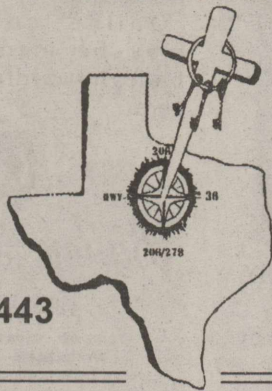


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Cross Plains Publisher-Don Tabor remembered as true professional

By Dan Carpenter, Special to the Reporter-News

Posted: Aug. 13, 2016
CLYDE—Don Tabor, a long-time newspaper editor in the Big Country, died Aug. 12. He was 80.

As a veteran reporter, Tabor probably would have preferred a terse obituary, but his colleagues recalled a professional journalist and world-class character.

"He and Bob Bruce were my mentors," said Roy Jones, a former staff writer for the Reporter-News, where Tabor worked for 18 years before leaving in August 1976 to run the Clyde Journal in his hometown. "I followed Don as the court reporter, and those were big shoes to fill. He was an invaluable help to me because he had built so many relationships there."

As a reporter, Jones said Tabor was resourceful when it came to getting a story. He recalled a trial Tabor covered in Palo Pinto County, where there was one phone on the courthouse square in a time several decades before cell phones.

"Don just used his Callahan County common sense and paid a kid to hold the phone booth for him by pretending to be on the phone," said Jones. "Don was very resourceful."

As an editor, Jones said Tabor was cool under pressure. In the old days of newspapers, editors often had to come up with fillers, short bits of information, to fill up space when a story was short by a few lines. Jones recalled that, hard on a deadline, Tabor came up with, "Wet birds don't fly at night."

"To show you the power of a filler, no one ever questioned whether or not that was true, but I suspect it wasn't," Jones said.

While Tabor made his bones as a reporter covering trials,

Jones recalled that Tabor won a Headliner Award for a short story about the extents people went to get the pecans off of the trees at the old courthouse.

"One person kept bumping the tree with his car to knock the pecans off," Jones said. "That was his only Headliner award, but he won his share of AP awards."

Tabor also didn't suffer fools. Bruce, who worked alongside Tabor on the news desk and died in 2009, once told the story about how a reader called and asked Tabor why the paper ran so many pictures of minorities, although the man couched the question in racist terms.

Tabor's curt reply was, "Because I'm the damn editor."

Evidently the man was expecting Tabor to be defensive, Bruce said, because he didn't want to continue the discussion.

One of Tabor's closest friends, former Reporter-News sportswriter Art Lawler, said the story was vintage Tabor.

"Absolutely," said Lawler, who now lives in Oklahoma. "Don was no racist."

Just as Jones said, Lawler described Tabor as a mentor.

"He and Bob (Bruce) worked the desk," he said. "I think Don was over Bob. I don't know what their titles were, but they were two good guys. They didn't start kidding me until they were sure I was going to make it."

When Tabor left to buy the Clyde paper, he and Lawler continued a good-natured rivalry in their columns. What many readers may have missed was that the pair were good friends. Lawler said they often would drive out to the country with a six pack of beer and discuss philosophy.

Once, their journey took them to a pond, which, after each accused the other of smelling a bit gamy, they discovered was



an open sewer.

"You would have thought we would have left," Lawler said. "But, we got used to the smell and stayed there."

Lawler's favorite story about Tabor occurred when Tabor was shooting pictures at a Clyde football game in which is son, Bryan, was playing.

"Bryan was playing safety or corner and Don thought he was playing too far off the ball," said Lawler. "He kept yelling, 'Play up!' Bryan finally called to the coaching staff, 'Coach, would you get this man off my back?' Don said he crawled back to the stands, humiliated."

Tabor was born in Clyde and graduated from Clyde High

School. He earned a degree in journalism from North Texas State University. He married Betty Jo Patton in 1957.

He is survived by his wife and three sons: Gil and wife Becky of Baird, Bryan and wife Susann of New Braunfels, and Danny of Clyde. He had four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by a brother, retired Major General Dale Tabor of Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

Funeral Services were at First United Methodist Church of Clyde at 2 p.m. Monday under the direction of the Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Schools Starts Tuesday, August 23rd; Cross Plains ISD Ready for Students

Cross Plains ISD is ready to open the door on the 2016-2017 school year on Tuesday, August 23rd.

Administration, teachers and staff have been preparing for the students and are looking forward to the new year.

The Faculty and Staff Assignments for the 2016-2017 School Year:

Superintendent: Phil Mitchell, High School Principal: Brad Jones; Elementary Principal: Leslie Lawrence; Linda Birdwell, Business Manager; Lurene McNutt, Superintendent's Secretary.

High School Teachers and Staff: Michelle Allen, Health/

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Dade Cosby, Tech/Coach; Elvan Goode, AG; Evelyn Harris, Lib. Aide; JoJo Morgan, Sped/Coach; Marc Morgan, AG; Ashley Moses, Special Education; Brandi Purvis, HS Science; Daniel Purvis, Coach/7th History; Cathryn Rasbury, Band; Tracy Tipton, Coach; Jan Ward, Aide; John Ward, Science/Coach.
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Have Fun at the Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 27th

Come and have fun at the Back to School Fair on Saturday August 27th from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the parking lot between the school and the football field.

The Junior High Cheerleaders will have lots of fun things to do:

Face Painting, Train Rides, Free Throw Contest, Cake Walk, and Petting Zoo.

A Concession Stand will be set up so you can get drinks and snacks.

Everyone is welcome to come out and join in the fun!

Cancer Walk Slated for Saturday, October 1st

Saturday, October 1st is the date for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Walk.

The theme for this year's event is "The Amazing Race Against Cancer". Start planning your booth for this around the world adventure!



Hannah's Lemonade Stand Open on Wednesday 10 am-1 pm

Wednesday, August 17th is the last day for Hannah's Lemonade Stand. Hannah will be open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. serving fresh-squeezed lemonade and homemade cookies.

All the money that Hannah raises from the Lemonade Stand goes to the Senior Center.



Hannah McKinney at her Lemonade Stand. Hannah will be set up on the sidewalk between the Senior Center and Higginbothams from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the last day for the Lemonade Stand.

GED Classes Starting Soon

If you've been thinking about getting your GED, it's time to make up your mind to "get er done".

You can get your GED for free, right here in Cross Plains.

GED Orientation and Classes begin on Monday and Tuesday, August 29th and 30th at the Cross Plains Library. Classes run from 5:00 until 9:00 in the evening.

If you are ready to sign up and start GED classes - or if you are just curious, come by and want to learn the possibilities.

Buffaloes Scrimmage At Irion County on Thursday, August 18th

The Cross Plains Buffaloes travel to Irion County Thursday night for their second scrimmage of the football season. Scrimmage starts at 6 p.m.



The Buffaloes Met Hamilton for a scrimmage on Friday night. More photos of the football players, cheerleaders and band from Meet the Buffaloes and the scrimmage inside.

Open House at Kingdom's Door and Attic this Saturday

Kingdom's Door and Attic, the Clothes Closet, is having an Open House this Saturday morning, August 20th from 9 until 11 a.m.

Punch and cookies will be served. Stop by Kingdom's Door, the Clothes Closet and shop for back to school clothing, as well as ladies and men's clothing.

Shop at Kingdom's Attic for household goods and kitchen items.

The clothing and household goods free. Everyone is welcome.

Kingdom's Door and Attic is located in two of the buildings behind the Baptist Church Playground.



Rain Falls in Cross Plains Area

Rain gauges in the Cross Plains area filled up around the two-inch mark after rain on Friday morning and afternoon.

Many residents reported a inch and a half to two inches of rain.

Despite the recent rain, the ground is still dry and the Burn Ban is still in effect. No outdoor burning is allowed.

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OBITUARIES



DONALD MAYNARD TABOR

Donald Maynard Tabor
 Donald Maynard Tabor, 80, of Clyde, Texas died Friday August 12, 2016. Funeral services were held Monday, August 15, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church of Clyde at 2:00 p.m. with Marvin Gregory officiating, under the direction of Bailey-Howard Funeral Home. Visitation was Sunday August 14, 2016 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Don was born August 1, 1936 to Clark Tabor and Laverne Nelson in Clyde, Texas. He was a graduate of Clyde High School and North Texas State University where he received his degree in Journalism. He married Betty Jo Patton August 25, 1957 in Clinton, Arkansas. After graduating from college he worked 18 years at the Abilene Reporter News as the editor of the evening edition.

In 1976, on his birthday, Don purchased the Clyde Journal which he owned and operated for the past 40 years. Don also owned the Baird Banner and the Cross Plains Review. He received many press awards during his time with the newspaper business. He was past president of the Clyde Chamber of Commerce, and he was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Clyde.

Don is survived by his wife of 58 years Betty Jo Tabor, three sons; Gil Tabor and wife Becky of Baird, Texas, Bryan Tabor and wife Susann of New Braunfels, Texas, and Danny Tabor of Clyde, Texas. One brother; Retired Major General Dale Tabor and wife Kay of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. A nephew; Russ Tabor and wife Lisa of Littleton, Colorado, niece; Jill Bell and husband Bill of Spring, Texas. Four grandchildren; Justin Tabor and wife Haley, Stephanie Davidson and husband D.J., Texas, Kyera Smith and husband Matt all of Abilene, Texas, Ashley Broadus and husband Ronnie of Clyde, Texas. 10 great grandchildren; Breland and Paisley Tabor, Joshua and Jace Davidson, lam, Matthew Jr., Gabriel and Kaysalynn Smith, Logan and

Kylie Broadus.
 He was preceded in death by his parents.
 Online condolences may be made at www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com

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Gary Ray McNutt

Gary Ray McNutt

November 13, 1972 ~ August 15, 2016

Gary Ray McNutt, 43, of Angleton, Texas passed away Monday, August 15, 2016. Gary was born in Coleman County on November 13, 1972. He loved hunting, fishing, and camping, enjoyed water skiing as well as anything he could do outdoors, and had a passion for boobies.

Left to cherish his memory are Gary's parents Glenn and Lee McNutt, his brothers Greg McNutt and Russell McNutt, sister-in-law Andrea, nieces Jade, Shelby Lynn, and Kaylee, nephew Hunter, great niece Alice, and great nephew Jameson Ray, along with numerous aunts and uncles.

A visitation will be held Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Palms Funeral Home.

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Death Notice

Katie Jane Musch

Katie Jane Musch, age 83 of Alamogordo, NM, passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2016. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Texas.

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Grand Ole Oplin Dance Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin Dance is hosted by the Oplin Community Center. These Friday night dances, as well as all of our community functions are alcohol and smoke free.
 The August line-up of bands are as follows:
 • August 19th-Midnight Blue
 • August 26th-Muddy Creek
 The Oplin Community Center is located at the intersection of FM 604 So and FM 2926 in southwest Callahan County.
 For the low admission price of \$5.00 per person, you can enjoy an evening of great dancing, listening to good music and visiting with friends. Dances start at 7:30 PM and end at 10:30PM. Everyone is encouraged to bring snacks to be shared by all, during the band's intermission. Bring your family and friends for a night of two-stepping and waltzes. You'll have a good time at The Grand Ole Oplin!

Callahan County Predator Control Association annual meeting & 2016-17 Feral Hog Program

The Callahan County Predator Control Association Board of Directors would like to invite you to the 7th Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Baird Activity Center located at 208 Walnut Street. A meal will be provided by Cooks Fish Barn. This meeting is open to landowners and tenants interested in the control of feral hogs in the county. Annual Membership fees are \$10.00 per year. Please RSVP by August 29th by calling the Callahan County Extension Office at 325 854-5835.
 The objectives of this organization are to assist landowners and tenants in controlling the feral hogs throughout the county. Over the past 6 years we have participated in the USDA Services Program and the Texas Department of Agriculture Grant Program. During this time we have eradicated over 5,000 feral hogs and 1,500 coyotes. The Association has received a total of \$52,500 in TDA Grant Funds since 2011 that have been used to pay a large portion of the aerial services and ground trapping. The Board of Directors would like to see this program continued as we have received feedback from landowners and hunters that the turkey and quail seem to be making a comeback during the past year. We feel that part of this is due to the success in removing at least a number of the feral hog population in the county.
 If you have any questions about this program please contact the Extension Office at 325 854-5835.
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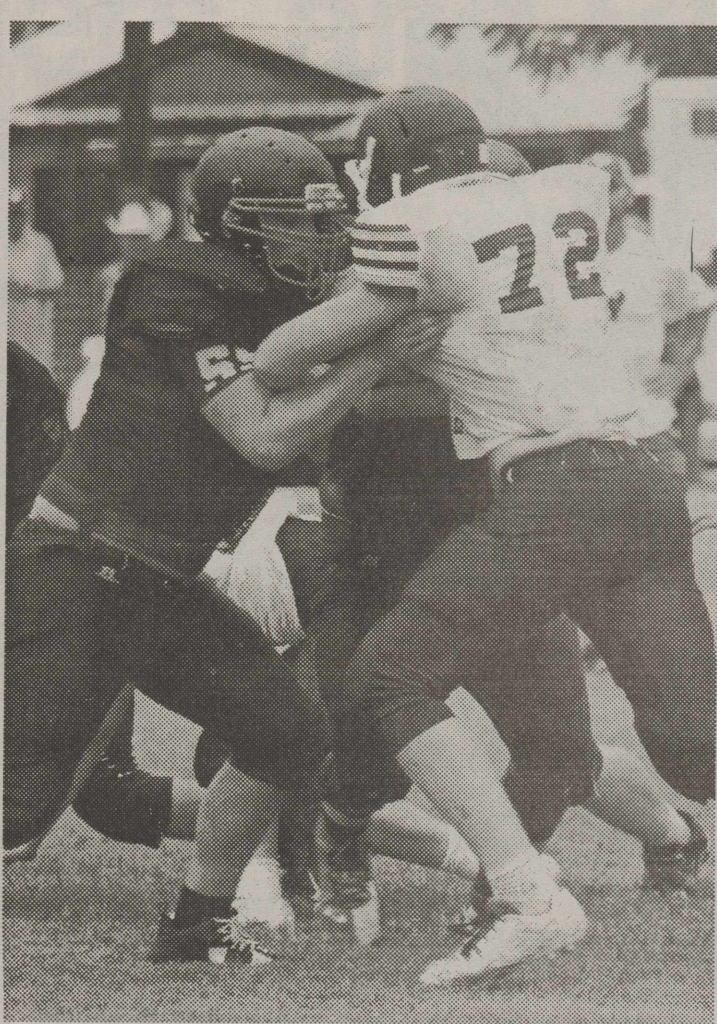
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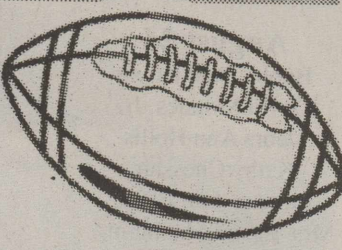
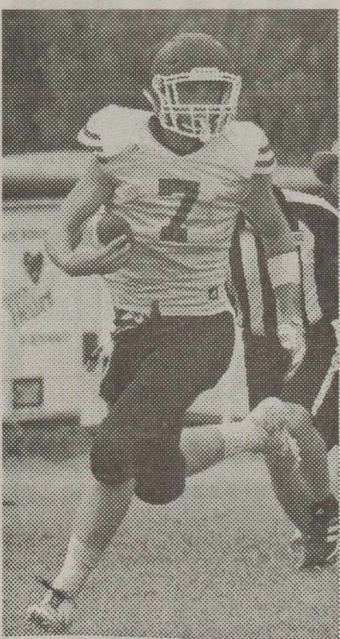
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Senior Citizens Center Activities

Aug. 22nd - Aug. 26th

Monday-22nd Crafts with Chris 10:30/Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-23rd Exercise 11:00 a.m./

Wednesday-24th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check-Kendrick at Home of Eastland

Thursday-25th Exercise 11:00

Friday - 26th Exercise 11:00/Bingo 11:15

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

Aug. 22nd - Aug. 26th

Monday 22nd-Cheeseburger, (Lettuce Tomato, Onion, Pickle) Oven Fries, Dessert

Tuesday 23rd-Fried Fish, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Hushpuppies, Dessert,

Wednesday 24th-Beef and Bean Burrito, (Chili, Cheese) Lettuce Tomato Salad, Chips, Dessert

Thursday 25th - Chicken Spaghetti, Lettuce Tomato Salad, Hominey, Bread, Dessert

Friday 26th-Chef Salad, Ham, Turkey) Crackers, Fruit, Cookies

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August 18	Irion County there - Scrimmage
August 26	Menard here
September 2	Perrin Whitt there
September 9	DeLeon here
September 16	San Saba there
September 23	Eldorado there
September 30	Open
October 7	Baird here - District Game
October 14	Bronte there - District Game
October 21	Albany here - District Game
October 28	Winters there - District Game
November 4	Miles here - District Game
November 11	Play-offs

Irion County Scrimmage is on a Thursday and starts at 6:00. Games start at 7:30.

CPHS Jr Varsity Football Schedule

August 25	Mason there, 5 p.m.
September 1	Perrin Whitt here, 6 p.m.
September 8	DeLeon there
September 15	San Saba here
September 23	Eldorado here
September 29	Open
October 6	Baird there - District Game
October 13	Bronte here - District Game
October 20	Albany there - District Game
October 27	Winters here - District Game
November 3	Miles there - District Game

Games are on Thursdays and start at 6:30, unless otherwise indicated.

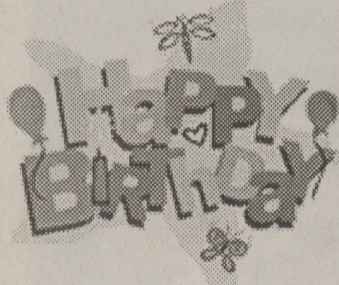
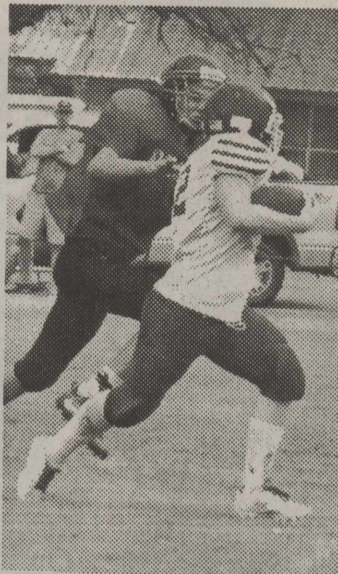
CPHS Junior High Football Schedule

September 8	DeLeon there
September 15	San Saba here
September 23	Eldorado here
September 29	Open
October 6	Baird there - District Game
October 13	Bronte here - District Game
October 20	Albany there - District Game
October 27	Winters here - District Game
November 3	Miles there - District Game

All games are on Thursday. Games start at 5:00.



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August 21
 Audrey Smith
 Bill Ramsey
 Donny Miller
 Barbara Henson
 Jimmy McCowen
 Chas Wayne Watson
 Billy Christenson, Jr.

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Donnie Porter
 Troy Wise
 Sandra Hayes
 Abby Bisbee

August 22
 Scotty Johnson
 Sheri Kunkle
 Cordelia Wilson
 Mrs. Arlia Thate
 Zena Graham
 Byron McNutt
 Robert Lewis
 Kailey Hart

August 23
 Kenneth Given
 Mrs. Elvin Hutchins
 Andy Merion
 Tracy Switzer
 DeAnn (Besselarr) Zell
 Brandon Self
 Steve Nickerson
 Ry Larkin
 Verma McCowen

August 24
 Bobby Dale Payne
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 Debra Ann Hollis
 Kathy Chesshir
 Barbara Ann Black
 Mrs. Lester Mannering
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 Harold Reed
 Dr. Toby Irwin
 Cory Barron
 Rene Salazar

August 25
 Kim Mosier
 Benny Free
 Dorothy Johnston
 Belinda Hefner
 Rick Hines
 Nolan Neidig
 Dayelle Johnson

August 26
 Kadie Carouth
 Shaun Muniain
 Mrs. James Hall
 Charles Lee
 Dee Perry
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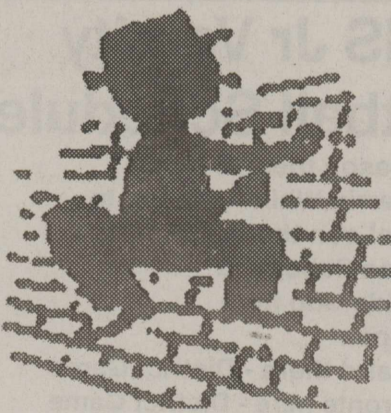
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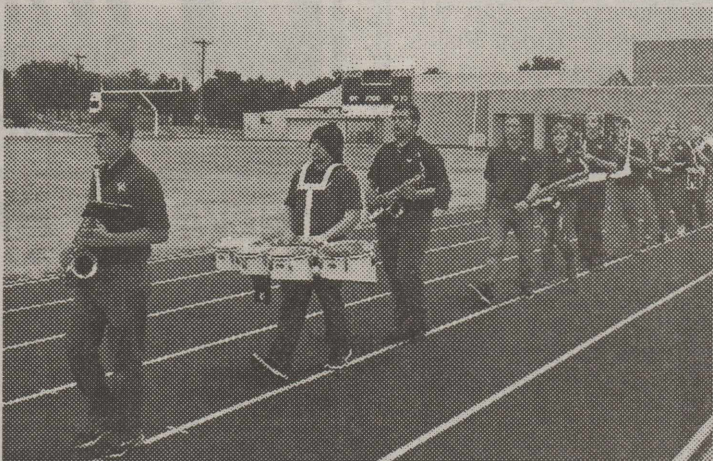
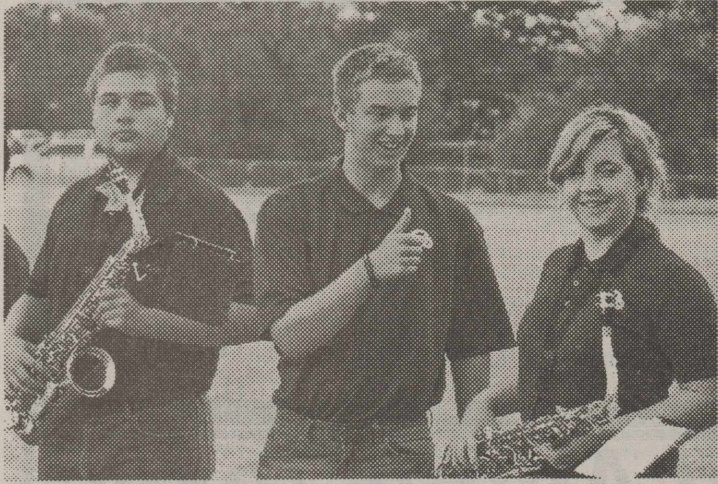
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B R E A K F A S T		Muffin Yogurt Cereal & toast Fruit Juice Milk Variety	Pancake Wrap Cereal & toast Fruit Juice Milk Variety	Breakfast Pizza Cereal & toast Fruit Juice Milk Variety	PBJ Sandwich Cereal & toast Fruit Juice Milk Variety
L U N C H		Country Fried Steak Gravy Mashed potatoes Savory green beans Strawberry cup Roll Milk variety	Pizza Garden salad Vegetable Medley Orange smiles Milk Variety	Frito Pie Baby carrots Corn Salsa Lettuce & tomato garnish Peaches Cookie Milk Variety	Chicken or Beef patty On bun Hamburger garnish Coleslaw Sweet potato fries Apple slices Milk Variety

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Well, the season of planting and landscaping is upon us. All about town residents can be seen working diligently in their yards to improve the landscape. Unbeknownst to most people, there is a small animal that actually improves the quality of the soil in the yard, although this animal is known to pack quite a punch with their venomous sting. This animal is the Harvester Ant (Pogonomyrmex sp.).

Harvester Ants can be found throughout the American Southwest, from California eastward to east Texas. Their natural range happens to coincide with that of the Horned Lizards (also known as "Horny Toads"), and this species of ant is the chief prey item for these lizards. In areas where the Harvester Ants have been exterminated, the Horned Lizards have fared the same fate. Harvester Ants, like all other ant species, are simply nothing more than wingless wasps that live in colonies. This variety of ant is the largest species in west Texas, with workers averaging 3/8 of an inch in total length. The Queen of the colony is slightly larger, averaging nearly 1/2 of an inch. The general coloration of this ant ranges from a dark brick red to almost candy-apple red.

This particular species of ant are insects, and like others of this group, they have three body parts: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. Each one of these body parts has a specific purpose, with the head being the area where the eyes, antennae, and feeding appendages are, the thorax is where the legs and wings are attached, and the abdomen is where the majority of the internal organs are housed. Also like others in the insect group, the skeletal structure is



Harvester Ant (Pogonomyrmex sp.)

on the outside of their body. This structure is known as the exoskeleton. They have six legs, and some members of the colony (known as the alates) have two pairs of wings that are utilized for flight.

Like most other species of ants, Harvester Ants live in surprising large colonies. It has been estimated that a particular nest may house over 20,000 individuals! The colony is accessible by only a single nest opening, and all of the plant matter, including the root systems, is cleared away around it. This perimeter is about three feet or so, making the nest easily recognizable. The nest itself can descend for twenty feet below the surface, and there are many times multiple side systems that can extend out for a dozen or more feet. The benefits of a single nest are obvious, the most important being the aeration of the landscape that adds to the welfare of the soil.

Only the females of these colonies are active, at least until the seasonal rains come and the "royal" members of the group ascend to the surface to

swarm. Their purpose of doing so is to leave that colony and go begin another.

Harvester Ants are seed gatherers, with many trails from the nest opening to rich food sources can be observed. Although they feed on seeds, this species can and will sting perceived predators with a toxin that can cause as severe a pain as any other insect in this area. The sting from this species is several times as painful as the more common and invasive Fire Ant. Generally, they are content to go about their business casually, but they are very quick to defend their nest from potential threats, with many individuals emerging from the nest at the slightest provocation.

Give this species adequate space and use common sense when near the nest, and allow these native arthropods to improve the welfare of your yard in ways that only nature could design.

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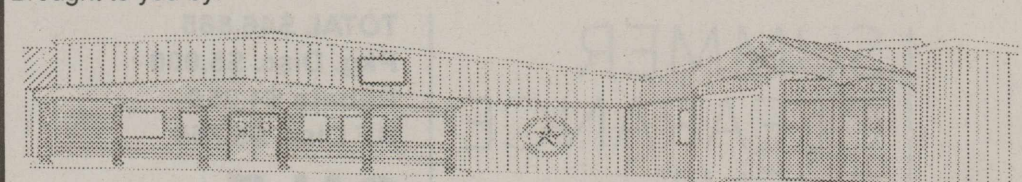
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Callahan County guaranteed up to 10 inmate beds at Shackelford County Jail

Callahan County will be guaranteed beds for up to 10 inmates after both the Callahan County Commissioners' Court and Shackelford County Commissioners' Court approved motions guaranteeing an addendum to the current contract between the two entities on Monday, August 8th.

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn, with all county commissioners present.

The commissioners' court discussed a proposed addendum to the contract with Shackelford County for a guaranteed number of beds for Callahan County inmates to be

housed at the new Shackelford County Jail. Commissioner Harold Hicks made a motion to depart the Callahan County commissioners' meeting and attend the Shackelford County Commissioners' Court meeting on this agenda item. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court did arrive and attend the Shackelford County Commissioners' Court meeting for joint action on this particular agenda item.

Shackelford County Sheriff Ed Miller said he was able to guarantee 10 beds to Callahan County. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to

accept the addendum to the current contract with Shackelford County that would guarantee Callahan County beds for 10 inmates under the current rate of \$45.00 per day. Commissioner Tom Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Callahan County Commissioners returned to the Callahan County Courthouse and to the commissioners' courtroom.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioners approve purchase of vehicle for Sheriff's Department

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe from Hanner Chevrolet in Baird to replace a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe that was wrecked and totaled during a traffic stop recently.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, August 15th during a commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The court discussed with Sheriff Joy and Chief Deputy Rick Jowers replacing the 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe that was wrecked and totaled during a traffic stop. Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion to purchase a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe from Hanner Chevrolet to replace the wrecked vehicle. Commissioner Harold Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

According to Chief Deputy Rick Jowers, around 2:30 p.m. on July 22nd, Deputy Leroy Foley was attempting to make a traffic stop on Highway 36 west of Cross Plains near the weigh station on Highway 36. Deputy Foley was traveling east bound on Highway 36.

his vehicle lights on and was attempting to make a u-turn on Highway 36 to make a traffic stop on a vehicle heading west. Deputy Foley's vehicle collided with a second vehicle also traveling west on Highway 36.

Chief Deputy Jowers said the vehicle Deputy Foley was attempting to stop was traveling at 87 MPH on Highway 36 and did not stop at the accident scene. Three people were in the vehicle Deputy Foley collided with, and all three were transported to an area hospital and later released that day.

Deputy Foley received an injured shoulder from the accident, and Chief Deputy Jowers said Deputy Foley is currently on light duty.

A Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Vince Guthrie investigated the accident, Sheriff Joy stated.

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.

—Judge Corn informed the commissioners' court that Bobby Voigts will be retiring September 30, 2016 as Janitor/Maintenance for the County Courthouse. He also stated that he would no longer have the position of the Maintenance employee under his supervision.

—The commissioners' court went into executive session to discuss the jail and prisoners with legal counsel by a motion made by Commissioner Kirkham. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The commissioners' court went into executive session at 9:44 a.m.

—The commissioners' court regular meeting resumed at 11:12 a.m.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion was approved with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioners approve petition for beer and wine election in JP Precinct #1

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court approved a motion to accept the certification on a petition for the legal sale of beer and wine in Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, August 8th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Tammy Walker, Voter Registrar for Callahan County, presented to the commissioners' court, certification of 567 signatures on a petition for the legal sale of beer and wine in Justice of the Peace Precinct #1. The precinct includes a portion of Denton Valley where a new restaurant plans to open soon and sell beer and wine for on premise consumption. The beer and wine election will be presented on the Tuesday, November 8th Presidential ballot.

On motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to accept the certification for an election in J.P. Precinct #1.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was called to order at 1:30 p.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: Scott Kniffen, Desma Cantine, Kevin Scott with KBL Restoration, Sheriff Terry Joy, Jail Administrator Julie Lemon, Chief Deputy Rick Jowers, County Tax Assessor/Voter Registrar Tammy Walker, and County Attorney Shane Deel.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments there was none.

—Desma Cantine spoke to the commissioners' court about the flood disaster and the flooding of her home as well as neighboring homes. She was concerned about the response of the Sheriff's office dispatch and the local fire department. No action was taken.

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

—Judge Corn informed the commissioners' court that Callahan County did receive a \$15,000.00 grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture for the County Hogout Management Program to control feral hogs in Callahan County. No action was taken.

—Agenda item VI was discussed and consider County Road 254 was not addressed due to the absence of Chris Adams.

—The minutes of the KBL Restoration meeting held June 28 with county officials, the Texas Historical Commission and Komatsu Architecture will be included as an exhibit with the commissioners' court minutes.

—Kevin Scott with KBL Restoration presented an update on the windows and the electrical work being done in the County Courthouse in Baird. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the update. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Discussion was held about the overtime report and the call card report. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the overtime report and the call card report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The law librarian position was discussed and considered

for the 2016 and 2017 fiscal budget. No action was taken.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to appoint Vicky Hicks to a new term as trustee of MHMR as a Callahan County Appointee. The new term will begin August 31, 2016. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Hicks abstaining.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to enter into contract for professional services between Callahan County and Allison, Bass & MaGee LLP for assistance regarding the County Jail and the Texas Commission on Jail Standards Certification. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the proposed tax rate of 0.562146. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. A record vote was then taken. Commissioner Harold Hicks, Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Tom Windham, Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, Judge Roger Corn, Commissioner Windham made a motion to schedule the second public hearing for the proposed tax rate for Thursday, September 1st at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to schedule the public hearing for consideration of the proposed tax rate for Friday, August 26th at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which then carried with a vote of 5-0.

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—Judge Corn made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel.

Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The commissioners' court went into executive session at 2:25 p.m.

—The commissioners' court regular meeting resumed at 2:37 p.m.

—Judge Corn informed the commissioners' court that he is 100 percent against cutting the Janitor/Maintenance position which is now being filled by Bobby Voigts to half-time.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the proposed 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. A record vote was then taken. Commissioner Harold Hicks, Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Tom Windham, Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, Judge Roger Corn. Motion carried with a vote of 4-1.

—Judge agenda item XIII, discuss-Consider contract for professional services between Callahan County, Texas and Allison Bass & MaGee LLP for assistance regarding the County Jail and Texas Commission on Jail Standards Certification. Commissioner Windham made a motion to go into executive session to seek legal consultation. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—The regular session resumed at 4:10 p.m.

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

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 4:20 p.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Schools Starts Tuesday, August 23rd; Cross Plains ISD Ready for Students

Continued from the front page.

Stacy Jones, HS Counselor; Krisi Reed, HS Secretary/PEIMS Coordinator; Jim Cook, Technology; Tammie Tension, Attendance Clerk; Rebecca Smoot, Custodian. Elementary Teachers and Staff:

April Cowan, Pre-K; Deanna Golsen and Janice Phillips, Kindergarten; Charlese Harris and Kelli Hyles, 1st Grade; Jamie Apple and Cyndi Beggs, 2nd Grade; Casie Morgan and Melissa Richards, 3rd Grade; Patricia Cook and Mindy Whitaker, 4th Grade; Nora Odom, 5th Grade; Karri Shepard and Stephanie Walker, 6th Grade;

Becky Dillard and Paula

Winfrey, RTI; Tracy Tipton and Michelle Allen, PE; Melinda Dixon, DYS; Cathryn Rasbury, Band;

Debra Childers, Brenda Montgomery, Beverly Pope and Shawna Tollett, Aides.

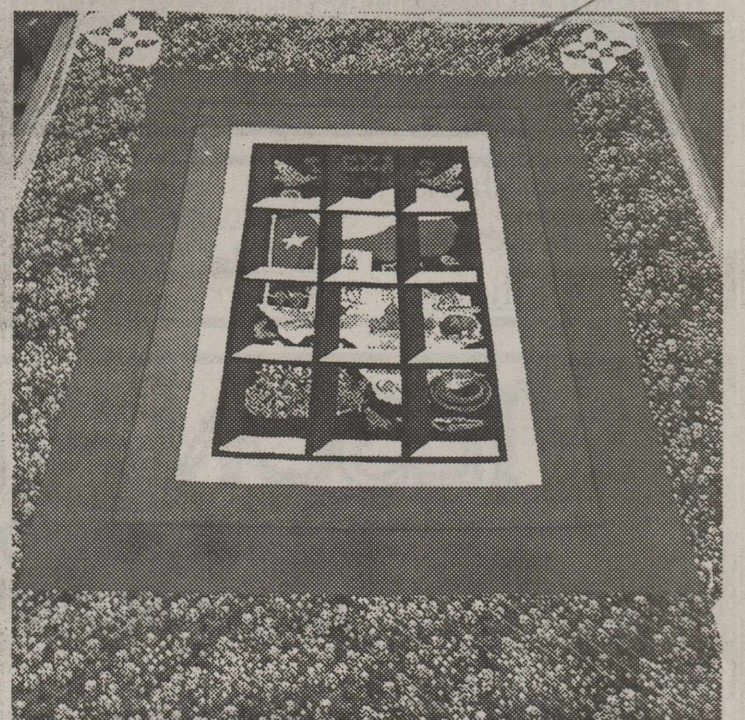
Amber Kleiber, Secretary; Verna Matthews and Tiffani Parker, Custodians; Jim Cook, Technology.

Cafeteria Staff: Barbara Barnett, Manager; Deborah Thomas, Lorna Muniain, and Josefina Sanchez.

Maintenance: Clarence Tension, Supervisor. Transportation Director: Les Dobbins.

Bus Drivers: Bud Dillard, Mitchell Atchley, Homer Parson, Tammie Tension and Shawn Bullock.

Texas Quilt Raffle to Benefit Cancer Walk



You could win this beautiful Red, White and Blue Texas Quilt! The design is a window framed with bluebonnets. Created especially for the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund by quilters Wilma Lawrence, Nora Pointer, Azalee Womack, Linda Pringle, Helen Parson, Christine Evans, Mildred Hoegler, Polly Beeler and Michelle Kaiser. The quilt is on display at the Senior Center.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased at the Senior Center or from any of the quilters. The drawing for the quilt will be held at the Cancer Walk on Saturday, October 1st.

If you're out of town, you can get tickets. Just send your check to the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund, P. O. Box 183, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Indicate Quilt Raffle on the check. We can mail the tickets to you and you return them with your name and phone number or if you have address labels, send them (and your phone number) along with the check and we'll put them on the tickets for you.

Callahan County Library News

From the Past Saturday July 15, 1882, Vol. 3, No. 15

Personal Mr. A. A. Prince's family moved to Sweetwater last Tuesday morning.

Miss Emma Heyn left last Monday night for Fort Worth on a visit to relatives.

We are glad to announce that the daughters of Dr. Allen are again up and about.

Mr. Oliver and family arrived in town yesterday. Another good acquisition to Baird.

Postmaster Schwartz left last Monday night for points east. He returns this morning.

Post master Parvin, of Belle Plain, must have been lost yesterday. We saw him on our streets.

Mr. H. C. Brown left last Thursday night for his home in Marshall. Come back again soon Brown.

W. H. Taylor is the new government telegraph operator at this place. He arrived Thursday morning.

Mr. W. H. Vaughn came in from Big Springs Thursday evening to visit his family. He returned again this morning.

Ed. Prentiss and wife returned yesterday morning from a visit to friends in Denison where they have been nearly two weeks.

We are indeed glad to learn that the little son of Mr. John Rice, who has been almost at the point of death, is now gradually recovering.

W. B. Doolittle, who had charge of the government telegraph office at this place has been removed from Bair to Gordon. He left Thursday night. Our old friend N. J. (Needum)

Harrison was in town several days this week. He now has his ranch in Fisher county, near Sweetwater. Glad to see him back.

Col. J. W. Adams has been in town for a day or two, but he has not been on the streets. He left as mysteriously as he came.

Mr. J. M. Walker arrived here last Monday and spent several days. He left Wednesday night on the east bound train, on his way to visit his mother's family in Greensboro, North Carolina.

He has not been home for a number of years, and his visit will no doubt be an agreeable surprise to is relatives. We trust he will have a pleasant visit and soon return to Texas.

Maj. Perry accompanied him as far as Fort Worth.

Jerry G. Reeves, who has been for a year employed in this office, leaves this week for Callahan county, Texas.

Mr. Reeves is a brother of such agreeable ways and industrious parts that we were loth to part with his services, and wherever he may go will ever wish him a brilliant success such as his merits surely deserve.

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Mr. Reeves is a brother to John and Walter Reeves. He arrived here last Tuesday and will hereafter hold forth at the Clarendon office.

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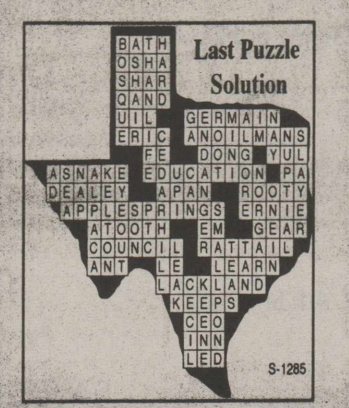
by the Bookworms

We bookworms don't always read fiction. The library has a whole room of non-fiction titles, such as "The Texas Peach Handbook" by Jim Kamas and Larry Stein. These authors are both horticulturists associated with the Texas A&M University System and the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service. Together they have over 55 years of experience growing peaches in Texas.

The book covers all aspects of growing peaches - from site selection to harvesting and marketing. It covers site preparation, planting, pruning, and training. Rootstock selection is also discussed, as that is a very important topic. Remember: half the tree is underground and very important things are going on down there. Peach varieties are discussed and the chilling dormancy (cooling hours) requirement is explained for many varieties. (We are usually concerned about losing a crop to freezing but this year we lost a crop because it wasn't cold enough. The book explains that.)

Water management, orchard floor management, fertilization, diseases, insects and even thinning is discussed. The book is written for both homeowners with a single tree or two and for commercial growers. There is even a section on financial needs to get in to the peach business.

Unfortunately, a single easy-to-read and well-illustrated book can't cover all the intricacies of growing peaches. But with a basic understanding of peach growing learned from this book, a grower can effectively use the internet to ask relevant questions.



The Texas History Minute
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The Dalton Gang visited Texas

The 1880s and 1890s saw the rise of some of the most notorious criminals in American History, mostly riding the dusty trails of the West. One of the most infamous was the Dalton Gang, made up of outlaws from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. The Dalton Gang terrorized the frontier, with a string of murders and robberies stretching from Texas to Kansas. The Dalton Gang was led by three brothers from Kansas. Their parents, Lewis Dalton and Adeline Younger, aunt to the outlaws Cole and Jim Younger, had fifteen children together. They settled in Coffeyville in south-

eastern Kansas and were otherwise honest citizens. Ironically, the eldest Dalton brother, Frank Dalton, had been a respected Deputy U. S. Marshal before his own death in the line of duty in 1887. Three brothers, Grat, Emmett, and Bob had worked with their brother had organized and briefly continued to work as deputies afterward. Along the way, they turned away from the law and into a whirlwind of crime and destruction. By 1891, the three had formed the Dalton Gang, bringing in a number of characters from across Oklahoma. One, Bill Doolin, was born in rural Johnson County in Western Arkansas in 1858, the son of destitute sharecroppers. He moved to what was at that time the Indian Territory (modern-day Oklahoma) in 1881 as a ranch hand, but he drifted for several years afterward and had a number of brushes with the law.

After months of robberies and shootings up and down the frontier, the brothers returned to Coffeyville in October 1892 to rob two banks. The daring plan collapsed and four residents and four gang members were killed, including Grat and Bob Dalton. Emmett Dalton was captured and served fifteen years in a Kansas prison before being paroled. He later moved to California, wrote a book about his experiences, and eventually became a real estate agent before his death in 1937.

Doolin decided not to participate in the Coffeyville Raid, a decision that saved his life – for the time being. However, he and a fourth brother, Bill Dalton, proceeded to build a new gang in Oklahoma that came to be called the Oklahoma Long Riders, or simply, the Wild Bunch.

They staged train robberies and bank robberies from Missouri to Texas. In September 1893, a posse of fourteen lawmen cornered the Wild Bunch in Ingalls, Oklahoma. A shootout erupted, leaving four dead and the Wild Bunch scattered.

After the raid, Bill Dalton rode south, and he and four men robbed a bank in Longview, Texas, in 1894. After the robbery, he and his gang rode back north toward the relative anonymity of the Oklahoma Territory, but he was shot and killed by U. S. Marshals in Ardmore two weeks later.

Doolin continued his string of armed robberies. In January 1896, he was captured in a bathhouse in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He had come to the northwest Arkansas community in hopes that the mineral baths would help the injuries from his gunfights and flights from the law. However, he escaped from a prison in the Oklahoma Territory six months later. Doolin hid out on his father-in-law's farm in Oklahoma for several weeks afterward until U. S. Marshals were tipped off to his location. In August 1896, twelve U. S. Marshals had surrounded the farmhouse and prepared to arrest him. Spying the officers, Doolin quickly reached for his gun but was shot dead on the spot.

All the remaining outlaws were captured or killed. With the death of Doolin, the last of the bloodshed and robberies came to an end. And with that, a chapter in the history of the Old West closed.

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Cross Plains 4-H Hosts Callahan County 4-H Awards Banquet



Cross Plains 4-H Kids and their leader, Terrie Parum. Each 4-H participant received an award at the Annual Banquet.

The 2016 4-H Awards Banquet was a success, we had members attending from the Baird, Clyde, Eula, and Cross Plains clubs. One thing was for certain... if you went away hungry from the banquet, it certainly wasn't due to lack of food!! Breakfast burritos, enchiladas, casseroles, chicken tortilla soup, dips, veggie trays, salads, desserts... there was something for everyone!!!

Every member who submitted their project completion forms received a project pin, and Cross Plains members received 46 project pins.

Virginia Allen (clover) - Clothing & Textiles Project, Community Service Project, Food & Nutrition Project, Veterinary Science Project
 Isaiah Cody (clover) - Community Service Project, Food & Nutrition Project
 Joshua Cody (clover) - Community Service Project, Food & Nutrition Project
 Zachariah Cody (clover) - Community Service Project, Food & Nutrition Project
 Vance Hutton (clover) -

Community Service Project
 Brookelynn Lackey (clover) - Clothing & Textiles Project, Community Service Project
 Hannah Marr (clover) - Clothing & Textiles Project, Community Service Project
 McKenna Podlevsky (clover) - Clothing & Textiles Project, Community Service Project, Food & Nutrition Project, Veterinary Science Project
 Adrien Canales - Community Service Project, Swine Project
 Spade Koenig - Beef Project, Livestock Judging Project, Swine Project
 Katie Goains - Clothing & Textiles Project, Community Service Project
 Bentley Hall - Community Service Project, Shooting Sports Project
 Dalton Hutton - Community Service Project, Shooting Sports Project
 Jolie Hutton - Clothing & Textiles Project, Community Service Project, Shooting Sports Project
 Shania Hutton - Clothing & Textiles Project
 Jayden Shank - Community

Service Project, Veterinary Science Project, Shooting Sports Project

Important Dates/Topics:

August 22: Entries and fees for livestock due for West Texas Fair

September 1: 4H Enrollment, please go to <https://www.4honline.com> If you have any issues or questions about the enrollment process, feel free to stop into our meeting on September 12 and we would love to answer your questions and help you enroll.

September 8-17: West Texas Fair will be held
September 12: Monthly 4-H meeting, 6PM at the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church
 September 30 - October 23 State Fair

Sewing:

The Sewing project meetings will resume after our September meeting, exact dates to be announced.

TxDOT Public Meeting scheduled to begin Aug. 23rd Agency seeks input, comments about Interstate 20

ABILENE - TxDOT is gearing up to host a series of public meetings throughout the Abilene district to gather feedback and ideas about Interstate 20. The agency is seeking input to identify roadway improvement opportunities for the interstate by reaching out to communities and interested citizens for input and comments. Experts will be available at each meeting to discuss issues and ideas with stakeholders in the community, and all input will be considered as the agency moves forward in developing a plan that will enhance the safety of this corridor while preparing for future growth. Meetings will be presented in a come-and-go open house format, and there

will be no formal presentation.

The first public meeting will be in Baird from 4 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at the Baird Depot, 100 Market St. The second meeting will be in Clyde from 4 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Clyde Auxiliary Building, 2515 S. Access Road W. Interested individuals from these communities are encouraged to attend and exchange ideas about the future of I-20. Attendees will have the opportunity to complete a survey either at the meeting or on TxDOT's website by searching for keyword "Abilene I-20," where they may also sign up for updates and review additional information.

These public meetings are part of a district-wide safety study to explore possible safety enhancements to the I-20 corridor in the Abilene district. Subsequent meetings will be held throughout the district in communities most affected by the interstate.

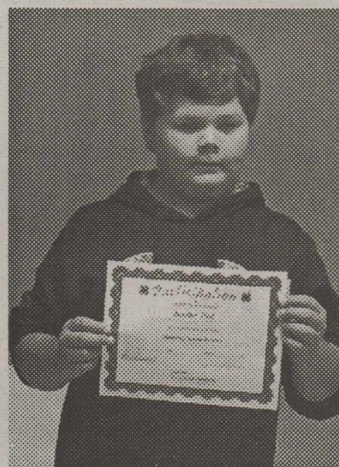
MEDIA: For more information, contact TxDOT Abilene public information officer, Mary Belle Turner, at (325) 676-6817 or MaryBelle.Turner@txdot.gov.



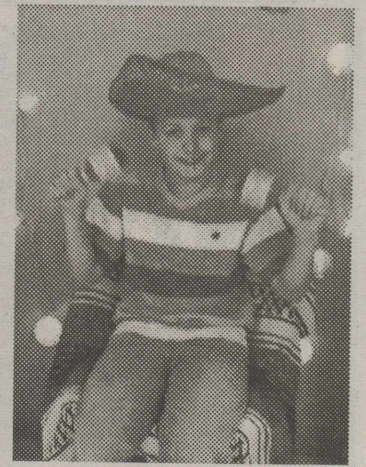
County Extension Agent Jerry Warren, far right, with all the 4-H participants in the county.



McKenna Podlevsky in the 4-H Fiesta Photo Booth



Bentley Hall with his Shooting Certificate



Jayden Shank in the 4-H Fiesta Photo Booth

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Terrie Parum, Cross Plains 4-H Leader



Cody Brothers - Isaih, Joshua and Zachariah



Ashley Hall helping out in the kitchen

Cross Plains ISD School Board Minutes

August 10, 2016

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Porcious Potter, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey, and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones and Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence.

Prayer was led by Bennett. Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Bennett that we approve minutes.

For 7/Against 0
 Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by Shepard that we approve Student Code of Conduct. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Shepard that we propose 1.04 tax rate.

For 7/Against 0
 Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by McWilliams that we consider date of August 31, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. to hold public meeting to adopt 2016-17 budget and set M&O tax rate. For 7/Against 0

Mr. Mitchell accepted resignation of Kim Perez.

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



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Cross Plains ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 p.m. on August 31, 2016 in the Board Room of Cross Plains High School Cross Plains, TX 76443.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax \$ 1.04 /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax
Approved by Local Voters \$ 0 /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations 1 % increase or _____ % (decrease)
 Debt service 0 % increase or _____ % (decrease)
 Total expenditures 1 % increase or _____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Tax Code Section 26.04)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 319,665,660	\$ 320,025,700
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,514,710	\$ 2,243,440
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 79,470,519	\$ 80,036,960
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,280,200	\$ 2,121,700

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(8).
 ** "New property" is defined by Tax Code Section 26.012(17).
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Tax Code Section 1.04(10).

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 0

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0*	\$ 1.04	\$ 4,068	\$ 5,807
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.04	\$ 0*	\$ 1.04	\$ 3,569	\$ 7,891
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0*	\$ 1.04	\$ 4,011	\$ 7,165

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 52,427	\$ 50,496
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 27,427	\$ 25,496
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.04
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 285.24	\$ 265.16
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (20.08)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 1,263,819
 Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) \$ 0

Seniors Played Bingo on Thursday

Everybody loves Bingo! The Seniors turned out Thursday morning to play Bingo. Sally Whiteley and Jean Alexander were big Bingo winners, each winning several games (and claiming a prize for each). Bingo will be played again at the Senior Center this Friday, August 19th at 11 a.m.



The Youngest Bingo Players - Peyton Whisenhut and Hannah McKinney



Jean Alexander and Mozelle Richardson playing Bingo. Jean was one of the big winners on Thursday.



Fred Dill and Billie Fulcher study their cards.



Dona Wagner, Jesse Casey and Sally Whiteley. Sally was one of the big Bingo winners.

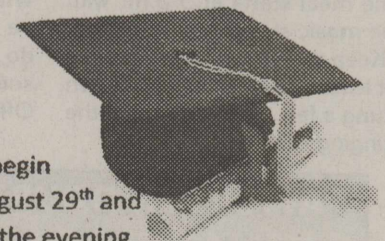


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Two Groups Visit Museum on the Same Day

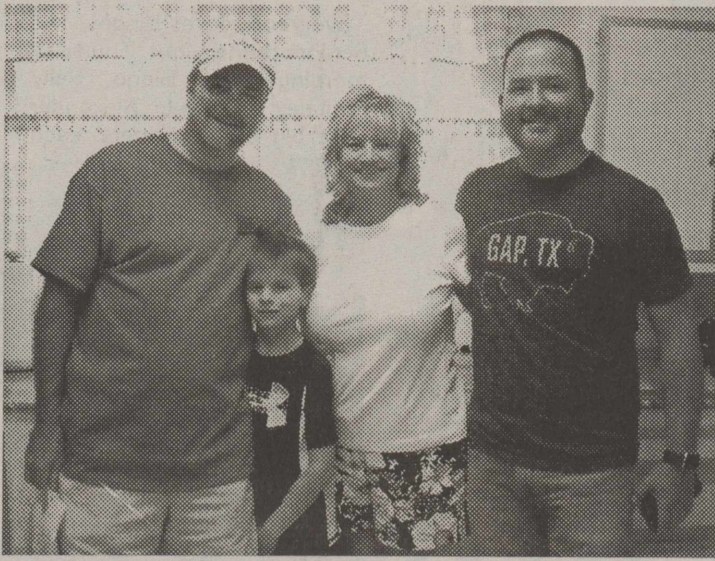
It happens quite often that two groups will show up at the same time to visit the REH Museum; one with an appointment and the other group just because they saw some cars there.

Such was the case last week when Jason and Paula Mosis of Rosharon TX arrived for a scheduled tour. Jason has been a long time scholar of Howard's writings and had studied his life as well. He was also familiar with the different artists involved with the publishing of Howard's works. Visiting the Museum seemed to be to satisfy, or maybe verify, some of his conclusions.

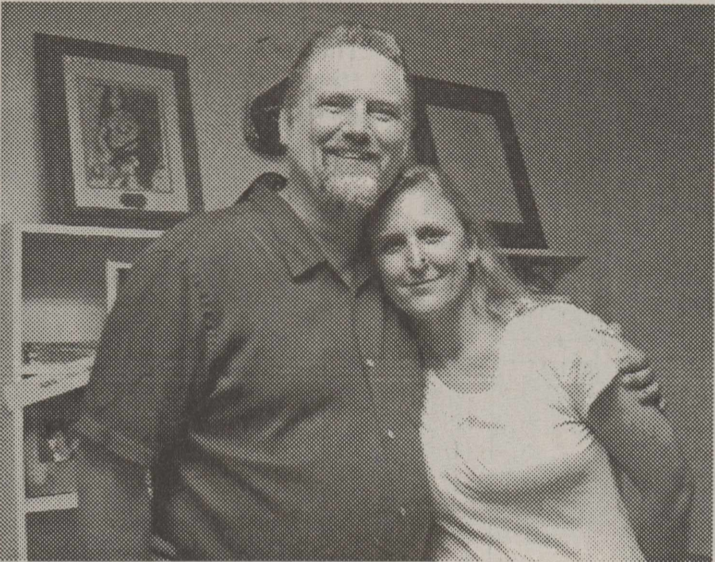
Jason is a free lance artist with his own studio and also teaches a high school student seminary class for his church. The two commented that their first occupation was parents of, and home schooled teachers of two sons and a daughter, all teen-agers.

Bryan, Stacey and Adam Pierce of Arlington and Tony Myatt of Rockwall showed up on the heels of the Mosis'. Bryan and Tony are associates in a marketing business and were on a business / pleasure trip and stopped at the Museum. One of their clients is no less than the Perini Ranch Steakhouse in Buffalo Gap.

Being fans of Howard's writings, they were delighted to be able to see the Museum. Even as the guys were both quite interested in the fantasy stories, young Adam was also a fan of Conan.



Bryan, Stacy and Adam Pierce of Arlington and Tony Myatt of Rockwall, Texas



Jason and Paula Mosis of Rosharon, Texas

Blood drive in Cross Plains on August 25th

A community blood drive will take place at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Thursday, August 25. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be there from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

One pint of whole blood can save up to three lives, because it can be split into several components: red cells, plasma and platelets. There is no substitute for human blood, and the nation's blood supply is completely dependent on volunteer donors. Blood shortages occur most often during the summer months, but the need for blood is constant and never takes a holiday.

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

Love Fund and Clothing Drive for O'Dell Family

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for the O'Dell Family, who lost their home to fire on August 6th.

Clothing and shoes are being collected for the O'Dell Children: A boy, Conner, age 11, clothing size 12 to 13, shoe size 9; and a girl, Cassidy, age 7, clothing size 8 to 9, shoe size 4.

Clothing is being collected at Connie's Cuts and Curls and at Junkin' Daze, both on Main Street in Cross Plains.

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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

We are saddened to report the passing of Don Tabor, the publisher of the Cross Plains Review. Our prayers go out to Becky and Gil and the rest of the family.

Cottonwood received about about an inch and a half of rain on Friday.

The Cottonwood Musical is next Friday night, August 26th, at the Cottonwood Community Center. Hamburgers will be served, along with desserts. The meal starts at 5 p.m. with the music starting at 5:30 p.m.

Keep an eye out for scorpions. At least one local lady has been stung a few times by one of the stinging critters.

School starts on Tuesday. The big yellow bus will be circling our neighborhood soon picking up the kiddoes early in the morning and bringing them back in the afternoons. Use caution around the near the school bus, as the kids are will be excited to go to school and excited to get back home.

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OVER 100 SUPPORTERS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE NRA ATTENDED THE CALLAHAN COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE NRA BANQUET HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH AT THE CLYDE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING ON NORTH FIRST STREET IN CLYDE. THIS YEAR'S BANQUET WAS TERMED THE BEST-EVER IN CALLAHAN COUNTY.

Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet has record attendance, donations of \$36,000

The annual Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet held on Saturday, August 6th at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce had its largest attendance ever, grossed the most money ever and netted the most ever, according to NRA Senior Field Representative Jack Cannon, West Texas.

The banquet in 2016 was the fourth banquet held for Callahan County, since its formation.

This year's banquet officials were worried the banquet's attendance would be lower than in previous years, after a last-minute change in location of the banquet. The banquet had originally been scheduled for the Clyde First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, but due to a family reunion in the church fellowship hall, the location was moved to the Clyde Chamber of Commerce building on North First Street in Clyde. The Callahan County banquet has been held twice in the Chamber building and twice in the First Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Cannon said in the nine years he's been working with the Friends of the NRA, there had not been more than three previous times when the banquet was moved from one

location to another. He said this year alone, three Friends of the NRA Banquet have changed locations, including Clyde's.

Cannon said the 2016 Callahan County Banquet had over 100 people attend. This year's banquet grossed \$36,000 and netted a little over \$14,000.

Cannon has been associated with the Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet all four years. Previously, Cannon worked for Beretta, which is the oldest firearms manufacturer in the world at over 500 years old. The company is still in the same family, Cannon said.

Cannon said he's responsible for 24 to 25 Friends of the NRA Banquets in the Western portion of Texas. He said Brown County held its annual banquet last Saturday, and other banquets are scheduled for this Thursday in Fort Stockton and Amarillo on Saturday. Closer to Callahan County, Eastland County's annual Friends of the NRA Banquet is scheduled for October 15th. To obtain information about Friends of the NRA and banquets throughout Texas, go to the website: FriendsofNRA.org.

The Friends of the NRA is the non-profit arm of the National Rifle Association. The



JACK CANNON, AT THE RIGHT, LEADS THE AUDIENCE IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG DURING THE CALLAHAN COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE NRA BANQUET HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH IN CLYDE

goal of the NRA is provide firearm education and safety for the youth of America. The Friends of the NRA also provide equipment for 4-H shooting sports and also give firearms for Sheriff's departments or city's police departments.

Cannon said since he's been associated with the Friends of the NRA, the non-profit has given over \$2.6 million in grants to the Western half of Texas.

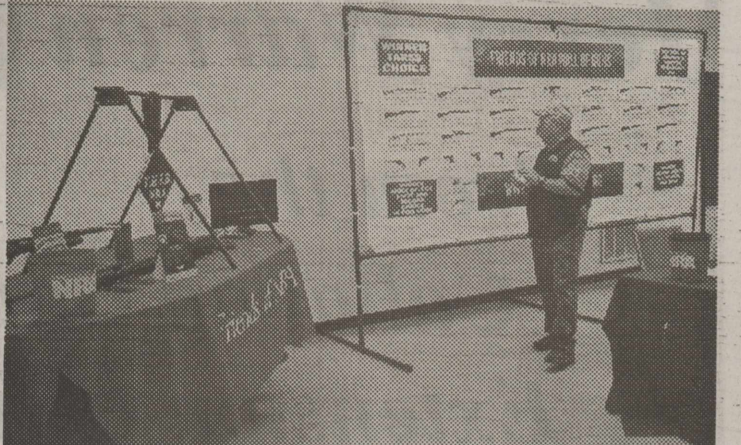
Cannon said every January, directors from all 25 Friends of the NRA in West Texas will meet and distribute the funds raised at this year's banquets.

Cannon said the grant application process for the Friends of the NRA is now

open to organizations and law enforcement and the grant application can be found on the website: NRAFoundation.org.



SOME OF THE GUESTS AT THE CALLAHAN COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE NRA BANQUET LOOK OVER THE TABLE OF PRIZES OFFERED AT THIS YEAR'S BANQUET



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JIM MCKOY OF CROSS PLAINS, AT THE LEFT, WAS PRESENTED WITH THIS "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY" PLAQUE DURING THE CALLAHAN COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE NRA BANQUET HELD SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH IN CLYDE. MCKOY, 85, WAS GIVEN THE PLAQUE FOR BEING THE OLDEST PERSON, WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. MILITARY, ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S BANQUET. KYLE JOHNSON, WITH BETTY ROSE'S LITTLE BRISKET, AT THE LEFT, WHICH CATERED THIS YEAR'S BANQUET, WON THE PLAQUE DURING THE LIVE AUCTION AND PRESENTED THE PLAQUE TO MCKOY. MCKOY SERVED IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS FROM 1953-55.

Cottonwood Country Musical

We've gotten some much needed rain at Cottonwood, Texas and the weather has cooled down. For this Cottonwood Country Musical on Friday night, August 26th, the guys are bringing the big cooker to the Cottonwood Community Center and cooking mesquite grilled hamburgers.

Come out and enjoy the hamburger meal and the delicious desserts that are for sale in the kitchen. The meal will be served at 5 p.m.

The musical begins at 5:30 p.m. We have a lineup of some great musicians for you to enjoy. We are appreciative to the musicians who come out and share their singing and playing talent with us.

Bring a friend, enjoy a tasty hamburger meal, then go relax in the auditorium to the sound of good country music.

The Cottonwood Country Musicals are held the fourth Friday night of each month.

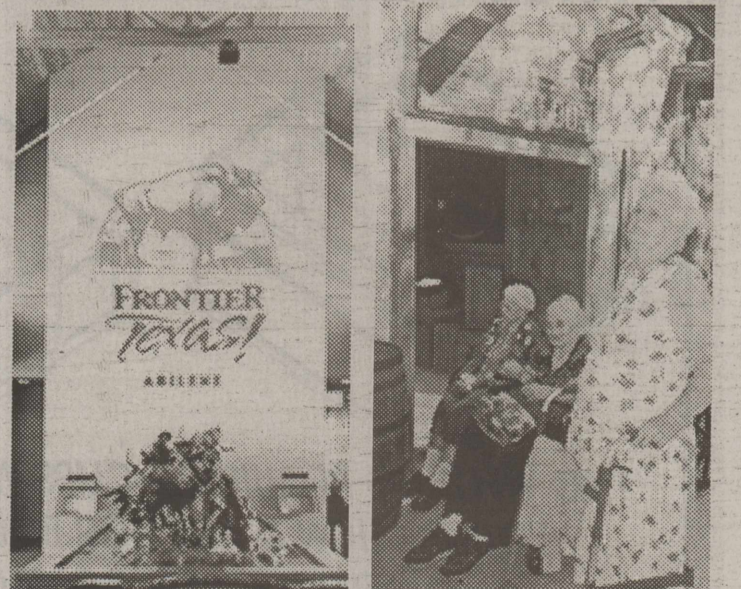
Cottonwood, Texas is located in Callahan County on County Road 444 just off FM 880.

For any additional information, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

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Rising Star Nursing Center News

Recently, many residents took a trip to Frontier Texas in Abilene on July 27th 2016. We took a sack lunch and had a mini picnic. All expressed they had a really good time and can't wait for our next adventure. We would like to expressly thank Cottonwood Baptist Church for the loan of their van. Your kindness will not be forgotten. For more information call Pam Phillips at 254-643-6700 or log onto www.risingstarnursing.com.

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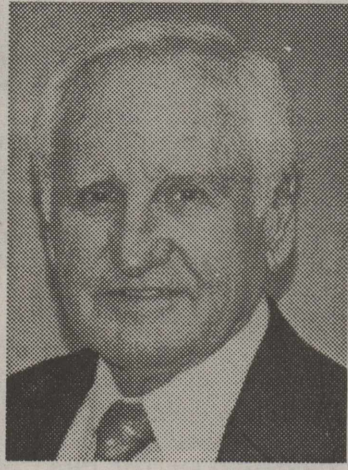
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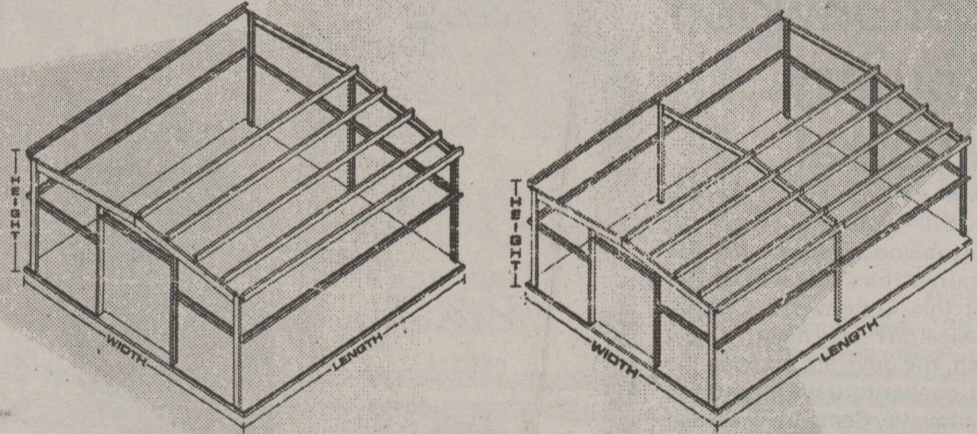
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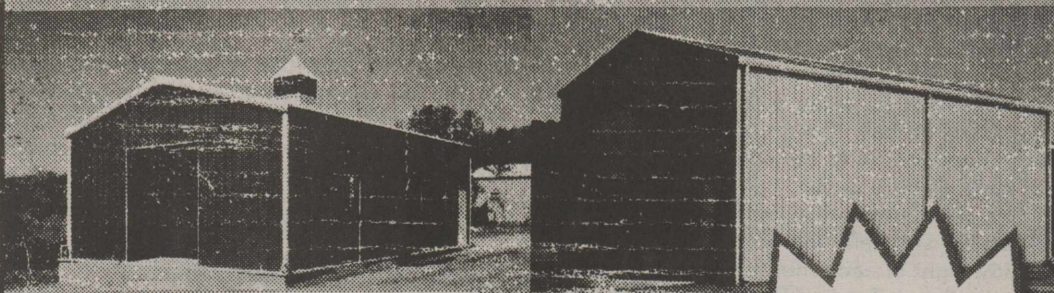
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Misdemeanor Minutes

Steven E. Purlee, motion to dismiss to assault - family violence granted, sentenced to prison on another case.

Shannon Meeks, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Shirley M. Fitzgerald, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Wesley D. King, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Marriage Licenses

Corey Robert Hosick of Baird and Deliah Kay Putnam of Roby.

Gary Wayne Shores of Clyde and Charla Kay Lang of Huffman.

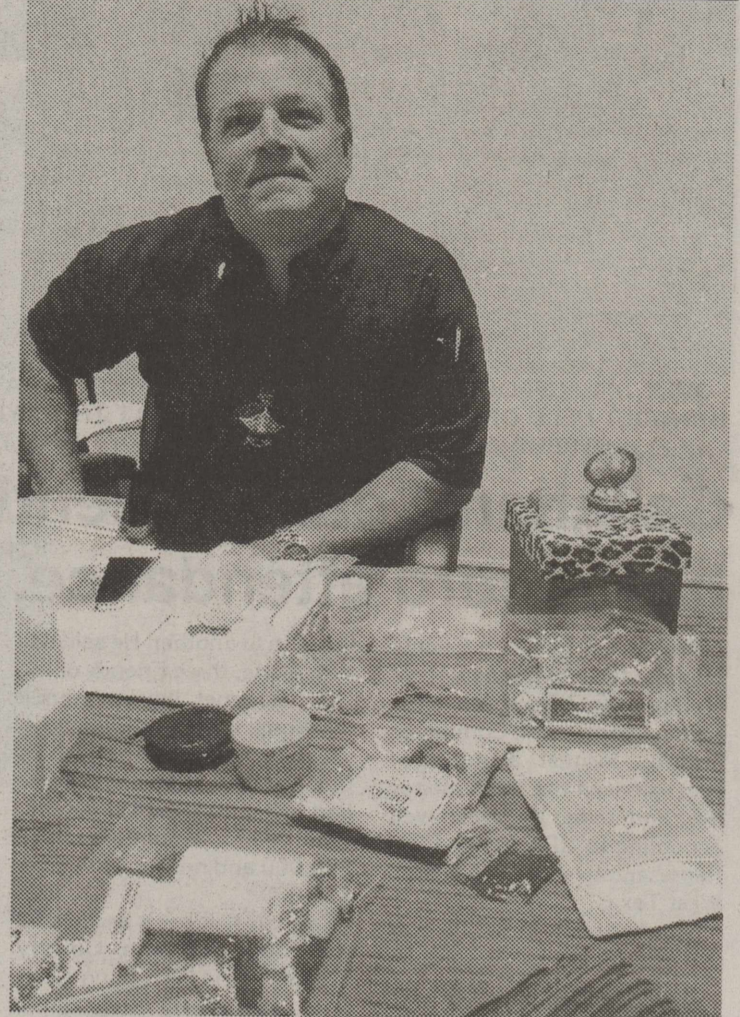
Robert Wesley Dalton Jr. and Toni Michelle Carr, both of Clyde.

Cody Everett Smith and Erica Nicole Barron, both of Cross Plains.

Thomas Lee Johnson of Baird and Rachel Jo Basquez of Abilene.

Sheriff's Corner

by Sheriff Terry Joy



CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY LEROY FOLEY PICTURED WITH ALL THE "MEDICAL MARIJUANA".

Cross Plains Community Calendar

August

Aug 23 - First Day of School
Aug 26 - First Football Game, vs. Menard, here, 7:30 p.m.

September

Sept 5 - Labor Day.

October

Oct 1 - Cancer Walk, CPISD Football Field.

Oct 22 - Library Murder Mystery Dinner Theater *The Demise of Dorothy Dingle*, First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

November

Nov 4 - Hunter's Feed, presented by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Senior Center Parking Lot.

Nov 10 - Lord's Acre, First United Methodist Church.

Nov 23-25 - School's out for Thanksgiving Holiday.

December

Dec 2 - Kiwanis Stew Supper and Christmas Parade.

Dec 16 - School's out for Christmas Holiday.

Dec 25 - Christmas.

It's legal Officer, it's only a little bit of Medical Marijuana

Tuesday, August the 9th, Callahan County Sheriff's Deputy Leroy Foley was called about a female subject whose car had supposedly ran out of gas on FM 283, about 3 miles South of highway 36.

As Deputy Foley approached her vehicle, he could smell the strong odor of marijuana.

He asked her about the marijuana and she pulled two baggies of marijuana from a traveling bag and gave it to him.

She said she had just come from California and she advised Deputy Foley that it was ONLY medical grade marijuana and that she had purchased it legally!

She was then advised that it was illegal to purchase, sell or possess any kind of marijuana for any purpose in the state of Texas.

She was then transported to

the Callahan County Jail and with the help of the Callahan County Dispatchers/Jailers, they found many different types of illegal drugs in her possession.

She had regular marijuana in baggies, some (so called) medical marijuana in various forms, from candies to chewing gum and Jollie Ranchers to candy glaze.

She also had less than an ounce of cocaine and a bottle of some type of pills which will still need to be analyzed by a lab to determine what they are.

Yet upon first questioning she only had a little bit of medical marijuana and it was legal!!

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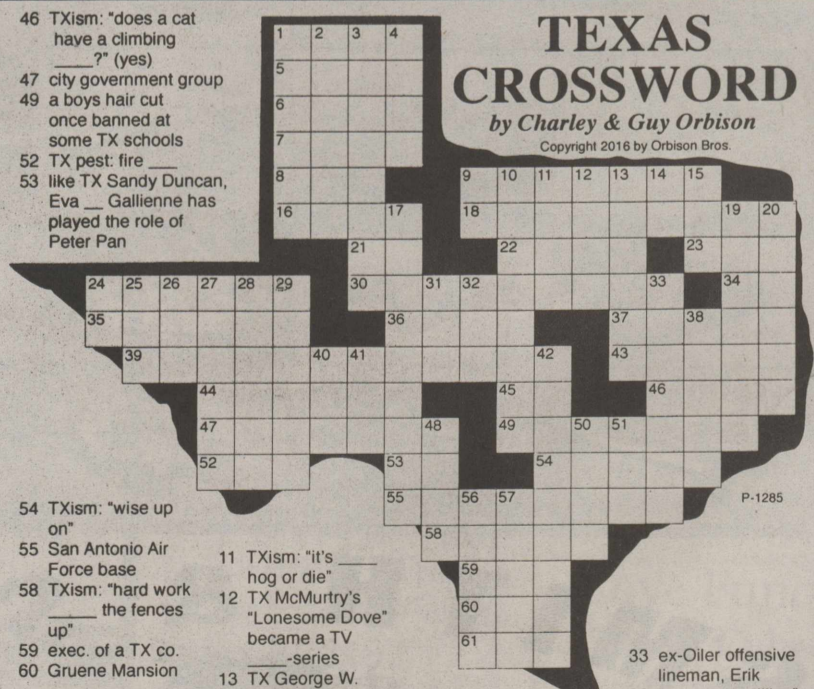
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- TXism: "don't throw the baby out with the water"
- gov't safety org.
- Chinese ___-Pei dogs
- interview by TX Rafter, e.g.: "___ A"
- TX h.s. sports org.
- TX sisters who were captured by Chief Grey Beard in 1873
- great TX running back Dickerson
- TXism: "popular as ___ daughter"
- Santa ___ TX
- song: "Ding ___ Daddy from Dumas"
- Bryner of 1960 film "Magnificent Seven" with UT grad Eli Wallach
- TXism: "___ in the grass" (bad)
- the "bidness" of UT, et al.
- Gov. James ___ Ferguson
- Dallas site of JFK assassination: ___ Plaza
- TXism: "flat as ___ handle prairie"
- ___ tooty"
- in Trinity County on hwy 94
- this TX Banks was "Mr. Chicago Cub"
- Hereford is the "Town without ___ ache"
- TXism: "round ___ up" (gather)
- TXism: "does a cat have a climbing ___?" (yes)
- city government group
- a boys hair cut once banned at some TX schools
- TX pest: fire
- like TX Sandy Duncan, Eva ___ Gallienne has played the role of Peter Pan
- TXism: "wise up on"
- San Antonio Air Force base
- TXism: "hard work ___ the fences up"
- exec. of a TX co. Gruene Mansion
- Davy ___ men to the Alamo
- TXism: "it's hog or die"
- TX McMurry's "Lonesome Dove" became a TV ___-series
- TX George W. beat him in 2000
- TX B.J. Thomas sang "___ So Lonesome I Could Cry"
- "not" vote in TX legislature
- Dallas southern suburb on hwy 67 relating to "gettin' hitched"
- murderer anno Domini (abbr.)
- TXism: "he was around when the Dead ___ was only sick" (old)
- ex-Oiler offensive lineman, Erik ___ a million" (rare)
- of-a-gun artist: Penelope who painted Mrs. Sam Houston (init.)
- TXism: "big fish in a ___"
- plumbing problem iced and pekee
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