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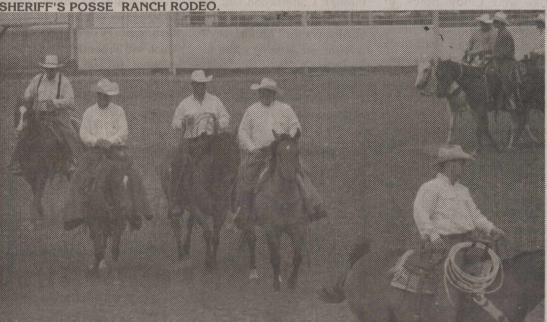
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HERE ARE SOME SCENES FROM THE 2005 RANCH RODEO IN BAIRD. THIS IS A PICTURE HERE ARE THE HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY SIX WHITE HORSES AND THEIR RIDERS (LOOKING OVER THE SOUTHSIDE ARENA FENCE) OF SOME OF THE COWBOYS AND DISPLAYING THE SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS DURING THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S THERE FAMILIES GEARING UP TO RIDE AND TO WATCH THE CALLAHAN COUNTY



POSSE RANCH RODEOS 2005 GRAND ENTRY.



HERE IS A SHOT OF SOME OF THE RANCH RODEO CONTESTANTS WARMING UP, BEFORE THE CALLAHAN COUNTY RANCH RODEO BEGAN IN 2005.

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Inaugural Ranch Rodeo to be held April 26th

The first Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Rodeo since the Posse's reorganization, restoration of its historical rodeo grounds and reinstatement as a Texas nonprofit corporation will be held in Baird on Saturday, April 26th. The full day of events will volunteers who freely include downtown vendors contribute their time, (9am - 5pm), parade (4pm), resources and services for this ranch rodeo (6pm) and dance (9pm).

The Sheriff's Posse invites all interested in supporting this Callahan County historical restoration project for countywide enjoyment and economic development to join the organization (\$25 - annual individual membership, \$35 annual family membership, \$500 - lifetime membership). Business sponsors may purchase an advertising banner to be displayed at all events (\$1,500 - 5 years). All donations are welcomed and appreciated. County support and contributions to date have

been encouraging and include labor, materials, equipment, work vehicles, individual donations, merchant sponsorships and economic development council funds.

Officers, Directors and Members are all non-paid worthwhile community project. 2014 Officers and Directors are President Seth Goldsmith, 1st Vice-President DVM Rob Harle, 2nd Vice-President Jeff Burleson, Secretary/Treasurer David Ratliff, Directors Steve Goldsmith, Mike Walker, Teri Hollis, Marty Yarbrough, David Mays & Billy Sparks, Assistant Secretary Christy King, Assistant Treasurer Lyn Walker and Legal Advisor John Compere.

Contact any Officer or Director for Sheriff's Posse memberships, sponsorships, donations or contributions;

Steve Goldsmith (325-518-8805) for Ranch Rodeo; and Christy King (325-669-0363) for vendors, parade or dance.

The original Callahan County Sheriff's Posse was established in 1948 with a fine arena, buildings, stock pens and grounds begun in 1949 on US Highway 80 East one block east of its intersection with US Highway 283 South in Baird (where it remains today). It thrived for decades as one of the best professional rodeos in our West Texas area with parades, trail rides, dances, livestock shows and related

Other scheduled events are the Callahan County 4-H Horse Club HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC on Saturday, March 15th and the Callahan County 4-H Horse Club HORSE SHOW on Saturday, April 19th. For more information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office, (325)854-5835.

Barbarian Festival and Parade coming soon

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FUN RUN

The Barbarian Festival is only a few short months away on Saturday, June 14th. It's not too soon to be planning for your booth at the festival. Sell arts and crafts, jewelry, candles, trinkets or other items. Set up games and rides for kids. Sell snocones, food or drinks. Sign up early and get your booth for only \$35.00! Vendor applications and information are going out in the mail this week. If you haven't gotten yours, call Diana Miller, Vender Chairman at (254)-725-9418, and she'll get one out to

While you're making plans for your booth, start thinking about what you'll ride, drive or walk in the Barbarian Festival Parade. Last year's parade was such a big hit, that we're doing it again. The parade is on Thursday evening, June 12th. Drive your classic or antique car or truck, ride your four wheeler, bicycle or golf cart. Walk your dog. Ride on a float. Start planning now, this year's parade will be the best ever! Need more information, call Joe Terstegge, Parade Chairman at (254)-725-

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"Experience True **Grit" T-Shirt Design Unveiled**

Fire HDX Tablet

To Celebrate The Big Read, the Cross Plains Public Library is giving away T-Shirts at various functions throughout the 6week celebration of "Experience True Grit."

No entries were received for

the contest, so library staff and board put their heads together and made their own design that they hope you enjoy. So join us for our book discussion and other contests- you never know when

we'll be handing out T-shirts! You could win a Kindle

There's only two weeks left to enter the Cross Plains Public Library's "Got Grit?" writing contest for all ages. Compositions must be between 5-7 paragraphs and about people, real or fictitous, that exhibit the characteristic of "true grit." Deadline is Thursday, March 27th, 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 \$50.00 Amazon.com gift certificate, and third prize is a movie pass for two at Premier Cinema in Abilene.

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 Ameri-

County Burn Ban remains in effect

Callahan County Commissioners took no action on the a motion to pay the approved Countywide Burn Ban, which bills. Commissioner Kirkham means the Burn Ban remains in seconded the motion. The moeffect throughout the County. The commissioners discussed

the Countywide Burn Ban dur- made the motion to adjourn the ing the commissioners' court commissioners' court meeting regular meeting held Monday, at 10:27 a.m. Commissioner March 10th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed. -Under public comments

-No action was taken on the temporary Justice of the Peace Precinct #1 (Clyde) and the set-

there were none.

han County Historical Commission discussed with the commissioners' court establishing county historical markers and establishing a county historical commission logo and motto. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to give the commission the go ahead on the historical

ting aside order appointing a new JP. -Judy Luters with the Callamarkers but the motion did not include the motto and the logo at this time. Judge Corn seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made tion passed with a 5-0 vote.

-Commissioner Windham Farmer seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous 5-0 vote.



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Glowin' For Owen Fun Run Benefit A glow in the dark fun run

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Matthew 5:16

will be held on April 19th. Check in will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a meeting and group pictures at 7:45 p.m. The run will start at 8 p.m. It will be a two mile course starting and ending at the Cross Plains track. All proceeds will go to Owen and his parents. Registration is \$25.00 which will include a shirt and 2 glow necklaces and 2 glow bracelets. Registration can be done on-line at http://garymosesfitness.com/5kcr. For more information you may email Jaimie.r09@gmail.com or call Jaimie at (325)-998-1044.

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OBITUARIES



RINGHOFFER BLACK

Jane Bailey Ringhoffer Black

Jane Bailey Ringhoffer Black, 78, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, March 7, 2014, in a Bronte nursing facility. Services were held at 2:00 PM Monday, March 10, 2014, in the First Baptist Church of Baird, Texas, with Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiating. Interment followed in Ross Cemetery Annex under the direction of Parker Funeral Home of Baird. A visitation was held Sunday afternoon between the hours of 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the funeral home. Ida Jane was born on August 31, 1935, to Samuel Shadrick and Nannie Mae Bailey in Scranton, Texas. She attended Scranton schools and was a long-time resident of Baird,

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Emil Ringhoffer, Jr; husband of 8 years Richard Eugene Black, her parents, 4 sisters and 3

Jane worked for many years with husband Emil at the Texaco Wholesale Distributorship in Baird. In 1979 she began working for the Callahan County Tax-Assessor Collector. Then in 1981, she began working for the Callahan County Appraisal District where she became deputy chief appraiser in 1988. She retired after 22 years of dedicated public service.

Jane was a member of the First Baptist Church in Baird for 50 years where she was very

Office 725-7377

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning

10:45 a.m.

active in the choir because she loved to sing. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Andrews for 8 years where she continued this love of singing with the senior adult Victory Singers, and made many wonderful friends in both places. She was loved by everyone and set a wonderful example of Texas hospitality as she hosted many wedding and baby showers in her home over the years. She is survived by her

children, Robert Ringhoffer and wife Donna of Baird, Texas, Vickie Simpson and husband Wayne Georgetown, Texas, and Beth Lehmann and husband Brad of Bronte, Texas; seven grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren, Candace and Perry Hanes, Caden, Ethan and Maddison of Southlake, Texas; Stormy and Henry White, Brylan, Tenley and Ryker of San Angelo, Texas; Michael and Lindsay Simpson of Fort Collins, Colorado, Sasha and Phillip Raines, and Alex of Stamford, Texas; Timothy Ringhoffer, Hannah and Gunner, Courtney Ringhoffer, and Corey Ringhoffer of Baird, Texas; sister- in- law Joann Ringhoffer of Cross Plains, Texas; and her nieces and nephews. Also surviving are her step-children, Mike and Cindy Black of Midland, Texas, Donna Masterson of Jourdanton, Texas, and Rena and Andy Wiese of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and their children and grandchildren whom she loved as her own.

The family suggests memorials in Jane's memory be made to one of the following: First Baptist Church of Baird, 240 Race St., 79504; Andrews Senior Center, 310 W. Broadway, 79714; or Health and Rehabilitation Auxiliary, P. O. Box G, 76933.

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Cottonwood News

By: Beverly Brown

With the dryness and the wind, we've been having many Red Flag Warning and High Fire Danger days. Be careful outside, especially if you park on grass or drive out in the field. It doesn't take much to start a fire.

The Burn Ban is ON. No

burning is allowed. Welding is permitted, as long as you have a spotter, two wet fire extinguishers, a large supply of water and a water sprayer. You'll need to wet down the area often while you are welding. Outdoor grilling is permitted, as long as you cook in an enclosed cooker or keep the lid closed on the grill, have a supply of water available and stay with the cooker while it's cooking. Wind can easily spread embers from your barbeque pit. If you have questions about the Burn Ban or if you see smoke - call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-

Also, if you're working out in the wind, take along a supply of water to drink, too.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group sent two fire trucks out for mutual aid to a fire in Burkett last Tuesday.

Spring Break continues through Friday. Watch out for the kids playing as you travel through Cottonwood and the area. Everyone's back in school on Monday, the 17th, and they'll probably be wearing green for St. Patrick's Day.

Plans are underway for the Hamburger Dinner at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center for Tuesday, March 25th from 5-7 p.m. Members of the Barbarian Festival Committee, Cottonwood's Joe Terstegge and Russ Miller, along with Don Childers, will be cooking hamburgers. The Pepsi distributor has donated Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and other Pepsi products for the dinner. The rest of the expenses for the dinner will be picked up by the event sponsor, the Barbarian Festival Committee, so that 100% of the proceeds will go to help out the Senior Center. They're will be live music at the

Speaking of the Barbarian Festival, the festival and Robert Howard Days will be here soon - June 13th and 14th for Robert Howard Days and Saturday, iv June 14 for the Barbarian 00 Festival. It's not too soon to be thinking about having a booth at the festival. Last year, both the Cottonwood Historical Assn.... and the Cottonwood Volunteer 10 Fire Control Group had booths, ils and many Cottonwood folks 13 were represented at the Methodist Church booth, Salamander's booth and at other 115 booths at the festival. Diana Miller is in charge of the booths. Erik Woodard is in charge of the Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show at the festival. Joe Terstegge is in charge of the Barbarian Festival Parade, J which will be held the Thursday before the festival, June 12th at or 6 p.m. You could decorate your vehicle or 4 wheeler and drive it in the parade.

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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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day of show.

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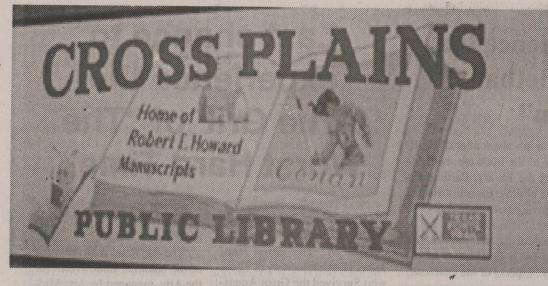


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Sharon Riley luncheon a rousing success!

The Nitty Gritty of Cooking with restaurateur, caterer, and cookbook author Sharon Riley was held last Friday as part of the Cross Plains Public Library's "Experience True Grit" celebration. First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall was alive with spring as guests were greeted with tables and chairs dressed in organza pastels of lilac, yellow, blue, pink, green, and dusty rose. Cream cheese flowers with jalapeno jelly and assorted crackers were at one end of each table and skewers of pineapple chunks, strawberries, and green and purple grapes were at the other, for guests to enjoy while they waited for Riley to autograph her cookbook for them. In the center of each table was a library mug adorned with fresh flowers arranged by Tim's Floral, flanked by frosted votive

Each place setting included pink napkins wrapped around tableware, tied in organza ribbon with silk flowers tucked inside. Every guest had a luncheon the recipe appeared in Riley's cookbook Yum! Yum! An Abilene Tradition, a matching bookmark with Sharon's Seasoning Recipe printed on it, and a shaker full of that recipe for guests to take home. In addition, a small basket holding chocolate candies wrapped in colorful pastels was waiting for each guest to enjoy.

Library Board President Wilma Lawrence welcomed guests and introduced Sharon Riley. She then introduced Kevin Morton, pastor of First United Methodist Church, for the blessing. While the appetizer plates containing two Caprese Skewers and a Brie Tartlet were served, The Big Read coordinator, Michelle Kaiser, told guests about The Big Read and explained the Experience True Grit celebration. Kaiser thanked food and decorating chairperson



menu that noted on which page Sharon Riley, restaurateur, caterer and cook book author

Marsha Ossowski for the hard work that was evident in the beautiful hall. Kaiser also thanked everyone for the generous donations towards the cost of the luncheon, including Riley's donation of her honorarium and 10% of the cookbooks sold that day. Those donations freed up grant funds designated for the luncheon that can now be used to purchase books instead.

After salads were served with Poppy Seed Dressing (a huge hit), guests enjoyed Chicken Spaghetti and Crispy Cheese Twists. The meal was topped off with Double Apricot Cake and Lemon Chess Pie tarts. Riley then addressed the audience and told about her background and the evolution of her cookbook.

Grilled Corn and Cheddar Quinoa and samples were passed out for all to enjoy. Next, door prizes were drawn, which included the lovely centerpieces. Finally, the guests voted with their applause for the winner of the stylish hat contest - Janette Dugger - who received a copy of Riley's cookbook.

The afternoon affair concluded with the bustling of the guests gathering up their autographed cookbooks, shakers of Sharon's Seasoning, baskets of candies, bookmarks, and door prizes. Leftovers were divided up, sold, or donated to the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. The organza sashes and electric votive candles were packed away, available for future use. Weary, but happy, board members loaded up their cars, taking satisfaction in a job well done!

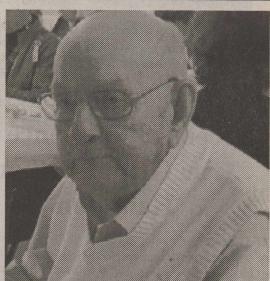












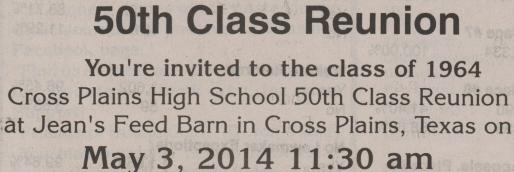












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Come early and stay late everyone welcome to attend, dutch treat or just stop by for cake and a walk down memory lane.







COLLECTION **DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2014**

All receipts dated between August 17, 2013 -March 31, 2014 will be accepted. Receipts will be shipped on April 11, 2014 so please SAVE, SAVE, SAVE! CPISD is expecting BIG things from Lowe's free educational equipment.



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receipts off at the school office! We appreciate all of your help!

Experience The True Grit of Dean Smith

Cross Plains Public Library will host Olympic gold-medalist and western movie stuntman, Dean Smith, at a library fundraiser for the entire family during our community's celebration of "Experience True Grit."

This unique experience will be held on March 23rd 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

Be sure to get your tickets

"Experience the 'True Grit' of Owen Turner"

library will hold a book sale on will have all proceeds going to Hwy. 36 across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch Supply from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "Experience

On Saturday, April 5th, the the 'True Grit' of Owen Turner' Owen Turner's Love Fund. Please stop in and pick up a stack of books for this worthy cause!

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

Teens will enjoy "Soul Surfer" the free movie passes. Pizza and Hamilton, who overcame the movie, followed by a discussion

The Cross Plains Public Li- ing to the water after losing her brary will host an "Experience left arm in a shark attack. FREE True Grit" event at the main Street copies of the book are available Pool House and Surf Shop on now at the library. Participants Saturday, April 5th at 7:00p.m. will be eligible for a drawing of story of teenage surfer Bethany drinks will be served during the odds and her own fears of return- of the "gritty" aspects of the char-

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True Grit" event at the main Street Pool House and Surf Shop on Saturday, April 5th at 7:00 p.m. Teens will enjoy "Soul Surfer" the story of teenage surfer Bethany Hamilton, who overcame the odds and her own fears of returning to the water after losing her

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Last chance to experience the 'True Grit' of "The **Worst Hard Time**"

Next Thursday, March 20th, teristics of true grit, such as those 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- at 6 p.m. at Jean's Feed Barn. Cross Plains will celebrate Experience True Grit until April 12th. Events will center on Charles Portis' book, "True Grit" and will be expanded to include people who have shown charac-

who survived in "The Worst Hard Time."

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.

Oldtimers: 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 and share the experience.

2014 Callahan County **Republican Primary Results** Tuesday March 4th

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Candidate	Total	%			
United States Senator	-		Judge, Court of Criminal		
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Steve Stockman	242	15.08%	Richard Dean Davis	463	33.70%
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Keep Texas Beautiful and Don't mess with **Texas® Launch Art Contest for Texas Students**

Students encouraged to create litter prevention artwork to win recognition and prizes

AUSTIN - Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) Don't mess with Texas program are inviting students across the state to get creative about litter prevention. In an effort to promote positive litter habits among young Texans, the organizations partnered to launch the first Don't mess with Texas Elementary School Art Contest

The Don't mess with Texas Elementary School Art Contest begins February 20, 2014, and all entries must be submitted by April 18, 2014. It is open to all Texas elementary school students enrolled in kindergarten through 5th grade. The contest is sponsored by H-E-B and Central Market, and students can submit artwork that promotes the Don't mess with Texas and/or Keep Texas Beautiful litter prevention slogans in order to encourage the protection of our Texas roadways and environment.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage our future leaders to not litter and keep Texas

Students who create the top 12 winning designs will have their artwork assigned to a month and placed in the 2015 Don't mess with Texas Calendar. Each will also win an ASUS MeMO Pad HD 7 tablet donated by H-E-B and Central Market. One student winner's artwork, chosen from the 12 winning designs, will be featured on the calendar cover.

Teachers representing students who produce the top 12 designs will win a \$100 H-E-B and Central Market gift card.

"We know that litter habits start early," said Cathie Gail, Executive Director, Keep Texas Beautiful. "This contest is a fun way to celebrate the creativity of our state's next generation of leaders, while encouraging positive habits at a young age and preservation of our highways and environment."

All student winners will be

manufacturing, healthcare

During the last legislative

appropriated \$10 million for

equipment grants. Following

today's round of grant

approvals, a request for

applications for the remaining

\$5 million is expected to be

issued within the next month.

The JET grant program for

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approximately \$16.7 million

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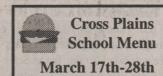
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showcased on the Don't mess with Texas and Keep Texas Beautiful websites and at the 2014 Keep Texas Beautiful annual conference.

More information is available at www.DontMesswith-Texas.org.

Keep Texas Beautiful Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), a statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement organization and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to educate and engage Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 360 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups and volunteers to ensure that every Texans has the opportunity to take individual responsibility for making Texas the cleanest,



BREAKFAST

Monday 17th- French Toast Sticks, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Tuesday - 18th - P.B. & J. Sandwich, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk Wednesday 19th- Scrambled Eggs, Biscuit w/ gravy, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Thursday 20th- Cereal, Texas Toast, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Friday 21st- Breakfast Burrito, Cereal, Juice, Fruit, Milk

Monday 24th-Sausage Kolache, Roasted Potatoes, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk

Tuesday 25th-Cheddar Omlet Wrap, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk Wednesday 26th- Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Fruit & Juice Milk Thursday 27th- Waffles, Sausage, Cereal, Fruit & Juice, Milk Friday 28th-Cinnamon Breakfast Pastry, Yogurt, Cheese Stick, Fruit & Juice, Milk

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Cross Plains Public Library to hold **FREE GED Classes**

If not having your high school diploma is holding you back from promotions or keeping you from the career you always dreamed of, consider getting your GED. Cross Plains public library is offering free GED classes on Monday and Tuesday evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The classes are through Abilene Independent School District. Increase your self-esteem and become a role model for others. Join us for the

Senior Citizens CenterActivities

March 17-21

Monday-17th St Patricks Day. Everybody Wear

Tuesday-18th Exercise 11:00 Game Night 6:00

Friday -21st Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-19th Happy Birthday - Foot Care Thursday -20th True Grit Movie Marathon 1:00

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

March 17-21

Monday 17th- St Patricks Thusday 20th - Chicken Ten-Green Enchiladas, Lett/ Tom Salad, Chips ,Green Salsa, Des-

Potatoe, Corn, Bread, Dessert Wednesday 19th - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Pick/Onion

ders w/gray, Potatoes, Carrots Bread, Dessert.

Friday 21st -Butter Beans & Tuesday 18th - Meatloaf, Ham, CornBread, Fruit, Cookie

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Callahan County 4-H Horse Club is hosting a horse clinic March 15th

Callahan County 4-H Horse Posse Arena located at 221 U.S. Hwy 80 E, Baird.

There is no fee for this clinic invited to attend.

Topics to be covered at the For more information call the ship, Correct Tack, 4-H Horse Office at (325) 854-5835.

Bring your own horse. Adults Club is hosting a Horse clinic on are welcome to ride too! There March 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at will be a break for lunch. You are the Callahan County Sheriff welcome to bring a sack lunch and eat at the arena if you choose.

NEGATIVE COGGINS IS REand ALL youth and parents are QUIRED AND STALLIONS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

clinic will be Basic Horseman- Callahan County Extension

Sincerely, Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

signification of the principle **Blessings**

Comptroller Susan Combs announces

more grants to train students

AUSTIN-The Jobs and

Education for Texans (JET)

Advisory Board, chaired by

Texas Comptroller Susan

Combs, today approved

approximately \$5 million in

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In 2013, there were 4,371 traffic crashes in the Permian Basin region that resulted in serious injuries or fatalities. The result portation was 358 fatalities in the 59county region, which covers 75,000 square miles. The number of fatalities represents an and for supporting aviation, rail, increase of 13 percent over the and public transportation across previous year. According to law enforcement, the leading causes of crashes in the region were failure to control speed and driver safe and reliable transportation inattention. The most danger- solutions for Texas by maintainous times of day were around 8 ing a safe system, addressing a.m. and 5 p.m.

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"The future cost of children's college education can weigh heavily on families as they set their budgets," Combs said. "Fortunately parents can ease concerns about those costs by locking in prices through the www.TuitionPromise.org, or call Promise Fund. The prepaid tu- 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Opition program gives families pay- tion 5. ment options as well as flexibil-

(AUSTIN) —Texas Comptrol- ity in choosing how much preler Susan Combs reminds Texas paid tuition they want to buy, families to enroll their children in which helps them set aside

the Texas Tuition Promise money to fit into their budgets." Under the plan, families can prepay tuition and required fees fees at Texas public colleges for a four-year degree, two years and universities. The current of community college or just a enrollment period for the state's few semesters at Texas public prepaid college tuition program colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

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4+/-Ac. -341 NW 4th, CP-3BR-2.5B brick, fireplace, metal workshop, 2 car carport.......179,900 6+/- Ac. -R.S.- 4BR-2B, oaks, water well, central h/a, covered porch w/ screen..... ..125,000 16+/- Ac - 1BR-1B cozy metal home, oak trees, 2 sheds..... .92,500 20Ac.-Zephyr. 3BR-2B 2-Story home, native and oak trees mountain top retreat... .344,000 20 Ac. - Zephyr, New energy efficient Rock Home, upgrades, beautiful native land... .349,000 33.3 Ac.-Cross Cut-3BR/2B mobile hm, mesquite/oak, 3 tanks, farm/hunt/ranch... ..135,000 34.9 Ac. - Small acreage with old truck stop, house, barns, garages, many possibilities.....285,000 40.05 Ac.-Comanche Co.-2BR-2B nice Hm, 4 stall barn, rolling terrain, 2 wells, fenced.....219,900 50+/- Ac. - Great combo property, 2BR-2B hm, addt'l bunk house, 1/2 oaks-1/2 cult... 80 Ac.-Atwell-Beautiful 3BR-2B hm w/ office, 2 tanks, oaks, excellent hunting, bam..... ..399,900 80.38 Ac – 4BR-3.5B 2 story brick, 2 brick strg. bldgs, coastal, 1 Ac. stocked lake... 111.75 Ac.- Great horse facility, 2BR-1 3/4 B Hm, coastal 45 Ac., 2 ponds, barns, pens....409,000 138.77 Ac.-3BR-2B rock/hardy board, modern w/ granite countertops, 3 tanks, hunting....550,000 340.46 Ac. - Brown Co.- 3BR-2B hunting cabin, 2 Ac. stocked lake, 4 tanks, wildlife...... 468.92 Ac. -Wildlife utopia, n UNDER CONTRACT ked lake, perfect retreat!....1,650,000 512+/-Ac.-2BR-1B bamdominium, 6 tanks, fenced, heavily treed, prime hunting!..

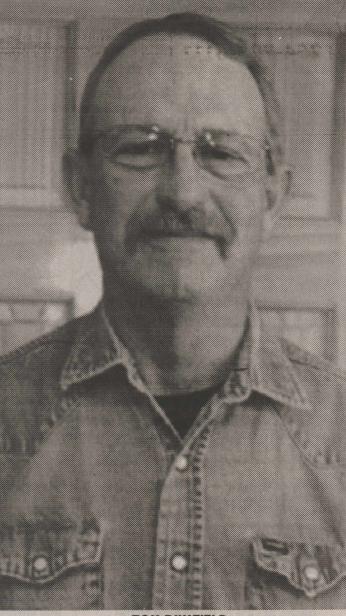
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TOM RUMFIELD ...to be appointed Clyde Justice of the Peace

Tom Rumfield to begin Clyde JP job Monday

Clyde JP position after the death of Clyde JP Roy Chapman in December 2013. The office of Clyde JP has been filled tempo-Peace Steve Odom.

Rumfield defeated former Clyde Police Chief Jerome Chaney with 67 percent of the vote (447

Tom Rumfield, the Republican Rumfield, who also works for Party Primary candidate winner, the Callahan County Sheriff's is expected to be appointed the Department, will continue to be Clyde Precinct #1 Justice of the a reserve deputy. He started as Peace on Monday, March 17th. a jailer for Callahan County The Callahan County commis- Sheriff's Department in 2001, sioners' court is expected to and has held several positions appoint Rumfield to the vacant for the Sheriff's Department since then.

> Rumfield, 57, resides in the Oplin community.

The Callahan County Commisrarily by Baird Justice of the sioners' Court held a meeting Monday, March 10th in Baird, In the Republic Party Primary but took no action on Rumfield's Election Tuesday, March 4th, appointment, since the Republican Primary Election ballots had not yet been canvassed. The ballots are expected to be canvotes) to Chaney's 32 percent vassed on Thursday, March



After School Adventure Program

Last weeks After School Adventure Program (ASAP) at the Cross Plains Public Library was presented by the Cross Plains Garden Club. This annual event is very popular with our students and was again well attended. Garden club member Mary Weaver led the program and was assisted by Diana Miller, Janette Dugger, Sarah Stone and Debbie Eudy. Weaver informed the students about the flowering gladiolus plant using a colorful handout that showed a wide range of colors, sizes and flower types. Gladiolus are popular for beautiful flower arrangements and for exhibitions in flower shows.

Each attending student was given a bulb to plant in a container and take home to care for

The Nitty Gritty of Dirt Gardening program also coincided with the library "Experiencing True Grit" for the month of March and two weeks in April in celebration of The Big Read, a program of the National Endowment for the Arts. Next month the After School Adventure Program will feature Nancy Robinson Masters who had written several books about people who show True Grit. Join us Wednesday, April 2nd at 4:00

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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 ready "The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" by Timothy Egan. Those were hardy 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 he 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 ereader, 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.



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Couch's Spadefoot

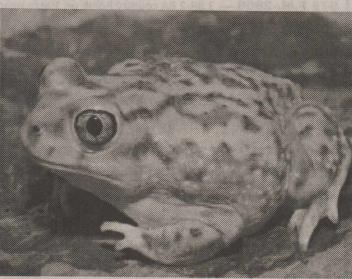
Many animals have curious adaptations that give them an advantage in surviving the natural world in which they inhabit. One such amphibian that exhibits this type of adaptation is one that is common right here in west Texas, the Couch's Spadefoot. Couch's Spadefoots

(Scaphiopus couchii) belong to a frog family that has four representatives here in Texas. This particular variety occurs throughout most of the western two-thirds of this state, occupying grasslands and mesquite scrublands. It also occurs less frequently in the creosote flats of the driest portions of the Trans-Pecos. It occasionally can be seen living around cultivated fields and gardens. Outside of Texas it can be observed from western Oklahoma westward to southern California and then southward to central Mexico.

This species can be quite variable in appearance. The ground color can vary from different shades of brown and tan to olive-green to almost lime green. Along the back are broad reticulated lines that form busy random patterns. These lines can vary in color from yellow, lime, or olive. The sides are not as colorful as the dorsal pattern fades into a light creamy colored belly. Adult females are the larger sex, with mature individuals approaching almost three inches. Males are smaller, seldom exceeding two inches. This variety of spadefoot is the largest and by far the most colorful species of the genus.

While being toad-like in appearance, there are three characteristics that separate spadefoots from true toads. Unlike true toads, spadefoots' pupils are vertically elliptical and the skin is smooth and lacks warts. Spadefoots also have a single elongated crescentshaped sickle on each heel that is utilized for digging deep into the ground. This sickle is where the namesake of spadefoot originated from.

The behavior of this amphibian is dependant primarily upon surface moisture. While small rainstorms may cause other amphibians to come out of hiding, it takes substantial rain amounts to lure this species out from the depths of the earth. In fact, this species has been known



Couch's Spadefoots (Scaphiopus couchii)

to remain underground for several YEARS awaiting adequate rainfall to reproduce. It utilizes the sharp spade on its hind legs to dig a deep burrow where it encases itself in a thin membrane-shell made from skin secretions. It is here where the metabolism of the spadefoot slows to the point where it can remain for vast amounts of time in a state of "hibernation", waiting for the ample rainfall amounts it needs to reproduce. Research has shown that low-frequency sounds from falling rain is what draws this species to the sur-

Like other amphibians, Couch's Spadefoots live a dual life. When the rains have fallen enough for them to emerge from their earthly bed, adults will congregate at shallow pools where males will call for the attention of females. Once a receptive female approaches, the male will clasp the female around the waist and externally fertilize up

to three thousand eggs. This activity is known as amplexus. Once the eggs hatch, the fishlike tadpoles are primarily carnivorous, and as the pools dry up, the tadpoles begin to compete for food to the point of cannibalism. Over the period of just days, the tadpole's metamorph into small froglets, developing air-breathing lungs rather than gills, absorbing the tail, and developing legs.

Spadefoots are unique creatures, and many times are misappropriately called spadefoot toads. Their skin secretions are toxic, although not enough to harm humans, and smell remarkably like vinegar. There are cases of humans having an allergic reaction, however, so always wash your hands after handling this intriguing little amphibian.

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

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Drive to Conditions Traffic Safety Campaign TxDOT Driver Safety Tips

largest state, stretching 790 miles from the Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico and 773 miles from the Louisiana border to El Paso. Crisscrossing the state's more than 79,000 miles of roadways can take a motorist through not only varying landscapes but also a wide variety of weather conditions, sometimes in a single day, which can present unique challenges and dangers for driv-

In 2012, the number of Texas motor vehicle traffic fatalities totaled 3,399. That marked a 10.8 percent increase over those in 2011. In 2012, 63,610 serious injury crashes occurred in Texas with 87,087 people sus-

taining serious injuries. Motorists should prepare for any type of driving condition they might encounter as they travel around the state. That includes not only heavy traffic and road construction work zones but also the state's everchanging weather. A motorist traveling from Houston to Dallas in winter might encounter everything from partly cloudy skies to heavy rain, fog or even snow and ice.

TxDOT is reminding motorists to adjust their driving to road conditions. Below are some tips to help drivers adapt to common Texas road conditions. Remember to listen to weather forecasts, and before starting any trip, check Texas highway conditions at http:// www.drivetexas.org. In addition to these tips, wearing a seatbelt is one of the best steps drivers and passengers can take to protect themselves in any driving condition

Tips for Driving in Heavy Rain/ Flood-Prone Areas

· Be cautious when traveling

through flood-prone areas. Flash tance enough so you'll have floods can come rapidly and unexpectedly—within a few minutes or hours of excessive rainin many areas of Texas, espe-

cially the Texas Hill Country. slow down, allowing extra distance for braking.

through flooded roadways. Wa- extra caution on bridges, ramps, ter covering roadways may hide overpasses and shaded areas, washed-out bridges or gougedout roadbeds, and even in rela- find yourself in a skid, stay calm tively shallow water, tires can and ease your foot off the gas act as flotation devices, lifting while carefully steering in the up big vehicles and sending them direction you want the front of downstream. It takes only two your vehicle to go. feet of water to float a 3,000-

pound car.

Tips for Driving in Fog froster as necessary to maxi- available stopping distance. mize visibility.

to ensure enough reaction time slow down and survey the scene and stopping distance. When as you pass by it. you use your brakes, don't stop suddenly.

if you have them. Do not use pace. high beams.

or roadside reflectors as a guide. If you cannot see, pull completely off the road—preferably at a rest area or truck stop—and www.txdot.gov and search the turn on your hazard flashers immediately.

Tips for Driving in Winter Facebook Weather

• Drive slowly, with cruise control turned off and using smooth steering movements. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered sur-

Increase your following dis-

plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

 Accelerate and brake gently. fall. Flash flooding is common When you brake, begin braking early, checking behind you, when approaching intersections Turn on your headlights and or stops, and use slow, steady strokes to test traction.

· Approach bridges, shaded · Never attempt to drive spots and turns slowly, and use as they tend to freeze first. If you

Tips for Driving in Heavy Traf-

· Don't tailgate or flash your • Slow down and do not drive lights at another driver. Maintain faster than your field of vision. a safe distance from other driv-Use windshield wipers and de- ers, so you can stop within the If an accident is to blame for

· Increase following distance the traffic congestion, do not • Keep to the same lane. When

vehicles constantly change • Turn on your lights, includ- lanes, the flow of traffic is reing your hazard lights. Use low peatedly interrupted, preventbeam headlights and fog lights ing the possibility of a consistent

 Stay focused on driving. • Use the right edge of the road Don't use the slow momentum as an opportunity to multi-task or check e-mail.

For more information, visit keywords "Driving to Conditions." And check us out on at http:// www.facebook.com/TxDOT.



Hamburger benefit at the Senior Center Tuesday, March 25th

Get a fresh-off-the-grill hamburger at the Cross Plains Senior Center on Tuesday, March 25th from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy your burger and the fixins while listening to live music performed by the popular Class of '57 band.

Dinner includes hamburger and fixins, potato chips and Pepsi or Diet Pepsi, donated by the local Pepsi Distributor. The event is sponsored by the Barbarian Festival Committee, who will be taking care of the expenses, so that all of the proceeds from the dinner will go directly to the center.

While the Senior Center receives funds from the state and federal government, the amount of money received has been reduced, causing the Senior Center to operate on a reduced budget. Fundraisers help the center in their commitment to provide a nutritious meal and a gathering place for seniors to come and exercise, quilt, play dominoes or just visit. The Senior Center needs your support. Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, March 25th for Hamburger Night with live music from the Class of '57.

"Experience True **Grit" Happenings**

Be sure to- "like" us on Facebook to receive a daily insight on "gritty" heroes. We also have a daily quote regarding "grit", a featured book that is available for check out at the library, and a list of happenings for

Stop in the library and pick

up a new puzzle this week. Bring your completed entries to the library by Thursday, April 3rd, where correct entries will be entered in our drawing for a movie pass for 2 on April 12th. Last week featured a crossword puzzle and this week is a word

DPS reminds Texans to use Online Services, Mega **Centers during Spring Break rush**

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging customers to use online services or visit a driver license mega center when renewing their driver license or identification card during the busy weeks surrounding Spring Break. Residents who are eligible can skip the trip to the office completely by using Texas.gov to renew their license or identification card.

"Spring Break can be a very busy time at Texas driver license offices, creating the perfect opportunity for Texans to take advantage of several convenient options available online or at a driver license mega center," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Many customers are eligible to completely forego a trip to an office by renewing online or they can visit state-of-the-art mega centers, which feature technology that allows customers to get in line before arriving."

Located in the Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio metropolitan areas, driver license mega centers offer high-capacity facilities and technology designed to improve efficiency and customer service. Mega centers leverage an innovative queuing system that offers

customers the convenient option to reserve a spot in line before going to the office. Customers can virtually enter the line via cell phone, online or using a land line.

Many offices require online scheduling in order to obtain an appointment for a driving test. To see if an office near you offers online scheduling, visit www.dps.texas.gov/ administration/ driver_licensing_control/ rolodex/search.asp.

To be eligible to renew online, the card holder must be a U.S. citizen and the expiration date on the card must be within one year. When the card is renewed, the expiration date on the new card will be six years after the current card's expiration date, whether customers renew early or not.

Additionally, in order to renew online, the card cannot have been expired for more than two years. Requirements for renewing online are available at Texas.gov, the official website of the State of Texas. Customers can also renew by phone at 1-866-357-3639. The eligibility requirements for phone renewal are the same as for online renewal. The fee is the same for online, in-person and

telephone renewals. Licenses must be renewed in

person every 12 years, so an updated photo can be taken and eyesight can be tested. If

within one year prior to the expiration date, which means they can pick a time that is convenient for their schedule. Customers may obtain a replacement driver license or identification card online if they are able to provide the 20 character code on the front of

> their current license or card. Visit the DPS website to make sure you have the proper documents needed for residency requirements) before making the trip to the office: http:// www.dps.texas.gov/ DriverLicense/

residents need to come into the

office to renew, they can do so

ApplyforLicense.htm. To find out more about online renewal services, visit: http:// www.dps.texas.gov/ DriverLicense/

OnlineServices.htm. To find out additional information about the mega centers and the technology that allows you to get in line before coming into the office, http://

www.dps.texas.gov/ Driver License/ getinlinebeforeyougo.htm.

Pioneer Cemetery **Notice**

The Pioneer Cemetery Board recently found itself in a difficult position concerning the unlisted claimant of a burial plot.

The problems occur when a family selects a plot in advance, pays no money and makes no contact with a board member to record their decision.

No one is perfect and accidents do happen, but the most obvious cause is the lack of information being relayed to some one in charge of the records.

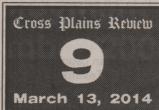
If you feel this could be the status of yours and your families plots, please contact one of the members and they will be glad to verify these listings.

Pioneer is very proud of its cemetery and the hard work of its board members. We also want others to feel the same and would welcome your personal comments.

Lou Brooks, secretary, (254)-

643-1169. Sara McGowen, president,

(254)-643-3276. Mack Flippin, Custodian, (254)-725-4326.



Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Melissa A. Wyatt, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Weldon H. Brooks, plea of guilty to theft by check, 60 days in jail, \$319 court costs. Eddie R. Burkhalter, request for authorization to remove ignition interlock device granted.

Garrett W. Stephens, motion to dismiss to unlawful carrying of weapon granted for plea to other case.

Kathy A. Norway, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Paul A. Ochoa, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Jaime R. Sansom, order amending conditions of probation granted. Jaime R. Sansom, plea of

guilty to theft by check, 2 year probation, \$319 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Jason Ray Underwood and Shanae Marlene Reagan Arnett, both of Clyde.

Christopher Don Edwards and Marie Michelle Salmeron Ramirez, both of Pagosa Springs, CO.

Chad Mitchell Barr of Clyde and Nicole Angelic Posey of Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

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

Civil Filings

Southwest Integrated Enterprises, Inc. vs. Chuck D. Dorrity, individually and d/b/a Double D. Construction, debt/

Civil Minutes

Converging Capital LLC vs. Judith Sylvester, agreed final judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$10,300.89 from defendant granted.

Courtney Kay Beeman and paperwork (including Dennis Lee Beeman, divorce

Criminal Indictments

David M. Reed, DWI, 3rd or Mary M. Healy, theft.

Cross Plains Little League travelling teams announced

ATTENTION!!!

Cross Plains Little League held a meeting last night. During the meeting, we voted on having a 10 and Under and 12 and Under traveling team (Little League

We will be playing here in Cross Plains and also traveling to DeLeon, Gorman, Iredell, Hico, and Hamilton.

We need to have our count turned in no later than March 17th. Please notice this date has 7:00 p.m.

changed from the original date on the form.

We will have a table set up inside the high school Gym on Saturday, March 8th if you would like to sign your child up at that

All forms and money are due no later than March 17th.

If you are interested in coming to the next Little League meeting it will be on Monday, March 17th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center starting at

Clyde Public Library Presents Workshop Genealogy, DNA, and Family Research Monday, March 24, 6:30p.m.

Have you ever wondered about the origins of your family or tried to create a family tree? Just a few years ago, researching your family might mean lots of legwork. You might have to visit graveyards, libraries and courthouses in several towns. Then, you'd search through records to match up names and fill in gaps. The process, while rewarding, is daunting.

Science and technology have made it easier to get an idea about your origins. True genealogical research still takes work, but you might not have to travel quite as much to get the same results. Many towns have begun to make their records available online. And if that's not enough,

dozens of companies now offer to examine your HYPERLINK

h t t p : / science.howstuffworks.com/ life/cellular-microscopic/ dna.htm"DNA to help you learn more about your ancestry.

Mr. Don Jackson will be presenting his informative workshop on using the newest DNA testing in your genealogy research. The workshop will be held on Monday, March 24 at 6:30p.m. The workshop is free but pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Contact the library at 125 Oak Street, HYPERLINK "mailto:library@clydeamerica.com" or call 325-893-5315.

> Linda Cavanaugh Library Director







Texas seasonal unemployment rate lowest since November 2008 AUSTIN - Texas seasonally last year, for a 3.2 percent Trade, Transportation, and Utilities industry added the

adjusted unemployment rate fell to 5.7 percent in January, the lowest since November 2008. It was down from 6.0 percent in December 2013, and remained below the nation's January unemployment rate of 6.6 percent.

Texas employers expanded their payrolls in January with the addition of 33,900 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, for a total of 322,400 jobs added over the year.

"The decline in our state's unemployment rate and the addition of 33,900 jobs in January are positive signs, and I'm encouraged that the Texas economy has started the year on a strong note," said Texas Commission Workforce (TWC) Chairman Andres Alcantar. "All 11 major industries added jobs over the year, highlighting the favorable economic conditions in Texas for employers and job seekers."

Most major industries added jobs over the month. The

greatest number of jobs in January, expanding by 7,600 positions. This industry also reported the highest number of jobs added over the last 12 months, 77,300. "The continued strong

monthly job growth among varied industries like **Education and Health Services** and Trade, Transportation, Utilities opportunities for working

Texans and their families," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ronny Congleton. "I encourage job seekers to tap into the job-search tools available through Texas Workforce Solutions offices statewide.'

The Mining and Logging industry, which includes oil and gas related jobs, added 3,200 positions in January, for a total of 15,800 jobs over the year and an annual growth rate of 5.6 percent; the highest among the 11 major industries in Texas.

'We've seen 293,900 privatesector jobs added here over the annual growth rate," said Commissioner Representing Employers, Hope Andrade. "I'm excited to see private employers in Texas continuing to grow their investments here."

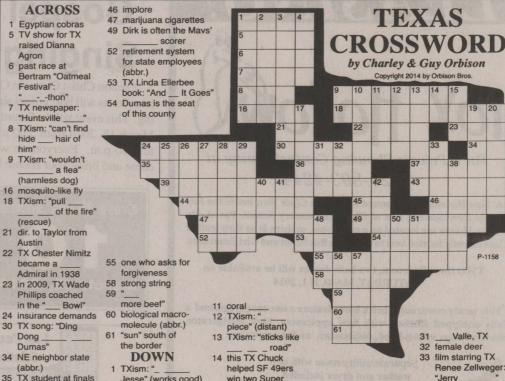
The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) had the lowest January unemployment rate in the state at 2.9 percent. The Odessa MSA had the second lowest at 3.6 percent and the Amarillo MSA was third at 4.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

Audio downloads from TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar on the latest labor market data are available at: http:// texasworkforce.org/news/ press/2014/press-releases-2014.html#pressReleaseAudio. Workforce Texas

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Abilene area Aggie Mom's Club

We invite you to our monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6:45 pm in the Coldwell Banker Panian & Mash Building at 2500 S. Willis (S.27th and Willis, 1/2 block N on Willis.)

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop!

each month, at 6:45 pm for refreshments and fun.

If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email either of the following:

 Venita Teal (President) call 669-0886 or email at vltmini5@gmail.com

 Kathy Hocke (Membership) call 721-3131or email at hockeig@camalott.com

Grow a Nutritious Garden in a Pot

By Melinda Myers

Don't let a lack of time or space get in the way of gardening your way to a healthy lifestyle. Plant a container of nutritious vegetables and herbs. Include a few planters on the an added gourmet touch to bevfront porch, back patio or right outside the kitchen door.

All that's needed is some potting mix, fertilizer, plants and a container with drainage holes. A fifteen to twenty-four inch diameter pot or twenty-four to thirty-six inch long window box is a good starting size. Bigger containers hold more plants and moisture longer, so it can be watered less frequently.

Check containers daily and water thoroughly as needed. Self-watering pots need less frequent watering, allowing busy gardeners and travelers the opportunity to grow plants in pots with minimal care.

Fill the container with a welldrained potting mix. Read the label on the container mix bag. Add a slow release organic nitrogen fertilizer, like Milorganite (milorganite.com), at planting for better results with less effort. It provides small amounts of nutrients throughout most of the season and eliminates the need to mix and water in fertilizer throughout the growing season. Sprinkle a bit more on the soil surface midseason or when changing out your plantings.

Mix colorful flowers with nutritious vegetables for attractive, healthy results. Bright Lights Swiss Chard, pansies (their flowers are edible), colorful leaf lettuce, spinach, radishes, and trailing ivy make a great cool sea-

son combination. Fresh-fromthe-container-garden vegetables make the best tasting salads and the greens provide Vitamins A and C as well as calcium. Use the pansy flowers to dress up a salad or frozen in ice cubes for

For summer, use a tomato, pepper, eggplant or peas, beans, and cucumbers trained on a trellis. All are packed full of nutrients and make a great vertical accent. Surround the towering vegetables with purple basil, tricolor sage, carrots, beets and a colorful trailing annual like verbena, lantana, or bidens.

Don't forget to squeeze in a few onions or garlic. The fragrant foliage can be decorative and these vegetables help lower blood sugar and cholesterol, while aiding in digestion.

So be creative and add a few small-scale, attractive vegetables high in nutritional value to a variety of containers this

(Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.

THANK YOU—FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I would like to thank each one of you who turned out and orted me in the March 4th primary for Callahan county District Clerk. I am very humbled by your support and I could not have done it without each of you. To those who may not have supported me. I want to say that I will be here to serve everyone and I hope I have a chance to earn your trust in the next 4 years. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank Sharon Owens for her many years of dedicated service to the office of District Clerk. I look forward to working with Sharon in the coming months to make the transition smooth. I wish her the very best!

Finally I would like to thank one special supporter. This person pushed me, encouraged me, campaigned for me, held a sign all day outside the polls for me and stood beside me in this fun journey in my life. This made my win all the more SPECIAL, so for that, I want to say

THANKS MOM! I LOVE YOU!

With Gratitude, **Amber Tinsley**

Callahan County's jobless rate rises to 4.2% in January 2014

UNEMPLOYMENT

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose one-tenths of one percent to 4.2% in January 2014, according to jobless figures released Friday, March 7th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in January 2013 was 5.3 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.1% in Decem- month of December, 2013 was unemployment rate remained ber, 2013

in Callahan County included: 4.3% in November 2013, 4.5% in October, 4.9% in September, 4.7% in August, 4.7% in July, 5.3% in June 2013, 5.2% in May, 4.5% in April, 4.8% in March, and 5.2% in February, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for January 2014 include: Brown, 4.9%; Coleman, 5.5%; Eastland, 5.0%; Jones, 5.6%; Runnels, 4.9%; Shackelford, 2.8%; Stephens, 4.8%; and Taylor County, 4.4%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 4.5% in January. 2014, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 83,700. There were 79,900 employed during January 2014, while 3,800 were un- month to a total of 12,817,900 employed, giving the Abilene people. This was the largest MSA an unemployment rate of

The Abilené MSA reported the workforce was 84,400 in De- year, a growth rate of 0.8 percember, 2013. Total employment of 80,700 was reported in December 2013, while 3,700, or 4.4% were unemployed in December 2013.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for January, 2013 was 5.5%. The total workforce was reported at 83,800, with 79,200 employed and 4,600 or 5.5% unemployed in January, 2013.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of January, 2013 was 5.8 percent. The total Texas people. This was the first inlabor force was 12,817,900 in January 2014. The total number jobseekers since June 2013 and of Texans employed is was the lowest January unem-12,074,500. The total number of ployment increase since the beunemployed Texans was ginning of the series. There was 743,400 in January 2014.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent. The state's unemployment rate in 24 Metropolitan Statistical can-Statesman—Shonda in January of 2013 was 7.0

The United States unemployployment rate for the previous

Callahan County Unemployment

January, 2013 was 8.5%. Highlights of the Texas

Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

seasonal increase. The ten-year average December-to-January rate increase was 0.6 percent- continued unemployment insurage points. However, this was the smallest January unemployment rate increase since the beginning of the series. Over the year, the unemployment rate declined by 1.2 percentage points. The national unemployment rate increased five-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 7.0 percent. This was the 86th consecutive month Texas has been at or below the national rate.

by 46,300 Texans over the more than 1,200 jobs by the January labor force drop since 2007. The Texas labor force grew by 105,400 individuals over the access to an educated, qualified

· In January, the number of ing to relocate." jobholders dropped by 67,200 individuals to 12,074,500 persons. This drop followed the fiveyear average January employment decline of 67,100 people. Over the year, the number of employed Texans grew by 254,300 people. The number of individuals seeking work inthe month to a total of 743,400 crease m the number of a decline of 148,900 unemployed persons over the year.

• The unemployment rate rose Areas (MSAs) with the Laredo,

6.5%. The United States unem- unchanged over the month and Previous monthly jobless rates ployment rate one year ago in continued to be the lowest unemployment rate of any MSA at 2.9 percent.

> • The number of Texans continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits increased by The Texas unemployment rate 9,800 persons over the month rose two-tenths of a percentage for a total of 133,900 claimants. point to 5.8 percent, a typical This was the third consecutive month in which there has been an increase in the number of ance claims. Over the year, Texas has shown a decrease of 3,300 claimants.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

FedEx Operations Moves

PLANO, TX (Plano Star Courier)—The City of Plano has entered into an agreement with FedEx Office and Print Services that calls for the company to • The Civilian Labor Force fell transfer to the city or create end of 2016. Sally Bane, director of economic development for the city, said, "Plano is a very smart location decision. The workforce is a primary drive for companies when they are look-

FedEx has an existing office in Plano with 300 to 400 employees, Bane said, so the agreement, which includes tax abatements and a \$1.67 million cash payment from the city, should bring up to 900 new jobs to the city. The company will occupy about 255,000 square feet in a creased by 20,900 persons over new development in west Plano. The land is owned by JCPenny, which announced plans to further develop 240 acres of the land it owns at Legacy Business

Athenahealth Commits to

AUSTIN, TX (Austin Ameri-Novak)-Athenahealth has the Texarkana, the Tyler, and committed to lease all the office the Brownsville-Harlingen MSAs space in the former Seaholm ment rate for January, 2014 was showing the largest over-the- Power Plant building on the 7.0 percent. The nation's unem- month increase of 0.3 percent- southwest side of downtown age points. The Midland MSA Austin. The company plans to

add 600 jobs during the next 10 years. The agreement to lease 103,000 square feet of space in Seaholm came one week after the Austin City Council approved incentives for Athenahealth totaling \$679,500 over 10 years.

Jillian Palash, a spokeswoman for the Watertown, Massachusetts-based health informationtechnology firm, said, "Seaholm stood out as an iconic building ito with a strong history in the city that also embodies, in its redevelopment concept, the best intentions of a 'work/live/play' lifestyle that speaks to our employees." Built in the 1950s, and the power plant is undergoing a floor-to-ceiling remodel that is expected to be completed in

Retailer Expands Distribution System

SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Express-News)—Dollar General is planning to expand in Bexar County to improve its distribution system for the Southern United States. The retailer said it intends to build ov its first Texas distribution facility in East Bexar County at a projected cost of \$70 million. The facility would have an estimated annual payroll of \$19.2 million, with 36 manager positions, 22 clerical and 480 distribution jobs. Also, 90 truck drivers will be needed. Doing business in Bexar County since of 1970, Dollar General has opened 61 stores here and employs more than 460 people.

Webscose Moves to Austin

DIEGO, (UTSanDiego.com-) Johnathan Horn)—Thanks to a \$4.5 million grant from the Texas government, San Diegobased software company Websense is moving its corpo- Ye rate headquarters to Austin. 19 Texas Governor Rick Perry's of lice announced that the Texas Enterprise Fund will send the cash to Websense, which in exchange will relocate 445 jobs to Austin and also make a \$9.9 million capital investment. In a statement released from Websense, CEO John McCormack, said, "We are expanding our presence into Austin because it represents an energetic, high-technology hub that will further enable us to meet growing demand for our technology and better serve our global customer base."

Republican **Vote Canvass**

The Republican voter canvass for the March 4th primary will take place this Thursday, March 13, 2014.

The canvass of votes will be at 2:00pm on the first floor. room 102 Callahan County Court House.

Carbon Gospel Singing

Carbon Christ Center in Carbon, Texas will host gospel singing. This event will be Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends!





Reaching out to rural Texas water Meet TWDB's new Agricultural and Rural Texas Ombudsman

loves Texas back roads. In just his first six weeks on the job, he Texas Water Development Board's first Agricultural and Rural Texas Ombudsman began this new staff position on Dec. 1, 2013.

The product of a sixth generation Texas farm family, Shaw knows rural Texas, and he knows Texas water. He previously worked in the water planning division at TWDB from 2006 until he assumed his new role last year. His long experience in regional water planning enabled him to work with diverse interests and stakeholders, including rural and agricultural, and to understand the unique opportunities the TWDB's funding programs offer to communities across Texas. Shaw holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from Tarleton State University.

So, what exactly is an ombudsman? And why does TWDB need it?

TWDB is in the midst of developing rules for administering the new State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT), the fund authorized by voters in November to finance projects in the state water plan. The legislation for SWIFT directs TWDB to undertake the use of not less than 10 percent of the funds on

It's a good thing Doug Shaw rural and agricultural projects. "The ag ombudsman is help-

ing us spread the word to rural traveled over 3,000 miles. The communities about the SWIFT and the benefits it will offer to those communities," says TWDB Chairman Carlos Rubinstein. "His effort is a critical part of our SWIFT outreach and our outreach on many other programs."

> "The Board has made it clear it wants to expand outreach," Shaw says. "I enjoy traveling, talking to people and listening to their concerns. This is exactly what I've been wanting to do."

Shortly after beginning his new position, several things became clear to Shaw. Most people weren't familiar with the TWDB and didn't know who to contact. Smaller entities that needed assistance for water projects didn't know how to navigate the financompete with larger entities for dollars.

Shaw knows the outreach process will take time and will be an ongoing effort. "Our Board is meeting multiple times a month to shorten the time from application to getting money out the door, and further incent the timely and proactive development of water supplies. I'm a point of contact for small entities and stakeholders who are looking for help or information,"

sures they have a voice and are being heard."

TWDB board member Bech Bruun reports, "Through Doug's outreach, more rural Texans will learn about and get involved in the regional water planning process, which is a key foundation to the state water plan."

Shaw adds, "More folks getting involved means more local information, which can only lead to more comprehensive regional. water plans.'

To get funding from the SWIFT, projects must be part of the state water plan. And to be part of the state water plan, they must first appear in a regional water plan.

To date, Shaw's travels have taken him from AgriLife and Texas Rural Water Association events to meetings hosted by cial process or felt they had to legislators, city managers, county judges and commissioners from rural areas.

> So far the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I grew up in rural Texas. It's appealing to be able to spend time there, and I'm encouraged by opportunities to get the message out and help develop water for Texas," Shaw says.

Contact Doug Shaw, TWDB's Agricultural and Rural Texas Ombudsman, at 512.463.1711

he says. "This new position en- Doug. Shaw@twdb.texas.gov."



A New Housing development located on Clyde Way, inside the Fox Hollow Development, east of Clyde Elementary School. Paved city streets. Homes are located on a cul-de-sac, so there is no thru traffic! Conveniently located next to the Clyde Boy Scout and Girl Scout huts.

TWO three Bedroom, two bath duplex will be available on **SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014**

This newly constructed brick home feature a one car garage, and a fully equipped kitchen with new appliances. New refrigerator, electric range, vent-a-hood, dishwasher, and microwave.

> Separate utility room with new washer and dryer included.

All Electric with City Water and Sewer! \$700. Deposit guarantees your reservation! One year rental starts at \$950 per month! References Required!

> **Contact Danny Tabor** 325-893-4244



Tips to Spring Clean Your Deck and Patio

year when sprucing up your deck and patio becomes a top weekend priority. Whether you use the space for entertaining or for solitude, you'll want it clean, comfortable and safe this spring.

Take time to dust off your outdoor furniture and wipe down cushions that have been in storage all winter. Inspect flower pots, bird feeders and other outdoor décor to ensure they withstood the cooler months. Replace anything that is damaged.

Before setting furniture and décor back, give the surface below a good clean. Whether you're dealing with cement, brick or wood, the quickest and most thorough way to deep clean and restore surfaces to a like-new condition is with a pressure washer. Knowing how to use one properly is important for a quality job and for your safety.

Usage Tips:

• Different surfaces require different cleaning techniques. Ensure you're following the instructions for the surface you're cleaning.

· Always read and follow the operator's manual and all

• High-pressure spray can cut through skin, so never spray people or animals. Wear closed-toed shoes and goggles while pressure washing.

 Assume a solid stance and firmly grasp the spray gun with both hands to avoid injury if the gun kicks back before squeezing the spray gun

 Never spray near power lines, service feeds, electrical meters, wiring and windows

• Check the engine oil level each time you use a pressure washer. When changing cr adding oil, don't overfill the engine crankcase. Doing so can cause smoking, hard starting, spark plug fouling and oil saturation of the air filter.

Buying Tips

Buying a pressure washer for the first time or replacing an old one? Here are some guidelines:

• Pressure washers are categorized in groups based upon frequency of use and the types of products and surfaces they are best suited for cleaning.

Selecting the right pressure washer for your needs depends on what you're going to clean,

how often you plan to do so, and how much time you want to spend. Ask yourself these questions before making a purchase.

• Look for a versatile pressure washer that can be used for a variety of tasks. For example, the new Briggs & Stratton POWERflow+ pressure washer has both a high pressure and a high flow mode for different spring cleaning chores. Deep clean your patio and driveway in high pressure mode or clean more delicate surfaces and rinse away debris in high flow

• Consider going green with a model having reduced environmental impact. If you have an older pressure washer, a newer model could offer lower emissions and better fuel efficiency.

• Learn more about pressure

washers before making an investment. For a buying guide and instructional videos, visit www.BriggsAndStratton.com. With a deep clean, you can restore and refresh your home's outdoor spaces and make them

a friendly place to relax and have fun.

Is Your Home Prepared for Warmer Weather?

StatePoint - Warmer weather is just around the corner, which means higher temperatures. But does it have to mean higher energy bills too? The answer is no. There are numerous ways to keep your home cool and bills low this summer.

After a few months off, it is vital to check that your air conditioning system is still working in an efficient and optimal manner. If you have a central air conditioning system, for peace of mind, you might want to have your system checked by an HVACR professional. In order to save, be sure to shop around for special deals, which are not difficult to find for seasonal preventive maintenance. Understand however, that the proficiency of HVACR

technicians differs greatly. When searching for the right HVACR technicians for your home, one way to make certain that the job will be done properly and effectively is by

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hiring a professional certified by North American Technician Excellence (NATE), the nation's largest independent, non-profit certification body for HVACR technicians. NATE-certified technicians are qualified to properly install and service equipment, which means maximum home comfort and energy savings.

Once a NATE certified HVACR technician has inspected your system for efficiency, there are a number of things you can do to keep energy bills low:

• Clean your air filters. Check them every couple of weeks and change them at least twice in the season, or as directed by the manufacturer.

•Don't obstruct airflow around air conditioner units -keep them clear of plants and debris.

 Raise the thermostat about five degrees, because each degree you raise the thermostat will save you a percentage off your cooling

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Remember, just because you have an energy-approved, eco-friendly, high-efficiency product, it does not mean automatic money and energy savings. For substantive results, proper installation, service and maintenance are important too. So do yourself a favor -- request the service of a NATE-certified technician. In order to locate a contractor that employs certified technicians, look for the NATE or go www.HVACRAdvice.com.

By taking preventive measures, you can rest assured that this season you will be cool while saving money and energy.

MARCH 11

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MARCH 12

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MARCH 14

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MARCH 15

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Dusty Dickson Gunner Dickson Save the date and help our Seniors that day.

In this day of government cuts and rising food cost, the group of people that seems to be catching the brunt of this is Senior Citizens. They are on a fixed income but their medical expenses, health insurances and house hold expenses increase each month. Did you know that senior citizens food stamps were cut to as little as \$15.00 a month? The City of Cross Plains and The Cross Plains Senior Center is committed to offering a nutritious meal and a center for people to gather and visit, exercise, quilt, play dominos or

whatever may be on the program

As with any program that is partially subsidized by the state and federal goverment, our funds have be reduced and budget is being strained.

Donations and fundraisers are very necessary part of our daily operations. The Barbarian Festival, realizing the importance of the Center to the community, is sponsoring a night of music by the class of '57 and hamburgers on March 25, 2014.

Mark your Calendars and plan to support our aging poplution.

Career opportunities explained at Snyder **TDCJ** hiring seminar

SNYDER — Current hiring opportunities and career benefits TDCJ employment, visit our web for Correctional Officers with the site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us and Texas Department of Criminal use the link marked Employ-Justice will be presented at a hiring seminar on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the Daniel Unit at 938 South FM 1673 in Snyder, Texas.

There are a number of staff openings for both full and parttime Correctional Officers at Snyder area prison units.

A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain or short skirts or exposed shoulthe duties and requirements of a ders or midriff, tight-fitting or Correctional Officer and answer see-through clothing or open-

A \$4,000 recruiting bonus is available for new Correctional Officers who agree to work at TDCJ Human Resources office one of 15 units across the state. at (936) 437-4098.

For more information about

Beginning Correctional Officer pay starts at \$2,435.00 per month and progresses at intervals to \$3,240.70 after 91 months of service within C.O. classification.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. Attendees must wear proper attire. No t-shirts, shorts toed shoes without socks or

For more information, call the

TxDOT launches Spring Break alcohol awarness campaign to curb fatalities among young adults

gets underway, the Texas Department of Transportation today, March 7th, launched its month-long DWI Hangovers Don't Go Away campaign at a drunk driving and fatalities among young adults and college students, the event was held at the Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark and Resort. A campaign street team then rode Segways up and down South Padre Island to hand out educational materials and interact with spring breakers.

"Spring Break is a fun time for our college-age young adults in Texas," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "Unfortunately, the fun can turn into tragedy when drunk driving is involved. Our campaign highlights the dangers of drinking and driving, and stresses the importance of safe practices like designating a sothe process."

DUI-alcohol crashes in Texas us injuries and 1,022 deaths. Of those crashes, more than 57 percent involved drivers between the ages of 17-34. During Spring Break 2013, Texas saw more than a 23-percent increase from 2012 in DUI-alcohol deaths.

The DWI Hangovers Don't Go Away campaign runs through March 30th and will incorporate TV, radio, social media and other

AUSTIN - As Spring Break outreach components, including bus ads, ice box wraps, educational push-cards and airport signage. The Segway campaign team

will continue to raise awareness press conference on South Pa- about the dangers of drinking dre Island. Aimed at curbing and driving at the following community events: · Austin: South by Southwest,

March 12th. • Dallas: St. Patrick's Day Pa-

rade on Greenville Ave., March

Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 11,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation solutions for Texas by maintaining a safe system, addressing congestion, connecting Texas ber driver, which saves lives in communities, and being a Best in Class state agency. Find out In 2013, there were 25,158 more at www.txdot.gov. "Like" Facebook, that resulted in 8,702 serious www.facebook.com/txdot; and follow us on Twitter, www.twitter.com/txdot.





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Painting is a quick way to beautify your bathroom

Recent surveys show that the bathroom has overtaken the kitchen as the most frequently remodeled part of the home. But unless your plumbing is wanting or your tile is intolerable, you can often beautify the bath simply by painting it.

In a lot a cases, people remodel the bathroom not for functional reasons, but just to change and enhance the appearance. If thatis the goal, it can almost always be achieved with an attractive paint treatment, says Debbie Zimmer, paint and color expert for the Paint Quality Institute.

Fresh paint can enhance any room, but it can work wonders in the bathroom. Applying a light-colored paint scheme can open up the room and make it seem more spacious. Darker paint colors do just the opposite: reduce the scale and add coziness.

Aside from lightness or darkness, there are psychological considerations when choosing paint color for the bathroom.

Tints and tones of yellow, orange and red, even including some browns and tans, are warm colors, which tend to awaken the senses — helpful in the morning, but not at night. Conversely, "cool" colors, especially greens and blues, are calm and relaxing, perfect for soothing frayed nerves before bedtime.

Warm and cool paint colors can also affect our perception of room temperature. Since we associate yellow and orange with the sun, we may "feel" warmer when surrounded by these hues, whereas a blue or green space can seem cooler. As a result, warm colors are often favored in colder climes, and cool colors in the Sunbelt.

But color isn't the only thing to consider when painting a bathroom. The typical bathroom is exposed to water, high humidity, and significant wear and tear. For that reason, it's important to select paint that produces a finish tough enough to stand up to these conditions.

Until recently, that meant

applying a coat of latex primer, followed by two or even more coats of top quality 100% acrylic latex paint. But today, there's a quicker and easier way to complete your bathroom painting by using new paint and primer products. Paint and primer products -

also known as self-priming paints - are coatings with a dual personality. Like primer, they conceal the existing paint color and minor blemishes on the painted surface; like paint, they form a tough, colorful finish that is stain-resistant and washable

Rather than taking the traditional approach by applying successive coats of primer, paint, and paint, you usually need to apply just two coats of a paint and primer product, thereby eliminating an entire application, saving lots of time and effort in the

To get the best result when painting a demanding area like the bathroom, it's wise to choose a paint and primer product that will produce a

semi-gloss or high gloss finish. The higher the sheen, the easier it will be to remove any marks or stains that find their way onto the painted surface.

It's also very important to choose a paint and primer product made with 100% acrylic, the same tough binder used in the highest quality traditional paints, says Zimmer.

100% acrylic offers the best hiding and forms the most durable painted surface. These are especially important characteristics when doing bathroom painting, she says.

If you want to give your bathroom an entirely new appearance this year, maybe all you really need is a colorful new paint treatment. It's a quick and easy way to enhance and beautify one of the most important rooms in your home.

For more information on bathroom painting and the new paint and primer products, visit the Paint Quality Institute blog at blog.paintquality.com.

Welcome Bags for New Community Members

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce now has welcome bags for new community members. You can pick up a bag at the Chamber office, 225 SW 5th St., or City Hall 201 SE Main St This bag is for new members of the community to help inform them of business in and around the community. If you would like to have a brochure or business card in the welcome bags please drop them off at the Chamber office. Chamber office phone

crash reports via TxDOT AUSTIN — The Texas Depart- solutions for Texas by maintainment of Transportation today, ing a safe system, addressing February 28th, announced the congestion, connecting Texas launch of a new Web-based communities, and being a Best

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by individuals seeking documentation of a crash.

"We're excited about this new system and its ability to provide these reports quickly to the public," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT director of traffic operations. "We Paint and primer made with understand people often have a real need to obtain a crash report quickly after they've been involved in a crash. This new system will allow them to access and download the reports in a matter of minutes once we've received the report from law enforcement."

> The new Crash Report Online Purchase System allows a person to search for the report of a crash in which they were involved and pay for it with a major credit card. In Texas, a motor vehicle crash report is considered confidential unless a person can provide certain information about the incident. Using the new online purchase system, a person can enter the required information, search for the crash report, pay the \$6-\$8 fee online and then download a copy of the report.

Prior to the implementation of this system, a person needing a crash report had to complete a form, attach payment and mail the request to TxDOT. Although this is still an option, the new online system provides more immediate results.

To access the new Crash Report Online Purchase System, visit www.txdot.gov and search for "crash reports."

Texas Department of Trans-

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail, artd public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its 11,000 employees are committed to working with others to provide safe and reliable transportation

Crash Report Online Purchase in Class state agency. Find out System that allows the public to more at www.txdot.gov. "Like" Facebook. on crash reports. Filed with TxDOT www.facebook.com/txdot; and by law enforcement agencies, follow us on Twitter, these reports often are requested www.twitter.com/txdot.

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Here are their addresses:

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Project Pride open for membership renewals

It's time once again to re-new foreign countries in addition to maintaining the non-profit status memberships in Project Pride or many cities in Texas. Visitors to of the organization as well as for to join for the first time and the Robert E. Howard Museum the maintenance and operation of discover the scope of the throughout the year represent a the Museum. Meetings are held organization, both locally and beyond the city limits. The group professions, interests and 6:00 p.m. at the First United makes a real impact on the addresses. Attendance at the Methodist Church and usually 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

fascinating collection of the first Tuesday of each month, annual Robert E. Howard Days last about an hour. Plenty of space in June draws an even bigger and plenty of parking, so come gathering of visitors from even on out and join the fun. farther away.

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

mid-80's for the purpose of For more information, please Project Pride is proud to be the making the community a cleaner, contact Arlene Stephenson, 725premiere good will ambassadors more attractive place to live and 4993 or Era Lee Hanke, 725for the major tourist attraction in to preserve and document the 6562. Cross Plains. The membership history of the Cross Plains area. Submitted by roll routinely lists folks from A strong membership base has Arlene Stephenson numerous states and a couple of always been essential for Jan 11, 2014

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 This group was organized in the PayPal at Projpride@yahoo.com

'Don't Touch Trees' in Wires

It's shocking how many think that working on the trees out checking for power lines. homeowners are injured trying to trim trees near overhead electrical wires. Do-it-yourself satisfaction! Successfully tackling a project on your own that may otherwise cost a lot certainly can be gratifying. But do-ityourselfers who attempt to work with trees near overhead electrical wires often underestimate the danger potential. Terrible accidents can happen when a homeowner uses pole-mounted cutting tools and/or metal ladders to trim backyard trees and shrubs. Too often, an energized overhead wire is not noticed and is touched by pruning tools, causing injury or death. Two recent examples include:

• A Florida resident was hospitalized after attempting to cut palm branches while standing on a ladder. One of the branches made contact with a power line and severely shocked the man. The local fire department had responded to four similar incidents during the previous year.

· A homeowner climbed a ladder to trim a tree branch that was dropping leaves into his above-ground swimming pool and causing a nuisance. A branch came in contact with the power line, shocking the man with a jolt of electricity and sending him into cardiac arrest. He fell 20 feet to the ground, but was revived by medics at the scene.

These are not freak accidents, they are preventable. Tree limbs can conduct electricity. When trees grow near overhead electrical wires, they can contact the needed to perform these tasks wires and become energized. Trees and wires are dangerous, full of electrical power that can injure or kill humans. There are several things that can go wrong for do-it-yourselfers trying to trim tree branches. For example, if proper tree cutting techniques are not understood, the cut branch can swing in unpredictable directions as it falls and could easily land on an energized wire. Don't be fooled by the voltage of the lines. You may

or shrubs near your home's ser- Electricity is always trying to go vice line is safer than working somewhere, and it will easily near the high voltage secondary distribution lines on the pole by the street, but that's simply not

"triplex") lines connecting the power lines on the pole to your house (meter). Service wires leading from the pole to the house can pack a punch. The type of shock you might have received (and survived) when changing a household light switch is not the same type of shock you will receive if you contact a low-voltage utility wire. A common house switch carries 120 volts but the electric flow is usually limited to 10, 15 or 20 amps. A common "house drop" (service wire) contains 240 volts Given the right set of circum- service provider in your area is stances, even the shock a person gets from a common light switch can kill, but at the same time, it is easier to break electrical contact while standing inside a house. If a person is climbing a ladder or is in the tree, it may be more difficult to break contact with the energized wire. This means that the service line over a typical yard could easily kill a person.

Here are a few tips to avoid

trees in wires: Look for power lines before tree, don't attempt any tree work. Professional tree climbers have

• Never climb a tree in order to prune it. Even if the wires aren't currently touching the tree, rewill shift once you begin climbing or removing limbs.

 Wearing rubber-soled shoes or rubber gloves while tree pruning will not protect from a fatal

saws or pruners into a tree with- a typical non-member.

travel through metal, water, trees, and/or the ground.

· Don't move ladders or longhandled pruning tools around There are three-wire (called the yard without first looking up. Always read and heed ladderuse safety labels.

More importantly, hire an insured, tree care professional with the experience, expertise and equipment to safely take down or prune trees in wires. Require proof of liability insurance, and check to see if the cost of the work is covered by your insurance company.

Find a professional

Contact the Tree Care Industry Association, a public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture since 1938. An and up to 20 amps or more. easy way to find a tree care to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP Code search on www.treecaretips.org. TCIA arborists, safety and business professionals are also available as sources for tree related articles and issues: 1-800-733-2622 or tandersen@tcia.org

About the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA): Founded in 1938, TCIA is a public and professional resource on trees pruning trees and large shrubs. and arboriculture. It has more If lines are anywhere near the than 2,100 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and the training and equipment who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA also has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that adhere to industry standards for quality member that the trees branches and safety; maintain trained, professional staff; and are dedicated to ethical and professional business practices. With access to the latest and best safety standards and training, the typical TCIA member company has Never extend long-handled 50 percent fewer accidents than

Gone to Texas

A growing number of Americans are calling the Lone Star State 'home'

By Vance Ginn, Ph.D.

Atlas Van Lines study 2013 Migration Patterns provides last year's interstate and cross-border household goods relocations, noting that these large moves across the U.S. increased shipments. by 6 percent compared with

Depending on the job market, cost of living, and other factors, migration between states can condition and underlying poli-

Atlas shows Texas' 13,503 total moves were second to only California's 14,505 moves. Howmoves and California is a balanced state with 53 percent inbound moves. Although these shipment sta-

tuses have been the same since 2005, these data do not account entirely for the extraordinary flood of people moving to

Accounting for California's larger population, 60 percent more in 2004 and 45 percent more in 2013, a comparison of each state's shipments adjusted for population differences is pos-

These adjustments show that in 2013 California's 5,336 adjusted inbound shipments were far below the 7,856 inbound the next move. shipments to Texas. There is a similar trend of proportionally tor is whether there are jobs vginn@texaspolicy.com. more people moving to Texas available. Few other states have

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Atlas' provides valuable information about state-to-state moves, but it only includes a small portion of total moves because these are large item

To get a better picture, consider the U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) data for state-to-state migration flow in 2012—the latest survey availtell us much about the economic able. That year 62,000 people moved to Texas from California cies that enhance economic and 43,000 moved in the opposite direction, giving net migration of 19,000 people moving to

One factor that drives people ever, Texas is an inbound state out of California is the high cost with 58 percent total inbound of living. When moving between states, most use a rental truck. The price of a rental truck varies vehicle and the moving location, making a rental truck a good market measure of stateto-state migration.

Consider a 26-foot U-Haul truck from Austin, Texas to San Francisco, California. This move costs \$931 from Texas to California but \$2,860 in the other direction. This 3-fold difference is another indication that it is more expensive in California and there is more demand to move to Texas since it costs U-Haul to ship empty trucks back to California to get them positioned for

Another important moving fac-reached

than to California since at least had a better employment record over the last decade than Texas. Compared with California, Texas has had a higher annual job growth rate and higher percentage of the population who are

employed every year over the

last decade.

These data show the obvious: many people continue to call Texas home to benefit from a lower cost of living and more job opportunities.

How does Texas lead in so many categories? Since both states have similar demographics, similar natural resources, and similar diversified economies, one area stands out above the rest: Texas' limited government philosophy.

By sticking to conservative fiscal principles and focusing on allowing free markets to thrive based on the market for the to allow for entrepreneurs to innovate and prosper, prices remain low, unemployed find jobs, and people use their feet to move to reap these benefits.

Given these results, the Texas model that encourages entrepreneurship and free enterprise should be the framework other states and Washington, D.C.

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