SOUTHWEST COLLECTION TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY LUBBOCK, TEXAS 7940

"Cross Plains' Oldest Business Institution" Keys to Our Past, Present

Volume 107 • Number 50 116 S. E. 1st St. • P. O. Box 519 • Cross Plains, Tx. 76443

Cross Plains 30/17 Southwest Texas Tech University PO Box 41041 TX 79409-104 Lubbock "A Caring Community" & Future Hinge on the Cross!

> Febuary 18, 2016 • 16 Pages (254) 725-6111 • crossplainsreview@earthlink.net



Key Club Members Dobbs McWilliams, Paxton Byrd and Johnathan Sullivan

Local Key Club Members serve at Mardi Gras

At the Mardi Gras fundraising the Mardi Gras themed masks event at the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center three of Cross Plains High School's Key Club members could be seen serving the community. Dobbs McWilliams, Paxton Byrd and Johnathon Sullivan all enjoyed

and headdresses while they both served and cleaned at the event last Tuesday night. The local Kiwanis Club was proud of their service and thankful for the extra hands.

Deadline Approaching Raise the Roof, One Brick at a Time

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and the City of Cross Plains need the help of it's community members. The city has laid the foundation for a new pavilion for community use in Treadway brick is March, 1st. Each of Park located on the west side these bricks will be displayed of Cross Plains on Highway 36.

the actual pavilion over the

To help raise the funds for the pavilion, the City and the EDC are offering engraved bricks for the low donation cost of \$50. Deadline to place your order for a commemorative on-site, and be used to finish Funds are needed to erect out the walkway that will run from the Turkey Creek bridge

Asphalt Scam in the Cross Plains Area

Several local residents were approached this week by out of town scam artists with a driveway tar/asphalt scheme. These men approached residents both in Cross Plains proper as well as out in Cottonwood and Cross Cut. Chief of Police Gosnell warns residents to be leery of strangers approaching you garnering business and to contact City Hall immediately. All vendors within city limits must first apply for a permit to go door to door before they begin soliciting business. The city will have on file who is legally able to solicit and who is not.

Cross Cut resident, Pete Calvagna shared with us the scenario he experienced. He stated that a nice, well mannered man in an unmarked pickup approached him stating he had been doing asphalt business nearby and had enough extra that he could do Pete's driveway. The man had all the tools necessary to walk off and measure the drive, gave Pete his business card and quoted Mr. Calvagna \$4,160 for the work. When Pete asked for time run it by his wife, the man offered to come back later.

An hour later, another young man showed up claiming to be a brother of the first man. "He was very nice. He talked like woman.

Let's Promote Cross **Plains Luncheon**

Mark your calendars! The Cross Plains Chamber of ahead to order. Commerce will be sponsoring a

young man he didn't want to spend 4K on his driveway, the man offered to do the job for \$2,500 if Pete would agree to "keep it off the books". Mr. Calvagna continued to hold his ground, not being swayed by a lower price. Pete had looked the business up on the Internet with the information on the business card and found nothing. He went as far as contact the Better Business Bureau, and they reported they had never heard of the business. After continuing to tell the man no, Pete brought up the BBB and that he couldn't find the business listed anywhere the man turned without another word and left.

we were friends, very pleasant."

Pete told us. After telling the

Resident's please be aware of strangers soliciting you for work. Check with your local Police Department and City Hall before you allow anyone to work on your property or give them any money or financial information. Not every door to door salesman is up to no good, but we need to protect ourselves from those out to do harm. Always, always contact the authorities and let them use their resources to verify that who's on your doorstep is a legitimate business man or

Your Dutch Treat. Please call Please select one

also.



Resource Care in Cross Plains, Texas Chamber of Commerce **Business Spotlight**

This month's Cross Plains families the opportunity to Chamber of Commerce receive services which promote Business Spot Light is Resource Care. Resource Care is dedicated to providing easy access to health and social services all under one roof, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, marital status, age, income, or disability. The Center's purpose is to facilitate and enable all

Save the Date: Upcoming **High School** Dance

On Saturday, February 27th the Freshman Class of Cross Plains High School will be sponsering a High School dance. The dance will take place in the gymnasium and will run from 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. for all 9-12 high school students. There will be finger food and drinks provided and ious other snacks available representative from your for purchase throughout the community group, or business. night. A photo booth will be Open to community individuals set up for pictures. Prices are \$6.00 individuals and \$10.00 Bring your idea's of what you for couples. would like to see utilized in our

optimal care for psychosocial, physical, mental, and educational needs. Located at 301 South Main St, Cross Plains. Phone:254-725-4311

Open Mon-Fri 8:00-5:00, Thursday 8:00-6:00, and the Third Saturday of each month from 9:00-1:00.



Three Openings on Cross Plains Board

Cross Plains ISD will have three openings on its Board when the voters go to the polls this May 7, 2016. Incumbents John Fred McWilliams and Roy Richey have already signed back up for the election.

concrete slab. This pavilion will be in addition to the small covered stage and open area with surrounding benches already in place. The new structure will be 2600 square feet (60'x40') and will have electric lighting available.

With its majestic trees and scenic surroundings, Treadway Park has been the home of Homecoming dances, Fourth of July Celebrations, Barbarian Festivals, rodeos, weddings, reunions, and many other events. The new structure will be an asset to the community and will be available for recreational/personal use for low to no cost. The space will be available for reservations for private events, as well as general open use throughout the community.

within Treadway to the new slab and future structure. Each brick may have up to 4 lines engraved with your choice of wording, with everything from honoring a loved one, to a class year, business name, or birth announcement. What a unique and lasting memorial for future generations. The donations are tax deductible as well so with the end of the fiscal year approaching this provides another way to give in tax year 2015.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick and raising the roof on the pavilion. contact Debbie Gosnell at City Hall or Dannes Turner at the Senior Citizen's Center. And remember, the deadline is March 1, 2016.

Early voting now underway for Party **Primary Elections**

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections is underway now at three voting locations in Callahan County.

The Democratic & Republican Primary Election early voting locations in Callahan County include Room #102 at the County Courthouse in Baird, the Clyde Justice of the Peace office on Oak Street and the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office located on South Main Street.

Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and voters are reminded the offices are closed during the lunch hour.

Early voting will continue for both Democratic and Republican Primary Elections through Friday, February 26th. Early voting will not take place on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st.

The Democratic & Republican Primary Election will be held on and Roy Richey have also Tuesday, March 1st, with the submitted an application.

polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. All Callahan County voters are

also reminded they can vote at any of the voting locations, no matter where their voting Precinct is.

More information and complete sample ballots of all seven Callahan County voting precincts is available on the website: callahancounty.org.

Cross Plains School Board **Trustee Filings** Announced

Cheryl Ptacek has filed an application for the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board of Trustees.

Incumbents John McWilliams

Luncheon for discussion forum on ideas to help promote the City of Cross Plains.

When: Thursday February 18th. 2016 Where: Jean's Feedbarn.

Time: Lunch 12:30pm-1pm, community!

Deadline to file approaching

February 19th is the last day to file for a position on the Cross Plains City Council election to be held on May 7th, 2016. Positions on this year's

ballot include those of Mayor Ray Purvis, Councilman Bob Kirkham and Jerry Cassle.

Mayor Purvis has not and does not intend to seek re-election. Bob Kirkham has signed up for Mayor. So far, James Nichols. Don Bryant and Jerry Cassle has signed up for the two council seats.

Kiwanis Builds Ramps for Local Residents

Getting from the house to the car is now a little easier for some Cross Plains area residents, thanks to a group of dedicated volunteers from the Cross Plains Kiwanis who have teamed up with the Texas Ramp Project.

Volunteers give up their Saturdaysandsometimeduring g the week to build wheelchair ramps for folks who are in need. The project is designed to help increase the mobility of elderly and handicapped individuals, as well as, provide a safe access in and out of their homes for themselves, Meals on Wheels deliveries, Home Health Care visits and for friends and relatives who come by to visit. The Cross Plains Kiwanis have embraced this worthwhile community service project and will be building more ramps in the Cross Plains area. Volunteers are welcome to come and help build the ramps. Arnie Smith, Bob Ossowski, Adrian Allen and Roy Boyd are all local individuals who volunteer with the building while Susan Schaefer handles all the paper work.

If you are in need of a wheelchair ramp, visit texasrampproject.org and have your health care professional or social worker fill out the Client Referral Form.

The Texas Ramp Project began in Dallas in 2006 as the Dallas Ramp Project. Since 2006, Texas Ramp Project volunteers have built over 3,988 ramps, totaling 107,739 feet, or about 20 miles of ramps for residents.

The Texas Ramp Project Vision: Our vision is that no Texas resident shall lack safe access to and from his or her home because of financial limitations. Their Mission: The Texas Ramp Project is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to establish regional wheelchair rampbuilding programs across Texas. The regional Ramp Projects provide free wheelchair ramps to elderly and disabled clients in need identified by local health care professionals. Ramps are built without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, age or gender.



Fire Department to hold **BBQ** dinner

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is going to hold it's barbecue dinner on Saturday, February 27th.

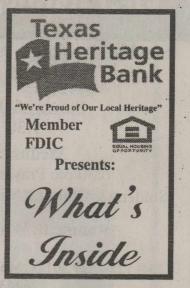
Mark your calendar now because the Cross Plains VFD will be serving barbecued brisket, chicken, ribs and sausage, along with homemade macaroni and cheese, that evening at the First United Methodist Church. Joe Terstegge is in charge of the cooking.

You won't want to miss this dinner.

Kiwanis Pancake Supper

Kiwanis International of Cross Plains will host their pancake fund raiser on Thursday, March 10th. Mark your calendar for this annual event to be held at the Cross Plains school cafeteria.

Pancakes and sausage will be served from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Cost for this event is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12. The money raised for this event goes to help various projects for children in our area. We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship in our community.



Church Directory	2
Obituaries	
Love Funds	
Birthdays	2
Texas Crossword Solution .	3
What Are You Reading?	2
Better Breathers Club	2
CP 4-H Pics at Firehouse	3
Basketball Pics & Results	
CP ISD Lunch Menu	
Powerlifting Pics & Results	
Classifieds 6	& 7
Recipe Corner	7
Ranger Coll. Pilot Program	7
Cottonwood News	8
Musical on Saturday	8
Adding "In God We Trust"	8
Valentine's Dinner Pics	
CP ISD Board Meeting	
CF ISD Board Weeting	9
Writing Contest	
Grand Ole Oplin Line-up	9
Lyric Theatre Performance	
Senior Activities & Menu	. 10
REH Museum Visitors	. 10
Two Hip Chicks Roadshow . "The Market" successful	10
"The Market" successful	10
Thank You	
Texas Crossword Solution	
Nursing King & Queen	
Library Notes	
Wild About Texas	
Gurl Guide Expo	12
Texas Crossword	13
Computer Classes	
Texas History Minute	
CP Retail Sales	
Courthouse News	14
Call. Co. Library News	
Valentine Party Pics	
Letter to the Editor	15
Girl Scouts Seek Support	
Women's Fair	15
Farm & Ranch Expo	15
Sheriff's Corner	15

CHURCH DIRECTORY

COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH	of	
Sunday School9:45 AM	M in	
Morning Worship11:00 AM	se	
Ministry Activities Youth Meet at Pool House6:30PM	F	
Thomas Estes, Pastor	C	
Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor	of af	
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching	St	
Triple Cross Cowboy Church Every Sunday at 10:30 am	A se H fo 20	
Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains		
(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)	19 to	
	B	
Al Taylor, Preacher	th	
t t Phone: 254-725-7522	Y 19	
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680	M	
	A AS	
Pioneer Baptist Church	Y Y	
Pastor: Music Director:	PI SI	
Dwaine Clowers Barbara Jo Medley	Ja	
	da Se	
Sunday School10:00am Sunday Morning Worship11:00am	Re	
Sunday Evening Worship6:00pm	hi: O	
Wednesday Prayer Service6:00pm	Be	
nearcoady rayer service	D	
Living Water Ministries Fellowship	W Sh	
Restoring And Equipping The Saints	an lan by	
Sunday10:00 am Wednesday7:00 pm	2 Sh	
Pastor Max Evans	0	
For Information Call (254) 725-7418		
Rowden Baptist Church	1	
Pastor: Wayne Lenz		
Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods		
Bible Study10:00 am	1	
Sunday Morning Worship11:00 am		
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains		

Obituaries Myrl B. Shumaker

yrl B. Shumaker, age 84, Cross Plains passed away, nday, February 8, 2016 Abilene, Texas. Funeral vices were at 12:00 p.m. day, February 12, 2016 the First United Methodist urch with Kevin Morton iciating. Burial followed er the service at the Texas te Veteran Cemetery in lene, Texas. The family had a time of visitation at the ginbotham Funeral Home Thursday, February 11, 6 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. yrl was born on October 16,

1 in El Dorado, Oklahoma George Earnest and Liffia d-Shumaker. He served in United States Army from 52 to 1954. He married onne Isaacks on July 9, 3 in Richmond, Texas. served over 2000 hours Volunteer for the V. A. in ville, Texas.

rl is survived by his wife, nne Shumaker of Cross ns, Texas; son, Michael umaker and his wife, ne of Stephenville, Texas: ahter, Karen Shumaker of ttle, Washington; 1 brother, Elbert Shumaker and wife, Carolyn of Mangum, ahoma; 1 sister-in-law, Shumaker El Dorado, ahoma; 5 grandchildren, on Shumaker; Dyson maker; Mark White; Jason e; Ray Elrod; several nieces nephews.

was preceded in death his parents; 2 brothers; sters; grandson, Joshua maker



Lucille Payne Day

Texas is Number One in Exports

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement following the release of a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) report that ranks Texas as the top exporting state in the nation for the 14th consecutive year, with over \$251 billion in goods exported in 2015.

"This latest economic metric is yet another testament to the continued strength of the Texas economy," said Governor Abbott. "During my first year as Governor, I had the opportunity to lead business development trips abroad and saw firsthand the impact Texas businesses are having across the globe. This year I plan to lead more business development missions to bolster our state's economy and create opportunities for Texas businesses to further compete in the global marketplace.

Export Facts

Texas exported more than \$251 billion in goods in 2015. Texasexportsaloneaccounted for more than 16% of U.S. goods exported in 2015.

For the 3rd year in a row, Texas surpassed California for high-tech exports. Texas exported \$6.3 billion more in high-tech goods than California in 2015. The report from the U.S.

can be found at www.bea.gov. **Better Breathers** Club

Bureau of Economic Analysis

The Better Breathers Club sponsored by the America Lung Association and Brownwood **Regional Medical Center meets** the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn about your lungs and a better way to live.

Meetings are at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Classroom 1. You may contact either Anne Winklemann or Helen Hutchins at 325-641-2960 for more information. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

What Are You Reading? by the Bookwonns

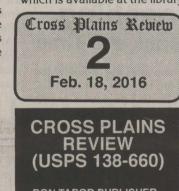
SOUTHWEST COLLECTION VEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY WEBOCK, TEXAS 7940

Ready for a great book? just finished "The Lost Key' by Catherine Coulter and J. T. Ellison. Coulter writes FBI thrillers and historical romance novels. This story is part of the international thriller series featuring her character Nicholas Drummond. It is a captivating novel with constant twists and turns to keep your attention. I did not want to put the book down; I was eager to know what would happen next. In his first hour on the job in the New York field office, freshly minted FBI agent Nicholas Drummond and his partner, Mike Caine, are called to investigate a stabbing on Wall Street. They quickly learn that the victim, John Pearce, is more than the naval historian and antiquities dealer he appeared to be. He's known as "The Messenger" but that is where the trail ends.

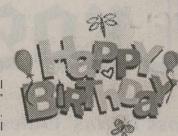
Drummond and Caine must navigate their way through deadly secrets dating back to an incredible theft during World War I. They're up against a brilliant madman, Manfred Havelock, who will do anything to retrieve what's been lost for nearly a century. Only one person, Pearce's nineteenyear-old son, Adam, a gifted hacker, knows where to look. And he's gone missing.

John Pearce's cryptic dying words "The key is in the lock" sets into motion an eleventh-hour race to solve the riddle of What key, and What lock, with Havelock one step ahead of Drummond and Caine, leaving mayhem and death in his wake. They must find Adam and stop Havelock before he changes the world forever.

I highly recommend this book, which is available at the library.



DON TABOR PUBLISHER BECKY TABOR EDITOR



February 21 J.B. Perry Sharon Archer Merryy Sunny Westerman Cliiff Waddell Glenda Evans Strom Mikayla Ann Hilburn Katrina Mireles

February 22 Cheril Alken Nona Belote Bobby Nell Brown Bubba McConal Nancy Chessir Rogers Johnathan R. Hopkins **Rose Canales**

> **February 23** Mike Ingam Davis Plumlee **Ronald Holmans** Patsy Ruth Day

February 24

Mrs. Marillyn Mitchell Fredda Jean Wilson Gayla (Albrecht) Creamer James Payne Joshh Thayer Jerry Biehl Mary Hubbard Karen Hubbard Karen Archer **Richard Clark** Authur Larkin

February 25

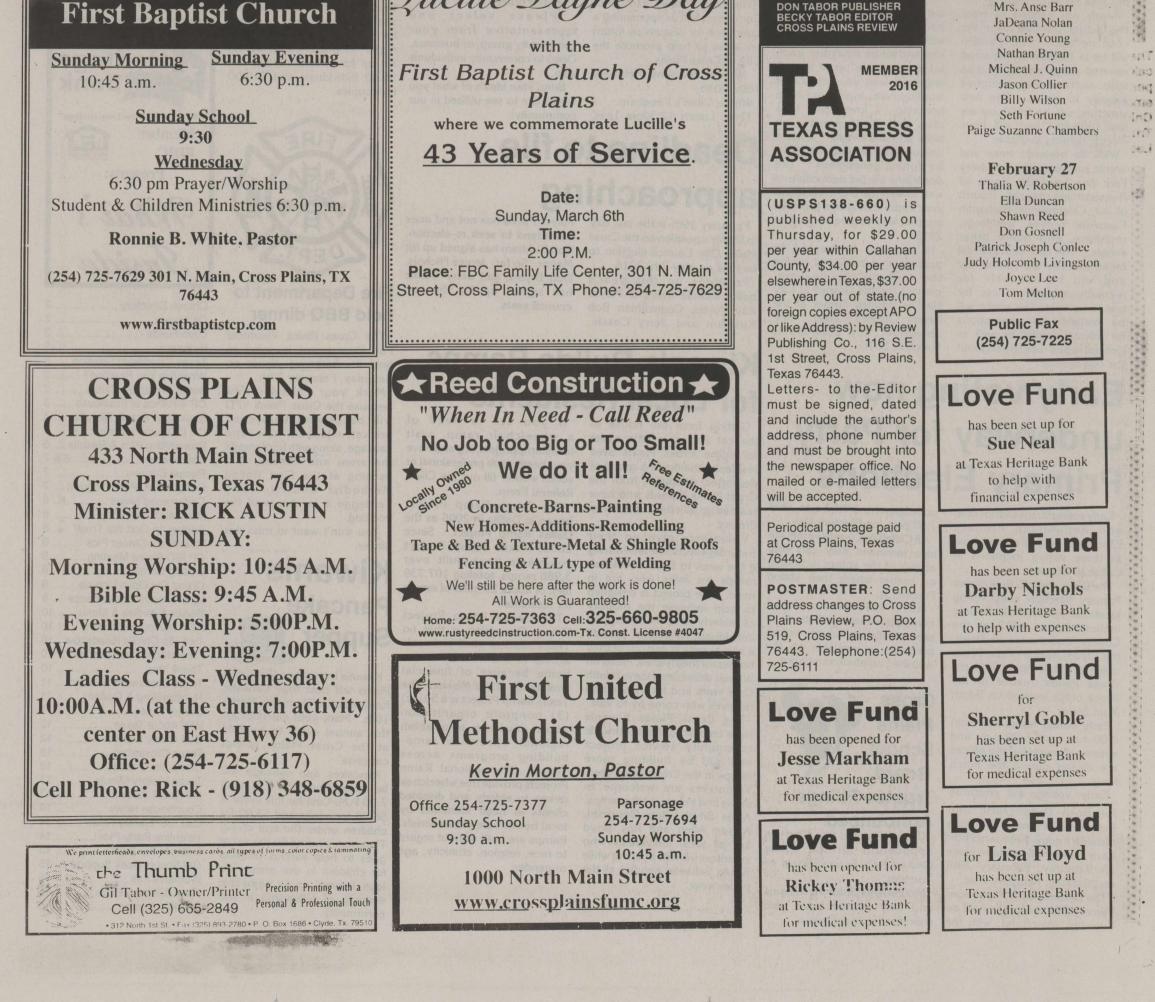
Brenda Wood Madie Brown **ElWanda Jennings** Celeta Strahan David Havener Colby Walker Romana Lewis

Vivian Nowell Chase Ryan Hunter Joaquin Montreal Matthew Lee Christin (Hyles) Bullock

Georgia Townson Mrs. Anse Barr JaDeana Nolan

February 26

-18



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 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.

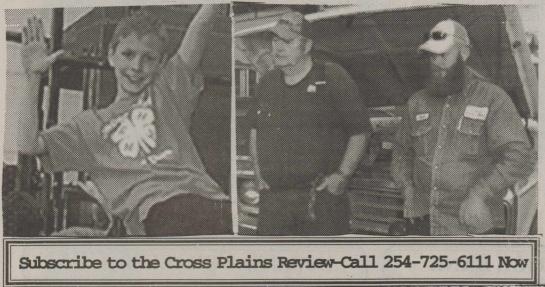




now dedicated they are. All n all, our Community Service project was a huge success. Cross Plains Rebiew 3 Feb. 18, 2016



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.



Complete Driveline, Differentials & Axles Transmission Services, Flywheel Grinding & Clutches

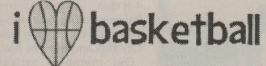
WESTERN

& EQUIPMENT

TRAILER

1110 Е. НWY 80 (325) 673-8311 ABILENE, TX 79601 **1-800-588-831**1

'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 Buffalos from the sidelines against Moran last week



Coach Eison with his team vs. Moran last week









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



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



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



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





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

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

and boys Powerlifting Teams traveled to Brady and Ranger for their respected meets. And as expected, they dominated. While in Brady, Loralei 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 Maurico grabbed 1st

Last week both the girls 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.





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



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



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



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

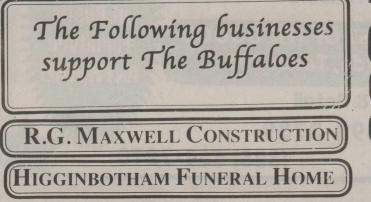
Lorenzo Bustamante with 340lbs deadlift - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 123lb class



Sammy Guerrero with 350lbs squat - 3rd Place Ranger Meet



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

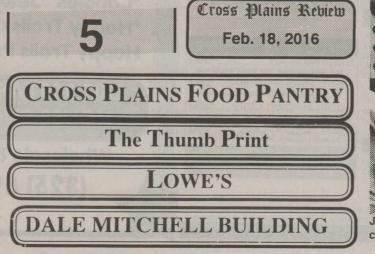




Rebekah Crockett with 300lbs deadlift - 1st Place Ranger Meet, 132lb class



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

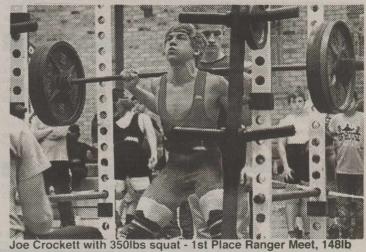




Cross Plains Girls Powerlifting Team - 1st Place overall at Ranger Meet. Shiloh Dodge, Hannah Cowan, Teagan Fortune, Alexis Mauricio, Rebekah Crockett, Kristi Ward, Coach Ward with Kaitlyn Potter below



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



class







1815 S. Commercial Ave. Coleman, TX 76834

FARMS RANCHES HOMES www.liveoakrealtors.com 325-625-4181

Owner/Broker 325-642-1999

Charles Chesshir

CROSS PLAINS AREA LISTINGS

108 APPLE STREET — 3 BR-2 BA Like new manufactured home on a large lot..\$59,900 11250 C.R. 454 - 2 BR-2 BA on deep water at Lake Brownwood.....\$390,000 5.17 ACRES — Nicely remodeled 3 BR-2 BA home with scenic views......\$194.500 22.35 ACRES — Custom 2 BR-2 BA ranch style home with lots of amenities...\$335,000 31.15 ACRES — Oak & mesquite; deer, turkey, & dove hunting CONTRACT...\$140,000 41.91 ACRES - 3 BR-2 BA home at Lake Brownwood, 1 tank, oaks...\$400,000 77.84 ACRES — Hwy 183 frontage near May in Brown Cty, well, electricity...\$221,844 100 ACRES — Exceptional property at Lake Leon with 3 BR-2 BA......\$995,000 124 +/- ACRES — Excellent get away, recreational hunting or home site....\$303,800

FEATURED LISTING

330 +/- ACRES - Secluded, soil conservation dam, Bull Creek REDUCED \$660.000

www.liveoakrealtors.com

Erlene Barker David Stewart Jerry Bodine **Rick Eudy** (325) 214-0195 (325) 370-3545 (325) 214-1924

Marsha Spinks (817) 991-5014 (817) 964-0986

Ranger College to be part of pilot program aimed at helping adults obtain degrees

RANGER, Texas - Think your level of expertise. Students can in an existing section of a course into the classroom? Think again.

CHC

310

(nic) 1.5

announced recently they would be part of the state-wide Council of Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) program a service of the Texas level, having taken an online designed to allow older Texans Association of Community class previously, and having who have acquired skills through Colleges, and works to provide several years of professional hands-on experience to convert the CAEL program through experience. Students will also their experience into college LearningCounts. hours that can lead to an College is one of approximately eight community colleges in the fall.

"This is really thinking outside the box," said Ranger College degrees."

As part of LearningCounts,

too old to get that college earn up to 25 percent of the and development of an degree? Think too much time hours needed to receive a degree individualized plan for has passed for you to get back or certificate through CAEL. participation and testing based Students can enroll in on-line on the instructor's evaluation of classes through the Virtual skill and experience levels. Ranger College officials College of Texas and work Students enrolling in the toward receiving a degree from program will have to meet

the college. The Virtual College of Texas is being able to write at the college

undergraduate degree or a have work experience," said least 8 weeks, and the ability to certificate - and, ultimately, Beltran. "This is another avenue access and upload work higher paying positions. Ranger for them to continue their products and/or certificates that education."

state to help kick off the help students with skills gained of the classroom. LearningCounts program this through experience in the No graduation, residency, workforce to convert their degree or certificate program knowledge into college hours. requirements will be waived as Experiential learning allows a result of credits earned through Dean of Administration Cherie students to receive college credit this process, Ranger College Beltran. "We think it is really a for equivalent educational officials noted. good program that will allow experiences acquired through individuals with work experience earlier schooling situations, CAEL or the LearningCounts to get farther along with their work/on-the-job training or life program contact Beltran at experiences.

Ranger Upon enrolling

several requirements, including need access to a computer "I think it can help people who connected to the Internet for at will enable the college to verify LearningCounts is designed to the skills they obtained outside

For more information about Ranger College via e-mail at HYPERLINK

R 254-442-4181 Cisco 254-725-4181 Cross Plains www.TrinityRanchLand.com



Residential & Lake Property

Lot 100 Oak Pt Dr, Lake B'wood-Gated community, elm & Reduced ... \$8,000 307 E 19th, Cisco-4 (UNDER CONTRACT er/aged hm on prop......\$12,000 Lot at 423 N Ave A, CP-Pecan trees, 3/4 of a block, will diviReduced .\$14,000 225 S Ave A, CP-3BR-1.5B,1,116 sq ft frame hm, mature trees......\$25,000 406 3rd, Blanket-4BR-1B hm w SOLD chain link fence......\$29,900 200 S Ave B-2BR-1B on Ig lot, efficiency apartment, new windows, well.\$38,500 733 N Ave E-CP-3BR/2B hm,1 bl from school, lg yard......\$39,500 520 Pine, Ranger-3BR-1 3/4B, C/H/A, hardwood floors in living room.....\$49,000 9955 FM 1079-Charming older 3BR-2B hm, needs TLC, barn, well.......\$49,000 1412 Bliss, Cisco-Potential income prop! 3BR-2B, lg backyard......\$49,900 7776 Bay Oaks Dr, Lake B'w UNDER CONTRACT er Bay \$69,000 NEW! 301 N Ave F, CP-4BR-2B DW, covrd porch, Irg lot, mtl shop.......\$85,,000 NEW! 3820 Country S UNDER CONTRACT B, lots of upgrades.....\$99,900 157 Oak Tree, Lake Cisco-Spacio SOLD 2BR-2B w/ private dock\$169,500

Commercial Property

8	
	700 N. Ave A, CP-Potential investment property! 7,767 sq ft brick bldg,C/H/A, formerly nursing home-needs TLC\$29,000
	601 Hwy 80 E., Ranger-2,880 sq ft machine shop\$35,000 217 N. Main, CP-Inviting western store w/ 2,600 sq ft, rustic brick walls, high
	ceilings, great curb appeal! Inventory included. Repair/custom boot shop & equipment included or can purchase without, avbl for mont Reduced .\$79,900
	Featured Property of the Week:

28 Acres & Home, Atwell-Country living, 3BR-2b 2,400 sq ft stone and hardy siding home, metal roof, kitchen has inlayed tray ceiling, corian counter tops, beautiful builtins, secure valuables storage, walk in master closet, wood burning stove in living area, flooring-tile, carpet and mesuite wood. REAL ESTATE TTPS ...Reduced.\$300,000

Why use a Realtor? We orchestrate the contact-to-closing process, including the appraisal, buyer-loan process, title, inspections, etc., taking this burden off of you. d, Broker Associate 60-5719

Erik Woodard	325-733-4611	325-6
Christina Rainey	254-631-8135	325-6 Wayne Lena
Matt Gilmore	254-243-0557	Karen Lenz
Inga Brennan	325-642-1878	Snana Hinyard 325-6

Cross Plains Review Feb. 18, 2016



RESIDENTIAL &

adults who have extensive College, a student may petition "mailto:cbeltran@rangercollege.edu" experience in a field can submit for a review of their experiential cbeltran@rangercollege.edu or a portfolio of their experiences learning to CAEL instructors, who, in Experiential learning credits may 3234. Information is also turn, can credit the student with be earned through a portfolio available on-line college credit based on their assessment through enrollment www.learningcounts.org.

experiences. via telephone at (254) 647-



Small Item: **Medium Item:** Large Item:

Come by the Cross Plains Review!

The Recipe Corner

Buffalo Chicken Lasagna

Prep Time: 1 hour, 40 Minutes Cook Time: 40 minutes + standing

Ingredients:

COOKBOD

1 tablespoon canola oil

- 1-1/2 pounds ground chicken
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 celery rib, finely chopped
- 1 large carrot, grated
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, drained
- 1 bottle (12 ounces) Buffalo wing sauce

* 1/2 cup water

- * 1-1/2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * 9 lasagna noodles
- * 1 carton (15 ounces) ricotta cheese
- 1-3/4 cups (7 ounces) crumbled blue cheese, divided

\$1.00

\$1.50

\$3.00

- * 1/2 cup minced Italian flat leaf parsley
- * 1 egg, lightly beaten

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, heat oil over medium heat. Add chicken, onion, celery and carrot; cook and stir until meat is no longer pink and vegetables are tender. Add garlic; cook 2 minutes longer. Stir in tomatoes, wing sauce, water, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 1 hour.

Meanwhile, cook noodles according to package directions; drain. In a small bowl, mix the ricotta cheese, 3/4 cup blue cheese, parsley and egg. Preheat oven to 350°.

Spread 1-1/2 cups sauce into a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Layer with three noodles, 1-1/2 cups sauce, 2/3 cup ricotta mixture, 1 cup mozzarella cheese, 2/3 cup cheddar cheese and 1/3 cup blue cheese. Repeat layers twice.

Bake, covered, 20 minutes. Uncover; bake 20-25 minutes longer or until bubbly and cheese is melted. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Yield: 12 servings.



WTGFuels The Big Country's #1 choice when choosing a propane provider.

WTG Fuels is committed to offering the highest quality service for all our customer's propane needs both Residential and Commercial. Our mission is to make using propane as convenient as possible. Switching to WTG Fuels has never been easier and in most cases at little or no charge to the customer.

When it comes to propane, we do it all. No other company can match our fast dependable service.

Not satisfied with your current supplier? Switching is easy and in most cases FREE! Call us today.

ABILENE - (325) 677-6209 ANSON - (325) 823-2724 BALLINGER - (325) 365-2625 CISCO - (254) 442-1611 CLYDE - (325) 893-4406 COLEMAN - (325) 625-2925 CROSS PLAINS - (254) 725-7410 STAMFORD - (325) 773-2773

Tank Leasing

For most customers, there is no monthly or yearly tank rental fee. Our experienced staff will assess your usage and determine the size of tank you need.

Complete Installation, Setup and Testing Services This includes tanks, lines, fittings and anything else needed to be fully operational.

Complete Propane Supply Programs Keep Full Programs Provide balanced filling and billing so you never have to worry about your propane tank levels. This also helps balance your billing throughout the year

Safety

Our service technicians and drivers are trained to follow the highest safety standards.

Accurate Delivery We use state-of-the-art measuring devices so that the customer is assured they get what they pay for.





Jurnee Thomas-

Local from Cross Plains does well at Western Texas College. Jurnee Thomas has achieve 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

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 schoolwide required fees for a fouryear 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 musical show will be-Saturday

rising costs of higher education costs for the 2016-17 academic year Complete plan information, forms and more are available online at TuitionPromise.org, or Hegar said. "The plan has call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723),

NPLUMBING

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

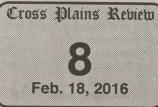
Opera House Country **Musical this** Saturday

The Opera House Country based on Texas public college February 20th at 6:00 pm, at

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 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 Missouri.

The Abilene Quilters Guild is proud to bring Jenny Doan to and nice, it's just about time the Clyde/ Abilene area.





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 to follow tutorials quickly made 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 become a quilting destination 5:30 p.m. at the Community attracting quilters from all over Center. Dinner is served starting America and around the world at 5 p.m. Taco Soup is on the to the small town of Hamilton, menu, as well as iced tea, coffee and dessert.

With the weather so pretty 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

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



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.

can lock in today's rates at Texas public colleges and universities by prepaying tuition and school-wide required fees through the Promise Fund," a range of payment options Option 5. the Opera House, located in Anson, Texas.

A Brisket Plate will be served current prices, enrollment 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!

It Pays To ADVERTISE In The Cross Plains Review CALL 254-725-6111 116 S.E 1st Street. **Cross Plains**, Tx.

NAME ADAY LODGE ADAM ADAM ADAM ADAM 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 i, 2016.

For Callahan **County Sheriff** Franklin P. "Bucky"

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.

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

Public Relations

Served as a Board Member for Family Services of Central Texas

Currently Serve as a Committe member with Abilene Chief of Police Stan Slandridge 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





Tod Wilson, Owner

Lic. # M-39778



Celebrate Recovery meets every Monday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m. **Pioneer Baptist Church** Fellowship Hall. 12 Step Program based on eight principles

from the Beatitudes.

Parole & Probation AA & NA Papers signed. For More Information -254-725-7574

のでのないないないないですの

Shackelford

Valentine's Dinner Held at First Baptist Church Febuary 10, Huge Sucess

held their annual Valentine's Paige Sproles, and musician/ dinner on February 10, 2016. The guests were served fried chicken, baked potatoes, green wonderful meal, played games, beans, salad, and cheese cake and a photo session was for dessert.

Amongst the fun and laughter

The First Baptist Church was guest speaker and singer guitarist Micah Bynum. The guests enjoyed a available by Teresa Koenig. What a night of fun.







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.

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 intr-

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

In this production, Ross, the 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 student will be accepted. Library is accepting entries for our annual writing contest. This the library no later than March contest is open to all students 31, 2016. Entries will be "blind attending, or eligible to attend, the Cross Plains Public Schools. to the top three entries in each Poetry, essay and short stories respective grade. The overall are allowed. Entries will top winner will receive a plaque be accepted from grades K through 12. Home schooled children are responsible for a gift card. inquires to the awards assembly date and time. The library will not contact home schooled the Cross Plains Review for 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

Entries are to be submitted to judged" with ribbons awarded and a gift card. Second and 3rd place winners will receive The three overall winner's papers will be submitted to publication. For additional information please contact the library at 725-7722 or Marsha Ossowski at 325-201-4150.







Conservative Values. The Right Leader for Texas.

Rebuilding **Our Military**

Ensure that our troops have the tools they need to defend America.

Securing **Our Borders**

Keep dangerous criminals and drug smugglers from entering our country illegally.

Defeating ISIS

ISIS is a real and present threat that must be eliminated.

GENAWAY

FOR CONGRESS

www.MikeConaway.com

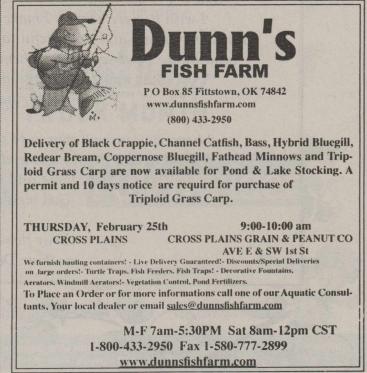
Grand Ole Oplin February Line-up

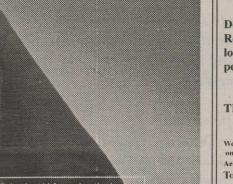
everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On Feb. 19th. MIDNIGHT BLUE returns playing some more of Alcohol and smoking are not your country favorites, and on Feb. 26th MUDDY CREEK will Everyone is invited to bring a be back playing some more snack to be shared by all during of your favorite two-steps and the band's break. waltzes.

hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the forget your dancing boots!

The Grand Ole Oplin invites 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. allowed at any of our functions.

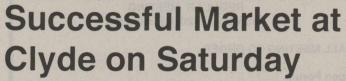
So gather the family and all of The GRAND OLE OPLIN is your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't





Pol. ad. paid for and authorized **Mike Conaway For Congress** 0





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



Senior Citizens CenterActivities

Feb.22nd-26th

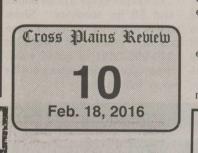
Monday-22th Crafts with Chris 10:30 / Excercise 11:00/ Bingo with Betty 11:15 Tuesday-23rd Exercise11:00 Wednesday-24th Blood Pressure Check by Girling Home Health Thursday -25th Exercise 11:00 /Reading with 3rd Graders Friday -26th Exercise 11:00

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

> **ADVERTISE IN** THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

Two Hip Chicks Roadshow

The Two Hip Chicks Roadshow is coming to Abilene with over 100 vendors bringing you the latest in boutiques, re-purposed furniture, metal art, kids boutique, vintage, up-cycled, antique, health & beauty, one of a kind finds and good ole junk! 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.



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

325-864-3902 emilymeador@gmail.com

 Shelley Hughes 325-669-6271

ramhughes@hotmail.com

Public Fax (254) 725-7225



Justin, Lauren and Lily Disney of Midland **Road Trip Destination... REH Museum**

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.

Taking advantage of the 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 guite surprised that such a small town has such an outstanding museum

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU Feb. 22nd- Feb. 26th

Monday 22nd- Cheese- Thursday 25th - Sweet burgers, Lettuce, Tomato, & Sour Chicken, Noodles, Onion, Pickle, Oven Fries, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert Fruit, Cookie

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

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

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

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

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to my family, my friends, and my loyal customers and former employees of Tim's Floral who have shared the past $32^{1/2}$ years with me. 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. Twe 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





VALENTINES KING QUEEN AND **SELECTED AT NURSING HOME!**

Rising Star Nursing Center popular vote. held their annual Valentines party Friday February 12.

1

Long and the King is Mr. Richard Ames. selected by



The party was attended by

many special guests of the Long The Queen is Ms. Madeline and Ames families and other dignitaries of the community. Refreshments served included fresh homemade Valentines punch and cookies.

The EJ Browning Band was here also to serenade the crowd for a few hours.

The Cross Plains Garden Club was also here over the weekend making rounds for Valentines.

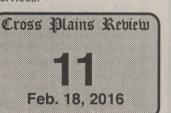
The nursing home extends its gratitude to all that helped with the party donations. For more information on assisting with activities please call Teresa Baird at 254-643-6700. Photos

may be reviewed at www. risingstarnursing.com

Mardi Gras Dog Parade

The Krewe of Barkus will be out in force at the Mardi Gras Dog Parade held in Nelson Park on February 20th. The parade is free and begins at 10 a.m. It will be filled with colorful dogs and their owners dressed up and parading around the Camp Barkeley. There will be prizes awarded for different categories.

This will be a fun family event for all ages to enjoy. Nelson Park is found at 2070 Zoo Lane in Abilene. Contact Anita Vigl at 325-734-5301 for more information. Assisting with the event is the Cities Animal Services.



Land Stewardship Workshop for Texas land contractors

Contractors conducting (TFA). Since 1995, TFA soil and water conservation / vegetation management operations for landowners to improve range, aesthetics, wildlife habitat, or facilitate mineral extraction can benefit from information on land stewardship. This information can enhance contractor's profitability and landowner satisfaction.

Library

Notes

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm

Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm

Feb., 8 - Feb., 11, 2016

Books Checked 127

GED 2

Other

WiFi 9

LAP/LAPSIT 25

Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm

Closed Friday

Patrons 101

Programs 27

Copies 169

Internet 30

Reference 9

Jan Bond

Memorials

Stephenson

Bill Rutledge

Volunteers

Sue Bennett

Linda Burns

Beverly Ross

Byrd

Ginny Hoskins

Library Hours

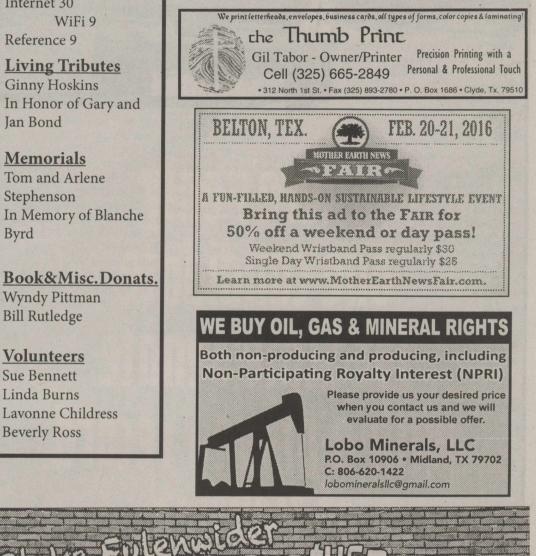
Attendeeswillhearinformation aboutwaterresourceprotection, wildlife management, and invasive species. In addition, contractors will also learn about pipeline safety and financial incentive programs available to landowners that implement conservation practices. Continuing education credit for non-commercial pesticide applicators license will be offered.

This workshop is modeled after the "Professional Logger" program administered by the Texas Forestry Association wildlife.org or 210-826-2904.

has worked to increase environmental awareness, promote sustainable forestry practices, and foster safe and responsible operations. This widely successful program has provided training to over 3,000 contractors, effectively enhancing land conservation and stewardship throughout the 12 million acres of commercial timberlands in East Texas.

The event will take place on March 10th at the Stephens County Ag Barn, 146 CR 245, Breckenridge, TX with a field tour on a local ranch. Registration is \$10 with lunch and refreshments included. Please join Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Forest Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife and the Earthmoving Contractors Association of Texas for this great opportunity. For questions, please contact Clinton Faas at cfaas@texas-

MANITLI



will donate my services to anyone who would like to do a fundraiser for the people who lost their homes in the Eula Fire or to raise funds for any of the area Fire Departments, who need funds! Col. Weldon Herring Tx. Lic. # 7337 325-721-7413

Auctions– All Kinds!

Have Gavel will Travel!

The Railroad Commission of Texas **Environmentally Responsible**

Regulation Bene

By Christi Craddick, **Texas Railroad** Commissioner

What's in a name? When it comes to the Railroad Commission of Texas, the name says how to successfully manage little about what this important energy exploration and producstate agency does on a day-today basis. With 125 years of history, the Commission was sion inspectors work every day established to oversee the regu- to ensure that companies comlation of railroads. Today, it is recognized as a worldwide leader in the regulation of oil and gas. The transition was sparked found in noncompliance are met when oil and gas production grew to include the transporting of oil to market by rail. The Commission was delegated oversight of not only the transportation of oil and gas products, but eventually its safe production. In this age of renewed Texas oil and gas development, it is important that all Texans are familiar with the job the Commission is doing in their community.

As your Railroad Commissioner, I have the privilege of overseeing some of Texas' most exciting and dynamic industries. Since 1891, the Commission has sion supervises pipeline safety, been charged with ensuring a fair and responsible regulatory structure for oil and gas production and promoting policies that guarantee the robust development of our state's huge energy potential. With extended jurisdiction over related industries including intrastate pipelines, natural gas utilities, and surface mining operations, the Commission ensures that Texans continue to enjoy the economic benefits of our state's many, plentiful mineral resources and

that our communities and environment remain safe. Now a global leader in energy regulation, foreign governments from across the world regularly visit the agency to learn more about tion in their own countries.

The agency's Oil and Gas Diviply with our rules established to protect the public and our state's natural resources. Operations with fines, and if necessary, the shutting down of production and the revocation of a company's license to drill in Texas. This division also manages any necessary cleanup involving oil and gas spills or discharges. Last year, the agency plugged over 560 abandoned wells and oversaw the cleanup of more than 200 oilfield sites. This type of work, which provides community and environmental protection, is funded by fees collected from industry, not by Texas taxpavers

The Oversight and Safety Diviand natural gas utilities. This division holds jurisdiction over pipelines that begin and end within Texas. The Commission has some of the nation's most stringent pipeline safety rules, requiring all natural gas distribution companies to assess their pipeline systems for the greatest potential threats and each year replace a minimum five percent of those pipelines.

Overseeing natural gas rates, this division ensures fair and

reasonable rates for consumers. Last year, audits discovered rate overcharges resulting in more than \$1.3 million in refunds to natural gas utility customers across the state, keeping more hard earned dollars in the pockets of Texans.

Coal used in power plants generating electricity helps to keep the lights on for our citizens, not only in Texas, but across the nation. The Texas economy enjoys the benefits of being the sixth largest producer of coal in the U.S., and our Surface Mining and Reclamation Division oversees mining operations and reclamation once mining ceases. Commission policies require that Texas land is returned to a condition that is as good as, or better than, it was before mining activities occurred.

Texans should be proud that our state has long been recognized as a regulatory leader. New technology, which allows companies to reach energy resources previously inaccessible, has ignited an energy revolution in the U.S. led by Texas. Fortunately, because of our more than 100year old history overseeing energy development, the Commission is deeply experienced in developing rules and taking actions grounded in science even as this dynamic industry quickly evolves

As you can see, the Railroad Commission has a strong record of balancing environmental protection with economic growth and energy development. We are proving it every day across the state. But please, just don't ask me about railroads.



2015 RAM 1500 ST Crew 4X4

PW,PL, Backup Camera • Total Before PKG Disc. \$41,820 • PKG Disc. \$700 Rebate \$2,000 • Chrysler Cap. \$1,000 • Blake's Disc. \$3,125 • SALE \$34,995 •TTAL

FREE! 7 year - 100 mile Limited Powertrain warranty.

Want more? Let Uncle Sam and Blake Fulenwider help - down payment assistance to match your tax refund up to \$3,000 per vehicle

Payment plans. Let Credit Buddy put you in a new truck you can afford. Repair your credit.

> Free delivery. Call, click or go online and we'll deliver to your home or office.

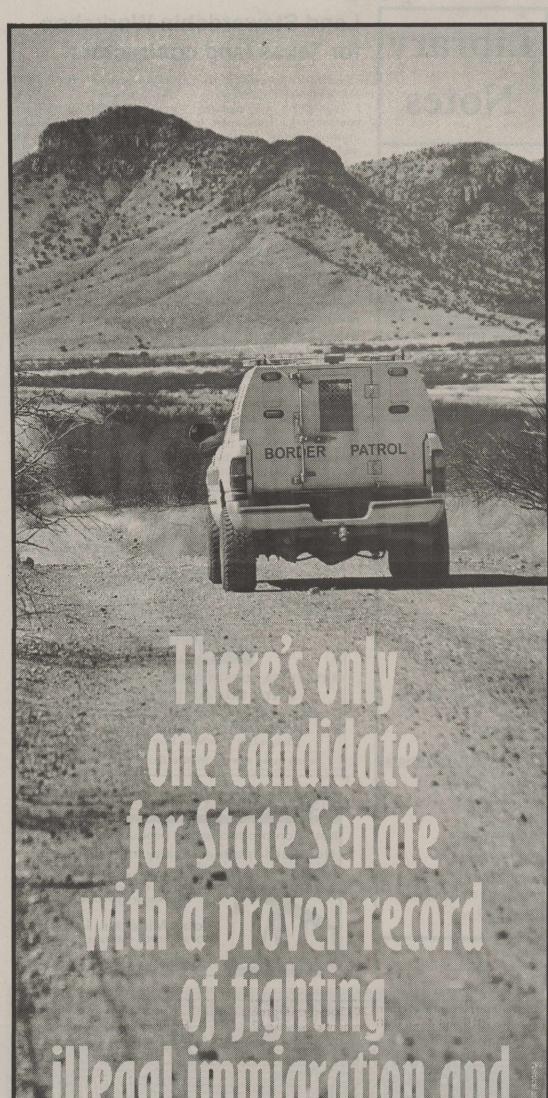




Exit 300 on I-20 Clyde, Texas • 866-753-4424 • blakeclyde.com

Picture for illustration purposes only and may not be actual photo of advertised vehicle. Offer ends Feb 29, 2016. 10% down +TT&L for 84 mps. @ 2.99% APR w.a.c



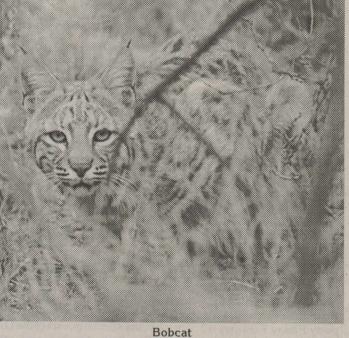


Wild About Texas Sponsored by: Happy Trails Rustic Western **Bobcat**

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



(Lynx rufus)

birds and even snakes. Rarely witnessed a sight that can only be will a Bobcat attack, kill and described as gruesome. Strung consume a healthy and robust up along the fence on both sides adult domestic animal such as a of the road were no less than goat or sheep, although it does thirty dead Bobcats, with a few infrequently occur.

the larger litters.

progeny are weaned at about just exploded for some reason! for juveniles.

I will always remember the time

feast upon raccoons, skunks, the gate entering the property, I foxes and covotes sprinkled in.

By far, the majority of breeding While visiting with the well-to-do activity occurs in February and rancher, we started discussing all March, and after a sixty day of the dead bobcats strung up like gestation, a litter of anywhere trophies. He stated that, while he from one to five (average is just had never seen it happen, he grew under three) is born. Females up hearing that Bobcats kill and that have had a plentiful diet eat goats quite frequently, and during the winter months are since goat-ranching was his livetypically the ones to produce lihood, he was just doing his part to contain the Bobcat population.

The young are born with their But then he said something that I eyes closed, but are almost will never forget when he told me exact duplicates of the parents that now, he has more damage in color and pattern, save a bit to his other crops from rabbits of a more spotted pattern. The because the rabbit population had ten weeks old, and they are Not being a "tree-hugging able to look after themselves environmentalist" as well as not when they are half a year old. wanting to offend my new friend, I The mortality rate of juveniles smoothly explained the role of the is high, but the individuals who Bobcat as an apex predator in the survive "childhood" are generally natural world and its importance long-lived; several specimens in things like rabbit population have exceeded thirteen years in control, and to this day, he has not the wild. The chief predator that shot another Bobcat. His rationale, adults face is man, followed by was, even if he were to lose a goat dogs. Natural predators include or two, the rabbits were actually foxes and coyotes, particularly doing a more significant amount of damage economically.

SU.

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.

She helped pass a citizenship requirement to get a Texas drivers license.

And next session, Susan King is going to author Governor Abbott's reform to ban Sanctuary cities.



"Most conservative session in Texas history" - Gov. Greg Abbott



Campaign HQ: 325-677-6629 • electsusanking@suddenlink.net • www.susankingcampaign.com

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY: TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 . EARLY VOTING: FEBRUARY 16 - 26



than the females.

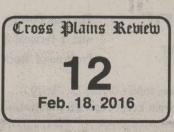
The coloration of the upperparts are generally grayish brown or reddish brown with numerous and scattered black streaks. The belly is whitish with intermittent black spotting. Face and tail are colored like the upperparts. and the ears our outlined with a black border with a white center. Often, the 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

Gurl Guide Expo

Join us February 20th from 2-7 p.m. for our FREE Gurl Guide Expo! Teen girls grades 6th-12th are cordially invited to attend with their moms/female role-models. It will be a half day full of fun, health & beauty tips, and support while dealing with today's issues (Self-Esteem, Pressures, Healthy Relationships). Dazzling Divas Modesty Fashion Show, Mary Kay Make-up Tips, Nathana's Hair Tips, BFC Healthy Living Tips, Pregnancy Care Center, and more!

The Expo will take place at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church CCC Fellowship Hall, 1815 Coggin Avenue, Brownwood, Texas. You may pre-register online at https://gurlguide. eventbrite.com or contact Director Kelsey Robinson at 432-788-1211 for more information.



that I was invited for a visit with a rancher about the natural history would love to hear from folks! He of the area, and as I pulled into can be reached by email at www.

Editor's Note: Michael Price fullprice71@gmail.com.



*Mondays Beans & **Cornbread- All you** can eat \$5.00 + tax

***Now Offering Chicken Leg Quarter Plate with 2 sides *** & bread <u>Omy \$7.00 + tax</u>

2 - 3 LB Meat Family

Deal

2 Pint sides,Bread

1 gallon unsweet Tea

The Texas History Minute Sponsored by: HANNER CHEVROLET

'Ma' Ferguson Emerged as a Pioneer in Texas Politics

By Dr. Ken Bridges

She grew up in a time when women almost never attended college, almost never spoke out on the issues, and certainly never voted. But one woman did all of them, and in the process. "Ma" Ferguson became one of the most unforgettable women in Texas political history.

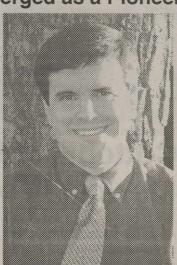
Miriam A. Wallace was born in Bell County in 1875. She was well-educated, attending Salado College and the Baylor Female College, among the very few colleges in the South that allowed women students at the time. On New Year's Eve, 1899, she married James Ferguson, a lawyer and banker living in Dr. Ken Bridges is a Texas Belton. The couple had two native, history professor, and daughters and were extremely devoted to one another.

ed governor. Gov. Ferguson, drkenbridges@gmail.com. had a stormy two-term reign and was impeached in 1917 over charges of misappropriation of funds regarding the University of Texas as well as embezzlement. He maintained his innocence, and in spite of a ban on him holding office in the state, he ran three more times.

In 1924, he had his wife run for governor in his place. Always the devoted wife, determined to uphold his honor, she agreed. Campaigning on the theme of "getting two governors for the price of one," as she put it, the contest soon became a heated contest between Ferguson and Judge Felix Robertson, the candidate of the Ku Klux Klan. Klan forces in the 1920s attempted to seize control of the major political parties across the nation, Democratic and Republican alike.

The Fergusons and their allies, repelled by the violence and corruption the Klan brought with it, portrayed Miriam Ferguson, "Ma," as the embodiment of traditional Texas values and motherhood. The battle of "the bonnet versus the hood" captivated Texans, and she won the election easily.

She became the first woman elected governor in Texas History, and only the second in the nation, after Gov. Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office just a few days before Ferguson



writer. His columns appear in 62 newspapers. Dr. Bridges In 1914, her husband was elect- can be reached by e-mail at

> Though critics charged that she and her husband accepted bribes for these pardons as well as highway contracts, no evidence ever emerged from these charges. However, the rumors led to her defeat in her 1926 re-election bid and the eventual creation of a commission to oversee all pardon requests before they

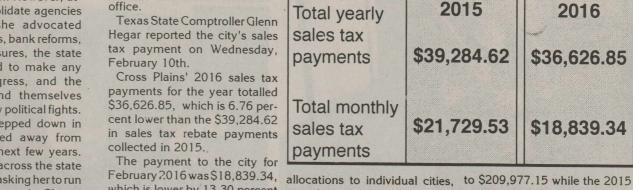
reached the governor. Ferguson failed at another run

in 1930 before winning again in

1932. She pushed for attempts to control state spending during the cash-strapped years of the Great Depression. However, attempts to consolidate agencies failed. While she advocated old-age pensions, bank reforms, and other measures, the state legislature failed to make any significant progress, and the Fergusons found themselves embroiled in new political fights. She quietly stepped down in 1934 and stayed away from politics for the next few years. In 1938, voters across the state signed petitions asking her to run for governor once again. She resisted the "Draft Ma" movement, but accepted the call when a new draft movement spread in 1940. She attempted to unseat Gov. W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel in the Democratic Primary, but in spite of the many criticisms of O'Daniel, Ferguson could not

win the nomination. With this loss, the Fergusons stepped away from politics for good. After her husband's death in 1944, "Ma" Ferguson lived a quiet life of retirement in Austin until her passing in 1961 at age 86. ###

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



The City of Cross Plains' one

percent city sales tax payments

in 2016 are just over six percent

lowere than 2015, according to

the Texas State Comptroller's

ment of \$21,729.53.

gar announced today, Wednes- on the Comptroller's Web site February 2016 was day, February 10th, he will at http://comptroller.texas.gov/ \$122,682.51, which is 3.24 persend cities, counties, transit taxinfo/allocsum/compsum. cent ahead of the payments in systems and special purpose html. taxing districts \$867.1 million in local sales tax allocations for reporting sales tax payments for and local sales tax and send February, 0.7 percent less than in February 2015. These allocatax annually

"Energy-centric cities such as Baird's monthly payment for Odessa, Midland, Corpus Chris- February 2016 was \$26,490.41, 2.00%, including one percent ti and Houston continued to see which is 9.97 percent ahead of for the City of Clyde, one-half decreases in sales tax alloca- the payment in February 2015 of one percent for the Clyde tion," Hegar said. "Other areas of \$24,087.87. of the state helped to somewhat -The 2016 sales tax pay- ration and one half of one per-Worth and Dallas saw moderate increases in allocations."

er by 0.1 percent year-to-date. od were \$117,467.09. He reported \$51.0 million in The City of Clyde's monthly sales tax of which 1.00% is February 2016 allocations to payment for February 2016 allocated to the city, 0.50% is Texas counties, which is lower was \$76,451.17, which is 6.22 allocated to the community's by 6.6 percent compared to percent ahead of the February economic development corpo-

percent year-to-date. February 2015 and down 0.40 amount of \$2,207.77. percent year-to-date.

tricts received \$51.7 million \$901.59, which is 13.47 per- put the money in their General in February 2016 allocations, cent lower than the February Fund and use it for normal

CRUSS	PLAINS	SALES	TAX P	AYMENTS	

Total yearly sales tax payments	2015 \$39,284.62	2016 \$36,626.85
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$21,729.53	\$18,839.34

which is lower by 13.30 percent counties, transit systems and payments to the county towns from the Feburayr 2015 pay- special purpose districts, locate totalled \$197,421.65.

Cross Plains 2016 retail

sales lower by 6%

Other Callahan County towns this month include:

tions are based on sales made that sales tax payments in 2016 keeps its 6 1/4% share and in December by businesses that started the year 21.73 percent returns the local one percent report tax monthly; October, higher than the 2016 pay- sales tax each month to the November and December sales ments. The city has received local governments. Cities and by quarterly filers; and 2015 \$46,823.08 in 2016, while the counties may levy a combined sales by businesses that report 2015 tax payments to the city tax of up to two percent above totalled \$38,462.17.

offset those losses as cities such ments in the City of Clyde are cent to reduce property taxes as San Antonio, Austin, Fort 6.53 percent higher than the (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde payments made to the city in 2015. The sales tax rebates for Hegar sent Texas cities \$569.0 the City of Clyde have amount- local sales taxes, of which 1.00 million in February 2016, which ed to \$125,139.54 in 2016. percent is allocated to the city is lower by 0.10 percent com- The 2015 payments to the city and 1.00% is allocated for ecopared to February 2015 and low- during the same payment peri- nomic development in the town.

February 2015 and lower by 6.7 2015 payment of \$71,972.95.

The Texas transit systems the 2016 payments to the town received \$195.5 million in Feb- totalled \$1,387.68, which is cal sales tax of which all 1.00 ruary 2016 sales tax allocations, lower by 37.14 percent from the percent is allocated to the city. which is 0.60 percent lower than 2015 payments to the city in the

Special Purpose Taxing Dis- month of February 2016 was or county expenses. Most areas which is 0.7 percent lower than 2015 payment of \$1,041.96. -Countywide, sales tax pay- maintaining roads and law ments for 2016 in Callahan enforcement, the Comptroller The sales tax figures represent County are higher by 6.35 per- said. Some cities use up to an monthly sales made in Decem- cent compared to the 2015 pay- additional one percent of city

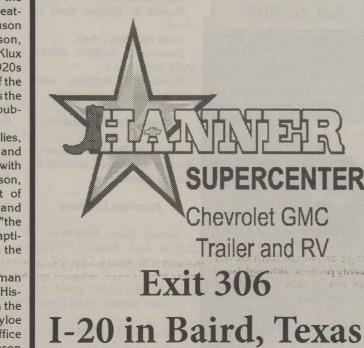
the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation The tax rebates in Callah-Texas Comptroller Glenn He- Comparison Summary Reports an County for the month of February 2015 of \$118,832.31. Merchants collect the state it to the Comptroller's office -The City of Baird reported with their tax returns. The state the state's sales tax.

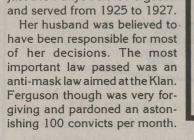
Clyde businesses collect Economic Development Corpo-Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in

Baird collects 2.00% in local ration and 0.50% of one percent The City of Putnam reported to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in lo-All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and Putnam's tax payment for the may be used for any legal city operations like fire fighting,





AS

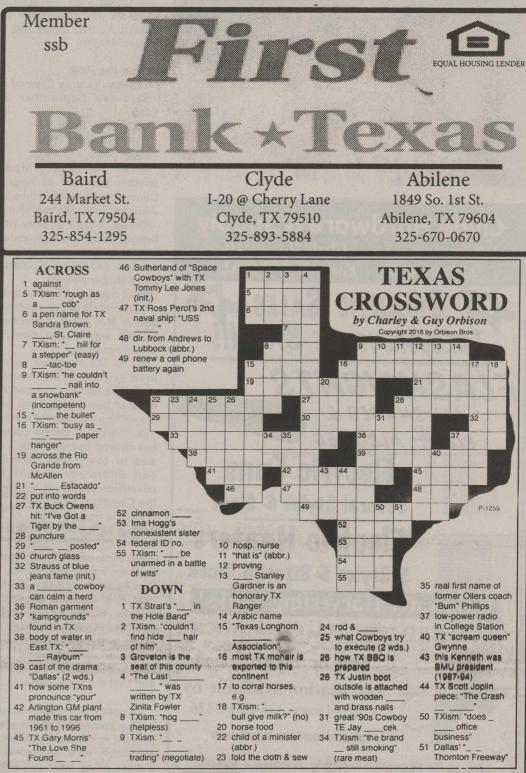


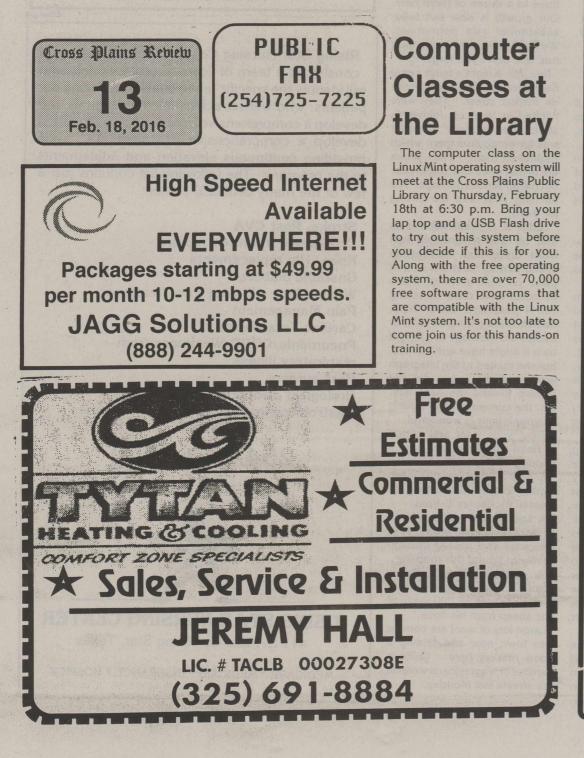
February 2015 and lower by 1.2 percent year-to-date.

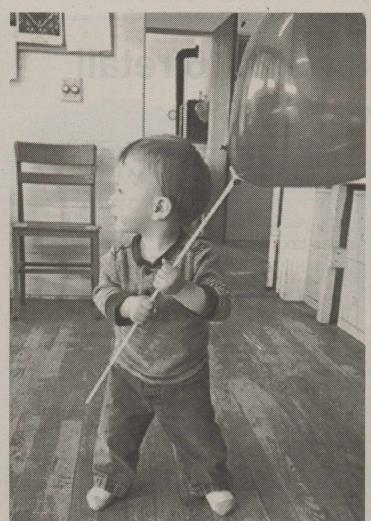
ber by businesses that report ments in the county. Callahan sales tax to help fund local tax monthly.

For details of February sales tax payments in 2016 amounting reduce property taxes.

County towns received sales tax economic development and to









Cottonwood Friends

Sweets for Sweeties Cottonwood Community Center Held Valentine Party

The Cottonwood Friends had their valentine party at the Cottonwood Community Center on Thursday, February 11th.

The children and their moms enjoyed snacks, punch and valentine favors and valentine

themed games. When the games were played and the kitchen cleaned up, the children helped their moms properly close up the building. The next Cottonwood Friends meeting will be in March.



Feb. 18, 2016

This months featured musicians David and June Sly. **Cottonwood Country Musical February 26th**

The Cottonwood Country MusicalwillbeattheCottonwood Community Center on Friday night, February 26, 2016.

The featured musicians this month are David and June Sly from Lake Brownwood. David plays the steel guitar and June accompanies him as a vocalist. David and June have entertained at the Cottonwood Country Musical for several years.

The meal is served at 5 p.m. and the music starts at 5:30 p.m.

On the menu is Taco Soup, Chips, Tea, Coffee, Sodas and Desserts.

Come enjoy hearing the musicians play and sing favorite country tunes. For any additional information

call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Misty Dawn Guy, resist arrest

/ search / transport. Marcus Navarro, possession

of marijuana, less than 2 oz. Russell R. Sperry, theft by

check. Judy McCrary, theft. Brandon S. Redfern, driving

while intoxicated. Brandon S. Redfern, resist

arrest / search / transport.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jason P. Reedy, motion to dismiss to assault granted for plea to other case.

Marriage Licenses

James Marc Walraven of Clyde and Susan Michelle Hartley, Bullhead City, AZ.

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

> > **Civil Filings**

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC assignee of General Electric Capital assignee of GE Capital Retail Bank (Discount Tire) vs. Sheri Allen, debt contract. Mary Jo Ramos, name

change.

Rachel Darleen Moss and Brian Stanley Moss, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Chisholm Live Oak Ranch, LTD vs. Nitoshia Nicole Roberson, default judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$39,673.44 from defendant.

State of Texas vs. \$15,000.00 in U. S. currency, default judgment granted.

Hollie Lafay Harrell and Calvin Wallace McCutchen, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Rafael Gomez, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 3 years in prison, \$309 court costs.





Installation available by Chris Howe 325-669-3426

www.texasraincatchers.com

Like us on Facebook@ Clyde Hardware Supply

Callahan County Library news

the Nether by Mark Cheverton, The Death Cure and The Kill Order by James Dashner and Hidden in the Overworld by Winter Morgan.

From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon Saturday September 30, 1882 Vol. 3, No. 26

Local News

J. D. Merchant shipped another car load of hogs to Denton county last Wednesday. John will keep things moving.

Messrs. Wright & Seay have bought about 4,000 pounds of wool this week. It was classed medium and the price paid was 21 cents per pound.

Baird has a new feed store. Baird boasts of one more new barber this week. We hope he will stay longer than his predecessors did.

Mr. C. W. Merchant was in town yesterday. He informed us that he had just shipped 904 head of beeves which he says are striking a rather dull market.

Dr. Fraser, of Brown county, has moved to Belle Plain. He was in town last Thursday and informed us that his advertisement would appear in the Clarendon next week.

Messrs. Seay & Heyn, of Big Spring, have opened their large store there and are doing a very good business. These popular men are bound to succeed, for they know no such thing as fail.

Mr. P. L. Callahan informs us that Mr. Burton of the lumber yard at Abilene refuses to resort to the telegraph now for transmitting messages. He says it can't be depended on, and that the mails make better time.

We notice a very large engine and an immense balance wheel and the necessary outfit for an number of wagon loads were on ice factory on a large scale on "our streets last Monday. a train going west yesterday.

New for the kids are: Battle for The machinery is for Claus Spreckels, the large sugar monopolist of the Pacific coast. Our trade must be very largely on the increase, else why so many drummers in town? Not a day passes but there are from three to a dozen of them here. Our growth is slow but solid, substantial and permanent. We'll get there sure in the long run, and don't you forget it.

Rev. Mr. Knight's team came near running away yesterday on Market street. They were hitched in front of Johnson's store when a piece of paper was blown against them which frightened them. They broke the breast yoke and single-tree, but did no serious damage. The hitching post was too strong for them.

Judge B. R. Webb informs us that his wife telegraphed him from Cisco last Wednesday telling him to meet her at that place on that evening, which he could have done by taking No. 4 passenger train. Now, had she sent a man on foot, or trusted her message to a freight train it might have arrived here, but she trusted to the telegraph wires and the judge did not receive it until the next day. Oh, the convenience of having telegraph lines is wonderful.

Bring your wool and cotton to Baird where can be found a good market.

A new feed store has been started in the IXL building by Messrs. McCamey & Ross.

A special train with railroad officials went west last Thursday and passed through eastward bound this morning. Mr. John W. Day, Callahan county's most extensive sheep owner has sold \$8,000 worth of fine sheep from his flock.

Large lots of wool are coming into town now and finding a good market here. Quite a



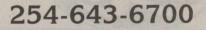
We are proud to serve our Cross Plains, Cottonwood & Scranton members. We are here to meet your needs!

PHONE: 877-TEC-1939

Rising Star Nursing Center's Rehabilitation

consists of a team of licensed professionals who will identify the specific rehab challenges facing our patients, who will set achievable rehab goals and develop a comprehensive treatment plan, and then develop a comprehensive treatment plan while providing continuous elevation and adjustments to the program. The following list contains just a few of the many SKILLED needs:

Stroke. Post CVA Orthopedic fractures/repairs Knee/ Hip replacements **Unstable diabetes** Wound Care – Wound Vac Treatment Pain Management **Cardiac Treatments** Pneumonia/COPD/Weakness from respiratory illness Post surgery **Urological disorders/post surgeries** Gastrointestinal disorders/post surgeries





RISING STAR NURSING CENTER 411 S. Miller St. Rising Star, Texas

MEDICARE * MEDICAID * INSURANCE * HOSPICE

Letter to the Editor **Old Cottowood Cemetery an** important issue to so many

History, it's all around us, it's who we are, it is what has formed our country and made it the greatest nation on earth. As Americans we are a proud people but recently I have noticed the pride and values in this country, the people in it, and most importantly the people that serve for its freedom today and have served and fought in the past are falling through the cracks like so many other important issues that at one time may have been relevant but now are vanishing from the forethought of our mind.

Is it not our responsibility to make clear and known to all future generations what it took to get us where we are today and how before internet, cell phones, GPS, and elected public officials that are more concerned with social gatherings and power of position than honoring those that have fallen that allowed us to be who and where we are today.

I find it appalling that the subject of the Old Cottonwood Cemetery entry and exit has become such an issue for the elected county commissioners after knowing the importance of not only the soldiers, mothers, and decided to research the stones, lawn maintenance, fathers, children, etc. that are buried there but also about the families and decedents that wish to pay homage to the great generations that have come before us all of which have been explained and argued in the past county meetings numerous times only to be sloughed off as an unimportant issue or with the repeated response of "it's not our responsibility because it's private land" which in truth has not been so since 1888 and there are still markers from the last survey done that clearly prove this. I find it hard to believe that shredding and grading a road that is clearly marked as a county road, CR 422 to be exact, and is such a short distance, approximately 300 feet, that under normal circumstances would only take approximately 20 minutes to do is so difficult for our elected commissioners to accomplish. I thought briefly that maybe the funds for such a short



question but to no avail since to my knowledge and belief the areas to where the tax dollars that would normally go toward such projects that are directly controlled by the elected commissioners could not be found as listed clearly on ballotpedia.org/ Callahan county, Texas:// ballotpedia.org/Callahan-County,-Texas/I" who gave Callahan County an F rating for records that could explain why this has become such an issue. It is in my opinion that all voters and concerned citizens should look at the above link and draw your own conclusion to what Callahan Co. commissioners are fighting so hard not to take responsibility in helping to maintain the dignity of all that are buried in the Old Cottonwood Cemetery since the Historical Society maintains everything within the fence of the cemetery including but certainly not limited to all grave

fence maintenance, security, etc.

Please join me in trying to explain to the county and its commissioners how important this issue is by writing letters of concern of your own whether you have loved ones in the Old Cottonwood Cemetery or just have a general respect for the people not to mention the many soldiers that are buried there and deserve everything that we can do for them since they risked their lives for our future it's the least we can do to demand our elected county commissioners to show the little respect it would take to merely maintain a short portion of a county road approximately 300 feet in distance. ALL STATEMENTS ARE OF MY OWN OPINION EXCEPT FOR STATED FACTS!

> Thank You, **Billy Bennett** Clyde, Texas 79510

Girl Scouts seek community support to send Girl Scout Cookies to our troops

to Troop is a Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains council (GS-TOP) service initiative that encourages members of the community to buy packages of Girl Scout Cookies to donate to the U.S. Armed Forces. For troops stationed across the nation and overseas, nothing says home like a box of Girl Scout Cookies.

"Customerssponsorpackages of Girl Scout Cookies that the Council sends to our men and women in uniform," said GS-TOP CEO Becky Burton. "Through Project Troop to Troop, our customers get to support our service men and women and support their local Girl Scout Troop with each purchase."

To participate, simply go to a local Cookie Booth and say, "I want my Girl Scout Cookies to go to Project Troop to Troop."

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University is proud to announce their upcoming theatrical performance of Broadway's greatest musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", from Tuesday, February 16th through Saturday the 21st.

This farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written. Pseudo, a crafty slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful but naive courtesan named Philia, for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. . A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested, 2000 year old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. Directed by Brandon Ray.

Tickets are: \$10 per person, \$7 Military/Seniors/Students, \$5 for HSU Faculty/Staff/ Students. For more information contact the Van Ellis Theatre box office at 325-670-1405. Hardin-Simmons University, Van Ellis Theatre 2410 Cedar St., Abilene.

sale through February 28.

GS-TOP partners with local nonprofit agencies and military bases to send donated cookies to soldiers overseas and stateside. Last year, GS-TOP customers sponsored more than 44,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies for many grateful troops.

Find your cookies by going to www.girlscoutcookies.organd enter your zip code to find a booth near you. Counties in the GS-TOP service area include: Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties. Or, go mobile and download the Cookie Finder app to your Apple or Android phone and find a cookie booth, vote for your favorite cookie, and learn more about the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

###

We're the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains

We're 28,000 strong - 28,000 girls and adults who believe Registration for this fun filled every girl can change the day begins at 8:30 AM in the

Upcoming West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo

Since 1992, the West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo has put on a show with 325 exhibitors and their products and services relating to farming and ranching. This year's event is expected to be better than ever with opening day Tuesday, February 23, 2016. The Expo has an attendance of approximately 15,000 yearly and 2016 is expected to be just as busy.

The West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo will take place at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene and will feature commercial vendors, designated parking, handicapped access and public transportation. The Expo runs February 23, 2016 - February 24, 2016. For more information http:/www. taylorcountyexpocenter.com (325) 677-4376.

Abilene, Texas-Project Troop Girl Scout Cookies will be on world. It began more than 100 years ago with one woman, Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low, who believed in the power of every girl. Today, we continue her vision of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place by helping them discover their inner strength, passions and talents. And with programs from the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles to Fort Worth, there's a chance for every girl to do something amazing.

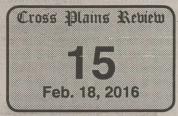
> We're the Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains. To learn more about the Girl Scout Cookie Program, volunteer, reconnect, donate, or join, call 888-670-0432 or visit www. gs-top.org.

Town & Country Women's Fair

This year's Town and Country Women's Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd during opening day of the West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo. Display Building on the Taylor County Expo-grounds.

The day's events include: "No Mow Lawns" presented by the Big Country Master Gardeners, Home Storage Solutions with Joe Walsh of Home Depot, "Freezer Pleasures" with TAMU AgriLife Extension, a luncheon, a style show presented by Wild Ones Boutique, and Ms. Gay Ann Young, quilt designer, will give the final presentation. "Trail of- Threads". There will be door prizes awarded throughout the day as well as vendor exhibits.

This is a program presented by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Taylor County.



Sheriff's Corner by Sheriff Terry Joy Happy ending to a three year old drug arrest!

This past Thursday, February, 11th, I was at the Callahan County jail, and was surprised by a visit from a nice lady. She told me her name and asked me if I recognized her, I Did Not! She then told me that I had arrested her in February of 2013 for possession of methamphetamines. I told her, "yes, I do remember you."

I was just into the second month of my first term as Sheriff when I received a call from a concerned citizen from Putnam. She told me that she was worried about a woman who had stopped by their home and she know that the woman had methamphetamines and was in the Putnam area.

I drove that direction and saw the vehicle stopped by the side of the interstate. When I stopped, I observed drug paraphernalia in the front seat beside her and found meth in her posession. I placed her under arrest and took her to jail. She had been living in her vehicle, was using meth, and had become addicted to it.

She looked so different when she stopped by to see me earlier this month. She looked much better, happier and healthier. To my pleasant surprise she said she wanted to stop by my office and thank me for

arresting her that day. She said that since the time she had been released from jail she hasn't touched meth or any other illegal drug. She said she was back with her family, working, going to church and doing well.

As a law enforcement officer, that gave me hope and I was happy for her. During the past three years, I have had others come by, or others who have written me letters, to tell me that the experience of being in our jail has had a positive effect on their lives and helped them to change.

The percentage of those who do recover from drug addiction is very low but those who do recover give us hope and encouragement that it can be done.

I have to give much of the credit to the chaplains who volunteer their time and come to the jail on visitation days to minister to the inmates. There are other concerned citizens and church members who support law enforcement in Callahan County in their ongoing battle against drug addiction.

Drug use prevention is much less expensive than having to arrest an individual time and time again and hold them in jail.

Winter Storms: Who's Up Next?

December and January has brought some winter weather that farmers will remember for years to come. First came winter storm Goliath, which roared through the Southwest, killing at least 50,000 beef and dairy cattle in the process. Not long after was winter storm Jonas, which grabbed headlines for burying Washington, D.C. and New York City, but also wreaked havoc on farms across Appalachia and the Mid Atlantic.

"We'll see some pretty impressive troughs develop next week, and that will not only bring some cold air in, but it will also probably put down some pretty good snows in places," he says.

The storm could hit the Plains by Tuesday, Feb. 2, with areas that include Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan beset with snow and wind. The Mid-South and eastern Corn Belt will also see rain and severe thunderstorms possible during this time.

"We're looking at potential blizzard conditions coming into the picture," according to Domenica Davis, meteorologist with The Weather Channel.

Davis says that potential threats across the country include:

High winds, rain and snow in California

Up to 3 feet of snow in the Sierra Mountains

Heavy blowing snow in the **Rockies and Central Plains**

Severe thunderstorm threat across the Gulf Coast and Mississippi Valley

This storm probably won't hold a candle to the infamous Groundhog's Day storm five years ago, which slammed Chicago with a record 21.2 inches of snow from Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 in 2011. Still, don't be surprised if significant snowfall occurs, especially in the Plains, meteorologists warn.

ROOFING **BUILDING COMPONENTS**

Single & Multiple Bay Easy-bolt Prefabricated Steel Building Systems!

•NO WELDING REQUIRED •CLIPS WELDED IN PLACE FOUNDATION & ANCHOR BOLT DRAWINGS MARKED FRAME COMPONENTS SHORT LEAD TIME · ERECTION DRAWINGS

All photos shown with options. All buildings engineered to meet your local building code.





Tradition & conservation keeps family rooted to the land management and rotational grazing practices. Future plans

mind to trip back into time for a few moments and imagine your ancestors making a long distance sea journey to America and then traveling overland in sometimes harsh country for the purpose of following a dream to better themselves in a new homeland. Ever wonder what their journey overland might have been like?

Aside from the dangers of sea travel, the rough journey of traveling by oxen or horse drawn wagon, or walking great distances, overland travel was slow. Roads were only bumpy dirt or rocky trails. Broken axles from ruts in the trails were a common calamity. Rains created mud and quicksand. Often, swollen streams and rivers prohibited crossings. A myriad of other impediments often awaited pioneers along their journey. Take into account that hot weather was a problem as more frequent water sources were required for both traveler and livestock. Sufficient grasses were needed in all weather for the livestock that served the early pioneers for food, work, and travel. Get the picture?

Camille Swift and her daughter, Amber Fry, of Johnson City, Texas, are fifth and sixth generation descendents of pioneer stock who still continue to live and work on the land where their ancestors set root. In spirit, they represent all our ancestry who had the courage to challenge the unknown by leaving their native homeland and families behind to risk dangers, and in some cases fortunes with only a dream of a better life to motivate them.

As noted, Camille and Amber come from a family with a deep-seated love for the land handed down to them along with a passion for holding on to it. From a family of German immigrants who came to the United States through Galveston in the 1850s and who first settled in Washington County and then moved to Blanco County in the 1860s, Camille and Amber are ingrained with a conservation ethic to improve the land entrusted to them and to pass their ranches on to the seventh generation of children. So, this is a story about a family's tenacity to hold on to and to better the land that was handed down to them from their lineage. Though Amber and her mother live on two separate family ranches, (Amber on a 1,096-acre property northwest of Johnson City and Camille on a 696-acre property southeast of Johnson City) the entire family works cooperatively in

JOHNSON CITY - Allow your sharing labor to manage both ranches. Amber with tonguein-cheek and a sly smile said, "Remember when we talked about sharing labor to make both ranches run smoothly, well, I am the idea person and I just tell mom what I would like to do and then I just let her experience take over to get the job done."

Camille laughed and said in response to the tease, "Our family was ingrained with a work ethic and like-mindedness to want to live this kind of life so we just pitch in and help each other to make both operations run smoothly.

When asked about current managementobjectivesfortheir operations, Camille responded with an answer different than what was expected. She said, "Sure, we want the ranches to show profits every year, but in the process we want to improve and sustain the resources for future generations through good conservation practices such as rotating livestock, cross fencing, brush control, and prescribed grazing. The ranches are not stocked as heavy as they once were." Camille adding to her thought said, "The key thing that we want to make sure of is that the carrying capacity of livestock are in balance with what the land can support."

Amber, who is a current member of the board of directors of the Pedernales Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) said, "Our family, by tradition, have been service-oriented folks. After grandfather Hoppe (Dwayne) died, I was told that my grandfather had said that I would be a good candidate to assume his position on the SWCD board. I hold his confidence and trust in my heart as very touching, so I try to practice the conservation ethic that he preached."

In addition to their livestock operations, Camille talked about what they are seeing regarding the improvement of wildlife populations on the ranches. "With our improving wildlife habitat on the ranches,

call for putting in place crossfencing and the installation of a solar-powered well and storage trough.

C.A. Cowsert, District Conservationist for the **USDA** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) who assisted Camille and Amber with the development of their conservation plans said, "Because of the combination of conservation practices being applied on the ranches, we're seeing another plus, and that is the hydrologic function is being improved. We noticed that the riparian areas which are the green belts of trees, shrubs, and grasses growing adjacent to the creeks and streams on the ranches are very healthy."

"This is a big factor for maintaining water quality because the combination of conservation practices employed on the ranches are keeping sediment and other potential pollutants out of the streams," Cowsert added.

The Pedernales SWCD, of which Amber is a director, is one of 216 soil and water conservation districts in Texas which are celebrating 75 years of service to agricultural producers and communities in the state.

"When you consider that Blanco County consists of 460,000 acres and the SWCD has 560 cooperators implementing conservation plans on 375,000 of those acres, I would say that speaks well for a time-tested voluntary soil and water conservation program that has spanned 75 years of protecting the state's soil and water resources," said Cowsert

"Ditto to that," said Amber. "Landowners typically want to improve their property and are willing to do so. Our board of directors' philosophy is that we want to know the folks who come to the SWCD for assistance so we want to be personally involved with each landowner or operator to make sure that their management needs and goals are met. After all, our board of directors signs off on their respective conservation plans," added Amber. For more information on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's efforts to conserve the natural resources of Texas, contact Clyde Gottschalk at (254) 773-2250 ext. 222 or cgottschalk@ tsswcb.texas.gov. Additional information on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is available at http:// www.tsswcb.texas.gov/. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, established in 1939, administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs to agricultural producers through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program to increase available surface and ground water through the targeted control of waterdepleting brush in areas in need of water conservation; works to ensure the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams is protecting lives and property; and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.



All new 2015 Arctic Cat ATVs have got to go! The remaining 2015 models will be sold at Dealer cost or below. Hurry in for your new Artic Cat ATV while the selection is still good!!



Under New Ownership Under New Management Come and

(LASI ()

Sonic Drive Inn

1506 North Access Rd. Clyde, Texas 325-893-1659

SUPER SONIC[®]

¹/₂ Price

Cheeseburgers

All Day

(Rear inclusion single procession) CONIC® Champeturger (1/4 No. proceeding) only. Add-One post exite.

TUESDAY

53.99

SONIC*

Cheeseburger&

Small Shake

lar not included. Excludes Mester Sh Add-Dos and Add bis cost edits

FRIDAY

TASTY OFFERS EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK

COCA-COLA is a trademark of The Coca-Cola Company. Only at participating SONIC* Drive-In locations, TM & S2016 Jan America's Drive in Brand Properties LLC

CALL INS WELCOME!!

Rami

\$4.99

Super Crunch^m

Chicken Strip Dinner

& Medium Drink

Ton and Instanted. Other Instandes 4 pr. Super Disact " Chicken Strips, Made, Tots word is Miss. Soft Drive poly. And One and Add-Kes circle edite.

WEDNESDAY

Brown Bag

Special

Meal for Two

Test not included, includes 3 SOHIC® (heerathroughts (single party: % th, precenteral), 2 Miss, 505 Drives and 2 Miss, Tols on, 4 Add Ores and Add-Ins cont entre

SAT/SUN

SONIC

we've definitely noticed a healthier deer population."

Amber chimed in and said, "Not only that, but we are now seeing turkey and the restoration of quail where we have not seen them for years." As an aside Amber added, "Oh: yeah, unfortunately feral hogs are doing well and increasing too.'

In their conservation plan, two key conservation practices used are prescribed grazing and brush management. In fact, native Indiangrass has been restored as a result of brush

USDA Expands Microloans to Help Farmers Purchase Farmland and Improve Property Producers, Including Beginning and Underserved Farmers, Have a New Option to Gain Access to Land

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19, costs, such as feed, fertilizer, 2016 - Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin offering farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and midsized farming operations.

"Many producers, especially new and underserved farmers, tell us that access to land is one of the biggest challenges they face in establishing and growing their own farming operation," said Harden. "USDA is making it easier for new farmers to hit the ground running and get access to the land that they need to establish their farms or improve their property."

Themicroloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary this week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating

tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the **USDA Farm Service Agency** (FSA).

Thismicroloanannouncement is another USDA resource for America's farmers and ranchers to utilize, especially as new and beginning farmers and ranchers look for the assistance they need to get started. To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit www. fsa.usda.gov/microloans, or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit http:// offices.usda.gov.

TO CALCHER STOPPEN AND AND A STOPPEN AND A

-###

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board grants permission for the use of this information as a free service to the news media. Articles may be used either in their entirety or in part, provided that attribution remains. You may print the story or post it on the Internet.

Cross Plains Review Feb. 18, 2016

Meet the New Owner, Rami

Abuelhawa

America's Drive-In

\$3.99

Footlong Quarter

Pound Coney

& Medium Tots

for not included, Not Dag is approx. 12 (notice and express, 1/4 52, precocked and conserve beef and park. Add Drs cost enter.

MONDAY

Premium Beef

Hot Dog

Any 6

THURSDAY