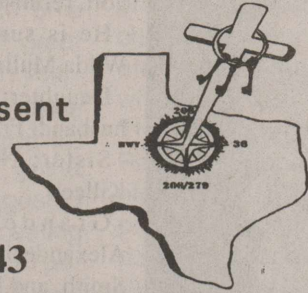


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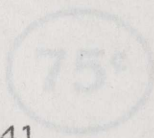
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Seniors, Colton McWilliams 12, Justin Willis 44, Josh Branch 11, Tyler Henderson 2, Cutter Haisel 15, Tristen Stephenson 10, and Wesley Carver 22, pose with the Bi-District trophy!

## Cross Plains' retail sales begin 2014 down 10%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2014 are lower by over ten percent, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, February 12th.

Cross Plains' 2014 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$35,594.72, which is 10.37 percent lower than the \$39,716.81 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2013.

The payment to the city for February 2014 was \$18,498.42, which is 11.62 percent lower than the \$20,931.91 payment made in February 2013.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, February 12th, that state sales tax revenue in January was \$2.3 billion, up 8.3 percent compared to January 2013.

"Increases were seen across all major sectors of the Texas economy," Combs said. "This indicates continued expansion in both consumer and business spending, and brings the growth in fiscal year-to-date collections to 4.6 percent compared with the previous year. Sales tax revenue has increased for 46 consecutive months."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$802.1 million, up 8.2 percent compared to February 2013.

Combs sent Texas cities \$526.0 million in February 2014, which is higher by 8.0 percent compared to February 2013 and higher by 7.8 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$49.3 million in February 2014 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 0.8 percent compared to February 2013 and higher by 0.3 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$178.8 million in February 2014 sales tax allocations, which is 7.2 percent higher than February 2013 and up 8.4 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$47.0 million in February 2014 allocations, which is 25.2 percent higher than February 2013 and higher by 22.6 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$802.1 million in February 2014, which is 8.2 percent higher than February 2013 and up 8.2 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in December, as well as October, November and December sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

For details of February sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate

### CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2012	2013
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$39,716.81	\$35,594.72
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$20,931.91	\$18,498.42

the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html).

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2014 started the year 58.83 percent higher than the 2013 payments. The city has received \$34,231.88 in 2014, while the 2013 tax payments to the city totalled \$21,552.11.

Baird's monthly payment for February 2014 was \$20,027.90, which is 49.65 percent higher than the \$13,382.87 payment made in February 2013.

—The 2014 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 92.46 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2013. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$202,139.10 in 2014. The 2013 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$105,024.17.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for February 2014 was \$158,090.38, which is higher by 144.81 percent compared to February 2013 when \$64,575.09 was reported.

According to R.J. DeSilva with the Texas Comptroller's Office, the Comptroller's Office performed an audit on one company in Clyde in which a large one-time payment was made to the City of Clyde for city sales tax. DeSilva said he could not give the name of the company, or what industry the company was involved with.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2014 payments to the town totalled \$1,947.76, which is lower by 47.27 percent from the 2013 payments to the city in the amount of \$3,693.92.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of February 2014 was \$1,143.72, which is down 25.72 percent compared to the February 2013 payment of \$1,539.89.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2014 in Callahan

County are higher by 61.13 percent compared to the 2013 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2014 amounting to \$273,913.46 while the 2013 payments to the county towns totalled \$169,987.01.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of February 2014 was \$197,760.42, which is higher by 96.91 percent compared to the February 2013 payment in the amount of \$100,429.76.

Merchants collect the state and local sales tax and send it to the Comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its 6 1/4 percent share and returns the local one percent sales tax each month to the local governments. Cities and counties may levy a combined tax of up to two percent above the state's sales tax.

Clyde businesses collect 2.00%, including one percent for the City of Clyde, one-half of one percent for the Clyde Economic Development Corporation and one-half of one percent to reduce property taxes (Proceeds to benefit the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department).

Cross Plains collects 2.00% in local sales taxes, of which 1.00 percent is allocated to the city and 1.00% is allocated for economic development in the town.

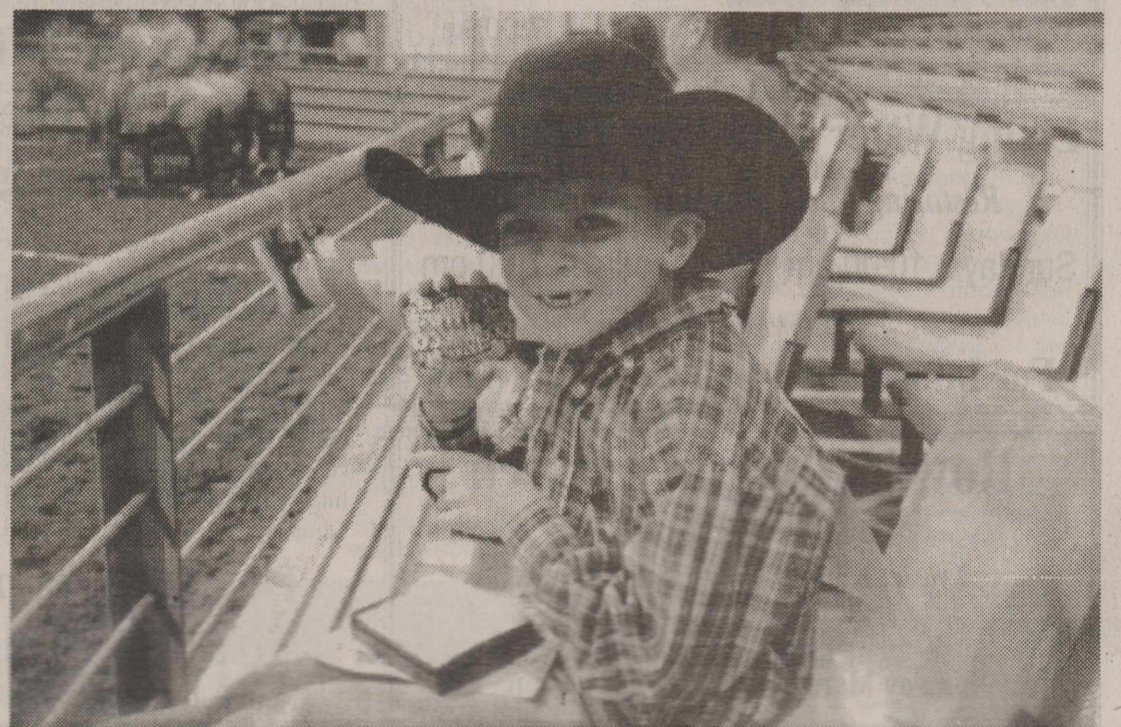
Baird collects 2.00% in local sales tax of which 1.00% is allocated to the city, 0.50% is allocated to the community's economic development corporation and 0.50% of one percent to reduce property taxes.

Putnam collects 1.00% in local sales tax of which all 1.00 percent is allocated to the city.

All local sales taxes must be approved by local voters and may be used for any legal city or county expenses. Most areas put the money in their General Fund and use it for normal operations like fire fighting, maintaining roads and law enforcement, the Comptroller said. Some cities use up to an additional one percent of city sales tax to help fund local economic development and to reduce property taxes.



WHIT WILLIAMSON (FORMERLY OF CROSS PLAINS, NOW LIVING IN WEATHERFORD) WON FIRST PLACE AT THE FORT WORTH STOCK SHOW AND RODEO FOR 2014.



WHIT WILLIAMSON WON THE SHINEY BELT BUCKLE HE IS DISPLAYING AT THE MCCOY'S LITTLE BRITCHES RODEO IN 2014.

## Whit Williamson wins 'mutton bustin' at Best of the West Invitational Ranch Rodeo

Whit Williamson of Weatherford (formerly of Cross Plains) won the recent Saturday nite "mutton bustin" at the 2014 Best of the West Invitational Ranch Rodeo at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo with a 92 point ride.

A couple of weeks later he brought home a win from the

2014 McCoy's Cowboy Capital Richest Ranch Rodeo in Stephenville, Texas winning the Friday nite McCoy's Little Britches Ranch Rodeo.

Whit is the son of Malcom and Jolene Williamson who now make their home in Weatherford, Texas, big

brother to Charlie Jo and grandson of his proud grandmother Geneva Nelson of Cross Plains.

Whit got his start in the life of a Rodeo Cowboy at the Turkey Creek Roping Club in Cross Plains!

Congratulations Whit!



## Powering Lifting Results

The Cross Plains Power-Lifting team competed Thursday, February 13th at The Mustang Power Classic in Sweetwater. The girls team placed 4th overall as a team.

Girls:

Inez Salazar placed 1st, Lorelei Woodard placed 2nd, Hannah Cowan placed 4th, Alexis Mauricio placed 5th, Evelyn Morales placed 5th and Piper Winfrey placed 8th.

Boys:

Dalton Gilliam placed 8th, Nain Martinez placed 9th, Zach Gartman placed 10th, Zach Thompson placed 16th and James Briggs placed 20th.

The boys and girls power lifting teams had a great season. Lorelei Woodard and Evelyn Morales both have advanced to the Regional Power Lifting Meet on Friday, February 28th, in Mertzon, Texas.

## Lady Buffs Move to Quarter-finals

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs defeated Ira 51-36 to become Area Champions and advance to Region 2 Quarter-finals. The Lady Buffs will meet defending Region 2 Champion Highland at 6:00 at Jim Ned Tuesday.

After falling behind in the first quarter, 14-10, the Lady Buffs tightened their defense and established their strong inside game and took a 24-21 lead at halftime.

Ira's constant full court pressure caused several Lady Buff turnovers but Nicole Eisenbach's clutch free throws late sealed the victory. Eisenbach and Jurnee Thomas led the scoring with 14 points each. Eisenbach also had 4 steals, 6 assists and 9 rebounds. Thomas added 10 rebounds. Taryn Estes had a solid game on offense and defense, ending up with 9 points and 8 rebounds. Texas Sanders also had an outstanding game with 8 points, 2 assists, and 4 steals. Kristin Wright withstood the constant pressure and had two key 3 pointers for her 6 points but also had 4 steals and 3 assist.

The Lady Buffs moved to 20-5 on the year and look forward to

their next match-up with State ranked power Highland.

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**Al Taylor, Preacher**  
Phone: 254-725-7522  
Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

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**Pastor:** Dwaine Clowers  
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Sunday School.....10:00am  
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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday...7:00 pm  
*Pastor Max Evans*  
For Information Call (254) 725-7418

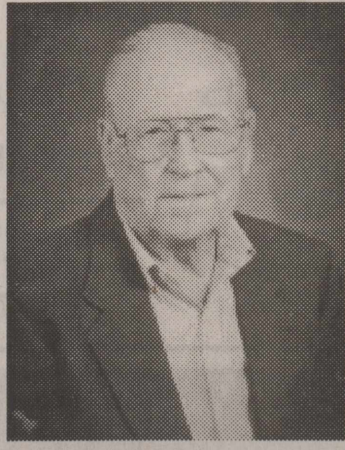
**Rowden Baptist Church**  
**Pastor:** Wayne Lenz  
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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

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Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
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**Thomas Estes, Pastor**  
**Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor**  
Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

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Lead Singers: 4His Glory  
**Pastor Kathy Monroe**  
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**CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
433 North Main Street  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443  
**Minister: RICK AUSTIN**  
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Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.  
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.  
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.  
Ladies Class - Wednesday:  
10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)  
Office: (254-725-6117)  
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

## OBITUARIES



### Joe Trendle Mullins

Joe Trendle Mullins, age 79 of Lampasas, TX died Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at his home. Joe was born November 5, 1934 in Briggs, TX the son of James Baisey Mullins and Johnnie Marie (Isbell) Mullins. Joe volunteered to serve in the Army in 1954 and served in Germany. November 29, 1958 he married Wilda Louise Queen. After his service he went to work for the U.S. Civil Service as a painter and later became an estimator. After he retired from the Civil Service he worked at the pro shop at Hancock Park Golf Course for 13

years. Joe loved to work, to play golf, refinish furniture, and read. He is survived by his wife Wilda Mullins of Lampasas  
Daughter: Tammy Smith and husband, Frank of Round Rock  
Sister: Nelda Jean Cox of Killeen  
Grandchildren: Logan Alexander Smith, Lacey Louise Smith, and Landon Joe Smith  
As well as several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, his son Jody Mullins, twin brother Wendle Reed Mullins and brothers; V.G. Moon Mullins and James Mullins and by sister Wanda Baker.

A visitation for Mr. Mullins was held Friday, February 14, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Sneed Funeral Chapel. A funeral service was held Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Sign our online guestbook at "www.sneedfuneralchapel.com" Sneed Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

### You Could Win A Kindle Fire HDX In The "Got Grit?" Writing Contest

Once again the Cross Plains Public Library is celebrating The Big Read/ "Experience True Grit" with a writing contest for all ages. Compositions must be between 5-7 paragraphs and about people, real or fictitious, that exhibit the characteristic of "true grit." Deadline is Thursday, March 27, and winners will be announced and

prizes awarded at the Street Dance Bonanza on April 12th. Stop by the library for an entry form or download from our facebook page. First prize is a 16GB Kindle Fire HD 7" tablet. Second prize is a \$50 Amazon.com gift certificate, and third prize is a movie pass for two at Premiere Cinema in Abilene.

### Deadline Approaching for T-Shirt Design Contest

In preparation for our 6-week celebration of The Big Read in March, the Cross Plains Public Library is holding a T-Shirt contest. Winning artwork will be reproduced in a single color on white or gray T-shirts to be given away during The Big Read. Because of copyright laws, designs cannot portray a real person, or a character from the "True Grit" movies. We are looking for art-

work that would portray the spirit of "true grit" with drawings and/or words. Images must be no longer than 10" X 10" and preferably black and white, although color drawings will be accepted. Deadline for entries is Thursday, February 27, 2014. Any age can enter. The winner's name will be added to the design before printing.

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### First United Methodist Church

**Kevin Morton, Pastor**  
Office 725-7377 Parsonage 325-624-5634  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
1000 North Main Street  
[www.gbgm-umc.org/crossplains/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/crossplains/)

### First Baptist Church

**Sunday Morning** 10:45 a.m.  
**Sunday Evening** 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday School** 9:30  
**Wednesday** 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.  
**Ronnie B. White, Pastor**  
**Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship**  
**Jared Huntley/Students**  
(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443  
[www.firstbaptistcp.com](http://www.firstbaptistcp.com)



Musicians performing at the Cottonwood Musical.

### Cottonwood Country Musical

The next cottonwood County Musical will be Friday night, February 28th. Serving starts in the kitchen at 5:00 p.m. and the musical begins at 5:30 p.m. The meal to be served will be

announced at a later date. Be prepared to have a fantastic time listening to good county music.

For questions or information contact Cookie Robinson at (325)-660-5771.

### Cottonwood News

By: Beverly Brown

The weather has been nice this week. It seems like we've gone from winter to spring and almost into summer. The "Old Timers" say that if it thunders in February, we'll have a late freeze in April.

We have had some moisture but the grass is still dry. Even though currently the burn ban is off, the wind has been high and we've been under a high fire danger. If you do plan on burning, pay attention to the weather and the wind, and call the Sheriff's Office to be sure the Burn Ban hasn't been put back on. Even with the Burn Ban off, you need to let the Sheriff's Office know that you are planning a control burn, so they don't send a firetruck out to put out your fire. The number for the Sheriff's Office is (325)-854-1444.

Glynn Nickerson and Olga of Boerne, Kathy Franke of Hamby, Dena Jo and Curtis Hines of Weatherford all visited with their mother, Dena Nickerson over the weekend. Monday morning Bill and Annette Nickerson joined the

group for breakfast at Dena's home.

Ethan and Branden Maxwell of Abilene were here visiting their father and their grandparents, Joe and Deana Tersetegge.

The Barbarian Festival will be coming up in a few months. It's not too soon to start thinking about what kind of booth you'll have at the festival and what float or vehicle you'll have in the parade. The parade is on Thursday, June 12th and the festival is on Saturday June 14th. Joe Tersetegge of here in Cottonwood is in charge of parade.

There are still a few Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group 25th Anniversary books available. You can pick one up at Connie's Cuts and Curls or at the Cross Plains Review Office in Cross Plains. You can also order one by mail. Just send \$15.00 plus \$4.00 shipping to Beverly Brown, 14394 CR 429, Cross Plains, TX 76443, and we'll get the book shipped right to you. The book features many photos of the past as well as many recent photos of the Fire Control Group.

### Teens "Experience the True Grit of Bethany Hamilton"

The Cross Plains Public Library will host an "Experience True Grit" event at the main Street Pool House and Surf Shop on Saturday, April 5th at 7:00p.m. Teens will enjoy "Soul Surfer" the story of teenage surfer Bethany Hamilton, who overcame the odds and her own fears of return-

ing to the water after losing her left arm in a shark attack. FREE copies of the book are available now at the library. Participants will be eligible for a drawing of free movie passes. Pizza and drinks will be served during the movie, followed by a discussion of the "gritty" aspects of the character.

### Love Fund

Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank  
For Owen Turner son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner

### LOVE FUND

A love fund has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank In Memory of Ricky Smith to help the family with expenses. Ricky is the son of Ileen Smith and the father of Holly Smith both of Cross Plains.

### Love Fund

There is a Love Fund set up for the family of Billy Bell at the Texas Heritage Bank

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## Repair being done at Robert E. Howard Museum

Extensive repair work is currently underway at the Museum and, amazingly enough, we have not had to turn away any visitors during the time we have been shut down. Equally amazing is the outpouring of financial support from the regular folks who come in June.

Because the house is over 100 years old and is right along the highway and the heavy truck traffic, walls and ceilings have cracked to the extent that they can no longer be simply painted over to hide the damage. A lot of rotted wood is being replaced around the outside, windows are being repaired and ultimately the entire house will need to be repainted.

When Project Pride purchased the house in the late 1980's and embarked on the massive restoration project, local donations pretty well matched the financial support from the then rather small group of Howard aficionados.

Fast forward to the present and the instant social media connections, Project Pride's PayPal account burst into action recently with surprise donations coming in from as far away as France and Sweden as people learned of the necessary repairs. Then somebody started an auction on Facebook of old magazines that included Howard related stories with the proceeds coming here for our local tourist attraction. The somebody challenged folks to donate a dollar for every Howard book they'd read.

However, the ultimate gift of respect for the Museum and the Cross Plains people came in the form of a donation in memory of his wife who had so enjoyed their June trips to Howard Days.

Local donations for the repairs to the Museum may be made via PayPal at ProjPride@yahoo.com or mailed to Project Pride, P. O. Box 755.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson.

## Excellent response to Project Pride membership drive

Memberships and extra donations continue to arrive almost daily as folks choose to get involved with the premier tourist attraction in town. Local memberships are considerably above last year's figures and the usual people from CA, IN, MI, MO, CO, NY, NM, AR, FL, Scotland, Japan and England have come through with nice donations as well as their membership fees.

The extra donations are especially appreciated this year as the Museum is requiring some serious repairs and general maintenance. Work is being done now as the weather permits, with a deadline for completion of the interior by Feb. 21, when a visitor from Spain is scheduled for a visit.

Although the Board of Directors guide the work of the local organization, members are al-

ways invited to attend the monthly meetings and become involved with any of the activities offered. Extra hands are always welcome during the annual Robert E. Howard Days, providing lunch for the school staff, helping the cancer walk and the decorating of the Higginbotham windows at Christmas time.

The Howard Days, scheduled for June 13-14, offer many diverse opportunities to help, from getting the grounds spruced up, to helping with the actual set-up, serving as docents to provide tours of the Museum, making cookies or donating supplies and food for the Pavilion lunch on Friday.

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

## Commissioners Court meeting on Feb. 25th

There will be a meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, February 25th at 9:30 am.

This meeting is concerning the road dispute leading to the old

Cottonwood Cemetery.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The Cottonwood Historical Association.

## TxDOT Hosts training series for businesses

Workshops provide information for minority and women-owned businesses

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has planned a series of training sessions across the state for businesses designated as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Historically Underutilized Businesses, and other minority and women-owned businesses interested in participating in TxDOT contracts and procurements.

Training sessions scheduled for the Big Country and Heartland areas include the following:

• Feb. 19  
Time: 8 a.m. - noon  
Location: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 3018 Catclaw Drive,

Abilene, Texas 79606

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Time: 8 a.m. - noon

Location: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 103 Market Place Blvd., Brownwood, Texas 76801

Topic: Business Management  
All sessions are free of charge. Those who are interested in attending may register online at [www.dot.state.tx.us/apps-cg/registration-forms/civ/registration.htm](http://www.dot.state.tx.us/apps-cg/registration-forms/civ/registration.htm).

Information about other sessions hosted throughout the state can be found at [www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/office/civil-rights/speaker-series.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/office/civil-rights/speaker-series.html).

## Kiwanis Pancake Supper March 6

Just one week away, on Thursday night, March 6-YES, Thursday, March 6-is one of Cross Plains' great "Social Events" of each year—the **Kiwanis Pancake Supper!** It is the night for great food and great fellowship. The "suggested donation" for so much eating and fellowship is only \$5 per person, \$3 for those 12 and under. That's all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, along with coffee, hot chocolate, tea or water. Where else can you get a deal like that?!

This is one of the major fundraisers for the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club. By

attending you can help support the many projects that benefit both the children of our community, and the community as a whole.

The date, again, for the Pancake Supper is Thursday night, March 6, beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing until 7 p.m. The place is the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. Now this is only a few days away, so if you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet, be sure and see a Kiwanian and buy them now. Buy more than one ticket and bring a friend or two—maybe give one to someone else. See you at the Pancake Supper!!

## Run or Dye, the world's most colorful 5K, will return in Abilene on Saturday

What happens when you combine thousands of runners and walkers with a blast of color, a heap of happiness, a pinch of passion and a splash of spontaneity? Say hello to **Run or Dye**, the world's most colorful 5K.

The August 2013 event drew more than 6,000 participants! In February, Run or Dye Abilene will again draw thousands to the Big Country to celebrate the vibrancy of being alive — all while being blasted with more than five tons of color dye powder during a 5K run/walk. Culminating with a "Color Festival" at the end of the race, there will be no shortage of fun — or color — throughout the day.

**WHAT:** Run or Dye 5K.

**WHERE:** Abilene, TX (Expo Center).

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 22nd.

**DETAILS:** <http://www.runordye.com/locations/Abilene>.

Run or Dye 5K race has selected Big Brothers Big Sisters as their non-profit partner in Abilene!

Event volunteers are also needed. Runners and race volunteers simply need to enter the code **RODBBBS10** when registering. Each code entered = a donation for mentoring. Runners even get a \$10 discount on the registration fee when they enter the code above. It's that easy!

Want to volunteer for the event or run and get blasted with color? Contact Mallory Ashford at 325-674-3115 or [mashford@bbbstx.org](mailto:mashford@bbbstx.org).

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## Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

### For Callahan County District Clerk

#### Amber Tinsley

Political advertisement paid for by Amber Tinsley, Treasurer for Amber Tinsley Callahan County District Clerk Campaign.

All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 4, 2014 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$100.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

## Cross Plains Public Library Hosts "The Nitty Gritty of Cooking" with Sharon Riley

Abilene's own Sharon Riley, renowned cook, restaurateur, and caterer, owner of Sharon's Barbeque, Sharon's Catering, and Lytle Land & Cattle Company will be the Cross Plains Public Library's guest speaker at a luncheon featuring her new cookbook "Yum! Yum! An Abilene Tradition." Sharon will be sharing tips from her book and cooking Grilled Corn and Cheddar Quinoa. The entire luncheon menu will have recipes from her book. There

will be door prizes and an optional "Stylish Hat Contest" - popular vote will determine the winner of a copy of Sharon's cookbook. Cost is \$12 and includes \$5 off the purchase of her book.

Join us at the First United Methodist Church, 1000 N. Main St., Cross Plains, on Friday, March 7, at 11:30am. Tickets are on sale at the library through Feb. 27th. Call 254-725-7722 for reservations.

## Elect Angela Owens for Callahan County District Clerk

I am Angela Owens; I am running as a Republican Candidate for the office of Callahan County District Clerk.

I am 42 years of age. I graduated from Jim Ned High School in Tuscola. I have been married to long time Clyde native Jason Owens for 19 years. I have two sons ages 12 and 8. We have lived in the county for 13 years and are raising our family in Clyde.

I presently work for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a Diagnostic Tester and have been at my current position for 2 years. I was December 2013 Employee of the Month as designated by the Warden of the John W. Middleton Unit.

My work history includes: 5 years as a Clerk II at Texas Department of Criminal Justice; 12 years with Taylor County Juvenile Justice Center as a Post Adjudication Secretary; and 1 1/2 years as a Clerk in the Taylor County Treasurers Office.

As a member of the Callahan County community, I will strive to do the best job possible as District Clerk. I feel my experience in not only county but state



ANGELA OWENS  
...candidate for Callahan County District Clerk

government will help me in this position.

As a wife and mother of 2 boys, living and raising my children in this county, I know I will work hard and do everything I can to maintain the office of the District Clerk in a professional and personable manner. I am willing to learn as much as possible and work hard to achieve this goal.

I ask for your support and vote on Election Day, March 4, 2014.

Pol. Adv. paid for by Angela Owens, Campaign, Jason Owens, Treasurer

## You be the judge! Who is the conservative in the Republican Primary for Judge on the 11th Court of Appeals?

### Judge John Bailey

**CONSERVATIVE VALUES:**  
Appointed by Republican Governor Rick Perry

Endorsed by Texans for Lawsuit Reform, Texas Civil Justice League and conservative leaders across the district

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**  
12 years experience as a senior staff attorney at the 11th Court of Appeals

Has handled hundreds of cases on the 11th Court of Appeals

Worked with each of the court's previous 8 Justices and Chief Justices

Named "Outstanding Young Lawyer"

### His Opponent

Cade W. Browning

**LIBERAL VALUES:**  
Gave a financial contribution to Barack Obama's presidential campaign!

Voted for Barack Obama in the 2008 Democratic Primary

Recently named "Legislative War Chest Donor" by the liberal Texas Trial Lawyers Association that supported Barack Obama for President

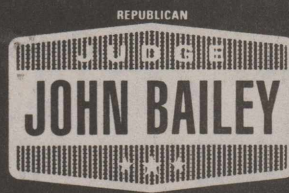
**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**  
Personal Injury Trial Lawyer\*

Specializes in wrongful death, automobile and truck accidents, and workplace injuries

\*Interestingly, Browning removed the website for his personal injury lawsuit practice from the internet when he became a candidate in the Republican Primary.



The verdict is clear!  
Judge Bailey is the only REAL conservative for the 11th Court of Appeals!



REPUBLICAN PRIMARY: MARCH 4, 2014  
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Cost: \$12 (includes \$5 off the purchase of Sharon's cookbook)

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Jim Walker dancing with Brandy Wipff



The Last Dance Band

## Rising Star Valentine's Dance was Huge Success

Friday night, February 14, 2014 was an extremely enjoyable evening at the Market Building in Rising Star, Texas. The Last Dance Band began playing at 7:30 to the delight of all in attendance. The band members are all from this area, so if you ever get the opportunity to see them, take advantage of it because they sound great!

Several couples made sure to arrive early enough to enjoy a meal of either chopped brisket sandwiches, or loaded baked potatoes. Sales at the snack bar window were brisk, and kept the chamber members Greg Whitten, Judy Green, Betty Williams, and AJ Ratliff on the move, as well as volunteers Suzanne McMeens and Lisa Brown.

A very heartfelt "THANK YOU" goes to all the volunteers, as well as those who donated door prizes. There was a wide variety of prizes, so there was something for everyone, and all ages.

Underwood's BBQ in Brownwood, TX, donated a dinner to be given away. Tom Jones Tire in Early, TX, gave a tire rotation (for a 4-wheel vehicle). Rick's Automotive in May, TX, gave a regular oil change (for a regular gasoline engine). The Greenhouse in DeLeon, TX, gave a \$25 gift certificate for merchandise. Kim Smith, a local postal employee, donated a beautiful Valentine wreath she created that could be changed out for other occasions. The Starlite Cafe in Rising Star, gave a gift certificate

good for a breakfast for two. RC Willey and his wife Rebecca donated two free passes to their weekly Thursday dance at Travelers, in Early, TX. Nancy's Antiques in Rising Star, donated a lovely, cut glass pitcher. Rising Star Pecans gave a nice Valentine basket filled with various pecan products from their business in Rising Star, TX. Shelly's Hair Studio in Rising Star donated a 3-string faux pearl necklace, along with several stuffed Valentine animals. The First Financial Bank in Rising Star gave several caps, pens, koosie's, and a small insulated cooler.

There were several other small items, locations and ect. that was donated to the Chamber for the purpose of door prizes, which were all given out.

The band had a good mix of fast and slow numbers, which allowed dances to "catch their breath" between songs. They played several "special request" songs which delighted the crowd. Several young attendees had never attended a dance before and were surprised at how fun the "line dance" of Cotten Eye Joe and the Scottish were.

More than one person stated that they'd never been inside the Market Building before, but thought it was a wonderful building, and look forward to more events such as this in the future.

If you weren't in attendance then you missed a great time with fun and friendly folks. Be sure to make it next time!

### Cross Plains School Menu

February 17-28

#### BREAKFAST

**Monday 17th-** French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday 18th-** Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit & Gravy, Fruit & Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday 19th-** P.B. & Jelly Sandwich, Cereal Fruit & Juice, Milk  
**Thursday 20th-** Cereal, Texas Toast, Cheese Stick, Fruit & Juice, Milk  
**Friday 21th-** Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

**Monday 24th-** Sausage Kolache, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday 25th-** Cheddar Omelet wrap, cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday 26th-** Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Thursday 27th-** Waffles, Sausage, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
**Friday 28th-** Cinnamon Breakfast Pastry, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Juice, Milk

#### LUNCH

**Monday 17th-** Cheese Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Salsa, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Milk  
**Tuesday 18th-** Hot Dog, Potatoe Rounds, Fresh Veggie Cup, Fresh Seasonal Fruit, Milk  
**Wednesday 19th-** Grilled Cheese, Vegetable Soup, Baby Carrots, Fruit Cup, Milk  
**Thursday 20th-** Chicken Nuggets, Mac & Cheese, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Apple Slices, Crispy Cereal Treat, Milk  
**Friday 21st-** Beef & Bean Burrito, Seasoned Corn, Baby Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Salsa, Milk

**Monday 24th-** Chicken Fajitas w/pepper & onion garnish, Charro Beans, Season Corn, Salsa, Orange Smiles, Milk  
**Tuesday 25th-** Country Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Strawberry Cup, Milk  
**Wednesday 26th-** Beef & Cheese Chalupas, Salsa, Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Rosy- Applesauce, Milk.  
**Thursday 27th-** Chicken Spaghetti, Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Breadstick, Milk  
**Friday 28th-** Fish or Chicken, Cornbread, Sweet Potato Fries, Black Eyed peas, Sliced Peaches, Milk

### Turkey Creek Rodeo Club Meeting

The Turkey Creek Rodeo Club meeting has been changed to this Thursday, February 20th. It will be held at the Family Life Center at the First Baptist Church at 7PM. Kids are welcome! We have lots of great things going on this year, and need your input to make it even better. We hope to see you there.

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### Bullfrog

As a herpetologist (one who studies reptiles and amphibians), I have spent the majority of my time researching the former group. However, there is a species of amphibian that has always intrigued me, not only due to its large size, but because of its uses to man as a food source, as well as a bait item. This species is the familiar Bullfrog.

Bullfrogs (*Rana catesbeiana*) belong to a family that has eight representatives here in Texas. This particular frog family is known as the "true" frogs based on their long legs, extraordinary jumping ability and habitat selection. As with other members of this family, Bullfrogs prefer to live in areas of permanent water such as lakes, ponds, rivers, and creeks. Infamously, immature specimens are often seen basking on or along the shorelines, while the adults, who have fewer predators, will frequent the deeper waters, choosing to bask in the sun while perched atop lily pads and other vegetation debris.

As a species, the Bullfrog naturally occurs throughout the eastern three quarters of this state. However, displaced specimens can occasionally be observed in the drier climates of the Trans-Pecos region. Outside of Texas it can be observed from western Oklahoma eastward to the mid-Atlantic states.

The dorsal coloration of this large species of frog is always some shade of green, ranging from lime to an almost black hunter green. The face area is typically where the brightest green appears. The front legs are short, and are generally flecked with dark spots. The back legs are disproportionately long, with feet that are extensively webbed. There is no webbing on the front feet, nor are there any toe-pads. The eardrums are exposed on the side of the head and are known as the tympani. The skin is relatively smooth, save for several small tubercles on the back and a prominent skin ridge that runs along the head from the back of the eye to just above the front leg.

As stated already, this species of frog is large. In fact, it is the largest species of amphibian that is indigenous to this state. Adult females are slightly the larger sex, with mature individuals approaching eight inches in body length. Males are smaller, seldom exceeding seven inches. Generally, most observations are of specimens that are between four and six inches. Females can be differentiated from males by the fact that their tympani is of similar size as the eye, while in males the eardrums are conspicuously larger.

Like other amphibians, Bullfrogs live a dual life. Like most



Bullfrogs (*Rana catesbeiana*)

frog species, breeding is initiated by the late spring thunderstorms that generally occur. The breeding call of the male is distinctive, and is a familiar sound to anyone who has spent time camping near bodies of permanent water. Their calling voice can be heard at distances of almost a mile and consists of two or three syllables of "brrr-ummmmm" or "jug-o-rum".

Once a receptive female approaches the male, he will clasp the female around the waist and externally fertilize up to twenty thousand eggs. This activity is known as amplexus. Once the eggs hatch, the fish-like tadpoles are primarily herbivorous, although they have been known to feed on small water-living invertebrates and even tadpoles of other species. Bullfrog tadpoles can grow quite large with individuals over five inches being reported. Metamorphosis can occur quickly (several weeks) or be prolonged, up to two years. The time parameters are chiefly dependant upon things such as water quality, pH levels, heat, and drought. Eventually, all the tadpoles metamorph into small froglets, developing air-breathing lungs rather than gills, absorbing the tail, and developing legs.

Bullfrogs are alert and shy, and can be extremely difficult to approach too closely, especially during the day. Once they hop into the water for safety, watch for them to emerge at the surface several feet from the shoreline. However, they are quite approachable at night, and many will sit completely still when the light from a flashlight is pointed in their eyes. This species is still hunted for food (their legs are the traditional frog legs that appear on many menus) and biological studies, but does not appear to be in decline. In fact, in many areas where this species has been introduced it is considered a menace to local frog life. Bullfrogs consume any smaller vertebrate that it can fit into its large mouth, including other frogs. These introductions have generally come about due to incidental releases by fisherman, as the tadpoles of this species are utilized for fish bait.

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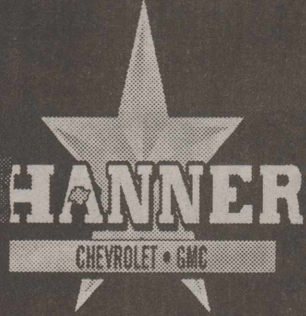


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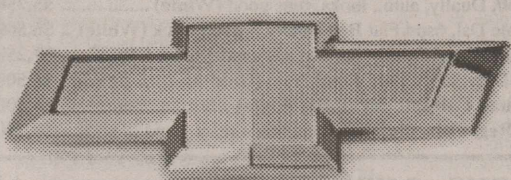
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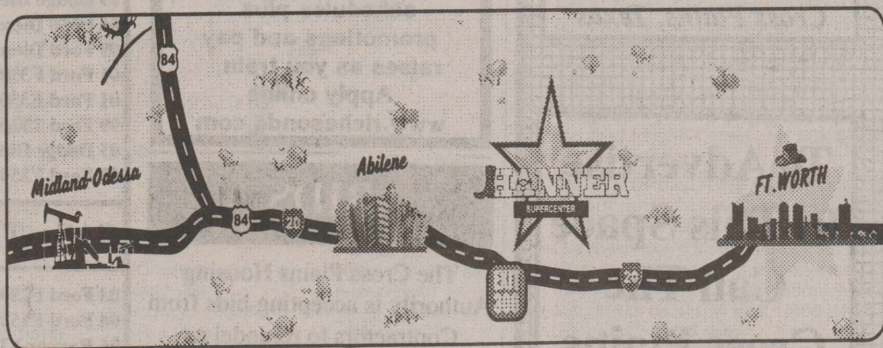
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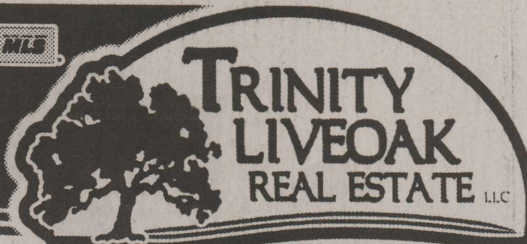
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- 1 former president of Rice Univ., George
5 TXism: "\_\_\_ piece" (distant)
7 \_\_\_ 83 covers 903 miles in TX
8 TX Roddenberry's genre: \_\_\_
9 "\_\_\_ honest answer"
15 full truck
16 Batman's ride
19 TX Paula Prentiss '64 film: "The World \_\_\_ Orient"
21 Gulf eel
22 \_\_\_ messaging (online chat)
27 TXism: "fought tooth and \_\_\_"
28 TXism: I \_\_\_ out" (tired)
29 not at all
30 actor Bottoms of TX-based film "The Last Picture Show"
32 noted band leader Lombardo who died in Houston of a heart attack (init.)
33 Biblical woman who married King David
36 this Bill was an Odessa oilman and philanthropist
37 TXns have been known to \_\_\_ about their state
38 region of west-central TX: "Edwards"
39 Moody, TX festival
41 Yu Darvish stat.
42 TXism: "he speaks cow like a \_\_\_ (good rancher)

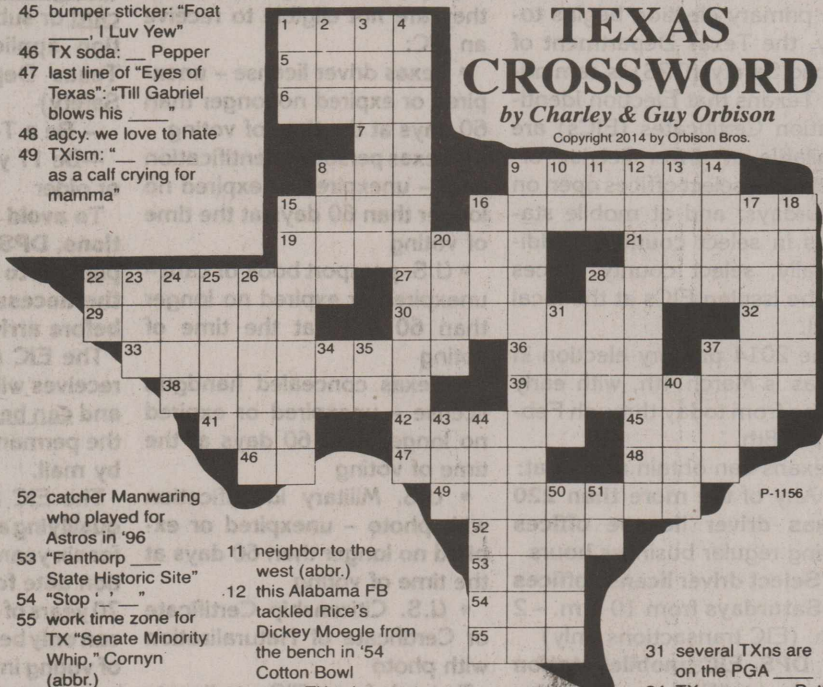
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- 1 Dodge truck
2 flying saucer (abbr.)
3 seat of Cottle Co.
4 either TX George H. or George W. (2 wds.)
6 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a baby's bottom"
9 this Txn sang "The Dukes of Hazard" theme
10 Austin band: "Asleep \_\_\_ the Wheel"
45 bumper sticker: "Foat I Luv Yew"
46 TX soda: \_\_\_ Pepper
47 last line of "Eyes of Texas": "Till Gabriel blows his \_\_\_"
48 agcy. we love to hate
49 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a call crying for mamma"
52 catcher Manwaring who played for Astros in '96
53 "Fanthorp \_\_\_ State Historic Site"
54 "Stop \_\_\_"
55 work time zone for TX "Senate Minority Whip," Cornyn (abbr.)
11 neighbor to the west (abbr.)
12 this Alabama FB tackled Rice's Dickey Moegle from the bench in '54 Cotton Bowl
13 some TXns hunt with \_\_\_ and arrow
14 Robert De \_\_\_ was in '91 film "Cape Fear" with TX Joe Don Baker
15 "\_\_\_ State"
16 front part of a cowboy hat
17 TX is a \_\_\_ state
18 you put a shoelace through this
20 athletic assn. for Texas A & I (abbr.)
22 TXism: "throw \_\_\_ with" (join)
23 slang for "head"
24 do a trade
25 TX George Foreman held heavyweight \_\_\_
26 TXism: "as dodging rice at a wedding"
28 TXism: "active as a fox in \_\_\_ house"
31 several TXns are on the PGA \_\_\_
34 TX grocer: \_\_\_ Butt
35 this Ames was "Mingo" on TV show with TX Fess Parker (init.)
37 "\_\_\_ rodeo!"
40 wild anger
43 TXism: "he's kin \_\_\_ rattler" (mean)
44 this '50s pitcher Carl endorsed TX Nokona gloves
50 "Believe it \_\_\_"
51 TX Henley co-wrote "Take \_\_\_ to the Limit"

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**Callahan County Court**  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Zachary W. Meehan, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Victoria E. Hindman, motion to revoke probation granted.

Ronda D. Cato, order on motion to revoke probation granted.

End of term order discharging defendants under misdemeanor probation: Sergio Puga; James Farrell Autrey; Ricardo T. Soto; James C. Knight.

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: Justin L. Clark; Loretta L. Lee; Russell Holland-Key, Lisa Anne Hopfner.

Jerome L. Llanez, order on motion to revoke probation granted.

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

### Civil Minutes

Trenton Gray Rector and Katie Gail Rector, divorce granted.

Crystal Conway and Sean E. Conway, order granting nonsuit without prejudice.

Callahan County Farmers Cooperative, Inc. vs. Walkup Trucking, Inc. dba Baird Mining, Inc., Maynard Gulley and Judy Gulley, plaintiff's notice of nonsuit against defendants Maynard Gulley and Judy Gulley granted.

Donald Tucker vs. Mackie Crossan dba Mackie's Construction and Charles Lewis Jr. dba C. A. Lewis Construction, plaintiff's notice of dismissal with prejudice regarding Mackie Crossan dba Mackie's Construction granted.

Donald Tucker vs. Charles Lewis, Jr. dba C. A. Lewis Construction, plaintiff's notice of nonsuit without prejudice granted.

### Criminal Minutes

Jonathan Isenhower, plea of guilty to burglary of a habitation, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$339 court costs, \$58,000 restitution.



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## Arsenic and Old Lace last run this weekend

Three shows down and three shows to go. You still have time to get your tickets to the wonderfully delightful comedy play Arsenic and Old Lace presented by the Clyde Center for the Performing Arts. The play will close its run this weekend at Callahan Hall

located at 209 South First Street. Ya'll come see a great group of home town actors and actresses; Ricky L. Long (who is also the Director), Cindy Huff Underwood, Tracy Bullard Pugh, Bill Faircloth, Matthew Howard, Jordon Juarez and Rodger Brown along with the

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Show times are Friday 7:00 pm, Saturday 7:00 pm and a matinee show on Sunday at 2:00 pm. This is a 3 Act Play with 2-10 minute intermissions.

## Cottonwood Musical February 28th

The next Cottonwood Country Musical will be Friday night, February 28th. Serving starts in the kitchen at 5 p.m. and the music begins at 5:30 p.m. The meal to be served will be announced at a later date. Be prepared to have a fantastic time listening to good country music.

For questions or information contact Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

## Experience the 'True Grit' of 'The Worst Hard Time'

Can't Stand this Texas Weather? One day it's in the teens and the next day it's 80 degrees outside! Well, if you think we've had it bad this winter, you haven't read "The Worst Hard Time: The

Untold Story of Those who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" by Timothy Egan. Those were hard folks- pioneer stock.

The Cross Plains Public Library will be sponsoring a book discussion of "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" by Timothy Egan, as part of *Experience True Grit*- our choice for The Big Read- on Thursday, March 20, at 6:00 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn. Cross Plains will celebrate *Experience True Grit* from March 3rd until April 12th. Events will center on Charles Portis' book, "True Grit" and will be expanded to include people who have shown the characteristics of true grit, such as those who survived in "The Worst Hard Time."

Copies of "The Worst Hard Time" are free and can be picked up at the library. If you prefer to download the book on your e-reader, bring your invoice to the library before March 1st and you will be reimbursed. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, managed by Arts Midwest, and is designed to restore reading to the center of American culture.

Old-timers: if you remember this era, and have stories to tell, we encourage you to attend! Join us for dinner (Dutch treat) at Jean's Feed Barn followed by a video presentation and book discussion, and share the experience.

## Schedule for Home School Parents and Kids:

My name is Becky Collier, and God has laid it on my heart to offer a Friday School here in Cross Plains for all the home schooled children and their parents. This will be a once a week group meeting with a subject being taught to your kids. These subjects can be comprehended on any grade level.

Classes will be held at the Cross Plains First Baptist Church.

### Friday School Calendar of Events:

February 21, 2014  
Horned Dinosaurs

February 28, 2014  
Bird-footed Dinosaurs

March 7, 2014  
Duckbills and Flying Dinosaurs

We will break from school due to Spring Break and will resume on March 21, 2014.

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The 2014 primary election in Texas is March 4th, with early voting from today through February 28th.

Texans can obtain an EIC at:

- Any of the more than 220 Texas driver license offices during regular business hours
- Select driver license offices on Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (EIC transactions only)
- DPS EIC mobile station locations (EIC transactions only); locations can be found at <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/documents/EICDPSrun.pdf> and [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov)
- Select county locations issuing only EICs at the local level

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for an EIC. If an applicant already has

any of the following documents, they are **not** eligible to receive an EIC:

- Texas driver license - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas personal identification card - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. passport book or card - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
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To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit one of the locations listed above and complete an application for a Texas Election Identification Certificate (DL-14C).

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

- Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and Identity
- Be eligible to vote in Texas

(Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public Safety)

- Be a Texas resident
- Be 17 years and 10 months or older

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used as personal identification.

For more information on the requirements, exemptions and process for obtaining an EIC, please visit: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>.

For more information on voting in Texas, visit the Secretary of State's website: [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov).

## LIBRARY NOTES

### Library Hours

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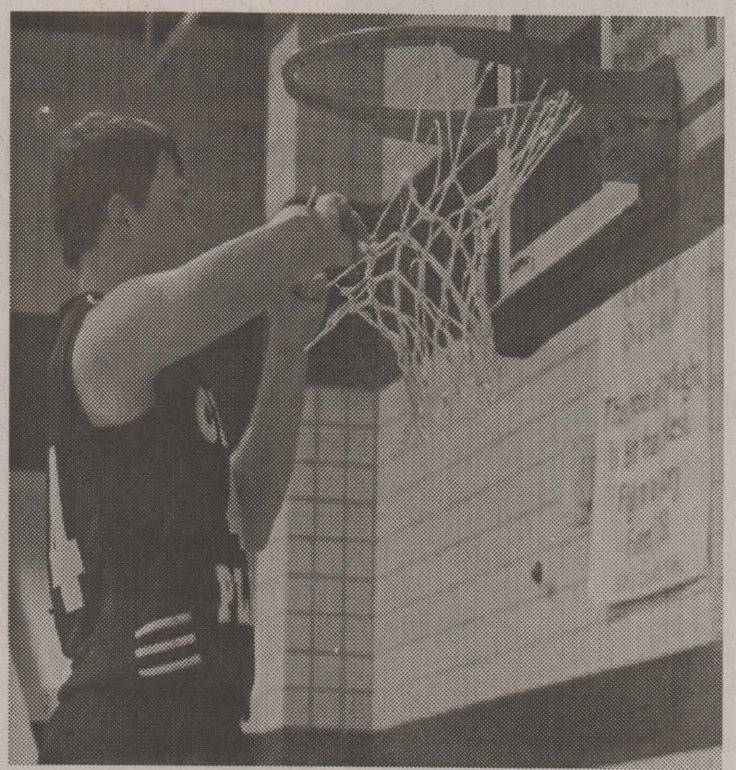
# Cross Plains Buffaloes have Bi-District win in Basketball



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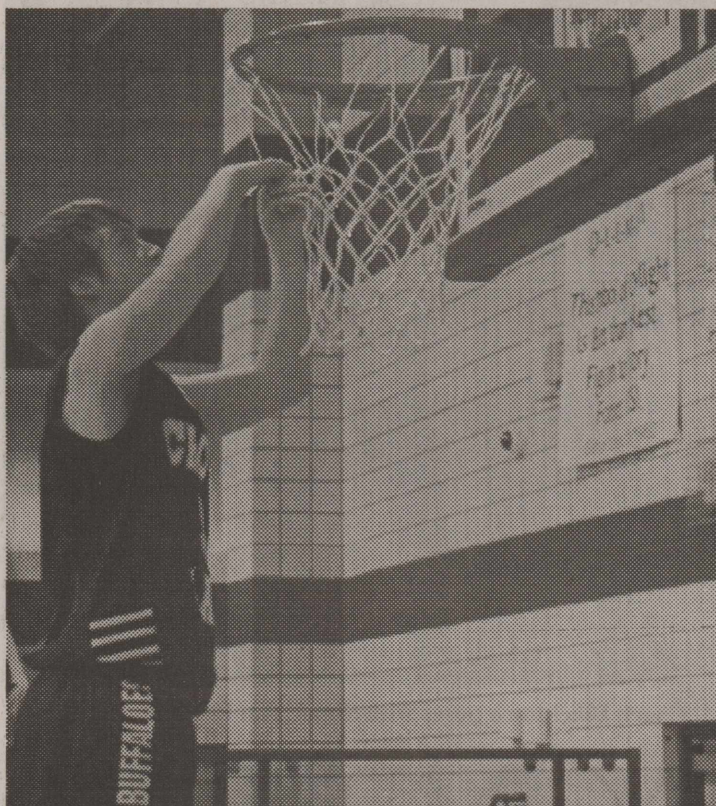
Josh Branch cuts the net.



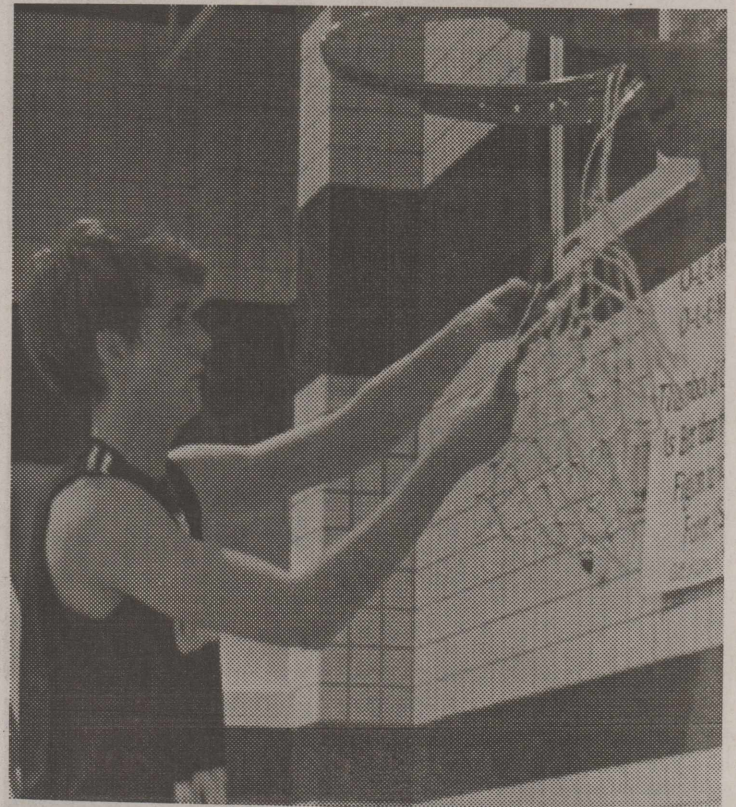
Justin Willis



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Korbin McLean cutting the net.



Tyler Henderson



Wesley Carver cutting the net.

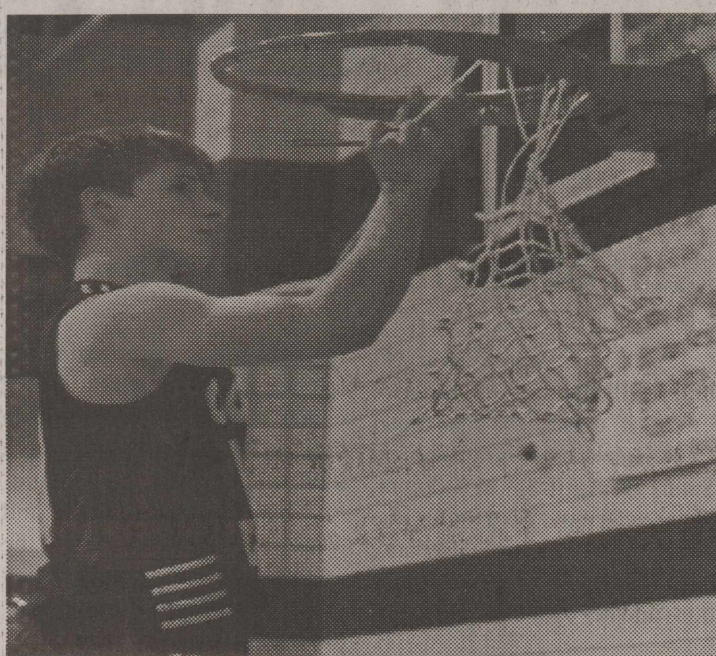
## Odd Start & Strong Finish lead to Buffaloes Bi-District Win

It was 1-0, Blanket before the tip off due to a pre-game rules violation by the Buffaloes. But that would not keep the Buffaloes from coming out of the gates quick. The Buffaloes used a strong offensive first quarter and never looked back as they defeated the Blanket Tigers Monday night, in Coleman by the score of 49-31. Senior guard, Tyler Henderson had a great night for the Buffaloes, doing a lot of work behind the scenes, after he hit a 3 point shot early to get the Buffaloes going offensively, he collected 7 rebounds, 4 steals, 1 block and dished out a stellar 8 assist. Many of those assist going to senior, Cutter Halsel who finished with 14 points, 8 rebounds, and 2 assist. Josh Branch, was 3 rebounds shy of recording a double-double, he

would finish with 10 points, 7 rebounds, 3 assist, 3 blocks and 2 steals. Coming off the bench, freshman guard, Holden Senclair had a signature game, hitting four 3 point shots on the evening finishing with 14 points on the evening. The Buffaloes defense was impressive on the evening as well, as Blanket didn't reach double digit scoring in any of the four quarters, and only 3 Tigers were able to get into the scoring column. Justin Willis played solid defense and added one of his signature charges taken to his stat sheet. The Buffaloes win added a Bi-District Championship Trophy to the trophy case for the second consecutive year. They will play Water Valley in Winters High School on Friday at 6:00 p.m. Gate Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.



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# Lady Buffs' win sends them to Quarter-Finals in Basketball



Lady Buffs played their heart out



Lady Buffs on the defense



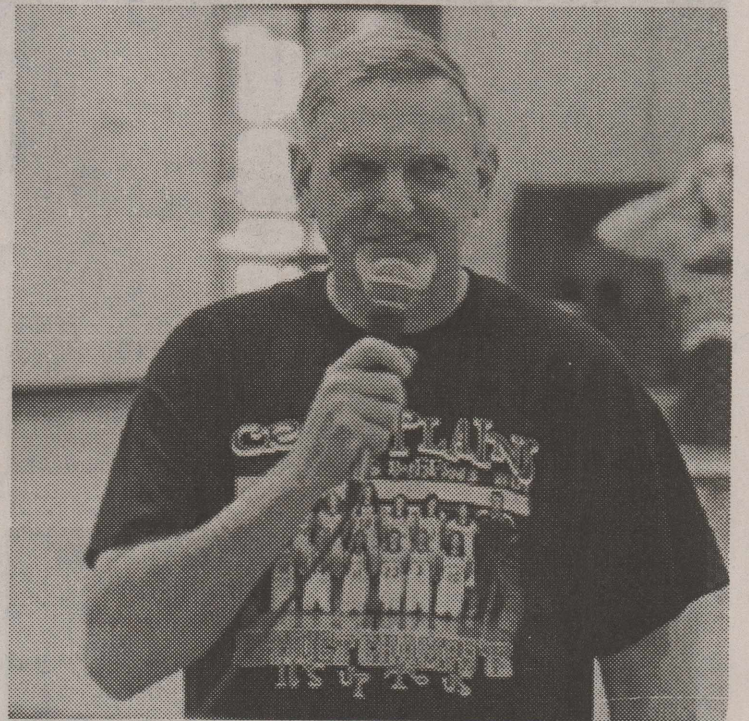
Lady Buff #32, Taryn Estes makes a point for the



Lady Buff #3, Kristen Wright plays defense



Coach Blackburn poses with Super Fan Leaders



Girls Basketball Coach, Coach Blackburn gives a pep talk at the pep rally



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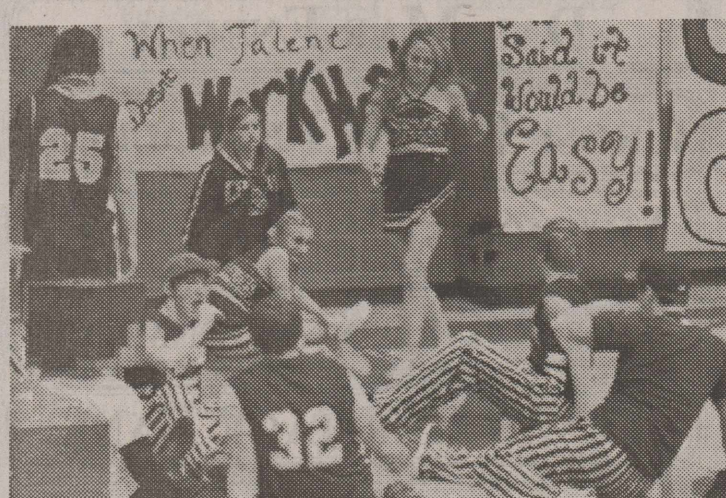
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Girls Basketball Team gets introduction before the game



Lady Buff #50 Jurnee Thomas blocks a shot.



Super Fans showed team spirit

## Callahan County Businesses reminded to render taxable property by April 15th

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Callahan County Appraisal District by April 15, 2014.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property a person owned or controlled on Jan. 1st of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as a church property or agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

Chief Appraiser Don Jones said "The Appraisal District may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values." You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the district of significant depreciation of your property. For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2014.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2014. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all a 10 percent will be imposed, if a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50 percent penalty is mandated. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15, 2014 to receive an auto-

matic extension to May 15 or the next business day.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact Susan Childers at the Callahan County Appraisal District, 132 W. 4th St., Baird, TX or by phone at 325/854-5865.

## Teens "Experience the True Grit of Bethany Hamilton"

The Cross Plains Public Library will host an "Experience True Grit" event at the main Street Pool House and Surf Shop on Saturday, April 5th at 7:00p.m. Teens will enjoy "Soul Surfer" the story of teenage surfer Bethany Hamilton, who overcame the odds and her own fears of return-

ing to the water after losing her left arm in a shark attack. FREE copies of the book are available now at the library. Participants will be eligible for a drawing of free movie passes. Pizza and drinks will be served during the movie, followed by a discussion of the "gritty" aspects of the character.

## Project Pride open for membership renewals

It's time once again to re-new memberships in Project Pride or to join for the first time and discover the scope of the organization, both locally and beyond the city limits. The group makes a real impact on the community, collaborating with the library, sorority, garden club, school, cancer walk and Higginbothams on many projects. And there's a place for everybody, whether you can attend monthly meetings to share your input, be actively involved in activities or to just support the cause.

Project Pride is proud to be the premiere good will ambassadors for the major tourist attraction in Cross Plains. The membership roll routinely lists folks from numerous states and a couple of

foreign countries in addition to many cities in Texas. Visitors to the Robert E. Howard Museum throughout the year represent a fascinating collection of professions, interests and addresses. Attendance at the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June draws an even bigger gathering of visitors from even farther away.

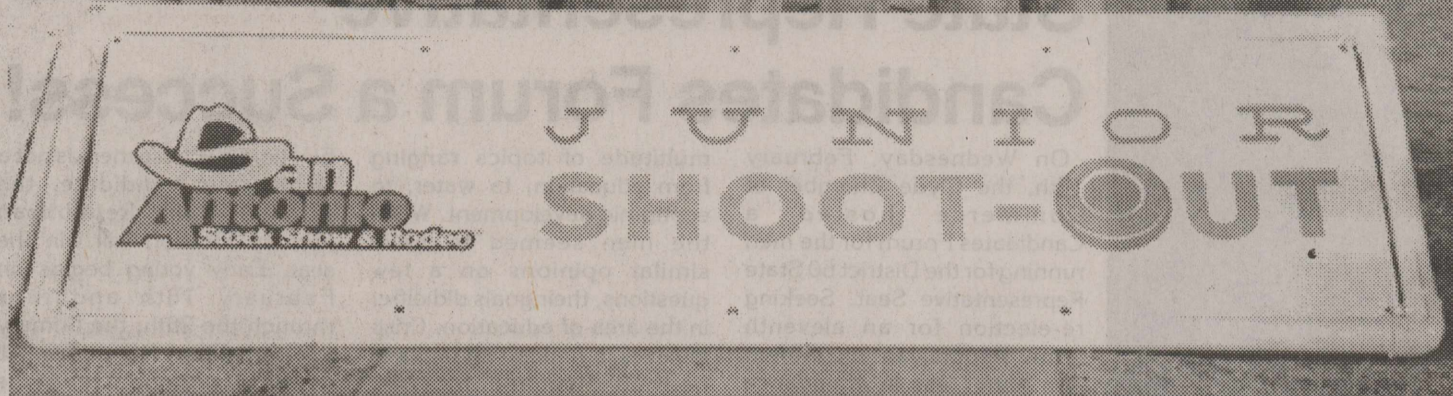
And all these people take dead aim on Cross Plains! And Project Pride members get to be involved with all of them!

This group was organized in the mid-80's for the purpose of making the community a cleaner, more attractive place to live and to preserve and document the history of the Cross Plains area. A strong membership base has always been essential for

maintaining the non-profit status of the organization as well as for the maintenance and operation of the Museum. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and usually last about an hour. Plenty of space and plenty of parking, so come on out and join the fun. Annual dues are only \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family or organization; checks payable to Project Pride may be mailed to PO Box 534 or you may pay via PayPal at Projpride@yahoo.com. For more information, please contact Arlene Stephenson, 725-4993 or Era Lee Hanke, 725-6562.

Submitted by —  
Arlene Stephenson  
Jan 11, 2014





AT SAN ANTONIO STOCK SHOW & RODEO JUNIOR SHOOT-OUT—Callahan County 4-H shotgun team members at the 2014 San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Junior Shoot-Out included from left to right: Megan Jacob, Matt Jacob, Brandon Hobbs, Will Meier, Colton Bradley and Ted Pitzer.

## Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Team Members attend 2nd Annual San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Junior Shoot-Out recently

The San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) made history last year by hosting the first-ever youth trap shooting competition held in conjunction with a major American stock show. The shoot was a huge success and was attended by 375 4-H, FFA and Ag Clays program members from across the state, including members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team.

This year the 2nd Annual 2014 S.A.L.E. Junior Shoot-Out was held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. Like last year,

the event awarded \$80,000 in scholarships and over \$70,000 in awards and prizes. Over 640 contestants traveled to San Antonio to compete in this year's event despite the forecast of freezing precipitation and frigid temperatures, making it the largest trap-shooting event ever held in the state of Texas.

Four members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team participated in the event this year: Colton Bradley, Brandon Hobbs, Will Meier and Ted Pitzer. Fellow 4-H members Megan Jacob and Matt Jacob from Runnels County

also participated.

The competition began early Friday morning with an orientation and opening ceremony on the main stadium field. Will Meier had the honor of representing Callahan County 4-H before the crowd of hundreds as he was asked by event superintendent Charlie Wilson to lead the opening prayer.

Also representing Callahan County 4-H as an event range safety officer was shotgun coach Earl Bross.

In the Main Event, each participant shot four rounds of 25 trap targets, for a total possible

score of 100.

We are so proud of our local youth who braved wind chills in the teens and freezing rain at times in order to record their score for the competition. Our team has been to many shoots throughout the years but have seldom, if ever, encountered such harsh conditions for shooting. Despite the weather, they stood on station and faced the elements determined to hit their targets.

All members of our group shot well, with some recording personal best scores. The event was extremely competitive, with 227 of the 640+ participants scoring an 85 or above.

This was Colton Bradley's first time to attend the Junior Shoot-Out. He hit 96 out of 100 targets, including his first ever 25-straight (perfect) round in competition. Brandon Hobbs hit 99 out of 100 targets and advanced to the Open Boys final round held in the main stadium on Friday night.

In the final, Brandon placed 3rd overall and was presented with a custom San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Shoot-Out belt buckle. Brandon was also awarded a \$10,000 San Antonio Livestock Exposition college scholarship.

Only eight scholarships were awarded during the entire event, and we are so proud Brandon brought one home to Callahan County!

The shotgun team is looking forward to several competitions again this season, which will start up in March and continue through late July. If you know of any Callahan County youth interested in participating in this challenging sport, please contact the extension office at 893-5835 or Kevin Meier at 665-7810.

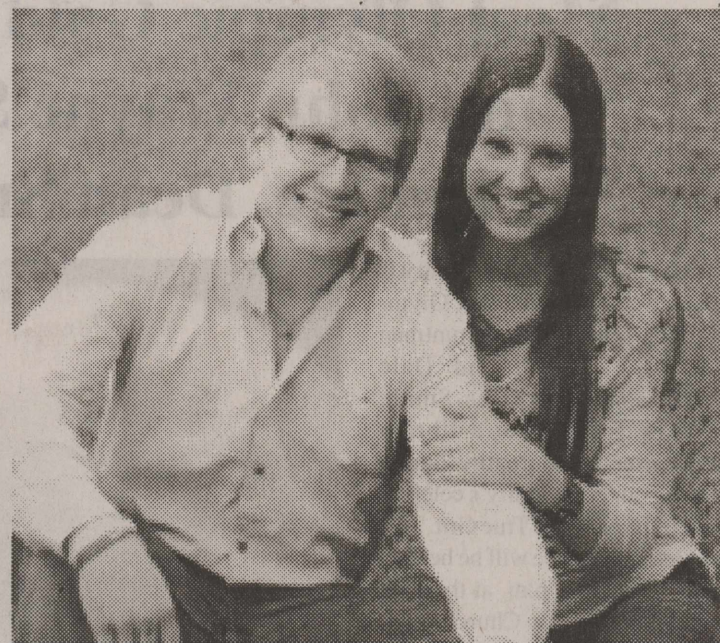
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If you have a valid driver's license and state required insurance, Disability in Action would like to sign you up. Call Tim Evans at the Disability in Action office on Abilene at (325) 672-5460.

This Volunteer Driver Program serves Taylor, Jones, Stephens, Callahan, Shackelford and Eastland counties.



Chazman Cooley and Adam Dobbins to be wed February 22, 2014.

## Wedding Announcement

Chazman Cooley and Adam Dobbins will be united in marriage on Saturday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m. in the Logsdon Chapel of Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

Chazman is the daughter of C.W. Cooley and Chris & Richie Lollar. Adam is the son of Les and Diana Dobbins. Friends and Family are invited to the ceremony.

## Justin Hunter Band to play at Grand Ole Oplin this Friday

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a whole lot of dancing. On February 21st the JUSTIN HUNTER BAND will be joining us all the way from Ft. Worth, Tx. These folks have several albums out. They look forward to playing at the Grand Ole Oplin and we look forward to having them. On February 28th MUDDY CREEK will be returning playing all of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is

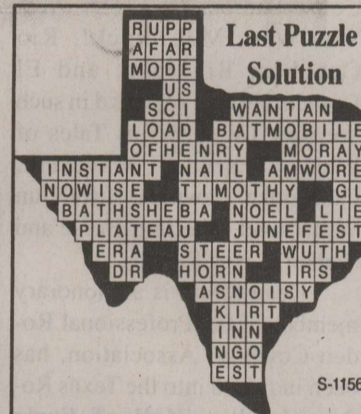
hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Admission to our Friday night dance is still only \$5.00 per person.

Our dance begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Please go to [www.grandoleoplin.com](http://www.grandoleoplin.com) for further information



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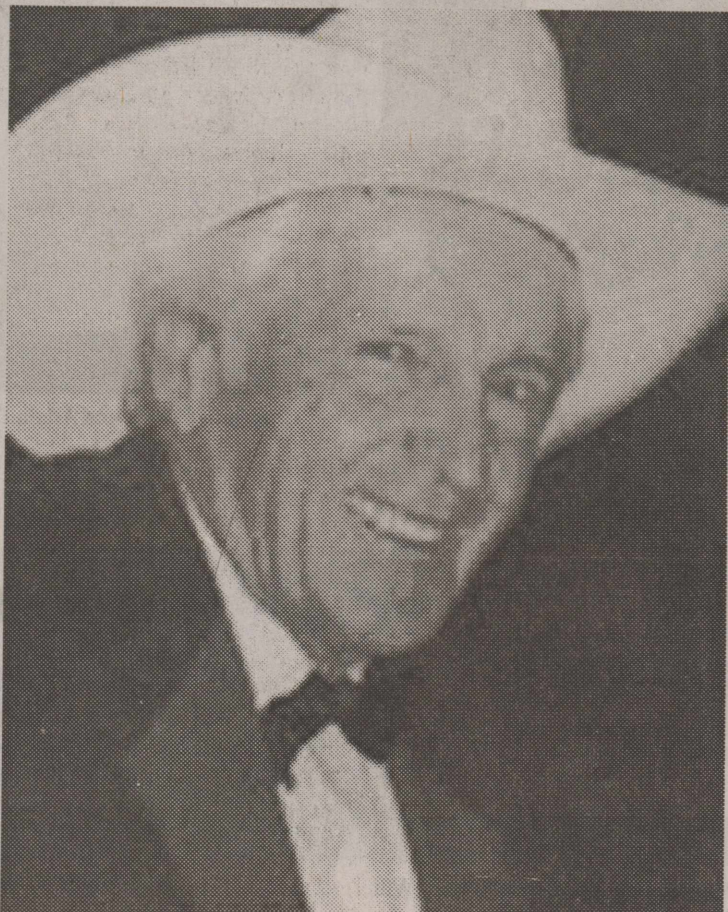
## Meet Olympic Gold Medalist and John Wayne Stunt-Double, Dean Smith

Cross Plains Public Library is excited to announce that Olympic gold-medalist and stuntman for John Wayne and Dale Robertson, Finis Dean Smith, will be featured at a library fundraiser for the entire family during our community's celebration of Experience True Grit. This unique experience will be held on Mar. 23 at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Seating is limited; tickets may be purchased at the library. Desserts and drinks will be served.

Dean Smith was born January 15, 1932, in Breckenridge, TX - where he now resides - and was raised in Eliasville, TX. Smith grew up watching westerns at the local theater and dreamed of following in his many heroes footsteps. He was an outstanding athlete in Graham High School, making Look magazine's All American in the 100 yard dash. He won eight Southwest Conference titles and won every major relay in the US, including the National Championships. At the 1952 summer Helsinki Olympics, he got beat in the 100 meters in the closest finish in Olympic history, but when on to win gold as the leadoff leg for the American 4x100-meter relay team.

After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, Smith played professional football for the Los Angeles Rams during exhibition season and was traded to the Pittsburgh Steelers, at which time he decided to enter the movie business. Smith won amateur rodeo championships for bareback bronco riding and calf roping. He was introduced to actor James Garner, who helped Smith get into the business as a stuntman and double for leading men such as Dale Robertson and John Wayne in various Western movies, such as The Alamo, The Comancheros, How The West Was Won, McLintock!, Rio Conchos, Big Jake, and El Dorado. He also appeared in such Western TV shows as Tales of Wells Fargo, Maverick, Gunsmoke, Lawman, Have Gun Will Travel, The Iron Horse and Walker, Texas Ranger.

Dean Smith is an honorary member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, has been inducted into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame (2006), the Texas Sports Hall of Fame (1985), Stuntman's Hall of Fame (1980), the University of



Dean Smith, Olympic Gold Medalist and Stunt-Double for John Wayne

Texas Hall of Fame (1980), and The National Multicultural Western Heritage Hall of Fame (2009). He has been awarded the American Culture Award for Western Movies and Television (2000), the Golden Boot Award in 1998, the Ben Johnson Award in 1993, the All American Cowboy Award in 1997 and the Head of the Class Alvin Davis Award in 2002.

Smith retired in 1992 and returned to Texas and the land he grew up on. When Dean retired and moved back home to Texas, he was asked to give speeches about being an Olympian, athlete and being in show business, so he travels to schools and charity events and performs with his Trick Horses: Hollywood, Sunday, and Max. Smith speaks to the children about the western way, how to believe in one's self, to live a clean life - "if you can dream those dreams you can make them come true." His goal is to give them a cowboy hero to look up to like his heroes, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, John Wayne, Gary Cooper, and Tom Mix, the ones he grew up with when he was a boy.

Since having lost so many of his friends, fellow athletes, cowboys, actors, and stuntmen to cancer, and seeing first hand, his dear friend John Wayne, stuntman Chuck Roberson, and Carol Johnson (wife of Ben) battle can-

cer. Dean vowed to help in any way he could. He put together the Dean Smith Celebrity Rodeo in 2002, benefiting the Cowboy Cancer Crusade tribute to Ben Johnson, the Dean Smith Celebrity Rodeo benefiting the John Wayne Cancer Institute honoring John Wayne and in 2006, the Dean Smith Celebrity Rodeo benefiting the John Wayne Cancer Institute honoring The Singing Cowboys in Abilene, TX. On April 8, 2006, the John Wayne Cancer Institute honored him with the "Duke" award for his contributions to cancer research.

Dean Smith and his wife Debby were married in a little church on the Alamo set in Brackettville, TX. Together they have eight children and step-children. He has two ranches in Stephens County. One within a mile of the Clear Fork of the Brazos, land that has been in his family since the 1800's, one in Ivan, Texas, where he grew up as a boy. He raises longhorn cattle on each place. Dean feels he has been so blessed to have so many of his dreams come true. He still has dreams and would like to be a part of producing and making "good" westerns, like the ones he grew up watching as a young boy, and the ones he worked in, during his movie career.

Be sure to get your tickets now!

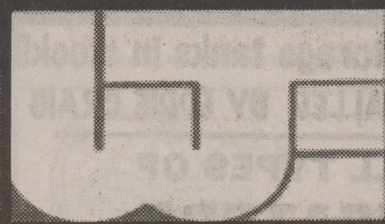
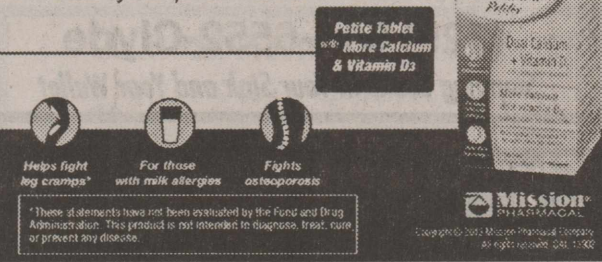
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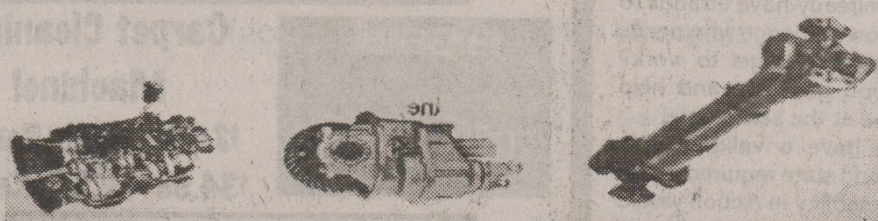
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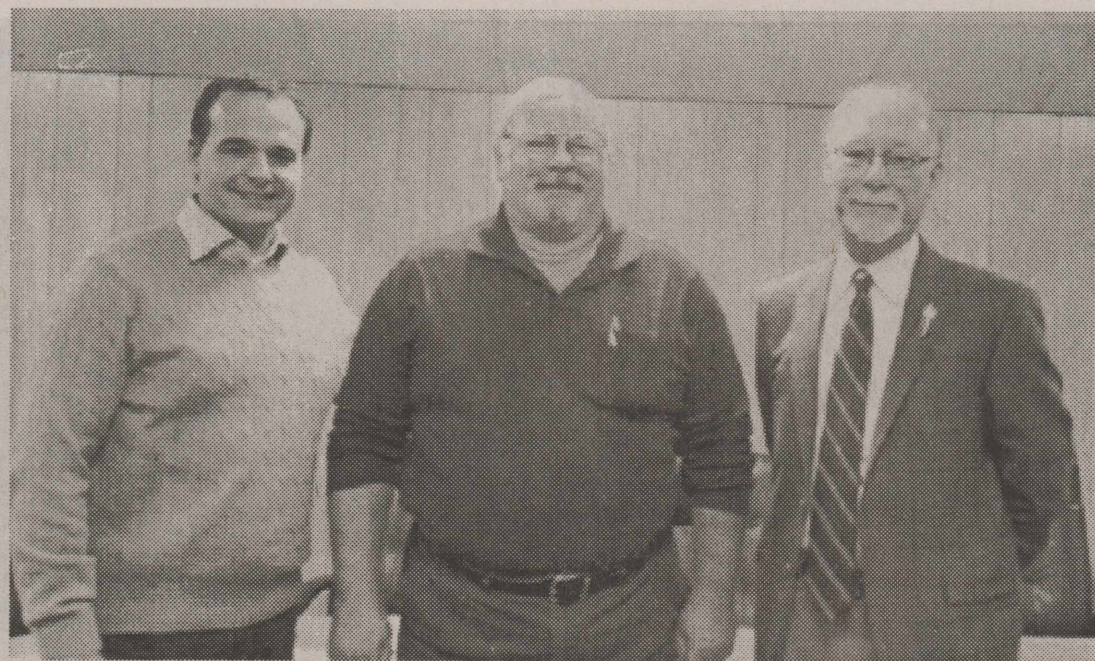
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Candidates Forum — (L-R)-Cullen Crisp, Steve Kniffen, and Jim Keffer.

## State Representative Candidates Forum a Success!

On Wednesday, February 12th, the Clyde Chamber of Commerce hosted a Candidates Forum for the men running for the District 60 State Representative Seat. Seeking re-election for an eleventh term, Republican incumbent Jim Keffer was in attendance as well as his opponent newcomer Republican Cullen Crisp.

After the coin toss, Crisp and Keffer introduced themselves and gave the reasons they want to represent our District. Keffer spoke to his seniority in the House which he felt gives him the edge to promote Callahan County in Austin, while Crisp spoke to his grassroots background and desire to help fellow farmers and citizens have a voice in our state government.

Following opening remarks the candidates entered into a timed Q&A period where moderator Steve Kniffen asked questions that covered a

multitude of topics ranging from education, to water, to economic development. While the men seemed to have similar opinions on a few questions, their goals did differ in the area of education. Crisp believes in making changes to both funding and teaching requirements, stating several times that teachers should be allowed freedom in teaching and curriculum. Keffer agreed that funding changes should be made, but upheld his belief for the necessity of teacher accountability.

When asked what they believed was the biggest issue facing the Legislature in 2014, Keffer cited several issues including education and water; Crisp agreed and also added legislative spending to his list of top issues.

The Forum concluded with both men giving their final remarks and asking the citizens of Callahan County to vote in the March 4th Primary

Election. Because there is not a Democratic candidate, the winner of the Republican Primary Election will win the seat. Early voting begins on February 18th and runs through the 28th; the Primary will be held on March 4th. All voting will be done at the Clyde Justice of the Peace office at 208 Oak Street in downtown Clyde.

Voters may visit HYPERLINK "http://www.jimkeffer.com/" "www.jimkeffer.com" and HYPERLINK "http://www.cullencrisp.com/" "www.cullencrisp.com" for more information on the Candidates and their views.

The Chamber would like to thank First Financial Bank and Varner Pipe for sponsoring our event, as well as all of the citizens, business owners, and public officials who came to hear the candidates speak. We look forward to a high voter turn-out at the Primaries!



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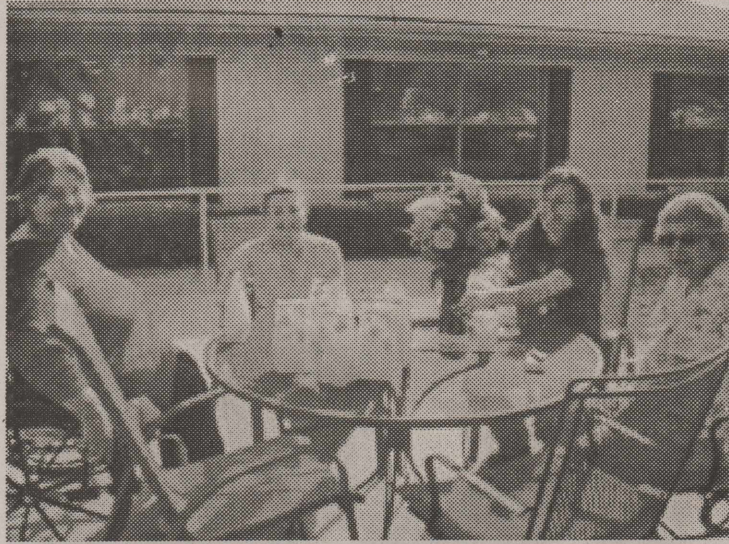
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## Cross Plains Garden Club

We are praying for a year of abundant rain!

The Cross Plains Garden Club met in the Mozelle Richardson Room of the Texas Heritage Bank of Friday, February 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order by VP/Secretary Diana Miller. Members present were Debbie Eudy, Carlene Howard, Diana Miller and Mary Ella Weaver.

As the regular business meeting concluded, members began creating cheerful Valentine gift bags stuffed with sweet treats for the residents of the Rising Star Nursing Home.

The next meeting of the Cross

Plains Garden Club will be held at the Cross Plains Public Library at 3:00 p.m. and will be followed at 4:00 p.m. by the library's "After School Adventure." The Garden Club will participate in the "Adventure" program by demonstrating planting and care of gladiolas. The children will have an opportunity to plant their own bulbs and will be provided colorful handouts showing gladiolas in bloom and detailing care and propagation of the plants. Mary Ella will lead the program. The Garden Club will gratefully accept 6" plastic pots for this project. Please contact us at the phone

number listed below if you would like to donate containers, clean sand or top soil project. Visitors are welcome.

Don't forget, our Annual Plant Sale will be held on Friday, April 11, 2014 in front of the Cross Plains Public Library beginning at 9:00 a.m. Proceeds from this sale will be used to fund our \$500.00 High School Scholarship program. Monies from the plant sale also fund our donations to the many volunteer organizations which support our community.

Gardening Tips: Plantings may be tricky this year because of the many frigid days we've experi-

enced thus far. If hard freezes continue, the ground will take longer to warm up to desired temperatures. Seeds may be late in coming up and perennials may be slow to leaf out of bloom however, early crops can be planted now if you can cover them as needed to protect them from frost. Beans, beets, broccoli, cucumber, eggplant, lettuce and onion starts can now be planted.

Visitors are always welcome, please contact us at (254)-725-9418 if you have any questions about the garden club or, look us up on facebook at Cross Plains Garden Club, Cross Plains, Texas.

### Help out the Cross Plains 4H Club

We are selling raffle tickets for three items. They are all hand made by Charles Morgan of Rising Star.

The items include a white oak Texas wall plaque, a mesquite wall plaque with a cross inset, and a mesquite coffee table.

These items are located at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center and tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

The drawing for these items will be held the first week of March at our spaghetti supper fundraiser. You do not need to be present to win.

Thank you,  
Cross Plains 4H Club

## Callahan County All-Stars selected for FCA

The 250 athletes and cheerleaders who will make up the all-star class for Big Country Chevy Dealers FCA All-Star Festival featuring the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Classic, the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Basketball Game, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Basketball Game, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies Volleyball Game and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Baseball and Softball Games were announced Sunday, February 16th.

Callahan County participants include:

Holley Cook, Baird High School, Brownwood Cheerleader.

Presli Rock, Eula High School, Brownwood Cheerleader.

Kaliece Heatley, Clyde High School, Brownwood Cheerleader.

Jake Green, Baird High School, North All-Star Football Team.

Mason Burson, Clyde High School, North All-Star Football Team.

Hayley Cook, Baird High School, North Ladies Basketball Team.

Ashley Tucker, Clyde High School, North Ladies Basketball Team.

Kaylee Voigts, Baird High School, North All-Star Softball Team.

Marleigh Gleason, Eula High School, South Ladies Basketball Team.

Cutter Smith, Eula High School, South Men's Basketball Team.

Kami Swaner, Eula High School, South All-Star Softball Team.

The 2014 Big Country Chevy Dealers FCA All-Star Festival, includes ladies and men's basketball in Brownwood on June 12<sup>th</sup>, baseball and softball in San Angelo on June 13<sup>th</sup> and a volleyball-football doubleheader, is scheduled for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> in Abilene. The ladies and men's basketball games will be at the Brownwood Coliseum and will tip off at 6 pm and 8 pm respectively. Softball will be at the ASU field at 4:30 pm and the baseball game will be at 7 pm at Foster Field, home of the San Angelo Colts. The All-Star Volleyball game will start at noon at the Wylie High School Gym followed by the football game at 7 pm at Shotwell Stadium.

All proceeds benefit the Big Country Chapter of the FCA.

On Sunday, the players and cheerleaders were introduced to the media and then attended orientation meetings with organizers and coaches.

All participants will be honored again at the All-Star Festival Induction Banquet on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Abilene Civic Center.

Annual Award winners will be honored at the Area FCA and AYSA Awards Banquet on May 17<sup>th</sup> at ACU's Hunter Welcome Center.

Teams, cheerleaders and coaches report for two-a-day practices in Brownwood on June 10<sup>th</sup> and in Abilene and San Angelo on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Information about the Big Country Chapter of the FCA can also be found at [bigcountryfca.org](http://bigcountryfca.org).

## Tickets for Big Country Hall of Fame Banquet on sale

Tickets to the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> are now on sale. The Banquet will be held at the Abilene Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. Tables are \$750, and non-reserved individual tickets are \$40. This year's inductees are: Bill Anderson (posthumously), Larry Dippel, Kendra Anderson Hassell, JimAnne Baker Hejny, Jim Millerman, Terry Orr, Brad

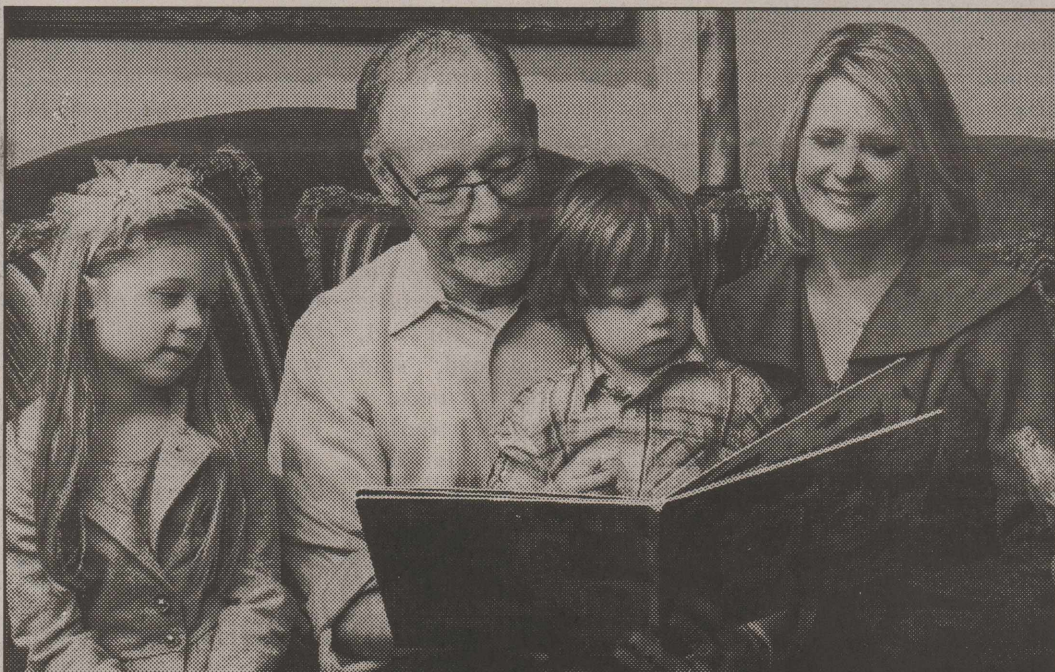
Pursley and Ann Schroeder. Legacy inductees are the Young brothers, Bob, Doug (both deceased) and Perry.

For more information on the inductees, the banquet and to purchase tickets please go to: [www.bigcountryhalloffame.org](http://www.bigcountryhalloffame.org). You may also order tickets or tables by e-mailing [carole@bigcountryhalloffame.org](mailto:carole@bigcountryhalloffame.org) or calling (325) 668-3685.

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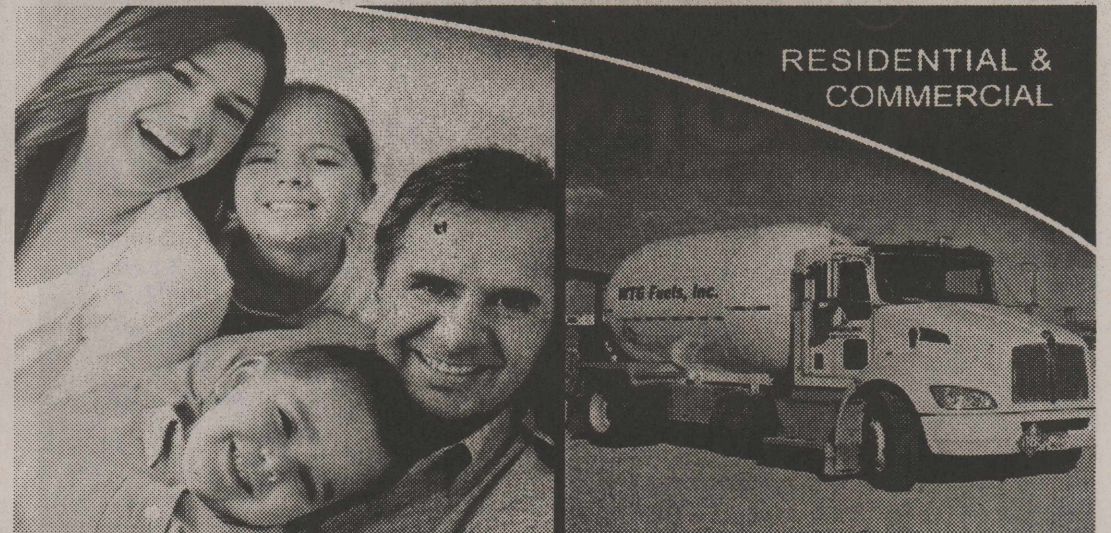
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 Sharon Archer Merry  
 Sunny Westerman  
 Cliff Waddell  
 Glenda Evans Strom  
 Mikayla Ann Hilburn  
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 Ronald Holmans  
 Patsy Ruth Day

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 Fredda Jean Wilson  
 Gayla (Albrecht) Creamer  
 James Payne  
 Josh Thayer  
 Jerry Biehl  
 Mary Hubbard  
 Karen Archer  
 Richard Clark  
 Authur Larkin

**FEBRUARY 25**  
 Brenda Wood  
 Madie Brown  
 ElWanda Jennings  
 Celeta Strahan  
 David Havener  
 Colby Walker  
 Romana Lewis  
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 Michael J. Quinn  
 Jason Collier  
 Billy Wilson  
 Seth Fortune  
 Paige Suzanne Chambers

## The Big Read/ "Experience True Grit" T-Shirt Design Contest Begins

In preparation for our 6-week celebration of The Big Read in March, the Cross Plains Public Library is holding a T-Shirt contest. Winning artwork will be reproduced in a single color on white or gray T-shirts to be given away during The Big Read. Because of copyright laws, designs cannot portray a real person, or a character from the "True Grit" movies. We are looking for art-

work that would portray the spirit of "true grit" with drawings and/or words. Images must be no longer than 10" X 10" and preferably black and white, although color drawings will be accepted. Deadline for entries is Thursday, February 27, 2014. Any age can enter. The winner's name will be added to the design before printing.

**FEBRUARY 27**  
 Thalia W. Robertson  
 Ella Duncan  
 Shawn Reed  
 Don Gosnell  
 Patrick Joseph Conlee  
 Judy Holcomb Livingston  
 Joyce Lee  
 Tom Melton

**FEBRUARY 28**  
 Amber Hernandez  
 Ricky Cavanaugh Shanks  
 Charlotte Bishop  
 Bobra Burkett  
 Curtis Hines  
 Mary (Koenig) Hutchins  
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 Joe Frenkle Mullin, Jr.  
 Constantiano Reyes  
 Gwendolyn Joann Creech  
 Victoria Creamer

**FEBRUARY 29 (LEAP YEAR)**  
 Emma Bennet  
 Jordan Hernandez  
 Debbie Ann Perry  
 Tanya Reed  
 Mrs. Dwane Gale  
 Tiffany Leigh Price  
 Rowdy Morris  
 Bill Armstrong



Breckenridge High School Ag teacher Tiffany Holland goes over class assignments during her Floral Design course she teaches.

## Holland making strides, building students futures

Tiffany Holland, graduated High School from Cross Plains ISD in 2010. She graduated College in 2013 from Tarleton State University, after only attending three years.

She graduated College with many honors, one being International Dean's List Society, with a 4.0 grade point average.

At the age of 20 Tiffany was hired a month before she graduated. She is now working on her Master's

Many Breckenridge residents have met Tiffany Holland rather informally but don't know much about her.

She is one-half of the new team at the Breckenridge High School Ag Department that has already impacted that program in a positive light and put Breckenridge and Stephens County on the map.

Holland and Justin Hopkins worked together to generate fundraising and enthusiasm toward winning a tractor in the AgTexas Tractor Drive Tailgate Party, which they accomplished.

The FFA students and BHS Ag teachers went to Lubbock recently and got the keys to their brand new John Deere 5045 tractor and brought it home to the BHS Ag Department. The students have since named the tractor 'Agnus.'

Holland and Hopkins have injected new energy and enthusiasm into the FFA program at BHS. This is quite a start for a first year teacher in the male-dominated world of Ag teachers

"My love of animals and agriculture can be attributed to my grandparents who have about 300 acres at Cross Plains," said Holland. "I grew up raising a wide array of animals ranging from lambs and rabbits to hogs." Holland went on to say, "I gained a lot from the Ag teachers in high school at Cross Plains and that just added to my resolve to make a difference."

She never second-guessed her choice of entering the male-dominated field of becoming an Ag teacher. She was fortunate to do her student teaching with a seasoned Ag teacher, Wendy Meadows, at Iowa Park.

"Her 30 years experience as an Ag teacher was and is an invaluable resource for me as I begin teaching," said Holland.

"I contact her often to bounce ideas off her and get advice on how to handle certain situations.

Holland has always been in a hurry.

She gained 29 college hours while in high school at Cross Plains and as a result finished Tarleton State University in three years, graduating this past

May.

Holland admits to just turning age 21 and is currently working on her Master's degree in Ag Education.

Holland coaches the various individuals and teams for district competition, which they attended Monday, Nov. 11, at Mineral Wells.

Holland is responsible for taking about 20 students and includes two Quiz Teams, which have to know facts about FFA, two individuals who will recite the FFA Creed and one student who was reciting the Creed in Spanish. Holland also has a Radio Team that was competing at the district level. All of that takes a lot of extra time with her students, but that is all part of being an Ag teacher. The top two teams of individuals will go on to Area competition. Since Holland is part Hispanic she really wants to connect to the hispanic students at BHS, as a role model and encourage them to be more involved in FFA and all that entails. "I want to raise the confidence level of all students but especially the hispanic student, who are often reticent to step forward, participate and lead," said Holland. "I want to make a difference. One student who had come into practice his Creed during her conference period, Jared Mc Lance, said of Holland,

"She has helped me believe in myself." Holland said that BHS Spanish teacher Martha Brannan has been most helpful with her transition from college student to teacher.

"I have learned to pick my battles and that I don't need to react to everything," said Holland.

"I hope my students believe they can be successful in whatever they pursue and that they have gained the tools to handle whatever comes their way," said Holland.

Next on the agenda is to help prepare any student who made it out of the district competition. Help them with the preparations for Area competition.

Holland teaches one Horticulture class, one Animal Science class and three Floral Design classes, which also gives students a Fine Arts credit. To round out her teaching day, Holland has two classes of the Principals of Ag: Food and Natural Resources. Holland said she is interested in curriculum development, which she has gained through her work on her Master's degree in Ag Education but that she leaves "whatever is next for her in the hands of God."

The following article is a reprint from Breckenridge American dated November 13th, 2013. By Jean Hayworth

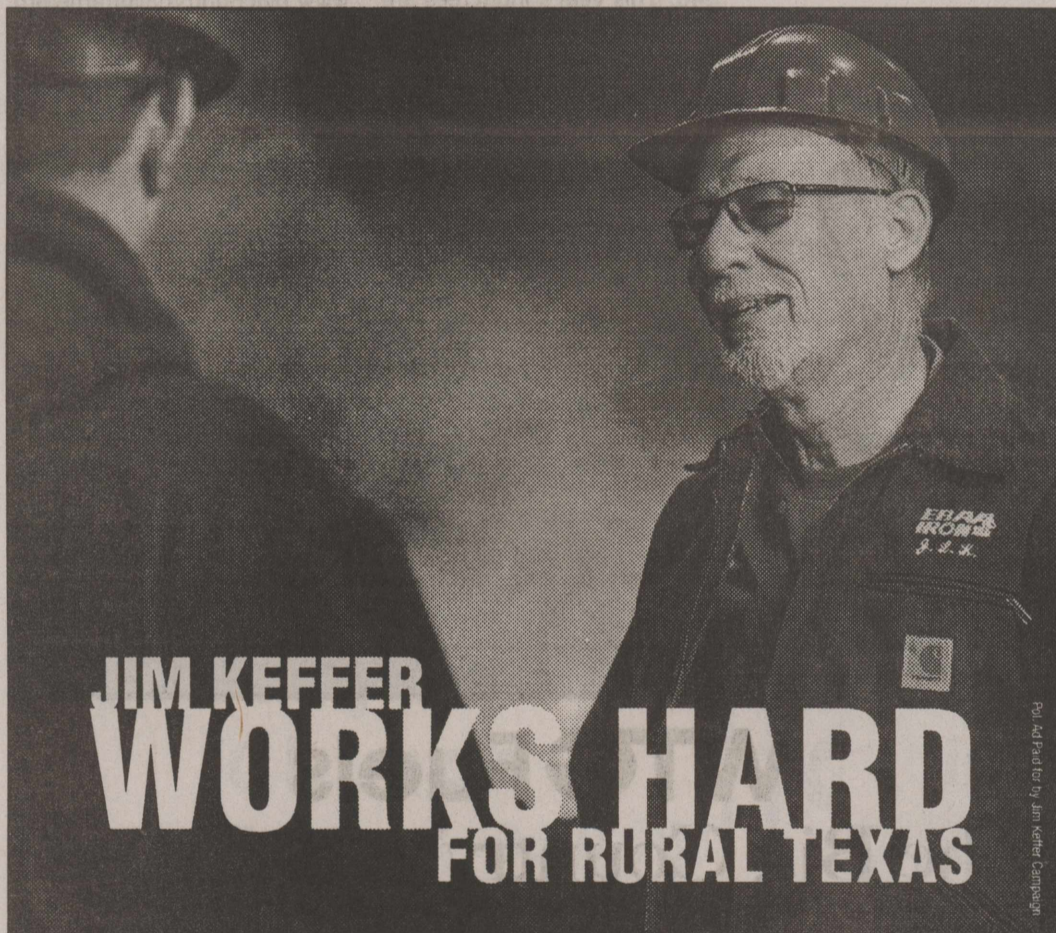
## Texas Deer Study Group to meet April 10th-11th in Columbus

The Texas Deer Study Group will convene April 10-11, 2014 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Columbus, TX.

This year's event will focus on "Great Expectations: Optimizing Deer Management in the Post Oak Savanna and Gulf-Coast Prairies." The program will consist of a full day of presentations on the 10th covering a wide array of topics including a history of management and habitat changes in the area, breeding chronology and buck movement, harvest strategies, an overview of research and a point-counterpoint discussing important management concerns. On the 11th, the group will meet at a local ranch for a

half-day of presentations covering getting to know your deer, habitat management techniques and native and introduced vegetation. Everyone with an interest in deer and deer management is encouraged to attend.

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities will be available for businesses and individuals to support the event. Early registration is \$75 and the deadline is March 31st (late registration will be \$100). For more information, or to sign up please visit the Texas Wildlife Association website at <http://www.texas-wildlife.org/resources/events/texas-deer-study-group> or contact Clint Faas at [cfaas@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:cfaas@texas-wildlife.org)



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