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#### Cottonwood Country Musical

Cottonwood Country Musical is just right around the corner. The musical will be held on Friday, September 23rd at the Cottonwood Community Center.

Since we have had a taste or two of fall weather, Cowboy Stew and cornbread will be on the menu in the kitchen as well as sandwiches, chips, desserts and drinks. The meal will be served at 5 p.m.

The musical begins at 5:30 p.m. We have a lineup of some great musicians for you to enjoy

The Cottonwood Country Musicals are held the fourth Friday night of each month. Cottonwood, Texas is located in Callahan County on County Road 444 just off FM 880.

Foranyadditionalinformation, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

#### **Jeremiah** 29:11 Benefit Dinner on October 14th and 15th

An elegant benefit dinner will be held at the home of Cliff and Connie Kirkham on Friday and Saturday evenings, October 14th and 15th.

You'll want to save the date, as this dinner will feature your choice of entrees: Prime Rib, Quail, or Herb-stuffed Chicken

Dinner is by reservation only. All proceeds go to support the Jeremiah 29:11 project.

#### **Junior High Game** and Pep Rally on **Thursday**

The Cross Plains Junior High Buffaloes will play San Saba here on Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

The Junior High Pep Rally starts at 3:20 p.m. on Thursday in the high school gymnasium.

#### **Game Night** at the Senior Center, Tuesday, September 20th

The next Game Night at the Senior Citizen's Center is on Tuesday, September 20th. Game night starts at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy pool and dominoes and visit with old



NataLee Grace Bomar, daughter of KayCee and Dakota Bomar, granddaughter of Sam and James Beaty

### **Brisket Dinner This** Saturday Night for NataLee Bomar

A Brisket Dinner, complete with potato salad, beans and banana pudding or cake, will be held Saturday, September 17th, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center from 5 until 7 p.m. Dinner is only \$5 plate. Joe Terstegge will be cooking

the brisket. Little NataLee Bomar has been diagnosed with Lobar Holoporsencephaly and will need brain surgery.

NataLee is the daughter of Kaycee and Dakota Bomar and granddaughter of Sam and

The fundraiser will help the

#### Camo/ Redneck Day at the **Pep Rally** on Friday

This Friday's Pep Rally Theme is Camo/Redneck Day Day. Cheer on the Buffaloes as they travel to San Saba to play the Armadillos on Friday night.

This week's Pep Rally starts early at 2:45 p.m. on Friday in the high school gymnasium.

Kirkham. After the commissioners'

Judge Corn stated he contacted the Texas Jail Commission and by voting to "vacating" the county jail, the County Jail will still be kept in compliance of jail inspection standards. Judge Corn said that way, if the plan to relocate county prisoners elsewhere, doesn't work out,

the County Jail can still be used to house prisoners. Judge Corn said the reason why he voted against vacating the jail, was because he felt the decision to vacate the jail

needed more study. By vacating the jail, the commissioners' court believe they can reduce payroll costs.

Callahan County Sheriff Terry Joy, who was also in attendance at the commissioners' court meeting, said the Sheriff's Department has been ordered to reduce the number of dispatchers/jailers from the current eight full-time and two part-time employees to five full-time and two part-time employees.

"I didn't want to vacate it," Sheriff Joy said. Sheriff Joy said his main concern with

issue not only for employees, but safety for the public.

"They're (Commissioners' court) cutting us too much," Sheriff Joy stated. He said he'll go before the commissioners' court again, "holding out for a little more help.'

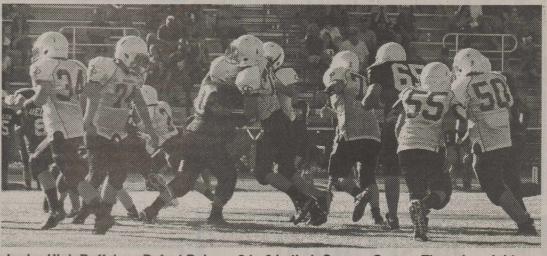
Callahan County currently has contracts in place now to house county prisoners in Shackelford, Taylor and Nolan County at the rate of \$48.50 per

Sheriff Joy said the county also has contracts to house prisoners in Jones and Comanche County, however those counties are now not taking any inmates from other counties.

Callahan County's budget for the Sheriff's Department is \$1,053,000, according to Judge Corn. Judge Corn also stated previously, Callahan County was budgeting about \$70,000 to house county inmates at other county jails, but that item is now running



The Buffaloes take on the San Saba Armadillos this Friday night in San Saba, after a hard-found loss to DeLeon. Photos of the DeLeon game inside.



Junior High Buffaloes Defeat DeLeon 8 to 6 in their Season Opener Thursday night. The team plays San Saba here at 5 p.m. this Thursday. Photos and details on the game inside.



"The Amazing Race Against Cancer" is the theme for this year's Cancer Walk to be held on October 1st at the CPISD football field. T-shirts for the event were designed by local graphic artist Teri Brown, and are available in purple, teal, pink and charcoal gray from

# **Commissioners vote** to 'vacate' County Jail

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted Monday, September 12th to vacate the Callahan County Jail in an effort to reduce expenses.

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Please come out and help this

little girl get the brain surgery

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she so desperately needs.

The commissioners' court took the action while approving the 2016-2017 budget, which included reducing the number of dispatchers/jailers at the Callahan County Jail.

Before voting to approve the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget, Judge Roger Corn asked, "does that including vacating the jail?" Commissioner Harold Hicks said, "yes."

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 3-2 to approve the fiscal year budget, which included "vacating the Callahan County Jail." Voting for the motion were Commissioners Hicks, Windham and Commissioner Bryan Farmer. Voting against the motion were Judge Roger Corn and Commissioner Cliff

court meeting concluded,

inmate per day.

over \$300,000.

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The Cross Plains American Legion Post 623 is holding a raffle for two Henry Rifles. One is a Henry 357 Mag and the other a Henry 22 long rifle. A \$10 ticket will get you a chance on both of the rifles. The American Legion will be set up at Food Plaza on Saturdays and Sundays to make it easy for you to get tickets. They also have tickets for the Texas Quilt that will be given away at the Cancer Walk.

### **Senior Citizens** Center Activities

Sept. 19th -Sept. 23rd

Monday-19th Crafts with Chris 10:30/Exercise 11:00 Tuesday-20th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 p.m. Wednesday-21st Foot Care by Kendrick at Home of Eastland/Exercise 11:00

Thursday-22nd Fall Prevention Awareness Day by Danielle Davis, RN / Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:25

Friday - 23rd Exercise 11:00/ Bingo 11:15 / Football-Buffs at Eldorado

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

#### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Sept. 19th - Sept. 23rd

Cheese Dogs (Relish, onion, Cheese) Oven Fries, to Beans, Bread, Dessert Fruit Salad, Cookies

Tuesday 20th- Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert

Wednesday 21st-Chicken & Dressing, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Des-

Monday 19th- Chili Thursday 22nd - BBQ Chicken, Potato Salad, Pin-

> Friday 23rd- Chicken Salad Sandwich, Pickle Slices, Chips, Fruit Salad, Cookies

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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**Callahan County Court** Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Matthew Swindle, violate protective order.

Christopher Perez, criminal mischief, \$750<\$2500. Christopher Perez, criminal

trespass. Albert L. Dixon, theft by check, \$20<\$500.

#### **Misdemeanor Minutes**

Donald M. Miller, motion to dismiss to Ct. I - criminal trespass, Ct. II - terroristic threat granted for plea to other case.

Thomas C. Zellner III, motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid granted for plea to other case

> **42nd District Court** John Weeks, presiding

> > Civil Filings

Angela M. Suzio and Shannon Meeks, divorce.

#### **Opera House** Country **Musical this** Saturday

The Opera House Country musical show will be-Saturday September 17th at 6:00 pm, at the Opera House, located in Anson, Texas. A Brisket Plate will be served

before the musical, serving starts at 5:00pm. The supper cost \$7.00 a plate and this includes a drink and dessert. For further information call Terra Ortega at 325-338-2184, leave a message.

We Hope to SEE you there!

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#### Love Fund

has been established for the Kelly O'Dell Family to help with expenses after fire

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

Love Fund has been set up for Sue Neal

at Texas Heritage Bank to help with financial expenses

Love Fund for Sherryl Goble

has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses **OBITUARIES** 



**GWENDOLYN SWANZY** 

**Gwendolyn Swanzy Jolly** Gwendolyn Swanzy Jolly passed away on September 9,

2016 at the age of 88. Gwen was born November 1, 1927 in Abilene, Texas to Douglas and Jewel (Tabor) Swanzy. Following the death of her father when she was three years old, Gwen and her mother moved to the Tabor farm in Clyde, Texas. While a student at Clyde High School she was a drum majorette, and was also Valedictorian of her graduating class. She attended the alma mater of her parents, Hardin Simmons University until her marriage on September 1, 1946 to Marshall E. Jolly, whom she had known since childhood. While Marshall pursued his degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN, Gwen worked at Radio Station WHHM. Upon his graduation the couple moved to Ranger, Texas to establish his first optometric practice, and it was during this time that their three daughters, Jeri Jan, Lee Ann and Marsha Kay, were born.

In 1959 the family moved to Midland, Texas. As the mother of three girls Gwen quickly became involved in a myriad of activities, and over the next few years would add to her resume such accomplishments as PTA Room Mother, Girl Scout Leader, and Sunday School teacher at First Baptist Church. In addition to being an avid bridge player she was an active member of the Col. Theunis Dev Chapter of the DAR where she held the office of Regent and served on the board in several capacities. For many years Gwen worked alongside Dr. Jolly in his optometric practice, Midland Visual Clinic, and in their leisure time the couple enjoyed making countless trips to their beloved mountain home in Ruidoso, New Mexico. After the death of Marshall Jolly in 1987, she was married to the late Ernest W. Babb from 1999-2008.

Gwen was a sweet, gentle, softspoken woman, known for her beautiful smile, admired for her devotion to her family, envied for her youthful complexion, and revered for her crossword puzzle skills. She is survived by her three daughters, Jeri (Mrs. Reggie) McCaslin of Midland, Lee Ann (Mrs. Marc) Lewis of Coral Gables, FL, and Marsha (Mrs. Walter) Dueease of Ft. Worth; grandchildren Jessica McCaslin, Meredith McCaslin, Lauren (Lewis) Steward, Jason Lewis, Jeffrey Pickering, Sara (Pickering) Carpenter, Tracey (Pickering) Taraba, and Cole Dueease. She also has seven great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Gwen's life was held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Chapel of First Baptist Church. Visitation was on Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2016 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral

Love Fund

Lisa Floyd has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank

for medical expenses

Love Fund for Jim W. Culwell

for Medical & Funeral Expenses has been established at Texas Heritage Bank

Love Fund for Curtis & Sheila Bell Taylor has been established at Texas Heritage Bank



### Junior High Buffaloes Defeat DeLeon 8 to 6





The Cross Plains Junior High to recover the onside attempt to Football Team traveled to De Leon for their first game of the season, Thursday, September

The Buffaloes defeated the Bearcats in a defensive battle, 8-6. The Buffaloes scored first midway through the second quarter when, eighth grader, quarterback, Sean Hernandez carried the ball around the left side from 60 yards out. Hernandez then took it up the middle on the two-point conversion to give the Buffaloes an 8-0 lead.

The lead would carry into half time, as the Buffaloes were up 8-0 at intermission.

In the second half, the teams traded out punts and turnovers, until the Bearcats were able to rush in for six. The Buffaloes defense stiffened and forced a fumble on the two-point conversion run to deny the Bearcats of the two points.

On the ensuing kick-off, the Bearcats tried some trickery with an onside kick, but eighth grader, Austin Rankin was able

give the Buffaloes possession.

Late in the fourth, the Buffaloes would use some trickery of their own, when quarterback, Nathan Hernandez, would pass it to a wide open receiver, in seventh grader, Cason Allen. Allen shed a defender and was able to convert a key 4th and 25 play. The offense would stall with just at two minutes in the

The Bearcats threatened, but the defensive line was able to come up with big stops on the Bearcats final threat to stop a De Leon drive. The Buffaloes would take a knee to take the victory, 8-6.

Sean Hernandez ran the ball well for the Buffaloes. Eighth grader, Cody McWilliams played well from his linebacker position forcing a fumble, and stopping the running back in the backfield on De Leon's last offensive snap.

The Buffaloes will host San Saba, Thursday, September 15th at Buffalo Stadium. Kickoff is 5:00 p.m.



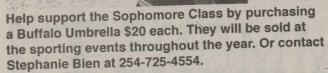
















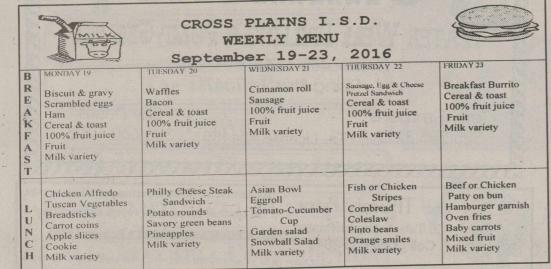
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### Buffalo Breakfast Schedule for 2016

Each football season, local churches step up to feed the Buffaloes at a game day prayer breakfast.

Breakfast is served at 7 a.m. followed by a short devotional.
Buffaloes Breakfast Schedule for the remaining games of the

2016 season.

All games (and breakfasts) are on Friday.

September 16 - Cottonwood

Baptist Church
September 23 - Cross Plains

Church of Christ
October 7 - First Baptist
Church

October 14 - First United Methodist Church

October 21 - Cottonwood Baptist Church

October 28 - Cross Plains Church of Christ

November 4 - First Baptist

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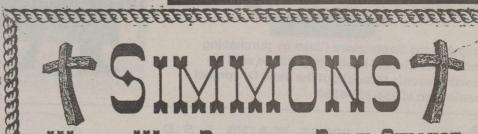
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Irion County Scrimmage is on a Thursday and starts at 6:00. Games start at 7:30.



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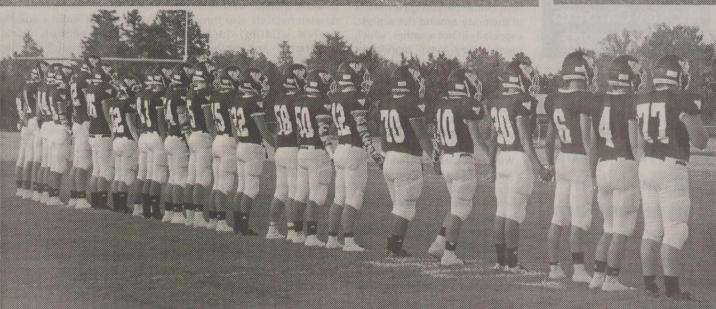
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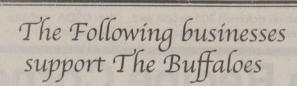












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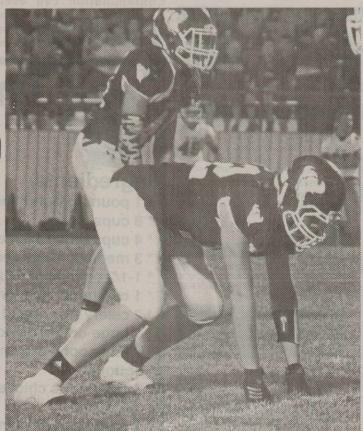
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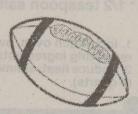
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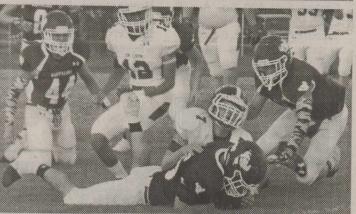




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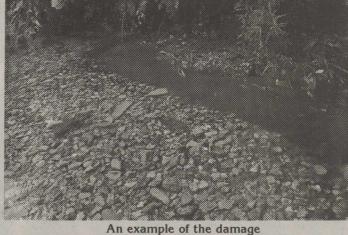
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### Happier than a pig in mud-Feral swine damage to water quality

How does the old saying go? That's right, "Happier than a pig in mud!" Feral swine are no exception to this old farmer's anecdote. Because they lack sweat glands, wallowing in mud and water is an instinctual behavior necessary for them to maintain a healthy body temperature. Unfortunately this behavior has cascading impacts, not only to water quality in individual streams, ponds, and wetlands, but to entire watersheds and ecosystems. Excessive feral swine traffic

around wallows and water sources causes erosion along stream banks and shorelines. Sounders, or family groups, of feral swine spend large amounts of their day around the wallow, especially in hot weather, which means they leave significant amounts of urine and feces in and around the water. The impacts to water quality go far beyond the immediate wallow site when silt, excrement, and potentially harmful pathogens, are washed down stream.

Water polluted from feral swine wallowing can be contaminated with parasites and bacteria such as giardia, salmonella, and pathogenic E. coli that could be transmitted to humans and other animals. This can happen when feral swine use an agricultural water source, such as an irrigation pond, or if feral swine are active in an area people use for recreation. Contamination can even occur if feral swine use a site upstream in the watershed and rain runoff carries contaminates



feral swine can have on water quality.

In many No matter the water source. downstream. watersheds, feral swine damage to water quality, wetlands, and riparian habitats also threatens native wildlife, including threatened and endangered species, which depend on these ecosystems. The pathogens transmitted by

feral swine can sicken livestock, pets, and people. Livestock and pets may become ill by drinking water from streams or ponds contaminated by feral swine. Humans are at risk when swimming or wading in contaminated water, from eating crops in which feral swine have rooted or defecated, or if feral swine have contaminated the irrigation source for the crops. Feral swine are suspected to have played a role in the contamination of surface water and spinach fields in California, causing a food-borne illness outbreak which sickened 205 people and resulted in three deaths.

feral swine will muddy it. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) National Feral Swine Damage Management Program has been appropriated \$20 million annually to address the management of damage caused by invasive feral swine. The program's overall goal in the United States and its territories, is to protect agriculture, natural resources, property, animal health, and human health and safety by managing damage caused by feral swine and, where possible, reducing or eliminating feral swine populations. The program works in cooperation with states, tribes, and other federal and international agencies, universities, and other stakeholders to achieve management goals. Visit the USDA website for more information.

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\* 3 medium sweet red pepper, diced

\* 1-1/2 cups chili sauce

1 cup uncooked long grain rice 2 celery ribs, diced

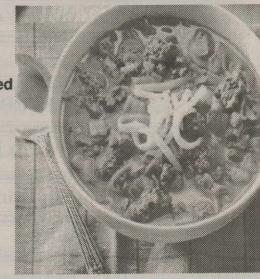
\* 1 large onion, diced

2 teaspoons browning sauce, optional

3 teaspoons chicken bouillon granules

2 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 teaspoon salt



**Directions** 

1. In a Dutch oven, over medium heat, cook beef until no longer pink; drain. Add the remaining ingredients; bring to a boil. 2. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour or until rice is tender. Yield: 16 servings (4 quarts).



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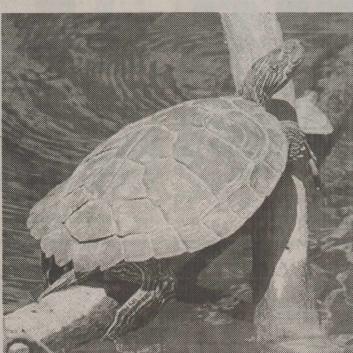
#### Texas River Cooter

While taking a walk or making a drive near any permanent bodies of water, it is not uncommon to see multiple turtles basking in the rays of the sun. Occasionally, one can observe these turtle climb on top of one another in an effort to achieve an optimal basking site. Few are as gregarious and persistent in this behavior as the Texas River

Texas River Cooters (Pseudemys texana) are one of three cooter species that occur in Texas, and the only one that is found in this state and in this state alone. They naturally occur in a central swath extending from the southeast to the northwest of approximately one-fifth of this state, with the southeastern Pandhandle being the furtherest northwest extension.

This species of aquatic turtle occupies just about any lake, pond, canal, river or even springfed creek in its range. All that is required for their survival is there must be at least a minimal amount of vegetation available for cover and feeding.

Like other members in the cooter family, this species can be quite colorful and attractive. The carapace, or top shell, is bright green in younger animals, fading to an olive color as the animal matures. There are numerous yellow or orange whorls on each scale of the carapace, and just like the background coloration, these lines fade as the animal ages. The bottom shell, or plastron, is yellowish with many dark irregular smudges that appear on each scale. The neck and head are green littered with bright yellow or orange lines. There is usually one large yellow line that is wider than all of the others and runs vertically behind the eye while all of the other markings are diagonal. The legs and tail are also green and are marked with yellow or orange lines similar to the neck and head.



**Texas River Cooters** (Pseudemys texana)

sized, with sexually mature two to three months. Once the adults ranging in carapace size young hatch, they must make from seven inches to one foot in the perilous journey back to the length. Females are the larger water on their own.

by the presence of elongated plant material. nails on the front legs.

great distances from water to a Snapping Turtle. lay their eggs. Instead, most

sex, attaining lengths of up to The diet of this species changes one foot, while the males are as they grow older, with young much smaller, only attaining a animals being primarily carnivcarapace length of about nine orous, feeding mainly on insects inches. Mature males also can be and small fish while mature indidistinguished from the females viduals are herbivores, feeding on

Like most other aquatic turtles, Mating in this species begins in this species is persecuted by the spring, beginning with males many people who mistake it for stroking the females along her the Snapping Turtle. When mohead with his elongated nails in lested, the Texas River Cooter will a bizarre, yet romantic courtship. draw its head into its shell rapidly, After mating, the female will often making a hissing sound in lay her clutch of four to ten the process. Occasionally specieggs in late spring. Large, mens can be bothered enough to healthy females may lay up to actually "snap" at their disturber. four clutches of eggs annually. However, this is not the behavior Unlike the closely related Red- of most individuals, and is a good eared Slider, the Texas River lesson that just because a turtle Cooter typically does not travel defends itself, it is not necessarily

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#### Ranger Ticket Raffle **Proceeds to Benefit Cancer Fund**

You can win a set of four Texas \$10. They are available at game (except opening day and playoff games) and help out the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund.

The seats are located in Section 131 in the shade between Home Plate and the Rangers' Dugout.

Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for Community Cancer Fund.

Rangers Tickets good for any Texas Heritage Bank or from Debbie Edington at 325-370-9897.

The Rangers' ticket drawing is in memory of Howard Edington. Winner will be drawn at the Cancer Walk on October 1st. All proceeds from the raffle benefit the Cross Plains

#### **American Legion Ladies Auxilary says Thank You for** gifts to Rex Fiscus Benefit

The American Legion Eugene Bell Post 82 Ladies Auxillary of Baird would like to thank everyone who made a donation to the Rex Fiscus Benefit.

The American Legion Ladies Auxilary would like to thank the following businesses for their donations and support.

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Because of your generosity our benefit for Rex Fiscus was truly

Along with the businesses mentioned earlier we had numerous individuals who contributed items for the auction, money or their time to our benefit. To all of you, our heartfelt thanks.

The American Legion Ladies Auxilary

### Sen. Cruz: May We **Never Forget 9/11**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) today issued the following statement in observance of the upcoming fifteenth anniversary of the September 11th terrorist

"On September 11, 2001, the world briefly stopped turning while people from across the globe stood in horror as our nation faced one of its darkest hours. As we watched the planes crash, the buildings crumble and thousands of innocent lives lost in an act of pure evil, we also saw the very best of America - strength, patriotism, and courage.

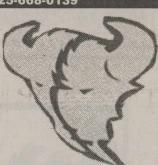
"Through clouds of smoke and rubble, firefighters, law enforcement officers, first responders, and Good

Samaritans rushed into harm's way, some making the ultimate sacrifice, to save the lives of so

"And since then, our brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces have continued their mission to ensure that justice is served and our freedoms are protected.

"Today, we solemnly pause and remember the fallen. We remember each and every American who showed up during our country's time of great need. And we express our profound gratitude for all those who have sacrificed and continue to serve in our ongoing fight against terror.

'May we never forget September 11.



# 13th Annual Keepers Show

Once again, in support of feeding our local children, the 13th Annual Keepers Car Show is scheduled for October 8th at the Clyde City Park. Proceeds from the Car Show will be donated to the Back Pack for Kids Food Program! The Show is part of the Homecoming/ Pecan Festival which begins with the annual parade through downtown Clyde.

Following the parade, there will be displays at the park of over 50 classic cars along with TXDOT and the 12th Armored Museum with several of their vehicles. The local Role Players will be in costume (Star Wars, Captain Jack Sparrow, cartoon characters, etc.) ready for picture taking. In addition, the Glampers (Glamour Campers)

in all their regalia will take us down memory lane. Food will be available for purchase all day, starting with breakfast burritos, followed by brisket sandwiches with homemade beans, corn bread and drinks.

We will have an auction in the early afternoon including a handmade quilt donated by two of our club members. During the day, you can purchase tickets for the many door prizes and raffles. The show will conclude in the afternoon, by showcasing the vehicles in the Grand Keepers Cruise through downtown Clyde.

Please come on down and join us at the 13th Annual Keepers Car Show and all of the festivities in Clyde.



First United Methodist Church Pastor Kevin Morton and the ladies that got to the church at 5 a.m. to prepare the Buffalo Breakfast. From left to right, Arlene Stephenson, Susan Hunter, Candy Tate, Lee Anne Morton, Jan Keyes,



Coach Goode and Jack Shepard visit at the breakfast.

#### **Buffalo Breakfast Served at Methodist Church**

The First United Methodist Church prepared the Buffalo Breakfast on Friday morning for the football team, coaches, cheerleaders and the band.

Pastor Kevin Morton offered a short devotional message after

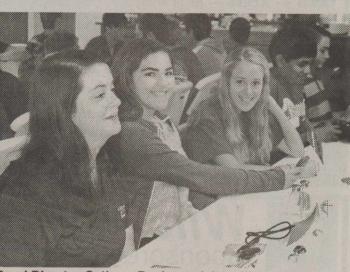
This week's Buffalo Breakfast will be served at the Cottonwood Baptist Church in Cottonwood at 7 a.m. on Friday, September

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Coaches Tracy Tipton, John Ward, Michelle Allen and Daniel Purvis with Band Director Cathryn Rasbury at the Buffalo Breakfast.



Band Director Cathryn Rasbury visits with students.



Getting breakfast in the serving line.



The Fellowship Hall was full of students.



Methodist Church members Jan Keyes and LeeAnne Morton take a break for breakfast.



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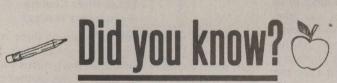
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Ken Brown and Prize-Winning Drawing "Back from Cimmeria". Ken, who was raised in Pioneer and is professionally known as Ken Brown Pioneer, won the "Gold Metal Drawing" First Place Award at the Bosque Art Classic on Saturday. The Art Show continues through September 24th at the Bosque Arts Center, 215 College Hill Drive, in Clifton, Texas.

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# **Texas Quilt Raffle to Benefit Cancer Walk**

You could win this beautiful Red, White and Blue Texas Quilt! The design is a window framed with bluebonnets. Created especially for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund by quilters Wilma Lawrence, Nora Pointer, Azalee Womack, Linda Pringle, Helen Parson, Christine Evans, Mildred Hoegler, Polly Beeler and Michelle Kaiser. Ann Beeler created the label for the quilt. The quilt is on display at the Senior Center.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased at the Senior Center or from any of the quilters. The drawing for the quilt will be held at the Cancer Walk on Saturday,

If you're out of town, you can get tickets. Just send your check to the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund, P. O. Box 183, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Indicate Quilt Raffle on the check. We can mail the tickets to you and you return them with your name and phone number or if you have address labels, send them (and your phone number) along with the check and we'll put them on the tickets for you.

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Audrey and Jewell Purvis getting ready to play bingo.



Fred Dill and Billie Fulcher study their cards



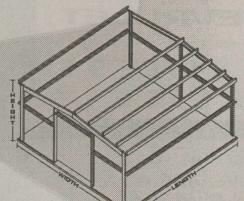
Dannes Turner, Center Director, and Ray Decker, Bingo

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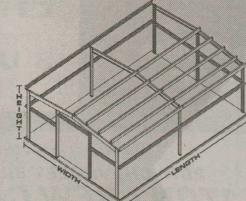
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Six Texans lost their lives on 9/11

in September. It quickly became that following weekend. a nightmare. The horrors of into the memories of Americans. army caring for others as part of fifteenth anniversary of the atrocity, communities across the United States pause to remember the lives lost. In addition to the losses shared by the entire nation, six Texans also lost

marvel of modern architecture. The two main buildings, referred to simply 1 World Trade Center and 2 World Trade Center, stood at 1,368 and 1,362 feet respectively, and were the tallest buildings in the world. It redefined the skyline of New York City and attracted attention from across the globe. It also became before that terrible day. The Pentagon, located just outside Washington, DC, and the heart and struck.

Jimmy Nevill Storey of Katy, born in 1943, had been an executive visiting his company's office at the World Trade Center that morning. He was described as a doting father and grandfather. He loved reading mystery novels and history books.

Michael Tinley was a 56-yearold Dallasite, also an executive. Those who knew him recalled how friendly he always was. Neither made it out of the building.

Barbara Olson was a Houston native born in 1955 and graduate of S. P. Waltrip High School. She had attended the University of St. Thomas in Houston and received a law degree from Yeshiva University in New York. She had become a nationally known attorney and TV commentator before her death.

Daniel Martin Caballero was born in Houston in 1980. As a youth, he would often dismantle his electronic toys, and once in the navy, he became an Electronics Technician Third Class. Described as dedicated, he had worked at the Pentagon for two years, mostly arranging the equipment for videoconferences. Caballero had planned

Lt. Col. Karen Wagner, born in September 11, 2001, are burned 1961, had spent her life in the As the nation approaches the the medical corps. Wagner grew up in a military family in San Antonio. In her position at the Pentagon, she helped organize where medical personnel would be stationed.

Lauren Catuzzi Grandcolas was born in Bloomington, Indi-When the World Trade Center ana, in 1963. She was raised was dedicated in 1973, it was a in Houston and graduated from Stratford High School in Houston before attending the University of Texas. She had taken a number of jobs before becoming a marketing expert for Good Housekeeping and was working on a self-help book for women. In addition, she was three months pregnant with her first child. She was devoted to is called hope. the target of threats in the years many charitable causes, trying to help others. She was returning from her grandmother's funeral when she boarded United Airof America's defense command lines Flight 93. She worked with drkenbridges@gmail.com. since 1943, was also targeted other passengers in an attempt to

call her husband on the ground. Passengers were able to retake the plane just as it was crashed into a quiet field in Pennsylvania. Since her passing, her family has established a scholarship in her honor at Stratford High School and a foundation to provide money for different charities.

The memories of the nation of that terrible day are filled with the reminders of fear but also of the courage that kept more lives from being lost. Memorials across the nation give testimony to not only what was lost but to the unbreakable spirit of a heartbroken America. They also remind us of a strength that comes as grief transforms itself to rebuilding, a strength that has guided America through an often difficult history. That strength

Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas native, writer, and history professor. He can be reached at



### **Buffalo Academy Free Tutoring Program Available For Students** in 7th-12th Grades

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The program is strictly This after school tutoring voluntary and is open to all 7th enrolled at CPISD.

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### **Meat Raffle to Benefit Cancer Walk**

partnering with Butcher Block Processing to donate \$100.00 of meat to be raffled off to the benefit the local Cancer Walk. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Project Pride member, at the bank, library or the Senior Citizen's Center for the usual \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets may also be purchased at the Walk on Sat. Oct. 1, starting around 5:00 p.m.

Winners need not be present at the Cancer Walk to win the package; but it would be wonderful if all the ticket holders could be at the High School Track to participate in all the activities. It's quite an emotional walk as the evening ends with people making one final lap around the track; walking in silence with the only

luminaries glowing in memory of loved ones who did not win the battle against cancer.

All of the Churches, many organizations and people all over the town and surrounding areas will have booths of all kinds. Check out the articles in the Review about the upcoming event and the schedule of the evening.

For more information about purchasing tickets, please contact Anne Rone at 725-9480. Anne heads up this annual event for Project Pride and can direct buyers to the closest site or person for tickets.

Cross Plains is indeed a "caring community" as evidenced by the continual outpouring of love and support for those needing a temporary helping hand.

#### **After School Program** begins at Library Sept.7th

The Cross Plains Public Library will begin their 2016-17 After School Adventure Program on September 7th at 4:00 p.m. We will begin our meeting with a Movie to Book program, featuring the Super

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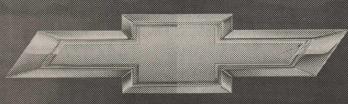
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#### The 6th Annual Cottonwood **Community Benefit Sporting Clays Shoot October 15th**

If you're looking for a day of 5-Stand Sporting Clays, Trap, fun, come to the Cottonwood Community Benefit Sporting Clays Shoot on October 15, 2016.

The event will take place at the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Range between Clyde and Baird as it has been in previous years. The community shoot benefits three non-profit organizations, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, the Cottonwood Historical Association as well as the Callahan County 4 -H Shooting Sports Shotgun

The first squad time begins at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and running all day.

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Team sponsors are 5 member teams for \$150 (\$30 per team member) for competition, nonshooting sponsor for \$25, or individuals are welcome to come shoot the regular individual round fees. Teams are asked to pre-register ...

Topre-registerorforadditional information, contact Adrian for them. Allen at 325-280-7154, or Bob 209 - 601 - 0102.

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### **Cottonwood News** by Beverly Brown

Please keep watching out for the out for the children in Cottonwood. We've received more reports of children playing at the edge of the road.

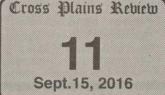
Slow down as you come through town especially traveling on FM1079. There are 18 children living right in Cottonwood and you'll find 5-stand, skeet, or trap for many of them playing outside in their yards. It's so easy for the children to get out into the road. Please keep an eye out

Joe Terstegge will be cooking or Cookie Robinson at 325- brisket for the benefit dinner for 660-5771, or Bill Bishop at little Natalie Bomar on Saturday 325-201-8888, or Roy Boyd at night. Dinner is only \$5 plate at the First Baptist Church from 5

menu, along with sandwiches and desserts. Meal served at 5 p.m. with the music starting at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Cottonwood Community Sporting Clays Shootis coming upon Saturday, October 15th. The event benefits both the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and the Cottonwood Historical Association.

The Burn Ban is OFF. Please call the Sheriff's Office at 325-854-1444 to let them know you are planning to burn.



#### **Cisco Chamber to host Brisket Cookoff Sept. 16th**

Commerce, along with Bar T Building Structures and Brookshire's Grocery, bring you the first ever Big Dam brisket cookoff in Cisco!

Round your cooking team up and come on over to the Conrad Hilton Center, 309 Conrad Hilton Blvd., on September 16 th and 17th! \$100 entry fee per team, which includes the meat

The Cisco Chamber of and 2 shirts for your team, and cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. There's only room for 50 teams so get your entry in today! Call 442-2537 for more information.

Live music throughout the day and a brisket sandwich supper and the Matt Stapp Band to wrap it up at 5:30 pm on September 17 th. Don't miss it!

#### **Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale Fast Approaching**

The Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale is just around the corner on Saturday, October 1st. Perhaps your college student needs some extra dishes for their apartment or linens for their dorm room, or you have a fishing cabin in the woods that needs an extra appliance. Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are just around the corner and gently-used decorations at bargain prices should lure you to come out to the sales all over town. Tupperware, good fall and winter clothing,

decorative household items, books, and many other items will be available.

Want to join us and get some cash for your unwanted items? You can sign up for only \$5 and your sale will be publicized by sponsor Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, with maps of sales given out to residents and "drivers by"

Deadline to enter your sale is September 29th.

To register your sale call or visit the Chamber office 254-725-7251, 225 SW 5th St.



#### **Cross Plains Library Kicks** Off After School Program

The Cross Plains Public Library held their first After School Adventure Program of the year this past Wednesday. The kids enjoyed popcorn while watching "Super Friends"

movie. They all received a free

"Super Friends" book, as well. This program is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library Archives Commission.

### **Helping Hearts and** Hands is October 22nd

The Cross Plains Helping Hears and Hands Committee Texas Heritage Bank, Connie's has set Saturday, October 22nd Cuts and Curls, Cross Plains as the date to help our Senior. low income and handicapped friends. The day is set aside as a work day to help with minor home repairs, winterization and other odd jobs that can be done

in several hours. We meet at the Cross Plains Church of Christ Activity Center at 7 a.m. for a wonderful hot breakfast furnished and prepared by the Church of Christ family. Then our teams are off to works!

Applications are available at Senior Citizen's Center and the Cross Plains Review. These applications need to be returned to those businesses by October 14th to allow our teams time to assess the jobs and buy materials to work with.

If you need our help, please get your application in! If you have questions, contact Connie Kirkham at 254-725-6500 or Wilma Lawrence at 254-725-

### "The Amazing Race Against Cancer" the **Theme of Cancer** Walk Scheduled for Saturday, October 1st

This year's Cancer Walk Senior Center or from any of is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st on the CPISD Football Field.

Start planning your booth now to go along with this year's theme: "The Amazing Race Against Cancer".

Just imagine.... you could be sailing in the Caribbean, boating down the Amazon, climbing Mount Everest, bicycling in Taiwan, ice fishing in Alaska, surfing in California, swimming the English Channel, bullfighting in Spain ....or doing just about anything in any exotic, romantic or scenic destination you and your team can dream up!!!

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This year's Cancer Walk will be the best ever! The Cinderfella Contest is back! Watch local men "dress up" to raise money for the Cancer Fund!

You can take a chance on a beautiful quilt handmade by Wilma Lawrence, Nora Pointer, Azalee Womack, Linda Pringle, Helen Parson, Christine Evans, Mildred Hoegler, Polly Beeler and Michelle Kaiser. The quilt is on display at the Senior Center. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased at the

the quilters or walking teams.

Brenda Simons has made another gorgeous quilt for the Cancer Walk, in memory of Homer Simons, that will be included in the Live Auction.

There will also be a drawing for a picnic table with a built-in cooler.

A 40" Magnavox Smart LED television set, a wooden rocker, decor items and many other prizes are included in the main Cancer Fund drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased at the Senior Center or from any of the walking teams.

Stop by Texas Heritage Bank and see the drawing for a barbeque grill. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Team Neva is taking chances on a multi-colored afghan. You can get tickets from Stephanie Yates Thompson. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

So many things are planned for this year's Cancer Walk. Be sure you are part of the excitement! Start planning your walking team or booth



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Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce to hold ribbon cutting for Paws-tively Stylish Grooming Thursday, September 15th at 12 noon. The chamber would like to

invite the community out to help us welcome this new business!

Paws-tively Stylish Grooming located at 232 SW 4th, Cross

#### **Cottonwood Community Sporting Clays Shoot**

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Cottonwood Community Sporting Clays Shoot benefiting the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group and the Cottonwood Historical Association.

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It's almost time for the Annual be held for fun. The fee for a team for Sporting Clays is \$150. Gather a team to come to the Callahan County Shooting Sports Range on Saturday, October15th for a day of fun. Watch your papers for more details or contact Bob or Cookie

Robinson at 325 -660 -5771.

### **Community Fire Shower** for Curtis and Shelia **Taylor on September 22**

You are invited to join the Kirkham's in blessing Curtis, Sheila, MacKenzie and Sam with a show to help restore the items that they lost in the fire that destroyed their home in

The Taylors have secured a house and are ready to get back to a home of their own.

The family has made selections at Higginbotham's. The colors and decor of their new home are:

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#### Week-enders visit REH Museum

Josh Hensen drove up from Austin to see one of the items on his bucket list.....the home of one of his all time favorite writers. Christine came along for the ride just because it was such a beautiful day for a drive. Josh is actually from St. Cloud, FL where he works in a historical museum, so he was especially interested in, and favorably impressed with, the presentation of the house. Christine is a singer with a rock band in the Austin music scene.

Josh was a teen-ager when he discovered Howard's writings; starting with the Conan stories, he rapidly expanded his knowledge of Howard through the boxing stories, the other fantasy characters and the poetry

Their plan was to grab a bite to eat before heading back to Austin by way of the Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood where they hoped to view the Howard's gravesite.

#### **Cross Plains Students Are Set To** "Read for the Record" on October 27th

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Kindergarten and first grade students will once again participate in Jumpstart's premiere national campaign Read for the Record®, presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, thanks to the Cross Plains Public Library.

Read for the Record® is one day of the year when millions of individuals come together to celebrate literacy and support Jumpstart in its efforts to promote early childhood education. On Thursday, October 27 th, people across the country will be encouraged to read the children's book "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich" by Julia Sarcone-Roach, in support of Jumpstart's mission to work towards the day that every child in America enters school prepared to succeed. Cross Plains' kindergarten and first grade teachers will read the book to their students that

day, and thanks to a friend of the library, the Cross Plains Public Library received funds to purchase a copy of the book for each student to take home.

In addition, staff at the Cross Plains Public Library will be reading the book to preschool children at 4:00pm in the library. The book will be available for checkout also.

In 2006, Jumpstart launched the first Read for the Record® campaign with the classic story "The Little Engine That Could." Jumpstart began the morning of that campaign day on NBC's TODAY Show, which has become a proud tradition. Jumpstart's supporters helped set a new record for reading the same book on the same day, and in the process, created a national forum for concerned citizens to voice their support of early education.

We hope you'll help us break the record by joining us to read "The Bear Ate Your Sandwich" on Oct.27 th!

#### Save Box Tops and Lowe's Register Tapes to **Help School Programs**

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We appreciate all your help in

### What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



LOOKING FOR ME by Beth

Teddi Overman started her

career in antiques when she found a chair left for trash pickup in Kentucky. She could turn another man's trash into a "Treasure" for someone else. She is able to eventually able to open her own antique store, find friends, and fine tune her refurbishing skills in

Charleston, South Carolina. The customers in the store add interest and a little comedy One being an to the story. eccentric old lady who shoplifts item. Her son said to just send him the bill anytime that him mom took something. Teddi befriends the old woman. Upon

her death the son visits to thank her and a relationship develops.

Teddi's brother Josh had been missing for several years, but suddenly there are hints that he is possibly still alive. To further investigate she must return to Kentucky and come to terms with her shattered family and find herself.

Should she sell the shop or not? She has some hard choices to make.

Thedevelopment of characters and their relationships with each other gives the book it's interest. The people she hires and her customers are unique.

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#### Rising Star Nursing Center **Therapy Partnership Announced**

Rising Star Nursing Center is proud to announce our partnership with Rehab Synergies Rehabilitation Services beginning September

\* Together with Rising Star Nursing Center, Rehab Synergies will strive toward clinical expertise through the use of the latest in therapeutic knowledge and resources including Accelerated Care Plus Therapeutic Modalities, Relias Learning, CEU360 and Quarterly In-House Continued Education offerings. We will provide the most effective treatments and services to our residents which may include approaches using E-Stim for Dysphagia, Omni Cycle, Ultra Sound, Biodex, NuStep and <sup>1</sup>iN2L to enhance programs such as Cardiac & Stroke Rehab, Balance & Gait Deficits and Lymphedema Management to

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Family Services Center and **VFirst United Methodist Church** flof Cross Plains are offering Parenting Wisely, an interactive bvideo program showing you proven, effective ways to deal with family struggles. You will view problem situations that are bcommon to today's families. TYou will learn various skills to help you impact your children and future generations.

You are your child's Superhero! Make plans to join us to learn great superhero

Registration and the 1st class will be on Wednesday, September 21st at 2:00 p.m. Classes will be held weekly each Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and will meet for 10 weeks. First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains will be hosting this program.

For more information please call Family Services Center at 325-646-5939 or toll free 1-866-211-2255. This program is funded in part by PEI: Prevention and Early Intervention; FSC is a United Way Agency.

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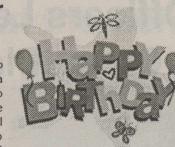
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The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for a Fall Fish Sale. The District offers fish to the general public on a first come first serve basis at a very inexpensive price. These fish come from the Arms Fish Farm out of Dublin, Texas. Supplies are limited so get your orders in early!!

This year's selection of fish includes Bluegill, Red Ear, Grass Carp, Largemouth Bass, Catfish, Crappie and Goldfish. We are also offering Fathead and Golden Shiner Minnows. Grass carp require a permit which can be obtained at our office or on line through Texas Parks and Wildlife.

The fish will be delivered to Baird on September 29, 2016 for pick up.

For more information call Genea Williams 325-854-1049 ex.4 Orders must be prepaid by check or money order.

#### Buffalo Breakfast at the Cottonwood **Baptist Church** on Friday

This week's Buffalo Breakfast will be held at the Cottonwood Baptist Church in Cottonwood on Friday, September 16th.

Breakfast will be served to the football players at 7 a.m. followed by a short devotional. Please keep the football prayers as they travel to San Saba to play the Armadillos on Friday night.

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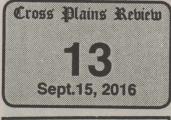
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Light The Night at the Cancer Walk, October 1st, with luminarie candle sacks honorin your loved ones. Help Raise Funds to Support our Community Cancer Fund.

What a special way to remember or honora loved one by dedicating a luminarie candle sack, or carrying an illuminated balloon in the twilight of our annual Community Cancer Walk. The luminarie sacks will surround the football field the night of the Cancer Walk and will be lit just before the memory

It is truly a beautiful sight to see, and we hope you will help support our efforts to raise money for this cause.

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#### Rolling Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to meet on September 20th

TEMPLE—The Rolling Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will meet September 20, 2016 in Albany for their annual business

"Registration for the meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at the Old Jail Museum located at 201 South 2nd Street," said John Tate, president of the Rolling Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Todd Kercheval, Texas Governmental Affairs Consultant of Austin and Austin attorney J. Pete Laney, a legislative and governmental relations specialist are expected to address soil and water conservation district directors attending the meeting about key issues in the upcoming legislative session.

Soil and water conservation district directors will also hear updates on soil and water conservation programs and issues from members of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) coordinate the implementation and delivery of coordinated natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers. Additionally, SWCDs participate in planning. implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources

of water pollution. Additionally, they participate in a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush, as well as working to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance and structural repairs.

Sixteen soil and water conservation districts make up the Rolling Plains Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Counties which the SWCDs serve include Callahan, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Parker, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jack, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Clay, Wichita, and Wilbarger Counties.

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Come by the Cross Plains Senior Center and experience ZAAZ for yourself.



Donna Wagner works on the ZAAZ machine, while Billie Fulcher ridss one of the exercise bicycles at the Senior



Sisters Judy Porter and Johnnie Bland trying out the ZAAZ Machine.

### Local 4-H Officers Learn Parliamentary **Procedure; Cross Plains 4-H News**

Time to enroll for 4-H for the year. Sign up online at https:// www.4honline.com.

4-H has something for everyone: Stock showing, photography, cooking, sewing, community service and much more. For more information, stop by Junkin Daze on Main Street. Our local leader, Terrie Parum, will be more than happy to get you started.

The 4-Hofficers held a meeting on Thursday, September 8th. We discussed our first meeting of the year which will be on Monday, September 12th. We practiced parliamentary procedure. The officers who attended were: Shania Hutton, President; Katy Goains, Secretary/Treasurer; Jolie Hutton, Reporter; and Spade Koenig, Parliamentarian.

Amy Reed helped go over the procedures on conducting a proper meeting. Other adults who attended were 4-H leader Terrie Parum, Carrie Hutton, Shannon Nichols and Mary

#### **Cross Plains** Community Calendar

~~ September ~~ Sept 17 - Benefit for NataLee Bomar, First Baptist Church Family Life Center Sept 22 - Fire Shower for Curtis and Sheila Bell Taylor and family, Connie Kirkham's

~~ October ~~ Oct 1 - Cancer Walk, CPISD Football Field. Oct 1 - Community Wide Garage Sale Oct 1 - Mini-Cheer Camp,

High School gymnasium Oct 14 & 15 - Benefit Dinner for the Jeremiah 29:11 Project, Cliff & Connie Kirkham's, Oct 26 - Trunk or Treat, First **Baptist Church** 

~~ November ~~ Nov 5 - Hunter's Feed, presented by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Senior Center Parking Lot. Nov 10 - Lord's Acre, First

United Methodist Church. Nov 23-25 - School's out for Thanksgiving Holiday. Nov 24 - Thanksgiving

~~ December ~~ Dec 2 - Kiwanis Stew Supper and Christmas Parade. Dec 16 - School's out for Christmas Holiday. Dec 25 - Christmas.



Practicing Parliamentary Procedure - from left, Dalton Hutton; Shania Hutton -President, Jolie Hutton - Reporter, Amy Reed, Katy Goains - Secretary/Treasurer and **Terrie Parum** 

The 4-H Motto is "To Make the Best Better." We hope to live up to this throughout this year and years to come. For more info, contact Terrie Parum at 254-725-6423 or the 4-H Extension office at 325-854-5835.

- Submitted by Jolie Hutton, Cross Plains 4-H Reporter.

#### Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale Slated for October 1st

Fall is in the air and cleaning out closets and storage is on the schedule. Want to get some cash for your unwanted items? The Annual Community-Wide Yard Sale is just around the corner on Saturday, October 1st. You can sign up for only \$5 and your sale will be publicized by sponsor Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, with maps of sales given out to residents and "drivers by".

Deadline to enter your sale is September 29th.

Get on board and join in the community spirit!

To register your sale call or visit the Chamber office 254-725-7251, 225 SW 5th St.



**Amy Reed with Katie Goains** 



4-H Leader Terrie Parum with Mary Hutton

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL Election held on NOVEMBER 8, 2016

will be tested on SEPTEMBER 20, 2016 at 10:00 AM at CALLAHAN COUNTY (date) (time)

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(hora)

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### Fun at Game Night at the Senior Center

Seniors and some young folks enjoyed Game Night at the Senior Center!

Tables full of domino and card players had fun visiting and playing.

Many people also shot pool. They also enjoyed a pot luck dinner later in the evening.



Playing 42 - Mark Pack, Charles Waggoner, Fred Dill and Leslie Wyatt playing 42, while Jesse Casey, left, looks



Ronald McCowen and Sally Whitely playing a card game.



Playing Dominoes - Russ Miller, Nora Odom and Wendell Draper.



Shooting Pool - Bobby Jack McCowen and Gary Childers shoot pool on the new pool table.



Playing Dominoes - Jackie Thomas, Vanda Draper and Keegan King



Playing Dominoes - Phyllis Harris, George and Linda **Methvin and Therennie McGrohan** 



David Croquart and Jim Reynolds visit at Game Night.

### **Grand Ole Oplin** September Line-up

Put on your dancing shoes and dancing and join us at the Grand Ole Oplin. These Friday night dances are hosted by the Oplin Community Center, located at the intersection of FM 604 and

Here is the September Line-

Blue plays for you September 23rd-Muddy Creek gets you on your feet

September 16th-Midnight

 September 30th-Midnight Blue rounds out the month

The low admission price of \$5.00, per person, lets you hich is alcohol and free. Dances begin at 7:30 PM and ends at 10:30 PM.

Come on out, you'll have a good time at the Grand Ole

## Callahan County **Library News**

From the Past Callahan County Clarendon Saturday July 22, 1882, Vol.

3, No 16

Possibilities of a Sheep Ranch Mr. E. A. Hittson's wool clip, at Abilene, on the 16th, is worthy of prominent mention. The special to the News sated that he drove his flock of 1,450 sheep into town and there shared them publicly. The clip, it is stated, averaged 14 1-4 pounds to the sheep, one ram yielding 37 pounds, one ewe 19.5 pounds, and a year-old 16 pounds. This is certainly a remarkable clip. It is heaviest remembered to have been reported in Texas, and shows what care in the selections of breeds and care in management will accomplish. Formerly a five pound average was considered a good clip, and no sheep raiser ever doubted that average. When it comes to 14 1-4 pounds the profits loom up into the bonanza region. Mr. Hittson's aggregate clip from 1,400 sheep was 21,025 pounds, which at 24 cents per pound, yielded him the snug sum of \$5,046. His ranch is evidently in it infancy; say that his flock only doubles annually, five years will give him a clip from 46,000 head, and if he should then make the average of this clip, his clip will be 649,600 pounds which at 24 cents per pound will enable him to pocket the enormous product of \$165,904. What has been done may be done, and therefore this pictures of the possibilities of a Texas sheep ranch is hardly overdrawn. The industry with or without protection, is probably more remunerative than any vocation in the country, on condition precluding adulteration, false weights, chicane and roguery.

The boy of ten years of age who has saved his nickels and pennies can start a ranch with a ram and ewe, and at 21 shear a flock of 4,000 head, weigh off a clip of 56,000 pounds, and celebrate he majority with an annual income of \$18,440. How many boys in Texas will try the experiment? - Galveston

At Belle Plain

In company with Mrs. Editor we took a trip to Belle Plain last Tuesday. We took passage in one of Patterson's fine new buggies drawn by one of his newly bought teams. We arrived in Belle Plain in time to get a good dinner at Lyter Huffman's pleasant home. After dinner we took a stroll through his garden where we found several ripe watermelons, one of which we carried off to remember Huffman by. His garden, is in a flourishing condition.

Belle Plain was, as usual quiet. Although it was the usual time for holding county court, there was nothing much being done. Maj. W. H. Client has been appointed special judge during the absence of Judge T. J. Austin.

We found the business men all cheerful as usual. Messrs. W. J. Power & Co. are doing a good business, and Mr. M. H. Allen was busy pounding the hot iron. He is a good blacksmith and we are glad to see his work appreciated.

We regretted to learn of the serious illness of Mr. W. H. Parvin; but she has since recovered.

The residences in the place are about all occupied.

We had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Power, who has established himself in business and is making a host of friends.

#### "Unbranded" **Book-to-Movie Event**

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "Unbranded" at the library on Thursday, October 13 th at 5:30p.m.

This event is FREE, including enjoy a family friendly venue, the books (valued at \$29.99 each) thanks to a "lexas Reads: Book-to-Movie" grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Participants may pick up a copy of the book at the library. We will view the movie and then head to Jean's Feed Barn for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie. If you want to participate, but wish to download the book on your Nook or Kindle, you can be reimbursed with this grant. Just bring your receipt to the library.

"Unbranded" is a true story written by Ben Masters about his 3,000-mile journey with three friends through the backcountry of the American West, from Mexico to Canada.

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# **Thank You**

Chris and I our family would like to express our thanks for all the caring expressions and kind actions that we have received from all our family and friends during this tragic loss.

We have drawn strenght from your prayers and from all you've done. Our loving memories of Clint and your out pouring of love have helped sustain us.

God bless you all Love, The Connelly Family

### Callahan County Riding Club 2016 Schedule

Callahan County Riding Club 2016 Schedule. 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

Competition begins at 7:30

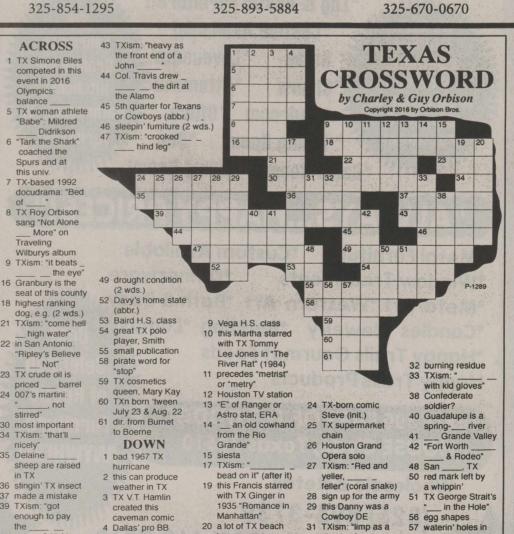
Check our Facebook Page--Callahan County Riding Club for any rain-outs or makeup

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#### **Cross Plains Public Library Awarded** Grant of \$3,169 for Book-to-Movie Events

The Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC) recently awarded funding in the amount of \$3,169 to the Cross Plains Public Library under its Texas Reads grant program. The library will provide 14 Book-to-Movie (BTM) Events - 6 for adults, 4 for children, and 4 for teens - beginning September 2016. Patrons will have access to FREE books associated with a designated

movie.

"We are so excited to receive this grant," stated BTM chairperson Linda Burns. "These funds will allow us to host events that we otherwise could not afford. For instance, our first adult BTM title is "Unbranded" and the books are almost \$30 each, which is more than the usual \$5 books we have studied in the past. Since the grant pays for the books - including downloaded eBooks - everyone who wants to participate can do so. Also, we had to purchase a special license to show the movie "Unbranded" in public and our library could not afford the

extra license fee. This grant will

Our children already had their first BTM event last week with a showing of Super Friendsand the "Super Friends: Jailbreak!" book. Teens will view "Ender's Game" for their first event. Adult events will feature "Unbroken," "Watership Down," and other titles of interest. Be sure to visit our Facebook page or website for upcoming events.

This project is just one of 73 made possible this year by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. "Funding from these grants will provide a margin of innovation to allow Texas libraries and their literary counterparts to introduce new services and resources in their communities," said Mark Smith, TSLAC Director and

For the 2017 fiscal year, which runs from September 1, 2016, to August 31, 2017, TSLAC has awarded approximately \$2.1 million in competitive grants.

"In the wider scope of spending on libraries, the LSTA funds are small, but they provide crucial seed money libraries need to experiment with new ideas and new models," comments Smith. The agency's Texas Reads Grant program supports projects that promote reading and literacy within local communities. TSLAC is funding 10 Texas Reads grants this year, with awards ranging from \$2,870 to \$5,000.

About The Texas State Library And Archives Commission

Formed in 1909, TSLAC is committed to giving Texans access to information and programs to improve their lives and communities. TSLAC provides historical and genealogical search assistance, federal and state government documents, electronic research and library services to all Texans, including those who are unable to read standard print material because of physical or reading disabilities. For more information, visit www.tsl.texas.gov.

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### Cross Plains 2016 retail sales lower by 14% compared to 2015

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2016 are just over fourteen 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, September 7th.

Cross Plains' 2016 sales tax payments for the year totaled \$163,284.95, which is 14.84 percent lower than the \$191,739.12 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2015.

The payment to the city for September 2016 was \$18,240.21, which is lower by 39.50 percent from the September 2015 payment of \$30,152.13.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today, Wednesday, September 7th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$629.2 million in local sales tax allocations for September, 1.4 percent less than in September 2015. These allocations are based on sales made in July by businesses that report tax monthly

"The cities of Houston, Midland, San Antonio and Frisco saw decreases in sales tax allocation," Hegar said. "The cities of Dallas and Plano saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$411.3 million in September 2016, which is lower by 1.6 percent compared to September 2015 and higher by 0.7 percent year-

He reported \$36.7 million in September 2016 allocations to Texas counties, which is lower by 7.4 percent compared to September 2015 and lower by 6.2 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$142.9 million in September 2016 sales tax allocations, which is 0.1 percent lower than September 2015 and higher by 0.6 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$38.3 million in September 2016 allocations. which is 1.9 percent higher than September 2015 and higher by 0.6 percent year-to-date.

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

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

#### Cancer Walk Slated for Saturday, October 1st

Saturday, October 1st is the date for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk, held on the Cross Plains ISD Football Field. The event starts at 5 p.m. The memory walk begins at dark and recognizes those in our community who

have passed away from cancer. The theme for this year's event is "The Amazing Race Against Cancer". Start planning your booth for this around the world adventure!

**CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS** 2015 2016 Total yearly sales tax |\$191,739.12| |\$163,284.95| payments Total monthly \$30,152.13 \$18,240.21 sales tax payments

Web site at http://comptroller. texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/ compsum.html.

this month include:

-The City of Baird reported \$103,316.67 ments. The city has received with their tax returns. The state \$211,956.10 in 2016, while the keeps its 6 1/4% share and 2015 tax payments to the city returns the local one percent totaled \$198,818.19.

percent higher than the pay- the state's sales tax. ment in September 2015 of \$21,625.17.

ments in the City of Clyde are of one percent for the Clyde 24.97 percent higher than the Economic Development Corpopayments made to the city in ration and one half of one per-2015. The sales tax rebates for cent to reduce property taxes the City of Clyde have amount- (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde ed to \$608,464.12 in 2016. Volunteer Fire Department). The 2015 payments to the city during the same payment perilocal sales taxes, of which 1.00 od were \$486,856.16.

\$50,368.17

totaled \$5,858.52, which is to reduce property taxes. lower by 34.32 percent from the Putnam collects 1.00% in lo-2015 payments to the city in the cal sales tax of which all 1.00 amount of \$8,920.39.

2015 payment of \$1,171.20.

ry Reports on the Comptroller's totaled \$886,333.86.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of September 2016 was Other Callahan County towns \$89,479.06, which is 13.39 reporting sales tax payments for percent lower than the payments in September 2015 of

that sales tax payments in 2016 Merchants collect the state started the year 6.60 percent and local sales tax and send higher than the 2016 pay- it to the Comptroller's office sales tax each month to the Baird's monthly payment local governments. Cities and for September 2016 was counties may levy a combined \$23,445.92, which is 8.41 tax of up to two percent above

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent -The 2016 sales tax pay- for the City of Clyde, one-half

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in percent is allocated to the city The City of Clyde's monthly and 1.00% is allocated for ecopayment for September 2016 nomic development in the town. was \$47,250.84, which is Baird collects 2.00% in local 6.18 percent lower than the sales tax of which 1.00% is September 2015 payment of allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's —The City of Putnam reported economic development corpothe 2016 payments to the town ration and 0.50% of one percent

percent is allocated to the city.

Putnam's tax payment for the All local sales taxes must be month of September 2016 was approved by local voters and \$542.09, which is 53.71 per- may be used for any legal city cent lower than the September or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General -Countywide, sales tax pay- Fund and use it for normal ments for 2016 in Callahan operations like fire fighting, County are higher by 11.64 per- maintaining roads and law cent compared to the 2015 pay- enforcement, the Comptroller ments in the county. Callahan said. Some cities use up to an County towns received sales tax additional one percent of city payments in 2016 amounting sales tax to help fund local to \$989,563.69 while the 2015 economic development and to







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Cans of Food are Needed for the Cancer Walk. After the Cancer Walk, the cans will be donated to the Food Pantry and the Senior Center.

### Can Goods Needed for Cancer Walk

For the last two years, caring citizens from Cross Plains and the surrounding area generously donated hundreds of canned goods to be used at the Cancer Walk. Each can was placed in one of the luminary sacks, a battery-powered tea light sat on the can - and in the dark the luminary sacks created an amazing glow around the CPISD track and football field for the "Memory Walk", the final walk of the Cancer Walk.

If you missed this event, make sure you come this year, as the "Memory Walk" is a beautiful and chilling memorial. The tea lights are lit, the overhead lights are turned off and the names of

the loved ones who have passed on due to cancer are read aloud.

Your generous donations made the Cancer Walk so successful and we need your help again. We are collecting canned goods for this year's Cancer Walk that will be held on Saturday, October 1st. We have a collection box set up at Lowe's Market and at the Senior Citizens Center. If you'd like to collect cans at your business, please let Cindy or Dannes know, and we will get a collection box to you.

After the Cancer Walk, the canned goods will be donated to the Food Bank and the Senior Citizens Center.



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# Constitution Day USA

American Constitution Day consistent and reliable. is a national observance on September 17th commemorating the signing of the Constitution by 39 founders on that day in 1787 at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. All publicly funded educational institutions and federal agencies are required by federal law to provide concurrent Constitution educational programming. Unfortunately, it normally passes with little media attention and information.

Constitution illiteracy is widespread and worrisome. Knowledge is gained only through independent educational, historical, governmental, judicial or legal sources. Misinformation abounds from unqualified history deniers and revisionists with self-serving religious and political agendas. They freely express opinions but seldom exhibit knowledge about the Constitution or its history.

The Preamble states 6 secular reasons for our national establishment. The Constitution is the original legal document creating our secular form of government, its organization and operation. The first 10 Amendments are our Bill of Rights providing individual liberties for Americans, 17 additional Amendments have been federal legislative branch enacted and states ratified.

The Constitution provides for three separate and equal government branches. The legislative branch enacts law (Article I), executive branch executes law (Article II), and judicial branch interprets law with the exclusive power to decide all cases arising under the Constitution (Article III). When the Supreme Court decides a Constitution case, it becomes settled law and all government branches, states and citizens must comply. The judicial doctrine "Stare Decisis" (decision adherence) applies and the decision becomes legal precedent rarely re-litigated. This insures American law is

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There are only 2 ways to amend the Constitution: (1) constitutional convention requiring 2/3s of state legislatures to convene, agree and enact the amendment, then ratification by 3/4s of 50 states; and (2) amendment enactment by 2/3s of the Senate and House of Representatives, then ratification by 3/4s of 50 states. It cannot be amended by citizen

The original 1782 national mottoes created by our founders are secular: "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of Many One): "Novos Ardo Seclorum" (New Order of the Ages); and "Annuit Coeptis" (Undertakings Favored)

The 1776 Declaration of Independence, which is not law, uses only universal terms ("Laws of Nature", "Nature's God", "Creator" and "Divine Providence") that are not exclusive to any religion.

Separation of church and state is a fundamental liberty of free people that keeps public government out of private religion and private religion out of public government. It is clearly the intent of our founders as confirmed by the Constitution 1st Amendment. indisputably documented by countless historic records, publicly acknowledged by every President since Thomas Jefferson, continuously confirmed by the US Supreme Court, and firmly embedded in the long established law of our land. The Constitution even provides "no religious test" shall ever be required as a qualification to any public office or public trust (Article VI).

The 1st Amendment provides 3 religious liberties for all Americans:

Freedom from religion - our government is prevented from "respecting an establishment of religion" (favoring any religion). It is the right of all Americans to be free from the imposition of religion by the government or its representatives.

government is prevented from "prohibiting the free exercise of religion". It is the right of all Americans to practice a religion or no religion provided it does not violate the rights of other Americans

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Freedom to speak about religion - our government is prevented from "abridging the freedom of speech" unless it violates the rights of other Americans.

There should be no misunderstanding about the meaning of the operative words of these first three provisions of the 1st Amendment. All one has to do is look up "respecting", "prohibiting" or "abridging" in any American dictionary.

It is a matter of fact, history and law we were not created as a religion-based nation. This question was permanently settled in 1797 by the Treaty of Tripoli, a publicly recorded one-page international legal document in the Department of State historical archives, that declared to the world ... The United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion...". It was negotiated during 1st President George Washington's administration, unanimously ratified by the Senate, and signed by 2nd

US Consul to Algiers, Joel Barlow (Washington appointee & American Revolution chaplain), negotiated the treaty, co-authored the Arabic version signed in Tripoli during Washington's presidency, and authored the English version ratified and signed in the US during Adams' presidency.

It is significant that the solitary eagle was selected as our national symbol. Eagles are independent and fearless like our patriotic and courageous founders. You find them one at a time and, unlike submissive sheep, they do not flock or follow.

The very definition of a republic is a nation "of laws, and not of men." - 2nd President John Adams ("Thoughts on Government", 1776).

"We establish no religion in this country, we command no worship, we mandate no belief, nor will we ever. Church and state are, and must remain, separate." - 40th President Ronald Reagan (public speech at Valley Stream, New York on October 26, 1984).

John Compere

a 4th generation West Texan; retired Army airborne officer, Texas lawyer & US judge; disabled American Vietnam era veteran; and area rancher.

### Sept.15, 2016 Star of Texas 2-Office of the Governor **Governor Abbott Presents**

Governor Abbott Presents 2016 Star Of Texas Awards

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today presented the Star of Texas Awards to first responders, peace officers and firefighters who have demonstrated remarkable courage and heroism in serving and protecting their communities throughout the state. The Star of Texas Awards were created by the Texas Legislature in 2003 to honor men and women who have been seriously injured or killed

in the line of duty. "Today, Texas honors the extraordinary few - those who have demonstrated the character and the courage to repeatedly put their lives on the line to serve and protect their communities," said Governor Abbott. "Today we recognize acts of uncommon valor - by first responders, firefighters and law enforcement officers willing to put everything on the line to keep us safe. All of the men and women who protect and serve, and the families who stand by their sides, deserve our deepest respect. They represent the very best of Texas.

The 2016 recipients of the Star of Texas Awards are: Peace Officers Killed in the

Line of Duty Darrell Lamond Allen, Marlin Police Department

Adrian Arellano, El Paso Police Department Richard Allen Brush, Point

Comfort Police Department Paul Aaron Buckles, Potter County Sheriff's Office

Caran Renee Coward, Livingston Police Department Reuben B. DeLeon Jr., Houston Police Department Steven Keith Fleming, Gainesville Police Department

Darren H. Goforth, Harris

County Sheriff's Office

Police Department

Thomas Luell Keen, Harris County Sheriff's Office William Karl Keesee, Texas

Department of Public Safety John Mathew Maki, Celeste Police Department Michael Joe Naylor, Midland

County Sheriff's Office Jeffrey Don Nichols, Texas Department of Public Safety

David Ortiz, El Paso Police Department Michael Anthony Pimentel, Elmendorf Police Department

Jeffrey Emmons Radford, Bell County Constable Precinct 3 Mark Luis Scianna, Bexar County Constable Precinct 3 Jesse Valdez, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Donald Ellis Wass, Washington County Sheriff's Office **Emergency Medical First** 

Responders Seriously Injured in the Line of Duty Howard Gene Holmes, 3n1 Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Fighters Seriously In jured in the Line of Duty Jeremiah Matthew Casares,

Austin Fire Department Eddie Hykel, West Fire Department

George W. Nors, West Fire Department David Alan Maler, West Fire

Department Emmanuel Mitchell, West Fire Department

Peace Officers Seriously In jured in the Line of Duty Michael Paul Bali, Arlington Police Department

Leticia Flores Brooks, Arlington Police Department Ryan Edward Burns, Lubbock County Sheriff's Department Joseph Canales, Bexar County Sheriff's Office

Jennifer Castaneda, Jacinto City Police Department Michael Jawad Chapman, Conroe Police Department Richard Gilmore Doane,

2016 Star Of Texas Awards David Stefan Hofer, Euless Concho County Sheriff's Office Michael Donato, Bexar County Sheriff's Office

Charles Joseph Duhamel, Harlingen Police Department Rvan Lamar Durrett, Lubbock Police Department

Jacob Quintana Flores, Lubbock Police Department Wilford Lloyd Garvin, Galveston County Sheriff's

Carlos Guillermo Henderson, The Colony Police Department Rodney Flores Hernandez, Texas Department of Public

John Hogan, Lake Jackson Police Department Brian Jackson, San Angelo

Police Department Stephen Andrew Jones, Montgomery County Sheriff's

Andrew Scott Jordan, Corpus Christi Police Department

Timothy Ray Keele, Texas Department of Public Safety

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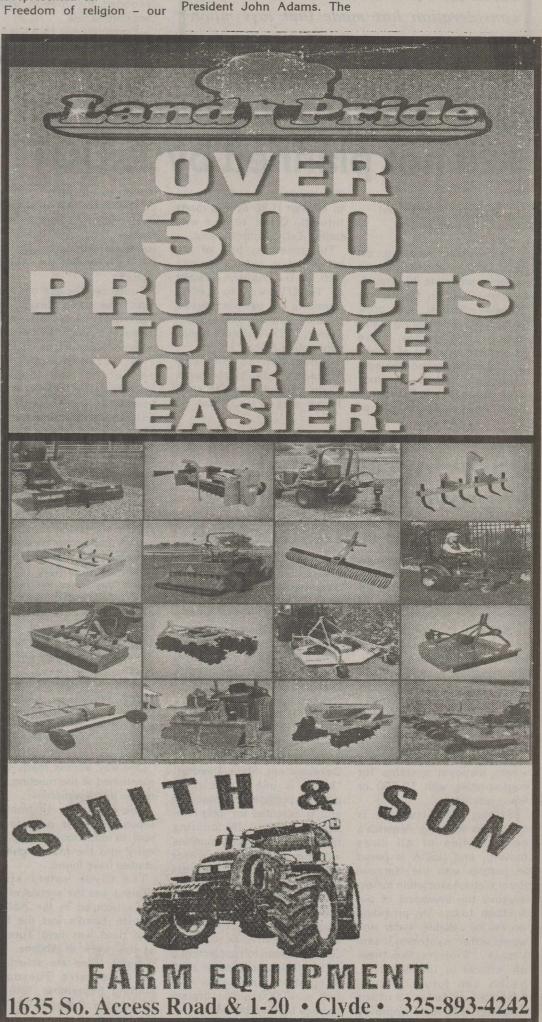
Federal Bureau of Investigation Matthew A. Pearce, Fort Worth Police Department Armando Perez, Austin Police

Department James Pittman, Austin Police Department Steven Wayne Ruebelmann,

Corpus Christi Police Department Jeremy Justin Talbert, Harris County Constable's Office

Precinct 4 Michael Anthony Thomas, Texas Department of Public

Ricky D. Wallace, Texas Tech University Police Department



### Commissioners approve 2016-2017 tax rate

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was burn ban. Burn ban remains held at its regular meeting lifted. place in the Courthouse on the following officers present to wit: Roger Corn, County Judge; 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 and ex-Officio of Commissioners Court. Also attending: Rick Jowers, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Robert Dalton, Clyde Police Department; Shane Ivanoski; Terry Joy, Sheriff; Shane Deel, County Attorney; Lori Higgins, Baird City Secretary; Eric Howard, Baird City Marshall; Kevin W. Scott, KBL Restoration; Sam Goldsmith, Goldsmith Solutions (phone in; and Scott Kniffen.

The following items of business were transacted:

-The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

—The minutes of the previous meetings were reviewed and

-Under public comment Sheriff Terry Joy presented a letter showing his concern about vacating the jail. Robert Dalton also spoke is concerns about closing the County jail. No action was taken.

Thank You!

appreciation and

It is with heartfelt

eternal gratitude we

thank each of you for

letters, flowers, food,

telephone calls and all

other acts of kindness

during the loss of our loved one Don

Tabor. He will be severely missed and your

consideration has made that loss much

your cards, prayers,

-No action was taken on the

-Treasurer Jan Windham September 12, 2016 A.D., with presented the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Exhibit included

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to purchase a dump truck for precinct 3 through the buy board. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to approve a Windstream communication line. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve a Texas Department of Agriculture Resolution regarding home delivered meal grant program. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Exhibit included.

-Kevin Scott of KBL Restoration Inc. gave an update on the restoration of

the windows and the electrical. -Sam Goldsmith with Goldsmith Solutions spoke via phone to the Court about the progress of the air conditioning units replacing the window units. Replacing the number of units which is 14 there

needs to be a formal plan drawn up by a mechanical These documents are needed to take bids for the air conditioning. This would cost approximately \$6,000 to \$8,000. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the cost for the documents and drawings and the certification not to exceed \$8,000.00. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Sam Goldsmith presented a list of change orders for the Courthouse window restoration and electrical system repair. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept these changes. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to give the County Treasurer the authority to amend the 2015-2016 budget. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to accept a donation of \$300.00 to the Callahan County Library from Mike Konczak. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to advertise to take sealed bids to sell 4 windows at Precinct 1 Baird barn. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the Sheriff's report presented by Sheriff Joy and to also accept the overtime report. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adopt a resolution in Opposition to Appraisal Caps and Revenue Caps. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to adopt a resolution for State Funds for Indigent Criminal Defense. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion which then carried 5-0.

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adopt a resolution in Opposition to Unfunded Mandates. Commissioner

Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried

-After lengthy discussion about the jail changes, Commissioner Hicks made a motion to go with the budget changes. The Judge asked "does that include vacating the jail"? Commissioner Hicks said "yes". Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-2.

Record vote: Judge Corn - no Commissioner Hicks - yes

Commissioner Farmer – yes

Commissioner Windham - yes Commissioner Kirkham - no -Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget. Commissioner Hicks seconded

the motion. The motion carried

3-2. Exhibit is included. Record vote: Judge Corn - no Commissioner Hicks - yes Commissioner Farmer - yes Commissioner Windham - yes Commissioner Kirkham - no

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to adopt the 2016-2017 Tax Rate of:

0.381416 General: R&B: 0.159351 0.021379 Debt Service: Total: 0.562146

CommissionerHicksseconded the motion. The motion carried

Record vote: Judge - yes Hicks - yes Farmer - yes Windham - yes Kirkham - yes

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

-Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

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### Be Aware and Beware of Disaster-Related Fraud and Scams

for and report any suspicious activity or potential fraud from scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals. Also, be aware FEMA does not endorse any commercial businesses, products or services.

FEMA encourages survivors as well as local residents and businesses to be especially vigilant for these common post-

disaster fraud practices: Fraudulent building contractors. When hiring a contractor:

Use licensed local contractors backed by reliable references. Demand that contractors carry general liability insurance

and workers' compensation. Don't pay more than half the costs of repairs upfront.

Bogus pleas for post-disaster donations. Often, unscrupulous solicitors may play on the emotions of disaster survivors, residents and business owners. Be aware that disaster aid solicitations may arrive by phone, email, letter or face-toface visits. To ensure a charity is legitimate:

Ask for the requestor's name as well as the charity's exact name, street address, phone number and website address - then call the charity directly to confirm the person asking for funds is an employee or volunteer.

Whether making a donation by cash or with a credit card, request a receipt that includes the charity's name, street address and phone number.

The five-to-six digit numbers known as short codes make it difficult to tell who is on

AUSTIN, Texas - State A legitimate charity will not and federal recovery officials ask you to send personal encourage Texans to watch information or a credit card number by text.

Fake offers of state or federal aid: Beware of visits, calls or e-mails - from people claiming to be from FEMA or the State of Texas - asking for an applicant's Social Security number, bank account number or other sensitive information.

Don't fall for scam artists who promise a disaster grant and ask for large cash deposits or advance payments in full.

Federal and state workers do not solicit or accept money. FEMA and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) staff never charge applicants for disaster assistance, inspections

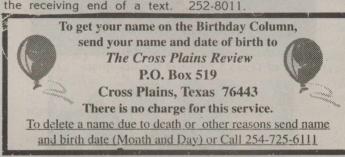
or help in filling out applications. Phony housing inspectors. Homeowners and registered FEMA applicants should watch out for phony housing inspectors claiming to represent FEMA or the SBA.

Inspectors already have each applicant's nine-digit registration number and a FEMA inspector will not ask for this number

FEMA inspectors NEVER require banking or other personal information.

The job of FEMA housing inspectors is to verify damage. Inspectors do not hire or endorse specific contractors to fix homes or recommend repairs. They do not determine eligibility for assistance.

If you suspect fraud, call the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721. If you are the victim of or are the victim of a home repair scam or price gouging, call the Office of the Texas Attorney General at 800-252-8011



## One-way frontage roads on I-20 not planned by TxDOT

The Family of Don Tabor

By Jerry Daniel Reed Special Writer

A public hearing on developing a 10-year plan to enhance Interstate 20 through western Callahan County on Tuesday, August 30th drew comments advocating safer access road grades, more convenient locations of access ramps, and improved drainage.

But contrary to a rumor later circulated on Facebook, the Texas Department of

TEMPLE, Texas, September

12, 2016 – Agriculture Secretary

Tom Vilsack today announced

that the U.S. Department of

Agriculture (USDA) is making

investments to improve water

and waste infrastructure for 168

small towns across the country.

The investment, totaling \$283

million, is made through USDA

Rural Development's Water

and Waste Disposal Loan and

Grant Program, which provides

assistance and financing to

develop drinking water and

waste disposal systems for

communities with 10,000 or

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critical to keeping America's

communities of all sizes

thriving, and USDA is proud

to partner with the National

Rural Water Association to help

improve the livelihood of our

residents now have improved

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**USDA** Investments to

**Improve Drinking Water** 

Transportation isn't planning to convert 1-20 access roads through Clyde to one-way traffic, TxDOT officials said.

The meeting, one of six scheduled in locations along 1-20 in the Abilene district of TxDOT, was to gather opinions of people served by the highway, said Maribel Turner, TxDOT district public information officer.

Conversion to one-way frontage roads "is not what Clyde residents want to see," Turner said. TxDOT has no

plans to impose changes contrary to the desires of the public served, said Michael Haithcock, director of transportation, planning and development for the Abilene

Turner said the goal of access road and ramp design and placement is to foster ease of travel through and in local communities such as Clyde.

A dozen citizens not connected with TxDOT attended the safety study hearing at the Clyde school district administration annex. The format required interested citizens to circle and write in their suggestions on a long map of I-20 though Callahan County, laid out on a table.

Clyde City Administrator Keith Selman volunteered several suggestions, including access road grade elevation in some locations to provide better vision to motorists making quick decisions in merging with other traffic; relocation of some access ramps to improve efficiency of travel; and drainage improvements to eliminate standing water on

Clyde citizen Shane Ivanoski urged TxDOT to address a problem involving a hill just west of where Business I-20 reconnects with the main I-20

One-way access roads were mentioned at the meeting, but not as a suggestion. One-way traffic on frontage

roads has some advantages, such as reduction in wrong-way entry into the main highway, studies have found.

The Clyde safety study hearing was the second of the six scheduled in the Abilene district. Baird's was the first. The third was held Tuesday of this week in Abilene. The remains three are scheduled on successive Tuesdays, starting September 13th, in Sweetwater, Colorado City and Big Spring.

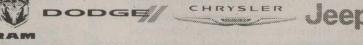
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smallest towns by providing access to reliable water and wastewater systems," said Vilsack. "Projects like these are critical to the economy, health and future of rural America, and today 19 million

in their communities thanks to investments USDA has made since 2009."

Orlando, FL.

to construct a new water well, storage tank and building.

and Waste Infrastructure water and wastewater services

USDA Rural Utilities Service Administrator Brandon McBride made the announcement on Vilsack's behalf at the National Rural Water Association's WaterPro conference in

"Rural Development is pleased to offer funding to these five communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Water is one of the most pressing public health concerns and is essential for long-term sustainability. By utilizing these funds, these communities will have improved water infrastructure to support economic and population

Bandera River Ranch Water Supply Corporation, for example, received an additional \$100,000 loan to supplement a \$450,000 loan awarded in 2015 and a 40,000 gallon ground

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### DPS graduates 95 new **Texas State Troopers**

AUSTIN - The Texas including a former trooper with Department of Public Safety (DPS) today was joined by the Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) as the department commissioned 95 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers. PSC Commissioner Manny Flores was the keynote speaker during the Class B-2016 recruit graduation ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

"It takes an extraordinary individual to make the momentous commitment to taking on the responsibilities of a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper," said Commissioner Flores. "DPS and all Texans are deeply thankful of your service, and our state can rest easy knowing all of you will be serving on the frontlines."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-thejob training.

"This is a proud moment for Class B-2016, and I want to congratulate each one of you," said PSC Chair Cynthia Leon. "You have inspired us all with your accomplishments during the many months of rigorous training, and this is a day you will never forget - the day you became a Texas Highway Patrol

The troopers began the 23week DPS Training Academy in March. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, crash reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

The B-2016 class includes: 11 former peace officers, the Virginia State Police and a former trooper with the Georgia State Patrol;

28 military veterans, including a retired Navy SEAL, who is the class's oldest recruit at 52; the youngest recruit is 21; and the first-ever married couple in DPS history to start and complete a recruit school together.

The department is pleased to welcome 95 new Troopers to our ranks - their specialized law enforcement training will be indispensable in fulfilling our mission to protect and serve Texas," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS and the state of Texas appreciate their willingness to commit their lives and career to serving others."

In 2015, the Texas Legislature and Gov. Greg Abbottauthorized 250 additional Trooper positions to be permanently stationed in the border area (DPS Regions 3 and 4) by August 2017, as well as additional DPS recruit schools to help fill that need and address vacancies across the state. A total of 51 troopers from Class B-2016 will be stationed in Regions 3 and 4 as part of this initiative, bringing the total number of positions filled thus far to 203. By the end of 2016, all 250 positions will be filled.

DPS is currently accepting applications for recruit classes scheduled for 2017. The next application deadline is Sept. 21 for the class beginning March 12, 2017. To apply or for more information about joining the Texas Department of Public Safety, visit www.joindps.com.

In addition, DPS schedules recruiting events throughout training in use of force, the year. To find an event in your region, visit http://dps. texas.gov/trainingacademy/ recruiting/recruitingEvents.

htm#.

### **TxDOT plans for \$70 billion** to fund transportation projects over next 10 years

Voter-approved tax allocations will address congestion, keep Texans moving

AUSTIN - The Texas routes. Transportation Commission today approved the 2017 **Unified Transportation Program** (UTP) with \$70 billion worth of projects to help TxDOT meet the state's growing transportation demands. The plan is the largest of its kind in the agency's history that addresses capacity, maintenance and safety needs around state.

The 10-year plan, developed with extensive public input, targets congestion in the state's most-populated areas and includes projects to better connect the major interstates in rural areas with local roads and highways. Also outside urban areas, the program calls for enhancing and completing interstate highways, and addressing the continuing needs within the energy sector and along hurricane evacuation

"The actions today by Commission represent a historic investment in our state's infrastructure," said Governor Abbott. "Texans have sent a loud and clear message that they are tired of sitting in traffic, and this funding plan will significantly address safety, maintenance, connectivity and congestion on our crowded highways. The plan presented by the commission will allow Texas roads to keep pace with proper use of safety seats." our population growth, provide much-needed congestion relief for working Texans and put the Lone Star State well on its way towards having a first-in-class highway system for decades to come.

The Unified Transportation Program reflects TxDOT's commitment to planning for and meeting the mobility needs of our fast-growing state," said Transportation Commission Chairman Tryon Lewis.

With more than \$70 billion in total funding, the 2017 UTP represents a significant increase from last year's 10year plan, which included more than \$33 billion worth of projects. The bulk of the additional funding will come from legislative- and voterapproved initiatives to allocate portions of oil and gas taxes, sales taxes and other taxes to the state highway fund. Ending the practice of appropriating state highway funds to agencies other than TxDOT and the passage of long-term federal transportation legislation also contributed to the additional

The new funding in the 2017 UTP is largely allocated into program areas that address safety, maintenance, congestion and rural connectivity needs. It includes funding for all 25 TxDOT districts and 25 metropolitan planning areas throughout the

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#### **Disaster Aid to Local Governments Helping Rebuild Texas Communities**

AUSTIN, Texas-Federal universities and restore officials today estimated more than \$44.8 million in disaster assistance will help local governments rebuild infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the severe storms, April 17th - 30th.

That funding is in addition to nearly \$60.5 million in federal disaster assistance to date for the April storms that has helped individuals and families with housing assistance, repairs and replacing essential possessions.

When disaster strikes, the first response is to ensure personal and family safety and then address the loss of property and possessions. The federal Individuals and Households Program responds to these urgent needs.

Public Assistance is another essential element of disaster response. The PA program benefits everyoneneighborhoods, cities and states, as well as certain private nonprofit organizations-by reimbursing applicants for eligible work on damaged public facilities.

The April 25th federal disaster declaration made PA available to these 26 counties: Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bosque, Callahan, Cass, Cherokee, Colorado, Coryell, Fayette, Fort Bend, Grimes, Harris, Harrison, Jones, Liberty, Milam, Montgomery, San Jacinto, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, Waller, Washington, Wharton and Wood.

PA dollars:

• clean up the community and repair bridges

put water systems and utilities back in order

· repair hospitals and emergency services

 rebuild libraries and replace damaged books

damaged public parks so families can enjoy them again.

PA will provide a minimum of 75 percent of the cost to repair or replace disaster-damaged infrastructure from the April

FEMA estimates the federal share of almost \$9 million will help reimburse local governments for the emergency work and debris removal that took place in the storm's immediate aftermath.

Other PA projects are now being developed and approved by local, state, and federal officials. Payments are made on a reimbursement basis.

"Public Assistance grants support the work that helps an entire community recover," said FEMA's Federal Coordinating Officer William J. Doran III, who is in charge of the agency's operations in Texas. "These are federal tax dollars coming back to Texas to rebuild taxpayerfunded infrastructure."

Public Assistance funding applicants can include: • state agencies

 local and county governments

· private nonprofit organizations that own or operate facilities that provide essential government-type

Recovery officials are currently working with more than 120 applicants to develop specifications and costs for about 285 projects, to date, in the counties eligible for disaster assistance.

For more information on the Texas recovery, visit the disaster webpage for the April storms at fema.gov/ disaster/4269; or visit the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at txdps. state.tx.us/dem. Follow FEMA · rebuild schools and on Twitter @femaregion6.

#### TxDOT offers free child car seat inspections to save young lives

AUSTIN - With 3 out 4 child seat errors include: installing car seats improperly installed, the Texas Department of Transportation encourages all caregivers to make an appointment for a free inspection at the agency's 25 statewide district offices. TxDOT reminds all Texans that properly restraining their children while riding in vehicles is an everyday, year-round responsibility. It's also the law.

'We are determined to educate parents and caregivers in Texas about the importance of buckling their child into the correct car seat for their age and size," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "It's not only the law, but we're also trying to save lives through

As part of national Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 18-24, TxDOT reminds drivers that Texas law requires all children under 8 - unless they are taller than 4 feet 9 inches to be in a car seat whenever they ride in a passenger vehicle. Failure to properly restrain a child can result in a ticket of up to \$250. In 2015, 83 children younger than 8 years old were killed in crashes in Texas. In 2014, that number was 81.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3 out of 4 child car seats are not properly installed. Common child safety

the seat too loosely; putting the harness straps through the wrong slots; leaving harness straps too loose; positioning the chest clip incorrectly; and using the wrong seat belt path.

Drivers should refer to their specific car seat manufacturer's manual for instructions on how to install the safety seat. The vehicle owner's manual also includes information on the proper placement of the car seat and proper use of the seat belt or LATCH system.

To schedule a free car seat check with a nearby TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist, text the word "seat" and your ZIP code to 876526. Drivers also may visit SaveMeWithASeat. com to learn if a child should be in a rear-facing seat, forwardfacing seat or booster seat.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, a TxDOT safety demonstration van will travel the state to show caregivers how to choose and install the correct car seat for their child. TxDOT also is conducting special local celebrity story times featuring the newly released children's book, "Bernard in the Backseat." The book features a lovable teddy bear taking his first car ride. A free digital version of the book is available at SaveMeWithASeat.

#### NO—YOUR CREDIT UNION IS NOT TEXTING YOU

Abilene cell phone users have to sign up for free trials. been flooded, again, with a round of spam text messages claiming to be from "your credit union" with a credit union alert. These messages are NOT from a credit union. They are an attempt to obtain "personal financial information". Not only are these unwanted text annoying, they can be dangerous.

If you have a Cell phone or Smartphone device, the BBB encourages you to follow our anti-smishing advice:

· Do not click on links in text messages or emails offering prizes or 'free' products or trial offers. Do delete them.

• Do not respond to smishing text messages nor call toll free numbers - by doing so you are confirming your cell number is active making it ripe for future

information to claim 'prizes' or

 Never give your credit card number, social security number or bank account information to pay for fees, taxes, or shipping costs for anything that you may have 'won' or are getting

 Only give your cell phone number to people that you trust. Avoid providing it online as a condition to take a survey, play a game, etc. Your number could be sold to marketing agencies without your prior knowledge.

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## The Recipe Corner

Chicken Cordon Bleu Stroganoff Prep Time: 15 Minutes Bake Time: 25 Minutes

Ingredients: \* 1 tablespoon canola oil \* 1/2 pound sliced fresh mushrooms

1 large onion, chopped \* 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour

\* 3 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth 1/3 cup white wine or additional

chicken broth 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 4 cups uncooked whole wheat

egg noodles \* 2 cups cubed cooked

chicken breast \* 3/4 cup cubed fully cooked ham 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese,

divided 1/2 cup reduced-fat sour cream

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper 1 green onion, thinly sliced



**Directions** 

1.In a 6-qt. stockpot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and onion; cook and stir 6-8 minutes or until tender. Stir in flour until blended; gradually stir in broth, wine and mustard. Bring to a boil.

2. Add noodles; return to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 10-12 minutes or until noodles are tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in chicken, ham and 1/4 cup cheese

3. Remove from heat; stir in sour cream, salt and pepper. Sprinkle with green onion

and remaining cheese. Yield: 6 servings.

smishing attempts. Do not provide personal

#### **USDA Rural Development announces** decreased interest rate for loan program

1, 2016 - Texas USDA Rural obtain decent, safe and sanitary Development has announced the implementation of an providing payment assistance interest rate decrease for the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program effective September 1, 2016. The new rate of 2.875% will be at an alltime low.

"USDA Rural Development is pleased to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, a critical goal to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director.

This program assists low- and

housing in eligible rural areas by to increase an applicant's repayment ability. Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state

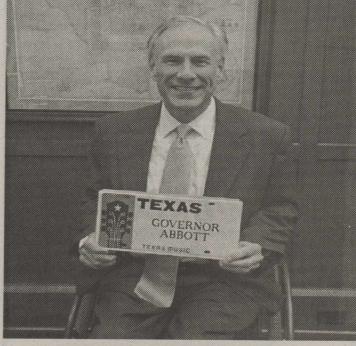
TEMPLE, TEXAS, September very-low-income applicants and local offices. Rural Development programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

> Further information on this program is available by visiting USDA's web site at http:// www.rd.usda.gov/tx For local information, verification of area eligibility and application assistance, determine your local office by visiting http:// www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/ state-offices/tx or call the Texas State Office at (254)742-9770.

#### **Texas Music License Plates available**

AUSTIN - The Texas Music Office (TMO), operating within the Office of the Governor's Economic Development & Tourism Division, has launched the Texas Music License Plate Grant Program to fund the purchase of musical instruments and music lessons for underserved Texas school children. The TMO receives \$22 out of the \$30 fee for the sale of every Texas Music license plate to be used for the grants. Grant applications will be available online through the eGrants application system and will allow any Texas-based 501(c)3 non-profit to apply to receive up to \$3,000 for a Texas Music License Plate Grant.

"The Texas Music License Plate Grant Program will help equip Texas children with the resources they need to benefit from the experience of learning and playing music," Texas Music Office Director Brendon Anthony said. "It also provides a unique avenue for Texas to partner with non-profits to take music into communities throughout our state. I am proud of the Texas Music Office for facilitating this program and



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT WITH HIS TEXAS MUSIC LICENSE PLATE

young Texans."

Texas Music license plates are available for order online through the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

The initial funding to establish the Texas Music Office creating new opportunities for specialty license plate was

made possible through the support of Wofford Denius and the Cain Foundation, along with the work of Donna Lujan, Lisa Bell, Dan Pockrus, Rep. Ron Wilson, and the Austin Music Foundation.

#### Select Driver License Offices Open Saturdays to Issue Election Identification Certificates

Certificates also available at mobile stations, select county locations

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans in advance of the upcoming General Election that Election Identification Certificates (EIC), which can be used for voting purposes, are available yearround at all Texas driver license offices. In an ongoing effort to ensure Texans have access to EICs, DPS is offering Saturday hours on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 at select driver license offices to issue EICs. In addition, EIC mobile stations will be deployed to various locations across the state, and alternate approved locations are issuing EICs in select counties.

On August 10, 2016, identification requirements for voting in Texas changed. For information regarding required identification for voting in person, please visit http:// www.votetexas.gov/registerto-vote/need-id.

The 2016 General Election is Nov. 8th, and early voting starts Oct. 24th and continues through Nov. 4th.

Texans can obtain an EIC at: • Any of the more than 220 Texas driver license offices during regular business hours throughout the year

 Select driver license offices on Saturday, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (EIC transactions only)

• EIC mobile station locations (EIC transactions only)

 Alternate approved locations issuing only EICs in select

One form of identification that can be used for voting purposes is an EIC. You may apply for an EIC at no charge. However, if you already have any of the following forms of identification, you are not eligible for an EIC:

• Texas driver license unexpired

• Texas personal identification card - unexpired

• Concealed Handgun License (CHL) or License to Carry (LTC) - unexpired

• U.S. passport book or card - unexpired

• U.S. Military identification with photo - unexpired

• U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo

To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit one of the locations listed above and complete an application for a Texas Election Identification Certificate (DL-14C). (For the Spanish language version of the EIC application, see http://www.dps.texas.gov/ internetforms/forms/DL-14CS.

To qualify for an EIC, an

applicant must: · Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and Identity

• Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public

• Be a Texas resident

• Be 17 years and 10 months

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office, mobile station or alternate approved location.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting purposes until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for voting purposes and may not be used as personal identification.

For more information on the requirements and process for obtaining an EIC, please visit: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/ DriverLicense/electionID.htm. For more information on

voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State's website: www.votetexas.gov.

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### 'Dark store' lawsuits hit Bexar County appraiser

By Kenric Ward / September 6, 2016

A chain of big-box stores in Texas is suing for big property tax markdowns, asserting that its buildings are comparable to

empty stores. The "Dark Store Theory," litigated successfully in several Midwestern states, has landed in the Lone Star State.

Lowe's wants Bexar County to reduce the appraisals at its 10 San Antonio area stores, currently set at \$82 per square foot. Lawsuits are pending or threatened in Houston and other jurisdictions, seeking to cut valuations by half.

"If we lose, where does it stop?" asked Bexar County Chief Appraiser Mike Amezquita. "All big box stores will do the same thing. Then it will be apartment buildings, hotels and offices all the dominoes will fall."

Big-box storeowners maintain and unique that if they moved out, the structures would go

vacant ("dark").

Using the state's "equal and uniform" property value guidance, Lowe's rival Home Depot recently settled for \$65 per square foot - less than appraisal districts' median "market value." Unofficially, Lowe's indicated it would be accept a median value of around \$50 per square foot.

"Even as local governments across the country continue

to bend over backwards to attract and accommodate bigbox development, these stores are consistently a terrible deal for the towns and cities where they locate," argues Olivia LaVecchia, researcher at the nonpartisan Institute for Local Self-Reliance.

Lowe's legal representatives did not respond to Watchdog. org's request for comment.

Bexar County says it has expended \$1.2 million in legal fees on the Lowe's cases so far, announced it would be buying and Amezquita is not optimistic about the outcome.

"The proliferating dark store theory," he estimates, could cost Bexar County up to \$39 billion in "lost" commercial value over the next five years. That's 64 percent of the total estimated commercial market

With \$22 billion to \$25 billion in commercial property challenges through arbitration and the courts this year, Amezquita predicts the day is coming when local "bond ratings will be at risk."

"They're spending us into the poorhouse," he said of the rising tide of commercial litigation.

Notably, Texas school districts - which account for

roughly half of local property tax bills — are protected from any "dark store" discounts. By law, property tax shortfalls for schools must be compensated by the state.

Dean Stansel, research associate professor at Southern Methodist University's O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, said, "ideally, the assessed value of a property accurately reflects the value of the highest bidder — the owner - not the value of the second highest bidder."

Stansel countered the notion that vacated big boxes stay

"There's an increasing number of examples of old big-box stores being converted to alternative uses. I've seen them turned into churches and schools, or broken into multiple individual shops. Just recently a cinema drafthouse in Dallas an old grocery store to house its next location. The argument that these properties could never be sold is incorrect," he told Watchdog.

Additionally, Stansel noted the dark-store gambit "gives big corporations an advantage over small businesses, since the latter do not have the resources and political influence to get the same reductions in their taxes. Government should create a level playing field so all businesses are treated the

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### Holly Tucker to perform in Abilene on Sept. 24th

Former The Voice Contestant Holly Tucker in Abilene for Performance, Charting With First Album Since Hit Show

The now 23-year-old country artist hailing from Baylor University who won so many hearts and votes with her poignant performance of How Great Thou Art on The Voice, will be performing in Abilene September 24. Holly Tucker, fresh off a tour of Texas Radio with her first ever album entitled Steel, will be debuting some of her latest hits at the Shrimp and Wine Festival.

So, what has Holly been up to since her performances as part of Team Blake on The Voice? Just the release of her first full album, a concert overseas, and college graduation to name a few!

Holly began putting together "Steel" just three months after The Voice. After much work in and out of the studio, Holly released "Steel" in June of this year. "Steel" is independently produced by Sean Neff, one of the trusted engineers for Jay DeMarcus of Rascal Flatts! It was produced in a state-of-theart facility in Nashville. Holly cowrote several of the songs on Steel. The most recent single from "Steel", "Wax Paper Cups", is a duet with popular Texas country artist, Ray Johnston, of the Ray Johnston Band. Currently hanging around 79 on the Texas charts, Holly says she's hopeful "Wax Paper Cups" will break the Top 50 any week now.

"I think Wax Paper Cups is resonating so well with fans because it creates such a great picture of the Texas coast we all love here," says Tucker.

As an independent artist, or in today's music world what many call a "DIY" artist, Holly

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has funded the enormous costs of producing an album such as "Steel" with the help of sponsors. That's a rather newer concept that Holly says has worked tremendously for "Steel". There are 11 song sponsors in all, as well as sponsors of the project in general and Holly as an artist.

"Having the support of

Holly still enjoys gigging at a

Holly graduated from Baylor with a degree in Corporate



locally-owned businesses is so humbling, says Tucker, adding, "To know these businesses have had an important role in the production of "Steel" and its success really speaks volumes about the generosity and commitment of the Texas business community."

In 2015, Holly entered the international music scene when she took her soulful country all the way to Uganda playing a concert in Kampala. Holly was the featured entertainer in a "Let's Go Country" music festival promoted by Kampala country radio station 92.7 Bob

variety of venues from festivals to churches to her now almamater, Baylor, where she'll perform throughout the 2016 fall football season.

Communications in 2015.

One in Six Texas Households Still Struggling to Avoid Hunger

Austin, TX - One in six Texas households struggled to avoid hunger in 2013-2015 despite low unemployment statewide, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report released today. 15.4% percent of Texas households experienced "food insecurity" in that time period, meaning they faced hunger or engaged in coping mechanisms to avoid it.

"The Texas economy is strong but it is leaving too many people behind," said Celia Cole, CEO of Feeding Texas. "It is unacceptable that one in six Texas families is faced with choosing between food and other needs because they can't keep up with the rising cost of living, or lack the resources to

weather a crisis." The report found the national food insecurity rate during the same time period was just 13.7%. In raw numbers, 1.5 million Texas households were food insecure, more than any other state except California.

"Thefamilies seeking helpfrom our food banks are chronically hungry because they are economically insecure," said Cole. "The immediate solution is to get more resources to these struggling Texans to help them avoid hunger. But we also need to increase their access to economic opportunity to break the cycle that lead to food insecurity. That means strengthening public supports like SNAP and school meals, empowering families with opportunities to improve their health and financial security, and taking a hard look at why our economy is not producing jobs with earnings that allow Texas workers to get ahead."

In related news, this week Texas officials announced the end of the Lite Up Texas program, a popular transfer designed to help low-income Texans pay their electricity bills. 71% of Texas food bank

clients report choosing between paying for food or utilities, according to the national group

Feeding America. "We're concerned about the effect this could have on our clients and food banks," said Cole. "Anything that takes resources away from a lowincome family means less food on the dinner plate and more strain on private charities."

Feeding Texas leads a unified effort for a hunger-free Texas. Connect with your local food bank at www.feedingtexas.org.



## The Recipe Corner

**Taco Quiche** 

Prep Time: 25 Minutes Bake Time: 20 minutes

### Ingredients:

\* 2 pounds ground beef \* 2 envelopes taco seasoning

4 eggs

\* 3/4 cup 2% milk \* 1 1/4 cups biscuit/baking mix

\* Dash pepper \* 1/2 cup sour cream

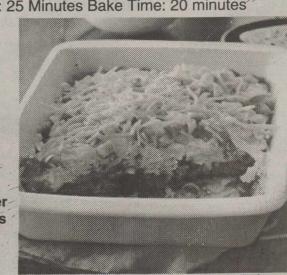
\* 2 to 3 cups chopped lettuce

\* 3/4 cup chopped tomato

1/4 cup chopped green pepper 1/4 cup chopped green onions

\* 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

degrees. Cool for 5-10 minutes.



#### Directions

\* In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Add taco seasoning and prepare according to the package directions. Spoon meat into a greased 13x9 inch baking dish.

\* In a large bowl, beat eggs and milk. Stir in biscuit mix and pepper. Pour over meat. \* Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until a thermometer reads 160

\* Spread sour cream over the top; sprinkle with lettuce, tomato, green pepper, onions

and cheese. Yield: 8 servings.