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Bandits 8u Softball Team Heading to State, Holding Fundraisers

The Bandits 8 and Under Girls Softball Team is headed to the State Competition!

These girls have worked hard all season long and at their district games last week in Dublin. The reward: they're headed to state!

Along with the honor of going to state, comes the expense of going to state.

Parents, coaches, friends and the girls themselves are doing all they can to raise the money to go.

Higginbotham's has donated a Weber Gas Grill. Stop by Higginbotham's and take a look at the grill and then get tickets from any of the girls or their parents. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing for the grill will be held on Saturday.

There is also a drawing for 4 tickets to see Kevin Fowler on August 12th at Billy Bobs and 4 tickets to Stoney Larue for August 27th at Billy Bobs.

On Thursday, the Bandits will hold a Car Wash at the Park Car Wash on South Main Street, starting at 11 a.m. Bring your car by, get it cleaned and help out these hard-working girls for a donation. While there, you can get lemonade and raffle tickets.

On Friday, from 5 until 7 p.m., the Bandits will be having a Bake Sale and serving Hot Dogs and Cotton Candy at the Senior Center. You can "drive through" and pick up a brown bag dinner of a Hot Dog, Chips and iced tea for \$5.00.

If you'd like to donate cakes, pies, cookies or other baked goods for the Bake Sale, you can bring them to the Senior Center between 3 and 5 p.m.

Also on Friday, the Bandits are holding a Garage Sale from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 301 NE



Statebound - The Bandits, 8 and Under Girls Softball Team. Back row: Jackie Mackey, Shane Roberts, Kevin Daliege and Content Goble; Middle row: Alivia Allison, Josie Jordan, Amanda Roberts, Dalanee Vasquez, Kadie Carouth. Front row: Shelbi Knight, Addison Daliege, Sydney Goble, DeLainey Massey, Karsyn Bennett-Phillips, Jaci McDaniel, Avery Switzer. Not pictured: Abby Bisbee and Cambria Smoot.

6th Street, one block from the school.

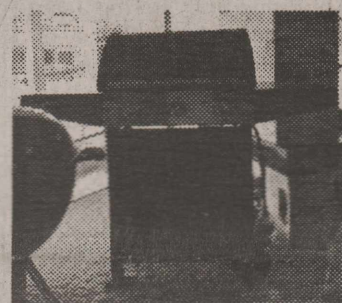
Along with the other fundraisers, the Bandits are getting their coaches to help out with the fundraising. You'll see "Kiss the Pig" boxes at Jean's Feedbarn, Mexico City Cafe, Hardwick's, City Hall and Food Plaza. Please drop your change in these boxes. The coach - Jackie Mackey, Shane Roberts, Kevin Daliege or Content Goble - that raises the most money will get the honor of kissing a pig!

The Bandits also have a gofundme account set up, to make it easy for folks from out



Kiss The Pig Boxes located at Jean's, Mexico City, Hardwick's, City Hall and Food Plaza.

of town to help out. <https://www.gofundme.com/2dfyt2p8> Please help out these hard-working girls, so they can raise enough money to afford to go to the State Competition in Mineola next week.



Weber Gas Grill, donated by Higginbotham's. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and available from any of the Bandits team members.

Burglary Suspect Apprehended

On July 7th burglaries were committed involving two local businesses as well as several unattended vehicles. Chief of Police, Don Gosnell began receiving calls from those businesses early Thursday morning reporting items being taken. The Butcher Block and Hutton's Automotive were the businesses affected as well as individual cars that had been broken into and checkbooks stolen.

On Friday, July 8th Chief Gosnell received a call reporting a suspicious check being passed at Higginbotham's Brothers Department Store. A Higginbotham's employee called the individual who the check was written on to verify the validity of the check and was told that he had not authorized the issuance of the check.

Chief Gosnell and Patrolman Jarrod Potter met with the employee at Higginbotham's, who described the suspect.

Both officers went to the suspects home to question him concerning the check. The suspect admitted writing the check and was placed under arrest. Once the suspect was searched a checkbook not belonging to the suspect was found on his person.

Upon further investigation, Chief Gosnell found numerous items that had been reported stolen in the suspect's home. The suspect was placed in the Callahan County jail and charges of forgery and burglary were filed against the suspect.

As the investigation continues other recent crimes may be cleared by this arrest.

Cross Cut Reunion Sunday, July 17th

The annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 17th, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All Alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family, are invited to attend as we enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon, followed by a silent auction and a brief Cross Cut

Cemetery Association meeting. Lunch is at noon, but the doors will open at 9:00 am for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

Please call Scott Byrd at (325) 669-4917.

Chamber Banquet on Thursday, July 28th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 6:30pm at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

This year's selected Business of the Year is The Butcher Block.

Robert Lee began working for Vondean and Alvin Hutchins at Hutchins Custom Meat Processing in 2008. He and Charlotte bought the plant in September 2014. Future plans are to increase their retail line. They have recently renovated an old out of commission freezer and now have it ready to go for expanded inventory.

Robert and Charlotte and are in the process of picking items they think would appeal to Cross Plains locals the most. Stop by their location and congratulate them!

The Banquet will have a cake auction and door prizes given away.

The banquet will be catered by The Chopping Block of Cross Plains, Texas and the menu includes a Smoked Bacon-Wrapped Chicken Breast Plate served with twice-baked potatoes, tossed dinner salad, Italian green beans, cheddar biscuits, tea, and peach cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

The Cross Plains Chamber of



Commerce would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend our banquet. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Chamber Office, which is located at 225 SW 5th (Hwy 36) in Cross Plains. The deadline to purchase your tickets is Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at noon.

The Chamber looks forward to seeing you at the banquet!

Ribbon Cutting at Junkin Daze on Thursday, July 21st, 10 am

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting at Terrie Parum's new shop, Junkin Daze on Thursday, July 21st at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served.

Junkin Daze, located at 217 N. Main St., carries of antiques, gifts and unusual items.



Sally Whiteley, Best Dressed at the Luau at the Senior Center, dances a hula. More photos inside.

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Catch a Wave at the Vacation Bible School at the Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School at the First United Methodist Church is just around the corner.... Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21.

Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love is the theme of this year's VBS. Throughout the week, kids will become Surfers as they explore how to serve God and experience God's awesome presence in their lives. Kids will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that will give them an opportunity to ride the waves with God.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly at the Surf Shack, the Surfers will make their way to the Story Deck to discover amazing Bible lessons. Interactive Bible lessons are highlighted by Wave Words to help them recognize where God is inviting them to participate in God's ongoing creation, and the Surfers will discover Pop-Up Verses (Bible memory verses) that will remain with them in their faith long after VBS is over.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by

participating in a variety of activities; making their own art projects at the Craft Hut, singing new music at Tidal Tunes, participating in high energy activities at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty Shack Snacks. Along the way, the Surfers will participate in our mission project of providing flood buckets through our United Methodist Committee on Relief-project.

The VBS is scheduled for Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21, 6:00 - 8:30 each evening. Kids who have completed pre-K through 6th grade will move through activities focused on Bible Stories, Missions, Crafts, Music and Recreation with a light snack being served each evening.

VBS will conclude on Thursday evening with an open house and refreshments for the entire family.

For more information, please contact Melody McWilliams 325-669-7371, Jean McWilliams 254-725-6455 or the Methodist Church 254-725-7377.



Guatemala Mission Trip - Back row, left to right: Rickey Carey, Dennis Hampton, Donnie Worley, Homer Parson, Paul Clark, Shirley Clark, Rex Beggs, Mary Dunn, Nora Odom, Davey Crockett, Edith Beggs, Chele Walker and Caley Walker. Middle row: Bro. Ronnie White, Charla White, Barbara Swinney. Front row: Ryan Carey, Cheryl, and Laura Atchley.

Guatemala Mission Program Sunday Night, July 17th

Members of the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains have returned from their Guatemala Mission Trip and will share their stories this Sunday evening,

July 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

While in Guatemala, the mission group built stoves, held an eye glasses clinic and

medical clinics, held Vacation Bible School and shared the gospel.

Come hear their experiences from this third world country!

School Starts
August 23rd

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Sunday School.....10:00am
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

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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 United Methodist Church

Kevin Morton, Pastor

Office 254-725-7377

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Minister: RICK AUSTIN

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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.

Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.

Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

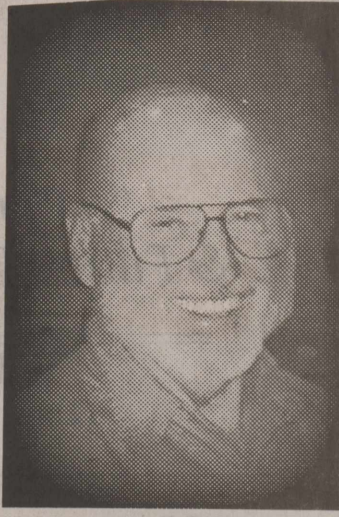
Ladies Class - Wednesday:

10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)

Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

OBITUARIES



E. B. "BUCK" WATSON

E. B. "Buck" Watson

E. B. "Buck" Watson, age 82, of China Spring, Texas, passed away July 7, 2016 in Ft. Worth. He was born December 12, 1933 in White Deer, Texas to parents, Robert Troy Watson and Myrtle Mae Potter Watson. He grew up in Cross Plains and graduated from high school there in 1950. Buck served his country in the U.S. Army and the Texas National Guard. He was employed in the telephone industry for 65 years and had a talent for fixing anything. He was a former longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Crockett and a current member of the First United Methodist Church of Woodway. Buck always had a smile and a helping hand for everyone. He was a humble and gentle man who loved his family.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Alice Watson of China Spring; children, Dr. Everett Watson, Jr. and wife, Lisa of Crawford, Rev. Cindy Doran and husband, Rev. Martin of Lufkin; grandchildren, Cindy Lou Parker of Houston, Trey Everett Watson of Crawford; sisters, Jo Medley and husband, Bill of Rising Star, Norma Jean Tucker and husband, Berney of Cross Plains.; brothers, Johnny Watson and wife, Jolaine of Beaumont, Harry Watson and wife, Ida of Kaufman, Donald Watson and wife, Patsy of Cross

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Plains, Jerry Watson and wife, Patricia of Zavalla, and Troy Watson and wife, Glenda of Lampasas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Troy and Mae Watson; sisters, Bobbie Casey and Helen Willis; and brothers, Earl Watson and James Watson.

Funeral Services for E. B. "Buck" Watson were held Monday, July 11, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Dr. Jerry House and Rev. Cindy Doran officiating. Interment followed in the Evergreen Memorial Park.

Death Notice

Jimmy W. Culwell

Jimmy W. Culwell passed away peacefully at his home in Cross Plains, Texas on Thursday, July 7th at the age of 71. Graveside Service conducted at the Cottonwood Cemetery, July 8th, at 2:00 P.M., with Johnny Singleton officiating.

Brownwood Regional Hospital Blood Drive July 20th

A Blood Drive will be held at Brownwood Regional Hospital on Wednesday, July 20th, from 10a.m. thru 1:45 p.m.

Donors at BRMC will receive a special blood donor t-shirt.

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What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



Need a book to keep the kids entertained? Try "The Best Kept Secret" by Ann M. Martin. The story begins when Francie is 6 years old and follows her throughout the 1970s and 1980s until she graduates from high school. Each chapter is a year in Francie's life. Francie faces the same exciting times and turmoil as real kids face every day. She deals with dyslexia, her parents' divorce, new schools and other things that many kids deal with while growing up. At one point she faces a challenge that seems particularly difficult and she decides to keep it a secret living her life as normally as she can

on the outside. As the story unfolds, Francie learns that life is not always fair, but because she is surrounded by people that love her she can overcome the hardships.

This is Book 3 in Ann Martin's Family Tree series. Book 1 was the story of Francie's grandmother, with Book 2 being about her mother. The series spans a total of 4 generations of a family, with each book following one girl's life. With the Family Tree series Ms. Martin continues her enormous popularity and success as a young adult author. This book is recommended for grades 4-6.

Football Ball Camp July 25th-27th

The 2016 Cross Plains Buffalo Football staff will be conducting a Football Camp July 25th to July 27th.

This is an opportunity to participate in a local camp run by the high school coaching staff of Cross Plains High School.

Fundamentals will be stressed during each session. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

Instruction: Each camper will be instructed on the fundamentals of blocking, throwing, catching, kicking, and carrying the football.

Sessions: Along with fundamentals, campers will also work on offensive and defensive situations.

What to wear: Each camper should bring their own cleats. T-shirts will be provided.

Cost of Camp: \$30 Checks should be made payable to: Cross Plains Athletics The cost of camp includes T-shirt and Drinks during each session.

Competition: Team games and individual competition will be scheduled for each session.

How to Sign Up: Early registration will begin July 5, 2016 and will go through July 15th, 2016.

*Walk-up registration the day of the Camp will be accepted, but T-shirts will be in limited supply.

The registration form may be mailed to: Cross Plains Football 700 N. Main Cross Plains, TX. 76443 or you may bring to the fieldhouse Mon-Thur (7:00-10:30a.m)

Registration forms may be turned into each campus office
 Location of Camp: High School Football Stadium
 Coaches:

Coach Purvis - Head Coach/ A.D.

Coach Ward - Asst. Coach
 Coach Goode -Asst. Coach
 Coach Cosby-Asst. Coach
 Coach Tipton-Asst. Coach
 Release Form

The students will be supervised at all times during camp operation while on the field. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of your child while participating in this camp. Neither camp personnel nor the City of Cross Plains will be held responsible for any injury that may occur as a result of the participation in or association with this camp.

I understand the above mentioned conditions and my child, Has my permission to participate in the activities planned for the 2016 Cross Plains Football Camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature Note: Before participating in the Cross Plains Football Camp, the Signed release form must be

Returned to the camp director or Coaching staff. No exceptions will be made.

Sponsors:
 If you would like to be a sponsor. You may do so by giving a donation of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 or more.

You can fill out the sponsor form and attach your logo or name to be printed on the back of the Camp T-Shirts.

The money donated for the football camp will help students that can't afford football camp and other camp needs. Thank you for making great things happen.

You may contact Coach Ward for more information at 325-642-1430.

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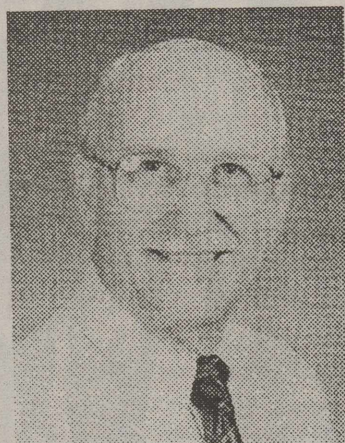
Joe Coppinger to Speak at Chamber Banquet on July 28th

Joe Coppinger returns to Cross Plains—for one night only, Thursday, July 28th, when he will be the guest speaker at the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet.

Whether you remember "Mr. C" as your favorite high school teacher, bus driver, Sunday School teacher or Pastor, you'll want to hear him at the Chamber Banquet, held on Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m., will be at the First United Methodist Church.

Dinner will be catered by the Chopping Block of Cross Plains. On the menu is a Smoked Bacon-Wrapped Chicken Breast Plate including twice-baked potatoes, tossed dinner salad, Italian green beans, cheddar biscuits, tea and peach cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the Chamber Office, 225 SW 5th Street (Highway 36); The Cross Plains Review office or Texas Heritage Bank. For more information about the banquet, call 254-



Former Cross Plains Teacher Joe Coppinger

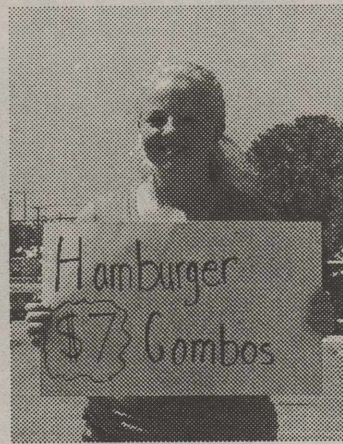
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Joe Coppinger, son of E. K. and Alice Coppinger, grew up in Cross Plains and graduated with the Class of 1954. He came back to Cross Plains to teach in the 1974-75 school year, and returned to stay from 1981 to 1998. While here he was involved in many activities in the Cross Plains area and served as the pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Lady Buffs Hamburger Fundraiser

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs Basketball Team held a Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday in front of the Senior Citizen's Center.

The Lady Buffs are raising money to pay for the team camp.



Jacy Bien



Left to right: Destinee Cooper, Jacy Bien, Hanna Fortune, Coach Mykia Anderson, Shana Yates, Lexie Thompson, and Maci Steigleder

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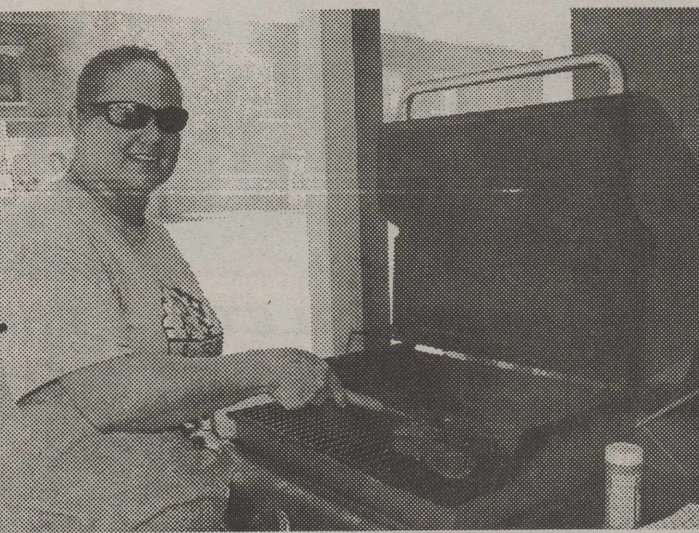
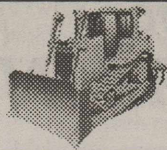
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Stephanie Bien cooking burgers on the grill



Connie Kirkham stops by for a hamburger.

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Driver's License Office in Baird is now open

The Driver's License Office on the second floor in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.



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Volume 2, has many family histories and family photographs, as well as, a little bit of everything else. And, many, many photos.

Volume 3 focuses on the ranches around Cross Plains that have been in businesses for 100 years or more, as well as, rodeo photographs, veterans photos, photos of Cottonwood, Pioneer and surrounding areas and other photos.

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Cross Plains Remembered, Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Senior Center, Salamander's, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Cross Plains Review, Cross Plains Library and Connie's Cuts and Curls.

You can also order the books by mail. Just specify which book or books you are ordering. Books are \$20 each, plus shipping - \$4.50 for one book, \$6 shipping for two books or \$9 shipping for all three books. Send a check to: Barbarian Festival Committee, P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443, and the books will be sent out to you.



VBS

Come and join us at First United Methodist Church

Monday, July 18th - Thursday, July 21st

6:00pm - 8:30pm

For more information, please contact

Melody McWilliams - 325-669-7371

Jean McWilliams - 725-6455 or the

Methodist Church - 725-7377

Kids that have completed Pre-K through 6th Grade

Callahan County Firefighters Meet



The Callahan County Firefighters held their monthly meeting at the Fellowship Hall of the Cottonwood Baptist Church. Those attending: Mike McClure, Eula VFD; Adrian Allen, Roger Hinkle and Roy Boyd, all Cottonwood VFC; Rickey Carouth, Cross Plains VFD; Doug Campbell, Oplin VFD; Marty Smith, Putnam VFD, Bird Robinson, Baird VFD and Travis Hudspeth, Eula VFD and President of the Callahan County Fire Fighters

Lady Buffs Summer League Softball Team



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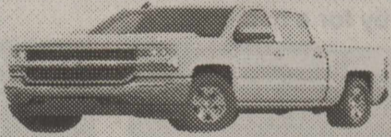
Front Row: Destiny Cooper, Hannah Crockett, Jackilann Shepard, Kenzie Kleiber; Back Row: Mallory McCreedy, Kayla Barron, Cherish Wyatt, Kersey Wyatt, Katy Morgan, Hannah Cowan, Brooklyn Bell, Jacy Blen, Lexie Thompson



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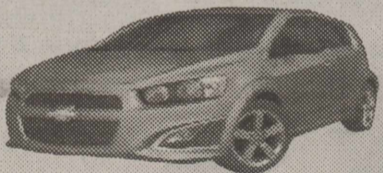
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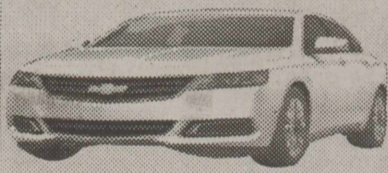
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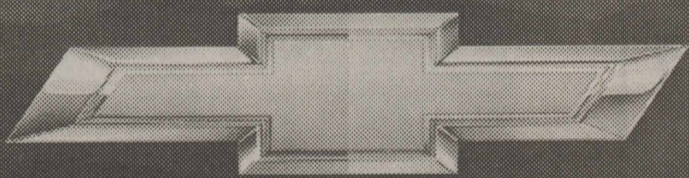
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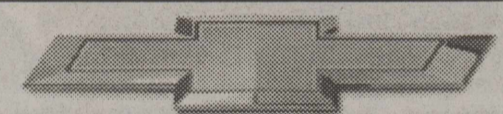
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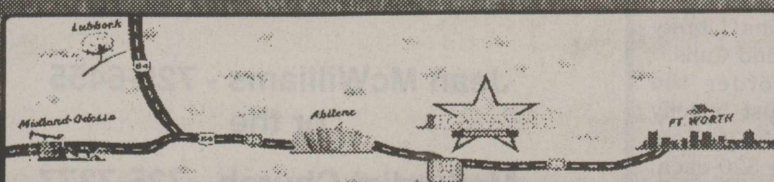


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Denton Valley Farms is locally owned and operated, better still, created over the last seven years, by Colby (like the cheese, he says) and Amanda Hatchett and their 3 year old son Haden, and let me tell you, Denton Valley Farms Event Venue is beautiful!

It's not a place you just happen upon, it's a Destination, Denton Valley Farms (as it is listed on facebook, is located at 8750 County Road 224 at the southern edge of Clyde, (i.e. Denton Valley.) Down 604 from Clyde, then just before you get to Hwy 36 turn right.

As you enter the front gate a gorgeous view is laid out before you, to the right of a large circle driveway, is the "Pavillion" (yet it is an enclosed building) which Colby says will seat 500 people, you can see by the accompanying pictures, it is a beautiful layout, rows and rows of grape vineyards, (they make homemade jams and jellies for the store), greet you before you ever get to the "Pavillion", to your left is a large gravel parking lot, big enough to accommodate those 500 visitors.

As you pass the "Pavillion" there is another large section of vineyard and behind this vineyard are rows and rows and more rows of various types of the most delicious peaches you have ever tasted (large, juicy, very flavorful...just the best!)

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Past the grapevines and peach Orchard, and on up the gravel road is a large grove of live oak trees, inside this grove is a beautiful clearing, the setting for the majority of the weddings, and the wedding and engagement pictures!

Back down the road, at the bottom right again (remember we are in a circle) sits a small barn which is the Bride's dressing room and the gentlemen and ladies restrooms all beautifully appointed with granite counter tops, large mirrors and lovely vases of fresh flowers.

Moving just ahead, still on your right is the Denton Valley Farms Store. Here in an old fashioned setting, akin to one of your historical General Stores, is where the peaches, peas, honey, jams, jellies, lamb, beef, and goat plus many many more items are sold.

Denton Valley Farms is only open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 6pm, yet they stay extremely busy. Amanda operates Hatchett Real Estate in Abilene during the week, while Colby does most of the farm work.

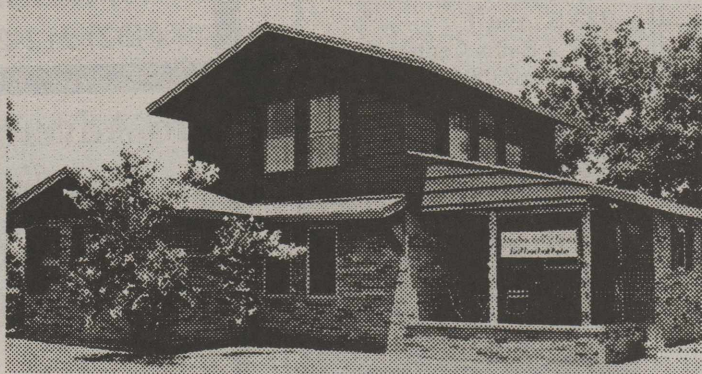
Colby says they have been booked solid this spring hosting weddings every Saturday night, with only last Saturday night off and already have 18 weddings booked for this coming summer, 20 more for 2017 and Colby asked "would you believe, only this morning we had a wedding book for 2018?"

Colby, Amanda and Haden, do all the work themselves. Planting, picking, making jams and jellies from their grapes, the homemade ice cream, again, all the work themselves, but the work is visible, everything is beautiful and tastes good too!

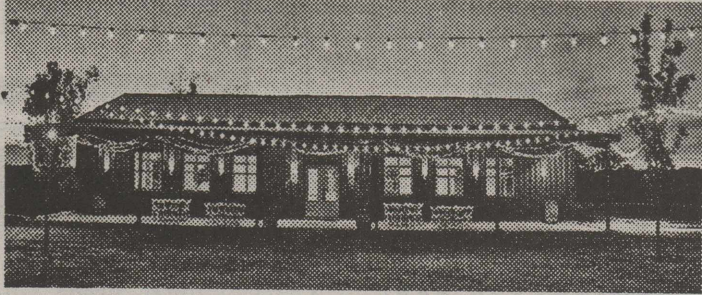
Everyone, you need to set aside some time and go out to visit Denton Valley Farms. You'll be glad you did!!



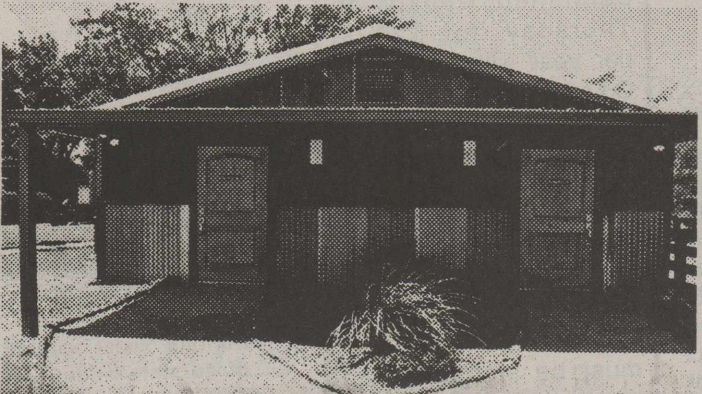
Amanda and Colby Hatchett inside the Denton Valley Farms Store. Behind them you see the honey, jams and jellies. Beside Colby are apples and Amanda holds a large peach.



Denton Valley Farms Store Front and sign.



The Pavillion—all dressed up and ready for a wedding.



Denton Valley Farm Restrooms and Bridal dressing room.



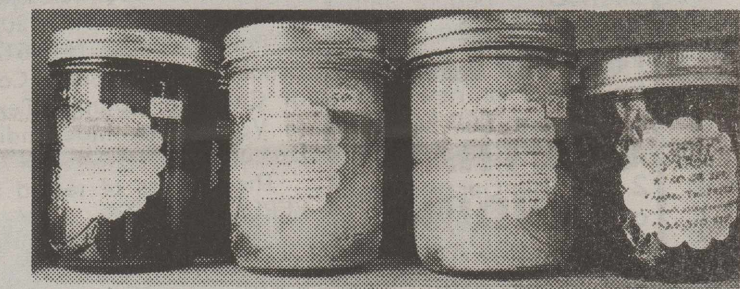
Colby and Haden examine the peach trees. Just last Sunday morning, Haden also helped pick peas.



A More Romantic picture of the pavillion, with the moon high in the western sky.



Grapes in the Vineyard at Denton Valley Farms. Their grapes are not quite ready for picking yet, but Colby says once they have picked what they need for their jams and jellies, they will open the vineyard to the public for the customer to pick their own.



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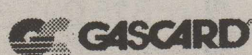
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1 most kids know 'em before kindergarten
5 Iowa ____ TX
6 "the ____ is on the other foot"
7 TX Clint Black hit: "____ Tell Ourselves" (1992)
8 TXism: "____ argue with a fence post" (quarrelsome)
9 "let's clear ____"
15 RC ____ is made by TX-based Dr Pepper Snapple
16 alma mater of Cowboy's first 2016 draft pick, Ezekiel Elliott
19 TXism: "____ fort" (take care of)
21 garments of Ancient Rome
22 swings angry? (2 wds.)
27 slightly wet
28 this TX Cobb played jazz tenor sax
29 latb container meaning of the color blue in the TX flag
32 Jason Witten's pos. on Cowboys (abbr.)
33 "Perfect Perennials" grown in TX
36 TX Dan Jenkins book
37 Capone & Jolson
38 TXism: "plays his cards the vest"

DOWN

1 military protection against anti-tank missiles (abbr.)
2 "humbus" partner 3 seat of Ford Co.
4 TXism: "____ of here" (flee)
8 Granbury's county
39 at age 35, Houston married a girl, Eliza Allen
41 advertisements, for short
42 byproduct of a TX oil refinery
45 football field: "____ iron"
46 TXism: "adios"
47 TXism: "____ jerker" (sad movie)
48 Henry Fonda 1957 western: "The ____ Star"
49 Los ____ TX
52 Ed Bruce song: "My First ____ Texas"
53 TX "Mr. Sam" (init.)
54 song: "____ San Antonio"
55 TX's western neighbor: "____ Mexico"

9 philosophy of TX "o6 Ranch" founder Kokernot: "The bigger ____ better"
10 "howdy"
11 in Newton Co.: "____ Stecke State Forest"
12 TXism: "hard ____ shovel sunshine"
13 TXism: "put ____ the back burner"
14 film of TX rancher Chuck Norris "Silent ____" (1982)
15 TX-born actress, Cyd ____ Darling
16 "____ Clementine"
17 told on a sibling
18 TX "wheeler-dealer" Billie Sol
20 where some TXns ski in New Mexico
22 TX pro senior golfer, Homero Fay ____ Sueur
23 "improvised" terrorist bomb (abbr.)
24 UTSA was 1988 BB champ of this confer.
25 NASA's former space station
26 TX Gene Autry 1940 western film: "____ Ranch"

28 TX B.J. Thomas sang "Everybody's talkin' ____"
31 ogle
34 Joan Crawford was TX-born as Lucille Fay ____ Sueur
35 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life ____ Ourselves"
37 TXism for "against"
40 Greek team of ex-Mav Roy Tarpley
43 TXism: "got two ____ feet" (clumsy)
44 TXism: "as ____ outhouse on a cold morning"
50 "tha's the last ____"
51 dir. from Alpine to Andrews

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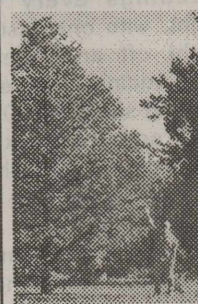
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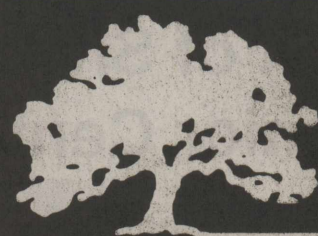
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If we had no laws this world would just be in total chaos, complete disorder and confusion. We must have laws, and people brave enough to carry out those laws. The Dallas incident this weekend was deplorable and so sad for the lives which were lost. Again, I would like to thank all of you for your sacrifice and your Service. Serve and Protect. Col. Weldon Herring Rt 1 - Clyde, Texas

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Legendary golfer Texan Byron Nelson

Texan Byron Nelson was a legend in sports. In the 1940s, he was the most successful golfer in the world, never losing his faith or his modesty and always a gentleman. John Byron Nelson, Jr., was born in Waxahachie in 1912 to a hard-working family of devoted churchgoers. In the 1920s, the family moved to Fort Worth, where Nelson soon found work as a caddy at Glen Garden Country Club. He fell in love with golf, even playing in the dark of night. There he met Ben Hogan, also a young caddy and also one of the future legends of the game. Nelson turned professional in 1932 and took a number of jobs across the country running several golf clubs as head professional. His first tournament win was the 1935 New Jersey State Open. In 1937, he won The Masters Tournament, his first major championship win. He had 21 professional wins by 1942. While many other athletes fought in World War II, Nelson's hemophilia prevented him from serving. Nevertheless, he continued to play on the PGA Tour and worked to raise money for the war effort. He defeated his old friend Ben Hogan in a dramatic playoff in the 1942 Masters. The war caused professional golf to shut down for 1943, but Nelson came roaring back in 1944, winning eight tournaments in the shortened season. In 1945, Nelson won 11 straight tournaments, thrilling sports fans. The winning streak set a record which has lasted for decades. He won his fifth and last major, the PGA Championship in 1945, part of a total of 18 wins that year. The Associated Press would also name him its Male Athlete of the Year for 1944 and 1945. He went on to win six more tournaments in 1946 and finished in the Top 20 for 113 straight tournaments. After the 1946 season, Nelson largely retired from golf after having won 61 tournaments. He continued to play in The Masters until 1966 and played on the American team for the Ryder Cup international tournament

in 1947. His last tournament win was the 1955 French Open. After retiring, a move he said he never regretted, he fulfilled his dream of buying his own ranch, content to work his ranch outside Roanoke for the rest of his life. A humble man of faith, he continued to serve his church regularly, even serving as a janitor for the church on occasion. Long after his retirement, Nelson remained a beloved figure by golf fans around the world. He helped coach and advise many young players struggling to find success on the PGA Tour. He also worked with children to help them learn golf and develop Nelson's same love for the game. In 1968, the PGA Tour renamed its Dallas tournament after Nelson. For years, the Byron Nelson Classic was the only tournament named after a player. He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1974. The PGA also gave him its Lifetime Achievement Award

in 1997. Friends later recalled how a doctor told him he had to have hip replacement surgery and warned him of the risks. Nelson reportedly replied, "What you're telling me is that either I'll be fine or I'll be in heaven." He survived the surgery. Several years later, he died quietly at his home in Roanoke in 2006 of natural causes at the age of 94. He was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal after his death in honor of his achievements. The cities of Roanoke and Irving both named streets in his honor and the Northwest Independent School District, which covers portions of Tarrant and Denton counties, named its new high school after Nelson when it opened in Trophy Club in 2009. Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at drkenbridges@gmail.com.

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- 69 Ac-Callahan Co.-Hvly wooded, level w/draws, wildlife...155,250
- 74 +/- Ac-Callahan Co.-53 ac fertile wheat, 22 ac thick brush, 2 stock ponds...133,200
- 75 Ac-Callahan Co.-Beautiful combo property, 24 ac wheat, 1 pond, hvly treed...202,125
- 76 +/-Ac-Callahan Co.- Combo, 1 tank, north side hvly wooded, rest thick native grasses...171,000
- 77.26 Ac-Rowden-Wildlife, 2 ponds 1 stocked w/fish, thick cover, elevation changes...208,216
- 79 Ac- Hunter's paradise, hvly wooded, nice stock tank, hwy 36 frontage, wildlife...223,200
- 82 +/-Ac-Callahan Co-43 ac cult, 39 ac thick cover, flat to rolling...\$214,088
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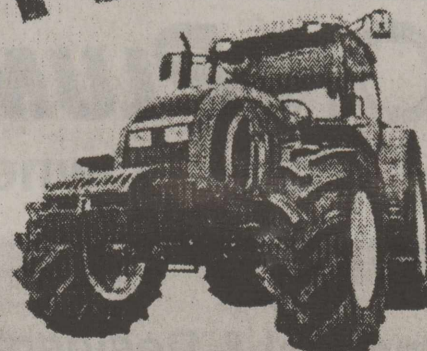
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Luau Day at the Senior Citizens Center

Whole Lot of Shaking at the Senior Center



Calling bingo before lunch.



Everyone had a great time.



Etta Hamlin, Sally Whiteley and Jamie Foreman from Interim Healthcare show off Sally's "Best Dressed" Prize.



Dorothy and James Reynolds



Mozelle Richardson using ZAAZ whole body vibration system at the Senior Center.

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Enjoying Bingo and a Hawaiian lunch

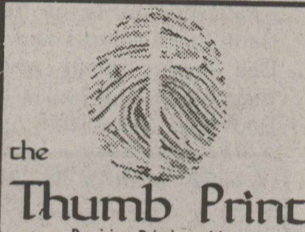


Jamie Foreman, Interim Healthcare, guest bingo caller

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US 283 bridge over I-20 to be repaired

ABILENE—Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) crews from Monday, July 25th to Monday, August 1st will be repairing the US 283 bridge deck over I-20 in Baird. During this routine maintenance, the US 283 overpass will be closed to all traffic. TxDOT frequently inspects its bridges to ensure safety and integrity of the structure. During inspection of this bridge, it was determined that concrete repair to the bridge deck was needed in order to keep the bridge up to TxDOT standards. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes to cross the interstate during this repair.

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From the Cross Plains Review - 21 Years Ago July 20, 1995

From the Cross Plains Review... 21 years ago, July 20, 1995.

Cub Scouts win fourth place in Phone Book Recycling with 275 books. The Cub Scouts: Kevin Wilson, Chris Slinger, Chris Harris, A. J. Carouth, Marcus Williams, Thomas Dimitri and James Purcell.

Varsity Cheer Camp '95 is July 31-Aug 4, at the Cross Plains High School Gym, according to head cheerleader Misty Strickland.

Cliff Kirkham is the agent for Riley-Gardner Monument Service of Hammiton.

From the Business and Professional Directory -- Ross L. Jones, Attorney at Law, Old Dal-Mar Bldg.; Cross Plains Medical Center, 902 N. Main; John D. Burselon, Registered Professional Land Surveyor; D & D Jewelry, 757 South Main, Cross Plains.

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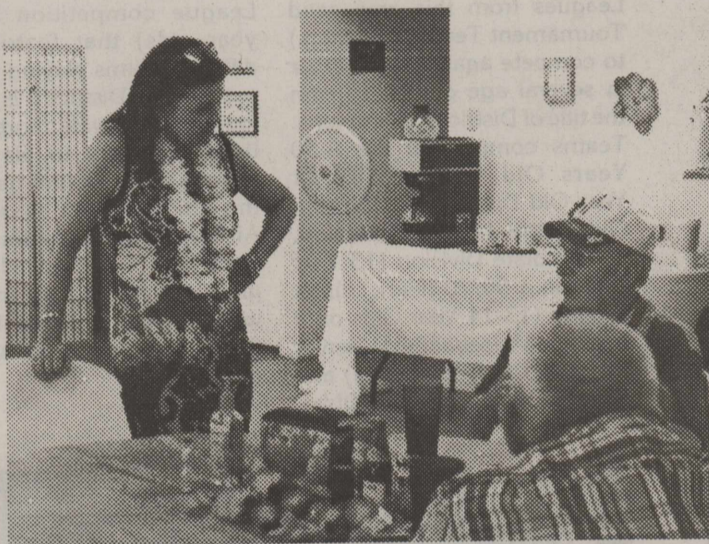
Lexie Thompson and Jordan Collier



Playing Bingo.



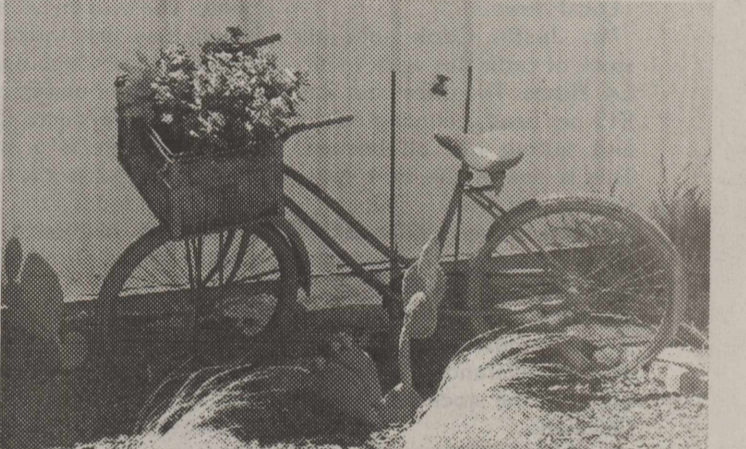
Owen Turner helps his Nana, Peggy Dickson, put drinks in the Jeremiah 29:11 Project Snack Bags.



Center Director Dannes Turner checking on everyone during lunch.



Best Dressed - Etta Hamlin and Sally Whiteley



Landscaping at the new CPVFD Firehouse - The flowers in bicycle basket are growing and looking nice. Thank you Cross Plains Garden Club for the landscaping and for beautifying Cross Plains.

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Senior Citizens Center Activities

July 18th - July 22th

Monday-18th Crafts with Chris 10:30/Exercise 11:00
Tuesday 19th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 pm
Wednesday-20th Exercise 11:00 /Foot Care by Kendrick at Home of Eastland
Thursday-21st Exercise 11:00 /Bingo 11:15
Friday - 22nd Exercise 11:00

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

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Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm
Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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July 5 - July 7, 2016

Patrons 79
Books Checked 90

Programs 60
Jeremiah 29 Project 38
SRP 22

Copies 150
Internet 12
Wi Fi 9
Reference 5

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In Honor of Donald Strength

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Jan Bond
Christine Evans
Linda Burns
Ginny Hoskins
Helen Burns
Sue Bennett
Lexie Thompson
James Ross
Jolene Nussbauer
Abigail Wheeler
Jack Larimore

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

July 18th - July 22nd

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| Monday 18th -Salisbury Steak, w Gravy, Potatoes, Zucchini and Tomatoes, Bread, Dessert | Thursday 21th - Steak Fingers w, Gravy, Potatoes, English Peas, bread, Dessert Dessert |
| Tuesday 19th -BBQ Sausage, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Bread, Dessert | Friday 22nd - Chicken Spagehetti, Hominy, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Bead, Dessert |
| Wednesday 20th -Beef Taco Salad, (lettuce, Tomatoe, Beans, Cheese.) Chips and Picante Sause, Dessert (HAPPY BIRTHDAY) | MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M |

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Friends of NRA to hold meeting Mon. July 18th

The Friends of the NRA will hold another planning meeting next Monday, July 18th at 6 p.m. at the Baird Dairy Queen.

The Friends of the NRA Banquet is coming up fast. It is scheduled for August 6th at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Clyde located at 217 Oak Street in Clyde.

Everyone interested in helping with the Friends of the NRA Banquet, in any capacity is asked to please join us during this important planning meeting.

Tickets are already available for the Pre-Banquet 3-Gun Raffle for the Kimber Ultra Carry II Two-Tone HandGun; Remington 870 Super Mag Pump Action Shotgun and a Weatherby Vanguard Select 30.06 deer rifle.

Tickets for this Pre-Banquet raffle are \$20. each or 6 tickets for \$100.

The drawings for these guns will take place the night of the FNRA Banquet on August 6, 2016.

The first name drawn (if not present at the Banquet) will be called to ask their choice of gun, then their name will go back in the bucket and it will be shaken, before the second name is drawn, 2nd name drawn will be called for choice and the name returned to the bucket, then the third winner will be drawn.

Again, anyone interested in helping to organize, plan, decorate, etc. for the event, please attend this meeting!

See the accompanying story about the FNRA Banquet in this Newspaper.

Callahan County Library News

From the Past
Saturday, July 8, 1882, Vol. 3, No. 14

Alex. Reddick raised on his farm near Denison, this year, ninety bushels of oats to the acre, and Alex didn't work half the time either. Had he worked hard there is no telling what he would have done. He has made enough, however, and now wants to sell out and retire.

Denison Herald-News

Local News
Mr. Justin Cook sold his stock of cattle this week to Mr. Ed. Heam. The price paid was \$15 per head, counting calves and taking out all beeves. This is one of the best cattle sales made lately. The stock numbers between 500 and 600 head. Mr. Cook started in the business less than five years ago on a very small scale, and is but another illustration of what perseverance and industry will do in the stock business in Callahan.

John I. Huffman, son of Uncle Lyter Huffman, left last Wednesday evening with a car load of twenty-three head of beeves and a car load of one hundred and ninety mutton sheep, which he is taking to the Memphis market. This

is Johnny's own shipment and we hope he will strike a booming market, for he is one of the most deserving, honest and industrious young men in a dozen counties. May Dame Fortune smile upon him with one of her most telling smiles.

Mr. W. R. McDermott of Caddo Peak, was in town this week canvassing for several good books for which he is agent. He informs us that Mr. Sampson Moore, who lives on Little Pecan Bayou, has just threshed his crop of wheat which averaged the fine yield of twenty-six and a half bushels per acre. He also says that there is a splendid opportunity for some one to put in a good cotton gin at Caddo Peak, as there is a large acreage in cotton all of which promises well.

Baird Shipments and Receipts
The following is a list of the shipments and receipts at the depot at this place, for the week, ending Thursday evening.

Receipts: 18 cars merchandise, 6 cars bridge materials, 2 cars sheep.

Shipments: 4 cars wool, 18 cars cattle, 1 car sheep, 1 car household goods, 2 cars merchandise.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

The Woody Reunion was held at the Community Center over the weekend. Woody family members report having a great time. They enjoyed seeing everyone!

The Cottonwood Musical is coming up on Friday, July 22nd at the Cottonwood Community Center. Music starts at 5:30. The kitchen opens at 5:00. On the menu: taco salad, sandwiches, dessert and drinks.

Graveside services were held for Corby S. Andrews at the Cottonwood Cemetery on Wednesday. Corby, who was 44, was the son of Verna Calhoun and the late Wade Calhoun. He grew up in Abilene and graduated from Cooper High School. Prayers go out to his mother, his grandmother Fannie May Thomas and the rest of the family.

Jimmy W. Culwell, 71, who lived on FM880 between Cottonwood and Cross Plains was buried in the Cottonwood Cemetery on Friday, with graveside services.

Jimmy is survived by his wife, Georgia Culwell; sons, Jimmy D. Culwell and wife Marissa, Timothy W. Culwell and wife Angelia; sisters, Mary Wilson, Mildred Eccles, Barbara Thomas, Olene Agee

and Francis Bennett; three grandchildren, many dear family and friends. Prayers go out to his family.

Congratulations to Karsyn Bennett and the 8u Girls Softball Bandits Team. They are won games at District and came in second! They will play at State in Mineola next week. Karsyn Bennett is the granddaughter of Bryan and Grace Bennett and Debi Bennett.

Autum Nickerson, great granddaughter of Dena Nickerson and granddaughter of Bill and Annette Nickerson, is on the Lady Buffaloes 12 and under team that is also going to play in the state tournament.

Grace Goode and Piper Winfrey, our CPHS Cheerleaders from Cottonwood, have been at Cheerleading camp all week.

Joe Coppinger, Former Cottonwood Baptist Church Pastor and Cross Plains ISD School Teacher and Bus Driver, will be the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet on Thursday, July 28th at the Methodist Church.

The burn ban is OFF. You need to call the Sheriff's Office and let them know you are doing a control burn. Their number 325-854-1444.

July 18

Raymond Sifuentes
Ross Sifuentes
Doris Jean Petty
Taylor Johnson
James Apple
Joy Woodruff Pancake
Raymond Holland
Deana Strickland
Misty (Strickland) Gilley
Mark Allen Brown
Billy M. Gardner
Fred St. Peter

July 19

Suzi Pillans
David Hinkle
Don McNutt
Cynthia Hickman Brown
Son Barnett
Iraloma Rogers
Kim (Draper) Champion
Troy Watson
Toni Mae Wyatt
Modie Mosley
Rick Apple
Journey Bruitron
Audrey Lovett

July 20

Connie Brooks Eliza Wilson
Janis Peters
Hsarrline Fleming
Billy Wright
Mrs. Thelma Brown
Kyle Malone
Edie Switzer
Jacqueline Brook Waggoner
Bobby Self

July 21

James Merrill
Billy Spenser
Dana Purvis
Earl Gray
Dana Veteto
Marlcana LaShelle Branham
C.B. Hutchins
Scott Nabors
Tina Morhis Belick
Barbara Vest
Loma C. James

July 22

Thomas Markum
C.H. Rogers
Sara Catherine Jordan
Kathren Brown
Delesa Gillans
Sheri Steele
Leslie Cowan
Travis Parson
Shelly Kay Hyles

July 23

Mrs. Rolan Bryan
Elaine Pancake
Josh Goble
Bill Hester Jr.
Myrl Willis
Max Thetford
Ronald Chad Bagley
Jaquiline Denis Newman
Tabitha Matineau
Justin Lee Clark
Geneva Nelson

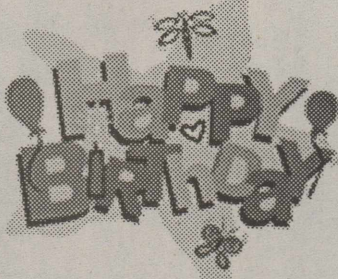
Little League State Championship coming to Abilene

The 2016 Little League Texas West State Championship is coming to Abilene in July. After a successful 2015 tournament, featuring baseball and softball, Little League enthusiastically agreed to bring the tournament back to Abilene for three more years. Teams from across the world compete in the Little League International Tournament for a chance to advance to the Little League World Series. Texas is divided into two "states" for purposes of advancing teams to the Southwest Regional championships, and the winner of that Regional goes on to the World Series. Texas West is comprised of teams from the Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Abilene, Midland, Lubbock, and San Antonio areas. The Texas West State Tournament will be hosted at Wylie Little League in Abilene's Kirby Lake Park.

Wylie and most Big County area Little Leagues are part of Texas District 5. District 5 includes Taylor, Callahan, Coleman, Brown, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Mitchell, Borden, Mills, and Comanche Counties. Leagues from this area send Tournament Teams (All-Stars) to compete against each other in several age groups to earn the title of District 5 champions. Teams compete in the 9-10 Year Old Division, 10-11 Year Old Division, 11-12 Year Old (Little League) Division, Intermediate Division (13 Year Olds on a 50/70 field), Junior League (13-14 Year Olds on a regulation baseball field), Senior League (15-16 Year Olds) and Big League (17-18 Year Olds).

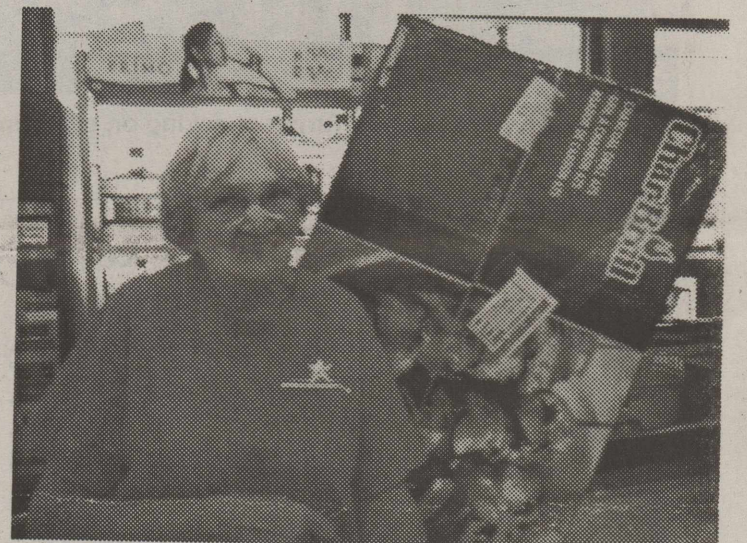
The District 5 champions meet winners from three other Districts (Dallas, Fort Worth, and Waco) to compete for the Section 2 Championship. From there, four section winners will battle it out in Abilene for the State Championship. 2015 saw District 5 teams claim 9-10, Little League, and Intermediate Section 2 Championships and advance to State. Four local teams have won District and Section Championships this year to advance to State. Breckenridge claimed the Junior League titles, Wylie won Intermediate championships, Snyder won the Little League division titles, and Dixie claimed the 11 Year old banners. 2016 tournament action kicks off on July 14th. For more information on the tournament, check out www.texaswest.org.

Prior to the tournament season, each of these leagues competed in a regular season in divisions ranging from T-Ball to Senior League. Often times, our smaller leagues play each other during the regular season to have a little more variety and competition. For example, in 2016, District 5 organized an area Junior League competition (13-14 year olds) that featured 19 different teams playing against each other. District 5 is always looking to provide more towns the opportunity to play Little League baseball and get in on the action, regular season and All Stars. For more information on how to get involved in our growing program, get in touch with District 5 Administrator Shane Deel at texasdistrict5@gmail.com.



July 17

Amber Gregory
Robert V. Montgomery
Kelly Westerman
Mrs. Mack Pancake
David Hutchins
Melissa Luter
Christopher Hal Harris
Josh Nelson
Myleah McNutt



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Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program Schedule

On Your Mark, Get Set, Read

The Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Program again this year with the emphasis on Sports.

Miss Sue's Little Champion Readers will meet each Wednesday at 1:00 (except on movies days, all at 1:15) She will have stories and crafts for children 6 years and younger.

Our main program (all

ages) will begin at 2:00 each Wednesday, except on movie days (1:15).

It's not too late to join the Summer Program. Here's the remain program schedule:

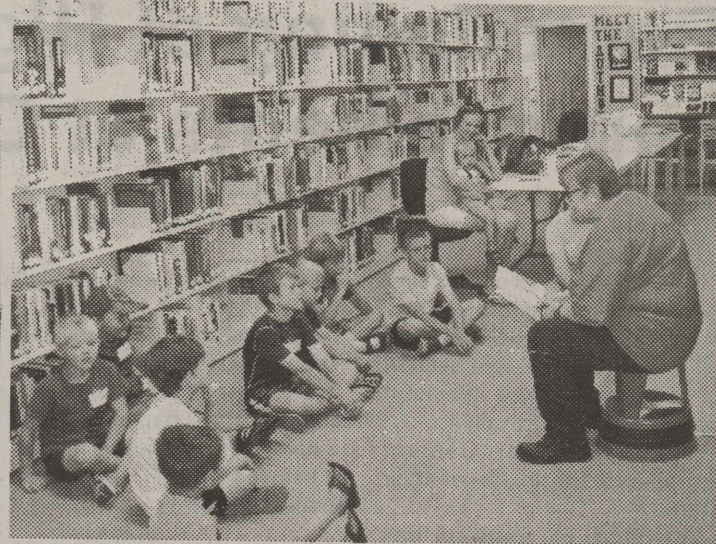
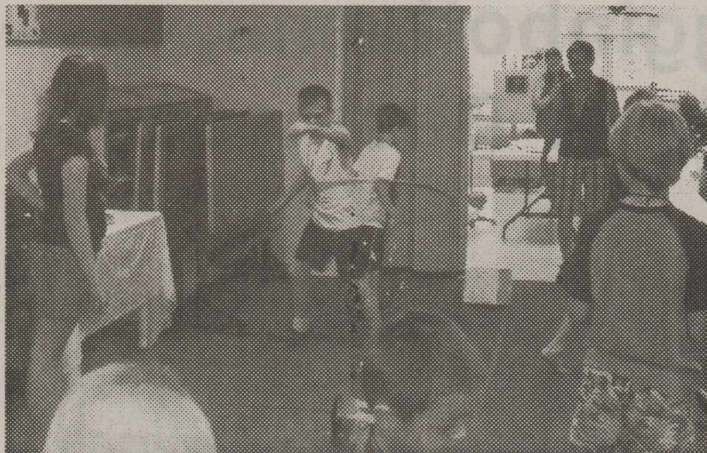
July 13 - Movie - Angels in the Outfield

July 20 - Living History Presentation

July 27 - Crafts with Chris

Aug 3 - Splash in the Park

Hope to see you there!



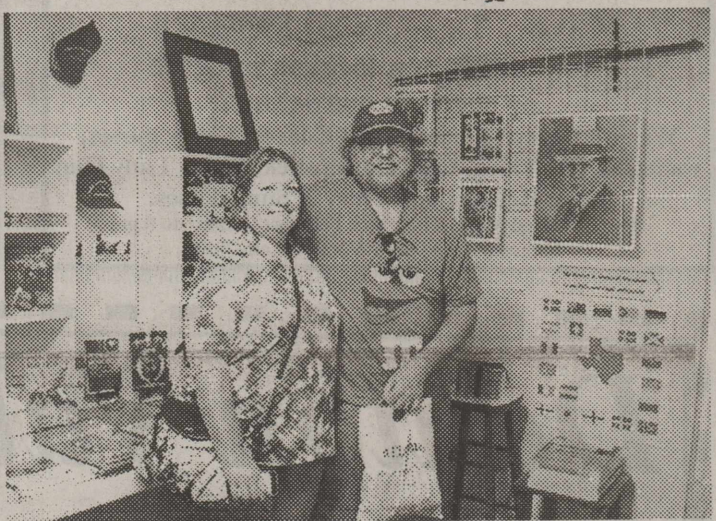
Intramural Day at Cross Plains Public Library

In keeping with the sports theme, the Cross Plains Public Library presented an intramural day. We began the session with making an Olympic medal to wear around their neck.

The kids enjoyed rolling a fitness dice, bowling, milk jug catch, balloon tennis, bubble wrap "pop" scotch, cardboard ring toss, target golf, hula hoop, egg spoon race, and bean bag

can toss. The children chose which event to start in and after a few minutes, a whistle was blown and they then moved clockwise to the next event. They received a star for each event they participated in. The program ended with a snack.

Next week we will be watching a movie at 1:15. Hope to see you there!



Debbie and Craig Homer

Arizona couple visit REH Museum

Debbie and Craig Homer of Mesa, AZ were spending part of their vacation in Brownwood with his sister, Kate Djorak.

Craig, being a Howard fan, suggested to trip to Cross Plains to visit our Museum. Craig, a nurse by profession, is mostly interested in the fantasy

writings, with special interest in the Conan stories. To that end, he purchased a shirt with that design.

Kate, although not pictured, was pleased to accompany the couple to Cross Plains, to the Museum and for lunch at the Staghorn Café.

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Remodelling at Higginbothams, Improvements at Other Businesses

Businesses all over Cross Plains are "sprucing up" and remodelling!

Higginbotham's is undergoing a remodelling inside the store. Many departments will be relocated to a different section of the store. A new checkout counter is being installed.

Recently, Dollar General remodelled the inside of their store.

The sign at Subway has

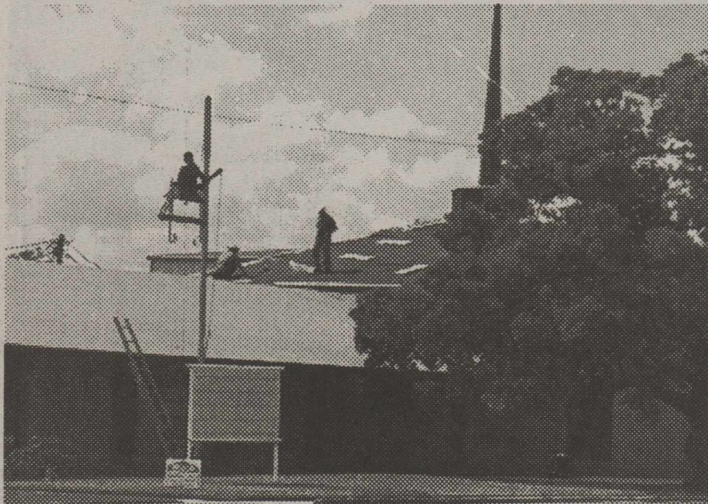
been replaced. The sign was destroyed during a storm in May.

New gas pumps were installed at Food Plaza.

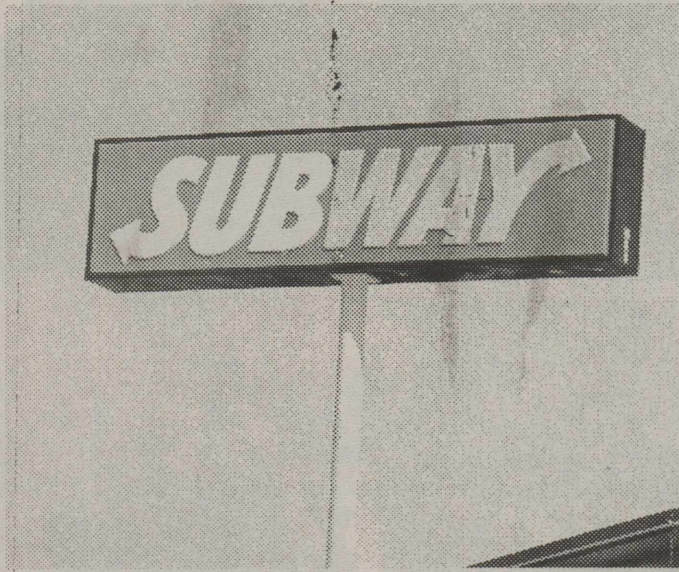
The parking lot was re-asphalted at Dairy Queen.

Wood Roofing replaced the roof on the First Baptist Church.

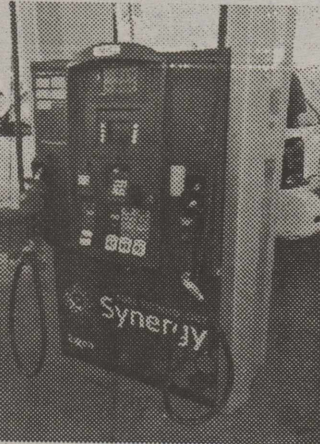
Thanks to all these businesses for keeping Cross Plains looking good.



Working on the roof at the Baptist Church.



The new sign at Subway replaces the one destroyed in the May storm.



New gas pumps at Food Plaza.

Cottonwood Country Musical

The Cottonwood Country Musical will be happening on Friday July 22, 2016 at the Cottonwood Community Center. Cottonwood is located in Callahan County on County Road 444 just off FM 880.

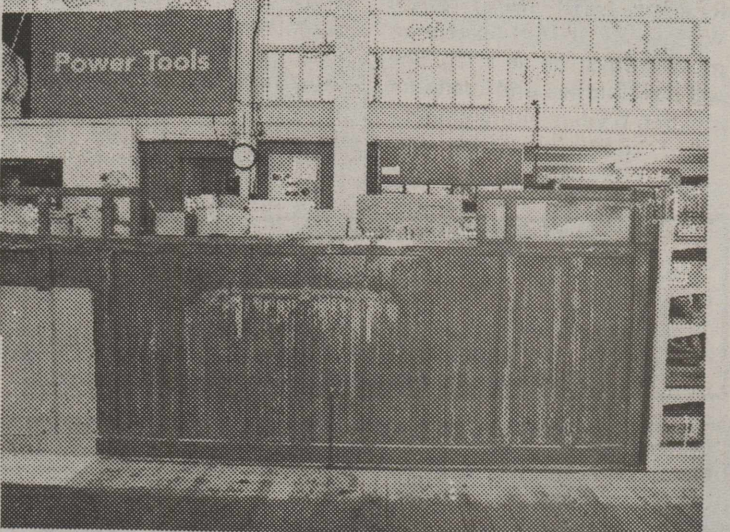
On the menu for this month is Taco salad, sandwiches, desserts and drinks. The meal will be served at 5 p.m. The musical begins at 5:30 p.m.

Bring a friend, enjoy a country meal, and pull up a chair and settle in for a night of good ole country music.

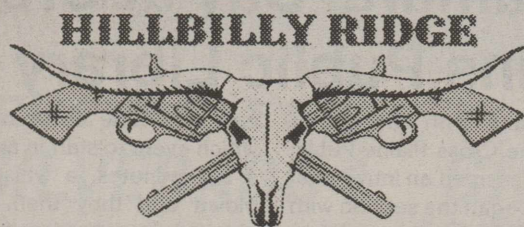
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The new checkout counter at Higginbothams.



Remodelling at Higginbothams. The "front" of the back office.



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Cross Plains 2016 retail sales lower by 10% from 2015

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2016 are just over ten percent lower than 2015, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, July 6th.

Cross Plains' 2016 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$124,012.05, which is 10.48 percent lower than the \$138,539.89 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2015.

The payment to the city for July 2016 was \$16,448.88, which is lower by 19.73 percent from the July 2015 payment of \$20,492.50.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$624 million in local sales tax allocations for July, 2.3 percent more than in July 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

"The cities of Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Fort Worth saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "Energy-centric cities such as Houston and Midland continue to see decreases in sales tax allocations."

Hegar sent Texas cities \$407.0 million in July 2016, which is higher by 2.7 percent compared to July 2015 and higher by 0.8 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$36.0 million in July 2016 allocations to Texas counties, which is lower by 2.2 percent compared to July 2015 and lower by 5.9 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$143.0 million in July 2016 sales tax allocations, which is 2.4 percent higher than July 2015 and higher by 0.6 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$38.0 million in July 2016 allocations, which is 1.0 percent higher than July 2015 and higher by 0.2 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in May by businesses that report tax monthly.

For details of July sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports

| CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2015 | 2016 |
| Total yearly sales tax payments | \$138,539.89 | \$124,012.05 |
| Total monthly sales tax payments | \$20,492.50 | \$16,448.88 |

on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2016 started the year 5.76 percent higher than the 2016 payments. The city has received \$159,353.13 in 2016, while the 2015 tax payments to the city totaled \$150,666.14.

Baird's monthly payment for July 2016 was \$20,159.34, which is 18.94 percent lower than the payment in July 2015 of \$24,872.31.

—The 2016 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 7.90 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2015. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$398,906.35 in 2016. The 2015 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$369,677.30.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for July 2016 was \$51,645.56, which is 13.52 percent ahead of the July 2015 payment of \$45,492.60.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2016 payments to the town totaled \$4,529.66, which is lower by 32.29 percent from the 2015 payments to the city in the amount of \$6,690.74.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of July 2016 was \$531.41, which is 27.44 percent lower than the July 2015 payment of \$732.47.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2016 in Callahan County are higher by 3.18 percent compared to the 2015 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2016 amounting to \$686,801.19 while the 2015 payments to the county towns totaled \$665,574.07.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of July 2016 was \$88,785.19, which is 3.06 percent below the payments in July 2015 of \$91,589.88.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4% share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

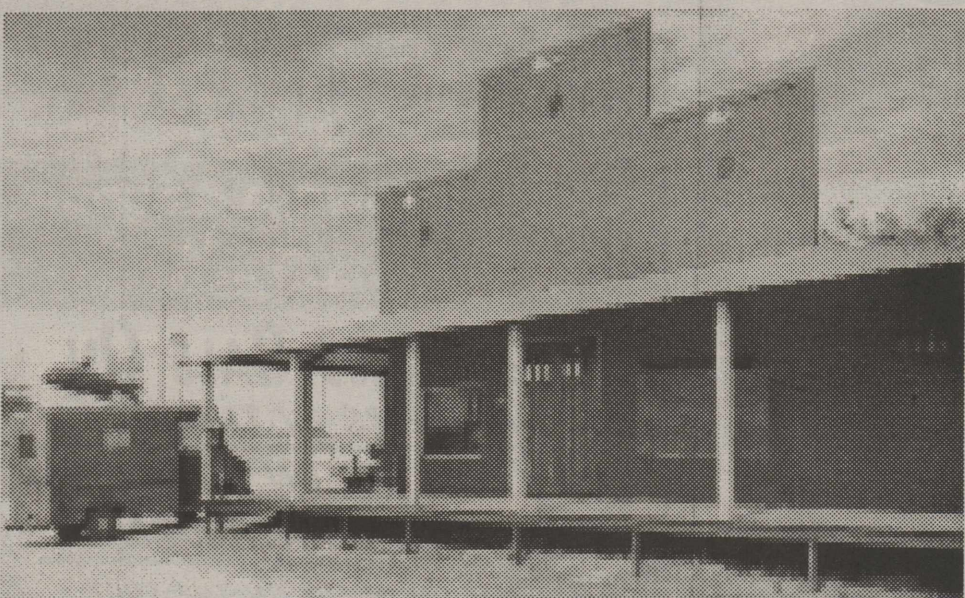
Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.

Denton Valley's Backyard is coming soon!

(The Old Denton Valley Store)
Hwy 36 and FM 604



We would like to offer Beer and Wine for onsite consumption to our future restaurant customers. Please consider signing our petition to bring this matter to a vote in the upcoming November election.

Stop in and preview what we are doing to remodel Denton Valley's Backyard Restaurant, we will have petitions to sign from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thank You!!

Texas Historical Commission honors Callahan County Historical Commission with 2015 Distinguished Service Award

Austin, Texas- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized the Callahan County Historical Commission (CHC) with a Distinguished Service Award for the 2015 year of service. The THC issues Distinguished Service Awards each year to CHCs that document well-rounded programs of history and preservation-related projects. The award was presented during a meeting of the county commissioner's court on

July 11th to commend the CHC's dedicated service and stewardship of Texas' unique cultural and historic sites. "County Historical Commissions are the backbone of historic preservation and education in communities across Texas," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "The Texas Historical Commission is proud to recognize the exceptional efforts of the Callahan County Historical Commission in

appreciation of its high level of performance during 2015." Texas CHCs provided more than 480,000 volunteer hours in 2015, which is an in-kind donation to the state valued at \$11.3 million. The THC assists CHCs statewide through programs and services that preserve Texas' heritage for the education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future generations. The THC's advisory role to CHCs is outlined in the Texas Local Government

Code, the statute that enables county commissioners' courts to establish CHCs. The volunteer appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve the historic and cultural resources of Texas. For more information about CHCs in Texas, visit www.thc.state.tx.us/chcoutreach or contact the History Programs Division at 512-463-5853.

Sheriff's Department Report for June 2016

| Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistical Report June 1st - June 30th | No Selection | 1 |
|--|--------------|---|
| (No Selection) | 4 | |
| Fire | 1 | |
| Medical/EMS | 2 | |
| Reckless Driver | 1 | |
| Baird Fire Department | 9 | |
| Accident | 1 | |
| Fire | 2 | |
| Grass Fire | 3 | |
| Welfare Check | 3 | |
| Baird Marshal | 13 | |
| Civil | 1 | |
| Civil Dispute | 1 | |
| Domestic | 1 | |
| Livestock Out | 1 | |
| Medical/EMS | 2 | |
| Reckless Driver | 2 | |
| Request Officer | 2 | |
| Suspicious Activity | 1 | |
| Theft | 1 | |
| Welfare Check | 1 | |
| Callahan Co. Sheriff's Dept. | 76 | |
| Accident | 6 | |
| Alarm Business | 2 | |
| Alarm Residence | 4 | |
| Animal Issue | 3 | |
| Bees | 1 | |
| Burglary | 2 | |
| Civil | 1 | |
| Civil Dispute | 1 | |
| Civil Standby | 5 | |
| Criminal Mischief | 1 | |
| Domestic | 3 | |
| Escort | 3 | |
| Fire | 2 | |
| Livestock Out | 12 | |
| Medical/EMS | 2 | |
| Miscellaneous | 1 | |
| Motorist Assist | 4 | |
| Reckless Driver | 1 | |
| Request Officer | 4 | |
| Suspicious Activity | 3 | |
| Theft | 2 | |
| Traffic Stop | 6 | |
| Welfare Check | 7 | |
| Citizens EMS | 50 | |
| Accident | 5 | |
| Medical/EMS | 42 | |
| Welfare Check | 2 | |
| Clyde Fire Department | 5 | |
| Bees | 3 | |
| Fire | 1 | |
| Vehicle Fire | 1 | |
| Clyde Police Dept. | 69 | |
| Accident | 6 | |
| Alarm Business | 1 | |
| Alarm Residence | 2 | |
| Burglary | 1 | |
| Civil | 2 | |
| Domestic | 5 | |
| Escort | 2 | |
| Reckless Driver | 1 | |
| Request Officer | 4 | |
| Road Hazard | 2 | |
| Suspicious Activity | 3 | |
| Suspicious Veh/Person | 2 | |
| Theft | 1 | |
| Threats | 2 | |
| Traffic Stops | 31 | |
| Trespass | 1 | |
| Vandalism | 1 | |
| Vehicle Fire | 1 | |
| Welfare Check | 1 | |
| Cross Plains EMS | 5 | |
| Meal Time | 1 | |
| Medical/EMS | 4 | |
| Cross Plains Fire Dept. | 1 | |
| Accident | 1 | |
| Cross Plains Marshal | 3 | |
| Assault | 1 | |
| Riot | 0 | |
| Traffic Stop | 1 | |
| Department of Public Safety | 8 | |
| Accident | 4 | |
| Intoxicated Motorist | 1 | |
| Motorist Assist | 1 | |
| Request Officer | 1 | |
| Welfare Check | 1 | |
| Eula Fire Department | 2 | |
| Accident | 1 | |
| Medical/EMS | 1 | |
| Putnam Fire Department | 3 | |
| Fire | 1 | |
| Grass Fire | 2 | |
| Totals | 248 | |

Commissioners' court presents award to County Historical Commission

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court made a presentation with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award to the Callahan County Historical Commission during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, July 11th.

Judge Roger Corn presented Callahan County Historical Commission representative Felix Manion with the 2015 Distinguished Service Award. The Judge also voiced the appreciation of the commissioners' court for the work that the Callahan County Historical Commission does for the County.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following officers present: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding, Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Jan Windham, County Treasurer, and Donna Bell, County Clerk. Also present were: Billy Hughes with American National Bank & Trust; Felix Manion with the Callahan County Historical Commission; Kevin Scott with KBL Restoration; Robert Favor, Callahan County Sheriff's Department; Genea Williams, Callahan Divide SWCD; Jim Stapleton, Callahan Divide

SWCD; Rick Jowers, Callahan County Sheriff's Department; Julie Lemon, Callahan County Sheriff's Department; Scott Kniffen; Nancy Johnson, Tommy Morris Insurance; and Tommy Morris with Tommy Morris Insurance.

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

—Under public comment, there was none.

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

—Kevin Scott with KBL Restoration gave an update on the County Courthouse restoration. The windows on are schedule. Window sashes will start going in soon. The electrical updates are going well too.

—The Sheriff's report was presented to the commissioners' court along with the overtime report. There was no unapproved overtime. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Sheriff's report as well as the overtime report. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Genea Williams with the Callahan Divide SWCD spoke with the commissioners' court about the conservation flood dams. She pointed out the needs of these conservation dams caused by wind erosion, rain and livestock. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to do in kind work on the dams. Commissioner Windham

seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote, with Commissioner Farmer abstaining.

—Tommy Morris and Nancy Johnson spoke with the commissioners' court about the County's heal insurance plan. Commissioner Windham made a motion to stay with the current plan. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion failed with a vote of two for and three against. After more discussion, Judge Corn made a motion to table a decision until the next meeting. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—After review, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to approve adjusting the Precinct budgets for FEMA funding. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion passed with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Callahan County Riding Club 2016 Schedule

Callahan County Riding Club 2016 Schedule.

July:
 • Saturday, July 23
 August:
 • Saturday, August 6
 • Saturday, August 13
 • Saturday, August 27
 September:
 • Saturday, September 17
 Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also, parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating. Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Competition begins at 7:30 p.m. Check our Facebook Page-- Callahan County Riding Club for any rain-outs or makeup days.

Chamber Banquet to be held on July 28th

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be held on Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church.

Joe Coppinger, former resident, teacher and pastor will be the guest speaker.

Dinner will be catered by the Chopping Block of Cross

Plains. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the Chamber Office, 225 SW 5th Street (Highway 36); The Cross Plains Review office or Texas Heritage Bank. For more information about the banquet, call 254-725-7251.

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The Recipe Corner

Jalapeno Popper Burgers

Prep Time: 30 Minutes Grill Time: 15 Minutes

Ingredients:

- *3 jalapeno peppers, halved lengthwise and seeded
- *1 teaspoon olive oil
- *6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- *1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- *2 garlic cloves, minced
- *1 teaspoon salt
- *1 teaspoon lemon-pepper seasoning
- *1/2 teaspoon pepper
- *1/4 teaspoon paprika
- *2 pounds ground beef
- *4 slices pepper Jack cheese
- *4 hamburger buns, split
- *4 lettuce leaves
- *1 large tomato, sliced
- *3/4 cup guacamole



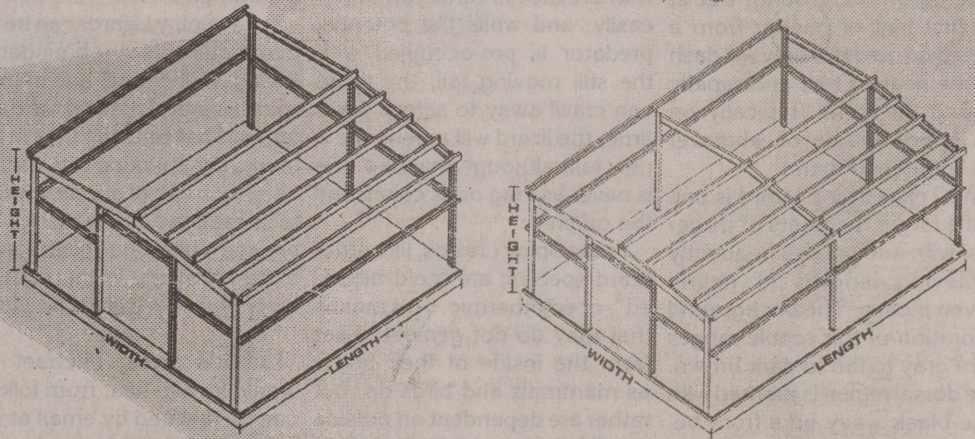
Directions

1. Brush jalapenos with oil. Grill, covered, over medium heat for 3-5 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally. When cool enough to handle, finely chop. In a small bowl, combine the bacon, cream cheese and jalapeno until blended.
2. In a large bowl, combine the garlic, salt, lemon pepper, pepper and paprika. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Shape into eight thin patties. Spoon bacon mixture onto center of four patties; top with remaining patties and press edges firmly to seal.
3. Grill burgers, covered, over medium heat or broil 4 in. from heat for 6-7 minutes on each side or until a meat thermometer reads 160° and juices run clear. Top with pepper Jack cheese. Cover and cook 1-2 minutes longer or until pepper Jack cheese is melted.
4. Grill buns, cut side down, over medium heat for 30-60 seconds or until toasted. Serve burgers on buns with lettuce, tomato and guacamole. Yield: 4 servings.

Editor's Note: Wear disposable gloves when cutting hot peppers; the oils can burn skin. Avoid touching your face.

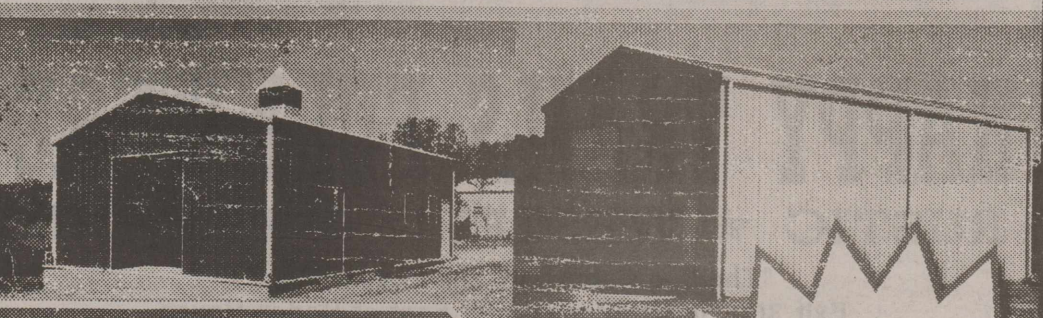
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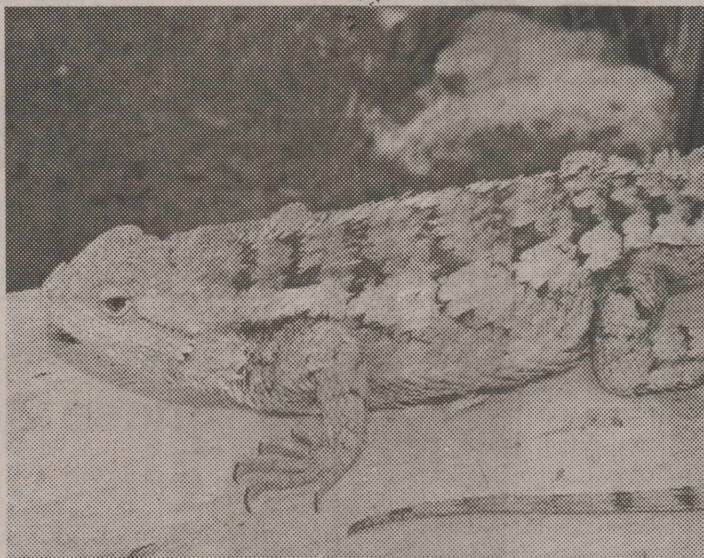
Texas Spiny Lizard

Many adults that spent much time outdoors as a kid have fond memories of the backyard wildlife that they would come in contact with. Before the electronic entertainment age in which we now live, many a young person would spend his or her summer days collecting bugs and various other "critters", only for his or her parents to find them in the pockets of his or her bluejeans. Many times, one of the most common creatures collected by the young naturalists were a species that calls central Texas its home, and that is the Texas Spiny Lizard.

The Texas Spiny Lizard (*Sceloporus olivaceus*) is one variety of the seven species of spiny lizards that reside here in Texas, and it is undeniably the variety that is encountered the most frequently by man. It ranges from extreme southern Oklahoma southward through the Tamaulipan thornscrub of central Tamaulipas, westward to central Coahuila and northward to the caprock areas of the Texas Panhandle.

This lacertilian variety are often called "tree-lizards" or "fence-lizards" by those who are lucky enough to witness them, and for good reason. Texas Spiny Lizards are highly arboreal, spending much of their time above the ground in Oak, Pecan, or Mesquite trees. Wooden fenceposts are also a favorite, although they will occasionally be seen while foraging on the ground. But at the first hint of danger from a perceived predator they will dash for the nearest tree and rapidly ascend the trunk, typically on the opposite side of whatever has frightened them.

The Texas Spiny Lizard is one of the larger members of its genus, with adult males frequently achieving lengths of nearly eleven inches. The background coloration of this reptile ranges from gray to tan to dark brown. The dorsal region is marked with nine black wavy bars from behind the neck to just above the vent. There are two distinctive



Texas Spiny Lizard (*Sceloporus olivaceus*)

and light colored lines that run along the body mid-dorsally. Occasional specimens will have a patch of rusty-red that encompasses the first three or four black bars in between the two dorsal lines. It can be quite intricately patterned, and this combination of colors and pattern assist with the camouflaging of the lizard while on its arboreal perches.

The belly is usually cream colored and males have two blue patches on either side of their belly. The tail is quite long, and like other members of its genus, can be utilized as a defensive strategy. If the tail is grabbed by a predator it is easily severed from the lizard. This defensive move is known as autotomy. This is where the tail comes off rather easily, and while the potential predator is pre-occupied with the still moving tail, the lizard can crawl away to safety. Over time, the lizard will regenerate a new tail, although this new one is never as long or as colorful as the original.

Texas Spiny Lizards, like other lizard species, are "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. This means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling.

They are primarily active during the summer months, but can be seen occasionally during the winter months on warm days when temperatures achieve a level that allows activity.

This species of lizard is strictly carnivorous, feeding on small invertebrates such as grasshoppers, wasps, and beetles. They are also egg-layers, and after mating, the female will lay a clutch of up to twenty eggs. These eggs are laid in a nest that the mother will dig out in areas of adequate humidity. After approximately sixty days of isolated incubation, the delicate two inch long young emerge prepared to fend for and care for themselves. Many females can lay up to four clutches of eggs in a summer.

Texas Spiny Lizards can be quite numerous within the boundaries of their natural range, and many are seen in backyards and residential parks. They tend to thrive in these areas, cohabitating with mankind as humans plant arboreal habitats for these lizards to flourish in. They are completely harmless, and are quite beneficial in the control of invertebrate pests in the yard.

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

Pre-Gun raffle, banquet tickets available at various locations

Friends of NRA Banquet is fast approaching

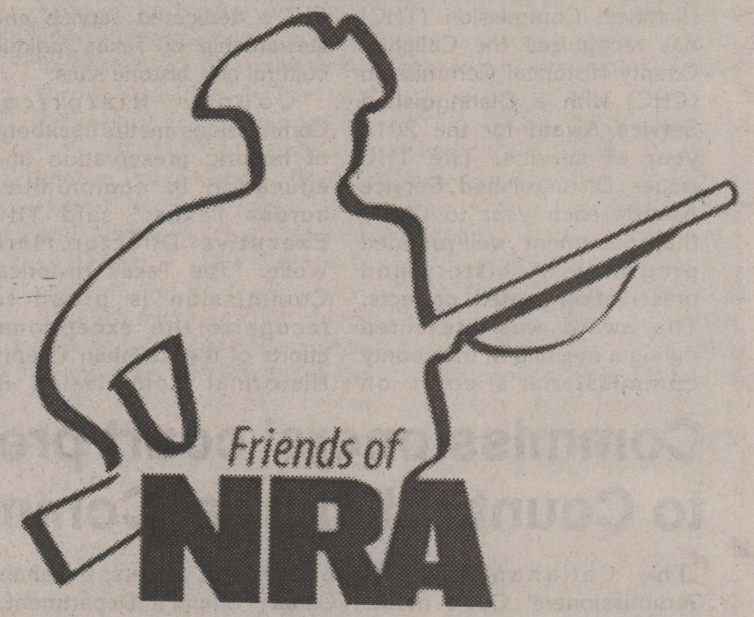
The Callahan County Friends of the NRA annual banquet will be held on Saturday, August 6th at the First Methodist Church of Clyde Fellowship Hall located at 217 Oak Street in downtown Clyde.

Doors for this year's banquet will open at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$25.00 per person and advanced tickets are available from any FNRA member, Bonnie Parkhill in Baird, Patrick Clark at Wildlife Nutrition in Cross Plains, at the Clyde Journal in Clyde, from Kevin Meier at Longacre Gun Shop in Abilene, and the Rowden Store in Rowden, Texas.

This year's meal will be catered by Betty Rose Little Brisket and the meal will consist of brisket and sausage, plus pinto beans, potato salad, bread, cobbler and tea or water.

This year's banquet will still hold the "Wall of Guns" bucket raffle, live auction and the usual games played throughout the course of the night.

Raffle tickets are now available from any Friends of the NRA board member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal at 312 North First Street in Clyde or the Rowden Store on State Highway 36 in



Rowden. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20.00 each. The drawing will take place during the banquet on August 6th.

Three guns will be awarded to three separate winners. The first is a Kimber Ultra-Carry II Two-tone. The second is a Remington 870 Super Mag and the third gun offered will be a Weatherby Vanguard Selection 30 06.

All proceeds from this year's Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet will benefit the NRA Foundation and the West

Texas FNRA. Again, this year's banquet doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th. The banquet master of ceremonies will be Jack Cannon.

Come join the fun for a good time and a good cause. Proceeds from the annual banquet are distributed to West Texas organizations. Previous organizations receiving funds include the Callahan County Shooting Sports and Callahan County Sheriff's Department.

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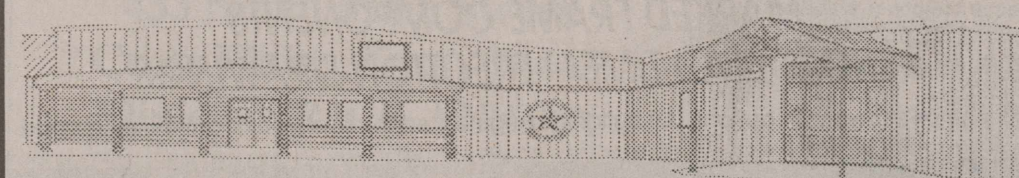
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