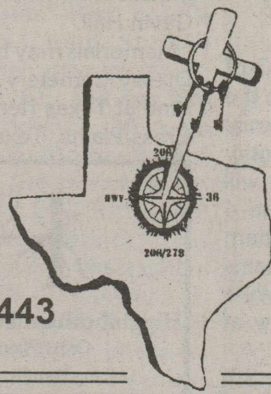


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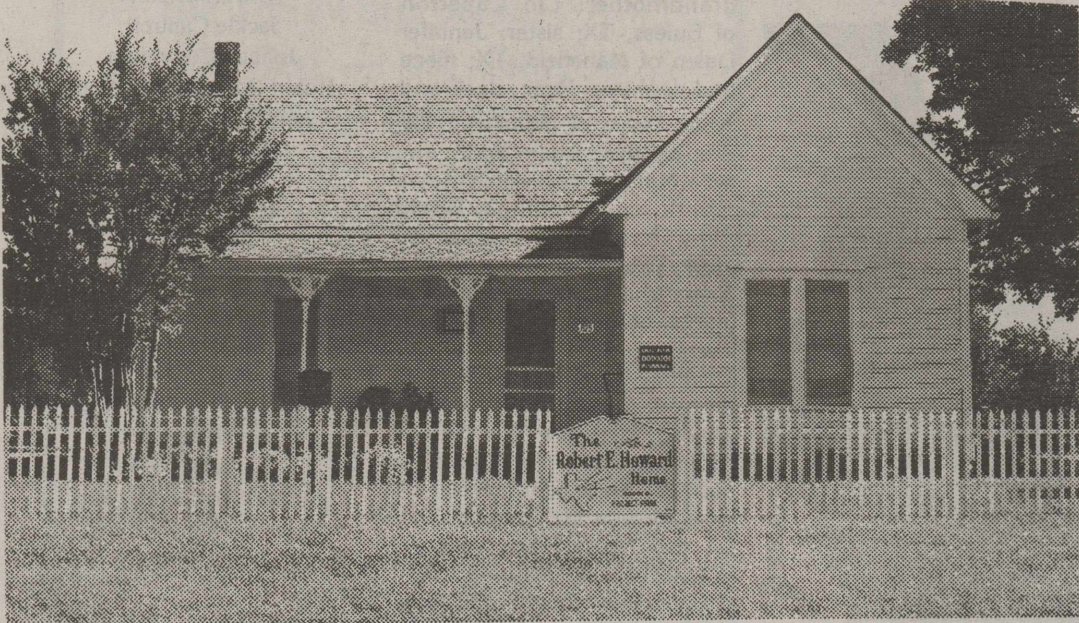
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Robert E. Howard Museum Ready for Robert E. Howard Days Visitors

Robert E. Howard Days 2016 Are Here

After six months of correspondence with Bill Cavalier, liaison for the Robert E. Howard Foundation and the Robert E. Howard United Press Association, Project Pride members have everything under control to launch the festivities on Friday morning, June 10. This annual gathering of the scholarly fans of Howard's writings is one of the highlights of the year for

the editors, writers, illustrators, researchers and those simply interested in Howard's legacy. Many of these folks take dead aim on Cross Plains year after year and some have claimed this to be like a family reunion of sorts. Others had said they would like to retire here as ours is such an active small community.

The Museum will be open for a couple of hours on Thursday

afternoon just for the early birds who are anxious to see the place again and to see what's new with their Project Pride friends. The Review will also be open from 2-4:00 when Jack Baum, Becky Tabor and Teri Brown will lead an informal tour of some of the old equipment that was in use when Howard's stories were being printed there.

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Damaged from the Storm - Large Tree on FM880 just North of Cross Plains was hit by Lightning during last weeks storms.

Cheerleaders Holding Garage Sale and Bake Sale on Friday, June 10th

The Varsity Cheerleaders are having a Garage Sale and Bake Sale Fundraiser on Friday, June 10th, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. between the Cross Plains High School and Elementary

Buildings. If you have something you'd like to donate for either the Garage Sale or the Bake Sale, contact Tina Wyatt at 254-725-6686.



CPISD to Meet With Private Nonprofit Schools on June 16th

Cross Plains ISD would like to invite any Private Nonprofit schools within the CPISD boundary to meet with school district representatives and discuss participation in Title I services.

This meeting will take place on June 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cross Plains Elementary Office. Please RSVP at 254-725-6123.

Robert E. Howard Postal Cancellation Available on Friday, June 10th



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Barbarian Festival Parade and Fish Fry Thursday, June 9th

While all the rain and flooding has caused this year's Barbarian Festival to be cancelled, you can still enjoy the Barbarian Festival Parade on Thursday evening, June 9th at 6 p.m.

The parade will start at the Methodist Church parking lot and continue down Main Street. KTAB4u's Joni McKinnon will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.



If you'd like to be a part of the parade, be at the Methodist Church parking lot for the parade line up at 5 p.m.

Before and after the parade, you can enjoy a Fish Dinner at the Senior Center from 5 until 7 p.m.

Fish, hush-puppies, fries, beans, coleslaw and banana pudding will be served for \$8.

4H Bake Sale on Saturday June 11th

The Cross Plains 4H will hold a Bake Sale on Saturday June 11th from 10:00-2:00 on Main Street at the old boot shop location.

If you'd like to help out the 4H by donating some cakes, pies, cookies or other baked goods for the sale, contact Terrie Parum at 325-642-9978.

You're invited to a

CPVFD to Cook Brisket, Burgers and Hotdogs; Hold Water Drive and Raffle Saturday, June 11th

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be cooking brisket sandwiches, hamburgers and hotdogs in front of Lowe's Market on Saturday, June 11th. The CPVFD will also be holding a water and Gatorade drive outside the store, as well. Cases of water and sports drinks are needed for the firefighters. Residents that come by and donate water or Gatorade or purchase a sandwich, hamburger or hotdog will be given a ticket for a chance at a barbecue pit. Additional raffle

tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Brisket Sandwiches will be \$5; Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers \$3; and Hotdogs \$1. Lunch starts at 11 a.m. and runs until the brisket sandwiches and hamburgers run out. Soft drinks and chips will be available inside Lowe's Market. Come out and enjoy a great lunch and help out your local firefighters.



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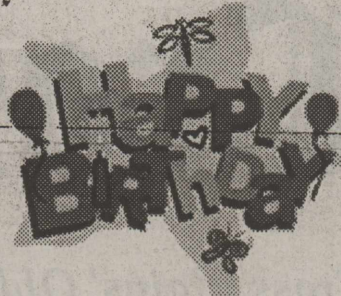
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Bobbie Johnson

Bobbie Johnson, age 83 of Cross Plains went to be with the Lord and her heavenly family on June 1, 2016 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains with Pastor Ronnie B. White officiating; burial will follow at the Dressy Cemetery.

Bobbie was born on July 20, 1932 and was raised in Cross Plains by her parents, William Everett and Lorena Armstrong Wright; along with her twin brother, Bill. Bobbie graduated from Cross Plains High School. She married Noah Sealy Johnson on October 2, 1950 and they were married 59 years before he passed away in 2009. She and her husband owned and operated Johnson's Dry Goods for a little over 40 years; along with cattle ranching. Bobbie was a member of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains and in her younger years sang in the choir and taught in Sunday School. Bobbie loved her family and doted over her grandchildren and great grandchildren. After retirement, she also loved and missed all of the people that use to come into their store in Cross Plains.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents; Everett and Lorena Wright; husband, Noah Sealy Johnson; and daughter, Julia Faye Johnson who died in infancy.

Bobbie is survived by her daughter, Dianne Johnson Hail; son, Bruce Johnson; three grandchildren, Brice Hail, Alisa Hail and Lori Wilcockson. She is survived by four great grandchildren; Trevor Hail, Gavin Hail, Jett Hail and Jocelyn Wilcockson. Bobbie is survived by her brother Bill Wright and his wife Billie Gean and family.

Bobbie's pallbearers are her nephew, Paul Wright; and great nephews, Jonathan Wright

and Scott Wright. Honorary pallbearers are Bobbie's great grandsons, Trevor Hail and Gavin Hail.

Memorials may be given to the Dressy Cemetery maintenance fund at Texas Heritage Bank in Cross Plains, Texas.



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BRIAN CAMPBELL

Brian Campbell

Brian Campbell, age 42, passed away peacefully and courageously on Saturday, June 4, 2016, surrounded by loved ones. He was born on March 15, 1974 in Bedford, TX to Alan Campbell and Judy (Stevens) Campbell. Brian graduated from Mansfield High School.

Brian was a kind and caring young man. Early in life, Brian knew he wanted to help others and dedicated his time on earth doing just that. He went on to work as a dispatcher for the Callahan County Sheriff's Office, as well as a jailer, a Baird City Deputy Marshal, was a Drug Enforcement Officer for the Clyde Police K-9 Unit, an

officer of the Eastland County Sheriff's Office, as well as, a Police Officer for the Clyde Police Department and moved on to become a Deputy for Callahan County Sheriff's Department. Along the way, Brian touched many lives and made many great friends. He will be missed dearly by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to carry on Brian's memory include his father: Alan Campbell and wife Angie of Baird, TX; mother: Judy Campbell of Euleless, TX; fiancé: Stacey Cooper of Clyde, TX; grandmother: Clo Caperton of Euleless, TX; sister: Jennifer Dalen of Mansfield, TX; niece and nephews: Ryan, Jack and Karly Dalen of Mansfield, TX; step-brother: Adam Smith and wife Mariah; step-sister: Kayla Smith and husband David Urby Jr.; Brian's beloved K9 dog: Gracie of Clyde Police Department; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and many dear friends.

Family Visitation will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm, Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at Parker Funeral Home in Baird, TX. Graveside services are scheduled for 1:00 pm, Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, with Pastor Larry Hooper officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Brian's memory to the Clyde Police Department or charity of choice. The donations for the Clyde Police Department can be made at any First Financial Bank in memory of Officer Brian Campbell.

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DEATH NOTICE

Charles "Chuck" McSwain

Charles "Chuck" McSwain, age 55 of Cross Plains passed away Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 3, 2016 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Texas. Visitation will be Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Texas.

"Seabiscuit" Book-to-Movie Event

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "Seabiscuit" at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, June 30 at 5:30p.m. Participants may pick up a copy of the book for only \$5 at the library, while supplies last.

We will view the movie and then head to Jean's Feed Barn, for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie.

If you want to participate, but wish to download the book on your Nook or Kindle, please call Sandra at the library (725-7722) and sign up.

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

Love Fund has been set up for Sue Neal at Texas Heritage Bank to help with financial expenses

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

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Love Fund for the family of Emberlynn Harris has been established at Texas Heritage Bank

From the Cross Plains Review, July 3, 1936

ROBERT HOWARD WROTE POEM BEFORE SUICIDE

Just before walking from his home to his automobile at the side of the house, where he fired a pistol bullet through his brain, Robert E. Howard, talented Cross Plains writer, dashed off the following poem:

All fled — all done, so
lift me on the pyre
The Feast is over and the
lamps expire.

Dr. I. M. Howard, father of the young man, gave his own interpretation of the short poem to a representative of the Review but requested that it be not published, in order that readers might affix their own opinion.

Reprinted from the June 19, 1936 edition of the Cross Plains Review, in honor of Robert E. Howard Days. Typed as it appeared in 1936.

Double Funeral For Mother and Son Held From Baptist Tabernacle Sunday Morning

Cross Plains' first double funeral was held Sunday morning when rites for Mrs. I. M. Howard, 61, and her son Robert E. Howard, 30, were conducted from the Baptist tabernacle. The service was in charge of Rev. B. G. Richbourg, of Big Spring, former Cross Plains pastor. He was assisted by Reverends, J. C. Maun, S. P. Collins and V. W. Tatum, of the local churches. Interment was made in the Greenleaf cemetery at Brownwood Sunday afternoon.

Friends crowded the tabernacle beyond capacity in a final, parting tribute.

Mrs. Howard expired Friday night about 10:39 after an extended illness. She had been in a coma for days, Robert E. Howard died shortly after four o'clock Thursday afternoon of a self inflicted bullet wound. Despondent over his mother's condition the young man, an internationally known writer of fiction, took his own life when it was known that Mrs. Howard would never recover.

Surviving is Dr. I. M. Howard, husband of the deceased lady and father of Robert. He is one of Callahan county's oldest practitioners, from the standpoint of service. He told this newspaper Monday morning that his plans for the future were not definitely mapped but first of all he intended to return to Missouri with Mrs. Howard's sister Mrs. W. P. Searcy for a visit with kinsmen.

Other survivors includes: Mrs. Searcy, of Exter, Missouri; Mrs. Henry Stith, Ponca City, Oklahoma; Mrs. Grover Baker, Rodgers, Arkansas; Mrs. Howard Doyle, Exter, Missouri; sisters of Mrs. Howard; Win Ervin, Oklahoma City, a brother of Mrs. Howard and neices and nephews several of whom were present for the funeral and interment services.

Mrs. David Howard, wife of Dr. Howard's brother of Mart, Texas, was also here for the funeral, as well as scores of friends and possibly other relatives from distant points.

Mrs. Howard was born July 11, 1874, in Missouri. She was married to Dr. I. M. Howard, January 12, 1904. They moved to this section nearly 30 years ago. Robert E. Howard was born January 22, 1906, at Peaster, in Parker county. He was the only child of Dr. and Mrs. Howard. He was graduated from Cross Plains high school with the class of 1922. The following year he attended Brownwood high school completing the eleventh grade, which was not offered here at that time, finishing with honors. Later he attended Howard Payne College. He began writing early in life and at the age of 17 was producing acceptable stores and poems for outstanding publications.

Until Thursday of last week the young Cross Plains author had maintained an almost constant vigil at this mother's bedside. When her death became imminent he asked a nurse if she thought his mother would ever recognize him again.

Sympathetically, the nurse replied: "I'm afraid not".

Stoically, he rose from beside the sick-bed and walked to his automobile which was parked to the side-rear of the Howard home. He got inside, closed the doors and fired a pistol bullet through his brain. Neighbors said the tragedy happened a few minutes after eight o'clock. He lived until four that afternoon.

Mrs. Howard never regained consciousness and was not aware of her son's death. She expired about 30 hours later, shortly after 10 o'clock Friday night.

Pall bearers for Mrs. Howard were: Tom Bryant, F. R. Anderson, Benton Jones, J. P. Smith, Paul V. Harrell, Taylor Bond and Dr. J. R. Dill. Pall bearers for Robert were: Lindsey Tyson, Winifred Brigner, Russell McGowen, Earl Baker, Mack Underwood, Jap Adams, R. Elliott Bryant, Dr. T. G. Edwards, Dr. J. Henry McGowen and J. C. Huntington.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Higginbothams, Cross Plains.

Robert E. Howard Days 2016 Are Here

Continued from the front page.

A number of these folks will hang around town for the Barbarian Festival parade and the fish fry at the Senior Citizen's Center. More and more of them have been enjoying this extra attraction the last few years ago and are looking forward to this part of the celebration again as such events do not happen in their hometowns of Washington D.C., Denver, Los Angeles, New Jersey, New York, New Orleans, Paris France or Tokushima, Japan.

Howard Days officially kicks off early Friday morning with a coffee and donuts at the Pavilion and a tour around town to see some of the places that were special to Howard. The Museum will open at 9:00 for the tours and a special commemorative cancellation will be available at the post office during their 9-4 regular hours. Panel discussions will be held throughout the day at the High School. Susan Childers will join Rusty Burke and Bill Cavalier at 11:00 as they share the origin and development of the Howard Days from a simple BBQ at Charles and Lou Rodenberger's beautiful home north of Cottonwood to the full fledged event that now draws

visitors from around the world.

Another panel discussion at 1:30 on Friday will feature Michael Scott Myers, screen writer for the movie "The Whole Wide World" as he discusses the two year friendship between Howard and Novalyn Price. Price was actually Myer's English teacher in Lafayette, LA and wrote the original story that spawned the movie. After this discussion, the movie will be shown in the school auditorium at 3:15 at no cost and the public is invited, as they are, to all of the panel discussions. Those who participated in the Library's Book to Movie event a couple of years ago would find this two part activity to be very interesting.

One of the highlights of the two-day event is the Celebration Dinner / Silent Auction Friday evening in the Community Center. Guest of Honor Myers will share his memoirs of working with bringing the book to the movie. There are no more dinner seats for the 6:30 meal available, but folks can browse the auction of Howard related items starting at 5:30 while waiting for a cancellation that would enable you to eat.

Dannes will have the Senior Center open for the Saturday events. For the artistic type,

the 11:00 panel will focus on the fantastic artwork of Frank Frazetta on the covers of the old Lancer paperbacks featuring Howard's brawny characters. At 1:30, Cross Plains' favorite REHPAN, Mark Finn, will lead a discussion of Howard as the man who roamed the streets of town as compared to the writer who pounded out tales of adventure in the little white house on the edge of town.

A new panel this year will be "The First Annual Glenn Lord REH Symposium" where four dedicated writers will share their papers regarding Howard the Writer. One of the presenters will be Dierk Guenther who is becoming well known around town as he and his wife Chie stay over for several days to get better acquainted with life in Cross Plains. Guenther teaches American Literature at the University of Tokushima in Japan.

The full schedule can be seen in the Library, at the Pavilion or at the Museum when you take a tour or in last week's Review. Additional information about the celebration can be obtained by calling Arlene at 254-725-4993 or Era Lee at 254-725-6562.

From the Cross Plains Review - 20 Years Ago June 6, 1996

From the Cross Plains Review... 20 years ago, June 6, 1996.

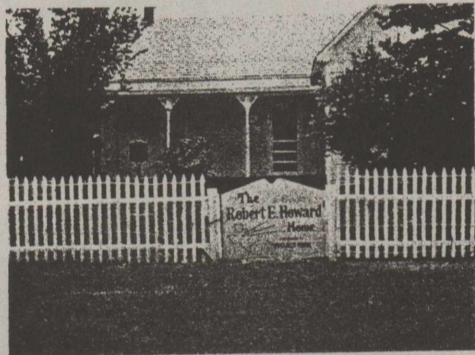
New Chamber of Commerce board members are Gene Greenwood, Julene Franke and Tim Dillard. They are in addition to current board members: Steve Mack, Phillip Schaefer, Johnnie Bland, Rolan Jones, Keith Lawrence and Melissa Richards.

Robert E. Howard cancellation was designed by local artist, Carol Greenwood.

Robert E. Howard Weekend begins on June 14 with various activities.

The Class of 1946 Celebrated their 50th year reunion. Dick Vestal prepared the supper and the group made plans for Homecoming in 1997. Robert Lee, Charlene Gridar and Joan Vestal prepared breakfast. Those attending: Charlene Gridar, Opal Underwood Scheller, Dorothy Coppinger Petty, Bobbie Webb Johnson, Imogene Newton Haun, Wanda Hall Boyle, Joan Vestal, Bobby Wooten Hinkle, Rex and Winona Angeley, Betty and Leonard Jones, Bonnie and George Barnard, Harold Garrett, Billie Jean Barr Guilbeau, Robert Gridar, Dick Vestal, Colleen Moore Anderson, Donald White and Jack Lacy.

PROCLAMATION



ROBERT E. HOWARD

WHEREAS, the City Council realizes the impact Robert E. Howard has had on the effects of tourism for our community and,

WHEREAS, we the City Council of the City of Cross Plains wish to dedicate a day to honor and recognize a man for his contribution to our community,

NOW THEREFORE, I Ray Purvis, Mayor of Cross Plains, Texas do hereby proclaim June 10, 2016, as

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Ken Hunter and Mark Williams, there are no words to express how much you mean to our family. Your tireless support, help, love and friendship will never be forgotten.

We have truly seen the love of God through each act of kindness.

Debbie Edington
Zach, Mandi, Hunter, and Hadden Edington,
Stephanie Edington,
Lynda Edington

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Greg Turner led the Benediction



Reuben McCowen and Stuart Sowell raising the flag



Alli McGowen Ames introducing keynote speakers

Memorial Day Observance Held at Pioneer Cemetery

A wonderful crowd turned out Monday morning, May 30, 2016 for the annual Memorial Day Observance at the Pioneer Cemetery in Pioneer, Texas. Although the Observance was marked for extremely high chances of more rain, the possibility of rain and standing water wasn't able to deter many who were adamant about honoring our fallen heroes.

The Memorial Day Observance began when Reuben McCowen welcomed the crowd and said an opening prayer. Jim Fleming, Emcee, gave a wonderful tribute to the fallen and directed everyone to the Fallen Veterans Monument as 4 His Glory sang the National Anthem followed by Stuart Sowell and Reuben McCowen raising the American flag. The crowd then enjoyed special music by 4 His Glory and Bobby J. McCowen, who bless attendees with their musical talents each year.

A highly dedicated group of young people assisted with the Memorial Day Observance. Ketch Thomas, Jurnee Thomas, Tripp Thomas, Darrin Ames, Brandon Jones, Avery Switzer, and Sterling Switzer placed flags around the Fallen Veterans Monument as Jurnee Thomas recognized each name. The Memorial Day Observance Committee was very fortunate to have these energetic and patriotic youth in the community.

Alli McGowen Ames had the honor of delivering moving introductions for the keynote speakers, Bobby J. McCowen and James Dixon. Both Mr. McCowen and Mr. Dixon inspired the crowd with their speeches and stories, making this year's ceremony unforgettable.

Bobby J. McCowen was born and raised in Pioneer, Texas. Mr. McCowen enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1949. He completed basic training at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas and was part of B Company, 66 Medium Tank Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. A Korean War Veteran, Mr. McCowen was promoted to Staff Sergeant

during his nine-month tour of duty. Following Korea, Bob was released into the Army Reserves in 1952.

Mr. McCowen held numerous positions before and after his service to his country. He worked in the oilfield and as a miner in the potash mines in Carlsbad, New Mexico and was also a skilled mechanic. In 1965, Mr. McCowen began his career in law enforcement, first as a patrolman, then as an identification officer with the Abilene Police Department. After six-and-a-half years with the Abilene Police Department, he moved back to the Pioneer area and managed the lumberyard at Higginbotham Brothers for 18 years. In 1983, he opened Mc's Trading Post in Cross Plains as owner/operator until 2012.

Mr. McCowen is the father of three children: the late Beth McCowen Bogue, Ronald Jack McCowen and Tina McCowen Elkins. He is blessed with four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Mr. McCowen, or "Bobby Jack" as he's known by many, serves in ministry at the Pioneer Pentecostal Church and is a member of the Pioneer Historical Association Board. He continues to serve his community by volunteering his musical gifts at the Rising Star Nursing Home each week.

James Dixon was born and raised in Ranger, Texas. He graduated from Ranger High School in 1970 before entering West Point with a nomination from Congressman Omar Bureson. Mr. Dixon obtained degrees in Engineering and Military Science from West Point in 1974. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army Field Artillery Branch and completed his Field Artillery Officer Basic Course in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Mr. Dixon was then stationed in Hanau, Germany, with an 8 inch M110 Self-Propelled Howitzer artillery battalion. During his stay in Germany, he flew back to America and married his fiancé, Melinda, in September 1975. After three years in Germany, the Dixons relocated

to Fort Sill, to attend the Field Artillery Advance Course and was assigned as an instructor at Fort Sill from August 1978 to November 1979.

Mr. Dixon resigned his U.S. Army commission in 1979 for an engineering position at TXU Mining, where he spent the next 18 years working in various positions within the Company. In 1997, Mr. Dixon was transferred to the TXU offices in Dallas, Texas, where he served as Vice President, Gas Plant Operations, prior to his retirement in 2007.

James and Melinda Dixon relocated to the Pioneer/Cross Plains Community in 2007, and have been enjoying retirement on their farm raising Longhorn cattle and whitetail deer. James and Melinda are members of the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas. They have two children: Bryan and his wife Courtney and Allyson and her fiancé, Tony Battaglia. Mr. Dixon is very passionate about our local community and veterans, calling many of them his dear friends.

Locals, as well as people from all over the state, travel to Pioneer, Texas every year to commemorate Memorial Day, honor the fallen, celebrate our freedoms, our families and our Veterans as we spend the morning together as proud Americans. This year, plaques were presented to the treasured Pioneer area World War II Veterans who attend our service each year. We thank Rodney O. McCarty, U.S. Merchant Marines & U.S. Army, L.D. Halcombe, U.S. Army, Ray C. Curry, U.S. Navy, Stanley R.E. Richards, U.S. Navy and Burlie Paul McCowen, U.S. Navy, for your service and are honored by your presence each year.

Following the benediction led by Greg Turner, all those in attendance enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who made this year's Memorial Day Observance an overwhelming success.

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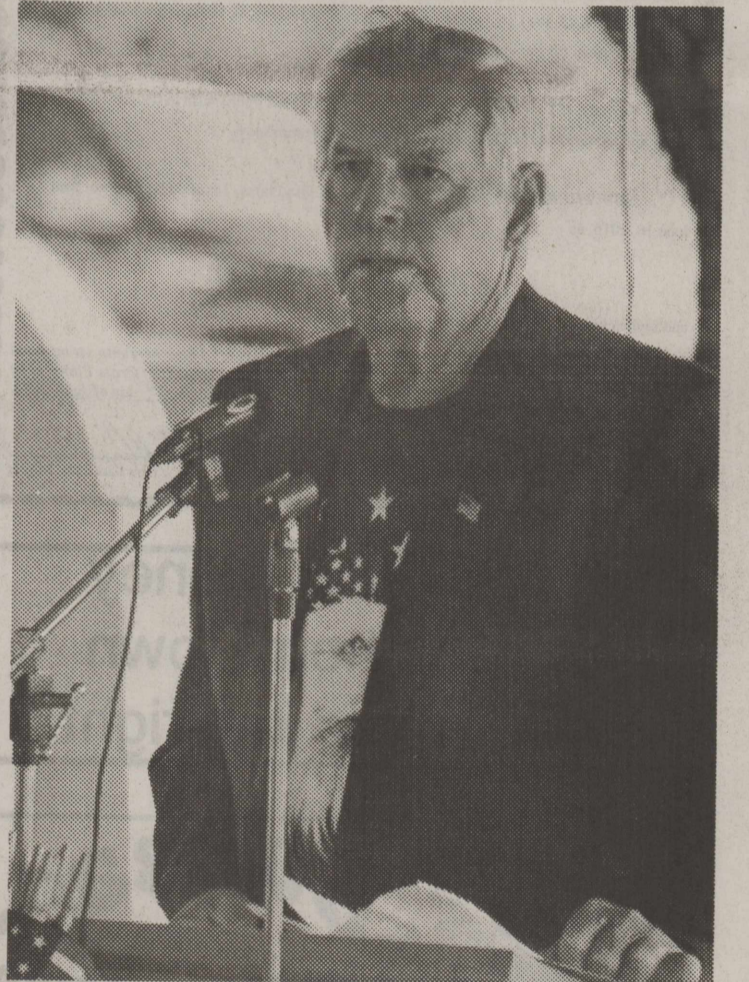
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Dr. Needham was born and raised in Coleman, Texas. He went to Sul Ross State University for two years prior to completing his undergraduate study at Texas A & M University.

Dr. Needham graduated from Texas A & M College of Veterinary Medicine in 2001.

After practicing in Madisonville and Conroe, he decided to move back home to Coleman to raise his children in a small town.

He has been in Coleman for almost eleven years, and was in a mixed practice (both large



DR. JOHNNY NEEDHAM FORMER COLEMAN VETERINARIAN TO JOIN CALLAHAN COUNTY VETERINARY CLINIC

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Dr. Needham is married to his wife Misty and they have six children: Stephanie, Ashley, Autumn, Kaylee, Austin and Natalee.

Austin and Natalee will attend Clyde CISD in the fall.

As a family they have been active in the community and schools and look forward to becoming a part of the Callahan County Veterinary Clinic and the surrounding communities.

If you get the opportunity, come by the Clinic and meet Dr. Needham and welcome him and his family to the area.



Sergeant Ryan Gordon, He is the Grandson of Richard & Linda Wilson and Great Grandson of Lou and the late Kenneth Brooks. Ryan lives in Dallas and is a 6 year veteran and just re-enlisted for 4 more years with the 75th Ranger Regiment.



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Pioneer Area World War II Veterans who attend Pioneer Memorial Day Observance each year

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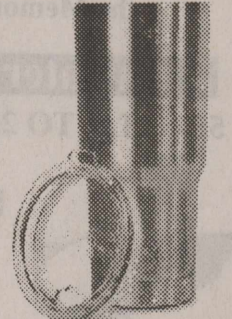
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Doolittle Raider Robert Hite was a West Texas native

The attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 horrified the American people. America wanted to strike back hard to tell Japan that America would not be defeated. In spring 1942, America got that chance with Doolittle's Raid, a feat helped in part by Texan Robert Hite.

Hite was the son of cotton farmers outside Odell, Texas, in 1920. He briefly attended West Texas State Teachers College before enlisting in the army in 1940. He wanted to serve as a pilot but flunked the first physical. In spite of this setback, he gained his certification as an Army Air Force pilot the next year.

Doolittle's Raid was named for Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, who devised a plan to strike back at the heart of Japan to avenge their attack on Pearl Harbor. Doolittle commanded a squadron of sixteen B-25 bombers in a surprise raid on Tokyo and other Japanese cities. Word of the impending raid had quietly spread among pilots who jumped at the chance to strike back at Japan. Hite had repeated a story for years that men were offering him up to \$500 to take his place. He turned them all down, a patriot determined to do his duty. On April 18, 1942, they lifted off from the crowded deck of the USS Hornet, aiming for targets 800 miles away. The daring raid was later adapted into the famous 1944 film *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo* starring Spencer Tracy.

While the bombing did little long-term damage to the Japanese war machine, the attack humiliated them. They pulled several fighter squadrons from forward positions to protect Tokyo from further attacks. As the war raged on, this prevented these units from responding to American offensives as Allied forces slowly retook the Pacific region. Americans were thrilled at the success of the raid.

Of the 80 men on sixteen bombers for the mission, thirteen were from Texas, including Hite. Other Texans included Thadd H. Blanton of Archer City, a co-pilot, Kenneth E. Reddy of

Bowie, also a co-pilot, and John A. Hilger of Sherman, a pilot.

Hite's crew hit a fuel depot and a factory in Nagoya. Of the aircraft, only one landed safely in Allied territory. The remainder were either shot down or crash-landed in Japanese-occupied China. Hite's crew was captured and spent the remainder of the war in a POW camp and tortured for the next three years.

After the war ended, he continued to serve. He married his first wife Portia in 1946, with whom he had a son and a daughter. He briefly left the service but returned during the Korean War era before retiring as a lieutenant colonel. In 1955, Hite moved his family to Arkansas where took a job as manager of a hotel. Here in 1961, he hosted a convention of Doolittle Raid veterans. He went on to manage a series of hotels before his retirement in 1984.

In the years since the war as the World War II generation faded away, their importance to the freedom of the world and appreciation for what these soldiers accomplished grew. The Doolittle Raiders were presented many honors, and Hite himself was inducted into the Texas Aviation Halls of Fame at the Lone Star Flight Museum in Galveston. By March 2015, Hite was one of just three men left alive from the legendary 1942 raid. A White House ceremony was planned for April to honor him and his comrades with the Congressional Gold Medal.

Days before the ceremony, Hite died at the age of 95. He was buried with full military honors and surrounded by family, friends, and a host of well-wishers.

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



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- 12977 Hwy 36 E-CP-Pink Church,** 3200 sq ft, cement block... **\$60,000**
- New! 205 S Main, RS-6000 sq ft metal bldg,** HVAC... **\$180,000**

Featured Property of the Week:

28 Acres & Home, Atwell-Country living, 3BR-2b 2,400 sq ft stone and hardy siding home, metal roof, kitchen has inlaid tray ceiling, corian counter tops, beautiful builtins, secure valuables storage, walk in master closet, wood burning stove in living area, flooring-tile, carpet and mesquite wood... **\$378,822**

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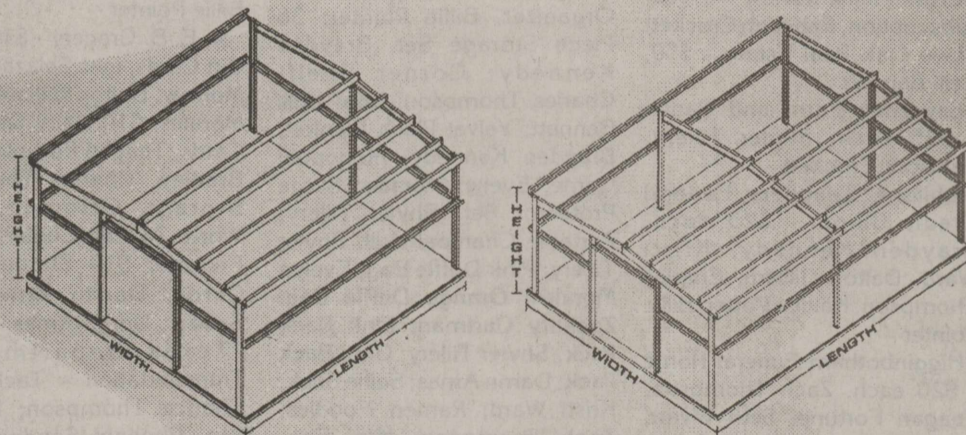
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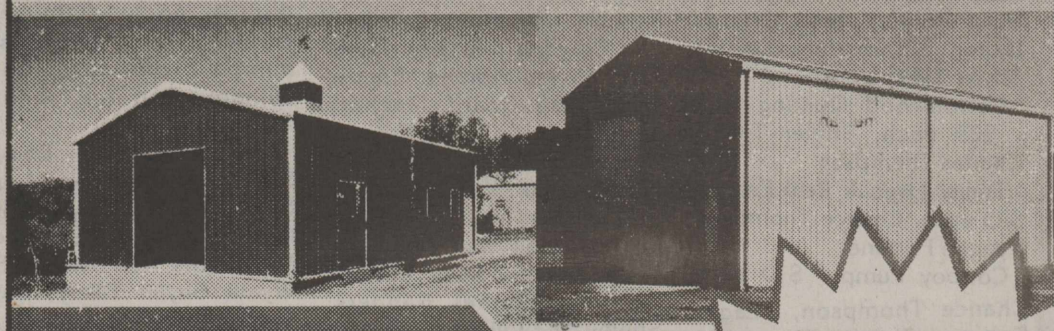
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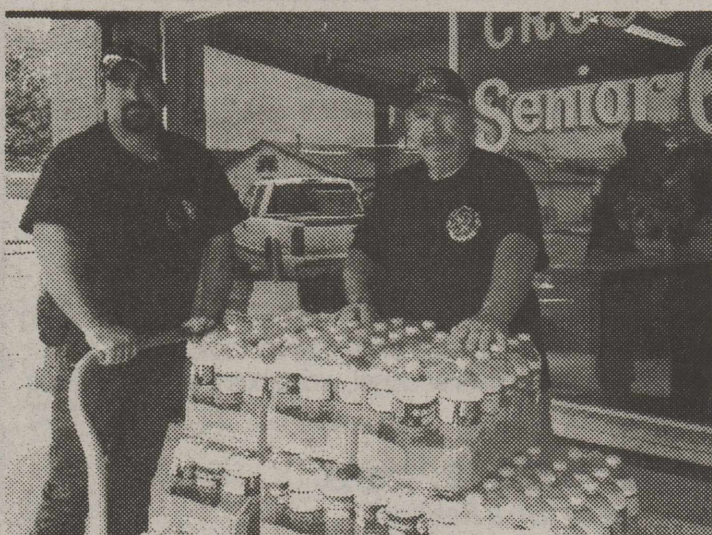
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Collecting water at the Senior Center - From left to right: Jordan Collier, Bille Fulcher, Jean Alexander and Frances Thornton; In back: Fred Dill and Bobby Jack McCowan; In front: Peyton Whisenhunt



Josh Loftis and Joe Terstegge picking up the water at the Senior Center

Project Graduation 2016 A Great Success!

We did it again! All but two of the 23 graduates of the Class of 2016 attended Project Graduation.

It was a fun night of good food, games and lots of fellowship - and prizes galore!!! Recipients and gifts as follows:

Tim's Floral furnished the centerpiece for the graduation ceremony and prepared Senior roses for family, etc.

Cowboy Pump purchased U-haul boxes for prize/gift collection.

CPISD Student Council gave each Senior a pillow and Tide pods.

Senior Class Funds gave each Senior \$48.00

Cross Plains Ex Student Association - \$50, Kristi Ward Lurene McNutt - Cards, Kaitlyn Potter; Cards, Rebekah Crockett; Dominoes, Chance Thompson, Tote, Kelly Bennett

Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club - \$20 each, Darrin Ames, Billie Pointer, Zach Thompson, Colton Bradley, Evelyn Morales

Cross Plains Review - 1 year subscription, Rebekah Crockett Live Oak Real Estate - \$50, Kelli Bennett

Lawrence Farm and Ranch - \$25 each, Shyler Tillery, Rebekah Crockett

Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union - \$25 each, Brayden Kennedy, Kristi Ward, Dalton Gilliam, Charles Thompson, Kaitlyn Potter, Billie Pointer

Higginbotham Funeral Home - \$20 each, Zach Thompson, Teagan Fortune, Seth Wyatt, Zach Gartman, Kelli Bennett, Chance Thompson, Brayden Kennedy, Zach Gartman, Colton Bradley, Chance Thompson

Fullen Motor Co. - \$10 each, Kaitlyn Potter, Shelby McWilliams, Dalton Gilliam, Shyler Tillery, Dalton Gilliam

Barr Fabrication - \$20 each, Billie Pointer, Inez Salazar, Dalton Gilliam, Inez Salazar, Shyler Tillery

Cottonwood Quilting Club - \$25 each, Shyler Tillery, Charles Thompson

Trinity Liveoak Real Estate - \$25 each, Chance Thompson, Teagan Fortune

Cowboy Pump - \$10 each, Chance Thompson, Teagan Fortune, Chance Thompson, Zach Thompson, Billie Pointer, Zach Thompson, Shelby McWilliams, Kristi Ward

Comanche County Electric - Coffee Maker, Inez Salazar; Camo Lawn Blanket, Dalton Gilliam; Scientific Calculators, Phoenix Sanders and Inez Salazar; RTIC Tumbler, Darrin Ames

Texas Department of Transportation - Desk Lamp, Billie Pointer; Red Room Rug, Charles Thompson; Coin Bank, Darrin Ames; Ironing Board, Kristi Ward; Navy Rug Set, Rebekah Crockett; Body Pillow, Billie Pointer; Superman Pillow, Zachery Thompson; Compact Sport Chair, Seth Wyatt; Personal Fan, Phoenix Sanders; Car Care Kit, Kaitlyn Potter; Kitchen Towel Sets, Darrin Ames and Shyler Tillery; Ceramic Egg Cooker, Billie Pointer; Bath Towel Sets, Inez Salazar, Brayden Kennedy, Colton Bradley, Teagan Fortune and Darrin Ames

3-M - \$20 each, Kelli Bennett, Phoenix Sanders, Rebekah Crockett, Kelli Bennett and Phoenix Sanders

Wal-Mart - Mac & Cheese/Bowl, Kaitlyn Potter; Swiffer Sweeper, Billie Pointer; 2 Bed Pillows, Seth Wyatt; Blue Dish Set, Rebekah Crockett; Red Dish Set, James Morrow; Floor Lamp, Darrin Ames; Mini Clip Lamp, Zach Thompson; Desk Organizer, Billie Pointer; 36 Piece Storage Set, Brayden Kennedy; Corner Shelf, Charles Thompson; Iron, Kelli Bennett; Velvet Plush Blanket, Brayden Kennedy; Monopoly Game, Evelyn Morales; Surge Protector Set, Shyler Tillery; Portable Charcoal Grill, Shyler Tillery; Pink Duffel Bag, Evelyn Morales; Orange Duffel Bag, Zachary Gartman; Pink Back Pack, Shyler Tillery; Gray Back Pack, Darrin Ames; Selfie Stick, Kristi Ward; Ramen Noodles, Zach Thompson; Mini Fan, Charles Thompson; Sport Towels/Water Bottles, Kelli Bennett and Seth Wyatt; Pink Pepper Spray, Teagan Fortune; Black Pepper Spray, Zach Thompson; Pop Up Hamper, Kelli Bennett; Pop Up Laundry Basket, Kaitlyn Potter; Alarm Clock, Dalton Gilliam; Beach Towels, Rebekah Crockett and Brayden Kennedy; Photo Line, Evelyn Morales; Frame/Dry Erase Board, Zachary Gartman; Collage Frame, Kelli Bennett; Game Call, Seth Wyatt; Large Wall Art, Shyler Tillery; Small Wall Art, Kaitlyn Potter; Small Wall Art, Kristi Ward; Laundry Soap, Phoenix Sanders; Clothes Hangers, Shelby McWilliams; Drawer Cart, Evelyn Morales; Book Shelf, Billie Pointer; Dry Erase Calendar, Dalton Gilliam; Fuchsia Chair, Teagan Fortune; Blue Chair, Chance Thompson; Pizza Pan/Pizza Cutter, Kelli Bennett; Photo Cube, Kristi Ward

Lowes Market - Jalapeno Cooker, Charles Thompson; Storage Containers, Evelyn

Morales and Zach Gartman; Solo Cups/Plates, Charles Thompson and Colton Bradley

Kaliedoscope - Tote, Shelby McWilliams; Camo Tote, Charles Thompson

FFA Booster Club - \$20 each, Inez Salazar, Darren Ames, Evelyn Morales, Zach Gartman, Teagan Fortune, Brayden Kennedy, Braden Kennedy, Kristi Ward, Phoenix Sanders, Colton Bradley

Cornerstone Bible Church - \$10 each, Colton Bradley, Shelby McWilliams, Evelyn Morales, Phoenix Sanders, Shelby McWilliams, Zach Gartman, Inez Salazar; Phoenix Sanders, Shelby McWilliams, Seth Wyatt

Cross Plains Veterinary Clinic - \$40, Rebekah Crockett

T & K Tire and Alignment - \$25, Kelli Bennett

Hutton Auto Repair - \$30, Zach Gartman

Cross Plains Grain and Peanut - \$20 each, Zach Thompson, Evelyn Morales, Teagan Fortune, Phoenix Sanders, Billie Pointer

H. E. B. Grocery - \$10 iTunes Gift Cards, Inez Salazar, James Morrow, Dalton Gilliam, Evelyn Morales; \$10 Dairy Queen Gift Cards, Teagan Fortune, Colton Bradley, Charles Thompson; Storage Ottoman, Kristi Ward; 24 Can Cooler, Teagan Fortune; \$10 Starbucks Gift Cards, Darrin Ames, Inez Salazar, Darrin Ames

Texas Department of Transportation - Tackle Box, Chance Thompson; Lasagna Pan, Phoenix Sanders; Shop Towels, Evelyn Morales; Outside Blanket, Teagan Fortune; Sleeping Bag, Charles Thompson; Lockbox, Zach Thompson; Food Storage Sets, Phoenix Sanders and Evelyn Morales; Coloring Book/Gel Pens, Billie Pointer; Sunscreen, Teagan Fortune; Boom Box, James Morrow; Beverage Cooler, Zach Thompson; Jumbo Flying Disc, Dalton Gilliam; Pop Ice, Charles Thompson

Texas Heritage Bank - \$15 each, Darrin Ames, Shelby McWilliams, Kaitlyn Potter, Darrin Ames, Shelby McWilliams, Kelli Bennett, Seth Wyatt, Shyler Tillery, Colton Bradley, Brayden Kennedy

AMA TechTel - Shelby McWilliams, Kaitlyn Potter, Kristi Ward, Shelby McWilliams, Teagan Fortune, Shelby McWilliams, Kelli Bennett, Phoenix Sanders, Billie Pointer, Zach Thompson, Zachery Gartman, Inez Salazar, Colton Bradley, Charles Thompson, Zach Thompson, Dalton Gilliam, Phoenix Sanders,

CPVFD Collects Water for Residents in Cisco and Putnam

Hearing that residents in Cisco and Putnam were without water, the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department started collecting bottled water to send to the two towns.

Residents came together on Friday and dropped off cases of water at the firehouse for the residents of the two towns who were in need.

The Senior Citizens Center collected 17 cases of water,

plus an additional 6 gallon jugs. Sparks Insurance donated a pallet of water.

In all, 105 cases of water was collected and delivered.

This was in addition to about 60 cases of water that firefighters delivered to the Cisco Fire Station.

Thank you, caring citizens of Cross Plains for helping out our neighbors in Cisco and Putnam.

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Pickup truck and trailer loaded with water for residents in Putnam and Cisco.



Josh Loftis loads water on the trailer.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 13th - June 17th

Monday-13th Crafts with Chris 10:30/ Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-14th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-15th Foot Care by Kendrick at Home of Eastland/ Exercise 11:00

Thursday-16th Exercise 11:00

Friday -17th Exercise 11:00 Bingo (Fathers Day Meal) 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

June 13th- June 17th

Monday 13th- Hamburg-er Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 14th- Chicken Alfredo with Noodles, Lettuce & Tomato Mixed Fruit, Bread Dessert,

Wednesday 15th- Beef Taco Salad with , Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Beans, Chips, Picante Sauce, Des-

Thursday 16th - Chicken Salad Sandwich (Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Relish) Pickled Beets, Fruit, Dessert

Friday 17th- FATHERS DAY MEAL - Butter Beans & Ham, Onion Slices, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, 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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Assistance for Farmers and Ranchers Devastated by Floods

Commissioner Miller Announces Assistance for Farmers and Ranchers Devastated by Floods (6/2/2016)

As farmers and ranchers across the Lone Star State deal with continuous rainfall and the aftermath of recent flooding, Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller has directed the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to work with the State Emergency Operations Center and Texas Animal Health Commission to closely monitor the rapidly changing weather situation and provide assistance to farmers and ranchers affected by the floods.

"Recent flooding across the state has left our neighbors in need, many of whom are the farmers and ranchers who dedicate their lives to supplying Texas and the nation with food and clothing," Commissioner Miller said. "Here at the Texas Department of Agriculture, we are standing by ready to help in any way we can."

Commissioner Miller is also calling on his fellow Texans to lend a helping hand to those in need by donating to the State of Texas Agriculture Relief Fund or STAR Fund.

The STAR Fund was created to collect monetary contributions from private individuals and businesses to assist farmers and ranchers in responding to and recovering from natural disasters. Funds may be used to rebuild fences, restore operations and pay for other agricultural relief efforts.

"We are Texans, and when

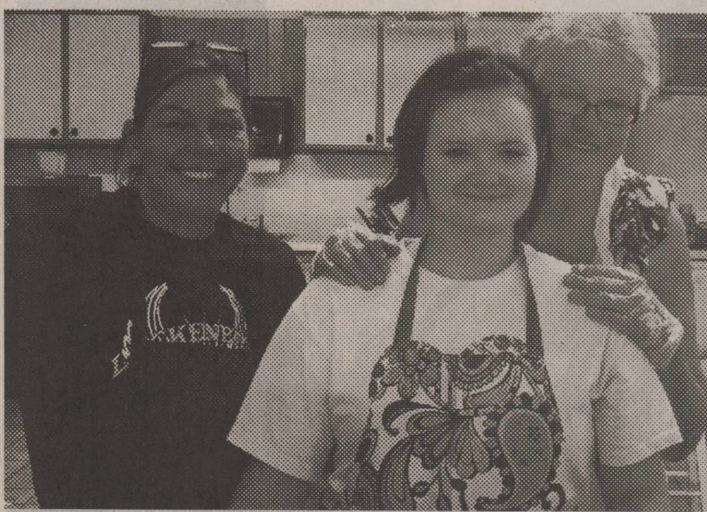
disaster strikes, Texans always rise to the challenge," Commissioner Miller said. "I ask anyone who has the means to assist those in need to please come forward and show their support."

You can learn more about how to donate to the STAR Fund on TDA's website at TexasAgriculture.gov or call TDA's Grants Office at (512) 463-6695.

As farmers and ranchers begin to assess the damage and rebuild their lives, Commissioner Miller is encouraging them to apply for assistance through the STAR Fund. TDA is now accepting applications for grants, which are available in areas where a state of disaster declaration has been issued by the governor. Farmers and ranchers can apply for assistance through the STAR Fund by contacting TDA's Grants Office at Grants@TexasAgriculture.gov or by visiting TexasAgriculture.gov.

Additionally, producers who are missing livestock because of flooding are encouraged to provide the information to the local sheriff's department in both the county where the animals were initially located and in the county where they may possibly be found. Producers can also notify the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) at (800) 242-7820 or MissingCattle@TSCRA.org.

TDA will also continue to monitor the need for hay and feed in affected areas and will request those donations should they become necessary.



Newest Employee at the Senior Center - Jordan Collier, front, is the newest employee at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. She is shown here with Carie Wheeler, back left, and Vivian Wooten, her grandmother, back right.

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Cross Plains 4H Elects Officers; Starts Sewing Class; Holds Bake Sale

Sewing Group - Will be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 at the First Baptist Church. If you have material, scissors, pins, ect... bring it with you; If not some will be available. Meetings will start on June 7th. There will be no Sewing meeting on June 9th due to the parade. Terrie has provided a box of material for those members who can't bring any. The class will start with the basics of sewing, so everyone will learn something regardless of sewing levels.

Parade: Thursday June 9th, We are meeting at the Methodist church at 5:00. Be sure and

Wear your 4-H T-shirts.

Bake Sale: June 11th. The Bake Sale will be held in front of the Old Boot Shop on Main Street. We need LOTS of goodies, this will, Terrie is in need of volunteers and ice cream freezers.

New Officers:

President: Shania Hutton
Vice President: Johnathon Wheeler
Secretary/Treasurer: Katie Goins
Parliamentarian: Dalton Hutton

Reporter: Jolie Hutton
Sergeant at Arms: Jayden Shank and Bentley Hall



Dierk and Chie Guenther from Tokushima, Japan visited the Robert E. Howard Museum

Japanese Visitors to Howard House Stay Over

Dierk and Chie Guenther have come to see Cross Plains as their second home; their first home being Tokushima, Japan. The couple visited our Robert E. Howard Museum in 2012 and returned in 2013 for their first Robert E. Howard Days.

They have stayed over the last three years as they love to see what Cross Plains is like beyond the Howard Days. Each year, thanks to our local people, they have seen Brownwood and all the haunts Howard had experienced, seen the Cottonwood area that Howard mentioned in his correspondence, visited the McWilliams ranch to see their Kobe beef operation and to enjoy a chuck wagon dinner, visited Frontier Texas, our local school and Higginbotham's. They have enjoyed all the different restaurants in town and have proclaimed that the loaded hot dogs served to all the Howard Day visitors on Friday to be their favorite.

They have worshiped with the Methodist Church each time. The first reception for them at the church found Chie and Bobbie Jo Stewart sharing an impromptu version of "Ava Maria" as well as Dierk presenting a slide show about tourist attractions in Japan. Chie bravely tried to teach the group how to make an Origami crane. The following year, they actually rehearsed the song for the worship service and the church's monthly visit to the Nursing Home in Rising Star. Then came the Origami box that attendees conquered in a

shorter time. This year they plan to teach everybody how to write their name in Japanese in addition to another Origami creation.

Last year, Chie was surprised with a birthday party at the reception. Being fifty in our country usually involves an "over the hill" cake and Chie was totally blown away with such a funky tradition. Members of the church presented her with a cookbook of primarily Texas recipes; many of which found their way to the snack area.

Chie and Bobbie Jo will again do a special presentation at the worship service as well as some fun music at the reception. Thank goodness for the Internet that has enabled the two to plan their music, even though they are half a world apart.

They have very interesting jobs in their hometown. Dierk, originally from Germany, teaches American Literature at the Tokushima University and requires his students to speak and write English while in his class. Chie teaches German language classes at the same University. They have recently purchased a home with a backyard and promptly acquired a puppy from an animal shelter. "Tex" is a rapidly growing pup that now shares his territory with Bilbo, the huge tortoise that the Guenther's have owned for a number of years.

The community is invited to attend the 10:45 worship service on Sunday at FUMC as well as the 6:00 reception on Tuesday for this delightful couple.





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Daisy Bauer is an 11-year-old girl whose father is in prison and her mother is an alcoholic. They live in a run-down trailer park when her mother decides to take a vacation and leaves Daisy with her friend Graham's family.

The Graham Cracker Plot was devised when Daisy and Graham decide to break her father out of prison. The Chemist (Daisy's father) is in prison for what Daisy believes was an accident. Daisy and Graham plan to break her father out of jail and escape to Canada. After they break several laws and things don't go as planned, Daisy has to go before a judge who tells her to write a letter thinking about all she's done wrong.

Each chapter in this book begins with "Dear Judge Henry...". Through these letters to the judge, the reader learns about Daisy's life and how she deals with poverty and a dysfunctional family. The story flows very well with a positive message of hope and love.

Chamber Banquet to Be Held on July 28th

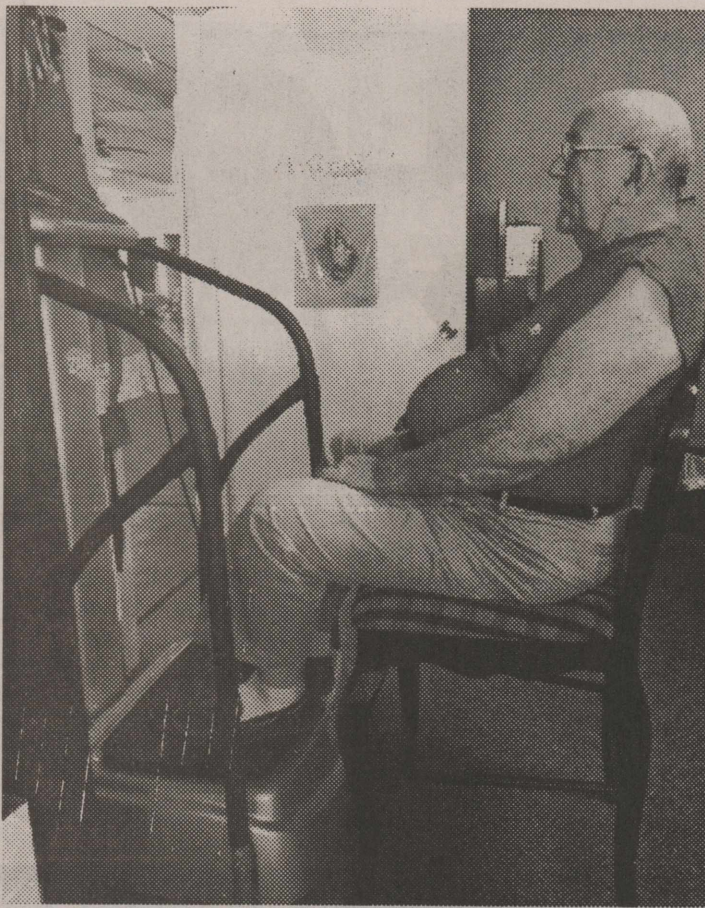
The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 28, 2016, at 6:30pm at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

The guest speaker this year will be Joe Coppinger, past CPHS teacher of 18 years, and former pastor in Cottonwood.

There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away.

The banquet will be catered by The Chopping Block of Cross Plains, Texas and the menu includes a Smoked Bacon-Wrapped Chicken Breast Plate served with twice-baked potatoes, tossed dinner salad, Italian green beans, cheddar biscuits, tea, and peach cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend our banquet. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 at the Chamber Office, which is located at 225 SW



Fred Dill trying out the ZAAZ machine by sitting with his feet on the machine.

5th (Hwy 36) in Cross Plains. The deadline to purchase your tickets is Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at noon.

The Chamber looks forward to seeing you at the banquet!

Cottonwood Baptist Mission Trips to Romaina and Haiti later this Summer

The rainy weather caused the Cottonwood Baptist Church Garage Sale to move indoors to the Main Street Pool House last Friday and Saturday.

Donations and money raised from the garage sale will help fund the two mission teams that will be travelling to Romaina and Haiti later this summer.

Team Romania consists of, Mindy Estes, Porcious Potter, William Meador, Kelly Guyon, Kaitlyn Potter and Kelli Bennett.

Team Haiti members are Thomas Estes, Bailey Richardson Estes, April Cowan, Hannah Cowan, Christine Woodard and Loralei Woodard.

If you would like to help out with either of the missions trips, but were unable to make it to the garage sale, you can drop a donation off at Texas Heritage Bank.



Billie Fulcher trying out the ZAAZ Machine at the Senior Center.

Experience ZAAZ at the Senior Citizens Center

The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center has ZAAZ!

Michelle Parker, Director of Community Programs with the Area Agency on Aging in Abilene stepped onto a ZAAZ, a whole body vibration fitness machine and immediately started looking for ways to get these machines into rural communities.

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Team Romania Mission Trip Members Kelli Bennett, Mindy Estes and Kaitlyn Potter with Team Haiti Mission Trip Member and Cottonwood Baptist Church Pastor Thomas Estes working the church's garage sale last Friday

Friends of NRA to hold meeting at Baird Dairy Queen Monday, June 13th

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA will hold a meeting to discuss the upcoming Friends of the NRA banquet next Monday, June 13th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Baird Dairy Queen restaurant.

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA annual banquet will be held on Saturday, August 6th at the First Methodist Church of Clyde Fellowship Hall located at 217 Oak Street in downtown Clyde.

Tickets are now available from any Friends of the NRA board member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal or the Rowden Store.

Only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20.00 each. The drawing will take place during the banquet on August 6th.



Three guns will be awarded to three separate winners. The first is a Kimber Ultra-Carry II Two-tone. The second is a Remington 870 Super Mat and the third gun offered will be a Weatherby Vanguard Selection 30 06.

All proceeds from this year's Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet will benefit the NRA Foundation and the West Texas FNRA.

This year's annual banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Jyrrad Scot Manners and Megan Nicole Harrison, divorce.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. James N. Hughes, consumer/commercial debt.

CP Mark Investments, Inc. and Mark Norris, individually and derivatively on behalf of CP Mark Investments, Inc. vs. Ken Horan, fraud/misrepresentation.

Glen Darrel Rhodes and Debra Ruth Rhodes, divorce.

Charla Jean Wauson and Ron Lackey, divorce.

Kayla Marie Hazelwood and Ervey Ramirez, divorce.

Civil Minutes

Michelle Lynn Boudreaux vs. Claude Albert boudreaux, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Russell L. Hopkins, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 9 months in jail, \$324 court costs.

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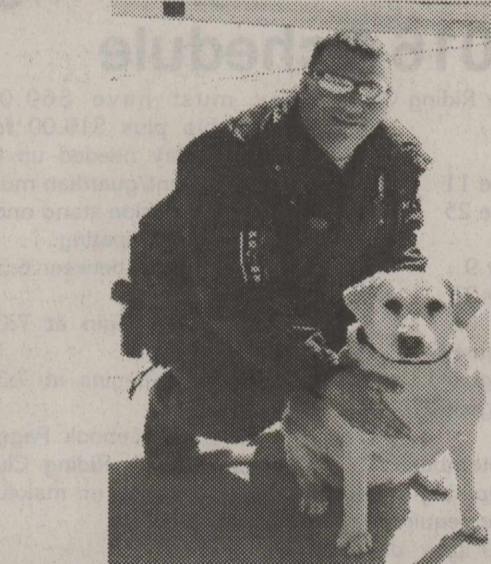
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BAIRD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH ITS FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT LINE INTERSTATE 20 AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF OFFICER BRIAN CAMPBELL BEING BROUGHT HOME.



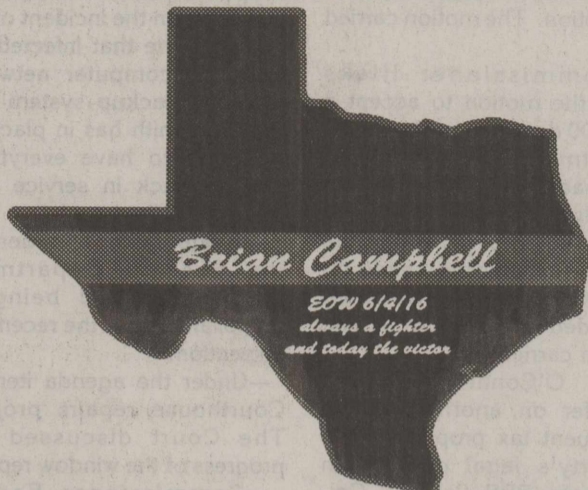
OFFICER BRIAN CAMPBELL AT A MOTORCYCLE RALLY IN 2015.



OFFICER BRIAN CAMPBELL PICTURED WITH HIS PARTNER GRACIE.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This World Needs More Brian Campbells

I was sad to hear on this bright and sunny morning that we had lost one of our best.

I sadly learned officer Brian Campbell of the Clyde Police Department, later the Callahan County Sheriff's Department and then finally at the end for the Clyde Police Department again, had lost his long and hard fought battle with cancer. This world has lost a very good and honorable man!

I would like to thank him for all the kind things he did for me

and all the people of Clyde and the surrounding communities. He was a thoughtful man and always gave his best!

Always, he was a good man, a good friend, a great officer and a nice person all around and he will be greatly missed. He was one of my best friends and always good to me, regardless of what I needed.

This world needs more Brian Campbells!

Sincerely,
Col. Weldon Herring
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OFFICER BRIAN CAMPBELL AND HIS BELOVED CANINE PARTNER "GRACIE" ON PATROL.

Donations for Brian Campbell to benefit Clyde Police Department

Clyde Police Officer Brian Campbell was thinking of the Clyde Police Department until his final days on this earth, with the announcement that instead of flowers, the family is asking everyone instead to make donations to the Clyde PD.

Clyde Police Officer Brian Campbell lost his battle with cancer, passing away on Saturday, June 4, 2016 surrounded by his loved ones.

Clyde Police Chief Robert Dalton said the family came to him and said Brian always felt like the Clyde Police Department needed more equipment in doing their job. "The family visited with me today (Monday, June 6th) about that and we've set up an account at the First Financial Bank to take donations," Chief Dalton said.

Chief Dalton said the Clyde PD is still in the preliminary stages of deciding what equipment

will be purchased with the donations they receive.

Chief Dalton said there is actually some confusion about where Brian worked during his final days here. The Clyde police chief said Brian contacted him after he was released by the Callahan County Sheriff's Department, and asked to return to the Clyde Police Department. Chief Dalton said Brian was actually on the Clyde Police duty roster since April 1st. "He wanted to be a cop and wanted to be a cop until the end and that's what we did for him," Chief Dalton said.

Chief Dalton said Brian worked for the Clyde PD about six years, and in November 2015, was hired by the Callahan County Sheriff's Department and stayed there until April 1st of this year when he was hired back on at Clyde.

Chief Dalton said Brian wanted to continue to carry his

police officer's license and the Clyde PD obliged. "His desire was to put the uniform back on," Chief Dalton said.

The Clyde police chief said the Clyde Police Department and Callahan County Sheriff's Department has organized a watch over Brian 24 hours a day and will stay by his side through his final resting place. Chief Dalton said officers will be Brian's side at the funeral home, during visitation on Tuesday, June 7th and through the funeral procession on Wednesday, June 8th to the Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene. Chief Dalton said the Abilene Police Department Honor Guard will also be assisting when Brian is laid to rest at the Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

Brian's complete obituary appears in this week's newspaper.

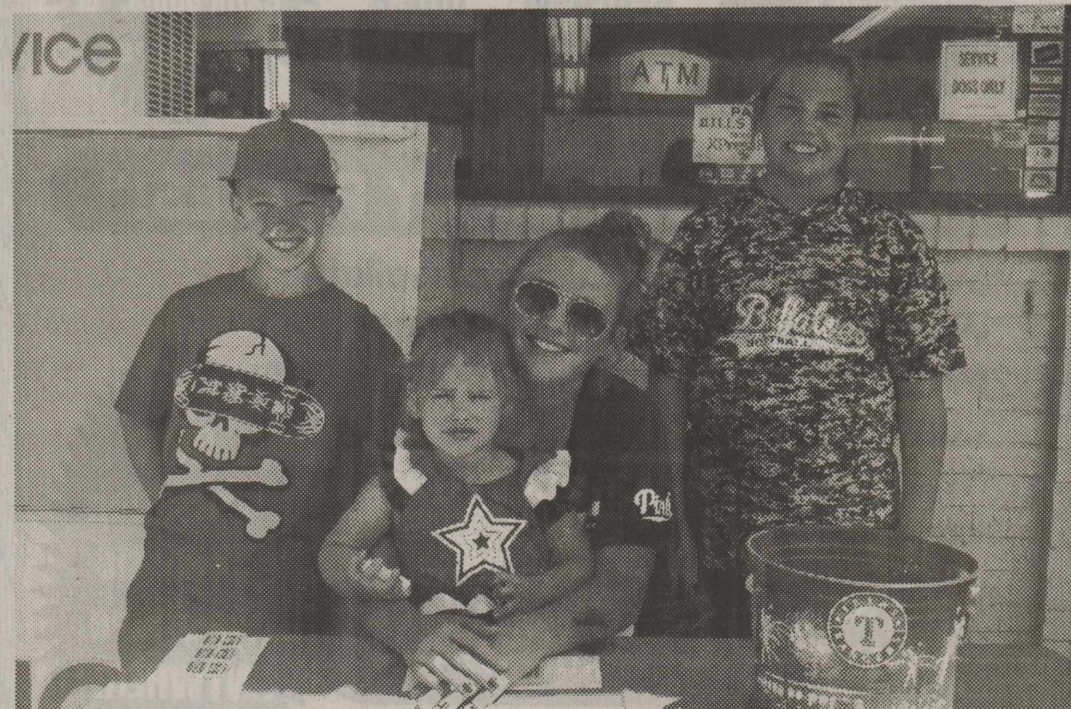
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County Commissioners convey six delinquent tax properties to Clyde EDC

Callahan County Commissioners approved the conveyance of six in-trust delinquent tax properties from Callahan County to the Clyde Economic Development Corporation during the county commissioners' court meeting held Monday, May 23rd at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioners met with John O'Connell with the law firm of McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen brought before the commissioners' court the possibility of the conveyance of six in-trust delinquent tax properties from Callahan County to the Clyde EDC. Keith Selman with the Clyde Economic Development Corporation told the commissioners' court that they intend to clean the properties and to get the properties back on the tax roll.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham,

the commissioners' court voted 50 to convey the properties to the Clyde EDC.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:32 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 at the meeting were: Amber Tinsley, John O'Connell, Scott Kniffen, Keith Selman, Weldon Hayes, Chief Deputy Rick Jowers, and Sheriff Terry Joy.

—The minutes from the previous meetings were approved and signed.

—There was no public

comment.

—No action was taken on the burn ban. The burn ban remains lifted.

—After discussion on selling 2006 Mack truck out of precinct 3. Commissioner Windham rejected all bids.

—Bids were opened for the purchase of a new Dump Truck for Precinct 3. Summit Truck Group submitted 3 bids. Commissioner Windham made a motion to reject all bids. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the Sheriff's report given by Sheriff Joy and Overtime report given by Treasurer Jan Windham. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made the motion to accept a \$500.00 donation to the Sheriff Department. The donation was made by Larry and Craig McCallum. Sheriff Joy said he would like to apply the money to renewing Leads on Line. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Mr. O'Connell presented an offer on another in-trust delinquent tax property. The property's legal description is 1 acre, BBB & C RR Co., Survey 88, Abstract 1647. Betty Henson is requesting to purchase the property. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to sell the property to Ms. Henson for \$1000.00. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to sign a Commercial Property Rental Agreement with Region XIV pertaining to the old Head Start building just north of the Courthouse. The building will be used by KBL Restoration, the contractor for the Courthouse repairs. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion.

—Commissioners' Court

reviewed the City of Clyde water distribution improvements water line and pump stations map. The review was requested by Jacob and Martin for any environmental concerns the County might have. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the plan as is with no environmental issues. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made the motion to approve and to sign the EMS Contract Amendment Agreement. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

—Sam Goldsmith with Goldsmith Solutions, by telephone conference, updated the Court on the incident of the ransom ware that infected the County's computer network. With the backup system that Mr. Goldsmith has in place he was able to have everything up and back in service in a reasonable time.

—Judge Corn commended the Sheriff's Department on passing and being in compliance after the recent jail inspection.

—Under the agenda item of Courthouse repairs project. The Court discussed the progress of the window repairs.

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

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which then carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 A.M.

Hey Teens! Cross Plains Public Library Offers Driving Education and Driving Tests

A reminder that the Cross Plains Public Library has partnered with Driving-Tests.org, a company dedicated to driver safety and education, to offer free DMV practice tests to library patrons. The service includes free tests, written specifically based on the Texas DMV materials, and is the only site of its kind to include accessibility tools that allow users to hear selections read aloud, make them into MP3s, translate pages into other languages, magnify text, and mask sections of the screen for greater visibility on driving practice tests.

This program contains the following information specifically for Texas:

- 11 car practice tests
- 9 motorcycle practice tests
- 11 CDL (Commercial Driver's License) practice tests
- 3 online driver's manuals (car, motorcycle, CDL)
- An FAQ section with detailed answers to 100+ DMV-related questions

Availability and accessibility

is important to the creators of Driving-Tests.org, as the site is designed to help new drivers study state manuals and take driving practice tests based on the real DMV written exams. This partnership allows the Cross Plains Public Library to harness the power of Driving-Tests.org's specialized practice exams to turn new drivers into safer drivers.

The program will work as an outreach for several valued groups of patrons, such as teens, those with disabilities, those who participate in the library's programs for seniors and need to take a renewal exam, and patrons at every other stage of life. The site is automatically updated as new practice tests become available and some tests are also available in Spanish.

For more information, please visit the library or visit our website at www.crossplainslibrary.com and click on Driver's Education Tests, located on the left side of our website's main page.

Commissioners continue Declaration of Disaster

Callahan County Commissioners voted to continue the Declaration of Disaster for Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, June 6th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

After discussion about the storm damage of May 28th-May 31st, Commissioner Cliff Kirkham made a motion to continue the Declaration of Disaster called by Judge Roger Corn on May 31st. Commissioner Tom Windham seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:35 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.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to sign a Commercial Property Rental Agreement with Region XIV pertaining to the old Head Start building just north of the Courthouse. The building will be used by KBL Restoration, the contractor for the Courthouse repairs. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion.

—Commissioners' Court

Callahan County Riding Club 2016 Schedule

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June:

- Saturday, June 11
- Saturday, June 25

July:

- Saturday, July 9
- Saturday, July 23

August:

- Saturday, August 6
- Saturday, August 13
- Saturday, August 27

September:

- Saturday, September 17

Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days.

They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also, parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating.

Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

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

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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

We are all welcoming the bright sunshine. Everyone is out checking out the damage done by all the rain. We got 4 to 5 inches in the last rain alone. Some of the roads have received some heavy damage and have washed out in places.

The Cottonwood Post Office was broken in to sometime last Thursday night / early Friday morning. They broke out the window in the door and broke the lock on the door.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church was also broken in to about the same time.

Neighbors, please keep a watch out and if you see anything that doesn't look right, call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

The CPHS Cheerleaders are having a Garage Sale and Bake Sale on Friday, June 10th between the High School and Elementary School. Stop by and see them. They'll be there from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Grace Goode of Cottonwood is one of the Cheerleaders.

The Cross Plains 4H Club will be having a Bake Sale on Saturday, June 11th in front of the old Boot Shop in downtown Cross Plains. Come out and support the kids. Bentley Hall and Jack Larimore are two local 4H members. Look for the 4H in the Barbarian Festival Parade on Thursday evening (June 9).

Joe Terstegge and the Cross Plains VFD will be cooking hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hotdogs, along with barbeque brisket sandwiches, in front of Lowe's Market on Saturday, June 11th. They'll start at 11 a.m and run until they run out of food. They'll also be having a water drive to replenish the 60 or so cases of water that they took over to the Cisco Fire Department last Wednesday.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group took bottled water over to the Putnam Fire Department on Friday.

Adrian Allen, Roy Boyd, Dennis Hinkle and Roger Hinkle attended the Callahan County Firefighter's Assoc. Meeting in Putnam on Saturday.

We received a report from Bryan Bennett on the Coats Reunion; that was held last weekend at the First United

Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

"Well, I can say that about 40 People gathered together that were the descendants of John Alexander Coats. We had Wanda Scott from Perryton, Texas was probably the longest traveler, and she came with her daughter-in-law Denise Scott. Todd Tye from Denton, Mike and Shelly Segrove and her dad Bryan Tye all from Grandview, Jan and David Pattillo from Hamilton."

"Butch and Sandra Harris and their Daughter Camy from Arlington. Carol Bennett from Arlington (formerly from Cottonwood) was also there along with her son John Carl Bennett and his wife Michelle and the kids Tye and Mattie also from Arlington. John Franklin Bennett was there from Cottonwood."

"Also from Cottonwood, Bryan and Grace Bennett and kids Kelli Sue, Emma, and Dayna and grand kiddos Ella and Karsyn Lynn.

"The sons of Phillip Bennett who attended were Mikey and his wife Kaci June Bennett, Andy and his wife Megan from Frisco, Zachary Bennett from San Marcos and Phillip's daughter Brittany Bennett and her daughter Alice from San Marcos. Sheri Bennett from Abilene was also there, as were

Denise Scott and her son and daughter-in-law. Also family friend Kenzie Halsell from Coleman attended.

"We all had a great time digging thru pictures and visiting and eating great food. I am sure I left out some names, if I left your name out please let me know and I will add it to the next column."

Warren and Liz Larimore, parents of Wes Larimore, brought Jack and Strena's cousins Waylon and Cylis up for a visit from League City for Jack's 16th Birthday.

Jack is going to the South Texas Buckskin Brigade this summer. Many local folks helped support Jack and the Texas Brigades, including Erik Woodard, Connie's Cuts and Curis, Salamanders, Dr. Paulk, Sparks Insurance, Lawrence's Feed, Montgomery Auto, T&K, Texas Heritage, Rick's Barber Shop, Hutton Construction, Larson's Pharmacy, Potter's Taxidermy, Butcher Block, Hutton Auto, Bubbas BBQ, and Weaver Family. You know Jack will have a good time at the Brigades!

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The Market at Clyde, Saturday at Clyde Chamber of Commerce building 9am-5pm

This Saturday, June 11th, 9am-5pm, vendors will meet at The Clyde Chamber building on North First Street to offer their hand crafted items for purchase. Every item at The Market is handcrafted by local artist, artisans, crafters and home cooks.

Items will include home décor created from fabric, leather, wood, metal, glass as well as fine art. Spring, summer and Patriotic themes are represented in these collections. Most of these vendors also take consignment orders. If this is the time to update and uplift the look in your home or office be sure to visit with these creative people. You will find handcrafted lamps, wreaths, small furniture, wall hangings,

yard art and so much more. Other one of a kind items include hand crafted soaps, baked items, jams, jellies, candy arrangements, memory pillows, wind chimes, and to much more to name. There will even be Texas author, Bill Wood, selling and signing his books. These Christian Westerns set in Central Texas make wonderful gifts, especially for Fathers Day.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at The Market at Clyde email themarketatclyde@gmail.com or call 325-518-3939. The Market is held the second Saturday of each month. To see more visit the Facebook page, The Market at Clyde, Texas. Also see the ad in this paper.

Denton Valley Church to Host Glory Bound Quartet Sunday

Sunday afternoon, June 12, 2016 beginning at 5:00 PM the "Glory Bound Quartet" will be singing at the Denton Valley Church.

If you haven't heard this group, or if you have...they make beautiful music together and are very proud to be sharing

with you.

A large variety of refreshments including sandwiches, cookies, cakes, pies, etc. will be served to the crowd following the concert.

Everyone be sure to come join us, listen, eat and enjoy.

Benefit Bar-B-Q Dinner for Rex Fiscus

The Eugene Bell American Legion Post 82 in Baird will be hosting a benefit for Rex Fiscus on Friday, June 10th, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The benefit will include a Bar-B-Q Brisket &/or Sausage Plate, with all the trimmings which includes: pinto beans, potato salad, bread, tea and dessert from some of the best cooks in the county.

Each plate will cost \$10. per

person.

An auction will follow the meal at 7:00 p.m. and Karaoke will begin at 8:00 p.m.

For more information or to donate items to the auction contact the American Legion or Becky Hewitt at 404-219-0661.

Though Rex has passed, all the funds generated from this benefit will be given to his family to help with funeral expenses.

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Almost a Fire
Yesterday morning the fire alarm was sounded in from box No. 476, and it was discovered to be caused by a fire breaking out in the Whitley House. The fire was occasioned by carelessness in the flue or stove pipe being put through the roof in such a manner that the shingles ignited, burning a good size hole through the roof. Mr. Ensor rushed to the scene, climbed up to the upper joists and dashed a bucket of water on the fire, which put a 'damper' upon it. We again admonish our citizens to be cautious. One little careless act, or a little negligence may burn up our town. It is not only your own property that is endangered but that of every person in the place.

Minutes of the Cemetery Meeting

A meeting of the citizens of Baird was held at the school house last Tuesday night, the 17th inst., to take into consideration the feasibility of taking steps to construct a suitable fence around the grave yard. By motion N. P. Rice was called to the chair, Thos. Hadley was elected treasurer and W. R. Lotz, secretary. Motion was made and carried to constitute Messrs. Rice, Hadley and Lotz a board of trustees. On motion two others, J. P. Johnson and S. L. Ogle, were added to the number. It was moved and carried that the next meeting be held Thursday evening Oct. 26th. A motion to adjourn carried.

Personal

J. F. Taylor, of Coleman, is in town to-day.

Mr. R. D. Yoakum, of the Larissa nursery, was in town this week.

Judge B. R. Webb, wife and baby returned last Thursday morning from their trip east.

Maj. R. H. Overall, of Coleman, was in town yesterday and took the east bound train last night for Arkansas.

Among the late arrivals of prospectors in town we notice Messrs. Ing of California, and Brown of Ohio. They are registered at the Sigal House.

Mr. L. O. Oliver left yesterday with his family for a few days sojourn at Coleman. They went in their own conveyance. Will return on Monday.

Capt. W. J. Maltby and his daughter, Miss Mollie, paid the Clarendon office a pleasant visit last Tuesday. They left on the east bound train for Austin, where they go to attend the State Fair. The Captain will show what Callahan county can do in the way of raising vegetables. They will also visit their former home in Burnet county and will be absent about two weeks.

Mrs. M. H. Donohoe returned from her visit in Motley county, last Thursday evening. She informs us that Mr. Donohoe is now in Los Angeles, California, where he has bought sheep, and as it is so late will probably winter them there, in which event Mrs. D. will join him there soon, and spend the winter in lovely Los Angeles. Her many friends are glad to welcome her back in Baird.

BORN

TUCKER - On Oct. 20th, at Baird, to the wife of Ed Turner, a son.

CALLAHAN - Oct. , at Baird, to the wife of P. L. Callahan, a daughter.

County's computer system attacked

Callahan County's computer system was hit with a ransomware computer virus demanding money, but fortunately the County's computer system has multiple backups and were able to restore the computer network within hours of the attack.

Sam Goldsmith, with Goldsmith Solutions, said the computer attack occurred at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18th and the county's computer system was restored and verified by Friday, May 20th. Goldsmith Solutions is contracted with Callahan County for its IT computer services.

Goldsmith said the offices of the County Jail, Treasurer's Office, County Clerk and Justice of the Peace offices were affected.

He said the ransomware was

apparently downloaded by a county employee not aware of the virus, which was attached to an email sent to the County. "An employee downloaded something that was not legitimate," Goldsmith said. He said he does not know if it was an email attachment or what.

Goldsmith said all the county offices which were affected are all tied to a shared network drive. He said he immediately contacted the county's computer network company to inform them of the attack.

Goldsmith said the county offices affected were shutdown for a few hours by the County to keep the virus from spreading to other county computer systems. He said the county offices affected were able to be restored overnight and that all computer functions were restored by Friday afternoon.

He said the ransomware virus asked the County for \$500 to restore its computer system through the BIT coin method of payment. Goldsmith said that although the amount asked for was a small amount, the County did not pay the ransom. "You don't know who you're dealing with," Goldsmith said, adding "it could be some terrorist organization." He said the email-asking for the ransom apparently came from overseas.

Goldsmith said all County employees have since been sent an email reminding them not to open anything that has an attachment or asks for a password. He said the County Treasurer's office should be contacted first before any county employee opens an email they're suspicious of.

Goldsmith said he notified

the commissioners' court of the ransom attack by telephone conference on May 23rd to update the court about the incident. He told the commissioners' court that with the backup system that Goldsmith Solutions has in place, he was able to have everything up and back in service within a reasonable time. He said, "The point I was making to the commissioners is we have to be right 100 percent of the time. Bad guys just have to be right one percent of the time."

Goldsmith said that of the 213,674 images stored on the county's network drive, 20,811 were compromised. "We were able to restore and verify all 20,811 images by May 20th," Goldsmith said.

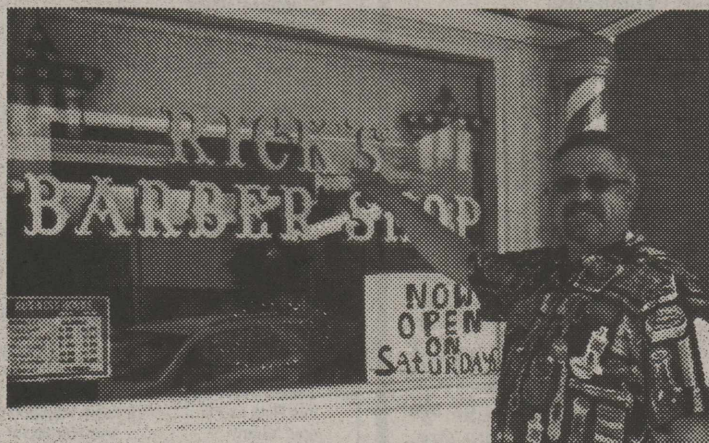
Judge Attends Training

The Texas Justice Court Training Center (TJCTC) Would like to recognize Judge Burlie W. Taylor from Callahan County for completing the mandated 20-hours of judicial education required of all justice of the peace on May 31- June 3, 2016 in Lubbock, Tx.

This Justice of the Peace seminar is a highly intensive two and a half-day training that addresses topics in advanced civil, criminal and ethical issues. The 20-Hour seminar satisfies the mandatory education requirements and provides up-to-date information concerning

legislation and procedures applicable to justice courts. It is the goal of TJCTC to provide quality education opportunities for justices of the peace in order to help them better serve the people of the State of Texas.

The Justices of the Peace and Constable Association of Texas (JPCA) has been involved in providing judicial education since 1958. The Texas Justice Court Training Center located in Austin, Tx administers the judicial education programs on behalf of JPCA all over the State of Texas.



Ray's Barber Shop is now Rick's Barber Shop. Owner Rick Herring is now open on Saturdays.

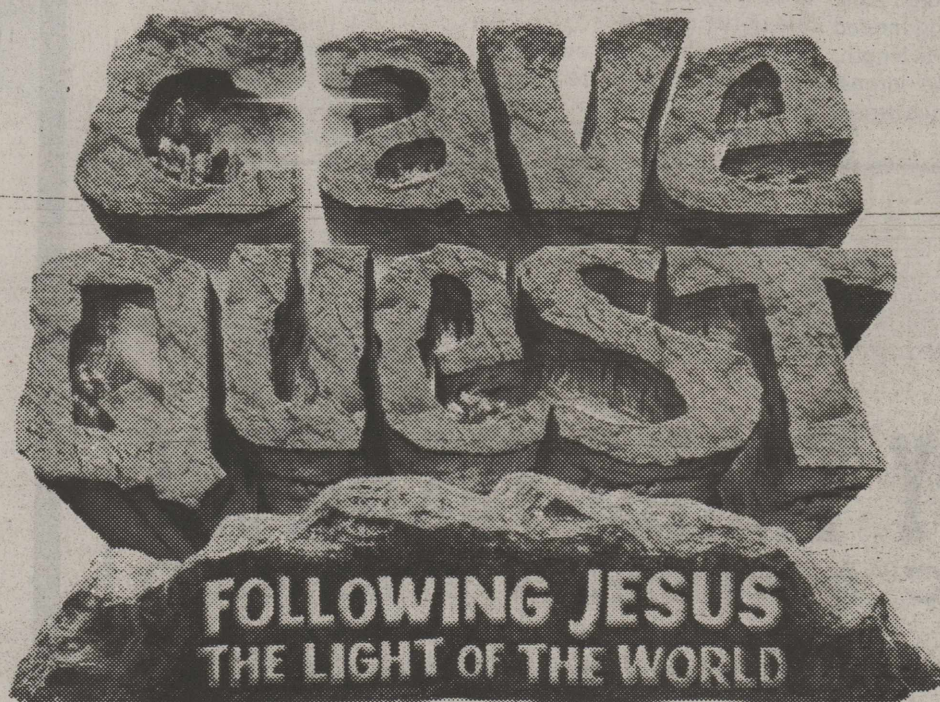
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New Mexico Milksnake

Looking back at my time as a young naturalist, I fondly recall the hours that I would spend absorbing everything that I could from books at the Scurry county library. (Yes, this was many, MANY years before the advent of the internet!) One book in particular held my interest for hours on end, and in this book, there were photos of EVERY species of snake that calls Texas home. I still have the image of a red, black, and white banded snake burned into my mind, and I couldn't wait until I had the opportunity to see one of west Texas' living gems alive in the wild. That reptile was the New Mexico Milksnake.



New Mexico Milksnake (Lampropeltis triangulum celaenops)

The New Mexico Milksnake (Lampropeltis triangulum celaenops) is a shiny, colorful subterranean serpent that occurs from southeastern Arizona eastward to western Texas, then southward to the Mexican state Coahuila. In Texas, it can be encountered in the western one-quarter of the state, along a line roughly from just west of Amarillo southward to Sanderson.

Like other members of the Kingsnake and Milksnake genus, the New Mexico Milksnake is covered by smooth, glossy scales that give the appearance of the animal being waxed and shiny. In fact, the genus name Lampropeltis is derived from Latin words meaning "shiny shield". This species is known for its vibrant multicolored background. Typically, there is an average of 22 red, or occasionally orange, colored bands that are set apart by much narrower black bands. In between these narrow black bands are lighter colored bands (either white or cream-colored) that are wider than the black bands, but narrower than the red bands. The head from the white cheeks forward is black, save for a few dots of white on the nose. The belly can be mostly black, or more often, the red bands will almost encircle the body while the black and white bands will not.

This colorful snake is one of four types of milksnake that reside in Texas, and it is the smallest one in stature. Most individuals that are encountered are shorter than 2 feet in length, and by contrast, the largest specimens may approach a mere 28 inches.

At one time, this snake was thought to be fairly rare, and only with more understanding of its natural history has it been shown that it in fact is not rare, just rarely observed. It prefers to remain underground the vast majority of the year with surface activity occurring primarily in the spring. A secondary surface movement also occurs during the rainy summer nights. Unlike most serpents that seem to resent hard rainfalls, the New Mexico Milksnake appears to relish them, oftentimes being active even as the torrential rains fall from the sky.

It prefers to live in grassland milieus that dot the western Panhandle and northern Trans-Pecos, although it is frequently encountered in the limestone crevices of the Stockton Plateau and the moist canyons of the Chihuahuan Desert.

New Mexico Milksnakes, like other members of this genus, feed on a large variety of vertebrate animals. The varied dietary habits of this snake include food items such as small mammals, lizards, smaller snakes, and other reptile eggs. The name milksnake is derived, incidentally, by the fact that many milksnakes were found near barns, and when the milk-cow was dry, the "evil" snake was to blame. However, aside from the fact that snakes don't drink milk, the sharp teeth of this snake would prohibit Besie from sitting around calmly while a snake was attached to one of her udders!

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of inactivity during the coldest

months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Like most other harmless snakes found in Texas, New Mexico Milksnakes are egg-laying creatures. Mating occurs primarily during the months of March and April with egg deposition happening in late April or early June. Egg clutches vary in size from 4 to 8, depending on the size and age of the female. The eggs are elongated and of moderate size, generally just under an inch in length. The soft, permeable eggs are buried beneath debris to hold the humidity levels at a premium to avoid desiccation.

The neonates hatch from the eggs roughly two months after deposition and average a mere 6 inches at hatching. After hatching, the young are carbon copies of the adults in appearance, except the red and white bands are significantly brighter than the parents. And like other snake species, they require no assistance from the parents as they are capable of fending for themselves at birth.

As I mentioned earlier, this species was thought to be quite rare just a decade or two ago. In fact, they were placed on the protected species list for the state of Texas. But after much research, the population dynamics of this species has shown that it is actually quite common in the right habitat, and as such, it was subsequently removed from the states protected species list.

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- 1 Gulf crustacean
- 5 Hawaiian Six-Step
- 6 Zulu warriors
- 7 Muslim ruler
- 8 minor car accident (2 wds.)
- 17 Grand ___ Opry
- 18 Mexican dictator Huerta who died in El Paso
- 21 Sinatra of 1963 film "4 for Texas" (init.)
- 22 El Paso event: "Great River Raft"

- 23 Dean of film in 21-across
- 24 TXism: "in a ___ trouble" (lot of trouble)
- 29 So. Padre buggy
- 30 TXism: "___ apart at the seams"
- 31 letters expressing a foul odor
- 32 where you put helium for a party (2 wds.)
- 34 TXism: "no hill ___ stepper" (easy)
- 35 TXism: "he couldn't lick his upper ___" (weak)
- 36 TXism: "packed like ___ in a can"
- 37 rabbit
- 38 James Dean was this Rink in TX epic "Giant"
- 39 star of 1958 epic western "The Big Country"
- 41 this Elie helped win titles with the Spurs and the Rockets, and was a Mavs asst. coach

- 42 TX cosmetics queen: Mary Kay ___
- 43 restaurant found in TX: "___ Mexico"
- 44 TXism: "happy as a Santa's lap"
- 45 TX "Delta Dawn" singer (init.)
- 46 union at Arlington's GM plant
- 47 noted black TX choreographer, Alvin

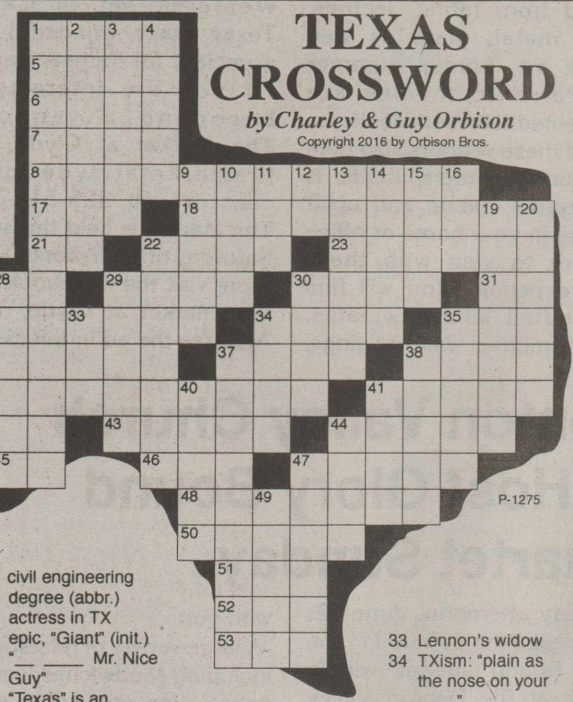
- 48 "on ___ and pins"
- 50 TXism: "sticks like ___ a road"
- 51 tree fluid
- 52 NY time zone
- 53 Sam Houston's 3rd wife, Margaret

- 1 "Deke" Slayton was ___ operations at TX Johnson Space Center
- 2 Sam Houston beat this Hardin for governor in 1859
- 3 home of Sul Ross State University
- 4 in Callahan Co. on I-20
- 9 Roy Rogers TX wife, Dale
- 10 Houston university

- 11 civil engineering degree (abbr.)
- 12 actress in TX epic, "Giant" (init.)
- 13 "___ Mr. Nice Guy"
- 14 "Texas" is an outdoor musical in Palo Duro Canyon
- 15 Irish for "Ireland"
- 16 TXism: "fast as a ___ up a rafter"
- 19 TXism: "___ the bud" (stop early)
- 20 TXism: "mosey ___ the trough" (join)
- 22 "either you run the day or the day ___"
- 24 "howdy"

- 25 TX Ross Perot's 1st naval rank out of the Academy
- 26 TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)
- 27 "Lebb Shomes" of south TX was once "La ___ Ranch"
- 28 George W. is the ___ of six
- 29 "busy bees"
- 30 TXism: "pop the ___" (begin)

- 33 Lennon's widow
- 34 TXism: "plain as the nose on your ___"
- 35 UH sprinter and later coach, Burrell
- 37 "___ his way in if he could" worn-out horses
- 38 Prickly Pear Cactus is the TX state ___
- 41 TXism: "long as a country ___"
- 44 pottery oven
- 47 Texas "___-a-Highway" program
- 49 TXism: "wipe the state clean"



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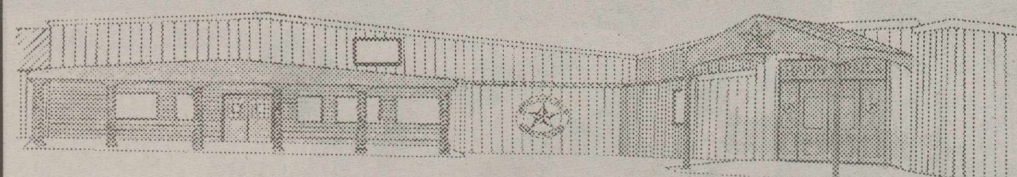


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