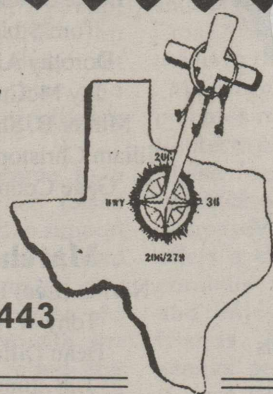


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### CPVFD TO HOLD BARBECUE DINNER ON FEBRUARY 27

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will hold their Annual Barbeque Dinner this Saturday night, February 27, from 5 until 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Firefighter Joe Terstegge will be in charge of the cooking and will be preparing barbecued brisket, ribs, sausage, and chicken breasts, legs and thighs. Homemade Macaroni

and Cheese, Potato Salad and Beans round out the dinner, with Banana Pudding as the dessert. Iced tea will be served to drink. Dinner is only \$8.00. To go orders are available.

Proceeds from the dinner go toward the repair and maintenance of the firetrucks and to the completion of the firehouse. Come out and support your local fire department.

### More Applications filed for Cross Plains Board of Trustees

Carlile Albrecht and Porcius Potter have filed applications for the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board of Trustees.

John McWilliams, Roy Richey and Cheryl Ptacek have also submitted an application.

### 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.

## Callahan County voters to determine three contested races Tuesday, including Sheriff

Callahan County voters will go to the polls this Tuesday, March 1st to determine three contested races locally.

Voting for this year's Republican and Democratic Primary Elections will take place at six voting precincts throughout Callahan County. All Callahan County voters are also reminded they can vote at any of the voting locations, no matter where their voting Precinct is. Polling hours on Election Day Tuesday are from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The six voting Precincts open on Election Day Tuesday, include:

Justice of Peace Office, 208 Oak St., Clyde, Texas 79510.  
Eula School, 6040 FM 603, Clyde, Texas 79510.

County Courthouse, 100 W. 4th St., Baird, Texas 79504.

First Baptist Church, 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, Texas 76443.

Putnam Community Center, 120 West Travis, Putnam, Texas 76469.

Oplin Community Center,

8990 FM 2926, Clyde TX 79510.

Of the three local contested races on the Republican ballot, incumbent Sheriff Terry Joy is being challenged by Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford.

For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #1, incumbent Commissioner Harold Hicks is being challenged by Rick McGowen and John Windham.

For Callahan County Commissioner Precinct #3, incumbent Commissioner Tom F. Windham is being challenged by Kevin Curtis.

On the Republican Primary Election ballot, Callahan County voters will also pick the Republican nominee for President, among other statewide races. Republic Primary Election voters will also determine four Propositions on this year's ballot.

On the Democratic Primary ballot, Callahan County voters will vote for the Democratic nominee for President, along with other statewide races.

## CROSS PLAINS BUFF



Cross Plains Senior Shelby McWilliams pictured here with her parents Melody and John Fred, and Coaches T'Leah Eicke and Daniel Purvis after signing a letter of intent with McMurry University of Abilene, Texas



Senior Shelby McWilliams with parents Melody and John Fred signs letter of intent with McMurry University

### Cross Plains Senior Shelby McWilliams signs with McMurry

On February 3, with the help of the Cross Plains High School Coaching staff, Shelby McWilliams signed her letter of intent to attend McMurry University. Shelby has been recruited to compete in Physical Therapy while also completing the Honors program at McMurry University. Congratulations Shelby!

Cross Country and Track & Field beginning in the fall of 2016. Shelby plans to major

### Upcoming High School Dance

On Saturday, February 27th the Freshman Class of Cross Plains High School will be sponsoring 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 various other snacks available for purchase throughout the night. A photo booth will be set up for pictures. Prices are \$6.00 individuals and \$10.00 for couples.

### International Children's Choir Performs in Cottonwood

As part of its 2015-1016 U.S. Tour, World Help is proud to present "Children of the World" International Children's Choir. The choir, comprised of orphaned and disadvantaged children from several different countries, will be performing at Cottonwood Baptist Church, 9996 FM 1079, Cross Plains, on Sunday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

This choir represents a rich and culturally diverse set of backgrounds and experiences, each with an urgent story to tell. This year's 'Rescue Tour' calls attention to the staggering impact that poverty, malnutrition, and dirty water have on millions of children around the world. Through the powerful medium of song, dance, spoken word, and creative media, "Children of the World" provides a compelling message of hope and opportunity, leaving an unforgettable impression with audiences across the country. This children's choir has

## CPHS Counseling Center to Host FAFSA Night

Attention high school seniors and parents. It is time to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid or FAFSA. This is the form that the federal government and colleges use to determine what aid your student is eligible for. Every student is encouraged to complete the FAFSA, even if you do not think you will qualify for aid, since many scholarship applications that you may fill out will ask for information gained from the FAFSA process. CPHS will be providing FAFSA Night as a come and go event on February 25th from 5:30- 8:30 pm. We will be opening the computer lab for parents and students to come and actually file the FAFSA online. Buffalo alum Shae White and other officials from Cisco College will be here to answer any questions you may have about financial aid and the FAFSA.

Be sure to bring the following information for students and parents:

1. Correct social security numbers and birth dates for students and parents
2. Driver's License or State ID
3. Students' and Parents' 2015 W-2 and Federal Income

## 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.

Tax Return (ie: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ),

4. Your 2015 untaxed income records:

- § Veterans benefits records
- § Child support received
- § Worker's compensation

You will also need to bring your FSA ID if you already have one. You can apply for this id at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> (click the padlock link at the top of the page)

I will be available to answer questions at FAFSA night but feel free to call me ahead of time with any questions you may have. Timing is critical. We want you to have all necessary information in to college financial aid offices as soon as possible because financial aid often becomes a first come first served process. Every year colleges run out of money before they run out of students who need it. Got questions? I'd love to help! Just give me, Stacy Jones CPISD Counselor, a call at 254-725-6121 or [sjones@cpplains.esc14.net](mailto:sjones@cpplains.esc14.net). And don't forget, I take appointments before school, after school, nights and weekends for your convenience. See You Soon!

## Get Free Icons on the Cross Plains Yearbook

Act fast and order your Cross Plains High School yearbook with your child's name before March 4th and receive 4 free personalized icons on the cover. But remember, you must submit your personalized order before March 4th.

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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
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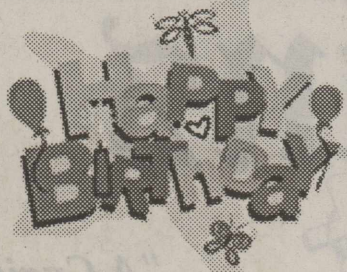
### First Baptist Church

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**Sunday School** 9:30  
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#### February 28

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Ricky Cavanaugh Shanks  
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Curtis Hines  
Mary (Koenig) Hutchins  
Randy Foster  
Keith Watkins  
Susan McNeel  
Earlene Justice  
Rosalea G. McCain  
Barbara Stephens  
Marilou Sifentes  
Constantino Reyes  
Gwendolyn Joann Creech  
Victoria Creamer

#### February 29 (Leap Year)

Emma Bennett  
Jordan Hernandez  
Debbie Ann Perry  
Tanya Reed  
Mrs. Dwane Gale  
Tiffany Leigh Price  
Rowdy Morris  
Bill Armstrong

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#### Billie Faye Norton

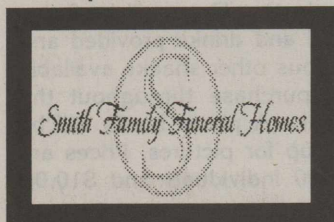
Billie Faye Norton, of Knox city went home to be with our Lord on February 18, 2016.

She was born April 29, 1935 in Menard, Texas to Helen Thompson Easley, and Bill Thompson.

Billie grew up in Balmorhea, where she met and married R.L. (Bob) Norton on December 18, 1952. She and her husband raised their family in Balmorhea and also in Cross Plains, later moving to Knox city.

Billie is preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Robert Thompson and her beloved husband Bob.

She is survived by her three children; Kay Adkisson and husband David of Rochester, Ross Norton and wife Joy of Abilene, and Robert Norton as well as 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Billie will be honored with a graveside memorial service at the new Cross Plains Cemetery on Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.



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**March 1**  
Skeet Parker  
Kelly Michelle Stout  
Eddie Strickland  
Tom Sibley  
Dorothy Aiken  
Jay McCunn  
Minter B. Sheffey  
William Christopher Clark  
Gage Connelly

**March 2**  
Norma (Lee) Lawson  
Tony Wyatt  
Dean Dillard  
L.B. Jones  
Lois Minton  
Gary McIntosh  
Jan (Neal) Bradford  
Jack Webb Baum  
Mrs. Leroy Brooker  
Berry Helms  
Stephen George Friend  
Dean Brannon

**March 3**  
Gavin Walters Doug Hagemer  
Gerry L. Holly  
Micheal Bates  
Donna Kaye Chambers  
Sue Carroll

**March 4**  
Chase Daniel Morgan  
Harvey Thomas  
Beth (Wood) Hiburn  
Faye Franke  
Vickie Steele Swinney  
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Michele Aiken

**March 5**  
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Loy Don Black  
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John Prentice  
Sylvia Switzer  
Edith Sorrell  
Steve Hargrove  
Francis Staggs  
Mike Peacock  
Betty Fisher  
Gary Wayne Callaway  
Carol (Weaver) Pharr  
Kelly Austin  
Bobby Clarkson

### After School Adventure at the Library

The After School Adventure Program will be meeting at the Cross Plains Public Library on Wednesday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m. Our program will be presented by the Cross Plains Garden Club. Come learn about gardening and caring for plants. Show us your GREEN THUMB!



### New Funeral Director Announced!

Higginbotham Funeral Home of Texas, Inc. has announced that Tom Harrell will be the new Funeral Director/Manager of the 102-year-old Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains, assuming the position vacated by the retiring Bob Harrell.

Tom, a 2006 graduate of Dallas Institute of Funeral Service, has been a Funeral Director/Embalmer for Elmwood Funeral Home in Abilene and Stephenville Funeral Home in Stephenville. Before coming a funeral director, Tom and his wife Jaclyn worked with children at Sherwood & Myrtle Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville.

Tom is a member of the Church of Christ and is a Master Mason. He is involved in numerous civic and church organizations. Tom and Jaclyn have a daughter, Christina, who is graduating from Cooper High School and will be attending Hardin-Simmons University in the fall.

Jim Moshinski, president of the nine Higginbotham firms, said, "We are pleased that Tom will be serving as our funeral director in Cross Plains. He values providing outstanding personal service and has a strong Christian desire to help families during their time of need, assisting them in celebrating each life in a personal way."

Tom said, "I am honored to become a part of the Higginbotham Funeral Home family and to have the opportunity to serve the families of Cross Plains and the surrounding communities."

Tom will assume his duties Saturday, March 5, 2016. He will be introduced during the Retirement Reception for Bob Harrell from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

"Bob was a faithful employee of our company and we join

the community in saluting him for 34 years of service to Cross Plains families. We wish him and Dee the best in their well-deserved retirement," Moshinski added.

Higginbotham Funeral Homes of Texas began in 1881 in Dublin, and now serves the communities of Cross Plains, Gorman, Comanche, Stephenville, Robinson, Waco, Cleburne, Burleson, and Joshua.

The Cross Plains location at first operated as the Undertaking Department inside Higginbotham Bros. & Co. General Merchants which opened June 1, 1914. The current funeral home was built in 1968. The Higginbotham hardware firms and funeral homes became separate corporations in 2000 with Higginbotham descendants still the majority stockholders. Ryan Ramsower, who manages one of the family's Waco firms, represents the fifth generation of Higginbothams in the funeral business.

In keeping up with modern times, Tom said two soon-to-be added features at the Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains will be a website and a projection system for showing personalized Memorial Videos.

The new website will provide customized memorial pages where the obituary and family pictures can be posted and an online guestbook for friends to send condolences to the family. Both the website and videos will be provided to families at no additional charge, Tom added.

In addition to funeral and cremation services, the firm also offers pre-arranged and pre-paid policies as well as monuments. After he starts, Tom welcomes the community to come by and meet him. "I look forward to meeting everyone and becoming a trusted friend," Tom said.

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#### Love Fund

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#### Love Fund

has been opened for **Jesse Markham** at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses

#### Love Fund

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

#### Love Fund

has been opened for **Rickey Thomas** at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses!

#### Love Fund

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

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Wilma Lawrence works the register while Frances Thornton took all the photos of the Mardi Gras Event.



Thanks to Rick and Jan Trammell for sharing their Cajun cooking expertise.



Diana Miller greeted by Key Club member Dobbs McWilliams.

## FUNdraising Mardi Gras Style

On Fat Tuesday, the Cross Plains Senior Center hosted a Mardi Gras party with shrimp, craw-fish and King Cakes on the menu. Blues music set the mood as laughter and conversations between friends filled the air.

As the evening came to a close, the Center had raised \$1301.00 to be used to support meal, nutrition, social and educational programs as well as maintain the facilities. As pleased as we are with the amount of monies raised, this amount will only sustain the Center for approximately 3 weeks when combined with the funds received from the City of Cross Plains, Callahan County, DADs and WCTCOG.

The Cross Plains Senior Center delivers meals daily to shut-ins within a 2 mile radius of Cross Plains, hosts congregate meals at the Center

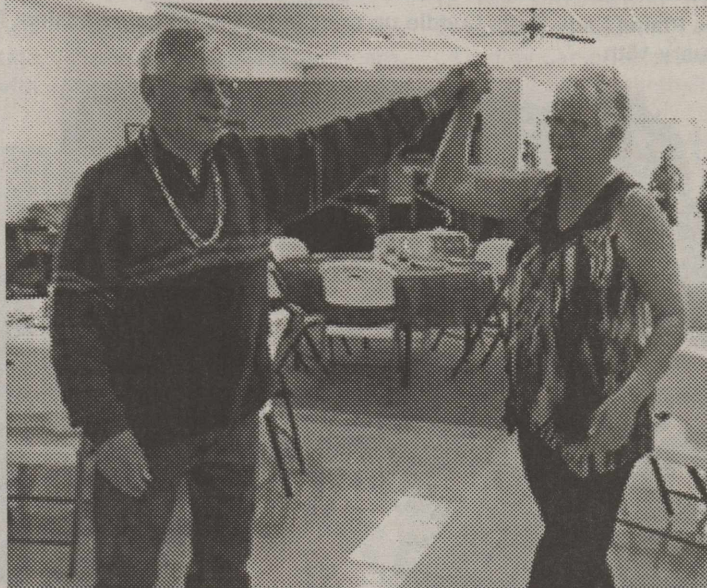
Monday - Friday, and prepares meals for May Senior Center to pick up 3 days a week. These feeding programs are essential as the aging process decreases some abilities and it offers a chance for people to continue their independence and enjoy the company of friends. An average of 78 seniors per day are serviced. If you know someone who could benefit from the services or you would like to donate to the Cross Plains Senior Center to help maintain this program contact us at 254 725-6521.



Sally Whiteley offered beads and gratitude to each person attending the Mardi Gras for supporting the Senior Center. She is pictured here with Sheriff Terry Joy.



Bob and Marsha Ossowski and Adrian and Sheila Allen helped to prepare the food.



Vivian Wooten and Lee Rosson enjoy the music before the party gets started.

### Weight Watchers meets every Thursday in Baird

Weight Watchers Beyond the Scale Plan focuses on you being the best you've ever been. Come See what Weight Watchers has to offer to help you be the healthiest you can be.

Weight Watchers meets every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at 401 Chestnut in Baird. Contact Sharon Ward at swardww@aol.com or just drop by! They would love to see you and help you lose weight, get healthier and live happier!

### National Weather Service plans tornado drill for Wednesday, March 9th

Tornado Drill Encouraged  
The National Weather Service (NWS) encourages all residents, businesses and schools across West Central Texas to practice their tornado drill Wednesday, March 9th at 10:00 AM. The NWS in San Angelo will transmit a Routine Weekly Message through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) at this time. Because of the test format of this message, it may or may not activate certain NOAA Weather Radios.

Two Life Saving Safety Rules  
1) Have at least two ways to receive life-saving NWS warnings automatically like NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio and a cell phone app. Some communities and TV stations offer timely warnings apps. Be sure to contact your emergency management office or your local TV station to see if this service is available in your area. Or you can go online and search for your favorite warning alert app.

2) Have a safety plan ahead of time so you know what to do. Please refer to information on the following pages.  
NWS San Angelo Local Severe Weather Awareness Page  
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Cross Plains Lady Buffs huddle up prior to bi-district game against Menard Yellowjackets February 16th

## Basketball season comes to an end for Buffaloes

by: Al Pickett, Special Writer

The 2015-16 basketball season came to end last Tuesday for both the boys and girls teams at Cross Plains High School.

The Lady Buffaloes, the third-place team from District 15-1A, lost 52-39 to Menard in a Class 1A bi-district playoff game at Zephyr, while the Cross Plains boys lost their season finale at Baird 50-43.

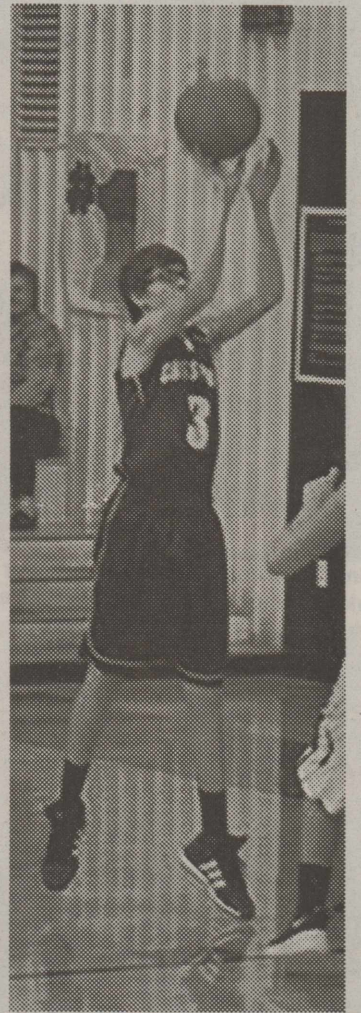
The playoff loss means the Cross Plains girls finished the season with an 11-20 record. Menard, the runner-up in District 16-1A, ousted the Lady Buffaloes, despite an 18-point performance by the Buffs' Grace Goode. Kelli Bennett added nine, Katy Jo Morgan five, Rebekah Crockett four, Shelby McWilliams two and

Hannah Cowan one point for Cross Plains.

Shayne Wand pumped in 31 points to lead Menard to the victory.

In the boys game, Baird jumped out to a 25-15 halftime lead, and Cross Plains never could make up the difference in the second half. Holden Senclair led the Buffaloes with 11 points, while James Briggs added nine, Creed Goode and Phoenix Sanders eight apiece, Larson Walker four and Joe Crockett three points.

The Cross Plains boys ended their season with a 12-15 overall record and finished in fifth place in the district with a 3-7 mark. Baird finished third in the district at 5-5 behind district champion May and runner-up Eula.



JV Buffalo #3 Sean Armer taking a shot against Baird last week.



Lady Buff Katy Jo Morgan #22 and teammate #21 Rebekah Crockett working defense against Menard.

### hoop it up



Lady Buffs #10 Hannah Cowan and #21 Rebekah Crockett working hard against Menard.



Varsity Lady Buff #3 Kelli Bennett staying close to Menard ball handler last Tuesday.



Senior Phoenix Sanders #4 working hard while defending against Baird February 16th.

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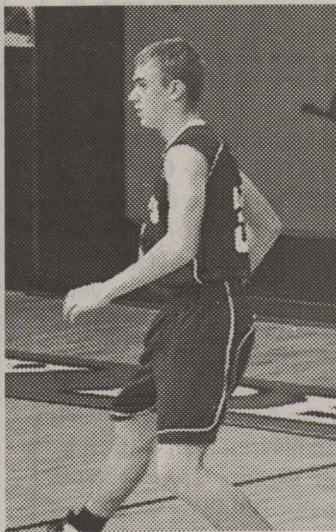
Varsity Buffalos #10 Joe Crockett, #23 Holden Senclair and #11 James Briggs against Baird last Tuesday.



JV Buffalo players #20 Trent Potter in foreground with teammates #10 Paxton Byrd and #35 Tripp Thomas against Baird the 16th.



Buffalo #2 Bryce Petree keeping tight defense on Baird.



JV Buffalo Dobbs McWilliams against Baird Bears last Tuesday.

### Track Schedule

March 3rd  
High School at De Leon  
Time: TBA

March 4th  
Junior High at De Leon  
Time: TBA

### "The Blind Side" Book to Movie Event

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "The Blind Side" - a true story of football player Michael Oher - on Thursday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. Participants may pick up a copy of the book for only \$5 at the library, while supplies last. We will view the movie on the 31st and then head to Jean's for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie. If you want to participate, but wish to download the book on your Nook or Kindle, please call Sandra at the library (725-7722) and sign up.

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#### WEEKLY MENU

February 29-March 4, 2016

	MONDAY 29	TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4
<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Sunrise Sandwich Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Pancakes Bacon Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Biscuit & jelly Scrambled eggs Cereal Fruit Assorted Juice Milk	Oatmeal Cinnamon toast Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk	Breakfast burrito Cereal Fruit Assorted juice Milk
<b>LUNCH</b>	Corn dog Baked beans Broccoli Pineapple tidbits Milk	Salisbury steak Brown gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Roll Fruity gelatin Milk	Chicken sandwich Oven fries Fresh veggie cup Mandarin oranges Milk	Grilled Cheese Veg. Soup Baby carrots Pears Lime sherbet Milk	Pizza Carrot coins Garden salad Fresh grapes Cookie Milk





**Cross Plains High School Powerlifting Team** - Fourth row: Trent Potter, James Rhyne, Kaiden Petree, Jacob Collier, Aaron Willis and Tripp Thomas. Third row: Coach John Ward, Joe Crockett, Sterling Switzer, Brian Morales, Nain Martinez, Zachary Gartman and Sammy Guerrero. Second row: Jaci Bien, Jackilann Shepard, Teagan Fortune, Hannah Cowan, Rebekah Crockett, Kristi Ward, Alexis Mauricio and Kaitlyn Potter. Front row: Shiloh Dodge, Kersey Wyatt, Hannah Crockett and Lorelei Woodard.

## Cross Plains High School Powerlifting

On February 18th, the Cross Plains High School Powerlifter's traveled to Sweetwater. Representing the girls team was Shiloh Dodge of the 123lb class. Shiloh took 1st place in her weight class with a total weight lifted amount of 520lbs. The boys team was in Sweetwater in force with twelve gentlemen in attendance. The boys represented 8 different weight classes and took 2nd place as a team. Each meet these gentlemen get better and stronger.

Lorenzo Bustmante: 123lb class, 1st Place, 805lbs total weight lifted.

Sterling Switzer: 132lb class, 1st Place, 730lbs total weight lifted.

Joe Crockett: 148lb class, 4th Place, 830lbs total weight lifted.

Brian Morales: 165lb class, 5th Place, 810lbs total weight lifted.

Trenton Potter: 181lb class, 9th Place, 855lbs total weight lifted.

Zachary Gartman: 198lb class, 1st Place, 1,275lbs total weight lifted.

Nian Martinez: 198lb class,

4th Place, 1,060lbs total weight lifted.

Jacob Collier: 220lb class, 6th Place, 1,025lbs total weight lifted.

Tripp Thomas: 220lb class, 9th Place, 810lbs total weight lifted.

James Rhyne: 242lb class, 5th Place, 920lbs total weight lifted.

Sammy Guerrero who normally lifts in the 198lb class was also in attendance and competed well in the Sweetwater Meet.

Last Saturday, February 20th, the ladies team headed off to the Irion County Meet in San Angelo, Texas. Cross Plains had ten ladies in attendance at the meet and of the top ten ladies at the District Meet who are going onward to Regionals, Cross Plains has nine of those spots. The ladies that competed in Powerlifting have also done a wonderful job this year. The results of the Irion County Meet are as follows:

Lorelei Woodard: 105lb class, 2nd Place, 530lbs total weight lifted.

Jackilann Shepard: 114lb

class, 4th Place, 550lbs total weight lifted.

Kersey Wyatt: 114lb class, 3rd Place, 580lbs total weight lifted.

Rebekah Crockett: 132lb class, 3rd Place, 745lbs total weight lifted.

Hannah Cowan: 148lb class, 4th Place, 710lbs total weight lifted.

Hannah Crockett: 148lb class, 5th Place, 640lbs total weight lifted.

Teagan Fortune: 148lb class, 3rd Place, 735lbs total weight lifted.

Kaitlyn Potter: 220lb class, 1st Place, 945lbs total weight lifted.

Both Kristi Ward and Alexis Mauricio were also in attendance at the Irion County meet and both ladies competed well.

The ladies continuing on to Regionals in Powerlifting are: Lorelei Woodard, Alexis Mauricio, Kersey Wyatt, Jackilann Shepard, Teagan Fortune, Hannah Cowan, Kristi Ward, Kaitlyn Potter and Rebekah Crockett. Congratulations on all the hard work! Be strong and carry on.

Prayer was led by Jack Shepard.

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by McWilliams that the District hire the Underwood Law Firm as bond counsel and authorize the Board President to execute the bond counsel engagement letter on behalf of the District. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Richey that the Board adopt an order as presented calling a Bond Election relating to the possible issuance of \$2,975,000 in

school district bonds, providing for the conduct of the elections, and other matters incident thereto; and authorize the Board President, Board Secretary and/or Superintendent, as appropriate, to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the matters contained therein. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that the Board adopt the Resolution approving the Joint Election Agreement with the City of Cross Plains, as presented, and authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement and take all other action on the District's behalf, as needed, for the conduct of said joint election. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Richey that we accept the minutes from the previous meeting dated January 21, 2016 as read. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we purchase the lot just west of the school playground on the east side of Highway 206. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we purchase 4 1/2 lots across the Highway 206 just west of the High School. For /Against 0

The board went into executive session at 9:46 p.m. and returned at 12:12 a.m.

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Richey that we extend the two year term contract for Leslie Lawrence by one year thru the 2017-2018 school year. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Shepard that we extend the two year term contract by one year for Daniel Purvis thru the 2017-2018 school year. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0

## Callahan County Fellowship of Christian Athlete All-Star selections

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has announced the 2016 All-Star teams for the basketball, football, volleyball, softball, baseball and cheerleaders on Sunday, February 21st.

The 2016 FCA All-Star Women's Basketball game will take place on Saturday, June 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the Brownwood Coliseum in Brownwood. The Men's Basketball All-Star game will immediately follow at the Brownwood Coliseum.

On Friday, June 10th, the FCA All-Star Softball game will be played at Angelo State University in San Angelo, with the time to be determined. The FCA All-Star Baseball game will also be played at Angelo State University in San Angelo, with

the time yet to be determined. The FCA Volleyball All-Star game will take place on Saturday, June 11th at Abilene Wylie High School Gymnasium in Abilene.

The FCA All-Star Football game will be held on Saturday, June 11th at the Shotwell Stadium in Abilene beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Those students selected to the FCA All-Star games and cheerleading squad from Callahan County include:

**Clyde High School**  
Bekah Chance selected to the North All-Star softball team.

Haddan Stokes selected to the North All-Star football team.

**Baird High School**  
Isaiah Cruz selected to the North All-Star basketball team.

Isaac Branton selected to the

Red All-Star football team.

**Cross Plains High School**  
Shelby McWilliams selected to the Abilene All-Star cheerleading team.

Kelli Bennett selected to the Abilene All-Star cheerleading team.

Rebekah Crockett selected to the South All-Star softball team.

Kristi Ward selected to the South All-Star softball team.

Rylan Laminack selected to the Blue All-Star football team.

**Eula High School**  
Hailey Thomas selected to the Brownwood All-Star cheerleading team.

Makayla Wells selected to the Brownwood All-Star cheerleading team.

Destiny Carson selected to the South All-Star basketball team.

### Softball Schedule

February 26th  
Varsity vs. Eula  
in Cross Plains at 4:30pm

March 1st  
Varsity vs. Comanche  
in Cross Plains at 4:30pm

March 3rd-5th  
Eula Tournament  
Varsity  
in Eula time TBA

### Baseball Schedule

February 27th  
Varsity vs. Gorman  
in Gorman at 2pm

March 1st  
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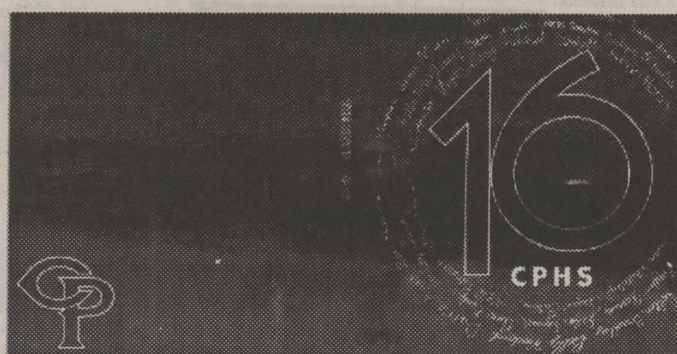
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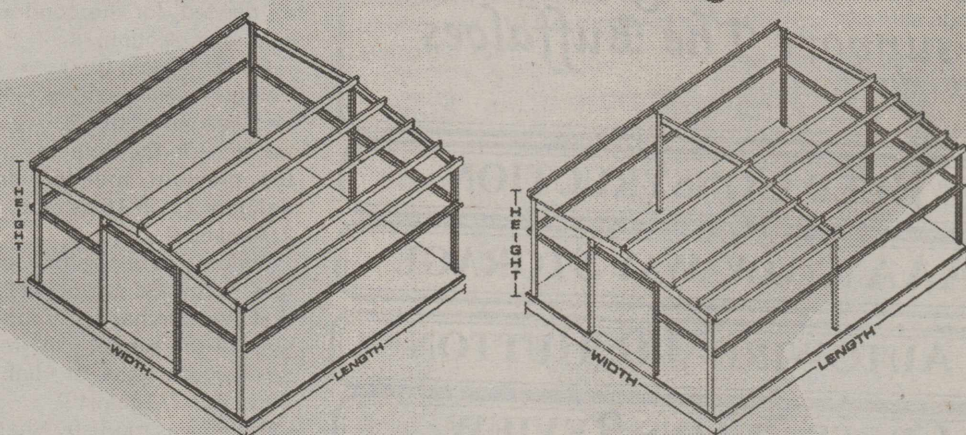
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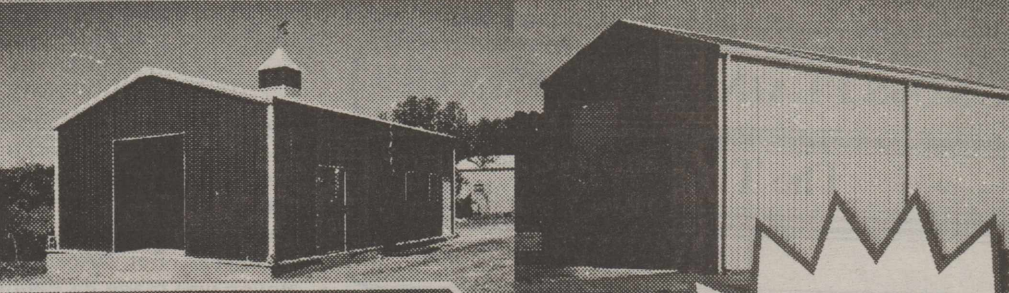
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The Cliff Chirping Frog (*Eleutherodactylus marnockii*) belongs to a frog genus that has three representatives here in Texas, and it has the largest distribution of the group by a considerable amount. This particular variety occurs throughout most of the Edwards Plateau westward to the eastern edges of the Chihuahuan Desert. It is in these eco-regions that it resides almost exclusively within the humid cracks and crevices of limestone canyon walls and hillsides. It can occasionally be observed underneath fallen trees and rocks, as well as trash and other human debris. Outside of Texas it can be observed in the border states of northern Mexico.

This small species of anuran can be quite variable in appearance with a ground color that varies from tan to gray to even greenish. Along the backside there are small, dark markings that are spaced randomly, forming reticulate lines and patterns. The head is similarly colored to the back and ends in a sharply pointed snout. The tympanum, or ear, is quite large, almost the same size as the dark eyes. The back legs are long and spindly and are patterned with faint bars. The front legs are also scrawny, and are used extensively as this frog prefers to crawl rather than hop. The toes are unwebbed and have tiny toepads. The skin is mostly smooth and slimy and the hip bones protrude along the backside, giving this frog the appearance of being in the throes of starvation.

As stated already, this species is rather minute with mature individuals seldom approaching one and one half inches in body length. There is virtually no difference in size between the sexes. Breeding activities take place in the late winter months and can continue through the spring if the



**Cliff Chirping Frog**  
(*Eleutherodactylus marnockii*)

weather conditions are optimal. Males call the females with a series of trills and chirps (hence the common name) that sound akin to a deeper serenade of a cricket. Once mating occurs, females will lay a small (particularly by amphibian standards) clutch of eggs. Unlike most other species of amphibians that occur in Texas, Cliff Chirping Frogs do not undergo a typical amphibian metamorphosis. Rather than adults laying eggs in a body of semi-permanent or permanent water, females will deposit the eggs in the most humid areas of its subterranean habitat. It is in these moist egg casings that the young develop into tiny froglets - they skip the entire swimming tadpole stage. Once

they hatch, the diminutive froglets will be replicas of the adults, save a small tailbud.

Cliff Chirping Frogs are alert and shy, and are rarely seen unless a concentrated effort is made to locate them. Unlike most frogs which will rely on their leaping prowess to evade predators, this species prefers to walk or crawl quickly into the safety that their limestone crevices provide. They are heard far more frequently than they are seen. Although rarely observed, at least visually, they are not rare, and population dynamics appear to be quite stable.

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

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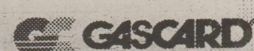
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McKenna Podlevsky of the Cross Plains 4H Club participating in Callahan County's 4H Vet Science Program

## Cross Plains 4H News

Rifles, Shotguns, and Bows, OH MY... The 4H shooting sports have started!! Jack Larimore participated in archery practice on Saturday and Chace Rutland and Jayden Shank took part in the 4H Rifle practice on Sunday. This is a great way for members to learn how to safely handle and accurately shoot their weapons. With practices every weekend, skills stay sharp and safety lessons can be reinforced.

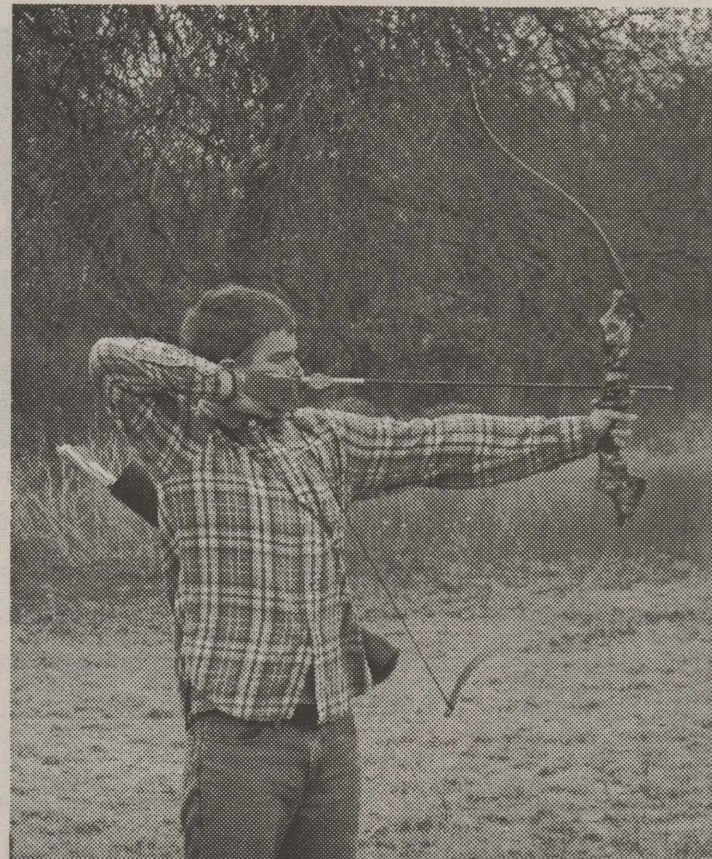
The Veterinary Science project stepped it up a notch, Virginia Allen, McKenna Podlevsky, and Jayden Shank got to see what a chery eye in a dog looked like, view digital x-rays and learn how they can help determine if a C-section is needed in small animal, the reproductive tracks of two spayed cats, the unfortunate results of not spaying, and then watched Dr. Monti check two cows to see if they were pregnant. The final Vet Science meeting will be held on March 15 at 7:00 PM.

Photography is starting up and members of all ages get to participate. Categories range from animals (domestic and wild) to digital darkroom. If you can take a picture of it, you can enter it, there is even a category called catch-all for those photos that don't fall

neatly into a specific category. Juniors and Intermediates will have a mounting party on March 18 to mount their photos. If you are interested in learning more about the photography contest, please call the Extension Office at (325)854-5835 and they will be more than happy to send you the information. You can also find more information at <http://d74-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography-contest/>.

The next 4H meeting will be on March 7, at 6:00 at the First Baptist Church. We will be hosting a farewell dinner for Jerry Warren our County Agent who will be retiring in April. We want everyone to come join us in wishing him the best and this is a great opportunity to learn more about 4H. Anyone who has ever been to one of our meetings knows that this is also a great chance to sit down to some great home cooked food.

If you have any questions regarding 4H call the Extension Office at (325)854-5835 or our local leader Terrie Parum at 254-725-6423. 4-H I Pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to greater service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my word.



Jack Larimore of the Cross Plains 4H Club participating in Callahan County's 4H Shooting Sports Archery Division



Jayden Shank of the Cross Plains 4H Club participating in Callahan County's 4H Shooting Sports Rifle Division

## Good response to Project Pride membership drive

Memberships and extra donations continue to arrive almost daily as folks choose to get involved with the premiere tourist attraction in town. Local memberships are above last year's figures and the usual people from CA, IL, MI, MO, CO, NY, NM, AR, FL, D.C., Japan, Scotland and England have registered.

The couple from England who visited the Museum several years ago have a record of being the first members to sign up; they seem to keep up with the date on the internet and send their membership and a nice donation via PayPal before the renewal forms are even mailed.

As a 501 (c) 3 organization, Project Pride is required to maintain a strong membership base; thus folks and businesses are encouraged to join and to support the best known tourist attraction in town. The extra donations are especially appreciated this year as the picket fence is being replaced.

Although the Board of Directors guide the work of the local organization, members are always invited to attend the monthly meetings to share their input and to become involved with any of the activities offered. Extra hands are always welcome during the annual Robert E. Howard Days, providing lunch for the school staff, helping with the cancer walk and the decorating the Higginbotham windows at Christmas time.

The Howard Days, scheduled for June 10-11 this year, offer many diverse opportunities to help, from getting the grounds spruced up, to helping with the actual set-up, decorations, serving as docents to provide tours of the Museum, making cookies or donating supplies and food for the Pavilion lunch on Friday.

For more information about any of these activities, please contact Arlene, 725-4993, Era Lee, 725-6562 or Anne at 725-9480, or ProjPride@yahoo.com



Virginia Allen, McKenna Podlevsky and Jayden Shank of the Cross Plains 4H Club participating in Callahan County's 4H Vet Science Program

### What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



For Grades 6-8, "Tesla's Attic" by Neal Shusterman & Eric Elfman has it all! Great characters, baseball, comedy, tragedy, young love, science, and something that looks like magic - but could it be science? The late, great Arthur C. Clarke's third law of prediction states: "Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

Fourteen-year-old Nick, his father and younger brother have moved to a ramshackle old Victorian house they inherited. Their original home was lost in a tragic fire that also killed Nick's mother. Nick chooses the old attic for his bedroom, and when he opens the pull down door, he's clunked on the head by a toaster. Or is it a toaster? It's only one of the odd objects Nick finds in the attic. The family is short on money so they have a huge garage sale to get rid of all the old stuff. Then Nick discovers that those objects have some very unusual properties, and were invented by Nicola Tesla. In the midst of coping with losing "everything" in the fire and starting in a new school with all the complications that causes, Nick has an additional problem. It seems the objects are being sought by some very, very bad people, and Nick is determined to stop them!

Tesla's genius was overshadowed for many years by Thomas A. Edison's fame. However, it was Tesla who came up with alternating current, and after it was adopted by George Westinghouse, Edison's direct current became less important. Tesla also did early work in X-ray and radio technology. He was truly a genius, if something of a "mad scientist."

The book should appeal to both boys and girls. It ends with an intriguing twist that will have readers eagerly awaiting the second book in the Accelerati Trilogy.

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- \* 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 Standridge and Taylor County Sheriff Ricky Bishop to prioritize courses for Criminal Justice Classes in the Cisco College System
- \* Currently Serve as a member of the Committee on Aging on the WTCOG
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New owners of Salamanders; Trudy and Bo Semmler



Some of the flowers and plants now available at Salamander's

## Salamander's Under New Ownership; Adds Flowers & Plants

Salamander's Apparel is now Salamander's Tee's and More. And, with the "more" comes fresh flower arrangements, plants, and candles.

New owners, Trudy and Bo Semmler, have purchased the business from Amanda Sowell, and invite you to come by and visit them.

Trudy Semmler, daughter of Raymond and Jewell Newman, was raised in Cross Plains and graduated high school here in 1990. She managed a restaurant for four years and has been an abstractor for a title company for over 10 years. Jim "Bo" Semmler retired after serving 22 years in the U.S. Army Special

Forces. He also retired after spending 25 years in law enforcement: federal, state and local.

Bo and Trudy, along with Trudy's sister Janice, will be in charge of the shop.

Stop by and get your logo embroidered on a cap or silk screened across the front of a t-shirt. Salamander's can help you with your team jerseys, family reunion t-shirts and shirts for all kinds of organizations and events.

In addition to embroidered caps and silk screened t-shirts, Salamander's will carry a full line of Salt City candles.

Salamander's will carry fresh flowers, arrangements

and plants and will be able to send flowers to your loved ones. Trudy and Bo are working with Becky's Flowers in Baird to bring you fresh flowers, plants, floral and funeral arrangements. Becky Weaver of Becky's Flowers, is a florist with over 30 years of experience, and is looking forward to serving the Cross Plains community.

Past owners, Amanda Sowell, Barbara Sowell and Matt Sowell have been instrumental in helping with the change of ownership of the shop. You may still see them stopping by the shop to help out during the transition. Please thank them for all they've done for Cross Plains.

## A new call to the nation from the Alamo

By Ramona Bass

179 years ago, Col. William Barret Travis' famous "Victory or Death" letter — written during the 1836 siege of the Alamo — stirred the hearts of a nation.

"To the People of Texas & all Americans in the World," Travis wrote, "I am besieged ... I have sustained a continual Bombardment & cannonade ... I shall never surrender or retreat ... I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism & everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch VICTORY OR DEATH."

Travis' tenacity inspired his men, and showed the world what it means to be a Texan. To this day, the heroic story of the Alamo defenders and their defiance against tyranny define our state's character. The glory of this seminal battle draws visitors from across our state, the nation, and around the world to better understand what happened there in 1836.

Unfortunately, the carnival-like atmosphere they find at the Shrine of Texas Liberty and the lack of a cohesive narrative often leave them disappointed. Even worse, there is nothing to show the proper reverence and respect for the men who gave their lives for Texas. More critical at this moment is our knowledge that the Alamo itself is literally beginning to crumble.

I am honored to have been appointed to the Alamo Endowment Board and on behalf of that board, I issue a new plea for our beloved Alamo which is now besieged by time and the elements.

"To the People of Texas & all Americans in the World: I call on you in the name of Liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid and support with all dispatch." I believe that we Texans of today must answer this age-old appeal. We conserve what we care about, and Texans care about the Alamo.

Our goal is to raise the millions needed to preserve the shrine and build an Alamo Museum and Visitor's Center to display Phil Collins' gift to all Texans: his Alamo artifacts. This collection includes Jim Bowie's legendary knife, one of only four remaining rifles owned by Davy Crockett, letters from William B. Travis, and many other historical documents that shed insight on early Texas history. These Texas treasures now sit in storage, waiting for us to take action.

A proper Alamo Museum and Visitor's Center would tell the story of the Alamo defenders, and help visitors better understand why this Spanish mission in downtown San Antonio means so much to us and the world.

Travis' plea came too late to

help him and his men inside the walls of the Alamo, but it carried across the country and rallied support for their cause. His inspiring words are as valid today as they were then. The history of the people of Texas and our great state is reflected in the spirit of their bravery. It is time to honor that spirit again.

Building a future for the Alamo will take many people working together for many years. Join us today in preserving the Alamo and building an Alamo Museum and Visitor's Center. To find out more, please visit <http://www.thealamo.org/endorsement>.

REMEMBER THE ALAMO!

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A sixth-generation Texan, Ramona Bass was born and raised in San Antonio in a family where the spirit of the Alamo and what it symbolized pervaded her childhood. She has been a lifelong student of history in general and Texas in particular. She and her husband Lee live in Fort Worth. She is an avid supporter and co-chair of the Fort Worth Zoo and has been the driving force behind its privatization and recognition as one of the top 5 zoos in the country. Most recently, she has been involved with her hometown's Mission Reach Ecosystem Restoration and Recreation Project, specifically the Mission Espada.

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We note that the old mesquites ain't out!  
The fancier trees are in full bloom.  
The grass is green and the willows bloom.  
The colts kick up and the calves bend down.  
And spring's a-pear-ently come to town;  
And yet they's a point worth thinkin' about—  
We note that the old mesquites ain't out!  
Well, it may be spring for all we know—  
There ain't no ice and there ain't no snow.  
It looks like spring and it smells so, too—  
And still they's a point worth thinkin' about—  
We note that the old mesquites ain't out!

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## Local News

Messrs. Wright & Seay have rented the large two story building from Mr. Rogers and will use it for a wool and cotton room during the present season. This popular firm are arranging to handle as much wool and cotton as will come to Baird.

Squire Huffman informs us that he has concluded to let Baird have the county seat, that J. D. Merchant and himself have bought a lot of goats and they want Belle Plain for a goat ranch. We thank them heartily and trust that Baird will grow to be a good market for all the kids and fleeces they can produce.

Maj. D. Richardson informs us that he has received a letter from the fish commissioner who has now a lot of German carp fish for distribution. Any one in this locality having a place for fish, and wishing to stock it, can secure the fish by sending to Maj. D. Richardson, who will attend to the matter for them.

Mr. Joe E. Wright informs us that a telegram sent from Boston, Mass. To his firm, Wright & Seay, was received at the W. U. Telegraph office at this place on Tuesday, but

was not received by him until after he called for it at the office on Wednesday afternoon. This dispatch involved a transaction amounting to about \$5,000.

Mr. Dan Craven, who has been absent a long time, having been to Colorado where he purchased a lot of sheep which he expected to bring to this market, but succeeded so well in selling at Mobeetie that he concluded not to drive them here. Dan himself, however, arrived in Baird last Thursday morning. He is looking hearty and jolly as ever. His many friends here will be glad to see him again.

We have been informed that J. H. Griffin, formerly in the livery stable business in Baird, under the firm name of Griffin & Tebo, was murdered recently in Arkansas. His body was found about two weeks since, with bullet holes in it. He left here with considerable money and the presumption is that he was murdered for his money. A letter on his person from a furniture dealer in Coleman was found on his person, which led to his identification. He is well known by all the early citizens of Baird, who will regret to hear of his untimely and tragic death.

Last Wednesday afternoon we were called upon to participate at a scene, the saddest we have witnessed in many days—a triple

funeral. At 4 o'clock p.m. we went to the residence of Mr. J. E. M. Hedley to assist in paying the last sad debt we owe to the dead. After listening to a few appropriate remarks by Rev. G. P. Johnson, the friends of the family formed a procession and started for the cemetery with all that was mortal of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Hedley. On the way the procession was joined by two others. Arriving at the cemetery three little coffins were placed side by side and the burial services pronounced by Rev. Mr. Johnson over the three little darlings who had but a few hours before been the light of the fond hearts of their now weeping parents. Early in the morning the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Hedley breathed its last and shortly afterwards the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. John Rice was called to its final home, and this was soon followed by the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Askey. Never in our life had we been called upon to witness a triple funeral before. Within a few hours three households had been made desolate and three families made to feel the bitter pangs of bereavement. The afflicted parents have the heart-felt sympathy of the entire community. The funeral possession was the largest ever seen in Baird.

# Library Notes

## Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm  
Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm  
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Closed Friday

Feb., 15 - Feb., 18, 2016

Patrons 83  
Books Checked 115  
Programs 32  
GED 3  
LAP/LAPSIT 22  
Other 7

Copies 431  
Internet 27  
WiFi 18  
Reference 8

## Living Tributes

Charles Rodenberger  
In Honor of Ginny Hoskins

## Memorials

James and Paulette Foster  
In Memory of Imogene Clark  
Charles Rodenberger  
In Memory of Blanch Bryd

## Book & Misc. Donats.

Charlyne Connelly  
Doris Duke  
Ellen Hebert

## Volunteers

Sue Bennett  
Lavonne Childress  
Beverly Ross  
Hank Ball

# Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Cottonwood received about an inch of rain Monday night. Rain gages, dog dishes, water buckets all reported about the same amount.

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

The next night, Saturday, February 27th, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be holding their Barbecue Dinner at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. Dinner is from 5 until 7 p.m. Joe Terstegge will be cooking brisket, ribs, sausage and chicken. There also will be macaroni and cheese, potato salad, and banana pudding for dessert. Dinner is only \$8. Take outs are available.

Kelli Bennett was part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All Star Meeting in Abilene on Sunday. Proud parents are Debi Bennett and Bryan and Grace Bennett of Cottonwood.

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 will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 25th with the Cottonwood Musical at the Community Center.

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.

Joe and Deana Terstegge and Roger Hinkle attended the AirEvac Helicopter Landing Zone training on Monday night. We are so lucky to have AirEvac serving our community.

The BURN BAN is ON. No outdoor burning or welding. If you see smoke, call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

# Writing Contest at the Cross Plains Public Library

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

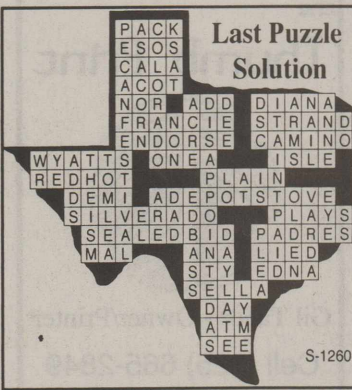
student will be accepted. Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than March 31, 2016. Entries will be "blind judged" with ribbons awarded to the top three entries in each respective grade. The overall top winner will receive a plaque and a gift card. Second and 3rd place winners will receive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

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

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# Sheriff's Department Report for February 1st-15th

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistical Report	February 1, 2016 through February 15, 2016	(No Selection)	2
Medical/EMS	1	Reckless Driver	1
Baird Fire Department	1	Fire	1
Baird Marshal	29	Accident	3
Alarm Business	1	Alarm Residence	1
Animal Issue	1	Civil	1
In Pursuit	1	Juvenile	1
Medical/EMS	2	Noise Complaint	1
Public Service	1	Reckless Driver	4
Road Hazard	2	Runaway	1
Suspicious Activity	2	Suspicious Vehicle/Person	4
Traffic Stop	0	Vandalism	1
Vehicle Fire	1	Welfare Check	2
Callahan Co. Sheriff's Dept.	84	Accident	8
Alarm Business	4	Alarm Residence	4
Animal Issue	5	Animal Neglect	1
Burglary	1	Civil	2
Civil dispute	4	Civil Standby	2
Criminal Mischief	1	Domestic	5
Fire	1	In Pursuit	1
Juvenile	1	Livestock Out	10
Loud Music	1	Medical/EMS	2
Motorist Assist	1	Public Service	1
Reckless Driver	9	Request Officer	1
Road Hazard	1	Security Check	1
Stolen Vehicle	1	Suspicious Activity	5
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	5	Suspicious Vehicle/Person	5
Theft	1	Threats	1
Traffic Stop	0	Welfare Check	4
Citizens EMS	46	Accident	5
Lift Assist	3	Medical/EMS	36
Medical/EMS	36	Suicidal Subject/Suicide	2
Traffic Stop	0	Clyde Fire Department	3
Fire	1	Grass Fire	1
Smoke/Unknown Fire	1	Clyde Police Dept.	62
911 Hang Up	1	Accident	6
Alarm Business	2	Alarm Residence	1
Civil Dispute	1	Civil Standby	2
Close Patrol Business	1	Domestic	3
Fire	4	Harassment	1
Intoxicated Motorist	1	Juvenile Issue	1
Juvenile	2	Medical/EMS	3
Miscellaneous	1	Reckless Driver	7
Request Officer	2	Security Check	1
Smoke/Unknown fire	1	Suicidal Subject/Suicide	2
Suspicious Activity	8	Suspicious Vehicle/Person	4
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	4	Theft	1
Traffic Stop	1	Welfare Check	3
Welfare Check	3	Cross Plains EMS	16
Cross Plains EMS	16	911 Open Line	1
911 Open Line	1	Accident	2
Accident	2	Medical/EMS	12
Medical/EMS	12	Reckless Driver	1
Reckless Driver	1	Cross Plains Fire Dept.	5
Cross Plains Fire Dept.	5	Accident	1
Accident	1	Fire	2
Fire	2	Grass Fire	1
Grass Fire	1	Vehicle Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	1	Cross Plains Marshal	6
Cross Plains Marshal	6	Burglary	1
Burglary	1	Domestic	1
Domestic	1	Reckless Driver	2
Reckless Driver	2	Suspicious Activity	1
Suspicious Activity	1	Suspicious Vehicle/Person	1
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	1	Dept. of Public Safety	9
Dept. of Public Safety	9	Accident	5
Accident	5	Domestic	1
Domestic	1	Reckless Driver	2
Reckless Driver	2	Road Hazard	1
Road Hazard	1	Eula Fire Dept.	7
Eula Fire Dept.	7	Accident	3
Accident	3	Fire	3
Fire	3	Grass Fire	1
Grass Fire	1	Texas Parks & Wildlife	2
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# MIKE CONAWAY

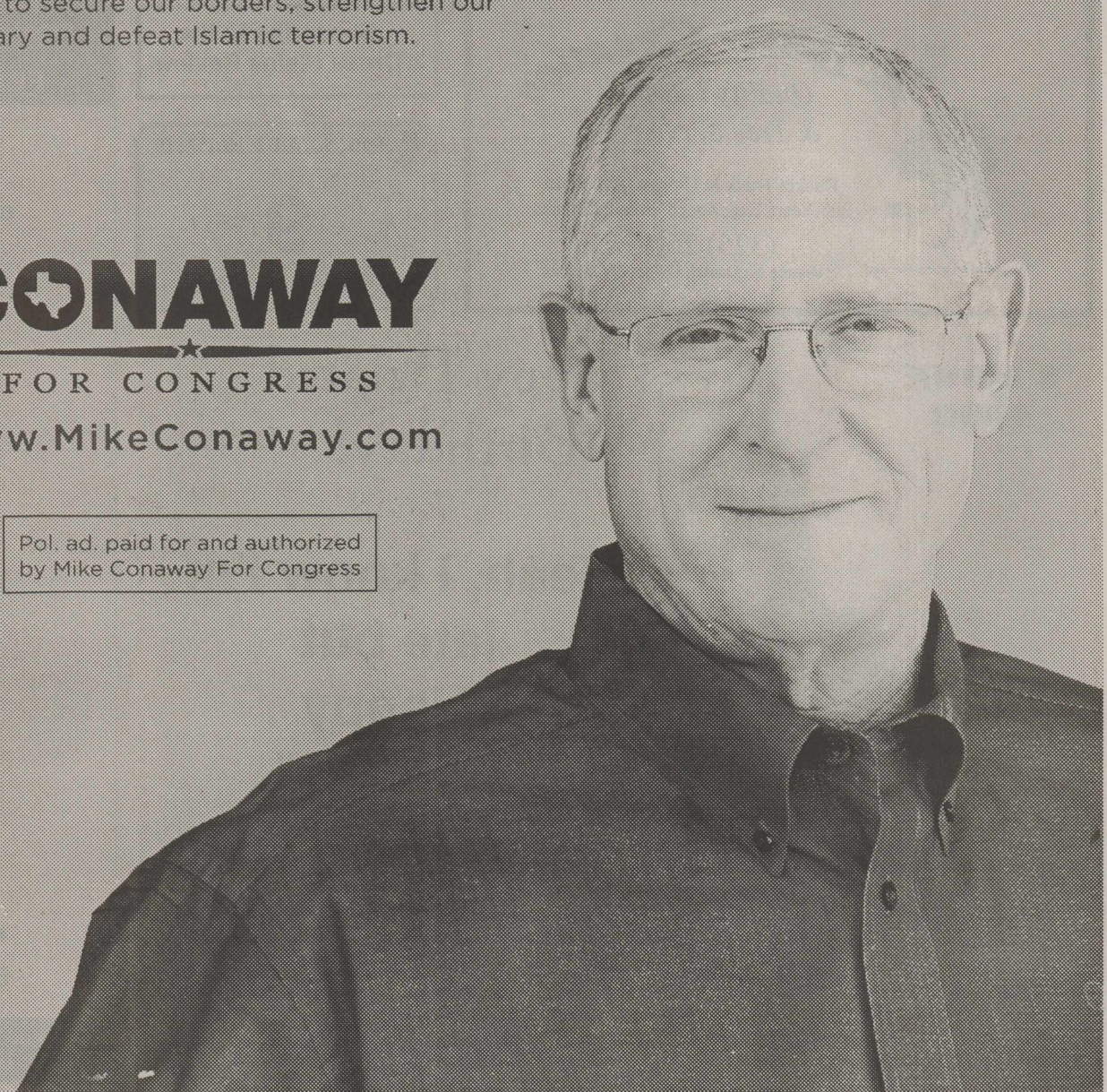
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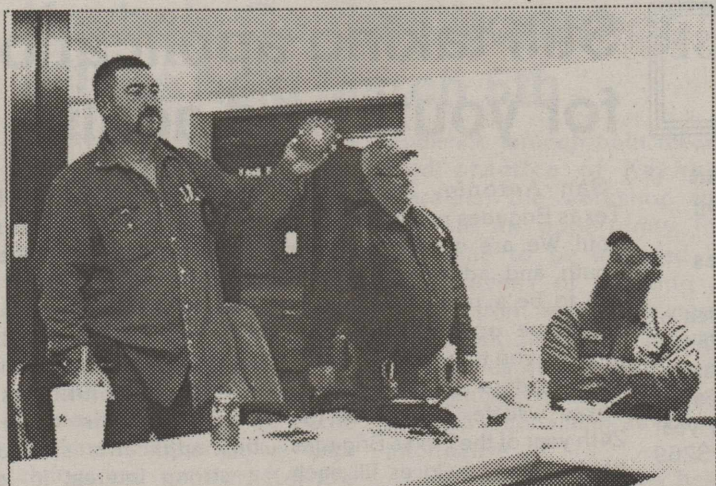
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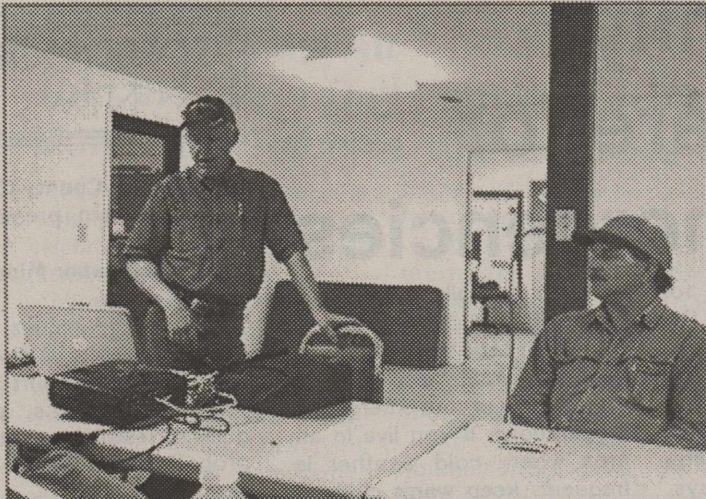
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Josh Loftis, Cross Plains VFD Truck Captain, shows portable landing zone lights to the group at the training session.



Randy Teague of AirEvac 63 of Abilene, instructs the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and EMS on the safety when creating a Landing Zone for the AirEvac Helicopter at a training meeting on Monday night. Robert Simons looks on.

### CPVFD TO HOLD BARBECUE DINNER ON FEBRUARY 27

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will hold their Annual Barbeque Dinner this Saturday night, February 27, from 5 until 7 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Firefighter Joe Terstegge will be in charge of the cooking and will be preparing barbecued brisket, ribs, sausage, and chicken breasts, legs and thighs. Homemade Macaroni and Cheese, Potato Salad and Beans round out the dinner, with Banana Pudding as the dessert. Iced tea will be served to drink. Dinner is only \$8.00. To go orders are available. Proceeds from the dinner go toward the repair and maintenance of the firetrucks and to the completion of the firehouse. Come out and support your local fire department.

### Last Chance to Purchase Commemorative Bricks

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and the City of Cross Plains need the help of its community members. The city has laid the foundation for a new pavilion for community use in Treadway Park located on the west side of Cross Plains on Highway 36. Funds are needed to erect the actual pavilion over the 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.

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 brick is March, 1st. Each of these bricks will be displayed on-site, and be used to finish out the walkway that will run from the Turkey Creek bridge 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.

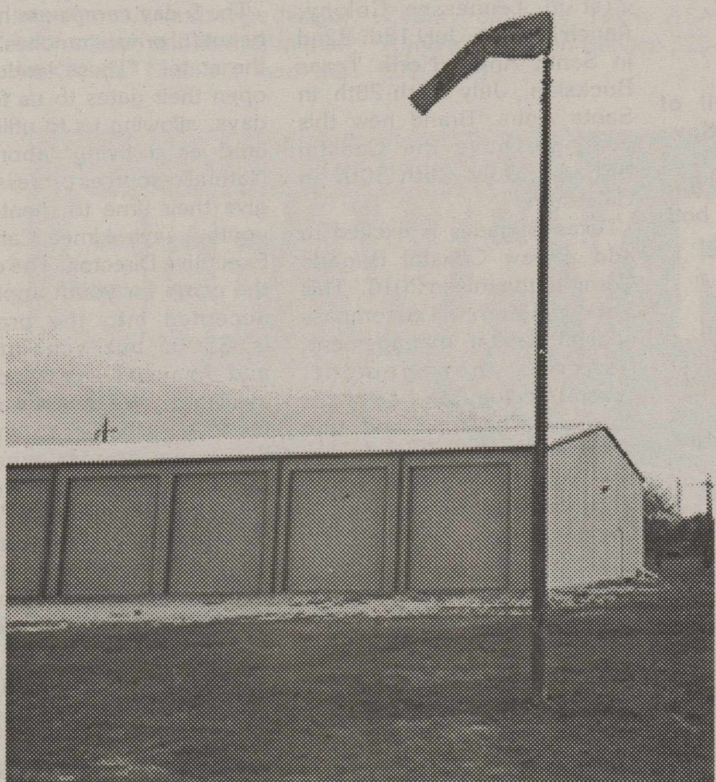
If you are interested in purchasing a brick and raising the roof on the pavilion, contact Debbie Gosnell at City Hall or Dannes Turner at the Senior Citizen's Center. And remember, the deadline is March 1, 2016.

### Grand Ole Oplin February Line-up

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

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

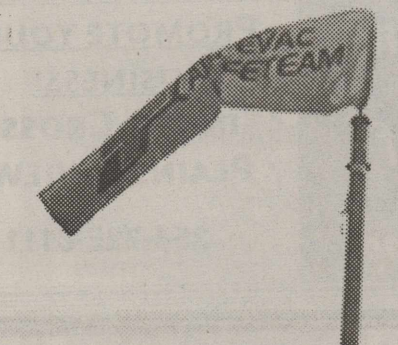
So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't forget your dancing boots!



Wind sock at new firehouse thank's to EVAC 63



Fire Chief Rickey Carouth working on the front entrance of new firehouse



Wind sock donated by EVAC 63



Josh Loftis working on the front entrance of new firehouse

### The Texas History Minute

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As we approach the anniversary of the Alamo, Col. Travis is an appropriate and fascinating tale to tell

By Dr. Ken Bridges

William Barret Travis is perhaps one of the most memorable figures from the Texas Revolution and the siege of the Alamo. His name has since been honored by the naming of Travis County, a park in San Antonio, and numerous schools across the state. Like many heroic figures, his life was one fraught with difficulty.

Travis was born in Saluda County, South Carolina, on August 1, 1809. He was the first of eleven children born to farmer Mark and Jemima Travis. He came from a family of pioneers who had settled in Virginia as early as 1627. Eager for new opportunities, the family headed westward and settled in southern Alabama in 1817. He briefly became a school teacher before gaining his law license through an apprenticeship in 1828.

Everything in his life seemed to be going in his direction at this point. He was ambitious, becoming steadily more successful, and making himself an important part of the community. In 1829, his new wife gave birth to their first child. In addition to his law practice, he started a newspaper, the Claiborne Herald. He joined the local Masonic lodge and also joined the Alabama Militia. But in less than two years, he lost it all.

His weekly newspaper turned into a disaster as his continual typesetting mistakes, missed deadlines, and poor decisions pushed the once-promising publication into insolvency. He found himself unable to attract any significant clients to his law firm. Of the few clients he had, he was unable to collect any legal fees or awards. The bills piled up, no money was coming in, and he now faced the suspected infidelity of his wife.

By early 1831, he owed \$834 to various creditors, an immense sum at the time. Unable to pay, he was taken to court and found liable. By March, an order for his arrest was made for the unpaid debts. Buried in debt and on the run from the law, Travis left Alabama in disgrace. He went to Texas to recover

his fortunes. He started a modest law firm at Anahuac, near modern-day Houston. In 1832, he was arrested following a legal dispute over three slaves who had escaped from Louisiana. The incident touched off a violent encounter with the Mexican Army that left six dead.

In 1834, Travis moved his law practice to San Felipe as relations between Mexico and Texas settlers deteriorated. By 1835, he was made a lieutenant colonel in San Antonio and ordered to recruit volunteers for the defense of the city, but he found few people willing to join him. In early 1836, troops began reinforcing the old mission at the Alamo, which at that time was just outside San Antonio. By mid-February, Col. James Neill took a leave of absence to attend to his family, leaving Travis in command of about 50 men. One hundred more soon joined, under the command of Jim Bowie.

In spite of Gen. Sam Houston's orders that the mission be abandoned, Travis and the other men decided to make their stand. He sent urgent appeals for reinforcements. On Feb. 24, he sent an open letter addressed "To the People of Texas and All the Americans in the World," asking for troops "in the name of liberty, of patriotism, and everything dear to the American character." He proclaimed, "I shall never surrender or retreat."

By the time the final siege started, there were only 183 defenders at the Alamo, compared to the thousands of soldiers attacking the mission. On March 6, the final attack started, and the men of the Alamo faced their destiny. Travis died at the Alamo on that fateful day. He lived a short 26 years, but in one fateful moment in history, he became a legend.

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

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "tall dog in the ..."
- "those" south of the border
- TXism: "she could ... boose" (jall)
- Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)
- TXism: "neither here ... there"
- TXism: "it don't ... up"
- Paul Anka hit
- UT grad distance runner
- Larrieu-Smith
- Galveston's Ave. B nickname
- sign over a check
- historic TX trail: "El ... Real"
- ex-cafe/teria chain started in TX
- TX 6-man football
- former LA casino for East TXns: "of Capri"
- some TX chill? (2 wds.)
- TXism: "... as the top line on an eye chart"
- this Moore starred with TX Swayze in "Ghost" (1990)
- TXism: "hot as ..."
- Chevy truck
- TXism: "... his cards close to the vest"
- certain land auction (2 wds.)
- "fathers" south of the border
- TX Whitfield who won five Olympic medals
- in Hidalgo County: "Santa ... National Wildlife Refuge"
- told a "windy"
- pig's casa
- Jackson Co. seat
- TXism: "she could ... furnace to the devil" (persuasive)
- TXism: "another ... another dollar"
- modern bank teller (abbr.)
- TX Johnny Nash sang "I Can ... Clearly Now"
- San Saba event (2 wds.)
- TXism: "rough ... cob"
- Mitchell Co. seat: ... City
- San Antonio TV
- TX land measure
- TXism: "... a coyote with a rubber chicken"
- Sandra of 1974 TV film "Houston, We've Got a Problem"
- combat medal won by TX Audie in WWII (abbr.)
- TXism: "if the saddle squeaks, ... for"
- TXism: "he has short ... and deep pockets"
- TXism: "tought tooth and ..."
- TX '40s "scream queen" Gwynne
- leaded gas
- TXism: "that'll ... nicely"
- Cowboy Dez Bryant's position (abbr.)
- "Olde Shoppe"
- TXism: "do my sums" (plural)
- belief in God
- co-author of "The King Ranch"
- TX Alana de la Garza was an ADA on the final season of this long-running NBC cop & lawyer show (abbr.)
- TXism: "grabb'n' ... straws"
- TXism: "get while the gettin' ... good"
- TXism: "his facts ... elastic" (liar)
- poppa
- Fort Worth developer/promoter on I-20
- Hebrew given name meaning "rose"
- TXism: "beats a poke in the ... with a sharp stick"
- TX westernmost city: ... Paso
- Ranger Elvis Andrus' position (abbr.)
- TXism: "a ... and a dollar short"
- DA's bargain
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# Protect your Family- Proactively prepare for unanticipated emergencies

The potential for an unanticipated emergency to wreak havoc on our lives is a constant threat. Floods, fires, hurricanes, earthquakes and a host of disasters can strike suddenly, putting your home, yourself and your family in danger. However, by planning now and creating an emergency preparedness kit, you can be equipped to respond to and recover from a disaster.

Preparing for a Threat—Recognizing which threats pose the most danger is the first step in strengthening your preparedness plans. Our geographic locations often force us to prepare for certain natural disasters. For example, if you live near the coast, hurricanes should be a major concern, while forest fires may be a fear if you live in a wooded region that experiences dry spells. Accounting for a palpable threat will greatly increase the odds of successfully protecting your family.

Emergency Preparedness Kit—No matter what type of emergencies are common in your area, it's essential to maintain an emergency preparedness kit with resources that will adequately support your family through a shelter in place situation or an evacuation. Here are some tips for effectively safeguarding yourself during an emergency.

Water - Water is perhaps

the most basic necessity for survival. Depending on the challenges you're facing, drinkable water may be restricted in a disaster. It is recommended that you store at least one gallon of water per person for three days. However, depending on age, health, physical condition, activity, diet and climate, individual needs may vary.

Food - When a disaster occurs, access to food limited. Having an adequate supply will help alleviate those concerns, and you'll appreciate knowing you can keep your family nourished until services and supplies can be restored. No matter what you stockpile, make sure it's nonperishable. Canned foods, salt-free crackers and whole grain cereals are some of the best emergency food supplies that don't require any preparation material. In addition, a can opener and pocket knife are essential.

First Aid Kit - In a situation where professional medical attention is not available, a first aid kit becomes invaluable. Some basic over-the-counter items will allow you to manage common injuries or ailments. In addition to bandages, sterile dressings, pain-relievers, antibiotic ointment and cleansing agents, make sure you have a supply of any necessary prescription medications.

Other Supplies - Each family must recognize their unique

needs and challenges. If you have children, their age will often dictate the supplies needed. Climate also plays a major factor in your emergency preparations. If you live in an area where cold weather is frequent, keep warm clothes, jackets and blankets at your disposal. You should also plan for power outages - have a transistor or all-weather radio and flashlights with extra batteries. Also, in the event of an evacuation, you should have cash as you may not be able to get to an ATM.

Communication—One of the most important aspects of an emergency preparedness plan involves communication. As a family, discuss potential emergency situations, review how you've prepared and what should occur. Resources such as Ready.gov can help you prepare. Every family should establish a meeting point. Our constant reliance on technology - including cell phones - creates daily conveniences but in an emergency, power and cellular outages are common. It is important to plan for where to go if your family can't access your home; as well as where to meet if your primary meeting spot isn't available. In addition, keep a written list of phone numbers in your wallet or purse so that the information is available. These contingency plans provide peace of mind now and a firm plan for action if the unthinkable occurs.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Michael L. Vasquez, plea of guilty to assault, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$269 court costs.

Sara L. Sparks, plea of guilty to resisting arrest, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$269 court costs.

Gary D. McGregor, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 90 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Yaphet Robertson, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Rowdy Parr, motion to dismiss to possession of a dangerous drug granted for plea to other case.

### Marriage Licenses

Ryan Wayne Pannell of Leander and Lindsey Kaye Lutes of Smithville.

William Dean Harris and Sonia Guadalupe Harris, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding

### Criminal Indictments

Jennifer M. Chapman, forgery.

### Criminal Minutes

Fountain W. Bullard, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$419 court costs, \$140 restitution.

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## Still taking applications for youth and adults

San Antonio, TX - The Texas Brigades program needs you! We are on the hunt for youth and adults that would like to be a part of a once in a lifetime opportunity as we prepare you to be conservation ambassadors for the future of Texas' wildlife. This will be the 24th year of the Texas Brigades programs, so help us fill each and every camp to make this the best year yet!

The 2016 summer camps include Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, June 11th-15th in Coleman; South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 12th-16th in Uvalde; South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, June 24th-28th in McCoy; Bass Brigade, July 6th-10th in Santa Anna; Waterfowl Brigade, July 17th-21st in Tennessee Colony; Ranch Brigade, July 18th-22nd in Santa Anna; North Texas Buckskin, July 24th-28th in Santa Anna. Brand new this year, we have the Coastal Brigade, July 26th-30th in Galveston!

Texas Brigades is excited to add a new Coastal Brigade Camp to the mix in 2016. This 5-day program will encompass coastal habitat management, fisheries management, coastal ecology and saltwater fishing. The tried and true Brigades model of leadership development, education, and empowerment will continue at Coastal Brigade.

Our mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

The application deadline is March 15, 2016 and

may be found at <http://www.texasbrigades.org/Applications/applications.html>.

We need youth ages 13-17 years of age. Texas Brigades is also accepting applications for adult volunteers. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, fisheries, natural resources, livestock, and/or the environment. "We are looking for those with an interest in learning and then sharing what they have learned with their communities," reports Zelina Alvarado, Program Coordinator, "teachers who apply as adult leaders may earn 40 professional credit hours as well!"

The 5 day camps are held on beautiful private ranches across the state. "These landowners open their gates to us for five days, allowing us to utilize the land as a living laboratory. Natural resources professionals give their time to mentor the youth," says Aimee Carrasco, Executive Director. The cost of the camp for youth applicants accepted into the program is \$500, but scholarships and financial assistance are available. "We do not want the fee to be a barrier to anyone. We have donors who are willing to support the youths' educational experience," adds Carrasco. Adult volunteers who are accepted do not have a fee, and we also provide free lodging and free meals! We would love for you to be there!

For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391 or email [accarrasco@texasbrigades.org](mailto:accarrasco@texasbrigades.org) or [zalvarado@texasbrigades.org](mailto:zalvarado@texasbrigades.org).

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

Feb. 29th- Mar. 4th

Monday-29th Crafts with Chris 10:30 /Excercise 11:00/

Tuesday-30th Exercise 11:00/ Game night 6:00

Wednesday-31st Exercise 11:00

Thursday -1st Manicures 10:30/ Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45/1:05

Friday -2nd Exercise 11:00

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Feb. 29th- Mar. 4th

Monday 29nd- BBQ Sausage, Pinto Beans, Mac & Cheese, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 1st- Steak fingers w Gravy, Potatoes, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 2nd Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomatoe Salad, Corn, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 3rd - Smothered Pork Cutlets, Sweet Potatoes, Cucumbers & Tomatoes Salad, Bread, Dessert

Friday 4th Butter Beans with Ham, Slice Onion, Fruit, Cronbread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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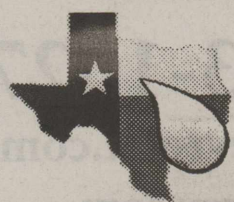
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## Political Calendar

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

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

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

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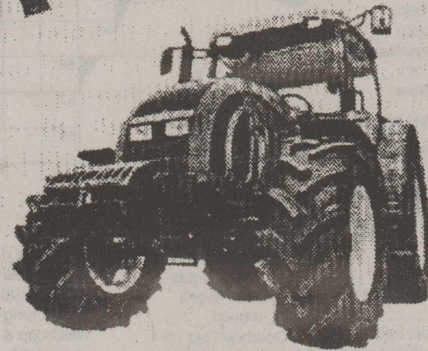
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## Keyhole Garden Workshop will be held March 5th

In recent years gardeners in the Big Country have confronted Challenges that have discouraged even the experienced from growing anything more than Bermuda grass. Hot, dry weather combined with thin unimproved soils have dealt a death blow to the vegetables that are increasingly desired by home gardeners. Although we can't change our weather, Keyhole Gardeners provide a way for gardeners to alter conditions to allow vegetables, herbs and flowers to thrive.

The Big Country Master Gardeners' Association is bringing Dr. Deb Tolman from Clifton, Tx, for a hands on workshop on Keyhole Gardens. Dr. Deb has over 30 years of academic training and research in addition to her many years of experience in landscape design, horticulture, and environmental education. She will lead her

audience through both theory and practice of Keyhole Gardens; the workshop will provide an opportunity for everyone to be involved in the process of creating a garden from laying the stone framework, through filling with recyclables to installation of the plants. Her workshops are fun and entertaining as well as informative.

The workshop will be held March 5th with check in at 8:30am and workshop from 9am-3:30pm. The location will be the Eleventh and Willis St. Church of Christ, 3309 S. 11th St., in Abilene. Admission is \$25. Dr. Deb will have her new book and DVD for sale on site. Pre-registration is recommended at: <http://txmg.org/taylor/>. For more information call the Taylor County office of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service 325-672-6048.

## Spring is in the Air Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and Receive 10 Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2016 and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees. "white flowering dogwoods are versatile trees that will break heavy winds and add beauty to your home," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These fast-growing landscape trees are known for their soft needles and graceful branching, making them an ideal addition to any yard."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. With planting instructions included, the trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed

to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to, TENFREEWHITEFLOWERING DOGWOOD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Nebraska 68410, by March 31, 2016. Or join online at [arborday.org/march](http://arborday.org/march).

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## Alzheimer's Association to offer free workshop in Abilene on March 1st

Abilene, TX - February 18, 2016 - The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "THE BASICS: Memory Loss, Dementia & Alzheimer's Disease," on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105, in Abilene.

Perhaps you have noticed possible signs of Alzheimer's disease in yourself or someone you love. Or maybe you know someone who has been recently diagnosed. This workshop is intended for anyone who would like to learn more about detection,

causes and risk factors, stages of the disease, treatment, and resources available to those living with the diagnosis.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's research, care and support. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

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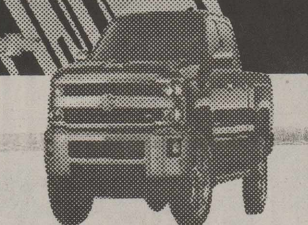
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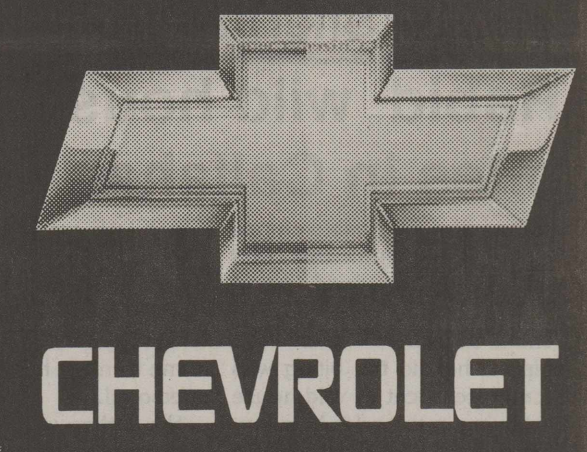
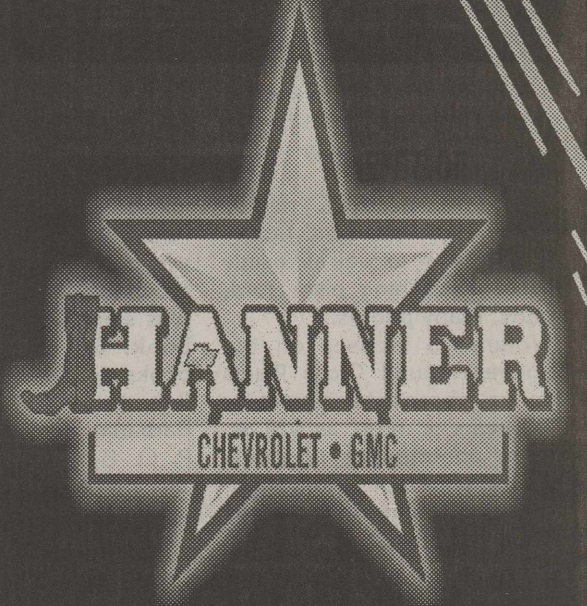
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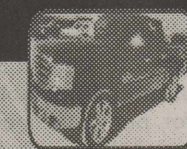
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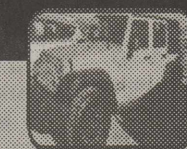
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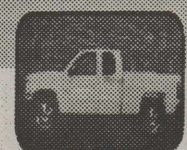
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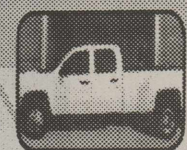
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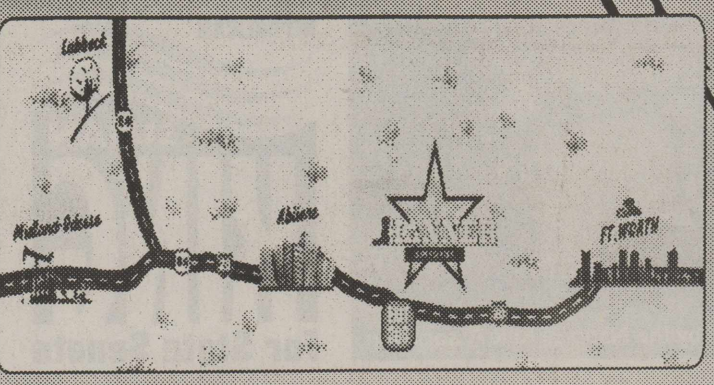


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## Your Local Kiwanis Chapter at Work

Happy New Year!  
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The Kiwanis Mission Statement: Kiwanis is a global organization of Volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Our main fund-raiser's are the Annual Pancake Supper in March and the Annual Stew Supper/ Santa Visit in December. And, of course, the place-mats we serve food on!

In 2015, we either gave to or purchased:

- Eye glasses for local children
- Cross Plains FFA
- GED meals
- Turkeys/cash gifts at Stew Supper
- Meal prep for Jeremiah

29:11 summer food program for children

• The After School Program  
In the past we have donated to and will in the future as needed to the above as well as to:

- Cross Plains Library
- Angel Tree
- The Backpack Program
- Winter Coats
- New Shoes
- School Clothes
- School Supplies

We are here to serve and make life better for our children.

If you would like to join this worthy cause, we meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at Jean's Feed Barn @ 7:00 A.M. Come join and serve with us. For more information please contact Connie Kirkham either at home at 254-725-6500 or at Connie's Cuts and Curls Wednesday - Friday at 254-725-6318.

## Cross Plains Remembered books available

Limited copies of three Cross Plains Remembered books are available. The three volumes each contain hundreds of photographs of people and places in Cross Plains, as well as stories and remembrances from the past.

The first book, Volume 1, has a little bit of everything in it: school photos, street scenes, gas station photos, family histories, and many other photographs.

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

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

Each book is 352 pages and contains hundreds of photographs. At \$20 each, they are a great value. The books, printed in 2011 and 2012, will not be reprinted.

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

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

## Couples Date Night: Mall Scavenger Hunt

Bring your loved one out for a fun night as couples compete to complete silly tasks, solve clues, take memorable pictures all within the Mall of Abilene. This date night adventure is Saturday, February 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. There are a limited number of tickets, so you must pre-register for this Couples Date Night Abilene event. Contact the Couples Date Night Abilene group at 325-733-8741, or check out their website at [www.cdnabilene.com](http://www.cdnabilene.com).

## WIC has Changed

WIC, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children has recently changed its income guidelines. If you are currently enrolled in Medicaid, Food Stamps, or TANF you are automatically qualified to receive WIC services. If you are not currently enrolled in those programs you may still qualify for WIC. The WIC program can now use check stubs from any persons living in your household.

The WIC program offices for Callahan County are located in Clyde at the Community Center, 108 North Beech. The hours of operation are the 1st Wednesday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (closed for lunch 12-1 P.M.) and the 3rd Wednesday 8:30 A.M. - 12 noon. Call Ms. Thalia for an appointment during these hours at 254-212-9914 or you may call Clyde directly any other time at 325-893-4552. WIC also serves Comanche County in Comanche (325-330-3351).

Please visit [www.texas.WIC.org](http://www.texas.WIC.org) for nutritious recipes, health tips and what to bring to your WIC appointment. WIC-We are here for you!

## Weight Warriors: Less is Less

Weight Warriors is still alive and well and going strong in 2016. We are looking forward to a new year with new plans, new challenges, and achieving our goals. Together we will journey toward our healthiest year yet.

As we meet to share our joys and concerns, there is also a short topic of encouragement each week. A celebration bracelet or necklace is added every week to the one who has lost the most that week. It serves as an anchor to reinforce your weekly motivation. Also, we have door prize drawings weekly, and if you stay for the meeting, you just might be the lucky one to receive the gift brought by the previous week winner. We also have a Biggest Loser contest two-three times a year. (Scales are provided if you choose to weigh. It's your choice.)

There is no charge, membership fees, or requirements. Just a sincere desire to be healthy and share group support. All we ask is donations of non-perishable food items for our local food pantry. We are helping others as we help ourselves.

You are welcome to come check us out as we meet every Tuesday afternoon. Come, bring a friend and find out how this energetic and fun group just might be the little boost you need to be more successful on your weight loss journey.

Weight Warriors meet at 5:30 PM every Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church. Come join us and we will see less of you every week!

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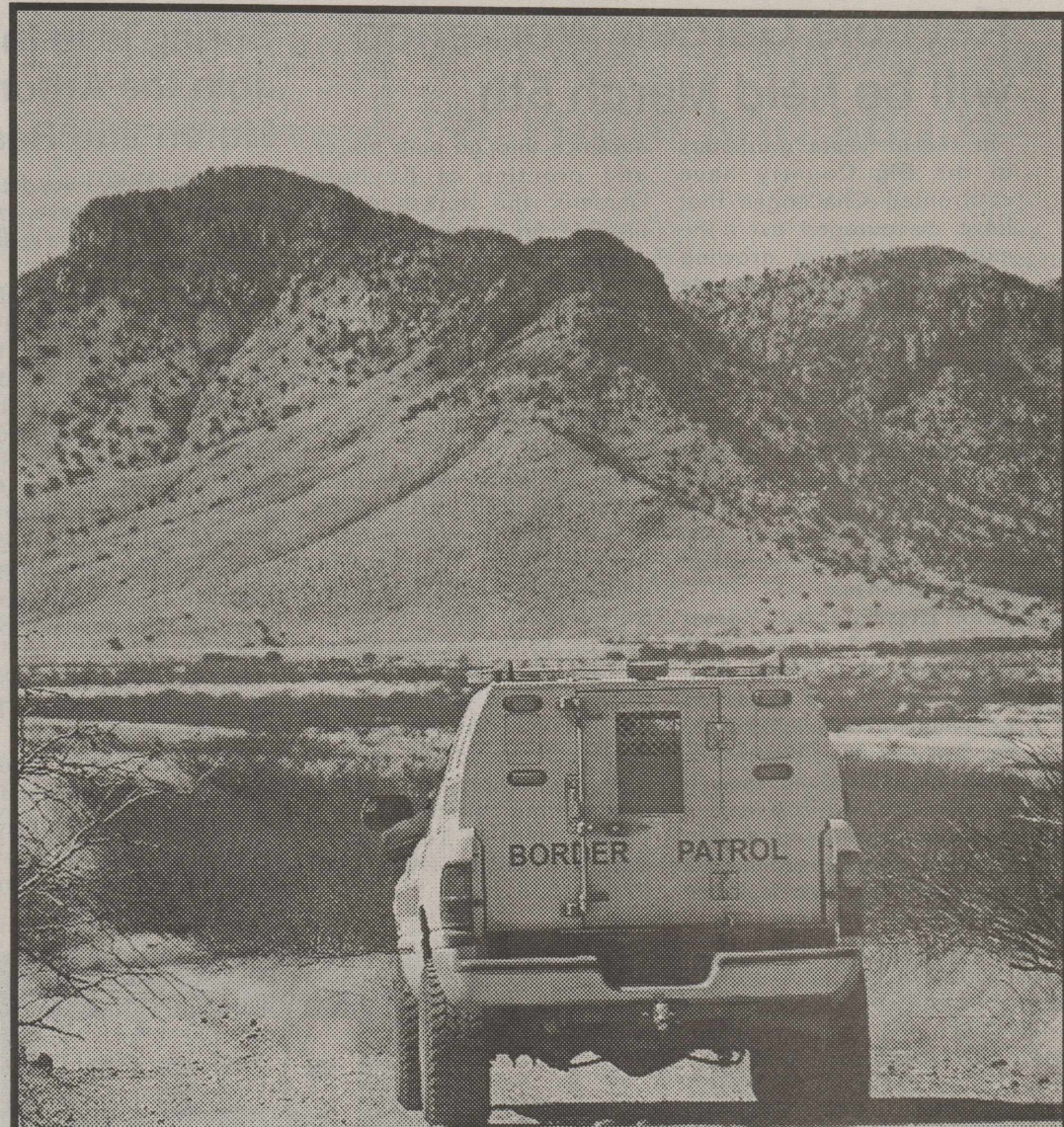
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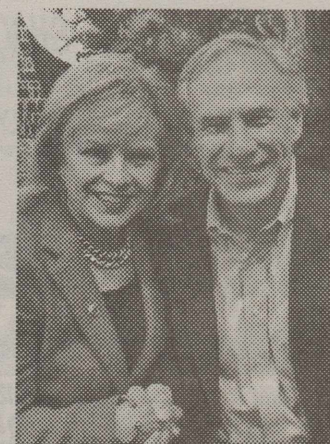
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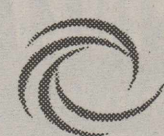


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## This month's featured musicians David and June Sly. Cottonwood Country Musical February 26th

The Cottonwood Country Musical will be at the Cottonwood 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.

# Clyde Woman's Club Hosts Adam Andrews of Willow Creek Gardens

Adam Andrews was the go-to gardener with answers to the many questions that members asked him at the luncheon meeting on February 17. He has long experience from his Abilene garden center business, Willow Creek Gardens. There are many examples of his xeriscape landscape designs, most recently including West Texas Rehab and Miguel's Mexican Restaurant. These employ many drought hardy plants, anchored with decorative decomposed granite. Xeriscape gardens can be just as beautiful as those that require a lot of water.

One of the things to do in your landscape now is to broadcast granules of pre-emergent weed killer. Two precautions to use with this product: wildflowers need at least 90 days after the granules are spread before their spring growth, and the product will distort the growth of bulb plants, such as daffodils and caladiums, so you must keep it at least two feet from their beds.

Another problem brought up was what to do about the grassburrs. Mr. Andrews said that the product MSMA has been pulled off the market and there is nothing to replace it yet.

To kill crickets and grasshoppers, he recommends Nolobait, which contains a killing bacteria. Since these insects eat each other, it will keep working on them for a long time. Simply sprinkle it around the perimeter of the yard. It will not harm pets, wild animals, or birds. To get rid of moles, or at least to drive them away, use a product called MoleMax.

For fruit trees, now is the time to apply dormant oil before any leaf growth. When pruning crepe myrtles, less is better. Severe pruning will take a few years off the life of the shrub, which typically can live for thirty years. Experts recommend just trimming up the sides and not topping off.

For flowerbeds for annual plants, he recommends adding

just six inches of garden soil. Shrubs would need amended soil to a deeper depth. A rose that is bullet-proof is the Knock Out variety, proven to thrive on neglect. When planting trees, do not use soil amendments because the roots do better in the same soil in which they are planted. The hole needs only to be a few inches larger than the root ball.

The most efficient way to water is drip irrigation, since 70% of water is lost with above the ground sprinkler systems. A business that supplies the parts needed for drip irrigation is Ewing Irrigation, located at 1575 Dunnam Drive in Abilene.

When the weather allows us to be outside on our patios, consider planting lemongrass in pots to ward off mosquitoes. Another suggestion for planting was the use buffalo grass on gravesites because it needs very little water once it is established. For excellent gardening advice, just call Adam at 676-3616 or come by to visit with him at

1820 S. Treadaway in Abilene. Hostesses Jan Smedley, Vicki Cook, Ada Vernon, and Barbara Steph followed the spring garden theme with live succulent cactus and river rock as table decorations.

We had two guests, Judy Clifton and Alice Swaggart, joining members for another delicious meal provided by Sandstone Caterers. Members were given tickets to sell for the Fish Fry, to be held on March 19th. The proceeds support both the senior high school girls scholarships and the club's building maintenance fund. We are all looking forward to another delicious home cooked meal. Again our wonderful local club, Men of Clyde will be the fish fry cooks.

Our next meeting on March 2nd will feature Alecia Howard: Benefits of Reflexology. The hostesses will be Barbara Steph, Jennifer Black, and Celise McVay.



Rebekah Crockett, Pitcher and Short Stop for the Lady Buffs Softball Team

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes Honors Local Softball Player

Rebekah has played all 4 years of her high school career for the Cross Plains Lady Buffs Softball Team. She had played offensively as their pitcher and defensively as their shortstop. To become a FCA Allstar, students must be nominated by their coach. Rebekah is truly a Christian leader to her teammates as well as a great softball player. Congratulations Rebekah on achieving this high honor.



2016 FCA Softball Allstar, Rebekah Crockett of Cross Plains.

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## 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 Saturdays and sometime during 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](http://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 ramp-building 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.

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# County Jail passes yearly inspection again

The Callahan County Jail, the second oldest operating jail in Texas, received its Certificate of Compliance after an inspection by the Jail Commission, it was announced at the Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting on Monday, February 22nd.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn, on behalf of the commissioners' court, congratulated the Sheriff's Department for the Jail Commission passing the County Jail inspection.

The County Jail in Baird was built in 1897. It is the second oldest continually operating jail in the state.

The Jail Commission inspector was in Baird on February 5th to inspect the jail.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to accept the Certificate of Compliance from the Jail Commission.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with the following officers present: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding, Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Jan Windham, County Treasurer, and Donna

Bell, County Clerk. Also present were: Chief Deputy Rick Jowers and Jail Administrator Julie Lemon.

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

—Under public comment, there was none.

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

—Felix Manion, representing Callahan County Historical Commission, spoke to the commissioners' court about the upcoming Centennial Celebration of the Bankhead Highway. Mr. Manion said that the Bankhead Highway Association is contacting all local Historical Commissions that have the old Bankhead Highway running through their territory to mark the highway with special signs. Mr. Manion requested that the Commission be allowed to erect two of the signs on Finley Road which is part of the Bankhead Highway. Commissioner Windham made a motion to allow the signs to be erected by the Historical Commission with the exact locations to be determined. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

During further discussion it was decided that more of the old Bankhead Highway currently designated as County roads could be marked. Commissioner Windham

amended his motion to include any County Road that is part of the Bankhead Highway to allow the Historical Commission to post signs at these locations also. Commissioner Hicks made a second and the motion then carried with a 5-0 vote.

—No action was taken on the closing of Blue Bird Street.

—There was some discussion of the Courthouse Restoration and repairs on the Courthouse elevator. No action was taken.

—Sheriff Terry Joy presented the monthly Sheriff's Report. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept a donation for the Sheriff's Department of an oxygen tank and breathing apparatus given by Canada and Associates Safety Training. The donation was valued at \$1,800.00. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:58 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

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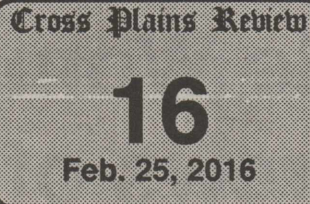
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