies. However, female Shovelers also have a gigantic bill, but rather than being tinted black as in the males, the bill on the females is mottled a light orange. The legs and feet on both sexes are bright orange.

The Northern Shoveler's body size has been recorded to a length of slightly under two feet, while the wingspan can be just shy of three feet tip to tip.

This avian species seems to prefer shallow freshwater where it often swims with its massive bill partially submerged, retrieving plant and animal materials from under the surface. It has been re-



Nothern Shoveler (Anas clypeata)

ported that animal matter makes up nearly one-third of its diet.

This variety of aquatic bird prefers to live in small colonies, although during the breeding season it chooses to nest solitarily. This nest is generally built on the ground among areas with vegetation to conceal it. Shovelers are a monogamous species that breeds during the summer months and lays between six to nineteen 2-inch long grayish eggs that are incubated by the female. This incubation period lasts for approximately one month, after which time the almost self-reliant young will leave the nest.

Hatchlings begin to take flight as early as two months of age. This species typically only produces one brood annually.

Studies have shown that the population dynamics of this species is stable and in fact is quite abundant in many areas. Although generally not as trusting as the Mallard, many are observed in city parks and in this environment, many individuals will become so accustomed to humans that they will allow themselves to be hand-fed.

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1 TXism: "a Johnny lately"

5 TXism: "active as in a hen house"

6 TX hardwood tree: bois _

7 TXism: "he'll kick you a funeral home" (mean horse)

8 TX "Watergate" special prosecutor this Tinkle wrote Alamo book "13 Days to Glory"

17 TX Buddy's widow: "Maria"

21 TXism: "bend elbow" (drink)

22 famous Uvalde cowgirl Evans

23 TX Robby Benson film: "Ode to Joe"

24 "P" of TX DPS

29 TX Hyer film: "The of Katie Elder"

30 TXism: "mighty"

31 UT deg.

32 TXism: "useless on a sow"

34 first performers of "Eyes of Texas": UT Club

35 TX George Jones' "He Stopped Loving Today"

36 TXism: "confused as astralut"

37 TX ZZ Top album: "Hombres"

38 TXism for "women not informed"

41 Palo Co.

DOWN

1 TX Stanley Marsh Caddy art west of Amarillo (2 wds.)

2 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow (good advice)"

3 Cochran Co. seat

4 former resident of Huntsville?

9 cowboy pants

10 well that ends well"

11 tiny

12 TXism: "stands his own two feet"

13 "Old Yeller's" disease

14 TX pitcher Dave Danforth's pitch: "ball"

15 Port Arthur AM

16 TXism: "rattle your teeth" (threat)

19 TXism for "might do it" (2 wds.)

20 TX Bob Phillips' "Twenty the Backroads"

22 group "Three has played at 40-down"

24 " Ferguson was 26th governor of TX

25 TX's country (abbr.)

26 TXism: "I'll monkey's uncle"

27 Padre Island lagoon: "Madre"

28 TXism: "strike while the hot"

29 TXism: "rag" (handkerchief)

30 ran away

33 me also (2 wds.)

34 ex-Cowboy DE Ellis (1998-2008)

35 this Kent founded TX Boys' Ranch

37 silver swords? (2 wds.)

38 gold layers

40 "State Texas" (in Oct.)

41 two Jacks and two Aces in poker

44 TXism: "he's a good judge of horse"

47 puts into office

49 "life short"

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Civil Filings

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Nicole Loomis and Aaron Todd Loomis, divorce.

Colby Ray Stevenson and Kimberly Ann Stevenson, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Russell Lynn Wilson and Tina Marie Wilson, divorce granted.
Roslie Mae Wilson and John Harvey Wilson Jr., divorce granted.

Sarah Conyah Hawkins, name change granted.

Criminal Minutes

Justin C. Wilson, plea of guilty to assault / family violence, 2 year probation, \$750 fine, \$474 court costs.

Lisa A. Beckham, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 7 years in prison, \$369 court costs, \$140 restitution.

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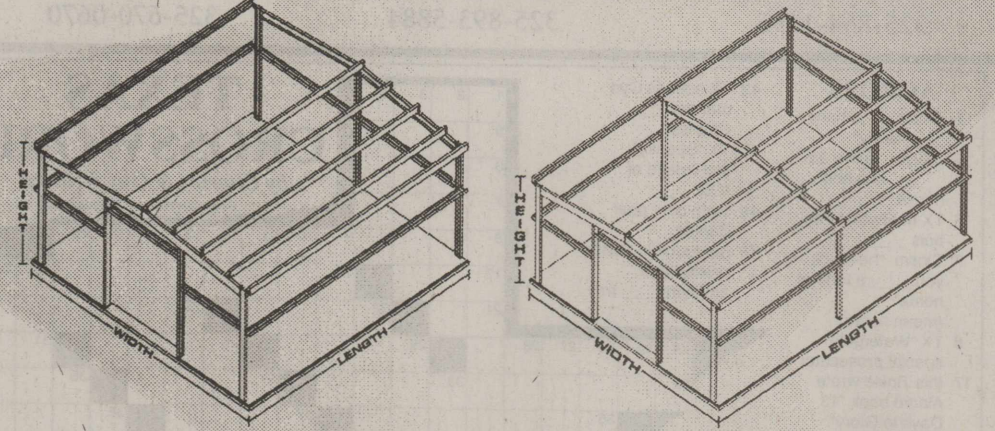
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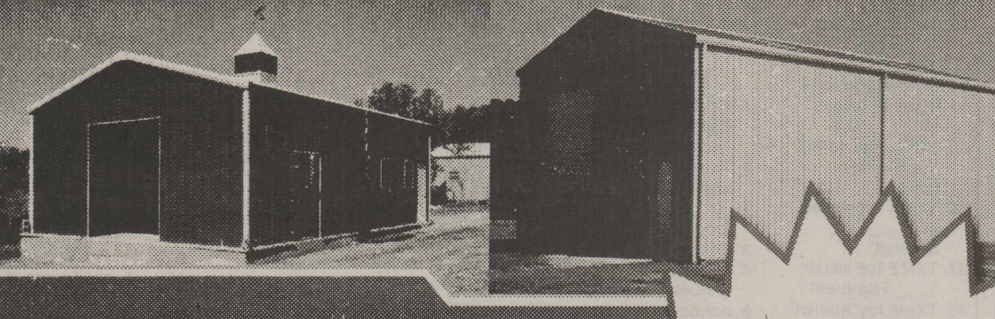
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School Board Members are volunteers that work for no pay. Too often we neglect the dedication of these local citizens. It is time to say "Thank You" to Tommy Ames, Michael Cowan, Bryan Bennett, Davy Crockett, John Fred McWilliams, Roy Richey, and Jack Shepard.

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Cotton farmers, ag organizations ask USDA to designate cottonseed as an oilseed

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A combination of high inputs, low prices and no safety net could spell disaster for not only American cotton farmers, but for the Texas and U.S. economies.

That's why farmers and agricultural organizations across the nation are asking the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to designate cottonseed as an oilseed.

"If Vilsack makes the designation, cotton farmers would be eligible to enroll in farm bill safety net programs," Sam Snyder, Callahan-

Shackelford Counties Farm Bureau president, said.

"The last few years have been hard on cotton farmers. Without this assistance, many of them could go out of business."

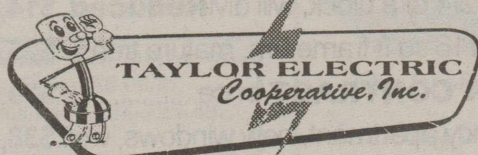
In 2014, the United States made a deal with the World Trade Organization following what is called the Brazilian Cotton Case. In the case, Brazil alleged the U.S. gave unfair subsidies to its cotton farmers. As a result of that case, the United States no longer offers a safety net program to cotton farmers.

"Losing that coverage couldn't have come at a worse time. Cotton Prices have dropped, and some cotton farmers are struggling to make

it," Mr. Snyder said. "If they go out of business, it would affect everyone who at some point touches a product made from cotton or cotton byproducts. It would drastically impact both the state and national economy."

To help cotton farmers, 100 legislators and agricultural organizations have sent letters to the USDA and Vilsack urging that cottonseed be designated as an "other oilseed" so cotton growers would be eligible to enroll in a farm bill safety net program. The programs would help farmers when crop prices in their area drop below benchmark levels.

The designation would require no legislative action.



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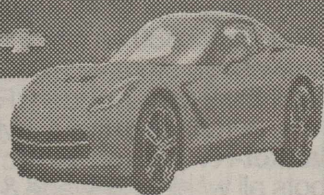
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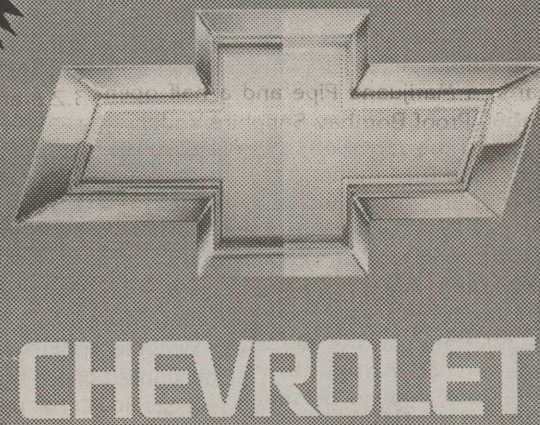
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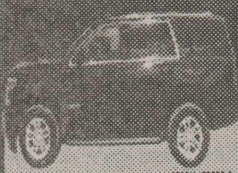
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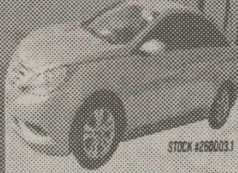
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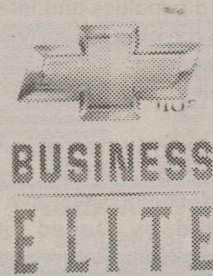
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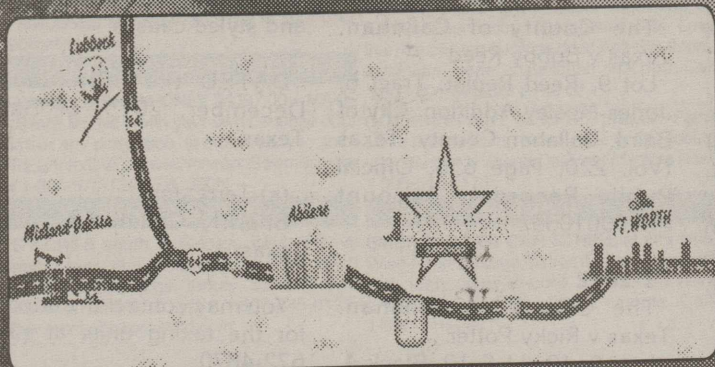
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DPS OFFICER LANCE PARKER pictured with his evidence of 2 & 1/2 pounds of Marijuana, and a class A misdemeanor arrest for one suspect resisting arrest.

TWO STOLEN VEHICLES IN CALLAHAN COUNTY WERE RECOVERED IN ONE DAY, A DRUG BUST THE NEXT DAY AND BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A LITTLE TOO MUCH CHEER, PLUS TWO THEFT SUSPECTS IN JAIL AND A WARRANT FOR ANOTHER AND MORE MARIJUANA.

GUILTY PLEA

Does anyone remember the name Shaliko Mcgee? He has been in Taylor County Jail since 01/27/2015. He was charged with the Aggravated robbery and murder of Misty Mashburn at Gas House Road and I-20 Access Road. Wednesday Morning he was picked up by Callahan County Sheriff's Deputy Leroy Foley at the Taylor County Jail and transported to the Callahan County Courthouse where he plead guilty in Judge Weeks Court and was sentenced to

45 years in Texas State Prison. Michael Wallace and Xavier Sneed remain in Taylor County Jail waiting for their opportunity to appear before Judge Weeks. Brianna Payne was in our jail and bonded out. She will also have to appear in court.

ADDING AND SUBTRACTING FROM THE JAIL POPULATION

December 26th, a call was received concerning a stolen 4x4 Chevrolet Pickup on County Road 224. The pickup was found in Jones County, in a pasture. No suspects at this time. Deputy Frank Weise is investigating. Leroy Foley recovered a stolen vehicle last night, December 29th on Hays Rd. just west of the Clyde City Limits.

A suspect was booked into the Callahan County Jail for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Cases are pending.

December 28th, around 9 pm, Clyde Police Officer, Chad Boyett brought a man to jail for possession of 1.8 grams of meth, Wednesday night December 30th he had to be taken to Hendrick Memorial Hospital Emergency room by Citizens EMS because a large boil on his back had burst causing him significant pain. Citizens EMS was called and determined that this event could be life threatening. I agreed with their assessment and he was taken to the emergency room that night. I went with him because a law enforcement officer is required to handcuff and accompany an inmate to the hospital. We returned to the jail at 3:30 am.

He bonded out of Jail that same morning.

Wednesday December 30th, a 1ST Degree Felony Drug arrest was made by Chief Deputy Rick Jowers and Lt. Leroy Foley. This was a large and significant drug bust. I will report more on this major event in the near future.

Chief Deputy Rick Jowers brought the New Year in with the last arrest of 2015 and first booking of 2016. We arrested a DWI suspect that was swerving all over the road, a danger to himself and others. The suspect was in the booking chair one minute after 12 midnight, 2016. This was the suspect's second DWI. A Callahan County Citizen had called dispatch and reported the suspect driving from barrow ditch to barrow ditch. After booking in the DWI suspect Deputy Jowers returned to patrol and arrested a suspect for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia as shown in the accompanying photo. The suspect had more than a half empty, open bottle of 80 proof Bombay Sapphire Vodka in his possession.

At 56 minutes after 12am a Clyde Police Officer responded to a family violence call and was assisted by Callahan County Deputies. Two men were arrested and taken to jail. One was drunk, very combative, and trying very hard to kill himself but Clyde Police Officer Dorte and Sheriff's Deputy Levins wouldn't allow this to happen. I was called to the jail, as my policy requires and stayed with the suspect until he bonded out that morning. Four others that may have celebrated the New Year a little more than they should, also bonded out that morning, relieving some pressure on our jail population and making room for more arrests over the weekend.

THEFT

Chief Deputy Rick Jowers and I had good information from a farmer that Friday night, January 1st a theft was going to take place at an abandoned farm house. Rick and I dressed in warm clothes and found a hiding place where we could watch the house, barns and area. We waited until, 3:30 am the morning of the 2nd of January and nothing happened. The next day the farmer went to check on the property and cattle. At approximately 11:40 am the farmer called Rick and told him he heard something that made him think someone was hiding on the place. Rick had just checked the place out earlier that morning and not finding anything suspicious had returned to the jail to fill out case reports. Rick hurried back to the farm, checked with the farmer, and was searching

the area when he heard a noise. A piece of metal roofing was lying on the ground. Rick picked it up and found a man was under the piece of sheet metal. Deputy Jowers had him at gun point and told him to stay on the ground and not to move. Rick handcuffed him and placed him in the patrol unit. Rick, then observed a second man running North West in the adjoining field and chased him on foot for over 100 yards. The man had too much of a head start. So, Deputy Jowers returned to his patrol unit and drove to County Road 258, there he saw the suspect climbing over the fence. Deputy Jowers tackled him, handcuffed him, and placed him in his patrol unit along with the other suspect.

Chief Deputy Rick Jowers then called for a wrecker to pickup the vehicle left on the premises.

He knew that there was a third suspect who had been seen hiding in the hay; this suspect had run from the farmer, who had just called Deputy Jowers on his cell phone. While Deputy Jowers was chasing down and loading up the first two suspects the farmer was searching for the third suspect. While searching through the many rolls of round baled hay he observed a man lying very still in the hay. The farmer told the man to get up, but the man remained motionless. The farmer again, told the man to get up and kicked his foot. The man got up and said he was homeless and began to run away. The farmer chased after him, but could not catch him.

Rick called the Sheriff as soon as he could and Sheriff Joy hurried to the scene. The farmer and Sheriff thoroughly searched the place again, but could not find the third man. The farmer described him to Sheriff Joy and he put out radio traffic to local officers on duty to be on the lookout for a man wearing camouflage clothing, 5'-10" to 6', 170 to 180 lbs. and in his 30s. We now know who he is and where he lives. A warrant will be issued of his arrest. All three of these suspects are from Abilene.

As Sheriff of Callahan County I can't thank this brave farmer enough for helping us capture these suspects because, had they been successful they could have been emboldened, but now two are in jail and the third should be soon. I also, want to thank my Chief Deputy, Rick Jowers, for a dangerous job, very skillfully and professionally done. This is the first theft case of the NEW year and catching the suspects is a good way to begin 2016.

MARIJUANA BUST

Sunday Morning at 4:00 am Chief Deputy Jowers was patrolling near Baird and saw

a black Chevrolet Pickup driving slow with no tail lights. He stopped the pickup and told the driver that he had no tail lights and then asked if they had any drugs in the vehicle. One of the passengers said "absolutely yes". Deputy Jowers asked, "What did you say"? A passenger again answered "absolutely yes". Deputy Jowers found in their possession a marijuana pipe and a small amount of marijuana. Deputy Jowers knew that the jail was already full and the small amount of marijuana and marijuana pipe would make the charge a class B misdemeanor. Besides, anybody as honest as that, deserved a break. Deputy Jowers confiscated their marijuana and marijuana pipe, wrote them a citation and sent them on their way.

LARGE MARIJUANA BUST AND RESISTING

Sunday evening, January 3rd, DPS Trooper Lance Parker made a traffic stop on I-20 near Baird. He could smell the strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. When he finished his investigation he confiscated two and one half pounds of marijuana. He arrested three occupants for possession of marijuana. One of the suspects developed a bad attitude and resisted arrest. Lance took care of this problem rather quickly and put him in handcuffs. This much marijuana makes it a state jail felony. The one who resisted arrest will also be charged with resisting arrest which is a class A misdemeanor.

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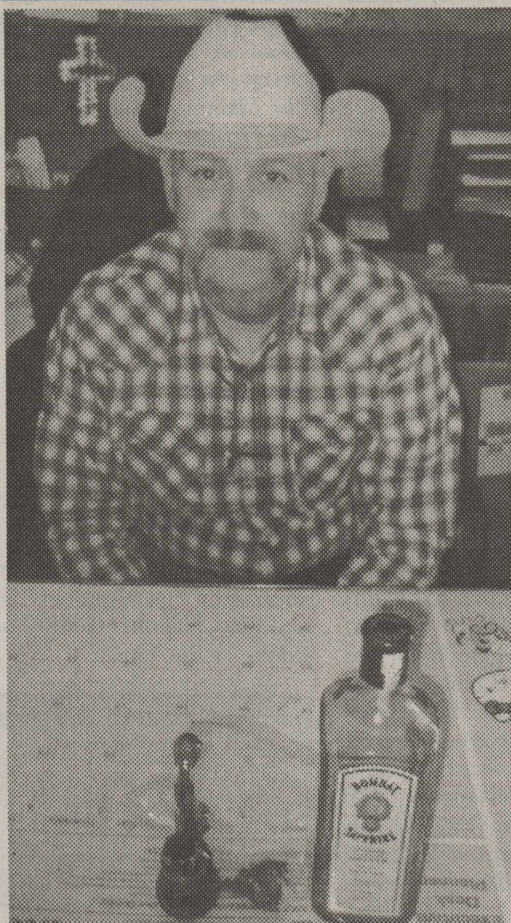
Monday, January 4th, Deputy Leroy Foley patrolled to Abilene to serve the warrant that was issued on the suspect who was hiding in the hay (in the arrest we spoke of earlier in this article). The suspect ran from the farmer while Deputy Jowers was capturing the other two suspects. Deputy Foley knocked on the front door and heard a noise in back and saw the suspect running down the alley. Deputy Foley ran after him, caught him and brought him back to the Callahan County Jail. This suspect and his two partners will be charged with burglary of a building.

MORE METH

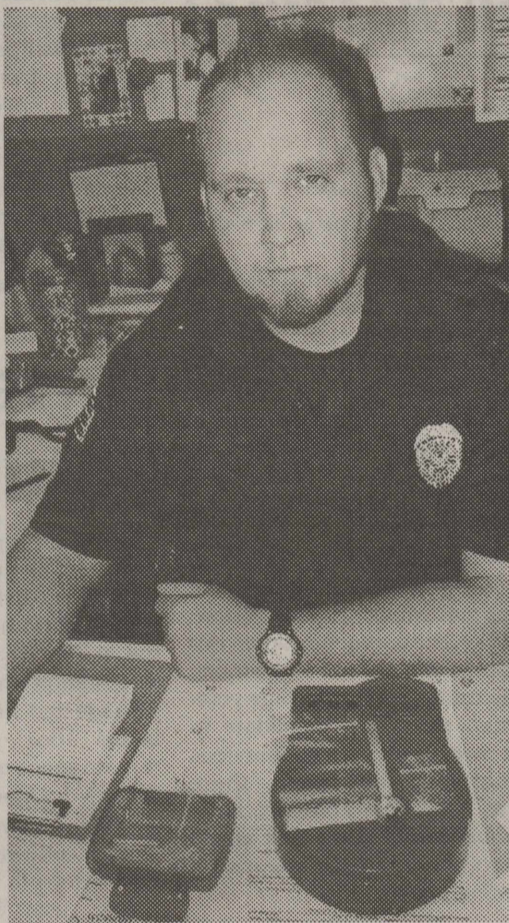
Monday night approximately 1:00 am Cross Plains Police Officer, Jarod Potter, arrested and brought to Callahan County Jail a suspect who had in her possession 3.2 grams of methamphetamines or Crystal Meth. She was filed on, for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance, Which is a second degree felony.

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CALLAHAN COUNTY CHIEF DEPUTY RICK JOWERS pictured with his evidence of Marijuana, a Marijuana Pipe and a half open bottle of 80 Proof Bombay Sapphire Vodka.



CITY OF CROSS PLAINS POLICEMAN JAROD POTTER pictured with his evidence of 3.2 grams of crystal meth.

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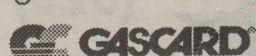
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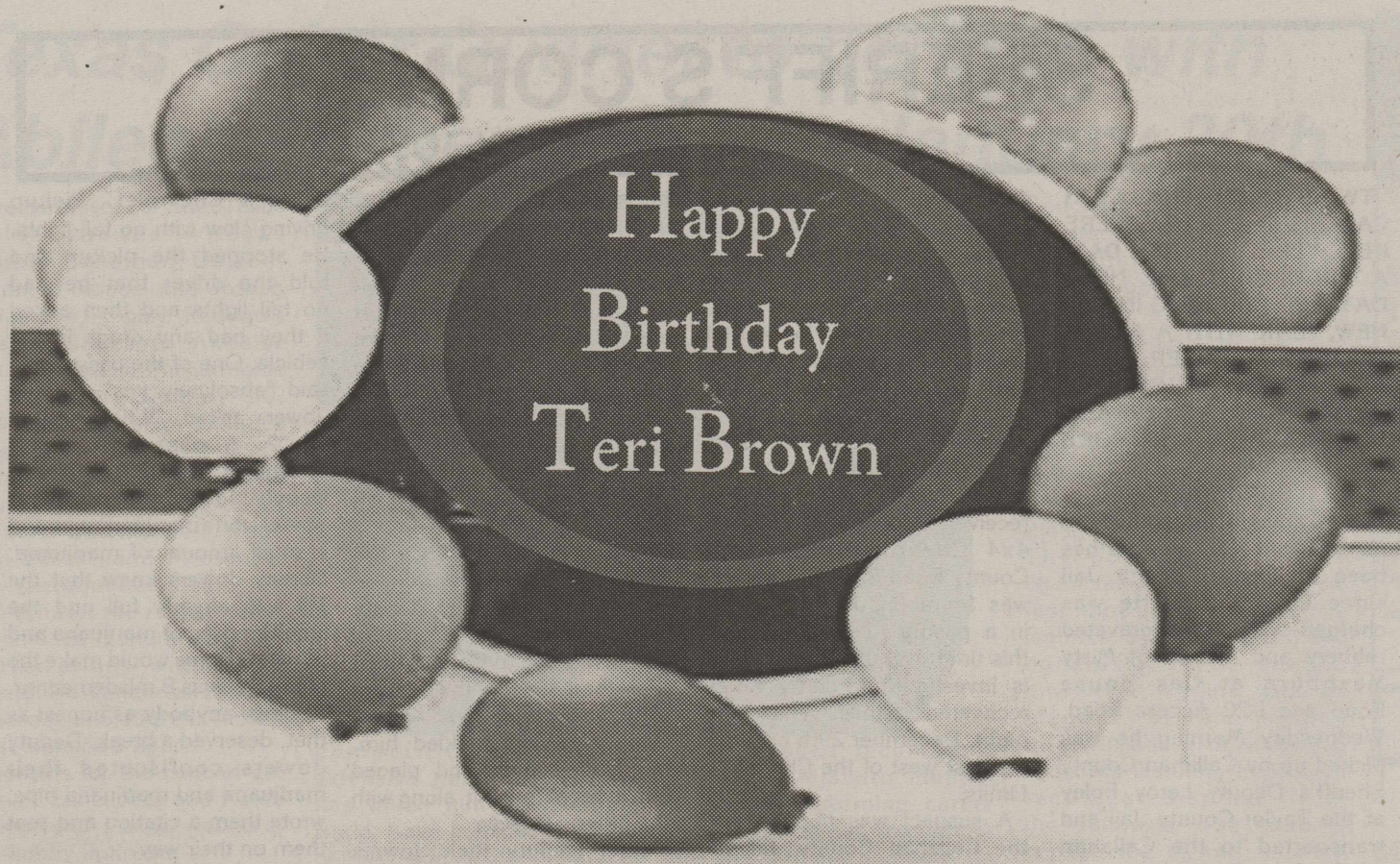


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The latest installment in Robert Thornhill's Lady Justice Series is very appropriate for this election year. In "Lady Justice and the Candidate" Kansas City cop Walt Williams is drawn into an upcoming presidential election. The slate of candidates is shaken up when an independent named Benjamin Franklin Foster arrives on the scene and captures the hearts of America with his no-nonsense plans to change the status quo. However, not everyone is enamored with Foster and the Secret Service needs Walt's help. Why Walt? Seems that with a few tweaks to his appearance, Walt can pass as a double for Foster; so, he is enlisted to switch places with Foster after each speech, in order to "meet and greet" the

public, while Foster is safely tucked away.

In order to pull off their plan, Walt must fake his death and move into a "witness-protection" like program, away from family and friends. During this time, he has several close calls and comes to realize that he is a sitting duck for assassination - and may REALLY die!

Walt's usual entourage of friends and family do not appear much in this book; rather, the author has taken this opportunity to expose the many frustrations of the average voter when electing a candidate to fit their ideals. Unlike previous books in the series, there was very little comedy, but I found it refreshing and would recommend it to anyone of voting age.

The Market at Clyde Saturday, January 9th, 10am-4pm

Local Vendors meet the second Saturday of each month at The Old Firehouse in Clyde to show and sell their creations. No matter what the temperature on market day, this is one craft fair where you will receive protection from the weather as you shop. All vendors are located inside the building. When the weather is cold the doors are closed and heaters are turned on. When the weather is warm all of the bay doors are open to allow free air flow. The Old Firehouse is a perfect setting for a fun filled day for both vendors and shoppers no matter the weather.

One of the favorites at The Market at The Old Firehouse has been the freshly baked homemade yeast bread. The artisan that made the bread was absent for several months but will be returning in January and has plans to resume his baking and marketing his bread. Added this month is a new home cook that specializes in homemade fudge. She will be bringing her fudge as well as other wonderful creations from her kitchen. There are several other home cooks that will be selling sweet breads, such as Zucchini, Cinnamon and other varieties. Also offered are many varieties of jellies and jams. All of these

are made in home kitchens without artificial preservatives and no high fructose sugars. All of the home cooks take a class to meet requirement from the State of Texas and receive their certification to comply with the Texas Cottage Food Laws. Each home cook takes special pride and care in their creations. In addition to the wonderful items from the kitchen you will find fine handcrafted soaps, sugar scrubs and salves made from all natural ingredients.

What you will find at The Market changes from month to month depending on which cooks, artist and artisans are able to gather. Some of the other items you will find this month are fine art, jewelry, wooden yard art, dolls and doll clothing, hand sewn items for decorating your kitchen and bath. If you collect the American Dolls you will find clothing for your favorite dolls at The Market at Clyde. To see more of what is offered see the ad in this paper. Also watch KTAB4U at 4:00pm and KRBC News at 5 on Thursday, or check out the Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at The Market at Clyde email themarketatclyde@gmail.com or call 325-518-3939.

Heart to Heart Food Drive at The Market Saturday, Jan. 9th

The Callahan County Food Bank will be collecting canned food items. Bring all donations Saturday from 10 am-4 pm at the Market at Clyde in the old Fire Station on N. 1st.

Suggested items are canned beans (16oz), spaghetti sauce, tomato sauce or diced tomatoes (16oz), dry macaroni, spaghetti or pinto beans (#1), soups, mixed vegetables (16oz), canned fruit (16oz), peanut butter, Jello, Cheerios, Spam,

canned chicken, or tuna. We appreciate all your help in supporting The Market at Clyde and our Callahan County Food Bank. Thank You!

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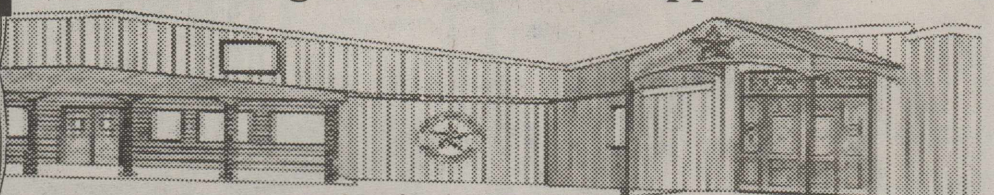
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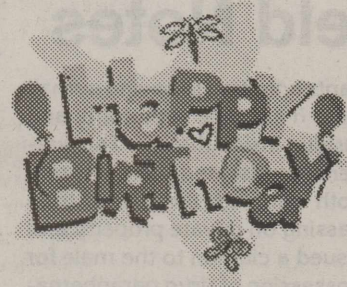
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January 10

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January 11

Kinlee Sky Jacobs
Staci LeAnn (Weiss) Mayo
Terry Dewbre
Barbara Johnson
W.A. Watson
Benjamin Worley
Mrs. Charley Havens
Jeff Brown
Jayde Lee Peters

January 12

Fred Flippen
Patricia (Driskell) Musick
Mike Walters
Keri Mabelle Bowman
Angie Sanders

January 13

Sarah Rogers Savell
Sylvia Graham
Christopher Teasdale
Crissa Teasdale
Cindy Sue Payne
Kenneth E. Dobbins
Edith Adkins
Mrs. Albert Lee
Randy Dillard
Cecilia Smoot
John Terrell Gardner

January 14

Lorissa Gressett
Charles Pippins
Le'Ann Jordan
John Roberts
Crystal Nelson
Ileen Smith
Jessica (Childers) Taff
Eula Blake
Todd Watson
Sam Fleming, Jr.
Aaron Phillips
Micheal Curry

January 15

David Strickland
Gary Childers
Mrs. Jackie Pancake
Regina (Gary) Fleming
Mrs. Vernon Donaway
Velma Byers
Jody Gosnell
Monty Richards
Hayden Bisbee

January 16

Joey Westerman
Laurie Lavender
Blake Hutchins
Mrs. Raymond Young
Trivina Newman
Barbara Havener
Betty Randell
Amber Parker

Weight Warriors

Weight Warriors continues to meet on Tuesday's at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. We are a group of like minded folks with the common goal of healthy eating habits combined with group support. Anyone is welcome to join our group. We meet at 5:30 every Tuesday. Come, share in the fun as we support one another toward our health goals.

John, Paul, George and Ringo are alive and well and living in Cottonwood. You'll hear their names called out at the Larimore's as those are the names of Strena Cunningham's rabbits that she will be showing at the Callahan County Livestock Show and Rodeo coming up soon on January 14th, 15th and 16th.

Loralei Woodard, daughter of Erik and Christine Woodard, will be showing her pet Shorthorn steer named Oliver.

Many other FFA and 4H kids from there in Cottonwood will be showing their animals. A lot of hard work, early mornings and late nights goes into raising the animals and getting them ready to show. We wish all the kids luck at the show and hope that their hard work and dedication will lead to great rewards.

Cottonwood is well represented in many of the other Cross Plains High School events. Jack Larimore plays trumpet the band, as well as ukulele and electric guitar. He's also involved in FFA, and UIL. Billy Ross Woodard is also part of the UIL One Act Play and runs

track. Lorelei Woodard is on the Power Lifting and the Track Team. Matt Sowell, who grew up here in Cottonwood, is the director of both the band and the One Act Play.

The Cross Plains FFA Boosters are selling 16 oz. Tumblers for \$2.00 each. They are blue with the FFA logo and would look good in your kitchen. Contact Bryan Bennett or any of the FFA Sponsors to get yours.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dorothy Coppinger Petty. She was well-known here in Cottonwood and will be greatly missed. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Kaci Bennett and the rest of the family at this difficult time.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Meeting on Monday, January 18th at 7 p.m. at the Cottonwood Community Center. Fire Chief and Board Members will be elected (or reelected) at the meeting.

The Cottonwood Musical returns this month after a break for the holidays. The next musical is on Friday, January 22nd at the Community Center.

How to create and keep a financial New Year's resolution

PHOENIX -- (Jan. 4, 2016) -- It's that time of year again -- millions of Americans are setting resolutions to better themselves in the New Year. For many, that includes a brighter financial future.

Whether eliminating debt, saving or investing, financial resolutions can be difficult to keep without a coordinated effort, says Mike Sullivan, spokesperson, Take Charge America, a national nonprofit credit counseling and debt management agency. "While it's very commonplace to create a resolution, few people actually follow through. When it comes to improvements in your personal finances especially, you need a plan, automation and accountability."

Sullivan offers five tips to help consumers create a financial New Year's resolution -- and keep it:

Define a Specific Goal -- It's important to clearly define your financial goal and outline the steps you must take to get there. "Get out of debt" or "save more money" are simply too broad. You are much more likely to hold yourself accountable with a realistic and attainable goal in mind, like "save \$100 from each paycheck" or "pay off \$200 in credit card debt every month."

Make an Ongoing, Automatic Commitment -- Look for tools or avenues to automatically take steps to achieve your goal. For instance, if your goal is to add \$10,000 to your emergency fund, consider adding another payroll deduction into your savings account. Or, if retirement is on your mind, increase the amount you automatically contribute to your 401k or IRA.

Get Creative with Paying Off Debt -- If you are trying to eliminate debt, look at opportunities beyond your regular monthly payments. Consider consolidating your high interest credit card debt into a fixed personal loan, or entering into a debt management plan with a nonprofit agency. You can

also reevaluate student loan repayment options to find out if you're in the best plan for your personal situation.

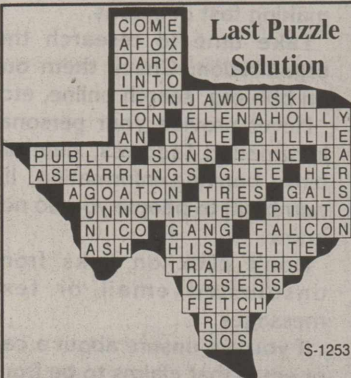
Reevaluate Your Monthly Bills -- There may be easy ways to save more money without generating additional income or adjusting your daily spending habits. Take a good look at your monthly bills to see what you can eliminate or reduce. For instance, you can get new quotes for auto insurance, refinance your home mortgage to a lower APR, eliminate premium cable services and decide if that gym membership is really worth it.

Track Your Progress -- You're much more likely to accomplish your goals if you establish timelines and milestones. You can even find a way to reward yourself for each milestone you accomplish. Also, tell close friends or family members about your goals so you have some outside accountability.

For more financial tips, visit the Take Charge America Financial Education Library.

About Take Charge America, Inc.

Founded in 1987, Take Charge America, Inc. is a nonprofit agency offering financial education and counseling services including credit counseling, debt management, student loan counseling, housing counseling and bankruptcy counseling. It has helped more than 1.6 million consumers nationwide manage their personal finances and debts. To learn more, visit www.takechargeamerica.org or call (888) 822-9193.



January is National Mentoring Month

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In January 2016, National Mentoring Month (NMM) will mark its 15th year as a large-scale public awareness campaign. The campaign provides Big Brothers Big Sisters a wonderful opportunity, as the largest mentoring organization in the country, to attract attention to the value of mentoring, recruit mentors and generate contributions.

The overarching theme for National Mentoring Month 2016 is Mentor In Real Life:

In real life, who do you turn to? Nine million kids in America are growing up without an answer to this question. They make everyday choices that lead up to life's big decisions without enough guidance and support - the kind most of us count on. Every kid should have someone to turn to. Join the movement, Mentor IN REAL LIFE.

Tim Yandell, BBBS West Central Texas President, explains, "There is a powerful mentoring effect demonstrated by research and the experiences of young people who are connected to a mentor in real life. Mentoring is linked to improved academic, social and economic prospects for young people, which ultimately strengthens our community. Simply put, mentoring lets a young person know they matter."

The Abilene agency hopes that current and potential mentors will be encouraged as they are reminded of the power of mentoring in the local media. This January also marks the

38th anniversary of Big Brothers Big Sisters in Abilene. The first match was made in 1979 when members of the Abilene Mental Health Association board saw that many children in our area were in need of a mentor.

A recent Harris interactive survey of adults who participated in the BBBS program as children found that:

90% agreed their Big made them feel better about themselves

81% said their Big caused them to change what they thought was possible in life

77% set higher goals than they would have on their own

42% earned a degree from a four-year college compared to just 22% of their fathers and 25% of their mothers

As a highlight of National Mentoring Month 2016, Thank Your Mentor Day™ will be celebrated on January 21st.

On that day, many Americans will reach out to thank or honor those individuals who encouraged and guided them, and had a lasting, positive impact on their lives.

Thank Your Mentor Day promotes "Three Ways to Honor Your Mentor":

Contact your mentor directly to express your appreciation;

Pass on what you received by becoming a mentor to a young person in your community;

Make a financial contribution to a local mentoring program.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters, please contact the Abilene agency at 325-674-3113 or email jbearden@bbbstx.org.

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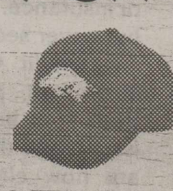
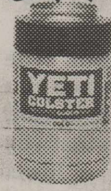
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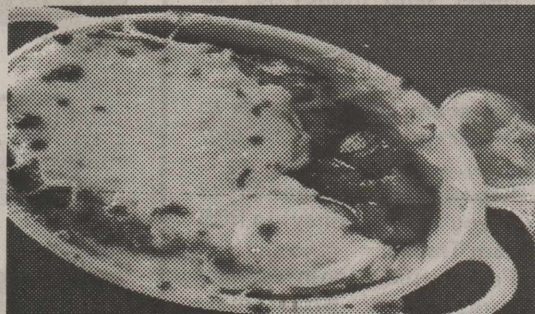
The Recipe Corner

Rich French Onion Soup

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Cook Time: 5 hours

Ingredients:

- * 6 large onions, chopped
- * 1/2 cup butter
- * 6 cans (10-1/2 ounces each) condensed beef broth, undiluted
- * 1-1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- * 3 bay leaves
- * 10 slices French bread, toasted
- * Shredded Parmesan and shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese



Directions

1. In a large skillet, saute onions in butter until crisp-tender. Transfer to a 5-qt. slow cooker. Add the broth, Worcestershire sauce and bay leaves.
2. Cover and cook on low for 5-7 hours or until the onions are tender. Discard bay leaves.
3. Ladle soup into ovenproof bowls. Top each with a slice of toast; sprinkle with desired amount of cheese. Place bowls on a baking sheet. Broil for 2-3 minutes or until cheese is lightly golden. Yield: 10 servings.



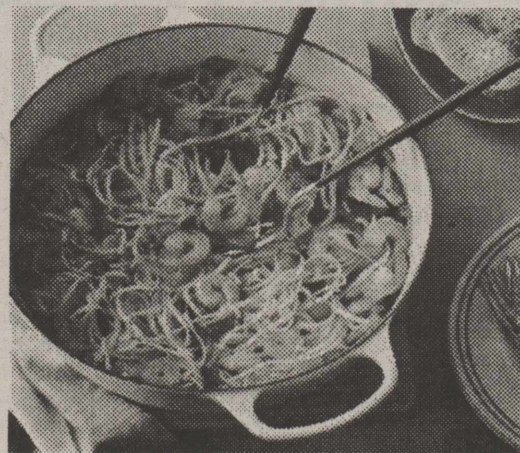
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Christmas Eve Confetti Pasta

Prep/Total Time: 25 minutes

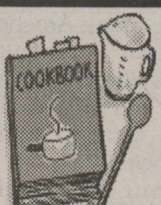
Ingredients:

- * 1 package (16 ounces) linguine
- * 1 cup chopped sweet red pepper
- * 1 cup chopped green pepper
- * 1/3 cup chopped onion
- * 3 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- * 1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- * 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- * 1/4 cup olive oil
- * 2 pounds cooked small shrimp, peeled and deveined
- * 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese



Directions

1. Cook linguine according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven, saute the peppers, onion, garlic and seasonings in oil until vegetables are tender.
2. Add the shrimp; cook and stir 2-3 minutes longer or until heated through. Drain; toss with shrimp mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Yield: 8 servings.



The Recipe Corner

Bavarian Pot Roast

Prep Time: 20 Minutes Cook Time: 2 1/2 Hours

Ingredients:

- * 1 boneless beef chuck pot roast (about 3 pounds)
- * 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- * 1 1/4 cups water
- * 3/4 cup beer or beef broth
- * 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- * 1/2 cup chopped onion
- * 2 tablespoons sugar
- * 1 tablespoon vinegar
- * 2 teaspoons salt
- * 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- * 1 bay leaf
- * 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- * 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- * Cornstarch and water, optional
- * Hot cooked noodles



Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, brown roast in hot oil. Combine water, beer or broth, tomato sauce, onion, sugar, vinegar, salt, cinnamon, bay leaf, pepper and ginger. Pour over meat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until meat is tender, for 2-1/2 to 3 hours.
2. Remove meat. Discard bay leaf. If desired, thicken juices with cornstarch and water. Serve with noodles.

(Freeze option: Place sliced pot roast in freezer containers; top with cooking juices. If desired, place noodles in separate freezer containers. Cool and freeze. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Microwave, covered, on high in a microwave-safe dish until heated through, gently stirring and adding a little broth to pot roast if necessary.)

Yield: 8-10 servings.

Texas Game Warden Field Notes

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

• **Buried Treasure**—Buried deep in a Polk County thicket lay an elaborate marijuana grow site with an irrigation system and food and shelter for the people tending the plants. After the site was spotted from the air, the Polk County narcotics team moved in on foot to secure the scene. Polk and Trinity County game wardens assisted the Polk County Sheriff's Office in collecting nearly 9,000 marijuana plants from the site. No one has been charged at this time.

• **Game Warden's in Town**—

When a large group of dove hunters spread out along the bank of a large pond in Montgomery County saw a game warden approaching, one hunter yelled at the others to get another hunter inside a nearby house. As the game warden checked the hunters for the appropriate licenses and hunting techniques, he saw milo grain spread along the bank of the pond and found that one hunter's shotgun was not plugged. The warden issued citations for hunting mourning dove over bait with an unplugged shotgun and without completing a hunter education course. The cases are pending.

• **High Stakes on the High Seas**—When a commercial shrimp boat drew too close to his own boat near the Port O'Connor jetties, a fishing guide opened fire with his .45 caliber weapon after the shrimp boat failed to heed his flare pistol warnings. When Matagorda and Wharton County game wardens contacted the shrimp boat crew, the wardens observed what appeared to be seven to nine bullet strikes on the steel-hulled vessel. The wardens turned the investigation over to the Matagorda County Sheriff's Office. The fishing guide faces three counts of felony deadly conduct.

• **In the Dark of the Night, the Warden Will Find You**—Late one night as he watched for spotlights, a Starr County game warden observed a single cab pickup truck traveling slowly on

a county road. The warden waited for spotlights from the truck, but none appeared as it continued down the road. The warden, not wanting to give away his position, waited a few minutes before leaving the scene, but the truck turned around and stopped in front of the warden's location for about five minutes before someone got out to look for something. Once the individual got back in the truck and continued down the road, the warden stopped the vehicle when it turned off into private property. When the warden asked the two occupants what they were doing, they said they were hunting rattlesnakes. Both said they had no hunting licenses. The warden issued citations for hunting without licenses from a public road.

• **Run Aground**—For two long hours, a pair of lonely fishermen were stranded on the Rio Grande after their boat ran aground on a gravel bar about 20 miles north of Eagle Pass. Maverick County game wardens responded to the distress call, and with the aid of the U.S. Border Patrol marine unit's airboat, helped free the stuck boat. Both fishermen were okay and were taken safely back to the boat ramp by the wardens.

• **Hog Wild**—In Ramirez, a group of men were hunting feral hogs with dogs on a public roadway. When approached by a Duval County game warden, the hunters said they were hunting the area with permission from the surrounding landowners, though further investigation revealed they did not, in fact, have such permission. Nor did they possess hunting licenses.

• **No Smoking on Private Property**—While patrolling the back side of Lake Casa Blanca, two Webb County game wardens saw a black car jump the curb and turn off its lights as it drove onto private property. As the wardens watched the car for a few minutes, they saw an occasional orange glow from inside. The wardens walked over to the car and asked its occupants, a male and female, to step out. As soon as they did, the wardens noticed a strong odor of marijuana. The occu-

pants admitted to having a small clear glass pipe with marijuana residue inside the car. The wardens confiscated the pipe, told both subjects they were trespassing on private property and issued a citation to the male for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **Arrested Motion**—Shortly after sunset as Starr and Zapata County game wardens patrolled Falcon Lake for water safety compliance, the wardens noticed a boater in distress motioning for help. Clinging to the side of the boat, which was taking on water and drifting dangerously close to the U.S./Mexico border, were two additional fatigued individuals. The wardens rescued all three individuals, though they discovered that one had an active arrest warrant in Starr County. The subject, who learned not to boat in high winds and try to avoid arrest, was transported to the Starr County Jail.

• **Munchies Lead to Citation**—After a long morning of checking dove hunters, two Brown County game wardens took a break at an ice cream place. While waiting to receive their orders, they noticed a strong smell of marijuana. When the wardens pinpointed a person who came into the establishment smelling like marijuana, they waited until he had placed his order and sat down before asking him to step outside. They asked how much marijuana he had on him and the suspect produced a partially smoked rolled marijuana cigarette from his pocket.

• **Close Call in Cameron County**—As he cruised down South Padre Island's central boulevard, a Cameron County game warden noticed two males fighting in a convenience store parking lot. Though the warden broke up the fight, one of the subjects made multiple attempts to get into the driver door of his vehicle, so the warden forcibly detained him. After searching the vehicle, the warden found a .40 caliber handgun in plain view of the driver's door and multiple baggies of marijuana in the trunk.

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Top 10 Scams of 2015 reported by the BBB

When Better Business Bureau launched BBB Scam Tracker earlier this year, it was expected that tax scams would be high on the list. What was surprising was how high; more than the next three categories put together. In the first 10,000 scam reports processed by BBB, a whopping 24% were about imposters pretending to be either the Internal Revenue Service (2,363 reports) or the Canadian Revenue Agency (50 reports).

The rest of the top ten were all some form of imposter scam: debt collection scam, sweepstakes scam, tech support scam, government grant scam, etc. About 85% of those reporting scams to BBB recognized them as frauds before any money was stolen, but the Top Ten Scams still account for more than \$1 million dollars lost from those who filed with BBB.

Scammers are all basically imposters. Three of the top four scams reported to us are those that scare people with threats of arrest, law suits or other frightening actions. Scammers are pretending to be government agents, lawyers, debt collectors, police officers. They engage directly with you, so your best bet to avoid being scammed is to stop engaging. Hang up the phone, delete the email, shut the door.

Top 10 Scams How the Scams Work:

1. **Tax Scam:** You receive a phone call from someone who claims to be with the IRS (U.S.) or CRA (Canada). They claim you owe money in back taxes and will be arrested or face legal consequences if you do not pay (usually by wire or prepaid debit card). The caller ID is spoofed to appear to be a government agency or the police.

2. **Debt Collection Scam:** You receive a phone call from someone claiming that you have an unpaid debt. You are threatened with garnishments, lawsuits, even jail time if you

don't pay right now. The scammer will often use caller ID spoofing and pretend to be a government agency or law enforcement in order to further invoke fear.

3. **Sweepstakes/Prizes/Gifts Scam:** You receive a call, letter, or email claiming you've won a prize in a sweepstakes. In order to receive the prize, you are instructed to send a fee to cover expenses associated with delivery, processing, or insurance. The prize is not real; you should never have to pay money to claim a prize you have won.

4. **Tech Support Scam:** You are contacted by "technicians" claiming to have detected a virus or security threat on your computer and, for a fee, can log-in and correct the problem remotely. These callers are actually hackers trying to steal money or sensitive computer passwords and/or damage computers with malicious software.

5. **Government Grant Scam:** You receive a phone call, email, or letter informing you that you've qualified for a government grant. In order to receive the grant, however, you are instructed to send money as a processing or delivery fee, usually by wire transfer or prepaid debit card.

6. **Advance Fee Loan Scam:** While searching for loan information, you see an enticing ad and click through to the website. You fill out an application and soon receive an email or phone call advising that you are approved for the loan, but you must first send a processing fee, security deposit or insurance. You pay the "fee," but never see the loan.

7. **Credit Card Scam:** The scammer pretends to be from your bank or credit card issuer, and they claim that you are now eligible for a lower interest rate, or that they need to verify a recent transaction. The consumer provides the scammer with their credit card

number and security code to "verify" their identity.

8. **Work from Home Scam:** While looking for a job online, you answer an ad for making big bucks while working from home. The job may be stuffing envelopes, posting advertisements, or shipping packages. You could have your identity stolen when you fill out the employment forms, or even end up handling stolen merchandise.

9. **Fake Check/Money Order Scam:** This can happen any time someone is paying you for goods or services (even when you are selling something online). You receive a check in the mail that is larger than the amount owed, and you are asked to deposit the check and wire the difference. The check is a fake and when it bounces, you're out the money.

10. **Lottery scam:** You receive a call, letter, or email advising that you have won a large amount of money in a foreign lottery, but you have to pay upfront for taxes and fees. Such lotteries are illegal. Sometimes you may be sent a check as partial payment, but the check will be counterfeit.

Why Scams Work: There is a science to scams, and it may surprise you to know that scammers use many of the same techniques as legitimate sales professionals. The difference, of course, is that their "product" is illegal and could cost you a fortune. Here are the major techniques they use to draw you in:

Establishing a connection: The scammer builds rapport and a relationship with you. This is usually used face-to-face, as in home improvement scams and many investment scams, but also online romance scams.

Source credibility: Scammer use techniques to make themselves look legitimate, such as fake websites, social media posts, or hacked emails that come from a friend's

account. Most email phishing scams spoof real companies, and many scammers pretend to be a trusted business or government agency in order to add credibility.

Playing on emotions: Scammers rely on emotion to get you to make a quick decision before you have time to think about it. An emergency situation or a limited time offer is usually their methodology. They count on emotional rather than rational decision-making.

What You Can Do: Don't be pressured into making fast decisions.

Take time to research the organization. Check them out on bbb.org, search online, etc.

Never provide your personal information (address, date-of-birth, banking information, ID numbers) to people you do not know.

Don't click on links from unsolicited email or text messages.

If you are unsure about a call or email that claims to be from your bank, utility company, etc., call the business directly using the number on your bill or credit card.

Never send money by wire transfer or prepaid debit card to someone you don't know or haven't met in person.

Never send money for an emergency situation unless you can verify the emergency.

For more information: For scam information go to BBB Scam Stopper (bbb.org/scam).

Report scams (whether or not you've lost money) to BBB Scam Tracker.

For information on investment scams, go to BBB Smart Investing.

To search for a business in the U.S. or Canada, or to find your local BBB, go to bbb.org.

For information on charities, go to Give.org (BBB Wise Giving Alliance).

For information on U.S. government services, go to: USA.gov.

Market at Clyde Fundraiser for Brian Campbell Take 2

The Market at Clyde will be hosting a second fundraiser to assist Brian Campbell in his battle against cancer this coming Saturday, January 9.

Brian Campbell is formerly a police officer for the city of Clyde and currently with the Callahan County Sheriff's department.

In December the Market vendors generously donated items for a basket to do a raffle for the fundraiser. Sheriff Terry Joy won the raffle and

then after being presented the basket donated it back to do again to raise more money to assist Brian. So the Market will be doing another raffle for these beautiful items again. The cost of a raffle ticket is a monetary donation of your choice. All money will go to Brian to help with his medical expenses.

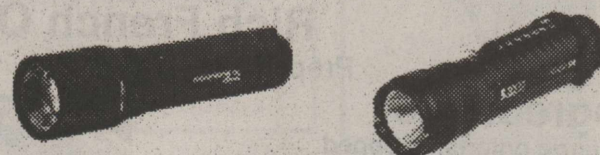
The Market is at the old Firehouse in Clyde from 10am - 4pm. Come by shop local and support Brian all at the same time.

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