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COTTONWOOD HOMECOMING QUEEN AND KING—Jeanell and Richard Purvis.



COTTONWOOD SCHOOL HOMECOMING ORGANIZERS—Barbara (Cookie) Clark Robinson, Dena Weaver Nickerson, Beverly Brown, and Yvonne Sandifer Peevy.

## Cottonwood School Homecoming a Great Success

The Cottonwood School Homecoming, held this past Saturday afternoon, was a great success. Over 50 guests enjoyed visiting, sharing memories and looking at a display of old photographs, basketball trophies, and old school items.

Guests voted on the Cottonwood School Exes and chose Richard Purvis and his wife, Jeanell Joy Purvis, as the Cottonwood Homecoming King and Queen.

The event was presented by the

Community Center Committee of the Cottonwood Historical Association. The Committee did an outstanding job of decorating the building in Black and Gold, the old Cottonwood School colors.

## Al Pickett Guests as "MEET THE AUTHOR"

ESPN's host of "Let's Talk Sports with Al Pickett" will be guest speaker at the Cross Plains Public Library's "Meet the Author" on October 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library's new conference room.

Mr. Pickett is the author of two books, "Team of the Century," which chronicles the seven years

that Chuck Moser spent as the head football coach at Abilene High, and "The Greatest Sports Stories You've Never Heard," a behind-the-scenes look at unusual sports events that will leave you saying, "I didn't know that."

Mark your calendars now to join us for this interesting and informative evening.

## Flu Shots Given Wednesday

Girling Health Care, Inc. will be giving FLU SHOTS Wednesday, September 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center on Main Street.

You must be 18 years or older and the cost is \$20.00 or Medicare may be used.

Remember this date and get your annual flu shots NOW!!!!!!

## Cross Plains Public Library Receives Recognition

The Cross Plains Public Library was honored to receive \$500 worth of books from publishers in the Texas A&M University Press consortium through the Collection Enhancement Program of the Tocker Foundation of Austin.

These books were given to the library in "appreciation of your efforts in making books and other knowledge resources available to your community". The books have been processed and are now available for our library patrons to check out.

The titles received were "Insects of Texas: A Practical Guide", "What Can I Do With My

Herbs? How to Grow, Use and Enjoy These Versatile Plants, "Two Thousand Yard Star: Tom Leas' World War II", "Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac", "Greg Lasley's Texas Wildlife Portraits", "Fire in the Cane Field: The Federal Invasion of Louisiana and Texas January 1861-January 1863", "Adventures Afar: A Nature Trails Book", "Scout, the Christmas Dog", "Texas Almanac", "Miriam Ma Ferguson: The First Woman Governor of Texas", "Nancy Love and the WASP Ferry Pilots", "Timeless Texas", "Barbaro: Beyond Brokenness", "Anatomy of Baseball", "Jerry Bywaters:

Lone Star Printmaker", "Going to Texas: Five Centuries of Texas Maps", "A Brave Boy and a Good Soldier: John C.C. Hill and the Texas Expedition to Mier", "Martha Mitchell of Possum Walk Road: Texas Quiltmaker", "Emily Austin of Texas 1795-1851", "That Rough Beast, Its Hour Come 'Round At Last: The History of Hurricane Katrina", "Sacred Memories: The Civil War Monument Movement in Texas", and "The Best from Helen Corbit's Kitchens."

Come by, check out one of these books, and learn something new about our great state!

## C.P.H.S. Homecoming 2009 "A Time to Remember"



WALLACE BENNETT AND BETTY BROWNING-Crowned 2009's Coming Home King and Queen by Lucielle and Darron King during half-time of Saturday's game.

By Vanda Anderson  
Editor

Ex-students and former teachers returned to their hometown in celebration of the Cross Plains High School Homecoming this past weekend. There were 375 who pre-registered or registered Saturday morning. Some do not register, but attend the various activities so there were many unaccounted for.

The oldest ex-student was Henry Elwyn Williams of the Class of 1936. He is 91 years young and drove himself to Cross Plains from Edgewood, Colorado.

The ex-student traveling the farthest was William Hines of the Class of 1974 who lives in the Marshall Islands near New Zealand. Others from out-of-state were Donnie Miller-Class of 1963 and his sister from Seattle, Washington; Mike and Paula Kelly of McKenzie, Tennessee; Liz Smith - Class of 1958 of Jackson, Mississippi; Ted Session-Class of 1951 of Monks, South Carolina; Henry Elwyn Williams- Class of 1936 of Denver, Colorado; Patsy Friend of Denver, Colorado; John Chesshir and wife - Class of 1967 of Edmond, Oklahoma; Jim Rice and wife of Fairport, New York.

Tuesday evening a Hot Dog Supper was held in the parking lot of the Cross Plains Senior Citizens' Center. The Buffalo Band performed and the Junior High and Varsity Cheerleaders kept the spirits high.

The football players, cheerleaders, band members and cross country participants were introduced at this time. The students and a host of supporters enjoyed the grilled hot dogs and drinks provided by the Cross Plains Ex-Student Association.

Friday's activities began with the Pep Rally at Buffalo Stadium. Once again the football team, cheerleaders and band were the highlight of the evening.

Nominees for the Coming Home King and Queen were introduced including Henry Elwyn Williams - Class of 1936 for the 30's (unavailable for photos); Wallace Bennett - Class of 1942 and Betty Browning - Class of 1943 for the 40's; Elzie Wilson and Patsy Cumba Beene - both from the Class of 1954 for the 50's; Cliff Kirkham - Class of 1964 and Connie Kirkham - Class of 1967 for the 60's; Richard Wilson - Class of 1970 and



CROWNED 2009 C.P.H.S. HOMECOMING QUEEN-Senior Shasta Bacon. Shasta was escorted by her father, Jeff Bacon.

Debbie Tyler Reed - Class of 1971 for the 70's.

The high school library was buzzing with chatter and laughter of ex-students Saturday morning as they registered and picked up their name tags. I heard several note they were "very appreciative" of the name tags!

The business meeting was brief and featured the performance of special music about memories by 4His Glory, a local quartet consisting of Matt Sowell, Mandy Sowell, Rhonda Swift and Connie Swift.

The Band Boosters Club hosted a salad luncheon that was well attended. While we ate, we talked about how small the lunchroom appears now compared to when we were kids. The salads and desserts were tasty and hopefully the Band Boosters made a nice profit, while providing a convenient lunch for the exes.

Many exes visited the Cross Plains Public Library to view the new Children's Discovery Center and Board Room. The Root Beer and Coke floats provided at Texas Heritage Bank were a big hit during the afternoon prior to the Homecoming Parade. The cool refreshment was perfect while we awaited the arrival of the first

parade entry. Once again, the parade was terrific! The floats were creatively and beautifully decorated and allowed lots of students and ex-students to participate.

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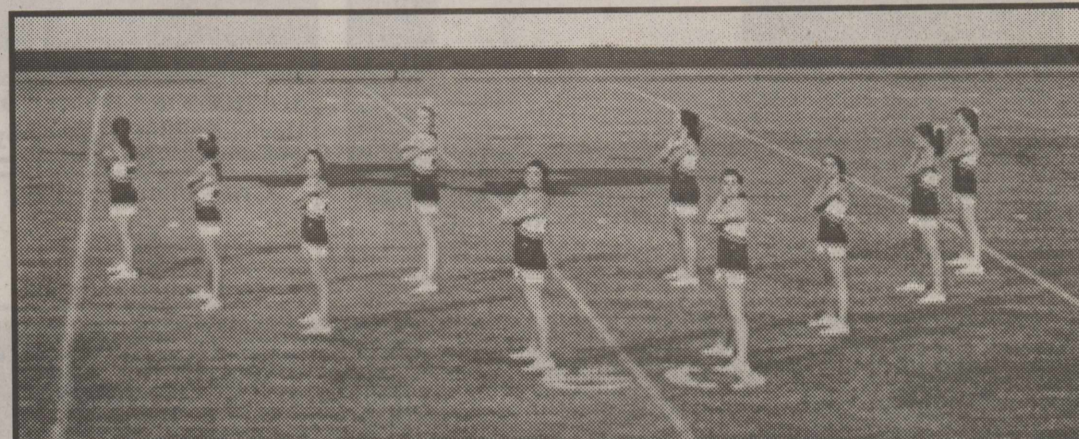
THE VARSITY BUFFALOES—Hard at play during Saturday's Homecoming game.



A FEW CHEERLEADERS—Enjoying Homecoming festivities during half-time ceremonies.



THE BUFFALOES—Giving it all they had on the field at Saturday's Homecoming game.



BUFFALO CHEERLEADERS—Putting on a great show during Friday's Pep Rally.

## Homecoming Football Game Report

The 2009 Homecoming game was played last week when the Buffs hosted Abilene High Junior Varsity.

The game was played under great conditions, cool with little wind.

The crowd made their way into the stadium to cheer for the Buffs. Music was playing, while friends mingled and visited with school mates from a few years ago.

Abilene High J.V. kicked off to the Buffs and fumbled the 2nd play of the game. Abilene scored

a TD on their second play from 8 yards out.

The 1st half of the game was similar to the 1st 3 minutes. The Buffs turned the ball over 5 times and Abilene High J.V. took advantage and scored each time. The score at half-time was Abilene High J.V. 42 Cross Plains 0.

The Buffaloes did make one offensive drive in the 2nd half, but turned the ball over on downs. The final score of 42-0.

The Buffs played hard and

Abilene J.V. and the Buffaloes displayed good clean sportsmanship during the game.

The Buffs will play Rotan this week at home, then they will have an open week. At that point district starts. The team needs to correct the mental and physical mistakes before district begins. At any level turnovers will get you beat in most games.

See you at the game!!!

Submitted by  
Coach Mitchell Atchley

## 2009 Football Roster

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Blake Hutchins     | Justin Adams       |
| Cody Self          | Justin Thomas      |
| Chance Senclair    | Stanley Farris     |
| Taylor Savell      | Garrett Moenning   |
| Christopher French | Ben Schaefer       |
| Justin Simons      | Nathan Creamer     |
| Reese Allen        | Preston Posuk      |
| Daniel Higgins     | Ryder Foster       |
| Cody Ford          | Austin Thomas      |
| Nathan Craft       | William Pope       |
| Patrick Border     | Hayden Wyatt       |
| Thomas Haile       | Joe Holland        |
| Allan Wheeler      | Dakota Gilliam     |
| Zacharian Hedfelt  | Managers           |
| Justin Pope        | Dylan Bryant       |
| Jerrad Eisenbach   | Tristen Stephenson |
| Payton Porter      | Hunter Thomas      |
| Nick Adams         |                    |

Athletic Director/Head Coach

Kevin Bryant

Assistant Coaches

Mitchell Atchley

Ryan Edmonds

Jessie Ellerbe

Billy McKinney

Brock Tyrrell

Student Trainer - Cody Sliger

Filmer - Jayten Ames

## Varsity Cheerleaders

Emma Bennett- Head

Shasta Bacon

Amanda Dunaway

Emily Foster

Shelby Ames

Samantha Dickson

Zoie Walker

Megan Brown

Cheyenne Cowan

Maci Whitson

Kenzie Taff - Mascot

## Band Director

Matt Sowell

## Drum Major

Tiffany Bell

## Flags

Melissa Black-

Captain

Nicole Eisenbach

Jaden Kennedy

Megan Pointer

Christa Potter

Shelby Thomas



A FEW EX-CHEERLEADERS-Practicing a few old moves.

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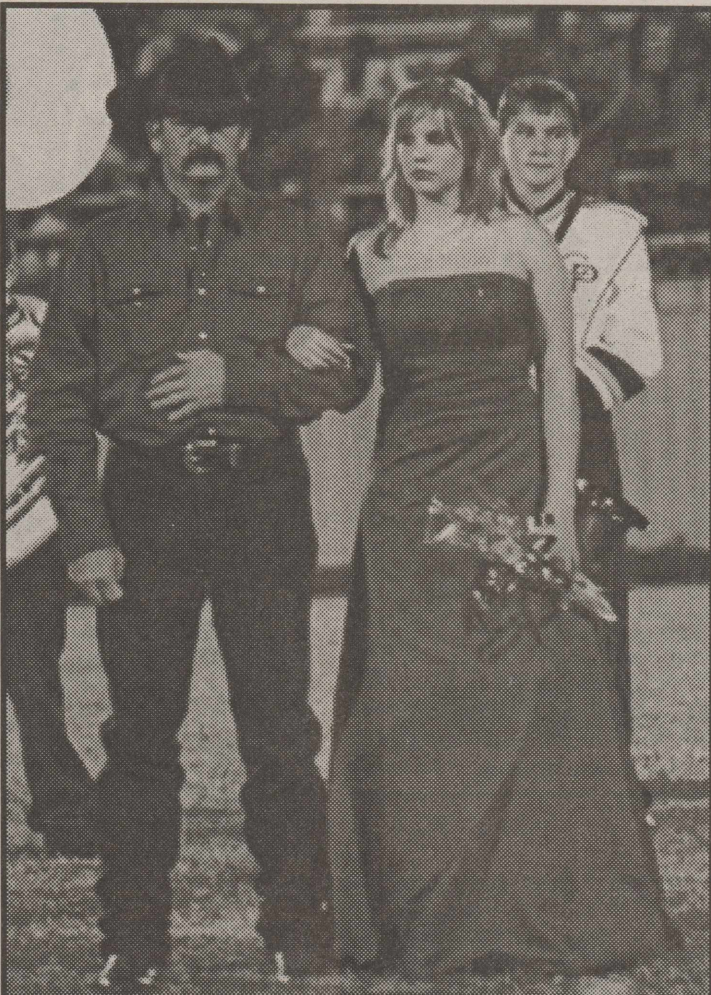
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YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE—Having a ball before Friday's Pep Rally.



**JUNIOR CLASS HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEE—**  
Delany Ames, escorted by her father, Tommy Ames.



**SOPHOMORE HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEE—**  
Hayley Phillips, escorted by her father, Pat Phillips.



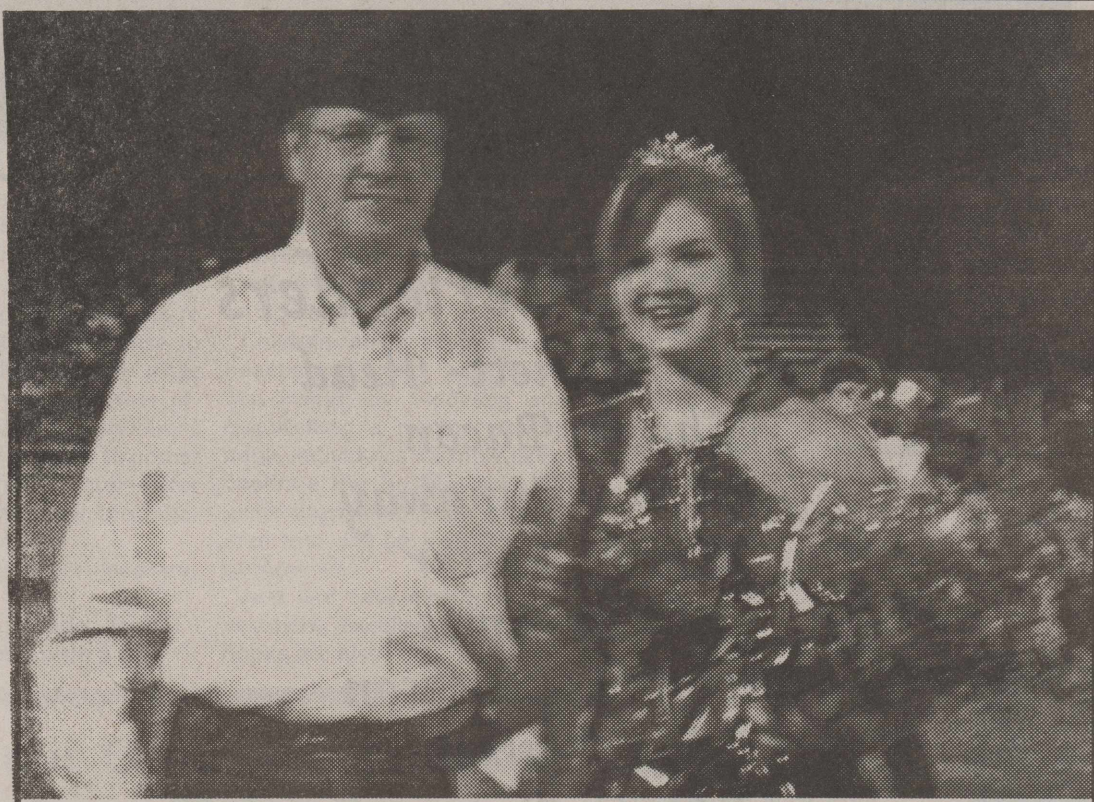
**FRESHMAN HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEE—**Maci  
Whitson, escorted by Eugene Ford.

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*2009 Cross Plains High School  
Homecoming Queen and Nominees  
and  
Coming Home King and Queen  
and Nominees*



**SHASTA BACON—Crowned Homecoming Queen during half-time at the football game.**



**COMING HOME KING AND QUEEN NOMINEES FOR THE 50'S—**Patsy (Cumba) Beene  
and Elzie Wilson. Both were members of the class of 1954.



**2006 COMING HOME QUEEN—**Lucille Koenig, escorted by her son, Darron Koenig,  
awaiting the announcement of the 2009 C.P.H.S. Coming Home Queen and King.



**C.P.H.S. COMING HOME KING AND QUEEN NOMINEES—**Cliff and Connie Kirkham.



**LEADING THE PROCESSION—**2006 Coming Home Queen, Lucille Koenig.



**COMING HOME KING AND QUEEN NOMINEES—**Debbie Reed and Richard Wilson.



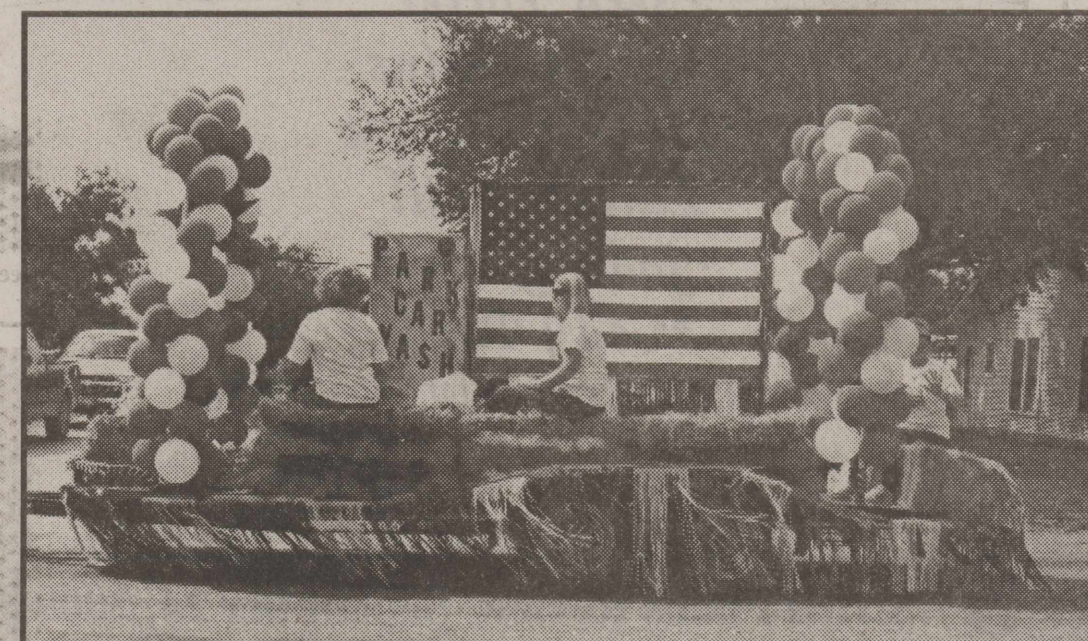
1ST PLACE WINNERS—The Class of 1958 in the Float Division of the Homecoming Parade.



THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF THE FLYING CHICKENS—A few of the boys responsible for the "chicken incident" at the 1955 school carnival, memorable event indeed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



2ND PLACE—Athletic Booster Varsity Football Float and showing their love for the Buffs.



2ND PLACE (TIE)—Park Carwash in the Float Division, demonstrating their patriotism.



3RD PLACE WINNER—Junior High Athletic Booster Club in the Float Division.



3RD PLACE (TIE)—Girl Scout Troop in the Floats Division of the Homecoming Parade.

Homecoming Photos  
 Courtesy of  
 Kim Watson  
 Teri Brown  
 and  
 Teresa Koenig



1ST PLACE—American Legion Post #423 in the Vehicle Division in the Homecoming Parade.



2ND PLACE VEHICLE DIVISION—The Cross Plains FFA National Qualifiers.



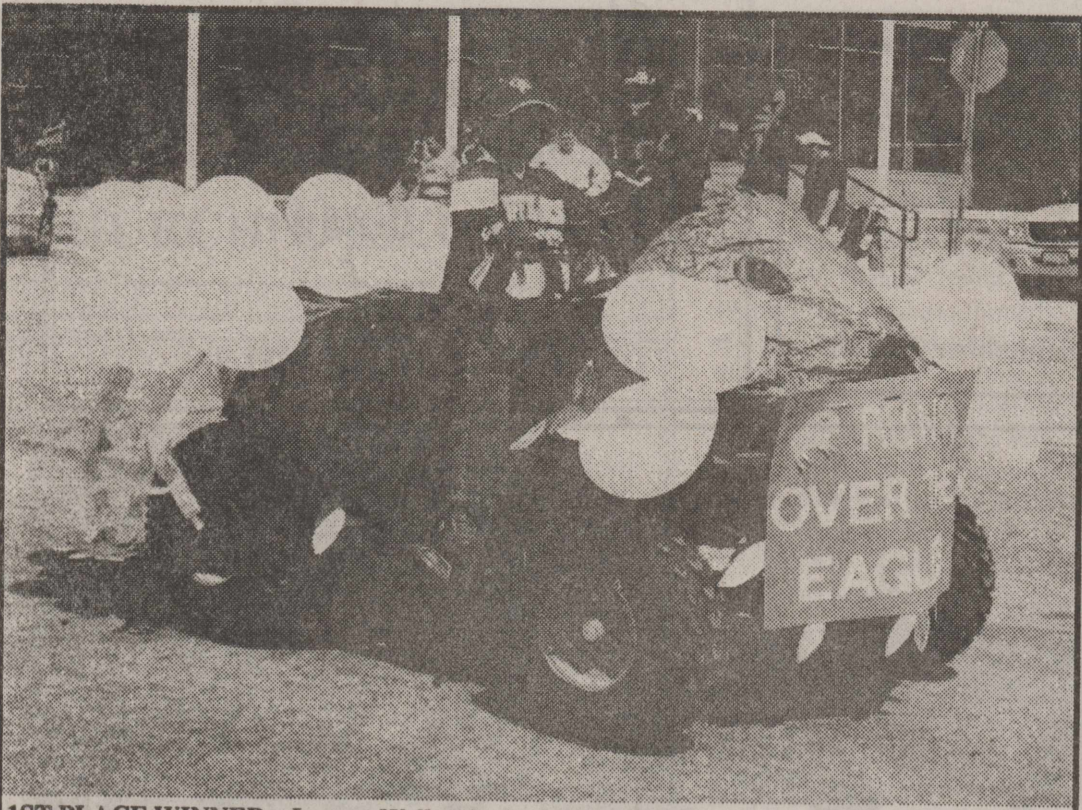
3RD PLACE WINNER—Class of 1960 and 1961 in the Vehicle Division of the Parade.



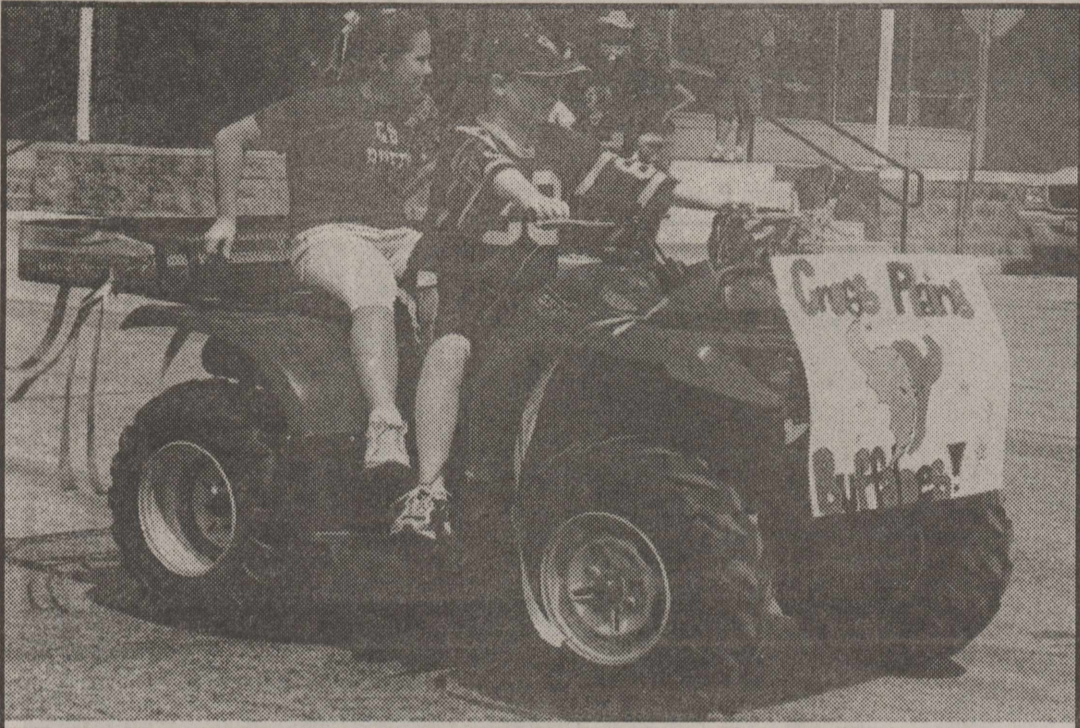
MUSIC FILLED THE AIR DURING THE PARADE—The Cross Plains Marching Band.



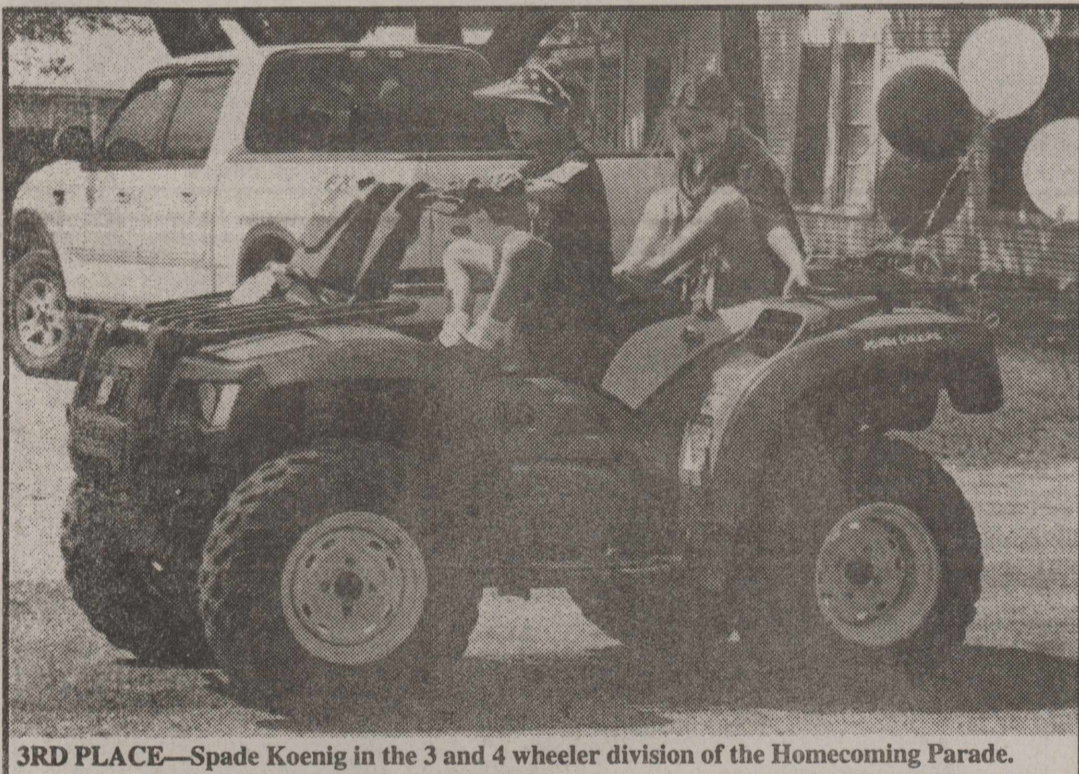
CROSS PLAINS' OLDEST CITIZEN—Troy Crockett just turned 99 years young. He is the father of D.T. Crockett and Larry Crockett, who are ex-students of Cross Plains High School.



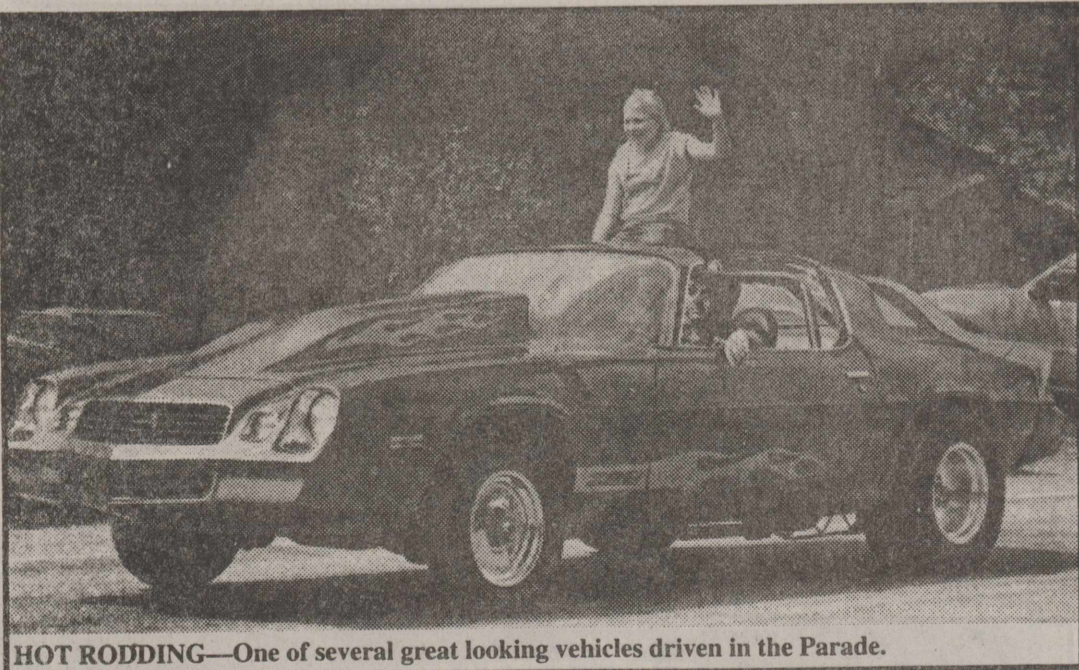
1ST PLACE WINNER—Larson Walker in the 3 and 4 Wheeler Division of the Parade.



2ND PLACE WINNER—Darron Ames in the 3 and 4 Wheeler Division of the Parade.



3RD PLACE—Spade Koenig in the 3 and 4 wheeler division of the Homecoming Parade.



HOT RODDING—One of several great looking vehicles driven in the Parade.



COTTONWOOD V.F.C. FORESTRY SERVICE TRUCK—Taking a ride in the Parade.



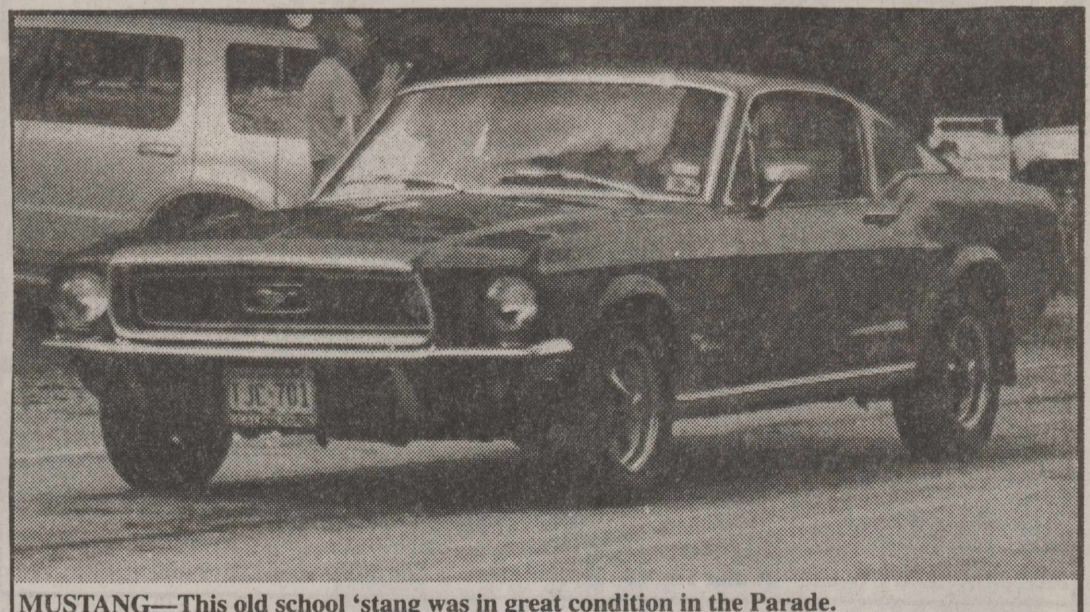
1999-2000 CROSS PLAINS STATE BASEBALL FINALISTS—Several members were available to ride on the Parade float. These men were honored during Friday's Pep Rally.

## 1999-2000 Buffalo State Finalist Teams

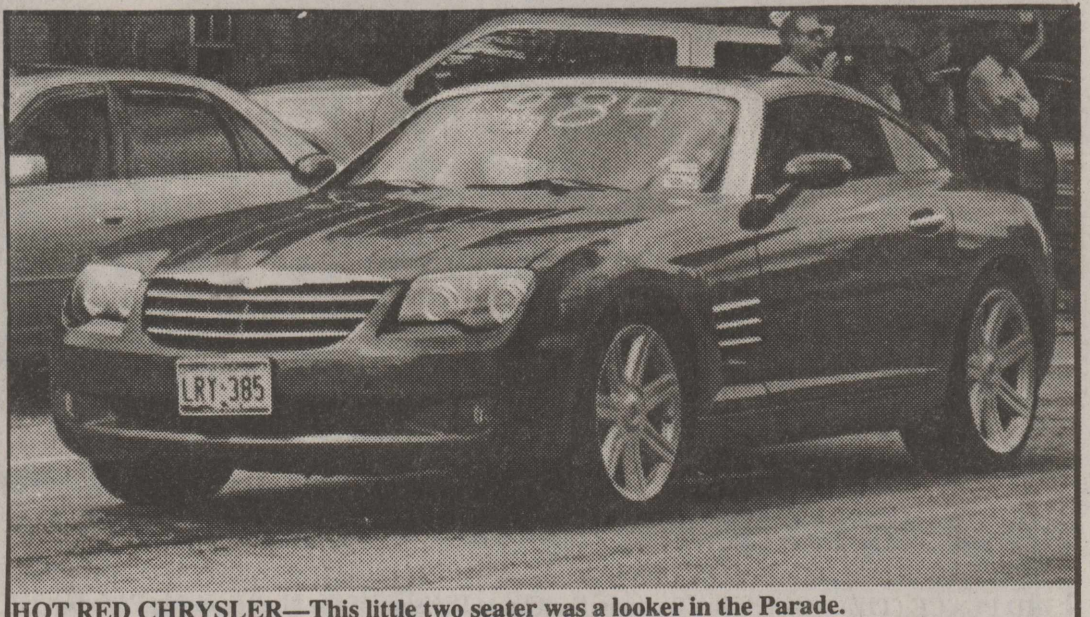
- \*Tony Beggs
- \*Jody Pancake
- Chris Kitchens
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- Clint Bailey
- \*Joseph Dillard
- Sam Nixon
- \*Zach Edington
- Coby Richards
- \*Kenny Callaway
- \*Dusty Hinkle
- Aaron Norris
- \*Scott Mackey
- \*Seth Potter
- Nate Hawkins
- Lucino Mauricio
- Landon Hill
- \*Jody Gosnell
- \*Cody Reed

\* Indicates those present for Homecoming

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MUSTANG—This old school 'stang was in great condition in the Parade.



HOT RED CHRYSLER—This little two seater was a looker in the Parade.





**CLASS OF 1945**—Claire Jordan Edwards and Betty Browning (2009 C.P.H.S. Coming Home Queen)



**CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**—in full dress regalia during half-time of the Homecoming game.

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**HOMECOMING**

Parade Winners were:

**FLOATS**

- 1st - Class of 1958
- 2nd - Athletic Booster Varsity Football
- 2nd (tie) - Park Car Wash
- 3rd - Athletic Booster Club Junior High Football
- 3rd (tie) - Girl Scout Troop

**VEHICLES**

- 1st - American Legion Post 423
- 2nd - C.P. FFA National Qualifiers
- 3rd - Class of 1960-61

**3 and 4-Wheelers**

- 1st - Larson Walker
- 2nd - Darron Ames
- 3rd - Spade Koenig.

The Parade Committee appreciated all the participants and their efforts to make Homecoming 2009 a great success.

The individual class gatherings were mostly held in the afternoon. Everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time. Some visited other class meetings and it was great to see all your old school friends.

Lots of folks were at the football game and the anticipation of the crowning of the Coming Home King and Queen and 2009 Homecoming Queen was elevated.

Nominees for the Homecoming Queen were Shasta Bacon, representing the Senior Class, daughter of Jeff and Debbie Bacon; Delany Ames- Junior Class, daughter of Tommy and Donna Ames ; Hayley Phillips- Sophomore Class, daughter of Pat and Becky Phillips; and Maci Whitson- Freshman Class, daughter of Tammy Ford.

Betty Browning was named the 2009 Coming Home Queen and Wallace Bennett the Coming Home King.

Shasta Bacon was crowned the 2009 Homecoming Queen during the half-time ceremony and then she was driven around the football in a convertible.

The dances on Friday and Saturday night were deemed successful. Southbound provided some good country western music.

When the last rah, rah was said and the last old story was told, we said "good-bye and see you again in three years".



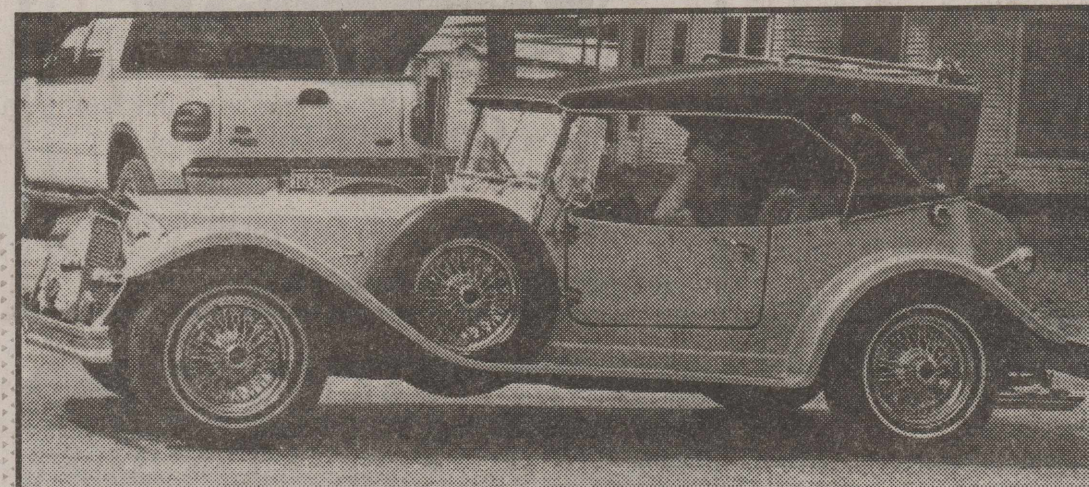
**CLUELESS**—So much to do and so little time to get it done!



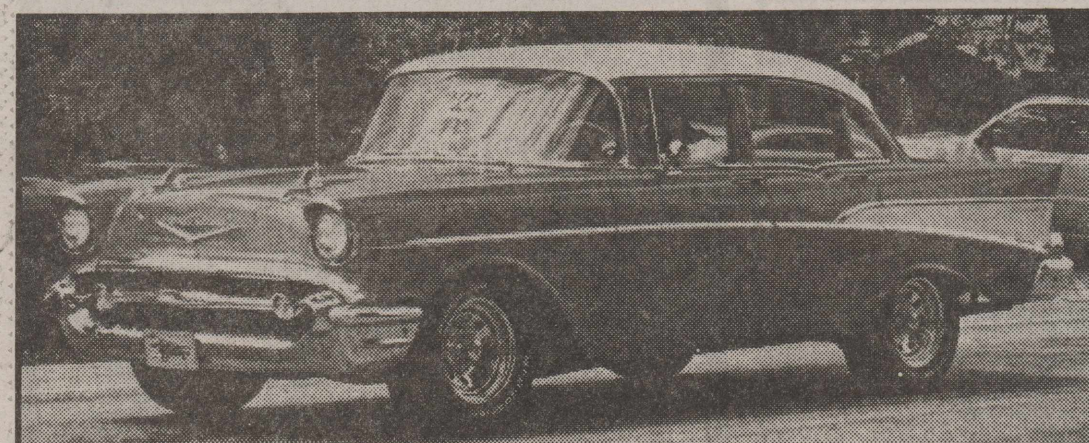
**EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING**—It was great to see familiar friends and faces as they gathered in the high school auditorium for a brief business session.



**FUTURE BUFFALOES**—Class of 2023 cruising through the Parade in their Power Wheels.



**ROADSTER**—A beautiful vehicle driven in the Parade.



**SUPERB 1957 CHEVY**—One of several beautiful vehicles driven in the Parade by Bill Lee.



**LITTLE LEAGUE CHEERLEADERS**—There was nothing little about their voices or spirit.



**CLASS OF 2023 AND 2025**—Cruising through the Parade with an easy ride and smiles on their faces.



**SHOWING OFF HER STUFF**—Jolena Joseph prepares for her role in the Parade while showing off her ribbons.


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**BUFFS**



**PREPARING FOR THE RIDE**—A group of exes chatting before jumping on their steel horses.

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**MEET CAP'N KIDD**  
*Continued*

Meanwhile Cap'n Kidd had thrown the loop off his head and come for me with his mouth wide open, his ears laid back and his teeth and eyes flashing. I didn't want to shoot him, so I riz up and run for the trees. But he was coming like a tornado, and I seen he was going to run me down before I could get to a tree big enough to climb, so I grabbed me a sapling about as thick as my laig and tore it up by the roots, and turned around and busted him over the head with it, just as he started to r'ar up to come down on me with his front hoofs.

Pieces of roots and bark and wood flew every which a way, and Cap'n Kidd grunted and batted his eyes and went back on to his haunches. It was a right smart lick. If I'd ever hit Alexander that hard it would have busted his skull like a egg—and Alexander had a awful thick skull, even for a mule.

Whilst Cap'n Kidd was shaking the bark and stars out of his eyes, I run to a big oak and clumb it. He come after me instantly, and chawed chunks out of the tree as big as washtubs, and kicked most of the bark off as high up as he could rech, but it was a good substantial tree, and it held. He then tried to climb it, which amazed me most remarkable, but he didn't do much good at that. So he give up with a snort of disgust and trotted off.

I waited till he was out of sight, and then I clumb down and got my rope and saddle, and started follering

him. I knowed there warn't no use trying to catch Alexander with the lead he had. I figgered he'd get back to Bear Creek safe. And Cap'n Kidd was the critter I wanted now. The minute I lammed him with that tree and he didn't fall, I knowed he was the hoss for me—a hoss which could carry my weight all day without giving out, and likewise full of spirit. I says to myself I rides him or the buzzards picks my bones.

I snuck from tree to tree, and presently seen Cap'n Kidd swaggering along and eating grass, and biting the tops off of young sapling, and occasionally tearing down a good sized tree to get the leaves off. Sometimes he'd neigh like a steamboat whistle, and let his heels fly in all directions just out of pure cussedness. When he done this the air was full of flying bark and dirt and rocks till it looked like he was in the middle of a twisting cyclone. I never seen such a critter in my life. He was as full of pizen and rambunctiousness as a drunk Apache on the warpath.

I thought at first I'd rope him and tie the other end of the rope to a big tree, but I was a-feared he'd chawed the lariat apart. Then I seen something that changed my mind. We was close to the rocky cliffs which juttet up above the trees, and Cap'n Kidd was passing a canyon mouth that looked like a big knife cut. He looked in and snorted, like he hoped they was a mountain lion hiding in there, but they warn't, so he went on. The wind was blowing from him towards me and he didn't smell me.

*To be continued.*

**Farm Bureau  
Annual County  
Convention  
October 6th**

The Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau's annual meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6, 2009, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Baird Activity Center in Baird, according to Sam Snyder, county president. A fish fry and desserts will be catered by Cook's Fish Farm of Comanche to members prior to the meeting. Farm Bureau members and their immediate families will be served at no charge. There will also be drawings for door prizes. The main purpose of this annual meeting is to adopt policies for the coming year. Also, new Directors will be elected at this time, as will voting delegates to represent our county at the state convention to be held in Fort Worth December 5th-7th. Please call 325-854-1044 for reservations if you plan on attending.

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**Early voting for Constitutional Amendment Election begins in Baird October 19th**

Callahan County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 3rd to cast their ballots for or against eleven propositions in a Constitutional Amendments Special Election, while voters in the city limits of Baird will also cast ballots for or against the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city. Callahan County Clerk Donna Bell said due to the expected small voter turnout on election day, only one early voting location will be open. Bell said the only early voting location for the Constitutional Amendment Special Election will take place in Room #302 at the Callahan County Courthouse located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird. Early voting will be conducted weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, October 19th. Early voting at the Baird location will conclude on Friday, October 30th. Also, Bell said only four voting precincts will be open on election day Tuesday, November 3rd. Voting will take place from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd. The voting precincts open election day include: Precinct #1 (Clyde): Clyde Woman's Club, 317 South First Street in Clyde. Precinct #2 (Eula and Precinct #7 (Oplin) will combine and vote at the Eula Lions Club located at 5776 FM 603 in Eula. Precinct #3 (Baird) and Precinct #5 (Putnam) voting will take place at the Baird Activity Center located at 228 Walnut Street in Baird. The Precinct #4 (Cross Plains) and Precinct #6 (Clyde) voting locations will cast their ballots at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 Beech Street in Cross Plains. Bell said the registered voters of the City of Baird will be voting on the Local Option Election for the legal sale of all alcoholic beverages for off-premise consumption only. Bell reminded all county residents they no longer need a reason to cast their ballots early. She said those who reside in Precinct #5 (Putnam), Precinct #6 (Clyde), and Precinct #7 (Oplin) might want to cast their ballots early due to the fact their normal polling locations will be consolidated.

**1st Annual Big Country Juice Drive Begins**

www.BigCountry4Children.com is holding their 1st annual juice drive for the Big Country! Local businesses in the Big Country are participating in the Big Country Juice Drive to help out kids in need and their families. The drive will conclude on Friday, October 2, 2009. All donated juice boxes will be distributed by The Food Bank of West Central Texas. Please help kids in need all across the Big Country by donating healthy juice boxes. Please bring your healthy juice box donations to any of the participating businesses located throughout the Big Country and place them in the Big Country Juice Drive boxes. A full listing of these participating businesses is as follows: Cookies By Design Bouquet, 3466 Catclaw Dr. Abilene. HEB Supermarket, 1345 Barrow St., Abilene. Kinder Care Learning Center, 2309 Willis St., Abilene. Radiance Tanning, 4415 Loop 322, Abilene. United Supermarket, 4209 Buffalo Gap Rd., Abilene. United Supermarket, 1095 N. Judge Ely Blvd., Abilene. United Supermarket, 3301 S. 14th St., Abilene. First Love Day Care, 109 N. Main St. Albany. Callahan County Courthouse Foyer, 100 W. 4th St., Baird. His Way Child Care Center, 1110 N. Graham Ave., Breckenridge. Little Bucks Day Care Center, 1309 E. Hullum St., Breckenridge. Carousel Child Care Center, 1030 Phillips St., Brownwood; Heartland Church, 2845 Highway 279, Brownwood. Nana's Playhouse, 2510 Stephen F. Austin Ave, Brownwood; Grandma's House, 118 Sherwood Ln., Clyde; Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket, S. Access Rd. I-20, Clyde. Cross Plains City Hall, 201 Main St., Cross Plains. Village Market, 417 SW 5th St., Cross Plains; DeLeon Chamber of Commerce, 109 S. Texas St., DeLeon. Lawrence Bros. IGA Supermarket, 725 N. Texas St., DeLeon. Eastland Head Start, 302 N. Lamar St., Eastland. Kids Under Construction, 4008 College Ave, Snyder; Snyder Child Day Care Center, 2801 S. 2nd St., Snyder. Building Blocks Christian Day Care, 805 E. New Mexico Ave. Sweetwater. Sweetwater Christian School, 507 Locust St., Sweetwater.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
FOR THE PROPOSED LONE STAR TRANSMISSION  
345KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

As Texas energy needs continue to grow, safe, reliable electric service depends on adequate transmission. At the direction of the Texas Legislature, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) created five geographic Competitive Renewable Energy Zones (CREZs) in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle. These are areas for the development of new wind generation plants. The PUCT also ordered utilities, including Lone Star, to build over 2,300 miles of new transmission lines to connect these zones with other parts of Texas. Lone Star Transmission plans to construct approximately 300 miles of those new transmission lines to bring electricity from wind-rich areas of West Texas to consumers throughout the state. The preliminary proposed routes cross the following counties: Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Mitchell, Taylor, Callahan, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland, Palo Pinto, Erath, Comanche, Somervell, Johnson, Bosque, Hill and Navarro.

Lone Star Transmission invites you to attend one of its open house meetings to learn more about the proposed transmission line project. Comments received from the public are important and Lone Star is interested in learning more about people's interests and priorities as they relate to this transmission line project. Lone Star Transmission is committed to working with landowners, elected officials, cities, counties, state and federal agencies, and other interested parties to find the optimal route for the line. Company representatives will be on-hand at the open house meetings to provide information and answer questions.

- Open House Locations and Information:**
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| <u>Monday, October 5, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Roby High School Cafeteria<br>141 S. College Street<br>Roby, Texas 79543          | <u>Monday, October 12, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Ranger High School Cafeteria<br>842 Loop 254E<br>Ranger, TX 76470                         |
| <u>Tuesday, October 6, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Hawley School Cafeteria<br>800 1st Street<br>Hawley, TX 79525                    | <u>Tuesday, October 13, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Stephenville High School Cafeteria<br>2655 West Overhill Drive<br>Stephenville, TX 76401 |
| <u>Wednesday, October 7, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Albany Old Jail/Arts Center<br>201 South 2nd Street<br>Albany, TX 76430        | <u>Wednesday, October 14, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Meridian Civic Center<br>306 River Street<br>Meridian, TX 76665                        |
| <u>Thursday, October 8, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Breckenridge Women's Forum<br>1804 West Walker Street<br>Breckenridge, TX 76424 | <u>Thursday, October 15, 2009</u><br>5:00-8:00PM<br>Hillsboro City Hall<br>127 East Franklin Street<br>Hillsboro, TX 76645                  |

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Amy Mullin at our toll free number 1-877-278-8097. For additional information, you may also visit our website at [www.lonestar-transmission.com](http://www.lonestar-transmission.com).

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## The Doctors Prescription for Health

Column written by Albert M. Kincheloe DO Medical Director  
Cross Plains Community Health Center, 200 N. Main St., Cross Plains, TX 76443. 254-725-4311

**DIABETES**

Diabetes Mellitus, or Sugar Diabetes as it is commonly referred to, is increasing at an alarming rate in our country. Each year, a higher percentage of adults, as well as school children, are diagnosed with this chronic illness.

The good news is that an individual has tremendous control over their present and future state of health.

By taking charge of their treatment program, the diabetic patient can greatly decrease their odds of developing blindness, having a heart attack, and/or stroke. Last, but not least, proper control of one's blood sugar dramatically decreases the diabetic's risk of developing renal failure and thus being placed on dialysis.

Signs of diabetes mellitus are excessive thirst and appetite, recent weight loss or gain, fatigue, irritability, forgetfulness, visual disturbances, and generalized aches and pains. These are a few of the symptoms that may lead a person to seek medical attention to be evaluated for the reason for feeling this way.

If you or a loved one is experiencing any unusual feelings, do yourself and your family a favor! Seek medical care. The earlier the better is the rule to live long by.

## USDA Rural Development Seeks Applications for Value-added Producer Grants

**TEMPLE, TEXAS, September 3, 2009**—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to assist agricultural producers seeking to add value to the commodities they produce. Approximately \$18 million will be awarded nationwide.

"These grants strengthen rural economies and create jobs by helping farmers and ranchers add value to their agricultural products by using them for planning activities such as feasibility studies, marketing and business plans, or for working capital," Vilsack said. "This program also supports President Obama's goal to expand our nation's renewable energy resources by helping farmers develop renewable energy from agricultural products."

Planning grants up to \$100,000 and working capital grants up to \$300,000 will be awarded through USDA Rural Development's Value Added Producer Grant program. USDA is encouraging projects that use existing agricultural products in nontraditional ways and/or merge agricultural products with technology in creative ways.

Businesses of all sizes may apply, but priority will be given to operators of Small and Medium-Sized Family Farms or Ranches with a 3-year average of \$700,000 or less in annual gross sales of agricultural product. The competitive grants to be awarded under this notice are part of USDA Rural Development's annual budget and are not funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Applicants must provide matching funds equal to the amount of the grant requested. Ten percent of available funds are reserved for beginning farmers or ranchers, and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. An additional 10 percent is reserved for projects involving local and regional supply networks that link independent producers with businesses and cooperatives that market value-added products.

Paper applications for both unreserved and reserved funds must be postmarked and mailed, shipped or sent overnight no later than November 30, 2009 to the Rural Development Texas State Office, Attention Business and Cooperative Programs, 101 South Main Street, Suite 102, Temple, TX 76701. Electronic applications for both unreserved and reserved funds must be submitted through [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov) and received by November 30, 2009. For additional information, see the September 1, 2009 Federal Register, page 46165.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. For more information on the Value-Added Producer Grant Program, please contact Billy Curb, Business and Cooperative Specialist at (254) 742-9775. Further information on the Value Added Producer Grant is available at one of our local offices or by visiting the web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm>.

## Commissioners approve fee for District Court Records Technology Fund

Callahan County Commissioners voted to establish a \$5.00 District Court Record Technology Fund during the commissioners' court special meeting held Monday, September 14th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The fee will be collected and reported according to Subchapter D, Section 51.305, (c) by the District Clerk to the Treasurer for deposit into the District Court Records Technology Fund account. The account may be used by the District Clerk of Callahan County, upon approval of the commissioners' court, for preservation and restoration services performed by the District Clerk in connection with maintaining a District Court Records Archive.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham and a second by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the \$5.00 District Court Records Technology Fund fee.

The order establish a District Court Records Technology Fund follows:

Commissioner Precinct #3  
(s) Cliff Kirkham  
Commissioner Precinct #4

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court special meeting included:

—The Callahan County Commissioners' Court held a public hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14th on establishing a Preservation and Restoration Records Plan for the District Clerk's Office.

District Clerk Sharon Owens presented the commissioners' court the Preservation and Restoration Records Plan.

No visitors attended the public hearing and Commissioner Farmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Callahan County Judge Roger Corn called the special commissioners' court meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Those present included Precinct #1 Commissioner Harold Hicks, Precinct #2 Commissioner Bryan Farmer, Precinct #3 Commissioner Tom Windham, Precinct #4 Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell. Others present at the commissioners' court meeting were: Debbie Hatchett, Neil Goodman, Alma J. Minge, Linda Chapel, Cynthia Clark, Daniel Minge, Terry S. Goodman, and Cody Goodman.

—Minutes from the previous commissioners' court meeting were signed.

—Under public comments, Linda Chapel spoke to the commissioners' court about the maintenance of County Road 232.

—There was a lengthy discussion about Precinct #1 County Road 103 between the residents along the road and the commissioners' court. The residents and other concerned citizens who spoke were Neil Goodman, Daniel Minge, Terry Goodman, Cynthia Clark, Debbie Hatchett, Cody Goodman, and Linda Chapel. No action was taken.

—After questions and discussion with Linda Chapel, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to lift the Countywide Burn Ban effective immediately. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to amend the budget. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Judge Corn read a letter of

resignation written by Jo Odom resigning from her position on the Callahan County Nutrition Project Board. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept her resignation and Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Judge Corn said that Mrs. Odom had done an excellent job and that her resignation was reluctantly accepted.

Her letter of resignation to the commissioners' court follows:

September 10, 2009

To: Judge Corn The County Commissioners of Callahan County

Please accept my resignation as a County Board member of the Callahan County Nutrition Project, effective as of this date.

First, let thank you for your confidence in me through out the many years by serving on this project. I have watched it grow from its inception to where it is today and during this time, I have given it my all; however the time has come for me to step down as I feel that I am no longer an asset to the Project. I believe it is the best program that we have in our county and in my own way, I will continue to support it. It serves our elderly well and so many need what it has to offer.

It is my hope that you will all give careful consideration about who you select to fill my place on the board.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jo Odom  
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### ORDER TO ESTABLISH A DISTRICT COURT RECORDS TECHNOLOGY FUND

As provided by the Government Code, Chapter 51, Section 1, Subchapter D, Section 51.305, (c), the Commissioners Court of a county may adopt a District Court Records Technology Fund fee in an amount not to exceed \$5.00.

The fee shall be collected and reported, according to Subchapter D, Section 51.305, (c), by the District Clerk to the Treasurer for deposit into the District Court Records Technology Fund account. The account may be used, by the District Clerk of the County, upon approval of the Commissioner's Court, for preservation and restoration services performed by the District Clerk in connection with maintaining a District Court Records Archive.

Therefore, on this day the Commissioners Court approves the establishment of the District Court Records Technology Fund fee in the amount of \$5.00. The District Clerk shall implement the collection of this fee as of October 1, 2009.

Approved, this 14th day of September, 2009.

(s) Roger Corn  
County Judge  
(s) Harold Hicks  
Commissioner Precinct #1  
(s) Bryan Farmer  
Commissioner Precinct #2  
(s) Tom Windham

## Child Passenger Safety Week Reinforces New Booster Seat Law

**AUSTIN, TX**—The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) wants to be sure no child is left unbuckled this fall, and with good reason: motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages two to 14. This year, Texas passed a new law intended to make sure the state's youngest travelers stay safe on the road. The law requires that children younger than eight years of age, unless taller than four feet, nine inches, ride in a child passenger safety system used according to manufacturer's instructions.

The new child passenger safety law went into effect September 1, 2009. Officers will be handing out warnings to drivers who don't properly secure children that fall under the new law until June 1, 2010, at which time citations will be issued. "Booster seats protect children who've outgrown child safety seats but are still too small for a seat belt alone. A child placed in a seat belt too soon is at risk for severe head, spinal and abdominal injuries. This new law matches with national best-practice standards for transporting children safely and will make Texas roads a safer place for

children," said Terry Pence, TxDOT's traffic safety director. TxDOT is taking advantage of National Child Passenger Safety Week, September 12-18, 2009 as a chance to spread the word about the new law, as well as other tips for protecting young passengers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), children age 12 and under are safest when buckled in the back seat of a vehicle. It's also vital to carefully follow manufacturers' instructions for child safety seats, otherwise serious injury could occur. Seat Check Saturday will kick off National Child Passenger Safety Week on September 12th. Free safety seat check-ups are being held throughout Texas, offering a chance for parents and caregivers to learn about the proper safety seat for their child and the correct way to install it. Call Safe Riders at the Texas Department of State Health Services at 1-800-252-8255 for details or visit [www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders) for a list of statewide car seat check opportunities. There is also a link on this website to the full text of Texas' child occupant protection laws.

The following 4-step guidelines can help determine which restraint system is best suited to protect children based on their age and size:

1. Keep infants in the back seat, in rear-facing child safety seats, as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep infants rear-facing until at least age 1 and at least 20 pounds.
2. When children outgrow their rear-facing seats, they should ride in forward-facing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).
3. Once children outgrow their forward-facing seats, they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until they are age eight or taller than 4'9".
4. At age eight or taller than 4'9", children can use the adult seat belts in the back seat. The lap belt should fit low and snug, across the hips/upper thighs.

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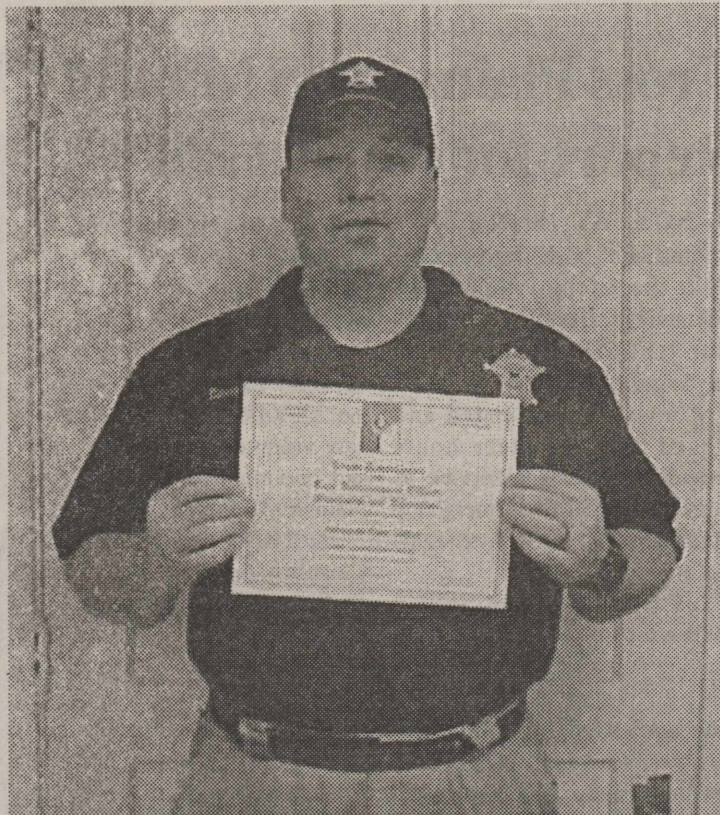
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### Chief Deputy J.D. Ravenscroft awarded Peace Officer Certificate

Chief Deputy J.D. Ravenscroft of the Callahan County Sheriff's Office has achieved the level of advanced Peace Officer Certification, awarded by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

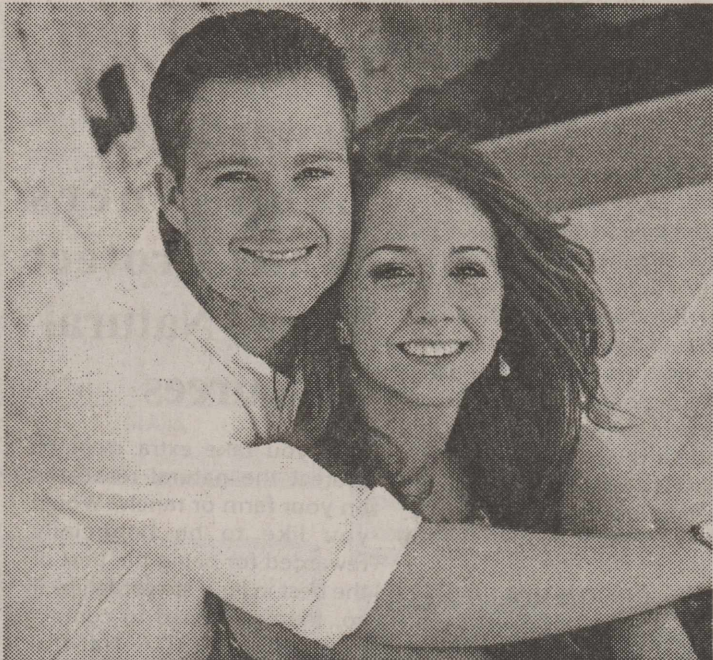
service as a Texas Peace Officer. TCLEOSE sets one of the highest standards for its officers through out the United States. It is only through J.D.'s hard work and dedication to protect the citizens of Texas and Callahan County, that he was able to achieve this award. Sheriff Windham and the other employees of the Callahan County Sheriff's Department are extremely proud of J.D.'s achievements.

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ELIZABETH ANN WHITE AND ZACHARY NEAL RINEY ...plan December 19, 2009 wedding in Colleyville

### Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. W.W. White of Cypress, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann White, to Zachary Neal Riney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Riney of Abilene, Texas.

The bride-elect graduated from Jersey Village High School in Houston in 2004; Elizabeth received her B.S. Degree in Biomedical Sciences from Texas A&M University in August 2008. She is currently a third-year pharmacy student and proud member of the founding class enrolled at Texas Tech University Health

Sciences Center School of Pharmacy in Abilene. She will receive her Doctorate of Pharmacy in May, 2011.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Baird High School in 2003; Zach received his B.S. Degree in Kinesiology in August, 2008. He is presently a first year physical therapy student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Zach will receive his Doctorate of Physical Therapy in December, 2011.

Zachary is the grandson of Ike & Sue Neal and the late Penny Neal.

Zachary and Elizabeth will be married on December 19, 2009, at the Piazza in the Village in Colleyville, Texas.

### Oplin Volunteer Fire Department BBQ Brisket Dinner set for October 4th

The Oplin Volunteer Fire Department would like to invite everyone out to their after church BBQ brisket dinner fundraiser to be held on Sunday, October 4th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Dinner will include delicious brisket,

cooked to perfection by our volunteers, with all the trimmings including drinks and dessert. Cost for our dinner will be \$8.00 per person and \$5.00 for children age 10 and under.

Our dinner will be served at the Oplin Community Center located at the intersections of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. We will also be raffling off a hand-made king size quilt and an 18" Black and Decker electric mower. Raffle tickets are on sale now for \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00. Raffle drawings will be held at 1:00 p.m., during the dinner.

The Oplin Volunteer Fire Department relies on your continuing support and donations to maintain their equipment and building to better respond to any emergencies that may arise in our area and surrounding areas if needed. For further information regarding this fundraiser or if you would like to make a donation to our fire department please contact Judy Campbell at 529-4301 or Shirley Landers at 529-3137.

So gather the family and come on out for a delicious brisket dinner and show your support for the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department.

Submitted by: Pam Rumfield

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### Texas Midwest Conference set for October 14th

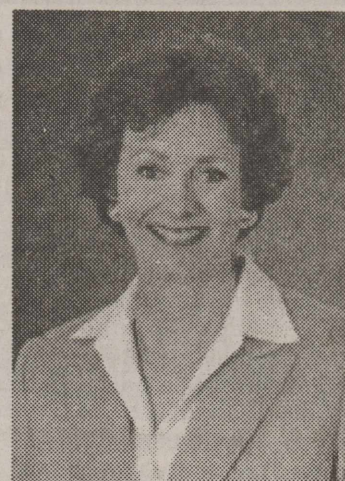
Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) will host the 16th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, Oct. 14th, at the Abilene Civic Center.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs will be the keynote speaker at the opening session of the conference. In light of today's concerns about how government functions, Combs has spearheaded unprecedented efforts to give taxpayers a transparent look at how their dollars are spent. She posted the expenses of the Comptroller's office online her third day on the job and took transparency in government spending to new heights by launching the *Where the Money Goes* Web site.

Considered a model by many other states and open government advocates, the Comptroller's website features a virtual check register that gives the public online access to detailed and up-to-date expenditure information for all state entities. At the conference, Combs will give her perspective on the current and future economic situation for the West Texas region as well as the State.

The Texas Midwest Conference brings community leaders together from more than 25 counties in the Abilene and San Angelo trade areas. City & county officials, economic development professionals and board members, chamber of commerce volunteers and student leaders are invited to attend to experience first hand how to help communities grow and prosper.

This year's conference theme is "Team Up for Rural Success". Conference sessions will offer community leaders information related to community and economic development. Features of the annual conference include solution seminars, information



SUSAN COMBS, KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT TEXAS MIDWEST CONFERENCE.

exhibits, luncheon catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse and community awards.

For complete details on solution seminar topics and speakers offered at the conference go to the Texas Midwest website at [texasmidwest.org](http://texasmidwest.org).

Pre-registration for the conference is \$40, which covers all activities and the conference luncheon. Walk-in registration is \$50. A discount for 5 or more from one community or organization is also available. For information call 325-795-8626 or e-mail [tmcn@tmcn.org](mailto:tmcn@tmcn.org).

TMCN member cities include Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Gustine, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Knox City, Merkel, Menard, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

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