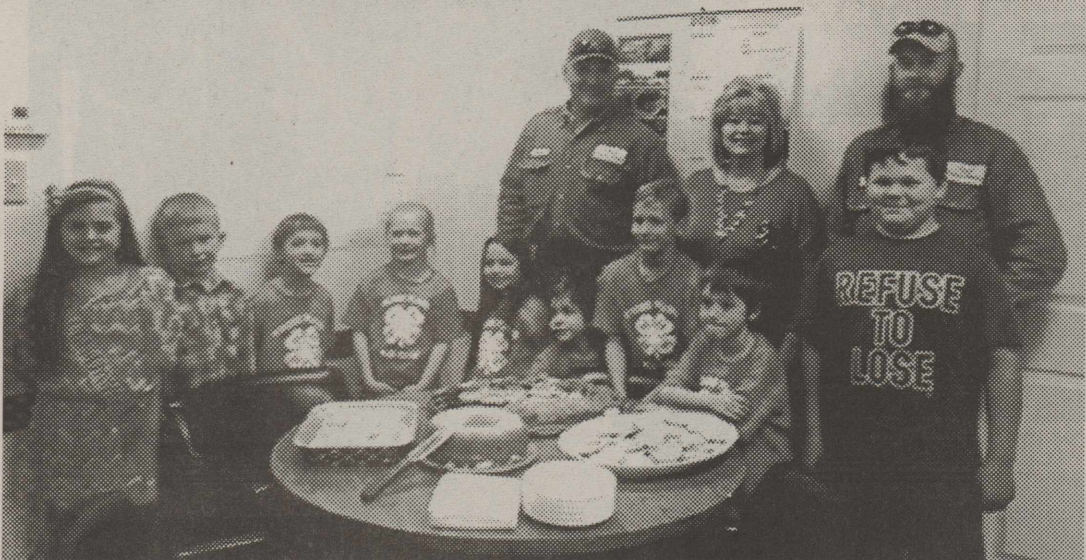


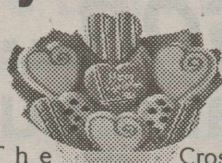
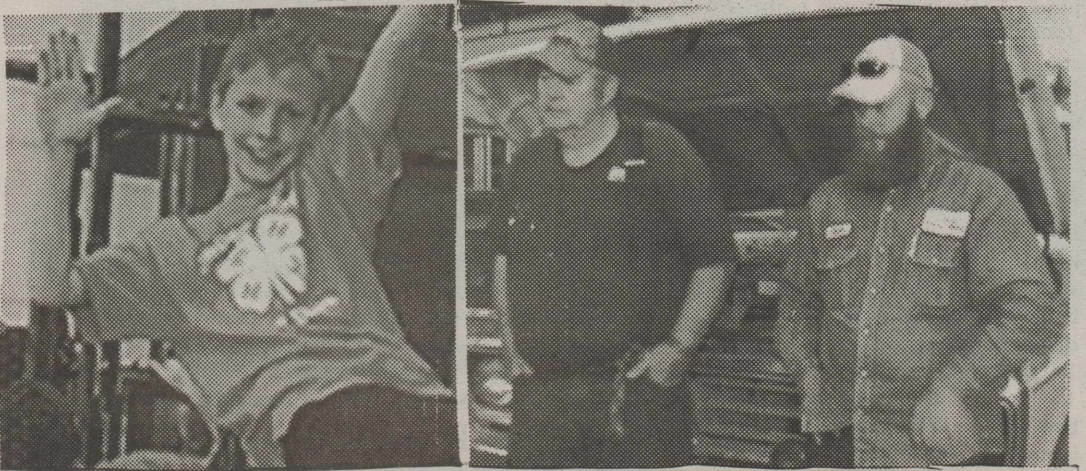
Cross Plains 4H Thanks our community with special Valentine's treat



4H Kids with City officials, Cross Plains Police Dept., City Workers, Vol. Fire Dept., and Ems.,



The Cross Plains 4H visited the Firehouse on Friday, February 12th with armloads of cakes, cupcakes, brownies, cookies and other sweets for the firefighters and EMS personnel. The kids baked the items themselves to show their appreciation for the emergency responders. The group toured the firehouse and looked at the firetrucks. Fire Chief Rickey Carouth, Assistant Fire Chief Byron McNutt, Rural Fire Chief Les Cowan, Truck Captain Josh Loftis, Senior Firefighter J.D. Huddleston and EMS Attendant Heather Lee greeted the 4H Group.



The Cross Plains 4-H club celebrated Valentine's Day by baking and delivering homemade treats to City Hall and our Fire Station.

Our members arrived at each location with armload's of goodies, and were able to thank our City Workers, Police, Fire Fighters, EMT, and Debbie Gosnell for all their work in our community. All their efforts help keep us safe.

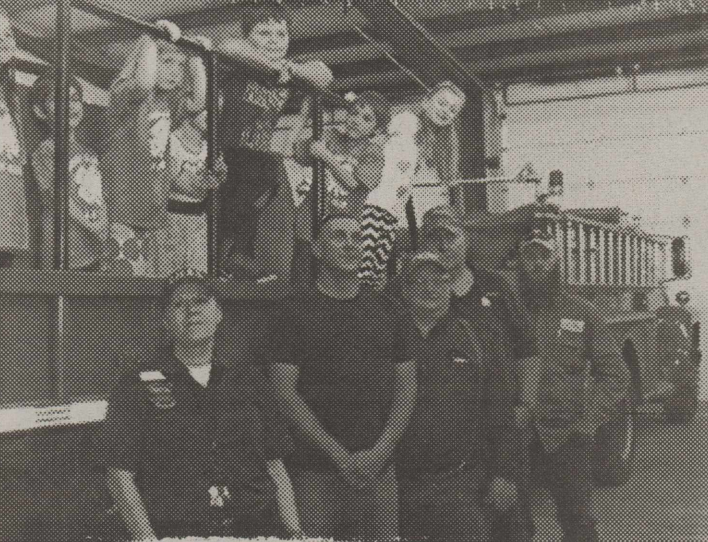
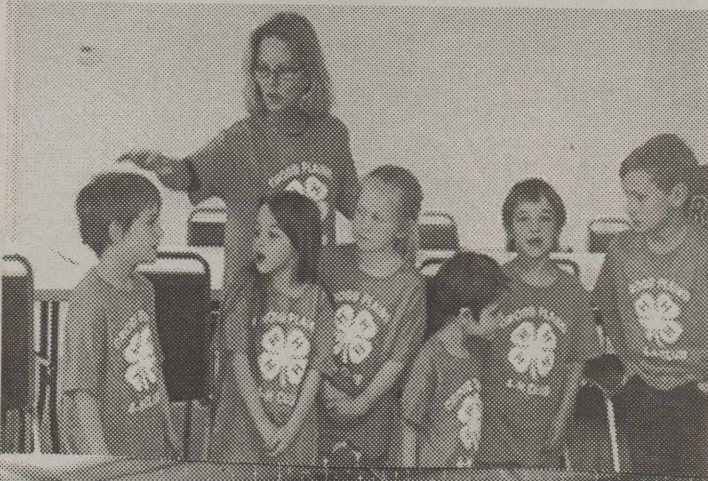
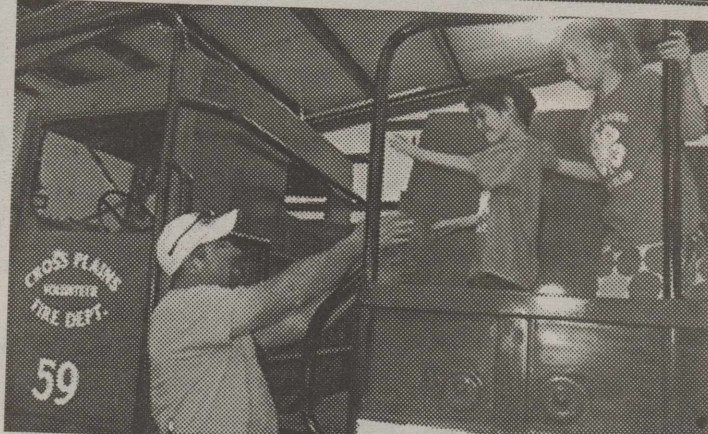
They also learned a little about each person's job and how it affects our day to day lives.


While at the Fire Station they were treated to a tour of not only the station, but the vehicles and an in-depth look at the ambulance.

It's amazing how much lifesaving equipment they can keep organized in such a small space.

When a call came in for a grass fire the members witnessed how quickly our local firefighters respond to calls and how dedicated they are. All in all, our Community Service project was a huge success.

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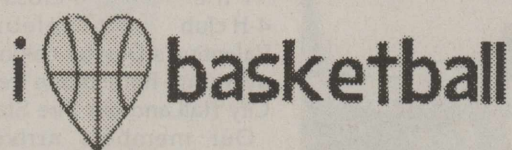


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'Tis the Season...for BASKETBALL!

Come on out and support your Buffaloes



JV Buffalo Trent Potter #20 working to block the shot of May Tigers player February 12th.



The Varsity Buffaloes from the sidelines against Moran last week



Coach Eison with his team vs. Moran last week



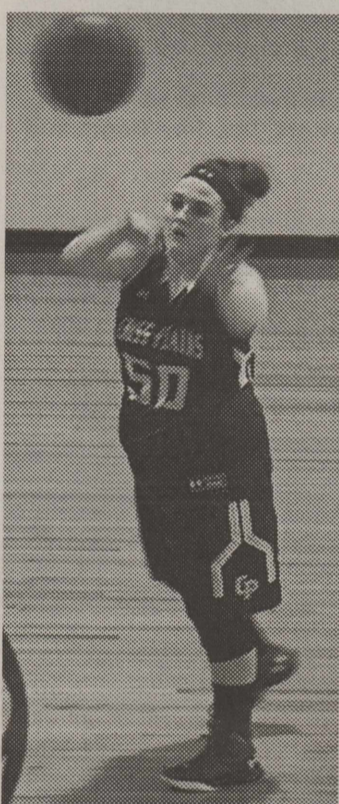
JV Buffalo Samuel Guerrero #32 taking a shot against the May Tigers February 12th.



Varsity Buffalo Holden Senclair #23 with the tip off against Moran



Lady Buff #5 Jaci Bien looking for the ball against Moran February 9th.



Lady Buff Kaitlyn Potter #50 with a pass from the top of the key vs. February 9th

Cross Plains girls close out regular season with big win

By Al Pickett, Special Writer

The Cross Plains High School girls basketball team closed out the regular season last week with a 72-15 romp over Moran. The victory means the Lady Buffaloes will head into the playoffs as the third-place team from District 15-1A.

Cross Plains took an 11-19 overall record and a 6-4 mark in district play into the postseason with a bi-district game Tuesday in Zephyr against District 16-1A runner-up Menard.

Hannah Cowan and Katy Jo Morgan led Cross Plains with 12 points each in the win over Moran. Rebekah Crockett

added 10, Shelby McWilliams nine, Teagan Fortune eight, Jacy Bien four, Kelli Bennett six, Shana Yates and Kaitlyn Potter four each, and Grace Goode two points for the Lady Buffs.

The Cross Plains boys basketball team closed out its season with a game Tuesday night at Baird. The Buffaloes split two games last week, beating Moran but losing to district leader May to fall to 12-14 overall and 3-7 in District 15-1A. No other details on the two Cross Plains boys' games last week were made available.



Rebekah Crockett post Ranger Meet with her 1st Place Medal and Plaque showing us what it's all about - Being Strong and Keeping On

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CROSS PLAINS I.S.D. WEEKLY MENU February 22-26, 2015				
MONDAY 22	TUESDAY 23	WEDNESDAY 24	THURSDAY 25	FRIDAY 26
Sausage Kolache Yogurt Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Breakfast Pizza Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Cheese Omelet Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Waffles Sausage Cereal Assorted juice Milk	Muffin Yogurt Cereal Assorted juice Milk
Chicken Spaghetti Breadsticks Garden Salad Vegetable Medley Apple slices Milk	Country Fried Steak w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Roll Strawberry cnp Milk	Meat & Cheese Tostadas & salsa Spanish rice Garden salad Refried beans Rosy-Applesauce Milk	Turkey & Cheese Sub Baby carrots w/ranch Seasoned corn Orange smiles Cookie Milk	Beef or Chicken On bun Hamburger garnish Cucumbers Sweet potato fries Sliced peaches Milk

Cross Plains Powerlifting Teams Score Big in Ranger with 1st and 3rd Place



Jacob Collier with 380lbs squat - 2nd Place Ranger Meet, 220lb class



Hannah Cowan with 280lbs deadlift - 3rd Place Ranger Meet, 148lb class



Teagan Fortune with 300lbs squat - 2nd Place Ranger Meet, 148lb class



Jacob Collier with 360lbs deadlift - 2nd Place Ranger Meet, 220lb class

Cross Plains Powerlifting: Girls grab First Place, Boys in Third

Last week both the girls and boys Powerlifting Teams traveled to Brady and Ranger for their respected meets. And as expected, they dominated.

While in Brady, Lorelei Woodard, 105lb class, topped out her total weight lifted amount at 520lbs taking 2nd place in her class. Kersey Wyatt and Jackilann Shepard both compete in the 114lb weight class and both ladies placed well with Kersey lifting a total of 555lbs to nab 3rd place and Jackilann took home 6th with a total of weights lifted at 540lbs. Hannah Crockett did a phenomenal job in her 148lb class with a 600lb total weight lift to earn her 2nd place in the 148lb class.

The gentlemen in the 198lb class in Brady did some heavy lifting with senior Zachary Gartman in 1st place with an extraordinary total weight lift of 1,270lbs, Dalton Gilliam took third with a total lift of 1,235lbs and Nain Martinez, also of the 198lb class, lifted 1,055lbs in his total lift weight. Brian Morales lifts in the 165lb class and he had a total lift weight of 765lbs. Both Aaron Willis and James Rhyne also competed at the Brady meet.

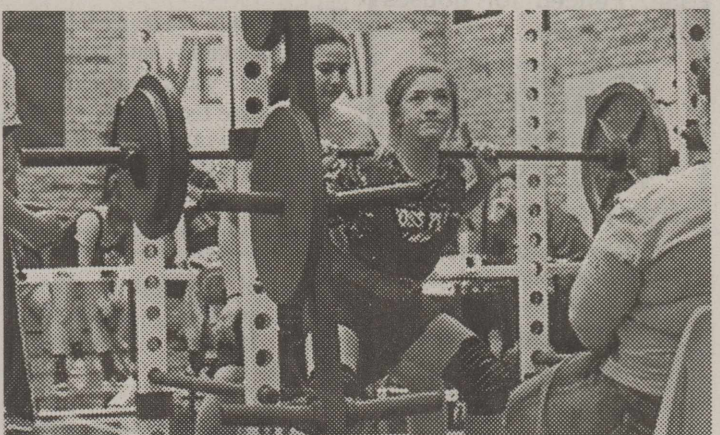
On Saturday the 13th the teams went all out with the girls placing 1st and boys placing 3rd as teams respectively. Alexis Mauricio grabbed 1st

place in her 114lb class with her 570lbs of total weight lifted. Teammates Shiloh Dodge and Rebekah Crockett lift in the 132lb class with Rebekah taking first place with 705lbs total weight lifted and Shiloh snatching up 8th place with 555lbs. Hannah Cowan and Teagan Fortune gave it their all and came home with Teagan taking 2nd place with 720lbs total lift and Hannah 3rd place with 710lbs of total weight lifted. Kristi Ward and Kaitlyn Potter both earned 1st place in their classes with Kristi having a total lift of 785lbs earning her the best overall lifter in the 165lb and above weight class. Kaitlyn is a powerhouse with a lift of 930lbs total weight. These totals landed the girls in first place as a team.

Lorenzo Bustamante of the boys 123lb class took 1st place in his class with a total weight lifted amount of 875lbs. Joe Crockett also grabbed a 1st place spot in his 148lb class with a total of 810lbs lifted weight. The winning continued with Sammy Guerrero in the 198lb class placing third with 860lbs of total weight, and Jacob Collier rounded out the boys in Ranger with a 2nd place win in his 220lb class with a total lifted weight amount of 970lbs. The gentlemen did outstanding and with their totals landed in 3rd place overall.



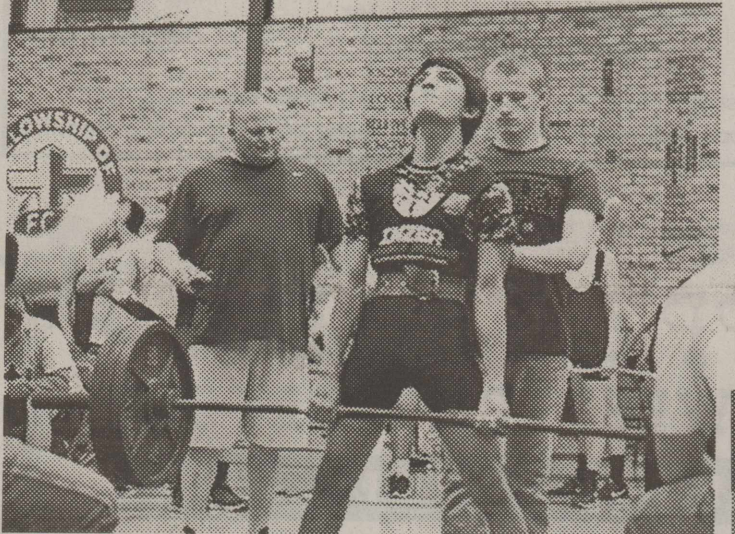
Kristi Ward with 300lbs squat - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 165lb class



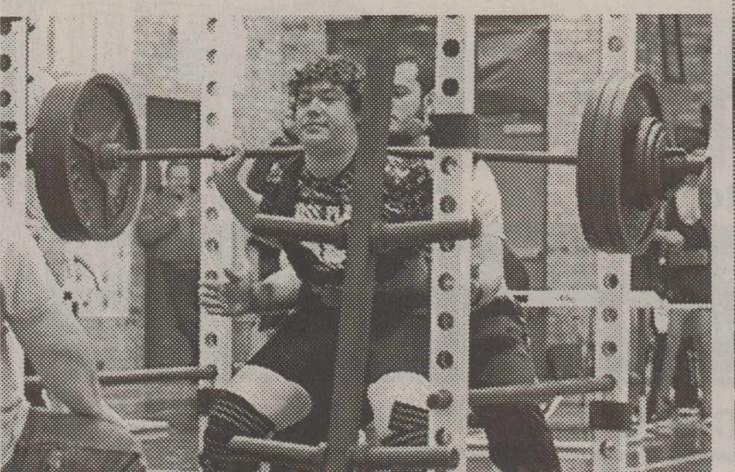
Shiloh Dodge with 215lbs squat - 8th Place Ranger Meet, 132lb class



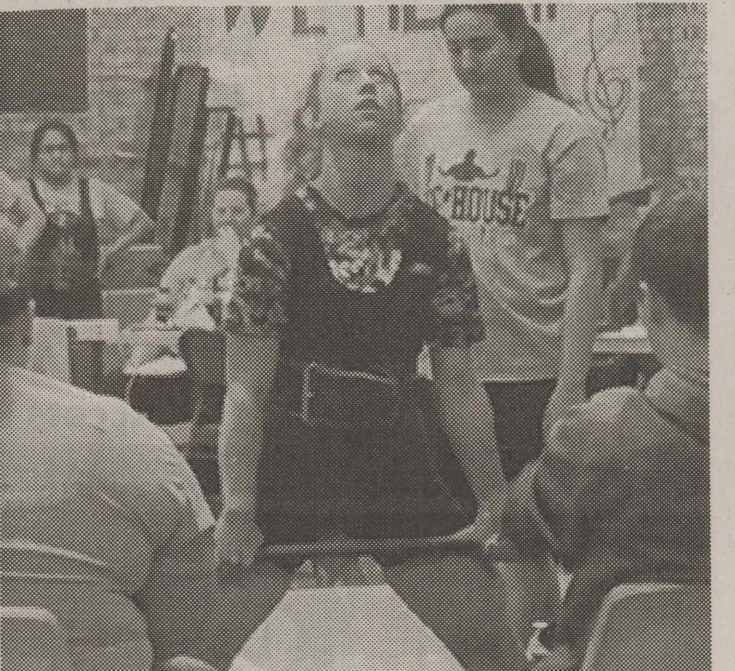
Kaitlyn Potter with 420lbs squat - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 220lb class



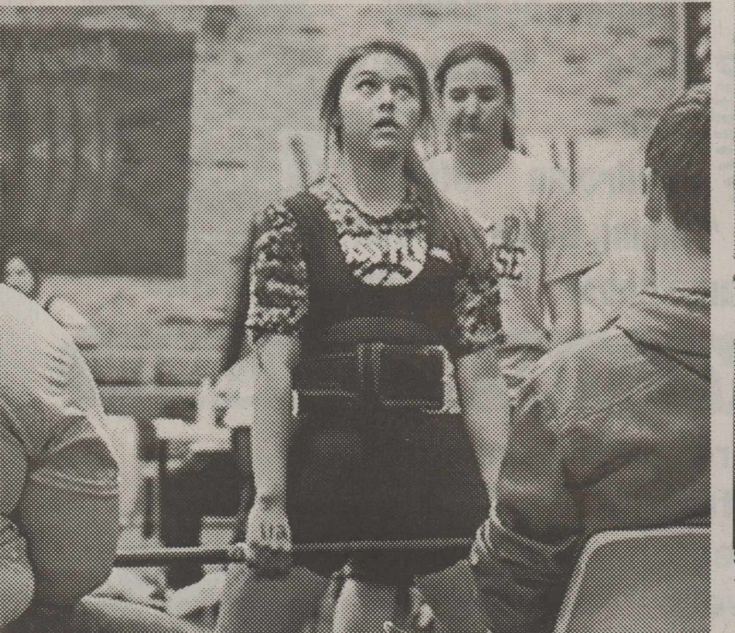
Lorenzo Bustamante with 340lbs deadlift - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 123lb class



Sammy Guerrero with 350lbs squat - 3rd Place Ranger Meet, 198lb class



Rebekah Crockett with 300lbs deadlift - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 132lb class



Alexis Mauricio with 215lbs deadlift - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 114lb class



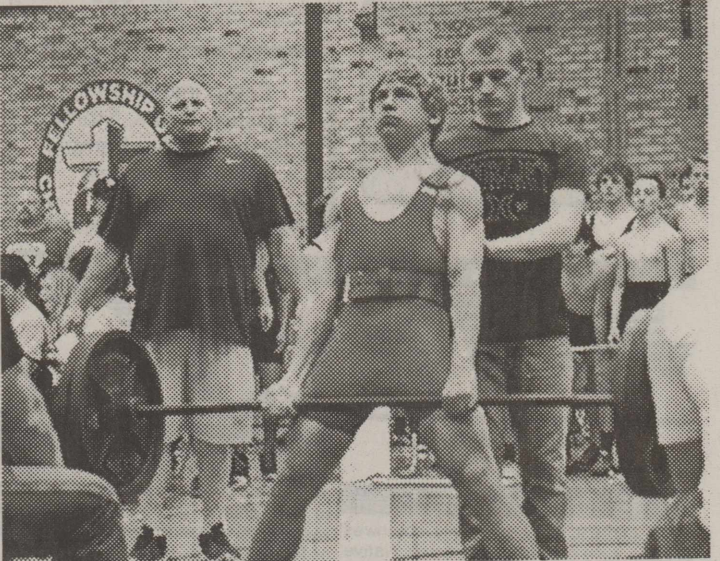
Sammy Guerrero with 330lbs deadlift - 3rd Place Ranger Meet, 198lb class



Cross Plains Boys Powerlifting Team - 3rd Place overall at Ranger meet. Coach Ward, Lorenzo Bustamante, Joe Crockett, Sammy Guerrero and Jacob Collier



Cross Plains Girls Powerlifting Team - 1st Place overall at Ranger Meet. Shiloh Dodge, Hannah Cowan, Teagan Fortune, Alexis Mauricio, Rebekah Crockett, Kristi Ward, Coach Ward with Kaitlyn Potter below



Joe Crockett with 310lbs deadlift - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 148lb class



Joe Crockett with 350lbs squat - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 148lb class

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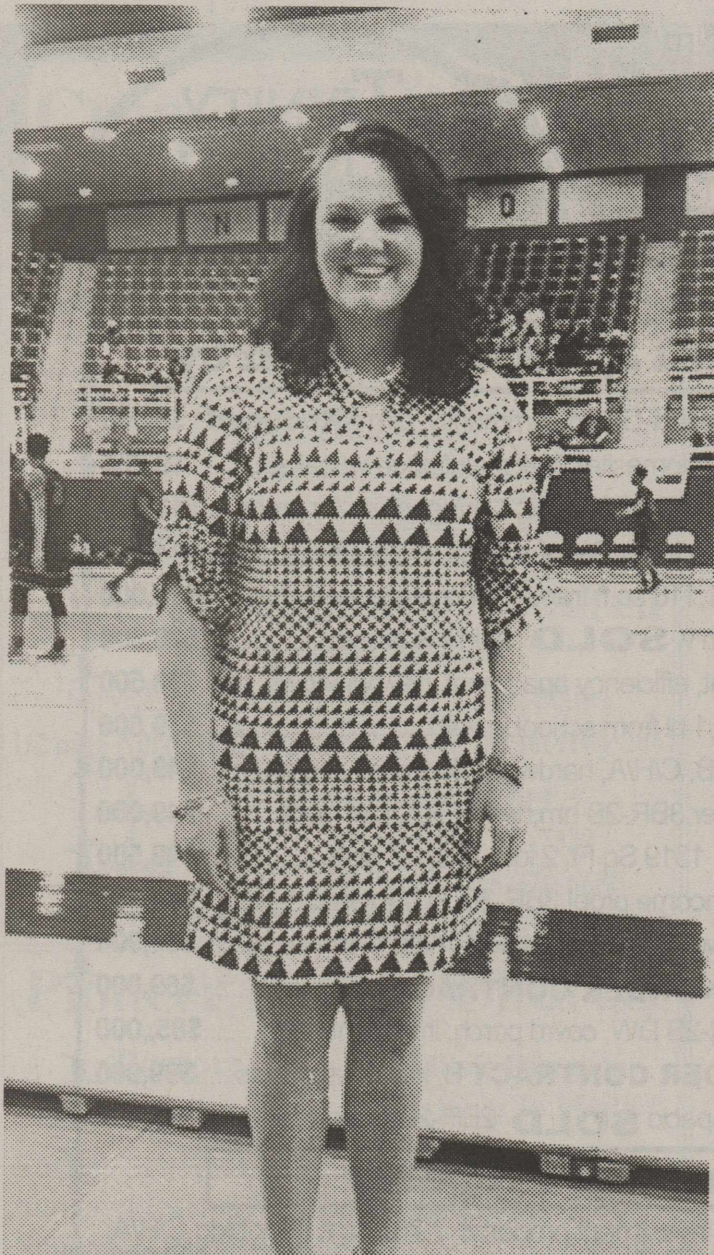
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Jurnee Thomas-
Local from Cross Plains does well at Western Texas College. Jurnee Thomas has achieved athletic/academic honor roll. You must hold a 3.25 or higher to be on the honor roll at Western Texas College.

Texas Prepaid Tuition Program enrollment deadline approaches

(AUSTIN) — Texas families seeking to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities are urged to enroll their children in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® prior to the close of the current enrollment period, which ends on Feb. 29.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to purchase tuition units based on current prices and avoid future increases in the cost of undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities.

"Families concerned about the rising costs of higher education can lock in today's rates at Texas public colleges and universities by prepaying tuition and school-wide required fees through the Promise Fund," Hegar said. "The plan has a range of payment options

that gives Texas parents and grandparents the flexibility they need to plan ahead and provide future opportunities for their children and grandchildren."

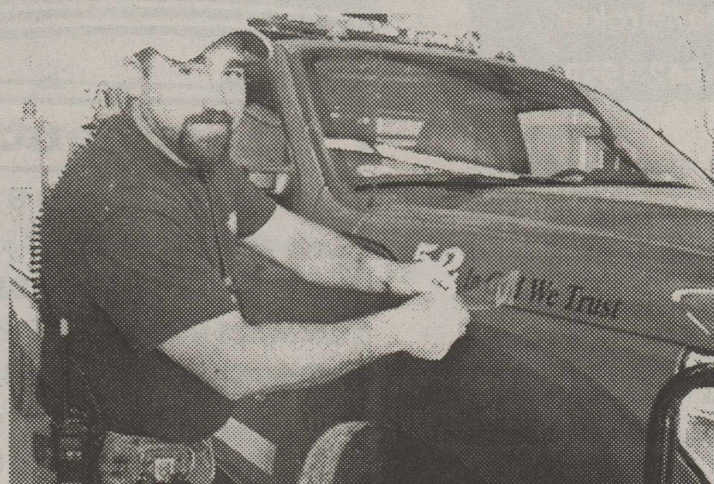
Under the plan, families can prepay tuition and school-wide required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

Enrollment in the program at 2015-16 prices will close Feb. 29. This deadline extends to July 31 for children younger than 1. The next annual enrollment period begins Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college costs for the 2016-17 academic year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at TuitionPromise.org, or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

Adding "In God We Trust"

Firefighter and Truck Captain Josh Loftis adds the words "In God We Trust" to the sides of each of Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Firetrucks. The members of the CPVFD voted recently to have "In God We Trust" added to all of the department's vehicles.



Firefighter Josh Loftis adding "In God We Trust" sticker

Internationally known quilter Jenny Doan will be speaking in Clyde on Monday, Feb. 22nd

Internationally known quilter Jenny Doan will be speaking in Clyde on Monday, February 22nd, at 2:00 in the afternoon. Jenny will present a trunk show at the Clyde First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to quilters from the Clyde/Abilene area and quilters from as far away as Brownwood, Brady, Alpine and Victoria. Admission is \$5. The public is invited to join this inspirational event.

In 2008, the Doan children purchased a long arm quilting machine for Jenny. They also purchased a building in the largely abandoned downtown of Hamilton, Missouri. They joke that the building cost less than the quilting machine. At the beginning, the Missouri Star Quilt Company sold just a few quilting supplies. The

business grew as an online company selling fabrics when it was suggested that they tape their mother giving online quilting tutorials on the very new YouTube web site. Jenny's engaging personality and easy to follow tutorials quickly made Missouri Star the largest quilting YouTube channel.

The company now ships thousands of packages every single day to customers all over the globe. Due to the popularity on YouTube, the brick and mortar shop has become a quilting destination attracting quilters from all over America and around the world to the small town of Hamilton, Missouri.

The Abilene Quilters Guild is proud to bring Jenny Doan to the Clyde/Abilene area.

Opera House Country Musical this Saturday

The Opera House Country musical show will be Saturday February 20th at 6:00 pm, at the Opera House, located in Anson, Texas.

A Brisket Plate will be served before the musical, serving starts at 5:00pm. The supper cost \$7.00 a plate and this includes a drink and dessert.

We will be having some special guests so come here their great music!!

For further information call Terra Ortega at 325-338-2184, leave a message.

We Hope to SEE you there!

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TERRY JOY, CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS SHERIFF TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY. I AM SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS SHERIFF FOR THE TERM THAT BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2017. I AM ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE IN THIS ELECTION. I TRUST THAT YOU WILL RE-ELECT ME TO A SECOND TERM BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THAT I HAVE BEEN A GOOD SHERIFF FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY.

Law Enforcement Training and Education

- Lubbock Police Officer Training School at Lubbock, Texas
- Texas Game Warden Training Academy at Texas A&M University
- 2731 Training hours Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (5391 Total TCOLE training and education hours)
- TCOLE Firearms Instructor
- TCOLE Field Sobriety Instructor
- TCOLE Certified Law Enforcement Instructor
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, Tarleton State University, 3.57 GPA
- Graduate of Baird High School

Law Enforcement Experience

- Over 39 years of law enforcement experience
- Lubbock Police Officer
- Texas Game Warden in Llano County
- Supervisor of Midland District; consisted of 11 Game Wardens in 10 counties & 2 office clerks
- Supervisor Brownwood District; consisted of 13 Game Wardens in 10 counties & 2 office clerks
- Responsible for budgeting and expenditures in each district

Early Life Experience

- Grew up in the Admiral area of Callahan County on a small farm during the 1950's drought; my mother's family was from Admiral; my dad's family lived in and around Cross Plains and Cottonwood
- Worked for area farmers and ranchers; worked on our family dairy farm
- Family attended Admiral Baptist Church; I have remained a lifelong Baptist
- Rode School bus to Baird Public Schools
- Raised with Christian Conservative values

Goals

- Continue to improve collaboration, communication and rapport with other local and area law enforcement agencies, County Fire Departments, and local Emergency Medical Services
- Continue to be proactive in solving drug crisis through education, prevention and enforcement and continue to use whatever resources are available to solve any crime reported to my office
- Maintain and adhere to a fiscally responsible budget working with the Commissioners Court in setting the annual budget
- Active pursuit of all available grant funding; continue Membership in LeadsOnline
- Visibility in all areas of Callahan County
- Prioritize jail safety and longevity
- Continue to have a force of deputies who are experienced and have no known black marks on their record

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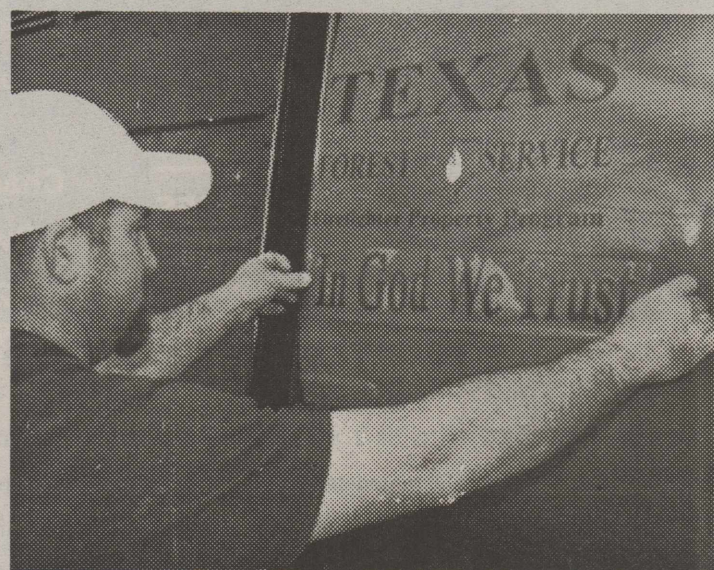
- Served as a Board Member for Family Services of Central Texas
- Currently Serve as a Committe member with Abilene Chief of Police Stan Standridge and Taylor County Sheriff Ricky Bishop to prioritize courses for Criminal Justice Classes in the Cisco College System
- Currently Serve as a member of the Committee on Aging on the WTCOG
- Member of the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Association, Baird Masonic Lodge, Eula Lions Club

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Loftis lining up next sticker on second truck



Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's new "In God We Trust" sticker project completed on all trucks.

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

We're in extremely high fire danger for most of the next week. The BURN BAN is ON. No outdoor burning or welding. If you see smoke, call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

The Cottonwood Musical is coming up next Friday night, February 26th. Music starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. Taco Soup is on the menu, as well as iced tea, coffee and dessert.

With the weather so pretty and nice, it's just about time for some barbecue! The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their Barbecue Dinner on Saturday, February 27th at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. Joe Terstegge will be cooking brisket, ribs, sausage and chicken, along with macaroni and cheese

and potato salad and banana pudding for dessert. Mark it on your calendar now.

The Kiwanis Pancake Supper is coming up soon in March. The date is Thursday, March 10th at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria, from 5 to 7 p.m. They'll be serving pancakes and sausage. Many local Cottonwood people are involved in the Kiwanis including Bob Ossowski, Roy Boyd, Arnie Smith, and Adrian Allen.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control is planning a Fish Fry in March.

The Barbarian Festival is slated for Saturday, June 11th this year. Plans are already underway for the festival. Diana and Russ Miller, Eric Woodard and Joe and Deana Terstegge, all of the Cottonwood area are some of the organizers for the event.

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Political Calendar

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

For Callahan County Sheriff Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford

Political advertisement paid for by Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford, 4186 CR 273, Clyde, Texas, 79510, Treasurer Patty Ellis.

Terry Joy

Political advertisement paid for by Lenora Joy Treasurer, Terry Joy, 525 Stella, Baird, Texas 79510

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$125.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

Valentine's Dinner Held at First Baptist Church February 10, Huge Success

The First Baptist Church held their annual Valentine's dinner on February 10, 2016. The guests were served fried chicken, baked potatoes, green beans, salad, and cheese cake for dessert.

Amongst the fun and laughter

was guest speaker and singer Paige Sproles, and musician/guitarist Micah Bynum.

The guests enjoyed a wonderful meal, played games, and a photo session was available by Teresa Koenig. What a night of fun.



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Brownwood's Lyric Theatre presents: The Elephant Man

Beginning March 10th - 20th, Brownwood's Lyric Theatre will be presenting The Elephant Man a play by Bernard Pomerance written in 1977, and Directed by Larry Mathis.

In this production, Ross, the manager of a freak show, invites a crowd on Whitechapel Road to come view John Merrick, the Elephant Man. Treves happens upon the freakshow and is intri-

gued by Merrick's disorder. He insists that he must study Merrick further; Ross agrees, for a fee. The story continues from there on the life of Merrick!

Ticket prices are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Show times vary by date. Please contact either Eric Evans at 325-998-2801 or go to www.brownwoodlyrictheatre.com for more information.

CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT
700 NORTH MAIN STREET
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS 76443

NOTICE OF MEETING---BOARD OF TRUSTEES CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on February 17, 2016, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2016 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Open Forum

1. New Business

- A. Review Cheerleader Constitution
- B. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
- C. Review Bills/Finance Report
- D. Consideration and Action to Hire the Underwood Law Firm as Bond Council
- E. Consideration and Action on an Order Calling a Special Bond Election and Providing for the Conduct of the Election and Other Matters Incident Thereto
- F. Consideration and Action on a Joint Election Agreement with the City of Cross Plains
- G. Consider 2016-17 School Calendar
- H. Consider Purchasing the Lot Just West of the School Playground on the East Side of Highway 206/Main Street
- I. Consider Purchasing 4 1/2 Lots Across the Highway 206/ Main Street Just West of the High School

2. Personnel

- A. Consider Contract Extensions for the Elementary Principal and Athletic Director
- B. Review List of Teachers for March Board Meeting

3. Superintendent's Report

- A. Refund from the Comptroller
- B. Board Sign-up (Jan. 20 - Feb. 19)
- C. Pre-K Plans
- D. Copy Machine Contract

4. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on February 12, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

Writing Contest at the Cross Plains Public Library

The Cross Plains Public Library is accepting entries for our annual writing contest. This contest is open to all students attending, or eligible to attend, the Cross Plains Public Schools. Poetry, essay and short stories are allowed. Entries will be accepted from grades K through 12. Home schooled children are responsible for inquires to the awards assembly date and time. The library will not contact home schooled recipients. CPISD students should ask their teacher in regard to entering through the school or they may enter at the library. Only one entry per

student will be accepted.

Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than March 31, 2016. Entries will be "blind judged" with ribbons awarded to the top three entries in each respective grade. The overall top winner will receive a plaque and a gift card. Second and 3rd place winners will receive a gift card.

The three overall winner's papers will be submitted to the Cross Plains Review for publication. For additional information please contact the library at 725-7722 or Marsha Ossowski at 325-201-4150.

Grand Ole Oplin February Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On Feb. 19th, MIDNIGHT BLUE returns playing some more of your country favorites, and on Feb. 26th MUDDY CREEK will be back playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The GRAND OLE OPLIN is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the

intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still only \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't forget your dancing boots!

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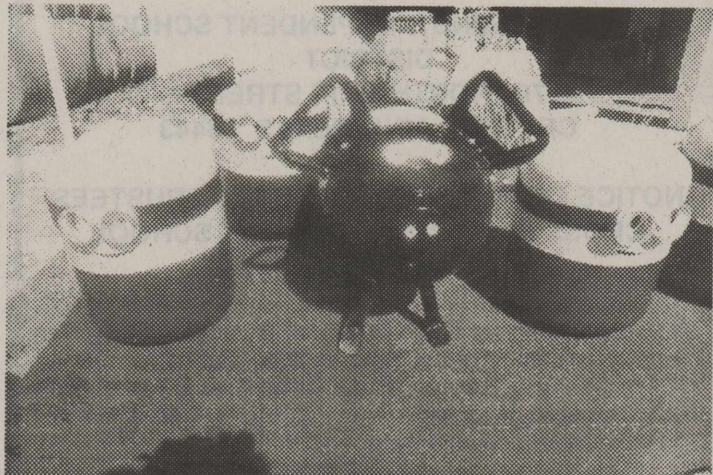
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Successful Market at Clyde on Saturday

The beautiful weather Saturday, Feb. 13th helped make The Market at Clyde a big success. Vendors from the area, including but not limited to Clyde, Baird, Eastland and Abilene gathered to offer their creations to shoppers that came into Clyde for the occasion. Shoppers from these areas and other areas also came into Clyde for this special sale.

Most of the artisans, crafters and home cooks reported that they all had a successful day and that sales were high.

The Market is always held on the second Saturday of each

month. The next one scheduled is March 12th, 10am-2pm.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor email themarketatclyde@gmail.com or call 325-518-3939. All items must be crafted by hand. Each vendor is responsible for collecting and paying their own sales tax. Each home cook is also required to take an online class that complies with the Texas Cottage Food Laws. If you have any questions about The Market or becoming a vendor please call or send an email.



Justin, Lauren and Lily Disney of Midland

Road Trip Destination... REH Museum

Taking advantage of the beautiful weather last Saturday, Justin, Lauren and Lily Disney of Midland drove over to tour the REH Museum.

Justin has been an avid reader of Howard's writings for quite some time and was delighted to be able to purchase several books to add to his personal library. He works as a chemical engineer for the Catalyst Oil Field Services company, based in Midland. Catalyst handles chemical supplies for the oil fields in the Permian Basin and South Texas.

Lauren is a teacher in the Bowie Elementary School in Midland, where Lily is a student.

The school has an emphasis on the fine arts so Lily had come prepared with her pen and tablet, hoping to find something new to draw. She stayed busy drawing while her parents toured the museum. She is already planning to become an artist when she grows up.

Being drawn to the visitor's photo wall, they were surprised to spot people that they actually knew, but had no idea they were interested in Howard as they were.

Like so many visitors, they were quite surprised that such a small town has such an outstanding museum

Senior Citizens Center Activities

Feb. 22nd- 26th

Monday-22th Crafts with Chris 10:30 /Exercise 11:00/ Bingo with Betty 11:15

Tuesday-23rd Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-24th Blood Pressure Check by Girling Home Health

Thursday -25th Exercise 11:00 /Reading with 3rd Graders

Friday -26th Exercise 11:00

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Make your way to the Abilene Civic Center 1100 N. 6th St., on Saturday, February 20th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for good fun and great finds. Cost is only \$4.00 per person.

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

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

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

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

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

- Emily Meador
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- Shelley Hughes
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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Feb. 22nd- Feb. 26th

Monday 22nd- Cheese-burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Pickle, Oven Fries, Fruit, Cookie

Tuesday 23rd- Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, Greenbeans, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 24th Vegetable Beef Soup, Cornbread, Fruit, Cookies

Thursday 25th - Sweet & Sour Chicken, Noodles, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert

Friday 26th Soft Taco, Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Pinto Beans, Dessert

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Many people have come and gone through my shop doors during that time. I wish I could list the names of all my customers who have been the backbone of my business and supported me since 1983, but that would be impossible.

My goal when I entered the floral business was, with God's help, to serve my customers with joy during their good times and to lift them up during their times of sadness. I truly have enjoyed brightening someone's day when I delivered flowers to them.

As with any business, there have also been many times of stress, frustration, and sleepless nights. My mother, Martha, has always helped me and put up with me behind the scenes during those times. I've been told that I have a lot of my dad, N.L., in me.

I wish he were here as I make this new change in my life. I will forever love and be grateful to them for supporting me from the beginning. I owe so much to them and my other family members that would take off from their regular jobs to help me during busy times.

I hope someone will step in to serve my customers as I have tried to do. I truly love and appreciate all of you who have loved and supported me.

God bless you all.

Your flower man,
Tim Dillard

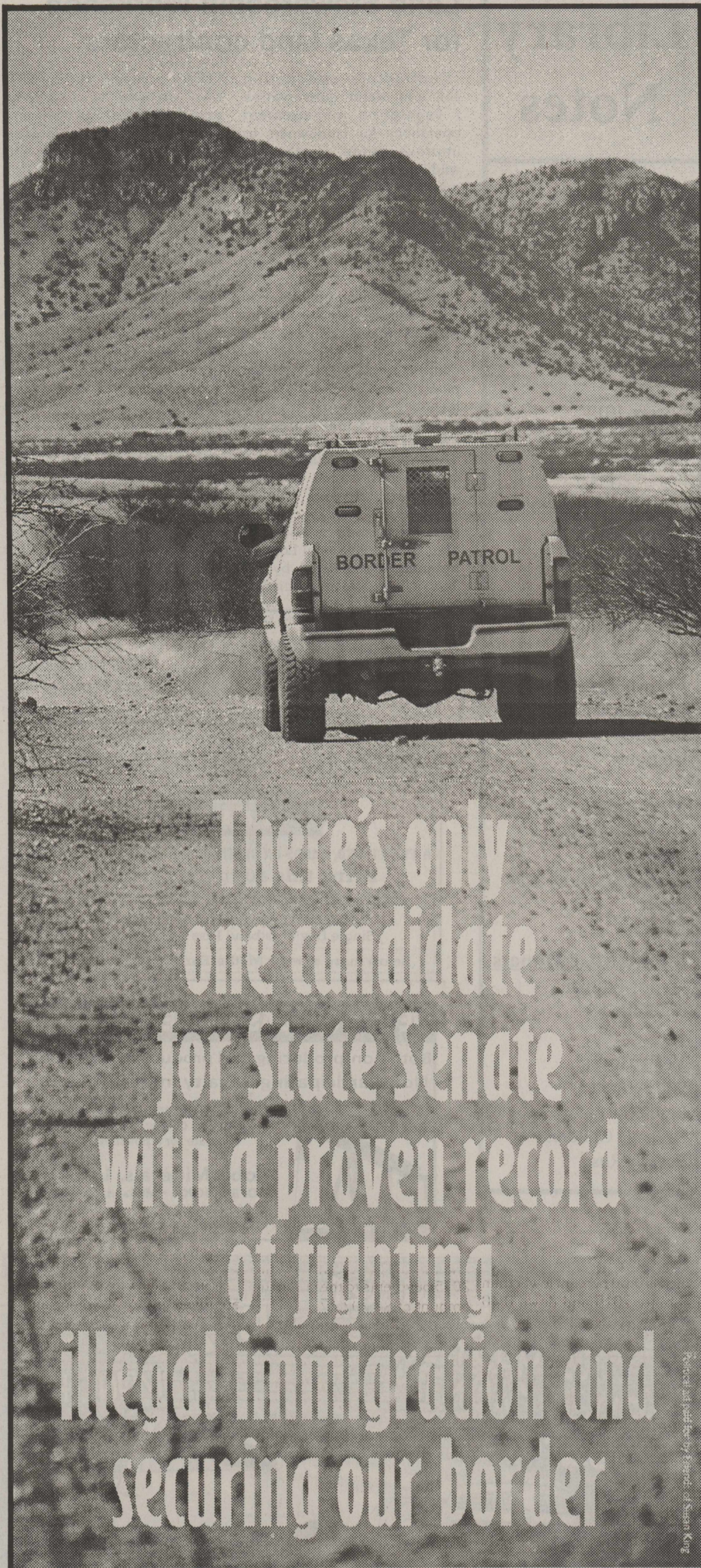
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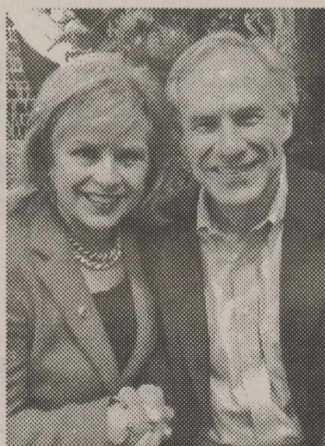
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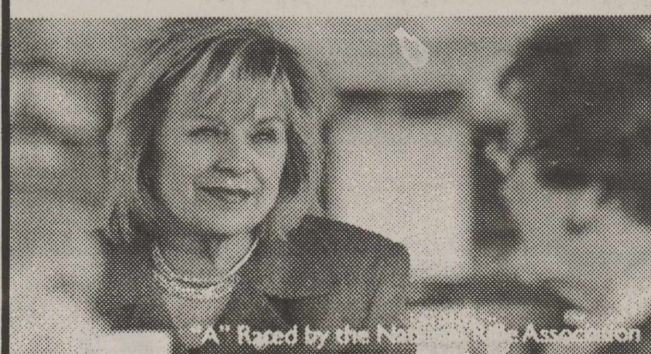
She helped Governor Abbott pass the toughest border security package in Texas history that put 250 new state troopers and Texas Rangers patrolling our border.

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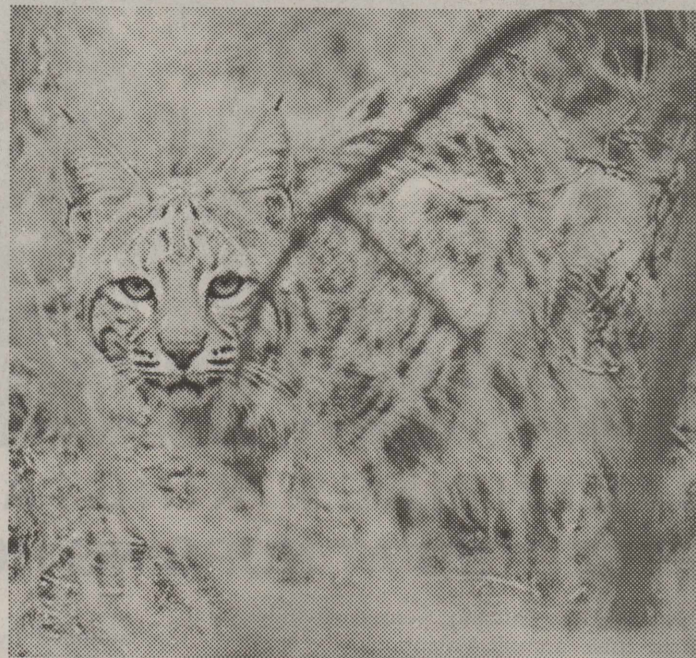
Any proficient outdoorsman understands the complexity of the natural world around them. Every living thing has its place in its surroundings, whether man understands that concept or not. Oftentimes, certain species of animals, particularly carnivores, are persecuted not on the facts of what they do, but rather on the fables of their actions. One such animal here in Texas is the common, but seldom seen, Bobcat.

The Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) is the most common of the six species of the family Felidae that have called Texas home at one time or another. Other members of this family include the Mountain Lion, the Ocelot, the Margay (now extinct in Texas), the Jaguarundi, and the massive Jaguar (also extinct in Texas). Unlike the other members of this family, Bobcats are habitat generalists and therefore much more adaptable than its relatives. Bobcats have been observed in every county of the Lone Star State, and enjoys a wide distribution over the majority of North America. In Texas, it seems to prefer the wooded areas of the east, although it can be quite common in the rocky canyons of the Edwards and Stockton Plateaus, as well as the mountain regions of the far west. Secondary habitat preferences are the Tamaulipan thornscrub of the south and the plains of the Panhandle.

At first glance, adult Bobcats closely resemble a large, albeit fluffy, domesticated housecat. They can best be described in size somewhat comparable to a medium-sized dog, with a total length (snout to end of tail) of just under three feet. The tail is disproportionately short, typically only about five inches in length. This "bobbed" tail is how this feline acquired its common name. Most adults average anywhere from eleven to twenty pounds, although large males may attain a weight of nearly thirty-five pounds if well fed. Males, the larger of the two sexes, are a bit larger and heavier than the females.

The coloration of the upperparts are generally grayish brown or reddish brown with numerous and scattered black streaks. The belly is whitish with intermittent black spotting. Face and tail are colored like the upperparts, and the ears are outlined with a black border with a white center. Often, the ears will end in a slim tuft of hair that comes to a point just beyond the black outline.

Contrary to what myths continue to persist about the dietary forays of Bobcats, studies have shown that the vast majority of their diet (nearly sixty-five percent) consists of rabbits. Secondary prey items include rats, mice, and squirrels. Some specimens will occasionally



Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*)

feast upon raccoons, skunks, birds and even snakes. Rarely will a Bobcat attack, kill and consume a healthy and robust adult domestic animal such as a goat or sheep, although it does infrequently occur.

By far, the majority of breeding activity occurs in February and March, and after a sixty day gestation, a litter of anywhere from one to five (average is just under three) is born. Females that have had a plentiful diet during the winter months are typically the ones to produce the larger litters.

The young are born with their eyes closed, but are almost exact duplicates of the parents in color and pattern, save a bit of a more spotted pattern. The progeny are weaned at about ten weeks old, and they are able to look after themselves when they are half a year old.

The mortality rate of juveniles is high, but the individuals who survive "childhood" are generally long-lived; several specimens have exceeded thirteen years in the wild. The chief predator that adults face is man, followed by dogs. Natural predators include foxes and coyotes, particularly for juveniles.

I will always remember the time that I was invited for a visit with a rancher about the natural history of the area, and as I pulled into

the gate entering the property, I witnessed a sight that can only be described as gruesome. Strung up along the fence on both sides of the road were no less than thirty dead Bobcats, with a few foxes and coyotes sprinkled in.

While visiting with the well-to-do rancher, we started discussing all of the dead bobcats strung up like trophies. He stated that, while he had never seen it happen, he grew up hearing that Bobcats kill and eat goats quite frequently, and since goat-ranching was his livelihood, he was just doing his part to contain the Bobcat population. But then he said something that I will never forget when he told me that now, he has more damage to his other crops from rabbits because the rabbit population had just exploded for some reason!

Not being a "tree-hugging environmentalist" as well as not wanting to offend my new friend, I smoothly explained the role of the Bobcat as an apex predator in the natural world and its importance in things like rabbit population control, and to this day, he has not shot another Bobcat. His rationale was, even if he were to lose a goat or two, the rabbits were actually doing a more significant amount of damage economically.

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