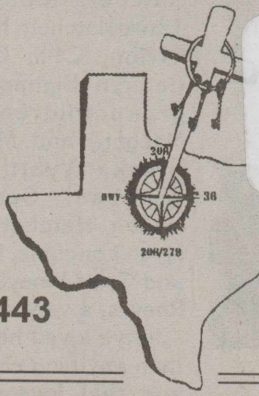


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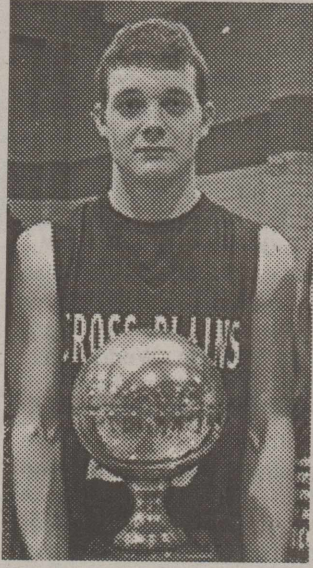
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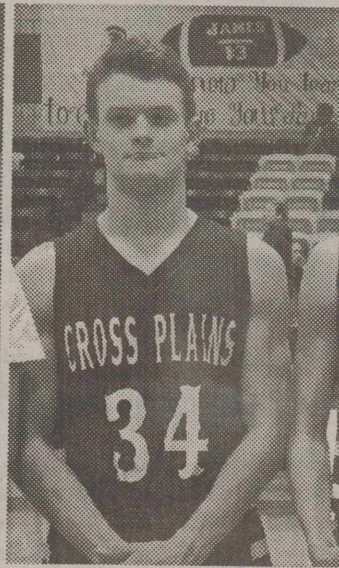
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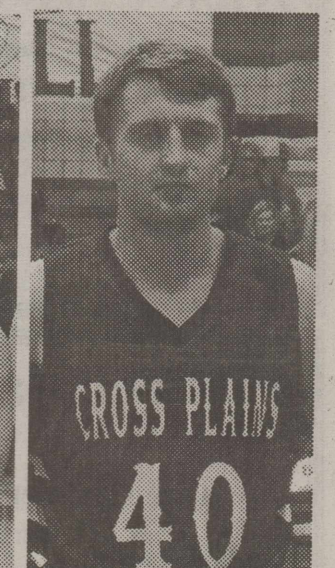
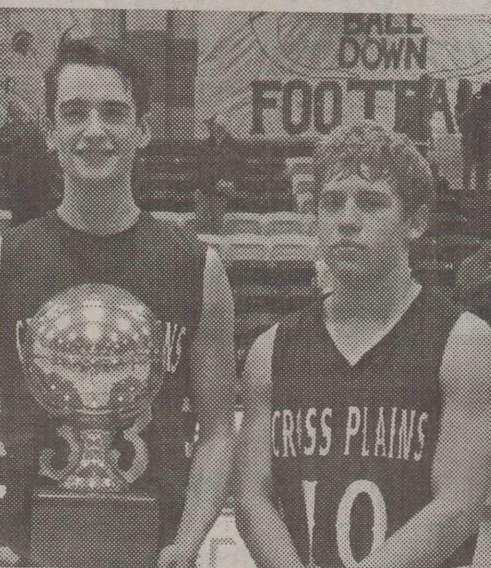
Who is Hiding Behind Those Masks? Why it's Freddy and Recie Tatom. More Mardi Gras photos inside.



Senior Holden Senclair



Juniors Creed Goode, Larson Walker and Joe Crockett



Sophomore Trent Potter

Five Buffaloes Make Class A Region 11 District 15 All-District Basketball Teams

Buffaloes Holden Senclair, Creed Goode, Larson Walker, Joe Crockett and Trent Potter were named to the Class A Region 11 District 15-A 2017

Boys All District Basketball Team. Holden Senclair, Senior, and Creed Goode, Junior, were named to the All-District First

Team and the Academic All-District Team. Larson Walker and Joe Crockett, both Juniors, were named All-District Honorable

Mention and to the All-District Academic Team. Sophomore Trent Potter was named to the All-District Academic Team.



Dora Warlick, decked out in mask and 1920s Mardi Gras attire, found a baby in the king cake at Mardi Gras at the Senior Center. More Mardi Gras photos inside.

Dance at Senior Center Monday, March 13th

Come dance the night away at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Monday, March 13th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

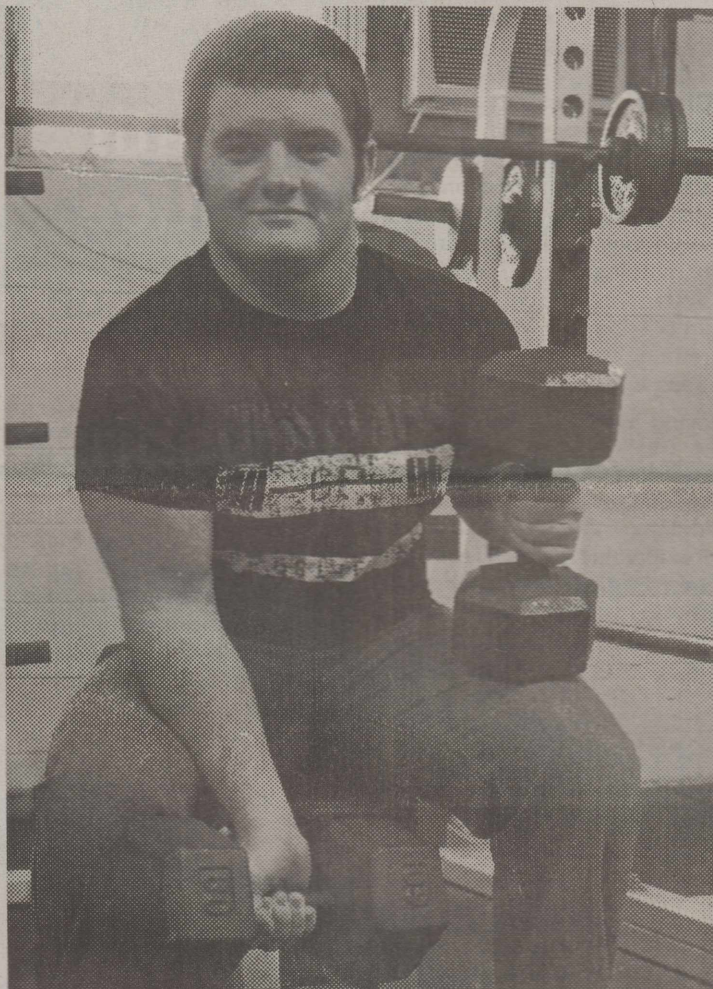
Music and entertainmen provided by Margie Hartsfield, who also performed at the Valentine Dance in February where everyone had such a good time.

Snacks and beverage provided.

Only \$5 admission. Everyone 55 and older is invited to come



and have a good time!
The Senior Dance is sponsored by Texas Heritage Bank.



Powerlifter - Jacob Collier will compete in the Regional Powerlifting competition.

First Responders to be Honored with Dinner, Tuesday, March 21st

Cross Plains and the surrounding areas are so very blessed to have the number of people who put their lives in harm's way to protect us.

Can you imagine a society without law enforcement, emergency medical services or fire departments?

The City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Senior Center want to acknowledge the sacrifices made by these

men and women by hosting a First Responders Appreciation hamburger supper on March 21st from 5-7.

All first responders are welcome and encouraged to attend the supper in their honor.

Citizens are encouraged to come and show their support and appreciation to all our first responders.

There will be no cost for the meal.

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Smoke Could Be Seen For Miles as Firefighters from Cross Plains, Rising Star and Cottonwood work to put out a barn fire north of Cottonwood on Friday afternoon.

Firefighters Extinguish Structure Fires in Cottonwood on Friday

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department was called out to a structure fire in Cottonwood on at 1 p.m. on Friday afternoon. Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department quickly arrived with three trucks and a water tanker, as did Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control with their tanker and brush truck. The firefighters extinguished

the fire. A barn and storage van were lost. The firefighters were able to keep the fire from spreading to the adjacent structures and woods.

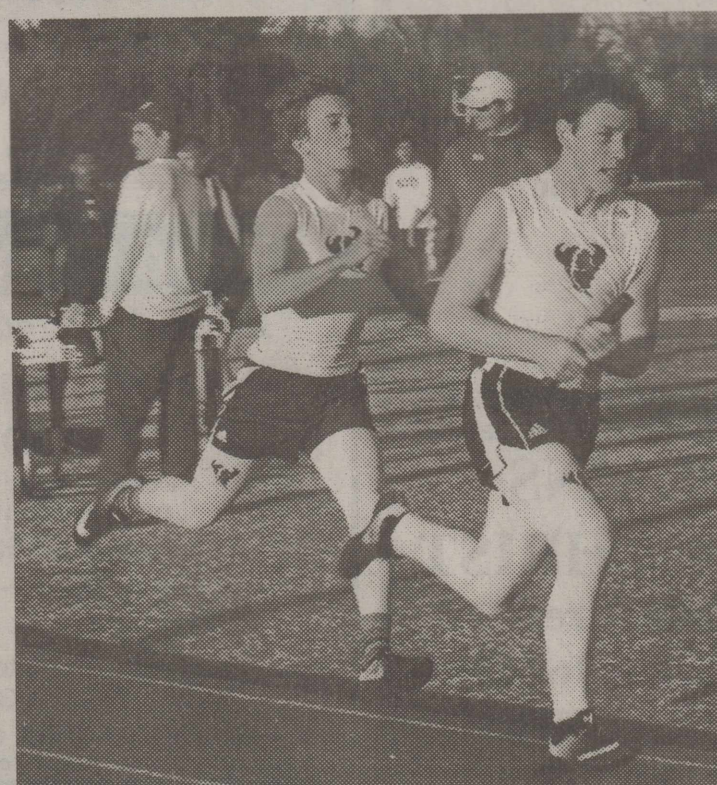
A total of 15 firemen, 5 firetrucks and 3 water tankers were used in fighting the fire.

About 9 p.m. Friday evening, Cross Plains VFD was called back out for a second fire, the

result of an explosion near the location of the barn fire. Rising Star VFD also returned to the scene, as did Cottonwood VFC.

A mobile home and two storage vans were destroyed.

A total of 14 firemen, 6 trucks and two water tankers were on the scene of the fire. The fire was extinguished about 11 p.m.



The Buffalo Relays Track Meet was held here in Cross Plains last week. Find the results and more photos inside of both the Junior High and High School Meets.

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March 12th
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 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
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 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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OBITUARIES



JERRYE EDWARDS HATCHETT

Jerrye Edwards Hatchett

Jerrye Edwards Hatchett was born March 12, 1929, grew up in Pawnee, TX, and attended Southwest Texas State Teachers' College where she met and married Jim Hatchett. After living at El Toro Marine Base, CA for a year and a half during the Korean conflict, they moved to the ranch near Baird, residing there since 1954. Jerrye was a gracious and loving wife, mother, Grandmama, and great-Grandmama, as well as friend and mentor to many family and friends. Jerrye was an avid football fan; she loved and understood the sport. When one thinks of Jerrye, one thinks of huge family meals, of the beach, of her and Jim dancing to 'Hey Good Lookin'', and of her sweet humming as she cooked up bacon and sausage with the smell of coffee throughout the house early in the morning.

Jerrye was preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters, and 5 brothers.

Jerrye is survived by her loving husband, Jim Hatchett, of 64 years; her children: Jim Jr. and Christie of Abilene, Bill and Rhonda of Abilene, Trina McAdams of Waxahachie, and Tresa and Brett Bigham of Waxahachie; her grandchildren: Misti

Rasberry, Brent Hatchett, Ryan Burrow, Heather Longbine, Kelly Windham, Natalie Hatchett, Colby Hatchett, Travis Hatchett, Kelci Vineyard, Colton, Calli, Caymee, and Cathryn Bigham; her great-grandchildren: Madison, Maegan, and Maci Hatchett, Creek, Wyatt, and Slade Windham, Sarah Burrow, Haden Hatchett, Isaac and Nyah Longbine, Preston Briley, and Cylas Vineyard; and Julita Reeves, a very special friend.

Jerrye loved her family more than anything else in the world and that love will carry on through her many children and grandchildren. Jerrye's family is comforted with her everlasting love and the knowledge that Jerrye is looking down from Heaven, humming away a tune in the presence of Jesus.

Family visitation was held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Parker Funeral Home in Baird, TX. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Brushy Creek Cowboy Church in Putnam, TX with Pastor Sam Stone officiating. Interment followed at Ross Cemetery Annex in Baird. Pallbearers included: Scott Hatchett, TJ Tucker, Jim Waldroop, Rod Clark, Santos Apolinar, Tommy Rogers, Jimmy Binton Edwards and Arthur Edwards. Honorary Pallbearers will include: James Dyer, Tade Black, Jeff Barton and Dr. Jeff Arnold. Arrangements are entrusted to Parker Funeral Home in Baird.

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Death Notice

Virgil Vernon Clark

Virgil Vernon Clark, 85, of Rising Star, TX, passed away in Brownwood on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the First Baptist Church in Rising Star with Terry Simmons officiating. Burial followed the service at the Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star, Texas. The family had a time of visitation from 10:00 - Noon, Saturday at the First Baptist Church prior to the service.

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Rowden Baptist Church

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If you can't make the meeting or have questions about Aggie Moms please call or email:

• Risha Sanders 325-725-4041 risha@rishasanders.net

Oglesby Cemetery marker dedication

The Callahan County Historical Commission will have the dedication for the County Marker for The Oglesby Cemetery, in the Caddo Peak area, on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 1:30 PM. Everyone will gather at the Cottonwood Community Center and then drive to the cemetery, since it is on private property.

The Caddo Peak area is between Highway 36 and southwest of Cottonwood. On May 13, 1878 the Caddo Peak Post Office was established with William Crawford as Postmaster. It was closed December 21, 1881 and reestablished in 1882 with Charles Jasper Oglesby as Postmaster from March 29, 1882 until it closed on March 30, 1907. In August of 1894 Mr. Oglesby donated 2 acres of land for a school, which was a log cabin. The Caddo Peak School joined the Cross Plains School system in 1937. He, also in 1890, provided 2 acres of land "so long as it was to be used for no other than mill or gin cotton purposes." He owned a store at Caddo Peak, which closed in 1904.

Everyone is invited to attend the dedication.

Garden Club Preparing for Plant Sale on April 14th

The Garden Club is preparing now for their annual April Plant Sale. The sale is scheduled for Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the park adjacent to the Cross Plains Public Library.

Please mark your calendars - you won't want to miss this event!

We will offer a huge assortment of both indoor and outdoor plants, pots and planters, silent auction items, yard art and more.



Cottonwood Fire Dept. to host Annual Fish Fry March 24th

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Fish Fry fundraiser at the Cottonwood Community Center in conjunction with the Cottonwood Country Musical musical on Friday night, March 24, 2017.

Mark your calendars for Friday night, March 24, 2017, and travel to the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas to enjoy a meal of fish or chicken, beans, coleslaw, fries, hushpuppies, with a dessert and drink. All for \$8.00 adult plate and \$3.50 child plate (children under 10 years of age). The meal will be served from 5 - 7 p.m. Come hungry, eat a fish dinner, enjoy the country music and leave happy.

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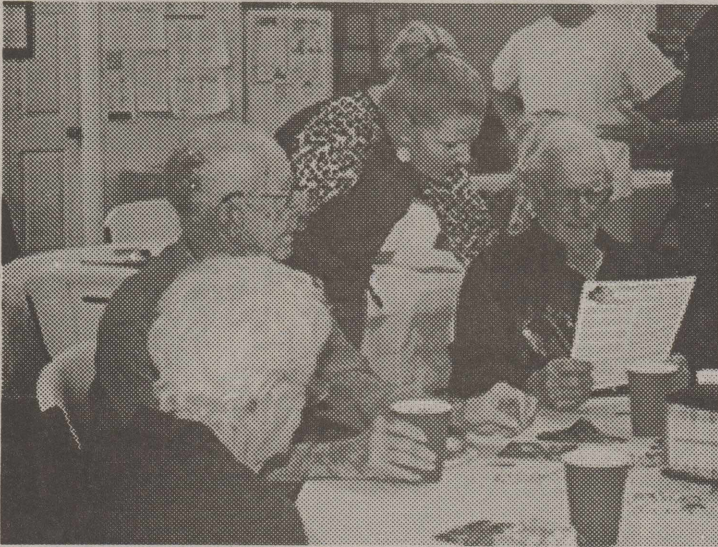
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Mardi Gras Celebrated at the Senior Center

Mardi Gras at the Senior Center was a success. Mayor Bob Kirkham, dressed as the town crier, started off the evening by reading a proclaiming March as the "NEA Big Read Month" in Cross Plains.

Everyone enjoyed the Shrimp and Crab Boil, sausage, potatoes and corn. Michelle Kaiser, Peggy Winfrey and Dora Warlick each found the baby in their pieces of traditional king cake.

Many people posed in 1920s



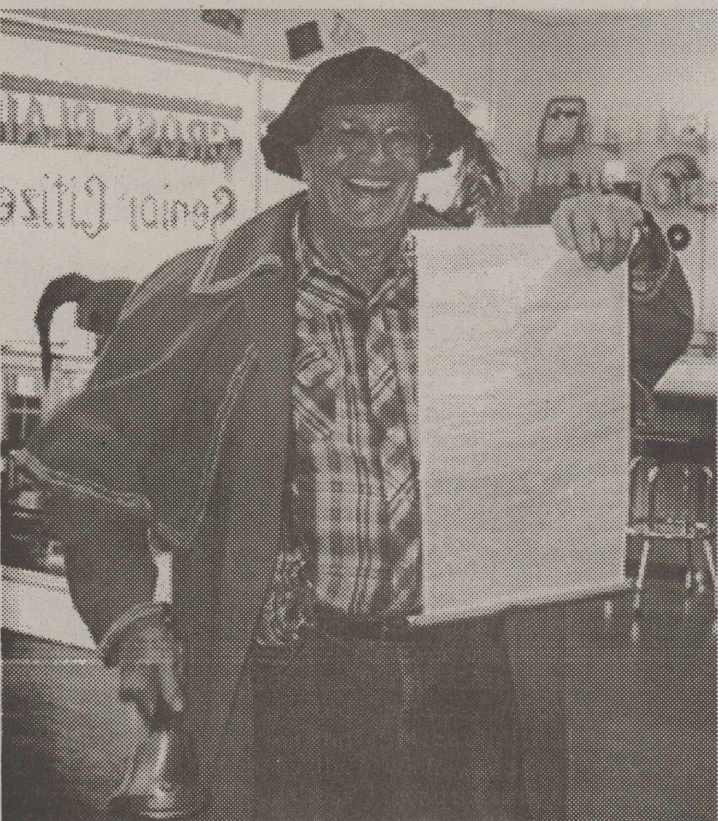
Mardi Gras Trivia - Jewel and Audrey Purvis listen in as Jennifer Whisenhunt and Freddy Tatom ask trivia questions on Mardi Gras.



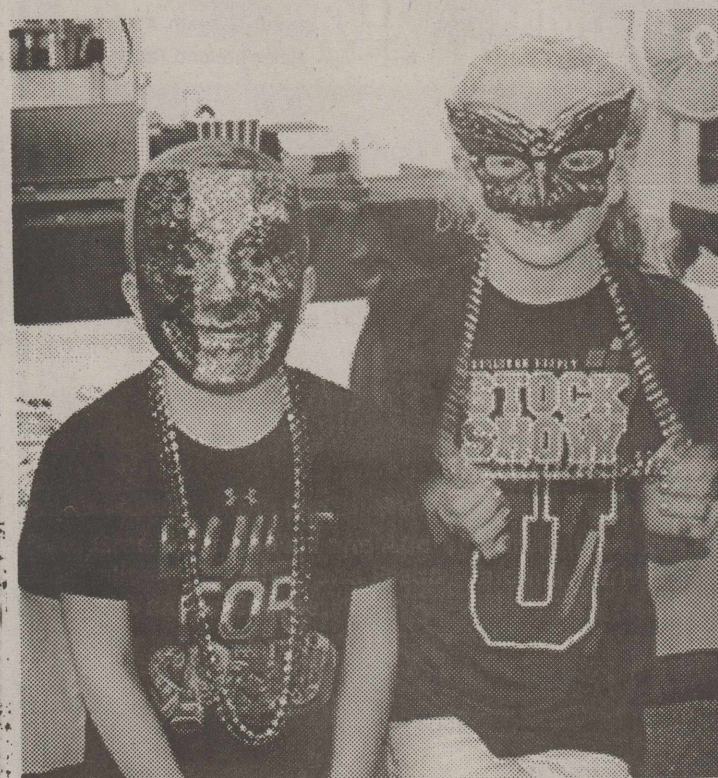
Another baby from the King Cake! Peggy Winfrey found one. Monty Richards looks on.



Sheila Allen and Marsha Ossowski working in the kitchen getting ready for Mardi Gras.



Mayor Bob Kirkham as the Town Crier, reading the NEA Big Read Proclamation.



The youngest Mardi Gras-ers -- Easton and Peyton Whisenhunt.



Bob Ossowski and Rickey Trammell cooking the shrimp and crawfish. Adrian Allen and Ray Decker helped with the cooking, too.



Ready for dinner - Freddy and Recie Tatom visit with Wanda and Don Bryant.

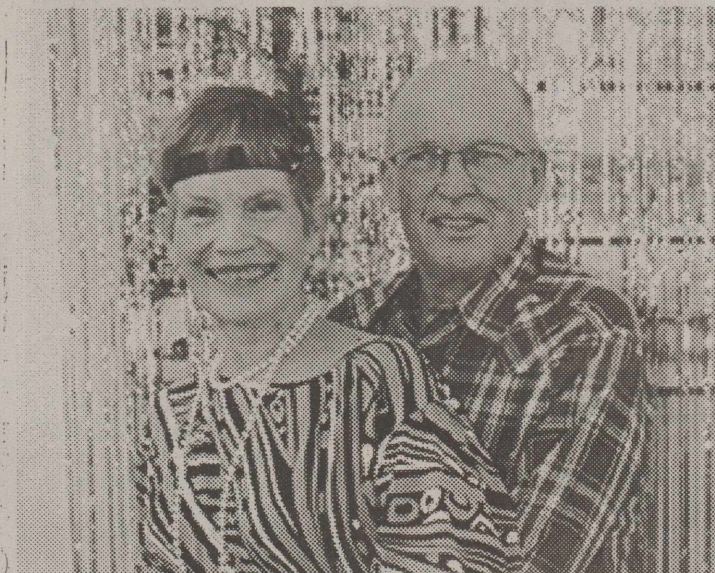


Jim and Michelle Kaiser. Not only is Michelle in charge of the Cross Plains Library's NEA Big Read Great Gatsby Month, she found a baby in her piece of king cake!

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Helen and Homer Parson. Helen was dressed for the 1920s gala party.



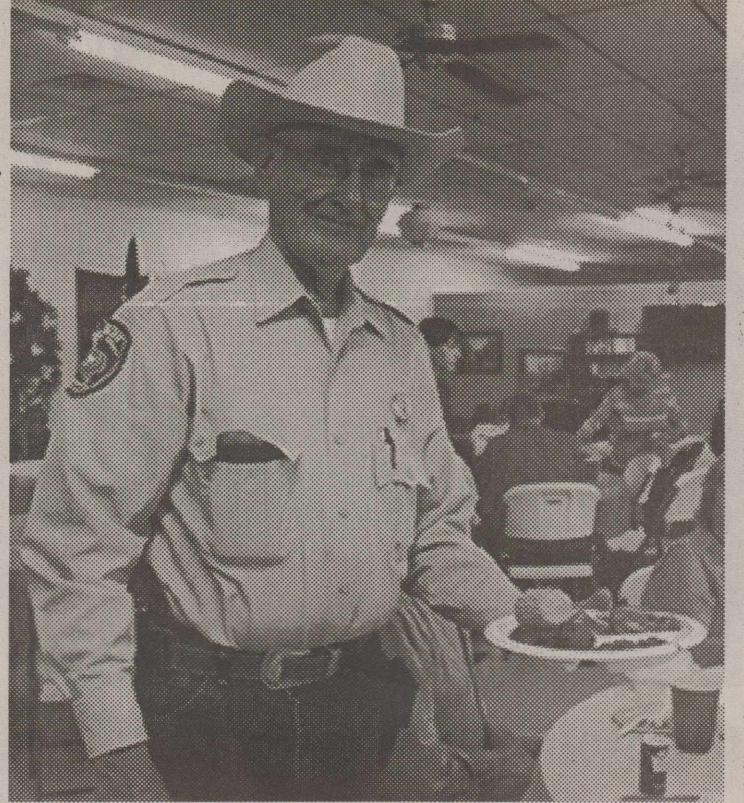
Clean Up Crew - Kids from the First Baptist Church helped move chairs and straighten up after Mardi Gras.



Lee Anne and Kevin Morton



Darvel and Mary Hutchins with one of the free Great Gatsby books. Mary celebrated her birthday at Mardi Gras.



Sheriff Terry Joy with his Mardi Gras plate.



Melissa and Monty Richards



Marsha and Bob Ossowski



Jan and Gary Bond



Go Buffaloes and Lady Buffs!



CPHS Buffalo Relays Track Meet Results

The Buffalo Relays Track Meet was held at Cross Plains High School last Thursday, March 2nd.

Varsity Boys Results. In the Varsity Boys Competition, DeLeon placed first in the meet with 118 points, Cross Plains second with 74 points and Miles third with 68 points.

400 M Dash - Larson Walker, 5th, 57.28.

800 M Run - Eddie Calvagna, 3rd, 2:17.40.

4x100 M Relay - Dobbs McWilliams, Creed Goode, Joe Crockett and Holden Senclair, 6th place, 46.77.

4x200 M Relay - Dobbs McWilliams, Holden Senclair, Joe Crockett and Creed Goode, 3rd, 1:39.23.

4x400 M Relay - Joe Crockett, Holden Senclair, Dobbs McWilliams and Creed Goode, 1st, 3:48.06.

Long Jump - Creed Goode, 1st, 21'-9 1/2".

Shot Put - Aaron Willis, 5th, 33'-11".

Triple Jump - Holden Senclair, 1st, 39'-3 3/4".

High Jump - Holden Senclair, 1st, 6'-2".

Varsity Girls Results. In the Varsity Girls Competition, Goldswaiter placed first in the meet with 109 points, DeLeon second with 99 points and Miles third with 91 points. Cross Plains placed 4th with 68 points.

200 M Dash - Grace Goode, 3rd, 28.34.

800 M Run - Jackilann Shepard, 1st, 2:36.62.

100 M Hurdles - Macee Steigleder, 6th, 19.52.

4x100 M Relay - Shana Yates, Jackilann Shepard, Lorelei Woodard and Grace Goode,

2nd, 54.18.

4x200 M Relay - Kersey Wyatt, Lorelei Woodard, Destinee Cooper and Shana Yates, 6th, 2:06.17.

4x400 M Relay - Macee Steigleder, Grace Goode, Lorelei Woodard and Jackilann Shepard, 2nd, 4:35.09.

Shot Put - Brook Lynn Bell, 6th, 24'-2 1/4".

Discus - Jacy Bein, 5th, 70'-5"; Brook Lynn Bell, 6th, 67'-5".

High Jump - Shana Yates, 4th, 5'-5".

Pole Vault - Shana Yates, 1st, 7'-0".

Junior Varsity Boys Results. In the Junior Varsity Boys Competition, Goldthwaite placed first in the meet with 160 points, Cross Plains second with 106 points and Miles third with 80 points.

400 M Dash - Ty Tipton, 4th, 1:04.95; Ethan Jones, 5th, 1:05.31.

4x100 M Relay - Caleb Hernandez, Theron Allen, Sterling Switzer and Jevon Tillery, 1st, 47.02.

4x200 M Relay - Caleb Hernandez, Theron Allen, Sterling Switzer and Jevon Tillery, 1st, 1:40.66.

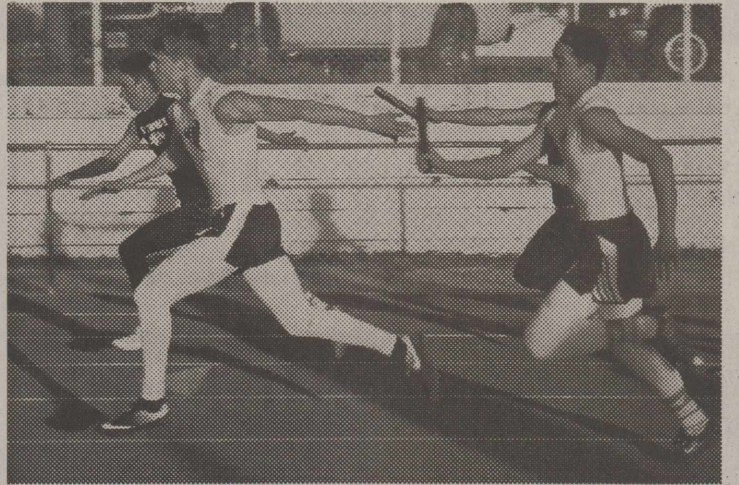
4x400 M Relay - Caleb Hernandez, Theron Allen, Sterling Switzer and Jevon Tillery, 2nd, 3:55.47.

Discus - Ty Tipton, 1st, 103'-0 1/2".

Triple Jump - Theron Allen, 2nd, 32'-9 1/4"; Ethan Jones, 3rd, 32'-5 3/4".

High Jump - Jevon Tillery, 1st, 5'-4".

Pole Vault - Theron Allen, 1st, 10'-6".



Buffaloes Baseball Schedule

March 9-11 - Thursday-Saturday, Varsity, Grafrod Tournament, Varsity.

March 9-11 - Thursday-Saturday, Junior Varsity, San Saba Tournament, Varsity.

March 14 - Tuesday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, DeLeon there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 17 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, May there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 21 - Tuesday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Goldthwaite there, 4:00 p.m. District Game.

March 24 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Winters here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 27 - Monday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Gorman there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 31 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, San Saba here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

April 3 - Monday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, at Miles, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

April 8 - Saturday, Varsity, DeLeon, here, 5:00 p.m. District Game.

April 11 - Monday, Varsity and JV, May here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

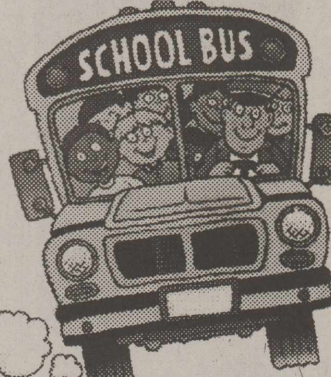
April 14 - Friday, Varsity and Junior Varsity, Goldthwaite here, 12:00 p.m. District Game.

April 18 - Tuesday, Varsity and JV, Winters there, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

April 22 - Saturday, Varsity, San Saba there, 4:00 p.m. District Game.

April 25 - Tuesday, Varsity and JV, San Saba there, 4:00 p.m. District Game.

April 28 - Friday, Varsity, Miles here, 5:00 p.m. District Game.



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Barbarian Festival to be Held on Saturday, June 10th

June will be here soon. Plans are being made now for the 19th Annual Barbarian Festival to be held at Treadway Park on Saturday, June 10th.

The festival features live music, an Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show, a Tractor Show, a bounce house for the kids, and lots of food, entertainment and booths.

Mark you calendar now and make plans to be at the festival.



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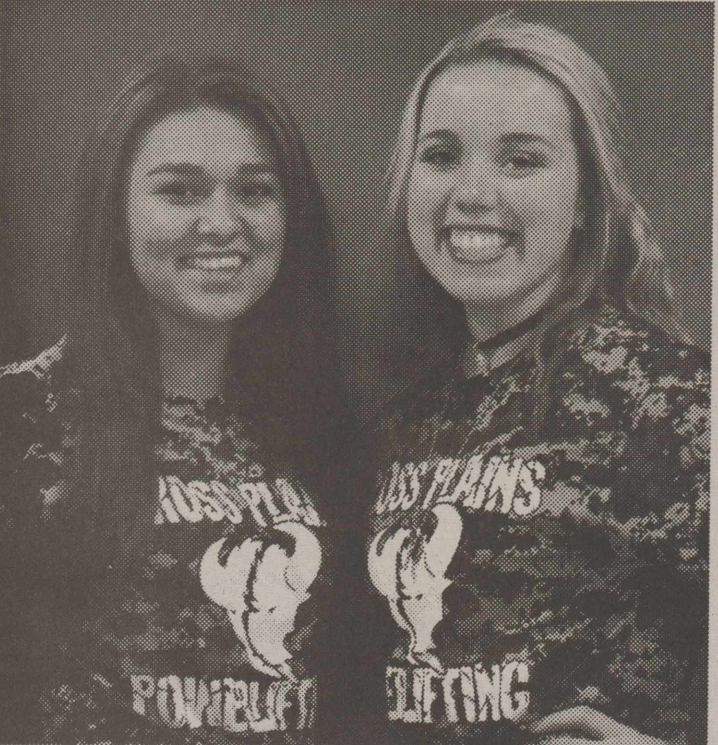
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Alexis Mauricio and Hannah Crockett competed in the Girls Powerlifting Regional Meet.

Girls Regional Powerlifting Meet Results

The Cross Plains High School Girls Powerlifters competed at the Regional Powerlifting Meet. Alexis Mauricio took 4th place in the 114 lb class and Hannah Crockett took 10th place in the 148 lb class.

Alexis Mauricio - 114lb class, 4th Place; Squat-270,

Bench-115, Dead Lift-250, Total: 635

Hannah Crockett - 148lb class, 10th Place, Squat-275, Bench-115, Dead Lift-280, Total: 670

Congratulations to both Alexis and Hannah and to all the powerlifters on a great season.

Junior High Buffalo Relays Track Meet Results

The Junior High Buffalo Relays Track Meet was held at Cross Plains High School last Friday, March 3rd.

Eighth Grade Boys Results. In the Eighth Grade Competition, San Saba placed first in the meet with 146 points, Cross Plains second with 137 points and DeLeon third with 107 points.

100 M Dash - Wade Byrd, 6th, 14:19.

200 M Dash - Jonathan Wheeler, 2nd, 27:47.

400 M Dash - Ketch Thomas, 6th, 1:08.41.

110 M Hurdles - Sean Hernandez, 1st, 21:33.

300 M Hurdles - Cody McWilliams, 1st, 48:21.

4x100 M Relay - Jonathan Wheeler, Cody McWilliams, Cason Allen and Sam Horan, 1st, 50:14

4x200 M Relay - Johathan Wheeler, Cason Allen, Sean Hernandez and Sam Horan, 1st, 1:47.91

4x400 M Relay - Cason Allen, Sean Hernandez, Sam Horan and Cody McWilliams, 2nd, 4:23.25.

Long Jump - Cason Allen, 1st, 17'-3 1/2"; Sam Horan, 4th, 16'-1".

Shot Put - Dailynn Baker, 4th, 32'-2"; Ketch Thomas, 6th, 29'-8".

Discus - Ketch Thomas, 2nd, 92'-6"; Dailynn Baker, 5th, 79'-9 1/2"

Triple Jump - Cason Allen, 2nd, 33'-1 1/4"; Sam Horan, 4th, 30'-1 1/2"; Sean Hernandez, 5th, 29'-2 3/4".

Pole Vault - Cody McWilliams, 2nd, 5'-6".

Eighth Grade Girls Results. In the Eight Grade Girls Competition, San Saba placed 1st with 185 points, DeLeon second with 166 points and Goldthwaite third with 103 points. Cross Plains was fifth with 71 points.

200 M Dash - River Bradley, 6th, 32:35.

2400 M Run - Maddie Shepard, 3rd, 11:10.72

100 M Hurdles - Abby Wheeler, 5th, 21:05; Jordan Hampton, 6th, 21:10.

4x100 M Relay - Kinlee Mathews, River Bradley, Amber Fidler and Sarah Kanady, 2nd, 59:82.

4x200 M Relay - Kinlee Mathews, River Bradley, Abby Wheeler and Sarah Kanady, 4th, 2:08.20.

4x400 M Relay - Abby Wheeler, Jordan Hampton, Amber Fidler and Sarah Kanady, 3rd, 5:12.76.

Long Jump - River Bradley, 6th, 12'-6".

Shot Put - Isabell Dean, 2nd, 25'-6 1/4"; Kinlee Mathews, 3rd, 23'-8 1/4".

Discus - Isabell Dean, 6th, 54'-0".

High Jump - Jordan Hampton, 5th, 3'-10"

Pole Vault - Abby Wheeler, 3rd, 5'-6"; Maddie Shepard, 5th, 4'-6".

Seventh Grade Boys Results. In the Seventh Grade Boys Competition, Goldthwaite placed first in the meet with 209 points, DeLeon second

with 141 points, and San Saba, third, with 116 points. The Cross Plains team placed sixth at the meet.

800 M Run - Spade Koenig, 6th, 3:03.11

Triple Jump - Spade Koenig, 6th, 25'-10"

Pole Vault - Spade Koenig, 3rd, 4'-6".

Seventh Grade Girls Results. In the Seventh Grade Girls Competition, San Saba placed first in the meet with 128 points, Goldthwaite second with 120 points, DeLeon third with 98 points. Cross Plains came in 4th with 85 points.

100 M Dash - Hanna Simmons, 2nd, 15.93

800 M Run - Alaina Potter, 1st, 3:02.50.

4x100 M Relay - Hanna Simmons, Treycie Bilbrey, Bailey Wells and Makayla Massey, 3rd, 2:14.17.

4x200 M Relay - Hanna Simmons, Treycie Bilbrey, Bailey Wells and Makayla Massey, 3rd, 2:12.93.

4x400 M Relay - Kashlyn McClure, Alaina Potter, Treycie Bilbrey and Makayla Massey, 1st, 5:08.90.

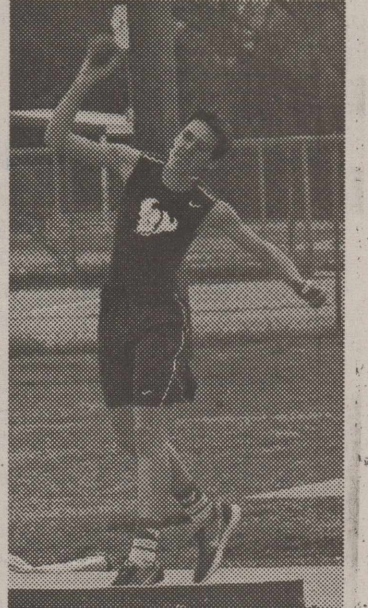
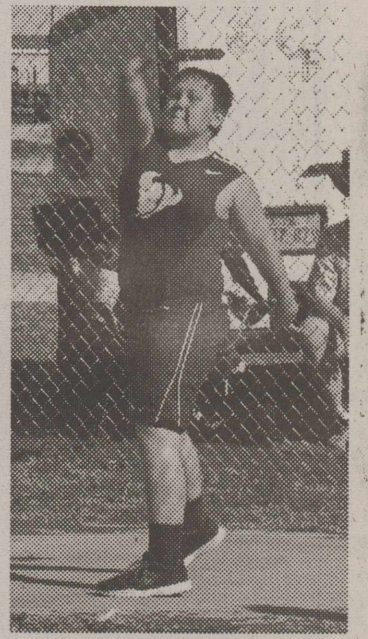
Long Jump - Treycie Bilbrey, 6th, 12'-2 1/2".

Shot Put - Bailey Wells, 2nd, 27'-5"; Kiley Morgan, 3rd, 25'-10 1/2"; Callie Sutton, 6th, 24'-4".

Discus - Kiley Morgan, 5th, 47'-11".

Triple Jump - Treycie Bilbrey, 2nd, 26'-5 1/2".

High Jump, Makayla Massey, 5th (tie), 3"-10".



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Track Meet Schedule

High School:
 March 9th - Thursday, DeLeon
 March 18th - Saturday, Hamlin
 March 23rd - Thursday, Hamilton
 March 30th - Thursday, Albany
 April 6th - Thursday, San Saba

April 13th - Thursday, May - District Meet.
Junior High:
 March 3rd - Friday, Cross Plains
 March 9th - Friday, DeLeon
 March 24th - Friday, Hamilton
 March 30th - Thursday, May - District Meet

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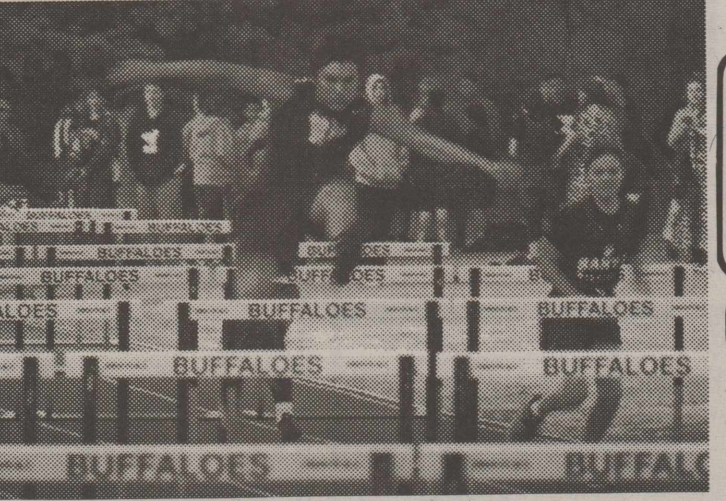
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March 10 - Friday, DeLeon there, 4 p.m. District Game.

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March 17 - Friday, Santa Anna there, 5 p.m. District Game.

March 20 - Monday, Eula here, 4:30 p.m. District Game.

March 24 - Friday, May here, 5 p.m. District Game.

March 28 - Tuesday, Goldthwaite there, 5 p.m.

District Game.

March 31 - Friday, San Saba there, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 4 - Tuesday, DeLeon here, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 8 - Saturday, Gorman here, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 11 - Tuesday, Santa Anna here, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 14 - Friday, Baird here, 10 a.m. District Game.

April 16 - Tuesday, May there, 5 p.m. District Game.

April 21 - Friday, Goldthwaite here, 5 p.m. District Game. Schedule subject to change.



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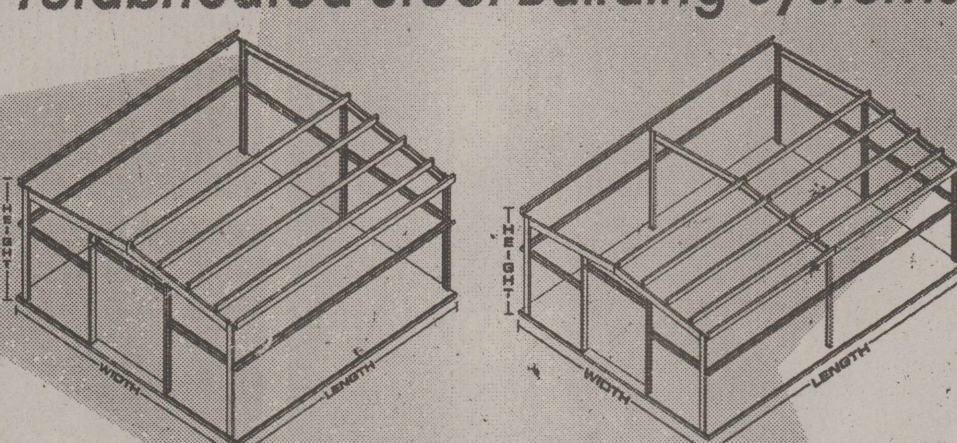
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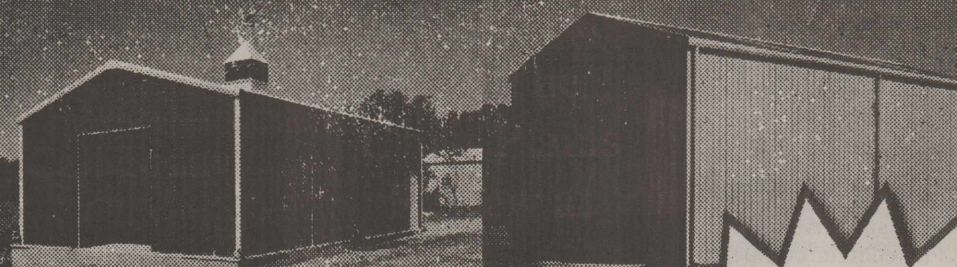
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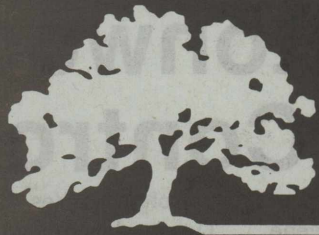
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Texas Congressman Jack Brooks profiled

The machineries of government can be used for good or ill. Some politicians abuse their offices or use them strictly to destroy their political opponents while others try to uplift their communities and make life better for others. With his more than four decades in Congress, Jack Brooks became an iconic figure who instituted many changes for Southeast Texas.

Jack Bascom Brooks was born in Crowley, Louisiana, in 1922. His family moved to the Beaumont area in 1928. They struggled in the midst of the Great Depression while Brooks attended Beaumont schools. He earned a scholarship to attend Lamar Junior College when he graduated high school in 1939 and majored in journalism. In 1941, he transferred to the University of Texas where he earned his bachelors degree in 1943.

The nation was in the midst of World War II when Brooks graduated. He enlisted in the Marines in November 1942 as a private while still a student and was sent to the Pacific after graduation. He saw action in some of the fiercest battles of the war, including Guadalcanal and Okinawa. He was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant in 1946. He would later return to the Marine Reserves and serve until his retirement as a colonel in 1972.

Brooks was part of the wave of veterans turning to public service after the war. He was elected to represent Jefferson County in the Texas House of Representatives in 1946. While serving in the state legislature, he started attending law school at the University of Texas in order to better understand the lawmaking process, earning his law degree in 1949. He also pushed through legislation making Lamar Junior College a four-year college as Lamar University.

He decided not to seek re-election in 1950. In 1952, the ailing Congressman Jesse Combs announced he would not be seeking re-election to the seat he had held since 1945. Brooks jumped into the race to succeed Combs and defeated twelve other candidates to win the Democratic nomination. He went on to win the general election with 79% of the vote and was unopposed for re-election in 1954, 1956, and 1958.

As a congressman, Brooks was an early protégé of Sam Rayburn, who ultimately became

Speaker of the House. He was also a strong supporter of the oil industry and worked to bring federal projects to the Texas Gulf Coast. In 1963, he was part of the tragic motorcade that included President John F. Kennedy, Vice-President Lyndon Johnson, and a host of other Texas dignitaries in Dallas when Kennedy was assassinated. Brooks was aboard Air Force One later that day when Johnson was sworn in as president by Judge Sarah T. Hughes.

Brooks was a strong supporter of Johnson's Great Society programs, helping write groundbreaking civil rights legislation, voting for the establishment of Medicare and Medicaid, and expanding federal aid for college students. During his years in Congress, he served on many committees and ultimately came to chair the House Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Government Operations.

As the Watergate Scandal unfolded during the presidency of Richard Nixon, Brooks became an outspoken investigator into the crimes Nixon had committed. It was Brooks who drew up the five articles of impeachment that the House Judiciary Committee voted on in July

1974, which led Nixon to refer to Brooks as his executioner. The committee rejected two articles and instead approved the three articles of impeachment that dealt strictly with the events surrounding the break-in of Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex. Nixon resigned rather than face the humiliation of impeachment.

In 1994, Brooks narrowly lost re-election with 49% of the vote as part of an anti-incumbent wave. It was his only electoral defeat. He had one of the longest tenures of service in Congress ever and the second-longest for any Texas Congressman, second only to Sam Rayburn. After 42 years in Congress, Brooks moved into a quiet retirement.

Brooks became a respected figure in the region. A statue of him was erected at Lamar University. A park in Galveston was named for him. In 2010, Jefferson County renamed the Southeast Texas Regional Airport near Port Arthur in honor of Brooks. He died in 2012.

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Kyler King Nominated for National Youth Leadership Program

Kyler King has been nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): National Security-Diplomacy, Intelligence & Defense, an Envision program to be held in Washington, DC this summer, 2017. The mission of NYLF National Security is to prepare the nation's most outstanding high school scholars for a possible future career in public service.

His nomination is based on his exemplary academic performance at Seymour High School. He should be proud of this outstanding achievement. Kyler has recently enrolled at Cross Plains High School.

Among the numerous benefits of attending NYLF National Security is the experience of discovering how to enhance the essential leadership skills that the student already possesses and, more importantly, learning how to apply those skills immediately after the student returns home. At this

six-day forum, Kyler, will have the opportunity to speak with some of the United States' top policy makers and experts in national security, intelligence, and diplomacy.

In our nation's capital, Kyler will have the chance to visit foreign embassies, policy centers, and military facilities, and go behind the scenes to experience how the united States plans for peace and prepares for crisis.

Kyler will learn about the latest intelligence strategies and put them into action in a true-to-life national security crisis simulation, and hear about real-world national security challenges from esteemed keynote speakers who will help him see how America's leaders plan to protect our nation.

At NYLF National Security, an exclusive career fair will give him the chance to talk with representatives from branches of service, military academies, and government agencies to

learn more about the future career paths available to Kyler.

His participation in NYLF National Security will enhance his leadership skills and ultimately introduce him to a possible career in America's national security, intelligence agencies, or diplomatic fields and he will form friendships with future colleagues that will last a lifetime.

After completing the program Kyler will have the option of participating in a four-day Cultural Extension in Washington, DC. Kyler will tour the U.S. Capitol building, Visit Ford's Theater, have lunch at the National Harbor, and visit famous memorial at dusk.

By attending NYLF National Security Kyler may apply to receive college credit through George Mason University.

Congratulations Kyler on your outstanding achievements, Kyler is the son of Kye King, and Jamie O'Connor of Sweetwater.

News from Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control

In January we had our Non-Profit Corporation Elections. The elected Corporation Officers are for President Roy Boyd, for Secretary Christine Woodard and for Treasurer Forrest Creamer. Corporation Officers are elected each year for one year terms. Corporation Board members are Arnie Smith, Bill Bishop, Erik Woodard and Nathan Creamer. Board member terms are for two years.

In February Chief Adrian Allen having started a new business in Albany decided to retire as Chief of Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control, as the new business has limited the amount of time he can devote to the Fire Company. If you are going to Albany be sure to stop by the Blue Duck Winery, it is right across the street from the Court House.

The Corporation membership has elected Roy Boyd to take the Chief's position at the February meeting. He can be reached at 209-601-0102. The first task for the new chief is organizing the annual Fish Fry that will be held on March 24th in conjunction with the Cottonwood Monthly Musical. The bill of fare will be fish, chicken, frics, hush-puppies, coleslaw and beans. Please mark your calendar for good eating and good music on Friday the 24th.

On Friday the 10th we had a second structure fire in Cottonwood. This time it was a shop building, several storage containers and the surrounding area to these structures. The original blaze was called in around 1:30 p.m. and Cross Plains Fire, Cottonwood Fire and Rising Star Fire responded. By 4:00 p.m. the fire area was deemed secure and all departments returned to own fire houses. At about 9:p.m. there was a rekindle of the fire and a second call was put out. Again Cross Plains, Cottonwood and Rising Star responded and by 11:30 p.m. all the fires were deemed out and the fire crews returned to

their home fire houses. As an observation of the fire scene, the Shop Building was situated in a grove of trees, the area was cluttered with all types of flammable items, from fire wood or fence post (it was hard to tell after the fire) there was low brush, fallen leaves, dry grass, and other flammable material. The access to the area was hampered by low hanging branches along the main entrance. If they had been any lower the larger fire truck would not have had access. The roads to the Shop area ran through a forested area and again the large trucks had to be careful to weave around the trees.

I bring these issues to your attention so you will look at the Wildfire Preparedness Check List listed below. Please go through the check list to see how many Yes and No answers you have circled in the four categories listed. The more Yes answers you have, the more prepared you are in the event of a fire threat.

The Home:

Fire-resistant roof; i.e. (metal, tile, composition). Yes No

Non-flammable siding materials. Yes No

Home is located down-slope (fire tends to run up hill). Yes No

Wooden deck facing or over hanging level ground. Yes No

Large Glass windows, facing level ground. Yes No

Deck, porch, vents or house, screened to keep sparks out. Yes No

Chimney extended above roof line. Yes No

Chimney spark arrester in place. Yes No

Roof and gutters clear of leaves & debris. Yes No

Around the House:

A fire defensible space (D-space) zone 30 to 100 Ft around all buildings Yes No

Adequate clearance of weeds, tall grass, and brush. Yes No

Leaves raked up and disposed of in appropriate location Yes No

Trees pruned 10 ft. up from

base of trunk. Yes No

Debris cleared from beneath trees and near structures. Yes No

Trees Limbs pruned at least 10 ft. from roof or within 15 ft. laterally from chimney. Yes No

House location and/or address clearly marked in 3 inch or larger letters. Yes No

Fire wood and other burnable items stored at least 30 ft. from home. Yes No

Access:

Easy access to home & other structures by emergency vehicles. Yes No

Road grade less than 15% (not to steep) Yes No

Road wide and will accommodate two way traffic. Yes No

Road straight with wide turns. Yes No

Large areas for vehicles to turn around. Yes No

Short driveway from main road. Yes No

Multiple roads into and out of area for safe and easy access and evacuation. Yes No

Home area level and easily plowed or raked for fire lines. Yes No

Water Supply:

Pressurized hydrants available. Yes No

Non-pressurized or dry hydrants available. Yes No

Water sources such as ponds or streams available. Yes No

Power lines buried and not susceptible to fire. Yes No

Well pumps maintained with uninterrupted electricity. (Emergency Generator). Yes No

I hope this check list will help you to evaluate your own property. It is not all inclusive but it should give some basic ideas for looking around your home, farm or ranch to see what you can do to make your property better prepared to protect against a fire threat.

-- Submitted by Roy Boyd, President and Fire Chief, Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control

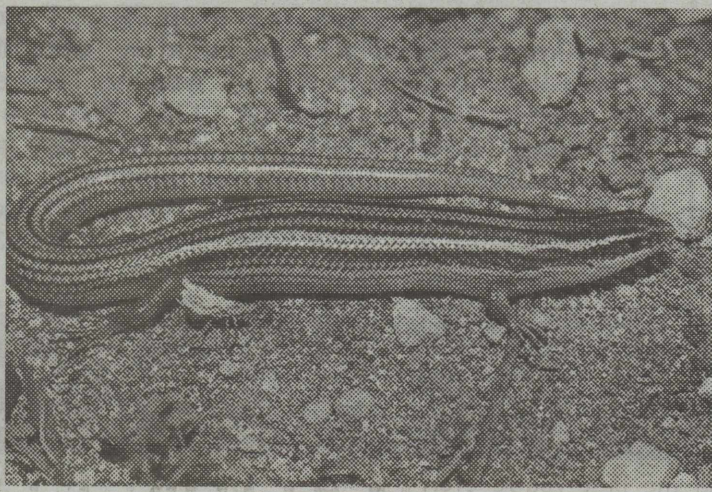


Wild About Texas

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Variable Skink

The Variable Skink (*Plestiodon [Eumeces] multivirgatus*) is one of eight species of skinks that live in Texas, and it is by far the variety with the most "spotty" distribution. It has been observed in a handful of counties throughout western Texas, including Culberson, Crockett, Irion, Lubbock, Midland, Scurry, and Tom Green; there is no apparent 'rhyme or reason' to the isolationism. Just recently, I was able to add Wheeler county to this list. Outside of Texas, it occurs northward through New Mexico, northern Arizona, southeastern Utah and southwestern Colorado.



Variable Skink (*Plestiodon [Eumeces] multivirgatus*)

The habitats that this sleek lizard prefers are grasslands and prairies that have small rocky areas and other surface debris under which it can hide. A secondary habitat would be the cool, moist canyons at higher mountainous elevations.

The Variable Skink is an elongate lizard with exceptionally tiny legs and a long, somewhat slender tail. Adults of this thin skink can reach a total length of nearly 8 inches; however, the body makes up a small portion of this at only about 3 inches. As with all species of this genus, the scales are so slick and shiny that the lizard at first glance appears to be wet. However, like other reptiles, the skin is completely dry and not slimy at all.

The species name of *multivirgatus* can be translated literally into "many-lined", and as expected, most specimens are decorated with alternating light and dark stripes that are set apart from the tan, brown or sometimes yellowish background scales that are edged with black. However, as the common name Variable Skink implies, occasionally individuals will lack the stripes and have just a uniform pattern, save for the black-edged scales. And rarely, there will be individuals who will exhibit traits from both pattern classes. Regardless of what the topside looks like, the belly is

patternless and is whitish-buff in coloration.

Juveniles look contrastingly different from the adults, with black bodies and bright blue tails. Many youngsters will also have random amounts of white or orange on the black head, as well as faint striping. As the young animal matures, it begins to change from its juvenile coloration to the one that it will have as an adult - this process is known as an ontogenetic change.

Like other reptile species, the Variable Skink is cold-blooded, or ectothermic. This means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling. They are active throughout the day in the spring and fall, adjusting their schedules to the morning and afternoon hours during the heat of the summer.

This species of lizard has a very generalized diet. Its preferred choice of food is small beetles, although it will also feed on other small invertebrates such as crickets, grasshoppers, and ants.

The Variable Skink is oviparous, which is a fancy way of saying that it lays eggs. After emerging from the winter-long brumation period (reptiles do not hibernate in the true sense of the word), males will search out females to mate. After mating,

the female will lay anywhere from 4 to 12 eggs in moisture retaining soil. The female will remain in the nest area for the entire incubation period, warding off any small predators that would utilize her eggs to fill their appetite. After approximately two months of incubation, the brightly colored 2 inch long young emerge prepared to fend for and care for themselves, although the female will often remain with the young for the first several days after they hatch.

Despite living in these relatively dry areas, this skink must have moist conditions in its microhabitat to thrive, and the way it retains this moisture is by spending vast amounts of time either underground or under debris. For this reason, many people have never had the opportunity to encounter this relatively common (at least where it occurs!) lizard in the wild.

When threatened, the tail of this species can be discarded from the body rather easily, spasming enough to distract a would-be predator while the animal itself escapes to safety. This process is known as autotomization. It is also a difficult animal to grasp, utilizing its smooth scales to writhe and twist away from its captor.

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

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Senior Citizens Center Activities

Mar. 13th - Mar. 17th

Monday-13th Exercise 11:00/Senior Dance 6:30p.m
Tuesday-14th Exercise 11:00
Wednesday-15th Exercise 11:00/Footcare by Kindred at Home of Eastland /Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory 1:00 p.m.
Thursday-16th Exercise 11:00
Friday-17th Diabetic Education by Carol with Resource Care 11:15-Bingo by Kindred at Home of Eastland
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Monday 13th-Chicken Thursday 16th-King Salad Sandwich, Marinated Ranch Casserole, Lettuce Onion & Tomato, Chips, Tomato Salad, Hominy, Fruit, Cookie Bread, Dessert
Tuesday 14th -Steak Fingers, Potatoes, English Peas, Bread Dessert, Friday 17th-Vegetable Beef Soup, Cornbread, Fruit, Dessert

Wednesday 15th -Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Dessert

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

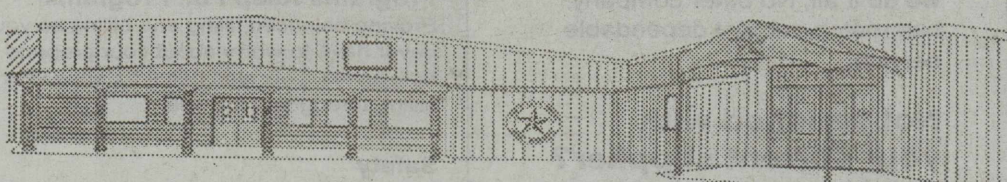
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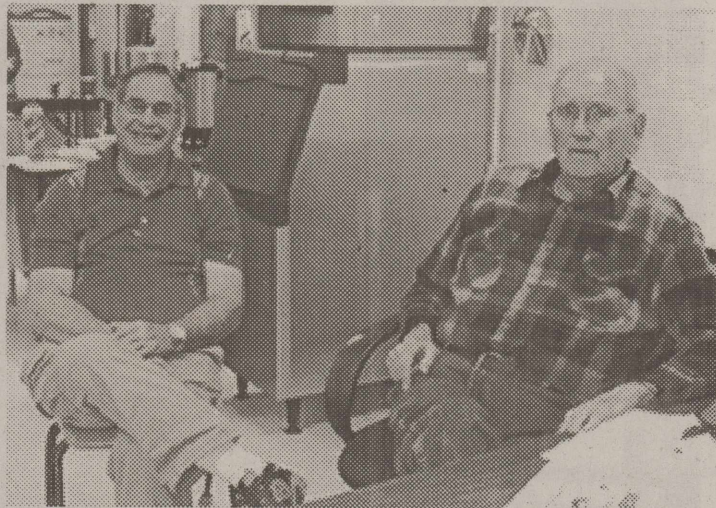
About 160 people came and enjoyed the meal and kept the Kiwanis cooks busy preparing sausage and pancakes.

The Butcher Block's sausage was a real hit and made a great addition to the IHOP pancakes. The tea donated by Chicken Express was much appreciated.

There was a lot of good fellowship as our town folks sat down to eat with friends and family.



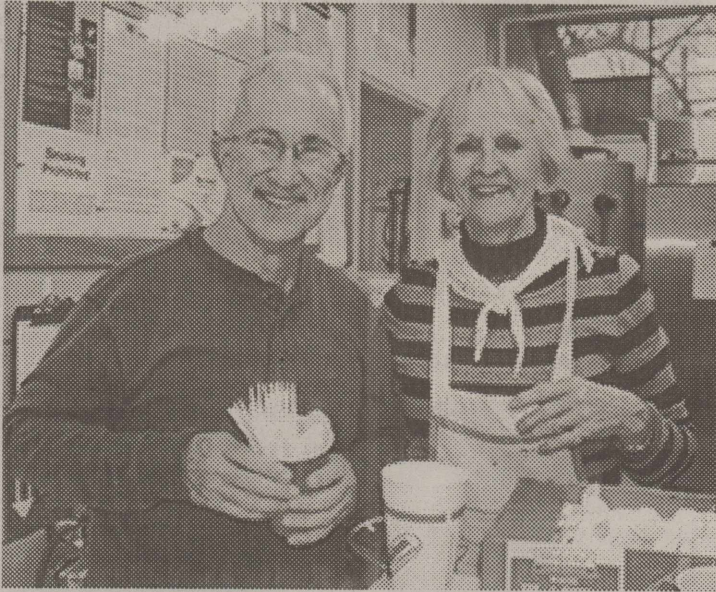
Kathy Chesshir with Sheena Apple



Rick Austin and Dale Bishop



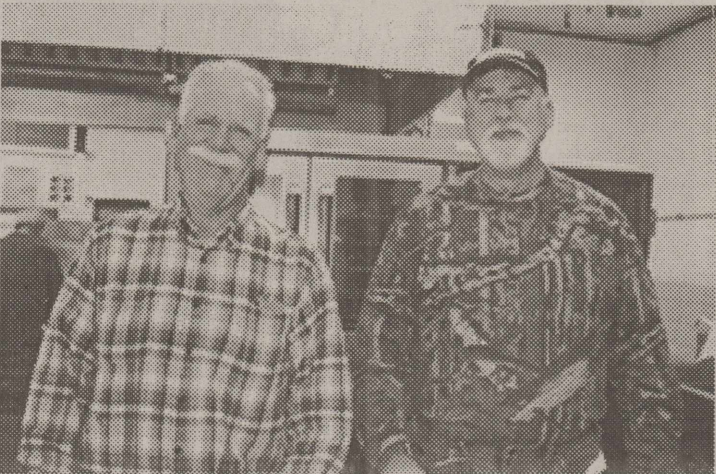
Yum! Everyone enjoyed the pancakes.



Kevin Morton and Connie Kirkham with the silverware.



Erik Woodard with Nora Odom and Judy Luter.



Roy Boyd and David Estes serving up pancakes.



Dannes Turner, Director of the Cross Plains Senior Center, right, was the guest speaker at the Cross Plains Kiwanis Meeting on Tuesday morning March 7th. She talked about the recent events at the Senior Center including the Mardi Gras and Senior Dance and about the new programs at the center. She is shown here with Kiwanis member Sheena Apple.

The Crockin' Girls Are Coming to Town on Saturday, March 18th

The Crockin' Girls - Nicole Sparks and Jenna Marwitz - are helping the Cross Plains Public Library celebrate the NEA Big Read and will be featured guests at the "Puttin' On the Ritz" Brunch to be held on Saturday, March 18, from 11am-1pm at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Nicole and Jenna will be sharing cooking tips, cooking up samples for us in their crockpot and autographing their cookbooks. (Bring yours

or purchase one at the brunch). Wear your "riches" (we will help with headbands, pearls and boas)! Popular vote will declare the best-dressed.

Dine on menu items popular in the 1920's. There will be loads of door prizes! Cost is \$15 per person or \$75 for a table of six. No reservations are accepted - tickets must be paid for in advance, but hurry, as seating is limited!

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The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be raffling off this beautiful red and blue quilt made by Linda Pringle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at Texas Heritage Bank, where the quilt is on display. The quilt will be given away at the CPVFD Fish Fry on Friday, April 21st.

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

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- TX Tanya's "Texas When ..."
- TX-born singing cowboy Autry news wrangler
- TXism: "... your hand at it"
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- TV son of TX-born Phylicia Rashad
- these rolls are a breakfast treat
- TXism: "passed me like I ... jacks in the garage" (fast)
- TXism: "he ... to be tied" (angry)
- spilling a bowl of chili will leave this on a carpet (2 wds.)
- "right as ..."
- pine paneling
- "comin' a ... the seams"
- "... dine"
- Dez Bryant's pos. on the Cowboys
- TXism: "just cause a chicken has wings don't fly" (deceiving looks)
- TX Pecos Bill's sweetheart: "...Foot Sue"
- TXism: "a windy another cowboy state"
- Houston married the daughter of Chief ...-ka
- NY QB Manning

DOWN

- TXism: "happy as a ... in slop"
- TX Robby Benson 1976 film: "... to Billy Joe"
- this Nora was the first Executive Director of the TX Lottery
- TXism: "... between the ditches"
- TXism: "... dog won't hunt"
- TX Willie wrote "Funny How Time Slips ..."
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- closer Joe Nathan left this team to pitch for the Texas Rangers
- TXism: "fits like ugly ... an ape"
- TX hosp. nurse
- game interruptions for the Astros or Rangers (2 wds.)
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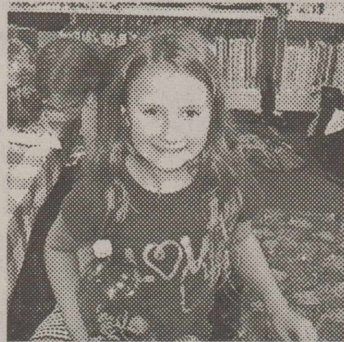
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The "Great After School Adventure" was a huge success

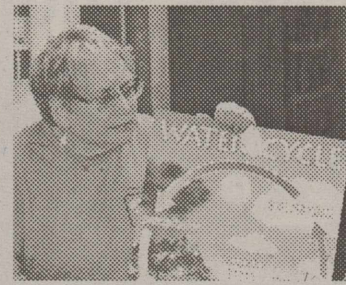
The Cross Plains Garden Club enjoyed an afternoon with the school children during the "Great After School Adventure" on Wednesday, March 1st. Julia Wheeler demonstrated terrarium assembly using a large soda bottle, charcoal granules, gravel, soil and tiny indoor plants. Garden Club members assisted the children in making their own individual terrariums enhanced with decorative rock and toy frogs. As an added feature, Julia talked with the children about our earth's water cycle and provided worksheets and tote bags filled with crayons, pencils, notebooks and seeds (a must for every young

gardener). The kids enjoyed the event and we hope these programs will inspire children to explore and appreciate our natural environment.

The next Cross Plains Garden Club activity will be our Annual Plant Sale to be held on Friday, April 14th in the park next to our library. Please plan to stop by to select from a vast assortment of decorative indoor and outdoor plants as well as herbs and vegetables. For more information about the Cross Plains Garden Club, please check out our fb page at Cross Plains Garden Club, Cross Plains, TX or call us at 254-725-9418.



Cadie Carouth showing completed project.



Julia Wheeler leading discussion with children started.



Cross Plains Public Library's After School Adventure Program Makes Terrariums

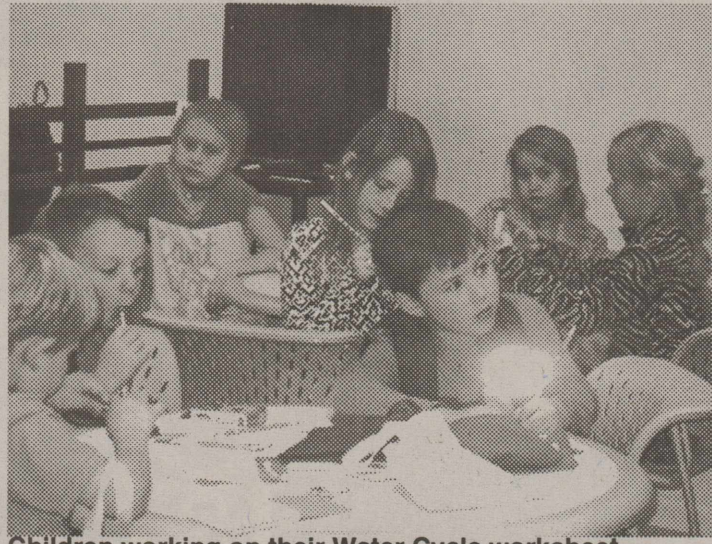
The Cross Plains Public Library's After School Adventure Program (ASAP) last Wednesday was presented by the Cross Plains Garden Club. Their presentation has always been one of the most favorite and best attended ASAP's for several years. Garden Club members Julia Wheeler, Diana Miller, Cher Ptacek, Judy Kilgo, Donna Clark, Lexie Bagley and Carlene

Howard helped the 33 attending children make terrariums. Julia Wheeler explained the concept of growing plants in the terrariums made from soda bottles. A variety of plants were made available for the children to complete their unique garden.

The program ended with a lot of little happy growers heading home.



Judy Kilgo getting the children started.



Children working on their Water Cycle worksheet.



Carlene Howard assist children in plant section.



Getting ready to put the soil in the terrariums.



Children working on coloring activity.



The Children having fun putting the terrariums together.



Kids making their terrariums.



Plants used in the terrariums.



Terrarium completed.



Lexia Bagley and Cher Ptacek view completed terrariums.

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Upcoming NEA Big Read Events at the Cross Plains Library

In our month-long celebration of the NEA Big Read, the Cross Plains Public Library invites you to these upcoming events: each Thursday, join us at the Senior Center for popcorn and a movie at 1pm featuring films from the 1920's - most notably those of F. Scott Fitzgerald; Project Pride members will be manning our book sale on Saturday, March 4, from 10:00am-2:00pm at the book building located across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch; also at the Senior Center we will have "Trash to Treasure" crafts each Monday from 12:30-1:30pm; and on Tuesdays, visit the library and pick up a new puzzle - completed entries will be entered in a drawing for 2 movie passes.

Every Wednesday the children will be treated to a different book with a rich/poor theme and will design the blocks for this year's traditional quilt. During spring break, bring the kids on March 15, 1:00pm, for a special Book-to-Movie of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (book) and "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (movie) at the Senior Center with popcorn, drinks and other "movie theatre snacks." Children may pick up a FREE copy of the book, courtesy of a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. One lucky child will draw the "Golden Ticket" and win a prize package valued at over \$100!

All month long you can see

our "Gatsby Display" of the works of F. Scott Fitzgerald in books and film - all available for check-out. Also, visit local artist Steve Knotts' "Buildings of the 1920's Art Exhibit" where you can purchase your own original oil painting of historic buildings in Cross Plains and other locations in Texas.

On Thursday, March 16, join us at the library for our first Book-to-Movie event at 5:30pm - a viewing of the 1974 version of "The Great Gatsby," followed by a Dutch-treat dinner at Jean's Feed Barn for a group discussion, sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

But that's not all! This year's brunch is bigger and better than ever! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 18, at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. (Note: the date for this was originally March 11, but has been pushed back a week.) We will have a cooking demonstration featuring Nicole Sparks of The Crockin' Girls, loads of door prizes, and our menu will feature foods popular in the 1920's. Wear your riches (we will help with headbands, pearls and boas - popular vote will declare the best-dressed). Cost is \$15 per person or \$75 for a table of six, so get your friends together for a fun time. Tickets are on sale at the library through March 14th - but hurry, as seating is limited!



Kiwanis Member Erik Woodard, right, congratulates CPHS Student Allie Jones who has been selected as the Kiwanis Sophomore of the Year. Allie is the daughter of Brad and Stacey Jones.

Cross Plains 4-H Will Be Busy in March

March is a busy month for 4H. Eastland County 4H has invited us to attend the duds to dazzle/sewing workshops. On March 16 and March 30. These workshops are from 4pm-6pm at the Eastland County Extension office. If you would like to attend you must RSVP with our office at least a week before each workshop.

The 2017 District 7 Duds to Dazzle will be on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Bill Franklin Center in Coleman, Texas. Entry deadline due at the district office by March 21, 2017. Registration is open from March 6th - March 20th. Late Registration, March 21st - March 23rd. \$5 Per Contestant (Late Fee \$10 Per Contestant).

Our last Vet Science meeting has been changed to Monday, March 20th at 7:00 PM. At the

Callahan County vet clinic in Clyde.

Photography projects are coming up soon. A mounting party will be held on March 23, 2017 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the extension office. This is the county contest deadline. Mounting Supplies \$5.00 per photo Junior & Intermediates Only. (Clovers & Seniors will not mount their photos.) All Photos must be 8X10 prints. The County Contest for All ages will be on March 28, 2017. County best of show on March 31, 2017 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If you plan on showing Steer in the 2017-2018 show season then you need to call extension office and order your tags. Tag orders are due by April 13th.

For more information contact The Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Callahan County Library news

Some Karen Kingsbury books, (paperbacks) at the library are: **Redemption, Rejoice, Remember, Return and Reunion.**

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday July 29, 1882 Vol. 3, No. 17

Personal
Messrs. M. H. Donohoe and S. R. Dunnagan leave this morning with teams for New Mexico, where they go to buy sheep for this market. Mrs. Donohoe accompanies her husband as far as King county. In the Pan Handle where she remains to visit Mrs. H. H. Campbell for several months. We trust the party will have a pleasant and successful time.
Messrs. Esau and Richard Skinner, and Ed Ryan, of Pilot Point are guests at the Sigal House. They will remain in Baird for some time. In conversation with the former gentleman he informed us that the crop prospect in Denton county was better than had been for ten years past. He says Pilot Point is having a very steady and substantial growth.

Following are the proceedings of Justice Court, precinct No. 8, Callahan County, Tex., held during the week:

J. M. Foy vs. J. G. McNeary - sequestration suit continued
The State vs. J. M. Foy - Forgery - bound over in the sum of \$200 for his appearance before District Court
The State vs. J. G. McNeary - Assault with intent to murder - bound over in the sum of \$200 for his appearance before District Court

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

Receipts: 16 cars merchandise, 1 car lumber, 1 car posts, 1 car shingles, 2 cars wood, 32 cars coal
Shipments: 3 cars bridge material, 2 cars coal, 4 cars cattle, 2 cars merchandise, 2 cars sand, 2 cars ties

Through Freight
St. Louis: 49 cars; Chicago: ___ cars, Memphis: ___; San Antonio: ___; Galveston: 1; Houston: 1; Austin: ___; Hannibal: 2; Cario: 10; Kansas City: 1

Through west: 103

Justice Court

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

The kids are out of school next week for Spring Break, March 13 to 17. Watch out for the children outside playing and riding their bikes.

Cross Plains, Rising Star and Cottonwood Fire Departments were called out to a barn fire here in Cottonwood on Friday afternoon. Later that night, a second fire broke out near where the barn had burned. All three departments responded again and put out the fire.

The Callahan County Historical Commission will be unveiling a historical marker this Saturday, March 11th, at the Oglesby Cemetery. The cemetery is located on private property near Caddo Peak. Everyone will gather at the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. and then travel to the cemetery for the dedication.

There will be a dance at the

Senior Center on Monday, March 13th. Plan to go and have a great time whether you dance the night away or just listen to the music. Dance starts at 6:30 p.m.

The library in Cross Plains is planning a big month with the Big Read. They are celebrating F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby". Look for events all month long.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group is planning their Annual Fish Fry for Friday night, March 24th. This will be in conjunction with the Cottonwood Musical on that night. The Fish Fry is at the Community Center.

The Burn Ban is ON. No Control Burns, trash burning or welding. If you see smoke, it's a fire. Call the 911 to reach the Sheriff's Office to report the fire. Their number: 325-854-1444

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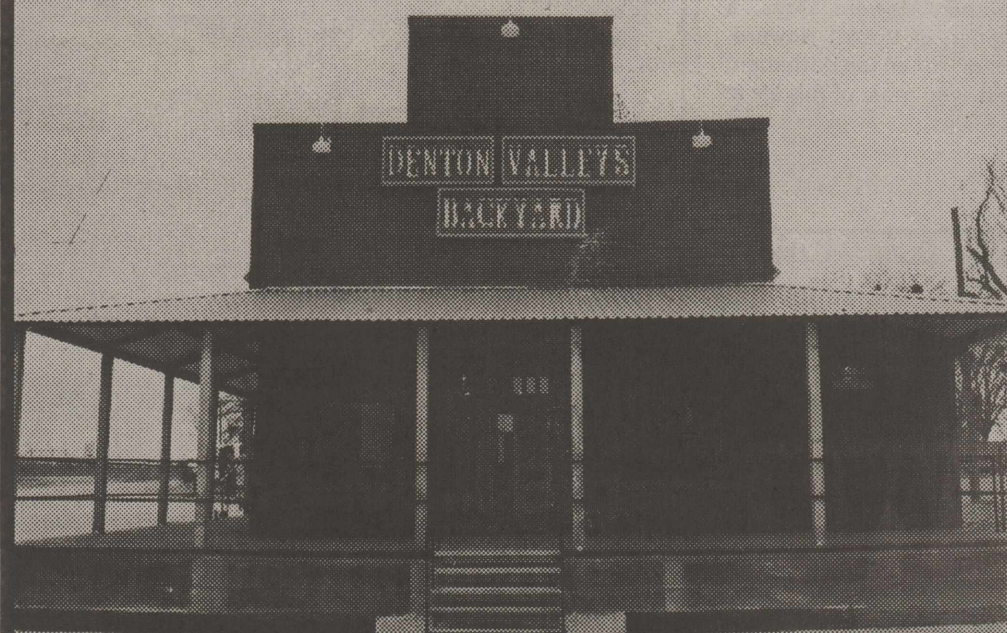
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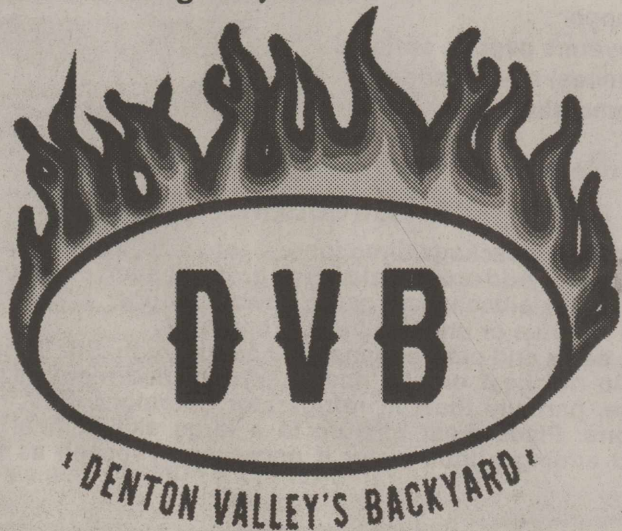
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Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Closed Friday

February 27-March 2, 2017

Patrons 134
Books Checked 93

Programs 176
GED 5
LAP/LA Psit 23
ASAP 66
Art Exhibit 72
Open House 19

Copies 51

Internet 21
Wi Fi 3
Computer 18

Reference 31

Memorials

Richard & Maryann Chaffin
In Memory of:
Blanche Byrd
Donnel Clark
Barbara Corn
Lou Grider
Therennie McGrohan
Margaret McGough
Dorothy Petty
Marguerite Ransdell
Phil Schaefer
Jack Scott
Roy Stambaugh

Volunteers

Sue Bennett
Jan Bond
Peggy Brock
Linda Burns
Lavonne Childress
Ginny Hoskins
Melody Jones
Helen Parson
Nina Zamudio
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Supervisor of wind farm visits REH Museum

Another "first" to visit the local museum was David Jones of Ft. Stockton, who works for BP Wind Energy. As such, he had worked his way up from building and maintenance of the wind turbines to becoming a supervisor of a 15 person maintenance and technology team. His area includes two wind farms in the Ft. Stockton area. Jones had been in Stephenville for a district meeting of management personnel and stopped here on his way back home.

As with so many fans of Howard's writings, he had been introduced to the stories as a young teenager. With a different twist, he by-passed the comic books and went straight to the paperback Conan books. "There's just something about a Frank Frazetta drawing that

just pulls you into the story," Jones commented. Frazetta remains one of the all time favorite illustrators of Howard stories.

When he entered the shop at the museum, he was more than surprised to see the wide scope of Howard's writings; several of which he was totally unaware. Like Project Pride members, he has a hard time grasping the extent of the world-wide appeal of the local writer. As he said "Doesn't seem possible that somebody from such a small town could achieve so much from just using his creative juices and very few outside resources."

Helping visitors better understand where and how that all happened is what the local organization enjoys so much.

Market at Clyde this Saturday 10am-4pm

Saturday is the day for Market at Clyde. The weather is predicted to be nice and great vendors have been working hard to create wonderful products. Everything is all set up for you to come and enjoy a day of local shopping in an interesting atmosphere.

Everything at Market at Clyde is handcrafted by the vendors that you will shop with. Many of these vendors will even accept orders to create an item personalized for you. Spring is a season of gift giving with graduations, weddings and other special occasions. Choosing a handcrafted one of a kind item means the gift you give is a gift to be cherished by the one receiving it.

This month expect to find hand sewn items such as memory pillows. These are pillows made from a favorite team shirt or even a uniform shirt. These pillows make wonderful graduation gifts and a way to get that memorabilia out of storage. These pillows can also be made from a favorite shirt or blouse worn by a loved one. Or maybe you would like a purse created from a pair of fatigue pants, uniform pants or jeans. There are many hand sewn items for your kitchen, bath and other home décor.

If you collect crosses, or wish to give a cross as a gift, there are choices from wood, motorcycle chain and hammered metal. These are selections not found

elsewhere so your purchase will be one of a kind.

Hand tooled leather is a favorite gift that can be personalized as well. Choose from purses, holsters, knife cases and much more.

Why settle for just any writing pen for a graduation gift? Do not purchase a pen until you have seen these handcrafted one of a kind writing pens.

Spring is a time to update and decorate your home and office. Why not new art? There are also blingy creations that will add pizzazz to your home, office or business. While you are looking at Blingy Things check out the jewelry too. Jewelry is a great gift to choose for your self or for someone else.

Make your meals something special by choosing yeast breads, sweet breads, jams, jellies and more from these home cooks. Each item is made fresh. When you purchase from home cooks you are able to eliminate many preservatives and other artificial ingredients from your diet.

There will be much more than this at Market at Clyde on Saturday. To find out more see the ad in this newspaper. Also visit the Facebook page Market at Clyde, Texas as well as the website. If you would like to be a vendor call 325-518-3939 or email themarketatclyde@gmail.com. Market at Clyde is a non-profit organization so booth rate is only \$10 for each space.

Central Texas Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show Abilene dates given

See rocks that glow in the dark! Crack open a geode and see what crystals are inside. Is rock or fossil collecting your thing?

Or maybe you prefer gems or jewelry? If so, visit the 2017 Central Texas Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show on April 8 and 9 at the Abilene Convention Center.

Shop at a variety of vendor's booths offering various rock-related and jewelry items. Showcase displays of rock specimens and minerals, lapidary, wire wrapping, and jewelry are featured. Silver smithing, gem faceting, chain making, beading and other lapidary techniques will

be demonstrated.

The show is Saturday 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Show proceeds will help provide a university scholarship to a local geology student.

Every hour door prizes will be drawn for one adult and one child. (All Boy/Girl Scouts and Military in uniform are admitted free!) Adult admission is \$3, children 6 to 12 are \$1.50 and under 6 are free. At the conclusion of the show on Sunday afternoon, the raffle winners and \$100 Grand Prize winner will be drawn and you need not be present to win. Y'all come out and enjoy our show.

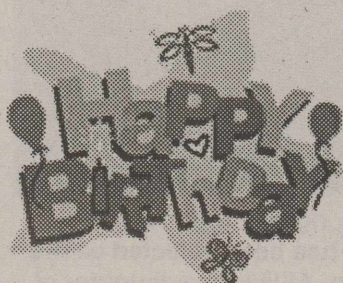
Community Blood Drive in Cross Plains on March 15th, Type O Negative Donors Needed

A community blood drive will take place at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Wednesday, March 15. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be there from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"We appreciate the support we receive from the communities we serve," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Blood donors play a vital role in the treatment of cancer patients, accident victims, surgical patients, newborn babies and people with blood diseases." "At this

time Meek Blood Center has an urgent need for type O negative blood, which is the universal donor," Baker continued. "We would definitely appreciate support from donors in Cross Plains who have that special blood type."

Each donor will receive a T-shirt, as well as a complimentary total cholesterol test. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2880. For the latest news and updates follow us at facebook.com/meekbloodcenter.



March 12

Jim Bob Cozart
Sean Conway
Misty (Kelly) Yates
James Wilson
Charley Wright
Lida Sheppard
Micheal Wayne Teague
Billy Faye Graham
Tammy Jean Riffe
Mrs. George Hoover

March 13

Jayleigh Blace Patterson
Julia Morgan
Bobby Havens
Christine Hutchins
Perry Glen Strickland
Gaylon Jackson
Billy Leon Lee
Vicci Draper

March 14

Rickey Thomas
Mrs. R.P. Haun
Tomy Carlisle
Charles Richardson
Rodney Renfro
Lisa Dawn Dickson
Joy Gerking
Brooke Bowden

March 15

Traci (Morgan) Franke
Ethel Champion
Debra Denise Stout
Joe McNeel
James Barr
Betty Albrecht
Vicky Nigar
Tracy Lee Long
Julianna Childers

March 16

Leonard Joy
Rick Neal
Shanda (McClure) Johnson
Mrs. Buddy Hardin
Eddy Don Edmondson
Becky Self
Janna (Pickett) Clare
Mark Baum
Robert Kuner
Chelsea (Long) Dickson

March 17

Mrs. Fritz Barnett
Arnold Childers
Reggy Stover
Vondal Hutchins
Margie Wilson
Mrs. Mary Hayes
Randy Rucker
T.J. Harris

March 18

Tina (Evans) Bradley
Don Draper
Whitney (Walker) Grant
Chandra Heath
Kye King
Allison Joy Pope
Kimberly (Merrill) Thomas
Bonnie Gosnell
Henry Ring
Gail Walker
Bruce Johnson
Jay Wilcoxon
Faye Renfro

Love Fund

has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Michelle (Shields) Parr to help with medical expenses p21

Robert E. Howard Days to be Held June 9th-10th

Project Pride announces early plans for the annual Robert E. Howard days to be held on Friday and Saturday, June 9-10 this year. Headquartered at the REH Museum and Pavilion, the event will focus on the recent discoveries of Howard pictures and other new aspects of the total Howard movement. Paul Herman of Houston, noted "rat terrier" of Howard memorabilia, will be the guest of honor and will discuss some of these Howard discoveries.

Herman is known locally for presently the \$1000 scholarship

from the REH Foundation to a graduating Senior each year.

Numerous panel discussions, the Glenn Lord Symposium and the award ceremony for outstanding contributions to the Movement will all be held at the First United Methodist Church. The celebration dinner, hosted by Project Pride, will be once again held in the Community Center.

Stay tuned for developing plans for this event that draws visitors from around the world and all across the USA.

Barbarian Festival Booths Available Now

The 19th Annual Barbarian Festival will be held on Saturday, June 10th under the shade trees at Treadway Park in Cross Plains. This year's festival features live music, arts & crafts booths, games, rides, food, beverages, antique and classic car and truck show, tractor show, inflatable bounce obstacle course and lots of family fun!

You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival. Booths are available for \$50.00 for an approximately 12'x12' space --- or only \$35.00, if you register early, and have your registration forms and check or money order received by May 15! You can sell arts & crafts, trinkets and other items, take donations for your organization, bring rides and games, sell food, beverages, snocones, etc. Come out and join in the fun!

Sign up now and reserve your place at the Barbarian Festival! Get more information on booth space by calling Diana Miller at 254-725-9418. Get the Vendor Registration form on line and all the details on line at the Barbarian Festival's website barbarianfestival.net .

The Barbarian Festival, now in its 18th year, is held the second Saturday in June in conjunction with Robert Howard Days, a celebration of Robert Howard, creator of Conan the Barbarian. Howard lived most of this life in Cross Plains.

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Cross Plains Community Calendar

March

Mar 13 - Monday, Dance at the Senior Center, 6:30 p.m.

Mar 13-17 - Spring Break

Mar 16 - Thursday, "The Great Gatsby", 1974 movie, Cross Plains Public Library, 5:30 p.m. Discussion afterward at Jean's Feedbar.

Mar 17 - Friday, St. Patrick's Day

Mar 18 - Saturday, Cooking Demonstration of foods of the 1920s with Nicole Sparks and Jenna Marwitz of the Crockin Girls, in conjunction with the Cross Plains Public Library's Big Read, First United Methodist Church, 11 a.m.

Mar 21 - Tuesday, First Responders Dinner, Senior Citizen's Center, 5-7 p.m.

Mar 24 - Friday, Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Fish Fry and Cottonwood Musical, Cottonwood Community Center, meal served 5-7 p.m.

Mar 25 - Saturday, Cross Plains Public Library, Orphan Trains Historical Performance, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

Mar 25 - Saturday, Team Roping, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Arena

Mar 30 - Thursday, "The Great Gatsby", 2013 movie, Cross Plains Public Library. Discussion afterward at Jean's Feedbar.

April

Apr 1 - Burkett Volunteer Fire Department 9th Annual Barbeque Supper and Open

House, Burkett Christian Community Center, 5-8 p.m.

Apr 9 - Palm Sunday, Methodist Church Easter Cantata, 4 p.m.

Apr 14 - Good Friday, School's out for Easter Holiday

Apr 14 - Garden Club Plant Sale, Park by the Library, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Apr 16 - Easter Sunday

Apr 21 - CPVFD Fish Fry, First Baptist Church Family Life Center

Apr 28 - Friday, Arbor Day

May

May 4 - National Day of Prayer, Thursday, Prayer Service at the Methodist Church, noon. Light lunch afterward.

May 14 - Mother's Day

May 19 - Friday, Last day of School Classes; Graduation

May 26-29 - Memorial Day Weekend, Fire Department, EMS and Caring Citizens stand at 4-Way Stop.

May 29 - Monday, Memorial Day observed

June

June 8 - Thursday, Barbarian Festival Parade, 6 p.m.; Senior Center Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m.

June 9 & 10 - Friday and Saturday, Robert E. Howard Days

June 10 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday

June 10 - Saturday, Barbarian Festival, Treadway Park, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

June 18 - Father's Day

June 24 - Saturday, Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Playday

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The Recipe Corner

Shortcut Sausage Jambalaya

Prep/Total Time: 20 Minutes

Ingredients:

- *1 package (8.8 ounces) ready-to-serve long grain rice
- * 1 tablespoon butter
- * 1 small onion, chopped
- * 1 celery rib, chopped
- * 1 small green pepper, chopped
- * 1 package (14 ounces) smoked turkey kielbasa, sliced
- * 1/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- * 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper, optional
- * 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) no-salt-added diced tomatoes, undrained
- * 1 cup salsa
- * Dash instant coffee granules

Directions

1. Heat rice according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion, celery and green pepper; cook and stir 4-6 minutes or until tender. Stir in kielbasa, salt, garlic powder, pepper and, if desired, cayenne; cook and stir 2-3 minutes or until kielbasa is browned.
2. Add tomatoes, salsa and coffee granules; heat through. Stir in rice.

Freeze option: Do not heat or add rice. Freeze cooled meat mixture in a freezer container. To use, partially thaw in refrigerator overnight. Heat rice according to package directions. Place meat mixture in a large skillet; heat through, stirring occasionally and adding a little water if necessary. Proceed as directed. Yield: 4 servings.

ADVERTISE IN THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW



HISTORIC COUNTY COURTHOUSE RECEIVES FACELIFT--This photograph was taken of the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird following an open house held on Thursday, March 2nd to officially "light" the courthouse to recognize the completion of Phase 1 of the Restoration of the Historic 1929 courthouse. A large crowd attended this year's open house which was held in conjunction with Texas Independence Day.



COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

42nd District Court
James Eldson, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Kristy M. Hays Keys, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Jerry Hank Whitt Sr. and Marie Anne Evans, both of Clyde.

Civil Filings

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Amanda L. Rice, debt contract.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Danny R. Wheeler, debt contract.

T. D. Bank, N.A. vs. Danny Wheeler, debt contract.

William James Carrvs. Gabriel Anaya and Quincy Crawford, declaratory judgment.

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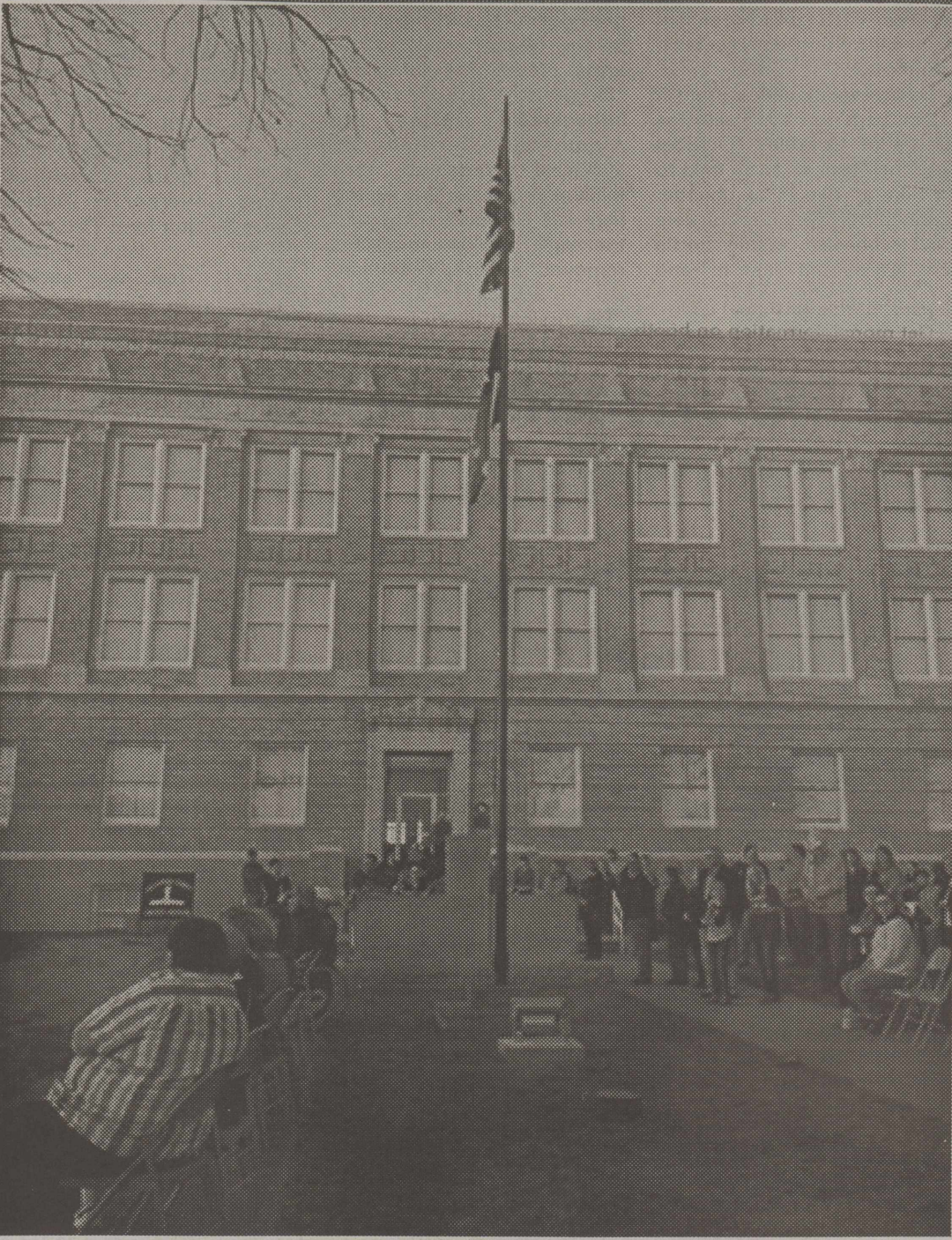
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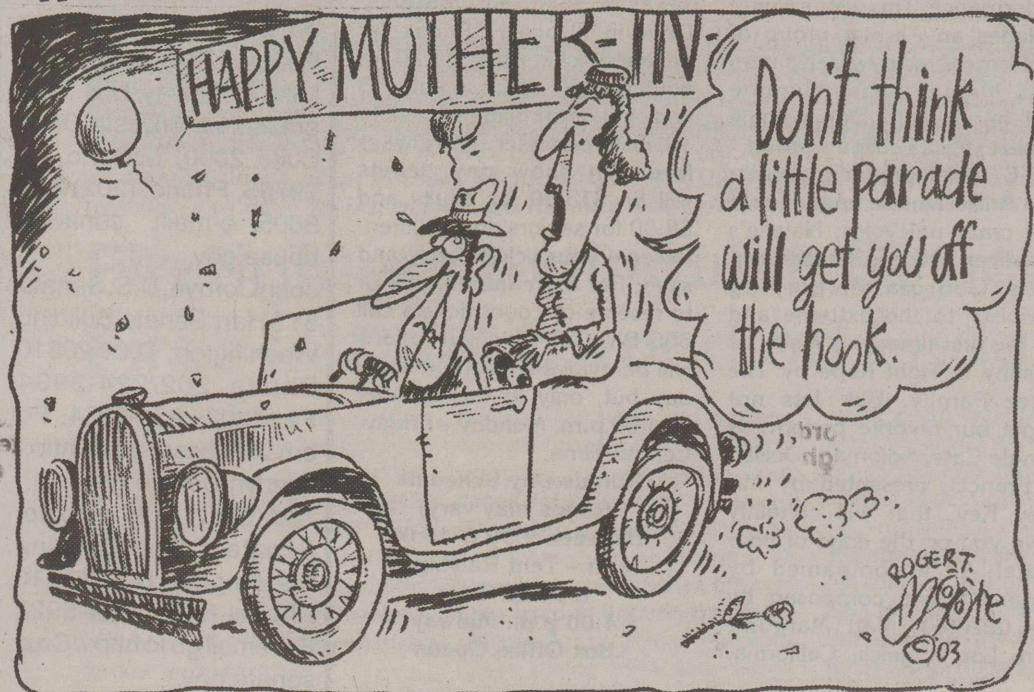
Criminal Minutes

William K. Cedregren, plea of no contest to possession of a controlled substance, 2 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs, \$180 restitution.

Scenes from the Open House ceremony held for the Callahan County Courthouse lighting



TRUE TEXAS FACTS by Roger Moore March 5, 1938 Gene Howe, editor of the Amarillo Globe-News, comes up with National Mother-in-Law Day to appease his own mother-in-law.



Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

It was Thursday afternoon about 4:15 p.m., March 2nd. I was on my way to the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club pancake supper at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. I wanted to get there by 5:00 p.m. to eat good pancakes and visit so I would have plenty of time to get back to the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird to attend the "open house event" that was for Callahan County citizens to view the good work that had been completed so far in the Courthouse Restoration Project. The Sheriff's Office was going to be open to the public; my wife was bringing some pizzas. Sheriff's Department employee, Melba Miller, was also bringing food.

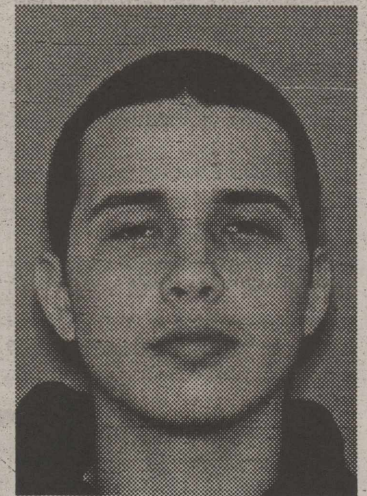
I had decided to take highway 880 from Putnam to Cross Plains. All roads in Callahan County are scenic roads to me but there are numerous beautiful horses in the green wheat fields along this route and beautiful horses, green wheat fields, and beautiful scenery are good therapy. I was listening to Shawn Hannity on the radio and feeling good about our country. Everything at the Sheriff's Office had been running smoothly. Here I was going into my second 4-year term without any major negative incidents and then my cell phone rang. It was my Jail Administrator Julie Lemon. She said "Sheriff we have had an inmate escape from our jail" and immediately I went from feeling super good to very bad.

As Julie and I talked a dispatcher was putting the information out on the radio. Julie told me that the trustee, Arthur Thurman, was asked to fill up an ice chest with ice from our icemaker to ice down cold drinks for the "courthouse open house." He said he needed to put a bag of trash into the dumpster first. The dumpster is directly behind the jail. He put the trash into the dumpster along with his black and white striped jail shirt and jumped into a getaway vehicle that was parked next to the dumpster. The pickup was a 2010 black Toyota Tundra, L.P. #09NCJ8, and it took off. The driver was Olmedo Bailey Olivas. There was a very good chance they would be heading east on I-20. I immediately turned around and headed to Putnam.

Just as I was getting to the I-20 eastbound access entry at Putnam I saw a Black Toyota Tundra go by. I got behind it and saw that it was the right



ARTHUR THURMAN
...escapee sought by Callahan County Sheriff's Office



OLMEDO BAILEY OLIVAS
...accomplice of escapee sought by Callahan County Sheriff's Office

license plate. I radioed to all units that I was behind the pickup. I wanted to be sure Callahan County Dispatch notified Eastland County before I attempted to stop the black Toyota pickup because it could probably out run me. I crossed Coopers Creek and kept dispatch notified of my location. Eastland County was notified and there were faster DPS and Deputy units coming behind me. When the Callahan County line came in sight I decided to try to stop them before they got into Eastland County. I turned on my red lights and siren and they took off. The fastest my county issued 4-wheel drive Callahan County pickup will go is 98 miles per hour.

The Toyota began to move ahead of me. It was speeding well over 100 miles per hour and weaving in and out of heavy traffic. It was dangerously passing vehicles on the right shoulder of I-20. We were entering Cisco and just as I lost sight of the Toyota I saw a white Chevy PU that had pulled over and stopped. The driver was waving me down and pointing across the south access road. I stopped and he told me that the Black Toyota had driven across the median and across the access road and through an entry gate he was pointing to. I thanked him and hurried to the location he told me. About 50 yards from the gate was a house and several barns and out buildings. The Black Toyota was parked at the end of the road close to a chicken pen.

I notified dispatch and all officers of my location and exited my unit. There was a man and a woman at the house. The woman said she saw two men, one wearing a green shirt

and the other a white tee shirt exit the pickup, cross the fence and disappear into the brush. I thanked her and her husband, checked out the chicken pen and crossed the fence into the brush and ran back and forth to the east hoping I would find them. I did not find them. I went back to where the rest of the law enforcement officers were gathering. Each outbuilding was thoroughly checked out.

I knew where I could get access to a helicopter. I talked by cell phone to David Stanley in charge of security for Wilkes Brothers. He said to come to the Wilkes Brothers headquarters which was very close by and he would have the helicopter ready. We flew over the area many times. I will send an official letter of thanks from the Callahan County Sheriff's Department to Dan Wilkes, the owner of the helicopter. The DPS helicopter also came and Wilkes Brothers offered them all the helicopter fuel they needed. We were assisted by Eastland County Sheriff Wayne Bradford and his deputies, the Cisco Police Department, DPS Troopers and Texas Rangers. Tracking dogs came from the prison system. Somehow the fugitives were able to get away. After midnight it was decided to terminate the search.

The next morning we received a call from the Chief Deputy of a county further east near the Metroplex. He told us that a relative of escapee Arthur Thurman had called and told him where Thurman was. He said he would arrest him as soon as the warrants were issued into the system. Arrest warrants were prepared and entered into the system but, to date, Thurman and Olivas have, thus far, managed to avoid arrest.

March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month

Belleville, Illinois—Feb. 28, 2017—Despite effective screening methods and treatment options, colorectal cancer remains a significant cause of disability, according to Allsup, a national provider of Social Security Disability Insurance representation, veterans disability appeal and return-to-work services. Allsup is hosting a Blog-a-Thon for Colon Cancer throughout Colon Cancer Awareness Month in March, to raise awareness of the disease and its effect on specific populations, provide a forum for diverse perspectives, and encourage screening.

Described as the second leading cause of cancer deaths by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), colon cancer is treatable when detected early. However, fewer than half of men and women over age 50 are screened as recommended. The American Cancer Society reports that inadequate communication from healthcare providers and fear and embarrassment about screening procedures contribute to the low rates.

Sharing personal stories and the real-life impacts of colon cancer, as well as the science and clinical procedures involved with the disease, the Blog-a-Thon for Colon Cancer will provide opportunities to engage in a topic not often discussed. The blogs will be a platform

to continue conversations via social media.

Colon cancer survivors, health professionals and organizations including the American Cancer Society, the Colon Cancer Alliance and the Raymond Foundation will address issues related to prevention, employment, young onset, gratitude, health disparities and more.

Allsup is accepting articles for consideration to include in the All Things Disability Blog-a-Thon for Colon Cancer. If you have a personal story or professional perspective on colon cancer, and would like to submit a guest blog, contact Tai Prohaska at t.prohaska@allsupinc.com by March 15, 2017.

If you have a question about applying for SSDI visit Expert.Allsup.com.

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Texas Senate confirms Rolando Pablos as Secretary of State

AUSTIN, TX - Today, Rolando Pablos received Senate confirmation to serve as Texas' 11th Secretary of State. Following the vote of the full Senate, Secretary Pablos expressed his sincere gratitude to Governor Abbott for his appointment and to the Senate and Senate Nominations Committee for their unanimous consent.

"I would like to thank Governor Abbott for entrusting me with the responsibilities of the office of Secretary of State," Secretary Pablos said. "I would also like to thank members of the Senate, specifically the members

of the Senate Nominations Committee, for their support and feedback throughout the confirmation process. I look forward to working with the legislature and all Texans to ensure that the Lone Star State continues to enjoy a high profile on the global stage and serves as a beacon of economic opportunity."

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Calling All Rodeo Fans

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club held its first meeting of 2017 on Tuesday January 31st. Officers were elected David Mays- President, Josh King- Vice President, Ginger Bunn- Secretary, and welcoming Laura Atchley- Treasurer. We welcome and encourage anyone who want to join our club to do so. Fees are 25\$ annually per family, this buys you the use of our facilities and the opportunity to input and implement any ideas or suggestions you have for events you are interested in! We have meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month 7pm at the Cross Plains Community Center. We'd love to have you!

2017 promises to be a big year for the rodeo club and everyone who attends the local equestrian events. In February we are holding a team sorting jackpot on Saturday the 18th with cattle provided by Josh and Amy King. On Saturday February 25th we will have a team roping with cattle provided by Kenny Callaway, this event will be 25\$ a man with a 60% payback. There will also be a team roping in March on Saturday the 25th so be sure to save these dates and come out and have a great time!

Our summer playday series starts off in June and continues through the first weekend in August. The dates for this five part series are June 10th, June 24th, July 8th, July 22 and August 5th. Participants that compete in at least three of the five are eligible for awesome prizes at our playday banquet. Events offered are barrels, poles, and horsemanship. Fees are 5\$ per event. Age groups for the events are determined by the numbers and ages of attendees and we always offer an open class for participants

18yrs and up. Playday clinics will be offered to rodeo club members Friday June 23, and Friday July 7th at 6:00 in the evening. These clinics give playday participants the opportunity to practice their events and learn the patterns for the horsemanship portion of the playday. Dinner is served and desserts. The evening before the last playday of the summer we hold a family fun night, members are encouraged to come out and ride, play games and participate in a horsemanship clinic offered by Josh King. This will be August 4th at 6:00pm.

Our annual Memorial Ranch Rodeo is also something to look forward to, the date this year is September 9th. This is always an amazing event, local cowboys compete in a doctoring, sorting, branding and the always entertaining wild cow milking. There's mutton busting and Jr and Sr Shetland bronc riding as well.

Then in October we hold the Neva Yates Memorial Team Roping. In honor of one of our founding members that we lost to cancer. The proceeds from this event benefit the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund, lovely buckles are awarded and it's a big time for a good cause.

Events and details are subject to change. Watch the local newspapers and like the Turkey Creek Rodeo Club on Facebook as we add events to the calendar and as further details are provided about the events mentioned in this article. You can also call Ginger Bunn at 817-694-7991 or Josh King at 325-669-4509 with questions concerning membership or events. Happy 2017, and let's get riding!!

Remember and Revere Texas Independence

The Texas Declaration of Independence was signed on March 2, 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos (between Brenham & Navasota in Washington County) by delegates from the Mexican state of Tejas. The Texas Revolution, war and separation from Mexico began. The primary causes for seeking independence are contained in the Declaration. Independence was won 50 days later at the Battle of San Jacinto (near La Porte in Harris County).

Texas is the only state to win independence from another country and only sovereign republic to join the United States (28th state in 1845). The 13 colonies had won independence from England in the earlier American Revolution (1775-1783).

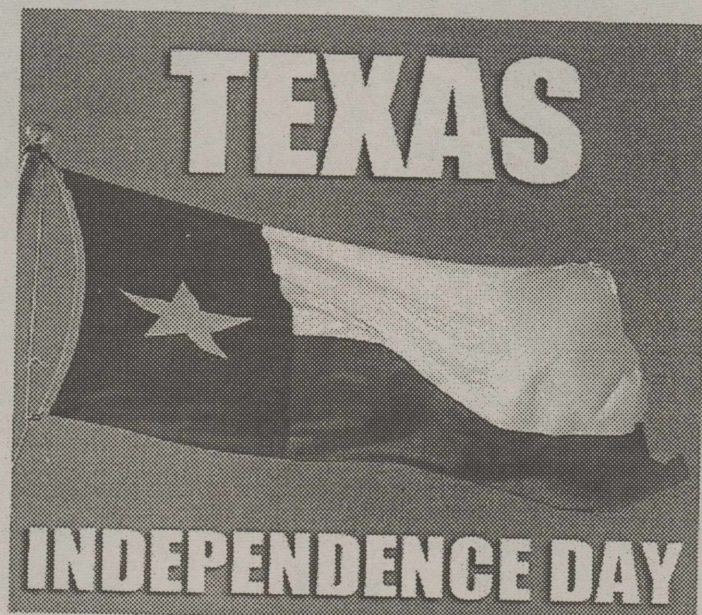
March 2 (last Thursday) was the state holiday commemorating Texas Independence along with observances for Sam Houston and our Lone Star flag. Communities celebrate the day, week and month with historical re-enactments, festivals, concerts, cook-offs, story-tellings, and related events.

The following is a historical and chronological summary of Texas Independence.

Mexico ultimately won its lengthy war for independence from Spain (1810-1821), but it bankrupted the country. Mexico was not able to protect its citizens from hostile Indians in the remote, northern-most and less populated state of Tejas. To resolve this problem and provide a protective buffer for the rest of the country, Mexico opened immigration and solicited Americans and interior Mexicans to settle Tejas. The 1824 Mexican Constitution established a republic with individual liberties that encouraged Tejas settlement.

Thereafter, General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna repressively revoked the 1824 Constitution and established a dictatorship with himself as President.

Tejas settlers were invited and came to a republic with constitutional freedoms only



to have Santa Anna later renege on them with severe consequences.

The northern states of Coahuila and Tejas were merged with the Coahuila capital of Monclova retained and the Tejas capital of San Antonio disenfranchised, leaving Tejas without government representation. Further immigration to Tejas was outlawed, tax exemptions eliminated, taxes increased, import tariffs raised, right to bear arms and jury trials denied, slavery abolished with prior permission rescinded, religious freedom prohibited with Roman Catholicism mandatory, and no public education provided. Mexican soldiers stationed in Tejas were convicted criminals given the choice of prison or Tejas service.

Stephen F. Austin traveled to Mexico City to request restoration of the 1824 Constitution for Tejas. Santa Anna rejected his request and imprisoned Austin without a trial. Santa Anna's tyranny was also resisted by other Mexican states with unsuccessful regional uprisings and secession attempts.

Open revolutionary warfare in Tejas began in 1835 with the Battle of Gonzales (October 2). The Mexican army tried to re-take a Spanish six-pounder cannon from Tejanos but were met with the hostile battle cry "Come and Take It!" and

repelled. At the battle of Goliad (October 9), Tejanos captured the Presidio La Bahia military post on a critical supply route to the Gulf Coast. The Battle of Concepcion (October 28) drove the Mexican army back into San Antonio where fighting continued until Mexican General Cos surrendered, agreed to leave Tejas and not oppose restoration of the 1824 Constitution (December 9). These victories left no Mexican military garrisons in Tejas and Tejano rebels now occupied the Alamo mission in San Antonio.

In November at San Felipe de Austin (north of Sealy in Austin County), Sam Houston had been named commander-in-chief of a non-existent Tejas army and given the formidable task of raising and training an army to fight and win independence from Mexico. Santa Anna and a reinforced army returned to San Antonio (February 23) with a vengeance and defeated Tejas volunteers led by Colonel William Travis at the legendary Battle of the Alamo (March 6). After 13 days of courageous resistance by the Tejanos, the Mexican army played the infamous "Deguello" (no quarter), successfully stormed the Alamo and executed any surviving defenders. Texas folklore suggests the Alamo flag was a Mexican flag with the eagle, snake and cactus removed and replaced with

"1824" representing the revoked Mexican Constitution. However, no flag or flag records have ever been recovered.

After his Alamo victory, Santa Anna began an aggressive pursuit of General Houston and the Tejas army. At least 1/3 of the Mexican army had been killed or severely wounded at the prolonged Alamo battle. The casualties and delay proved to be very costly for Santa Anna.

The Goliad Massacre occurred after a Mexican victory at the Battle of Coleta Creek (March 20) where Colonel James Fannin and his surviving army surrendered and were summarily executed by General Urrea on order of Santa Anna.

The ensuing "Runaway Scrape" led Santa Anna and his army across Tejas and gained invaluable time for increasing, equipping and training the small Tejas army as well as spreading the larger Mexican forces. The inferior Tejas army defeated the superior Mexican army at the Battle of San Jacinto (April 21) with the famous battle cries of "Remember the Alamo!" and "Remember Goliad!". This decisive victory won independence. The Treaty of Velasco recognizing Texas independence from Mexico was signed on May 14 at Velasco (now Surfside Beach in Brazoria County).

Today, Texas Independence can be celebrated with pride and patriotism by all Texans (native-born, naturalized or you got here as soon as you could!).

"ONLY GOD COULD RETURN TEXAS TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT." - Jose Francisco Ruiz (1783-1840, Tejas revolutionary, Declaration of Independence signer & Republic of Texas Senator).

"TEXAS CAN MAKE IT WITHOUT THE UNITED STATES, BUT THE UNITED STATES CANNOT MAKE IT WITHOUT TEXAS." - Sam Houston (1793-1863, Republic of Texas President, State of Texas Governor & United States Senator from Texas).

John Compere
West Texas rancher

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus coming to Baird Thursday, March 23rd

Thanks to the sponsorship of the Baird Chamber of Commerce, Culpepper & Merriweather Circus, America's Favorite Big Top Circus is coming to Baird, TX on Thursday, March 23rd, 2017 to the Chamber Lot Downtown located at 100 Market Street with scheduled performances at 5:00 & 7:30 p.m. Now in its 32nd edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, Arizona Highways Magazine. It has also been featured on the A&E Special: Under the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program.

Bring your friends and family out circus morning to watch as a familiar place in your town is transformed into a bustling Circus City. Activity swirls around the grounds as animals are unloaded, the Big Top is erected, and rigging is prepared for performances later in the day. Enjoy the magic and tradition of the American Circus with your family and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Between 9:30 and 10:00 a.m. come watch the raising of the Big Top, then stay for the FREE Tour. This presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, and interested community members to meet and learn all about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus family and includes a walking tour of the circus grounds. Learn interesting facts about our performers, the history of our show and the different species of animals in our Circus Family. In this



presentation we will also address topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of our animals receive. In recent years the Tent Raising and Morning Tour has become a popular program for families and interested community members. It is presented in a way everyone, young and old can learn many interesting facts about the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Family. This is a special part of Circus Day that should not be missed!

On circus day, our performers bring the magic of the circus to life in each 90-minute performance. This year's lineup includes an All-Star group of performers and entertainers that include: Miss Simone and her breath taking single trapeze, Miss Paulina's proud "Big & Little" prancing ponies, The Arlise Troupe on their wild and crazy unicycles, Natalie's American Eskimo Escapades, Miss Georgia, displaying flexibility to the extreme and for the first time, the Wheel of Destiny & Tight Rope by The Perez Family. But, lets not forget our favorite performing Jungle Cats, Solomon, Delilah & Francis, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seats! All accompanied by original music composed by the talented, Matt Margucci from Los Angeles, California.

Our performers are sure to amaze, delight and entertain the audience members of all ages beyond your wildest imagination. The costumes alone are certainly of Las Vegas quality.

For more information visit our FaceBook page with videos, photos and comments from past sponsors and patrons. For a direct link you can go to www.cmcircus.com and click on the FaceBook link.

SAVE MONEY by purchasing your tickets in advance at the following locations: City Hall, T & P Depot Museum, First Bank Texas in Baird, and the Baird Drive-in Grocery. Prices for advance tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for seniors (65 and over) and children ages 2 to 12, children under 2 are always free. On show day tickets will be \$13.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors and children. Reserve your tickets early and save. For more information or to reserve discount tickets call 866 BIG TOP 6. Reservations will be available even on show day but, only at this number till 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday, Central Time.

Circus Day Schedule
(times may vary)
Between 9:30 & 10:00 a.m. - Tent Raising & FREE Tour
4:00 p.m. Midway Box Office Opens

(pony rides, moonbounce, concessions and more)
First Show
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Second Show
7:30-9:00 p.m.

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