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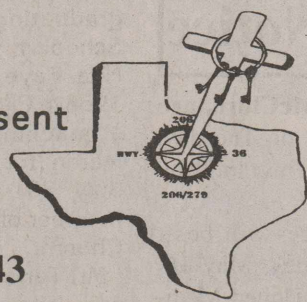
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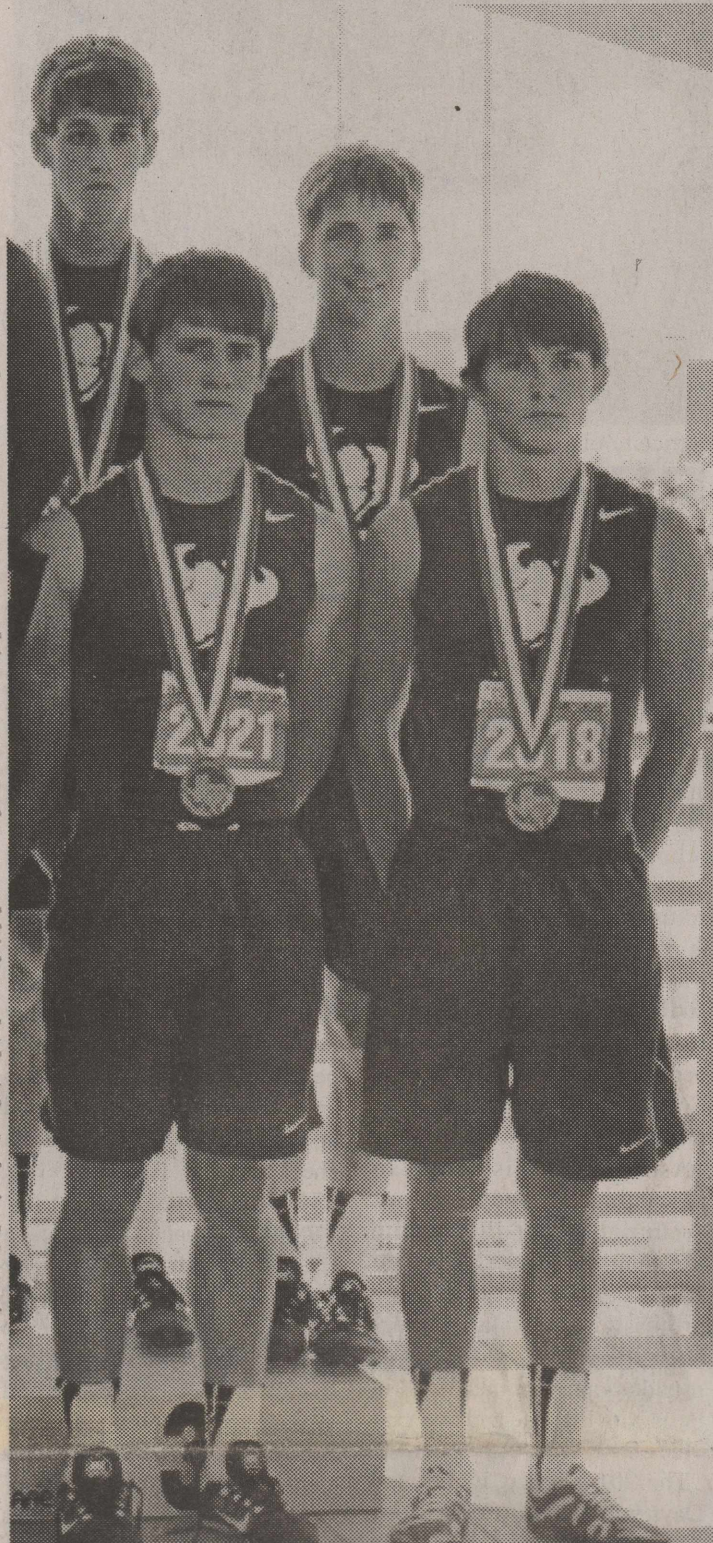
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Cross Plains Lady Buffs' 2014 State Champions



Cross Plains High School 2014 State Track Qualifiers and Champions

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Bronze medalist in the 4x200 M Relay. Tyler Henderson, Colton McWilliams, Tristen Stephenson and Rylan Laminack.

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Cross Plains Boy's 4x200 M Relay brings home Bronze

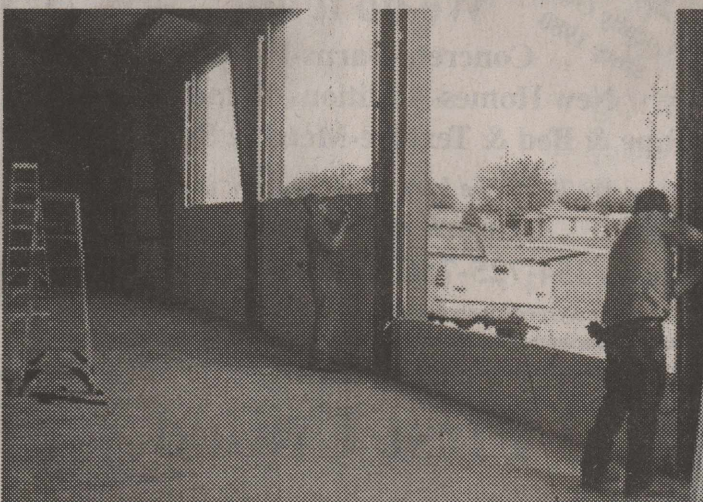
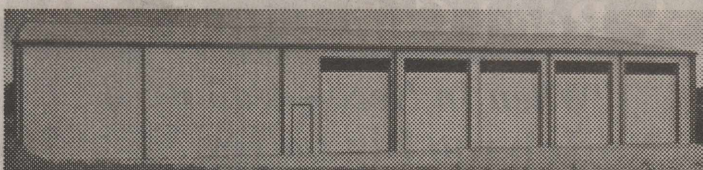
The Cross Plains Boys competed in the Class 1A-Division II State Track Meet Saturday in Austin. Seniors Tristen Stephenson, Tyler Henderson, Colton McWilliams and Sophomore, Rylan Laminack competed against very stiff competition in the 4x200M Relay. In fact, Region 2 had 3 teams place in the top four in the contest.

The Buffaloes ran a time of 1:33.26 just good enough to edge our district foe Santa Anna, who ran 1:33.31, for third place a trip to the medal stand. Bronte's time of 1:32.48 was good enough to win it, with Lenorah Grady placing second with a time of 1:32.49.

Senior, Colton McWilliams was the lone individual competitor competing in the 300 M

Hurdles. He finished in sixth place with a time of 42.24.

The Cross Plains Boys team had a great season and represented Cross Plains in grand fashion at the state meet in Austin. They have set the expectations high for all future Buffaloes. Congratulations to Tyler, Rylan, Colton, and Tristen on a great year!



Workers in progress of installing the large overhead doors on the new fire station.

Overhead doors installed on new fire station

The progress on the new Cross Plains Fire Station is moving right along. On Monday and Tuesday, workers were installing the large overhead doors on the truck bays.

Thanks to your generous donations and the proceeds from the fish fry, more work is being

done on the building. Approximately \$70,000.00 is needed to complete the new firehouse.

If you'd like to help with the new building, send your tax deductible donation to CPVFD, PO Box 339, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Ready, Set, Volunteer for Memorial Day Weekend

The Cross Plains EMS and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, will once again have their annual Memorial Day Fundraiser at the 4 way intersection of Hwy 36 and 279. The event begins on Friday, May 23rd from noon to 8:00 p.m. and will also be running Saturday, May 24th from 8:00 p.m. and Monday, May 26th from 8:00 am - 8:00 p.m. We need volunteers to stand for two hour increments or as long as possible, Friday evening, all day Saturday, and all day Monday.

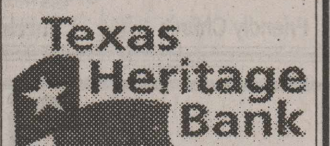
Our goal is for the community to stand so the volunteers of EMS and the Fire Department don't have to!

Please help us as we "Stand" to support our local volunteers who give of their time and energies. I will have a schedule so please call to sign up!

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Countywide Burn Ban lifted

Due to the recent rainfall, Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has lifted the Outdoor Burn Ban in Callahan County effective Thursday, May 8th.



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Sheriff's Corner

By Terry Joy
Callahan County Sheriff

RABIES ALERT FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY

A rabid skunk was found between Clyde and Eula; a rabid feral cat was found in the Denton Valley area.

A specimen of the skunk and cat was sent to the State Health Department for testing and both animals tested positive for rabies.

Anyone who has contact with wild animals should use caution. Also, carefully observe any pets that may have contact with wild animals.

Anyone coming in contact with an animal they suspect to be rabid should avoid it and don't

try to befriend it.

Animal contact, such as bites or scratches, may lead to exposure to rabies. Infected animals can transmit the rabies virus prior to the onset of symptoms. Rabies is always fatal if left untreated.

Humans who have been bitten or scratched by a rabid animal must have a series of shots to prevent becoming infected with rabies.

Vaccination of all cats and dogs is required by state law and is the first line of defense against human infection. We urge every cat and dog owner to have all of their animals vaccinated and to keep vaccinations up to date. Please see your veterinarian for more information on rabies vaccinations.

Clyde Chamber to host City-wide Garage Sale this week

The Clyde Citywide Garage Sale is THIS Saturday, May 17th.

Once again the Clyde Chamber of Commerce has put together a Shopping Guide listing the best sales in town!

Over 30 sales are listed in this year's Guide along with a map of Clyde to help locate the sales.

Shoppers may pick up a copy of the Guide for \$5 on Friday, May 16th between 1:00-4:00pm, and it will also be

available for donation at 7:30am on Saturday, May 17th at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce at 106 Cedar.

In addition to handing out the Guide, the Chamber will be hosting an indoor sale that includes booths for Citizens EMS and several other vendors. Be sure to stop by!

Men of Clyde will be set up inside the Old Firehouse on North 1st street. They will have garage sale items for sale to benefit the Backpack for Kids

food program and will also be hosting their annual Burger Bash from 10:00am-4:00pm. The Burger Bash benefits the Clyde Public Library. Tickets at the door are \$8 each.

The Chamber will not be serving lunch this year, we encourage everyone to stop by and support the MOC Burger Bash.

As you can see, we have a LOT going on this Saturday! Invite your friends and family and tell them Clyde is the place to be!

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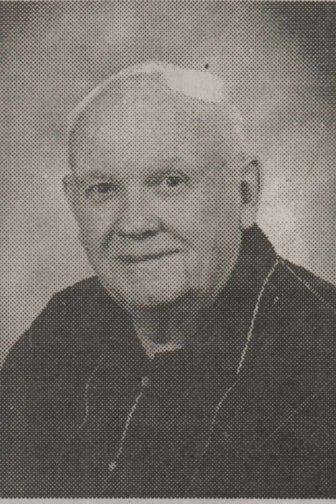
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OBITUARIES

Death Notice

Kyle Wade McClure, age 31, passed away on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 with his family by his side.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains with Kevin Morton officiating assisted by Ronnie B. White; burial will follow in the Burkett Cemetery in Burkett, Texas. Visitation will be Thursday, May 15th at the funeral home from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.



BILLY JESSE TARRANT

Billy Jesse Tarrant
CLYDE - Billy Jesse Tarrant, 79, of Clyde died Monday, May 12, 2014 at his home. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 15, 2014 at First Baptist Church in Clyde with Dr. Toby Henson officiating. Burial will follow in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Howard Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at the funeral home.
Mr. Tarrant was born May 19, 1934 in Clyde, Texas to Willard Hilton and Cathron (Collins) Tarrant. He was a lifelong

resident of Callahan County, graduating from Eula High School in 1952. He married Nita Faye Dixon January 7, 1956 in Clyde. Mr. Tarrant was a machinist for Lockheed-Martin for 35 years, retiring July 28, 1995. He was a member of the Eula Methodist Church.

Mr. Tarrant is survived by his wife Nita of Clyde; one son, Dennis Tarrant and wife Kim of Abilene; one daughter, Joleene Carson and husband Jimmy of Abilene; one brother, Doug Tarrant of Clyde; one sister, Gaye Cranfill of Clyde; two grandsons, Troy Tarrant of Midland and Clay Tarrant of Abilene; two granddaughters, Jenna Carson Eckstein and husband Ethan and Chelsea Carson Schulz and husband Seth both of Lubbock and one great granddaughter, Kennedy to be here in September.

He was preceded in death by his parents.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, Callahan County Meals on Wheels or ones favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at HYPERLINK "http://www.baileyhowardfuneralhome.com"

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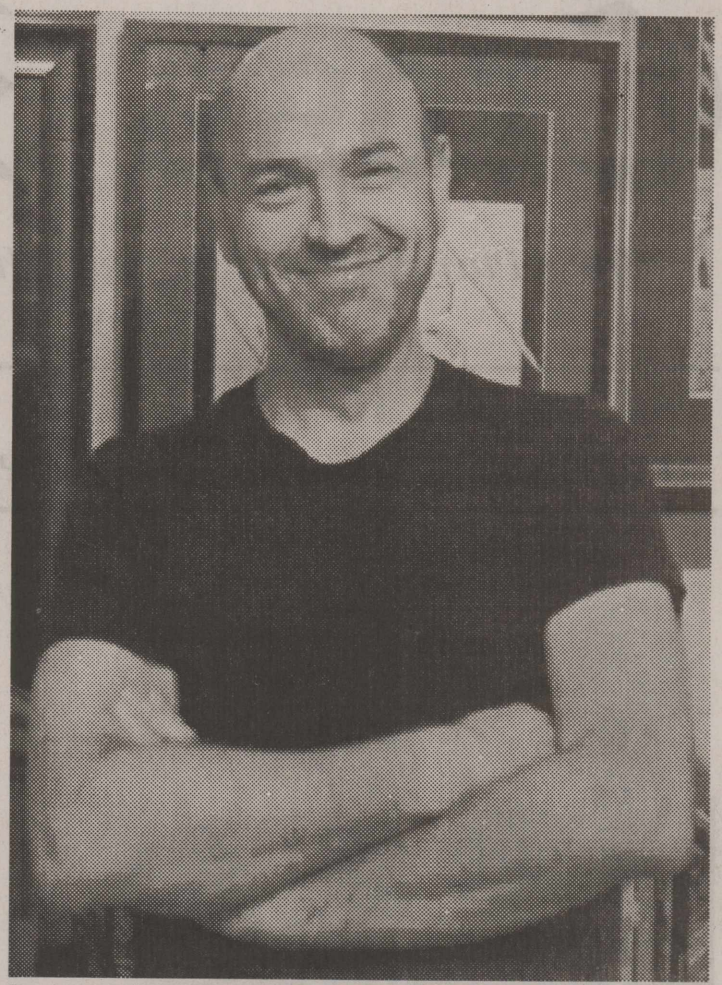
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Patrice Louinet, GOH, 2014

REH Days to feature French scholar

Patrice Louinet of France will be the guest of honor at the June 13-14 event and as such, he will be on several of the panel discussions. Louinet is one of the premiere international scholars in Howard studies, earning numerous awards for his editing and translating Howard into the French language. He was also heavily involved in the audio edition of some of the Howard books and will be the principle advisor for a new Conan board game that is in the works.

Aside from his work in advancing the body of work produced in our little white Museum, he teaches English/American literature, is a professional translator under both his name and various pseudonyms. Louinet lives in Paris with his wife and one year old son.

The 2014 Robert E. Howard Days will kick off Friday, June 13 with coffee and donuts in the Pavilion. Activities start at 9:00 with the opening of the Museum for tours, the departure of the bus tour around town and out towards Cottonwood and the special postal cancellation at the Post Office. Three panel discussions focusing on the way Howard used historical events in the guise of fiction will be held at the library. The community center opens at 5:30 for a silent auction and celebration dinner

with Louinet as the keynote speaker. Saturday will find 3 more panels, more tours of the Museum and free time to visit the Barbarian Festival over in Treadway Park.

The public is invited to attend any of the panel discussions, browse the swap meeting going on under the Pavilion and tour the Museum at no charge. Reservations for the Friday evening celebration dinner may be made at any time by signing up at the Library, the bank and at City Hall. Or by mailing a check to Project Pride at PO Box 534 or via PayPal at ProjPride@yahoo.com

The chicken fried dinner catered by The Staghorn is \$15.00 per plate.

As out-of-town and out-of-the country reservations are arriving daily, local folks are encouraged to purchase tickets in the near future before the Community Center reaches capacity.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for June 13-14 so you can be a part of this one-of-a-kind celebration.

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Love Fund

A Love Fund has Been Set at Texas Heritage Bank in Memory of Brenda Waggoner to help the family with expenses.

LOVE FUND

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

Love Fund

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

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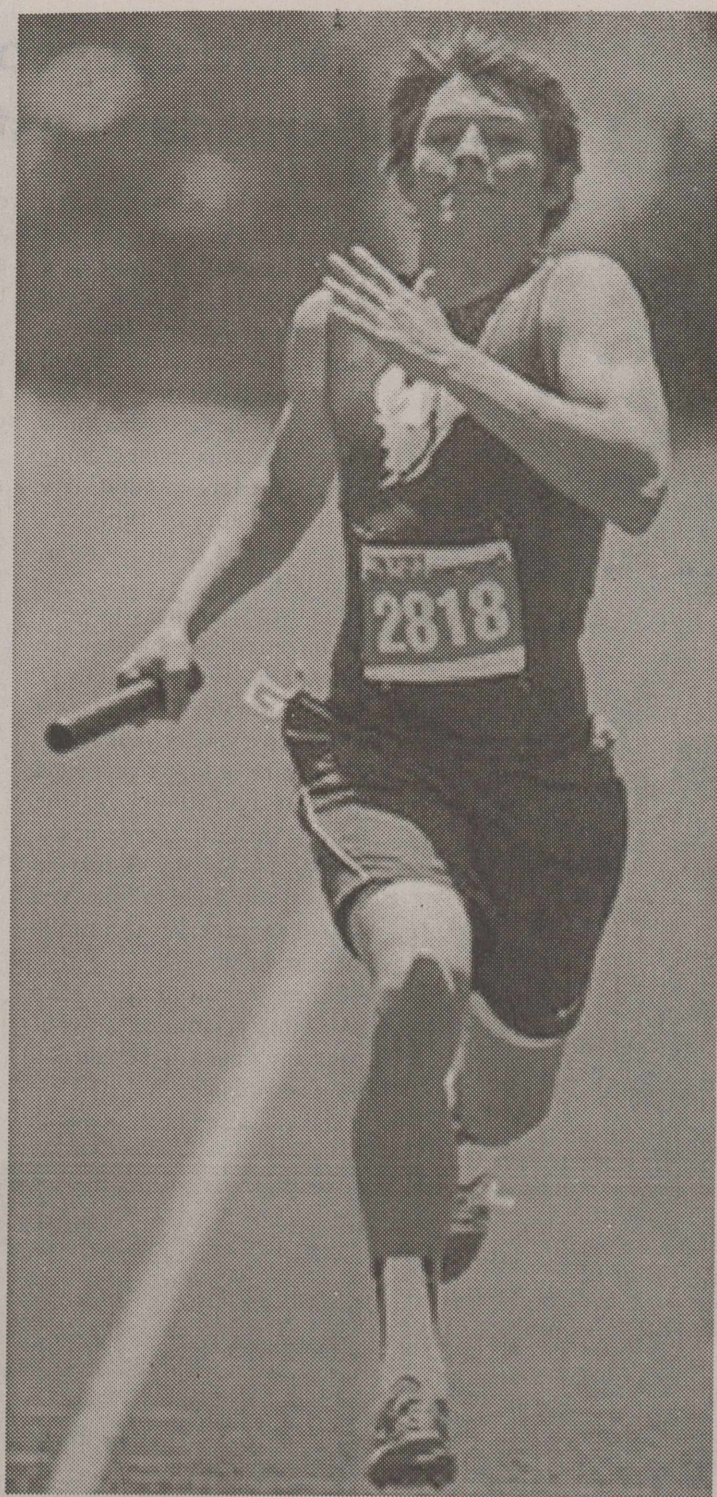
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Tyler Henderson making the turn in the 4x200 M Relay.



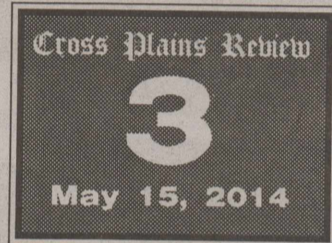
Rylan Laminack anchors the 4x200 M Relay.



Beta Sigma Phi member Dora Warlick (left) presents a check to Judy Porter (right) for the Cross Plains Food Pantry. Beta Sigma Phi is disbursing funds to six local organizations from its 2013 proceeds.



Pictured is Michelle Kaiser (left), 2014 Beta Sigma Phi Sweetheart, presenting a check to Dannes Turner (Right). Each year Beta Sigma Phi elects a sweetheart at their Valentine Banquet and honors her with a \$50 donation to the charity of her choice. Kaiser chose Owen Turner's Love Fund as a recipient.



Tyler Henderson hands off to Tristen Stephenson in the boys 4x200 M Relay. The relay team were bronze medalists.



Texas Rangers Raffle

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Drawing will be May 30, 2014 @ Texas Heritage Bank @ 3:00

Mark Norris was the winner of the original raffle.

Thanks for donating the tickets back to re-raffle. ©



Rebecca O'Banion

Frank and Edna O'Banion of Cross Plains would like to announce the graduation of their daughter, Rebecca O'Banion from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. Rebecca graduated with a Doctor of Education degree on Saturday, May 10, 2014. She serves as the Director of Alumni Relations at UMHB and resides in Belton. Her dissertation topic is, "An Exploration of the Attitudes and Feelings of Millennial Alumni of Small, Private Universities when High Student Loan Debt Exists."

CITY-WIDE

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 17th, 2014

Pick up your Garage Sale Guide and Map at

106 Cedar Street

Friday May 16th 1:00-4:00pm, \$5

Saturday starting at 7:30am for donation



Ariel Sneed starts off the 4X200 M Relay.

Lady Buffs bring home 2014 Class 1A Division II State Championship

20 years after the same feat, the Cross Plains Lady Buffs track team brought home the Class 1A- Division II State Championship. 6 girls teamed up for the 62 total points well ahead of Ira's second place finish of 46. Junior, Allanta Wheeler got the Lady Buffs on the board early Saturday morning in the pole vault. Her Vault of 9'3" was good enough for a trip to the medal stand and a silver medal earning 8 points for the Lady Buffs. Ira's Hanna Womack won the event earning 10 points. Ira then got some help from their long jumper and triple jumper combing to add 10 more points to their total. After the triple jump, Ira was up 20-8 in team points.

The girls 4x100 Meter Relay was up next, teaming up was Grace Goode, Ariel Sneed, Allanta Wheeler, and Kristin Wright. They ran a time of 52.75, which was good enough for seventh place. Once again, there was Ira who took gold with a time of 51.49 and 20 more points to give them a commanding 40-8 lead over Cross Plains. The Lady Buffs were patient as they knew their time was coming with Ira having two events left, Cross Plains still with 4 events left, including two relays. Shelby McWilliams helped the team tally as she ran her best

time of the year, and a personal best with a time of 2:25.06 in the 800M Run. McWilliams finished in fourth place, but her points would play a big role in getting the Lady Buffs in double digits, earning four points in the event, to bring Cross Plains tally to 12, Ira 40.

Ira's final points on the day would come with a lot of track meet left as Ira's Welch finished third in the 100M dash to give Ira 46 points. That would be all for the Ira Lady Bulldogs as Cross Plains were prepared to explode in the points.

Next up was the girls 4x200 Meter Relay, consisting of Ariel Sneed, Kristin Wright, Grace Goode, and Shelby McWilliams. The girls ran their race of they year with a time of 1:49.71, not only earning 20 points, but setting the Class 1A-Division II State Record while doing so. The win in the 4x200 gave the Lady Buffs 32 points to Ira's 46. Cross Plains, sophomore, Kenzie Halsel was next up in the 300 M Hurdles, she got out of the blocks quick and was never behind as she cruised to a gold medal, just a few tenths of a second shy of setting the State Record with a time of 47.64, three seconds faster than any time she as ran this year. The 1st place finish for Halsel put the Lady Buffs just four points shy of Ira's 46 points.

Going into the final race, the girls 4x400 Meter Relay, the Lady Buffs needed four points to tie, and five points to win the meet. Not to be content the quartet of Grace Goode, Kristin Wright, Kenzie Halsel and Shelby McWilliams dominated

the mile relay, as they set the new state record with a time of 4:13.72, earning gold and giving them 62 team points being crowned the 2014 Class 1A-Division II State Champions. Team point totals finished with Cross Plains with 62, Ira 46, Calvert, 38, Follett and Nordheim 36. The Lady Buffs coach by Daniel Purvis brought home a total 9 gold medals, 1 silver, 2 state records, and 1 huge trophy for the trophy case. Lady Buffs are also coached by Dade Cosby, Mykia Anderson, Phil Mitchell, Brandi Purvis, Mark Kelley and Daniel Kelley.

Members of your 2014 State Champions are:

Kristin Wright, Senior-4x400M Relay-1st, 4x200 M Relay-1st, 4x100 M Relay -7th.

Allanta Wheeler, Junior-Pole Vault-2nd, 4x100 M Relay -7th.

Ariel Sneed, Junior- 4x200 M Relay-1st, 4x100M Relay-7th

Shelby McWilliams, Sophomore-4x200M Relay-1st, 4x400 M Relay-1st, 800M Run -4th.

Kenzie Halsel, Sophomore-300M Hurdles-1st, 4x400M Relay-1st.

Grace Goode, Freshman-4x400M Relay-1st, 4x200M Relay-1st, 4x100M Relay 7th.

The girls and coaches would like to thank the school and community for their support as well as the amazing escort into town Saturday night. They would also like to thank the 1994 State Champions for their support and words of encouragement.

More sponsors signing up now for the Barbarian Festival- You can be a sponsor

You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival! On the second Saturday in June over a thousand local and area residents gather at Treadway Park for the Barbarian Festival, and enjoy arts and crafts, jewelry, candles and other kinds of booths, kids games, pony rides, a variety of food, live music and lots of fun. This year's festival is on Saturday, June 14th.

You, your business or your organization can sponsor the Barbarian Festival. For a donation of \$100.00 or more you will receive your or your company's name or logo represented in print advertising for the festival in local & area newspapers and on the Barbarian Festival t-shirt and website. You will also receive a complimentary t-shirt.

For a donation less than \$100.00, you name or your company's name represented in print advertising.

You can also donate items to

our raffle that benefits the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Funds. We will draw for the items during the festival and your business will be mentioned as donating the item. Donated items will be accepted in lieu of cash for sponsorship.

Those businesses that have already signed up to sponsor the festival are: First United Methodist Church, Azalee Womack, Bagley Insurance, Ray's Barber Shop, Higginbothams, Trinity Live Oak Real Estate, Cross Plains Parts Plus, Meghan's Market, Last Shot Boots and Ranch Wear, Hutchins Custom Processing, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Sisters Restaurant, Callahan County Sheriff's Dept., ResourceCare, Cooks Fish Barn, Connie's Cuts & Curls, MicroMold Plastics Inc., Snippets, Complete Home Maintenance, Cunningham Ranch, 36 West Motel, McCready Rods and Rides, Bear Branch Ranch, AAA Stowaway Storage, Barr Fabrication,

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If you've sent in your sponsorship, and we didn't mention you, please accept our apologies, it was in error. Please call and let us know, so we can add you to the sponsor list.

You can mail your sponsorship donations to the Barbarian Festival Committee, P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443 before May 10, 2014 or call Don Childers 254-725-6498 for sponsorship information or raffle item pick-up. If you have any questions about the festival contact Susan McNeel Childers 325-669-0329 or Cindy Payne 254-725-6992.



Clearing 9'3" and bringing home a silver Medal, Allanta Wheeler Clears a height in the pole vault.



Left to right: Kristin Wright, Shelby McWilliams, Grace Goode, Kenzie Halsel

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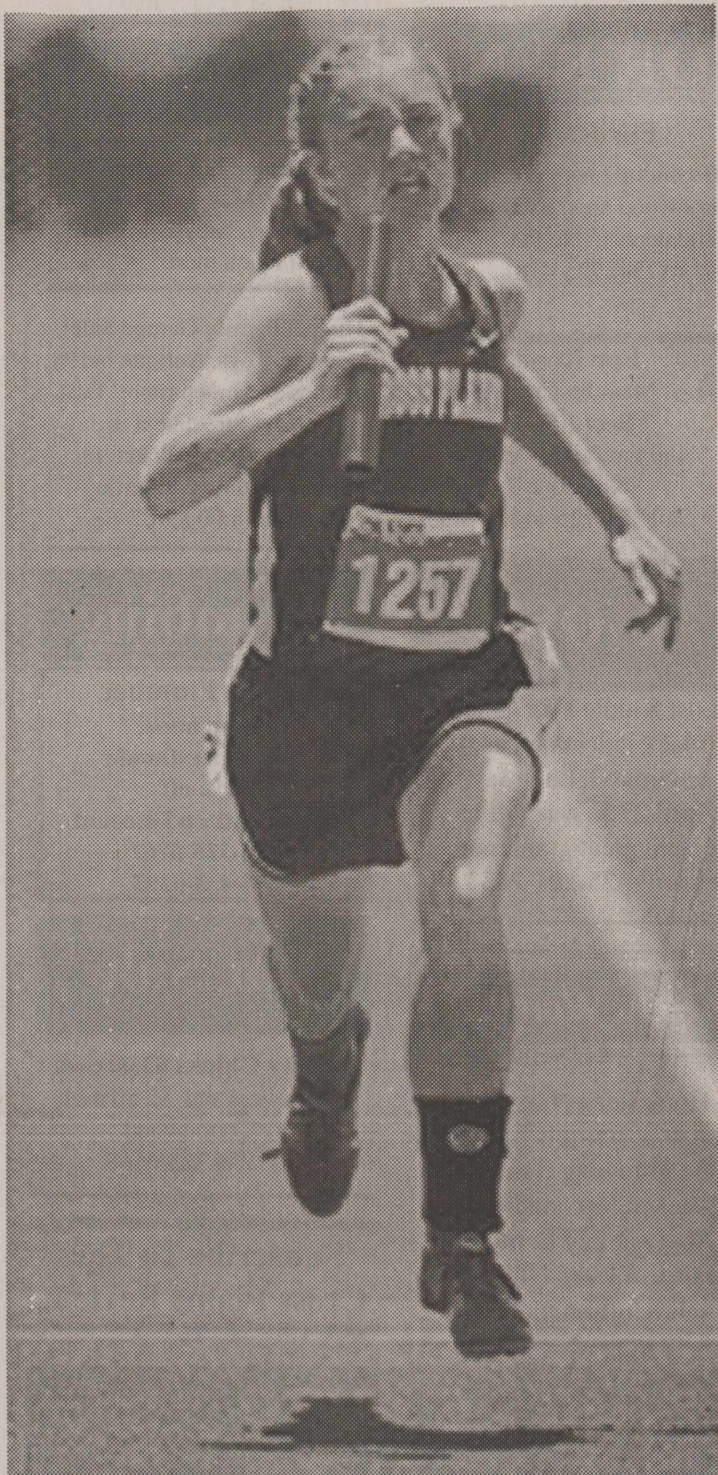
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Shelby McWilliams anchors the winning 4x200 M Relay. The team set a new 1A Division II State record with a time of 1:49.71.



Grace Goode gives Cross Plains a great start in the 4X400 M Relay.



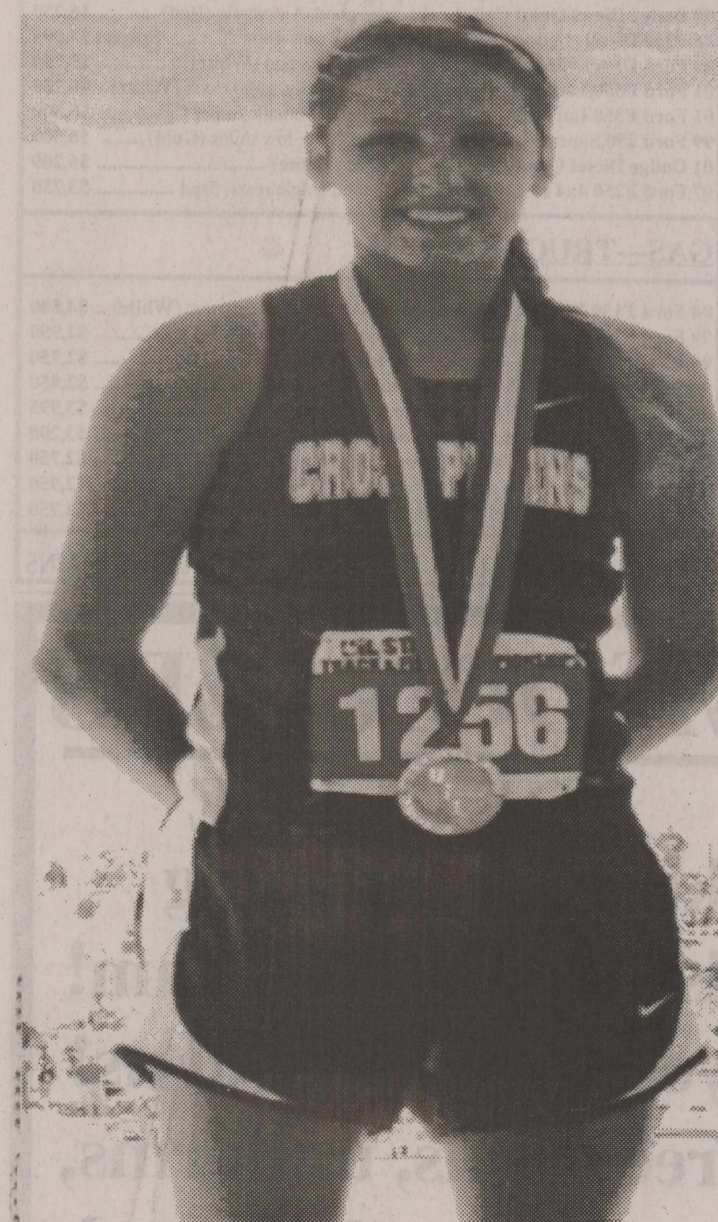
Senior, Kristin Wright makes a move in the 4x400 M Relay.



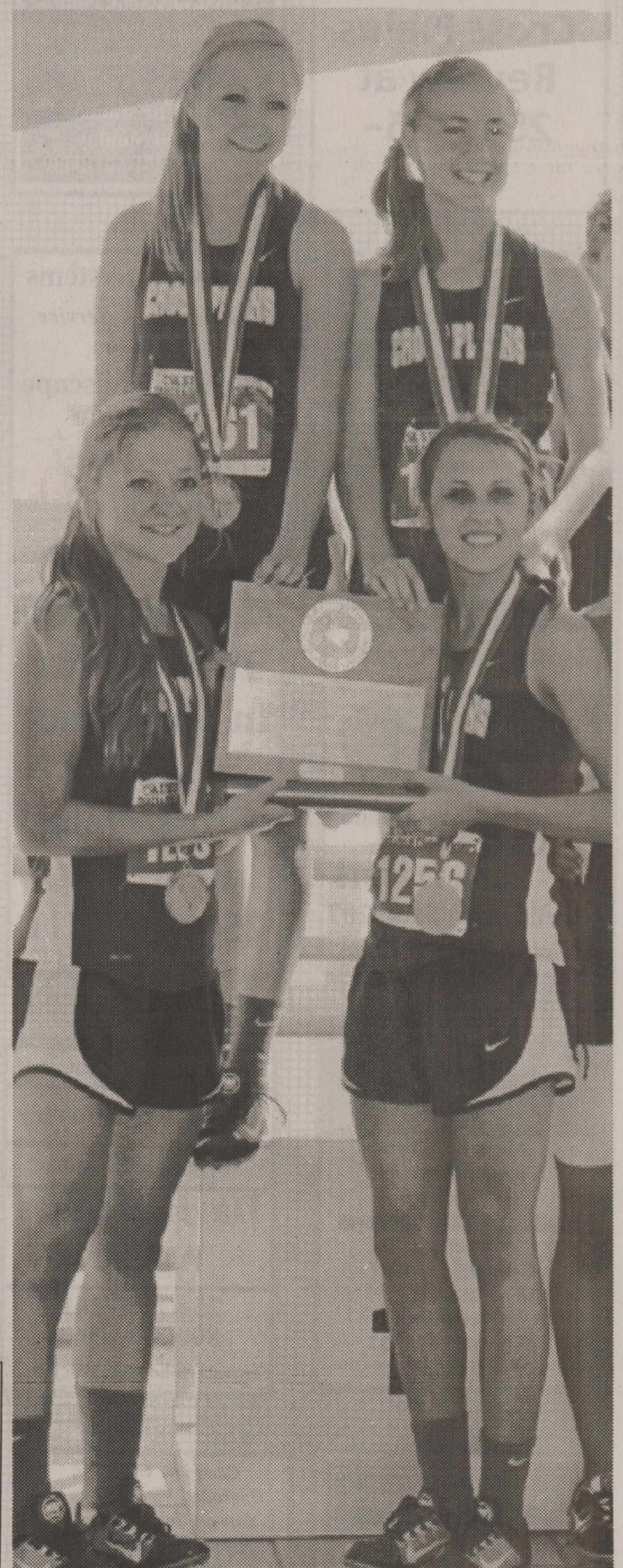
Kenzie Halsel clearing a hurdle in the 300 M Hurdles.



Kenzie Halsel wins 300M Hurdles.



Kenzie Halsel with Gold medal after winning 300M Hurdles.



State Champion 4x400 M Relay. New State Record 4:13.72. Kristin Wright, Shelby McWilliams, Grace Goode, and Kenzie Halsel.

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Cross Plains Garden Club News

The Cross Plains Garden Club met on Friday, May 9, 2014 at the Mozelle Richardson Room of the Texas Heritage Bank of Cross Plains. The meeting was opened by Diana Miller. Members present were Janette Dugger, Debbie Eudy, Carlene Howard and Mary Ella Weaver. Guest, Sandy Lusk was also in attendance.

Items discussed included: the Cross Plains Community Garden, the Main Street Beautification Project and the election of 2014-2016 officers. Incoming officers are: President, Diana Miller; Vice-President, Carlene Howard; Treasurer, Debbie Eudy and Secretary, Sarah Stone.

The Cross Plains Garden Club would like to extend a special note of appreciation to outgoing President, Eva Fleming for her years of service to the garden club, especially in the capacity of President, serving in that position from 2005-2014. Eva will continue to be a valued member of the garden club.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. to meet at the home of Larry and Judy Killgo for a garden tour. Larry and Judy warmly welcomed the garden club members and additional guests, Michael Ellis, Susan Hunter and Russ Miller, into their lovely home for an informal discussion prior to beginning the walking tour.

Larry began by telling the group that he enjoys all types of gardening experiences, but his passion is vegetable gardening. He is a lifelong gardener and has always raised vegetable gardens. This year he was hoping for a repeat of the lush garden he enjoyed last year. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate. He was, however, able to successfully combat the hard freezes and strong winds we all experienced, but the lack of rainfall proved to be a road block. Water from the faucet just doesn't provide the nutrients that a healthy garden requires.

To get started, Larry recommends adding plenty of organic matter to the soil. This includes leaves, manure and all unused vegetable parts "green manure". When adding other composted materials he avoids any that include Bermuda grass hay. Larry also adds wood ash to his soil but cautions that it will change the soil from acidic to alkaline so you will want to test your soil pH after a heavy or repeated application. Larry typically rototills his garden in early spring to loosen the soil and to get rid of winter weeds. He'll till again just prior to planting to remove newly germinating weeds.

Production of flavorful tomatoes is probably his favorite ongoing gardening experiment. He's found that he most enjoys Sun Gold thus far - slightly larger than a cherry tomato and gold in color. This year he's planted several tomato varieties in addition to Sun Gold and heirlooms.

Larry's tomato planting tips begin with digging a 2' hole for each desired plant then adding to the soil a mixture of compost and small amounts of zinc sulfate, super phosphorus, Miracle Grow for tomatoes and Epsom salts. This year Larry cut the bottom out of 5 gallon containers and placed them over his plants to protect them from the wind. To protect the plants from frost, Larry covered the top of the containers with plastic wrap secured with duct tape creating a greenhouse environment. His plants got the much needed sun and heat well before many of us were even thinking about our spring gardens. Watering was done only when the plants became dry which was rare. The plastic wrap was removed after the last hard freeze. Larry recommends applying a tomato fertilizer every week or two and his tomatoes are watered every



other day.

Some tomatoes may show a calcium deficiency or blossom end rot. A spray may be applied, however Larry finds that crushed egg shells or powdered sheet rock (gypsum) prevents blossom end rot. Another tip: some gardeners may not realize that the tops of tomato and okra plants can be sheared off to stimulate inside growth and make harvesting easier.

When selecting tomatoes, Larry suggested that we consider determinate vs. indeterminate varieties. Determinates are generally desired by canners and super markets, producing large crops in season. Indeterminate crops will produce all season right up until the first frost.

In addition to tomatoes, other favorites include Pecos cantaloupe, cucumber, honeydew, okra and watermelon. Prior to moving to Cross Plains eight years ago, Larry and Judy resided in the dry arid climate of New Mexico. Larry noted that cantaloupe and tomatoes were more flavorful in that environment.

Onions are a must for everyone's garden and they generally tolerate our late winter weather. Larry recommends selecting short day onions as opposed to mid-day or long day varieties. He finds that short day are slower to bloom allowing the onions to grow larger. He generally sets his onions in February.

When planting okra and corn he plants thick rows then thins to 8" - 10" as they get about 6" tall to allow them to branch out. He has had great success with Peaches & Cream corn which can be found at Jackson's in Abilene. When mature, the harvest produces sweet yellow and white kernels. He found that planting 2 rows then following up with another 2 rows after three weeks allows them to enjoy fresh corn longer without the need to freeze the ears.

Larry noted that corn takes a lot of water, he sometimes waters twice a day. He quotes, "keep enough water on the corn to keep a catfish alive". Larry adds nitrogen to the soil every week. He begins with 13-13-13 then converts to 28-0-0. And of course, corn growers will eventually be visited by worms. It is best if you are not too inundated to merely break off the wormy tips, but to fend off a huge infestation, spray when silk is about 6" long with a combination of malathion and seven. A follow up application will be necessary. Note: Larry does not spray in early morning when the bees are working. He harvests his corn when the kernels are plump and filled out. Kernels need to be milky when squeezed. As the silk begins turning reddish black begin testing your corn.

Larry started his broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, melons, okra and spinach under a painter's drop cloth to create a greenhouse environment similar to that of his tomatoes. It worked! His garden is off to a great start!



We moved from the comfortable confines of his home into his thriving garden. Larry's blackberries (with thorns) are already producing large berries. He mentioned they would look even healthier if we'd been blessed with rain.

Larry commented that every gardener is faced with aphids, grasshoppers, squash bugs and tomato worms. For aphid control he merely uses water from his hose to wash them away. He sprays malathion for grasshopper control in his garden only his chickens take care of the rest. He also sprays squash bugs with malathion but picks and kills individual tomato worms.

Larry has 36 trees in his orchard and after our numerous freezes is lucky enough to have 6 trees producing fruit. He sprays his trees for worms when small fruit is first forming. He follows up every two weeks for three

sessions using a mixture of malathion and seven. He paints his tree trunks with white paint to avoid sun scald and borers. Tip: prune your peach trees on the inside branches to promote good air flow and provide ample sunlight.

As the walking tour concluded, we retired to an enticing picnic area shaded by beautiful live oak trees to enjoy a tasty lunch and more gardening conversation.

Thank you Larry and Judy for a truly lovely and informative day!

The next meeting of the Cross Plains Garden Club will be held on Friday, September 12, 2014. Please contact us this summer if you would like to become a member or just visit during one of our upcoming meetings. We can be reached at (254) 725-9418 or you can check us out on facebook at Cross Plains Garden Club, Cross Plains, TX.

Cottonwood News By Beverly Brown

Tiny hail fell in Cottonwood during a brief rain shower on Friday.

Roxa Lee Jordan Bynum of San Angelo passed away on May 8, the day after her 91st birthday. Graveside services were held on Monday here in the Cottonwood Cemetery where she was buried next to her husband Robert and near her younger sisters Claire Jordan Edwards and Marjorie Jordan Bennett. "Roxy" was the granddaughter of the Virgil Fultons and spent many summers here growing up in Cottonwood at her grandparents house. She was a member of the Cottonwood Historical Association and always enjoyed attending the Annual Meeting until the last few years when her health was failing. She also was a past president of the San Angelo Art Club and volunteered with Meals on Wheels and San Angelo Community Hospital. Roxy was preceded in death by her husband Robert, her sisters Claire and Marjorie, and her parents Roy and Mable Jordan. She is survived by her son Roy Alvin Bynum, niece Joan Sodowsky and nephews Lynn Curtis

Edwards and Greg Bennett. Our prayers go out to her family.

Congratulations to Allanta Wheeler, daughter of Robbie and Carrie Wheeler of Cottonwood. Allanta won a Silver Medal in Pole Vault at the State Track Meet over the weekend. Allanta and the Girls Track Team won gold at the State Track meet. Way to go Lady Buffs.

The Burn Ban is ON. No burning is allowed. 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 barbecue pit. If you have questions about the Burn Ban - or if you see smoke - call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

The next Game Night at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center is on Tuesday, May 20th. If you'd like to mark your calendar, Game Nights are the first and third Tuesdays. Everyone has a great time playing dominoes and Mexican Train, shooting pool and just visiting with their friends. You'll spot many current and former residents of Cottonwood at Game Night.

Blood drive in Cross Plains on May 20th

A community blood drive will take place at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains on Tuesday, May 20. The Meek Blood Center bloodmobile will be parked at the church from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

"We are asking donors to please remember that there are many activities taking place the last few weeks in May, including graduations and Memorial Day weekend. There is always more traffic on the roads, which increases the possibility of accidents," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "It is important to have enough blood in our inventory to cover any needs that might arise."

Volunteer blood donors play a vital role in the community by providing lifesaving blood trans-

fusions to patients with many different medical conditions. The biggest user of blood and blood products are cancer patients who are undergoing chemotherapy treatment. While a cancer patient may require multiple units of blood at one time, as little as three teaspoons of blood can save a life of a premature baby.

Changes have been made to streamline the screening process and some previous restrictions regarding medical conditions and medications have been lifted. Those who have eligibility questions can speak with the Meek Blood Center supervisor at 325-670-2880.

Each donor will receive a T-Shirt and a complimentary total cholesterol test.

Atwell Cemetery Association annual meeting May 25, 2014

The Atwell Cemetery Association will hold their annual meeting and Memorial Service on Sunday May 25, 2014 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the cemetery shelter.

Lunch will follow the business meeting and Memorial Ser-

vice. Bring your favorite covered dishes- vegetables, meats, salads and desserts to share with your friends and neighbors. The Association will furnish the bread tea, ice and picnic supplies. All are invited to attend the meeting.

Driver's License Office in Baird is now open

The Driver's License Office on the second floor in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF MEETING—BOARD OF TRUSTEES CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **May 14, 2014** beginning at **8:00 p.m.** in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
May 14, 2014 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Open Forum
- Recognize Elementary Students of the Month
- New Business
- Perform Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members
- Organize the Board (President, V.P., Secretary, Asst. Sec.)
- Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
- Review Bills/Finance Report
- Approve Budget Amendment
- Approve Cheerleader Constitution
- Personnel
- Approve Resignations
- Consider Recommendations for Employment
- Approve Teacher and Staff Salaries
- Superintendent's Report
- Regional/State Results
- Athletic Banquet - May 15
- FFA Banquet - May 16 at 6:30
- Prom - @ Swenson House in Abilene, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.
- Baccalaureate - May 18 (8:00) at the Cross Plains Methodist Church
- Senior Graduation - May 30 at 8:00
- Sign Diplomas
- Discuss Responsibilities at the Senior Graduation
- Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **May 9, 2014, @ 3:00 p.m.**

CROSS PLAINS COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANNED

Plans are underway now for the development of a **community garden!** Many residents have expressed an interest in developing a garden for community use. Plans are currently under discussion to do just that. The First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains, under the direction of Pastor Kevin Morton, is offering a large plot of land designated for the garden. The intent is to have it available for **fall 2014 planting.**

Whether you are new to the gardening experience or a lifelong gardener with no existing space to establish your own plot, a community garden will be an excellent way to enjoy the outdoors, get some healthy exercise, share your gardening expertise with others and reap your rewards. Please consider requesting a plot for you or your family or taking a role in overseeing the project. Prior to beginning the fall planting season, informational gather-

ings will be scheduled to provide helpful gardening tips ranging from getting started to food canning and storage options.

The high school AG Department and the Cross Plains Garden Club are interested in supporting this effort. We hope that local churches and other organizations will also want to be involved.

We'd like to hear from you with any questions or ideas. We want this to be a fun and fulfilling experience and your input will help us accomplish that objective.

A lot of up front work is being addressed now to establish plot size, water sources, etc. More information will be available over the next several weeks including the date of a community meeting for interested residents.

Please contact **Diana Miller at (254) 725 - 9418** if you are interested in participating.

Rising Star Nursing Center calendar of events for National Nursing Home Week

MONDAY- WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS DAY *9:30: BEST DRESSED - 1 ST PLACE \$25	ALL THE TRIMMINS'
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Annual Meeting of the Belle Plaine Cemetery Association is Monday, May 26th

The Belle Plaine Cemetery Association will hold its annual business meeting on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

Belle Plaine Cemetery is located 8 miles south of Baird. Take Highway 283 to CR 470 and turn east. Turn north at CR 473 (first dirt road) and then east into cemetery entrance. We have directional signs to help you find your way.

In order not to interrupt the opening ceremonies, please plan to arrive and be parked by 10:30 a.m.

The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the traditional fly-over by the Big Country Squadron of the CAF based at Elmdale Airpark. We invite attending veterans to assist in the flag-raising ceremonies, Norman West, Jr. will play the National Anthem, and Brigadier General John Comper (Ret.) will lead the Riderless Horse.

Our theme this year is "Sisters." We are focusing on two

sisters buried here at Belle Plaine. Lorraine and Ella Moore Seale grew up on the Seale ranch located just to the northeast of the cemetery. Many Callahan County residents remember them as Billy and Curley Seale! If you have memories and pictures of the girls, please bring them with you to the meeting. As usual, we will have a time set aside to share Belle Plaine memories and perhaps, other "sister" memories as well.

If you have any U.S. or Texas damaged flags, you may bring them to the meeting and we will take them to the American Legion for proper disposal.

A potluck dinner will follow the business meeting. Please bring a covered dish to compliment the meat and drinks provided by the Association.

Please mark down May 26 on your calendar. This meeting/ ceremony is open to the public. We look forward to seeing you!

Jackie Bibby, The Texas snake man to ride in Barbarian Festival parade on June 12th

Rattlesnake Republic Star Jackie Bibby, holder of five Guinness World Records for snake handling stunts, will ride in the Barbarian Festival Parade on Thursday, June 12. Well known as the "Texas Snake Man", Bibby is the star of *Rattlesnake Republic* on the Animal Planet channel.

The Parade will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 12. The Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center will be serving Stuffed Baked Potatoes from 5 until 7 p.m. on the evening of the parade. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy parade viewing from the Senior Citizens Center.

The Parade is the kickoff

event for the Barbarian Festival that will be held on Saturday, June 14th at Treadway Park. It's not too late. Get your group, organization or friends together and have a float in the parade. You can ride your 4-wheeler, classic car, truck, golf cart, tractor or other vehicle in the parade. Come and join the fun.

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KIOTI 5-PAW DEALER—Smith & Son Farm Equipment, located at 1635 South Access Road & Interstate 20 in Clyde, was recently awarded the coveted Kioti 5-PAW dealer status for the 2013 fiscal year. The award recognizes dealerships that promote professionalism, have a high level of customer satisfaction and provide

superior service on an on-going basis. The Callahan County business is one of just 40 Kioti dealers who have earned the 5-PAW distinction. Pictured from left to right include the business owners: Craig Smith, Debbie and Curtis Smith, and Chad Smith.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment receives coveted Kioti 5-PAW dealer status again

Wendell, NC - April 29, 2014 — Kioti Tractor is excited to announce that Smith & Sons Farm Equipment in Clyde, Texas has received 5-Paw certification, one of 40 dealerships in North America to receive this honor in 2013. The certification is part of the unique Kioti 5-Paw Dealer Excellence Program, which was created to honor dealerships that deliver outstanding overall performance.

Each year Kioti dealers are evaluated against stringent qualifications in regards to service, sales, operations and parts. Dealers who meet or exceed these qualifications are named Kioti 5-Paw Dealers and earn the ability to display Kioti's exclusive 5-Paw logo at their dealership. The program was developed to ensure that Kioti

Tractor customers receive a top quality buying experience and premier service when purchasing a Kioti tractor or UTV.

Smith & Son Farm Equipment owners Curtis and Debbie Smith said the company has been a Kioti brand 5-Paw dealer since the program's inception in 2008.

The company also obtained the Kioti \$2 million in sales award in 2012.

Smith and Son Farm Equipment has been in business since 1975. The company is in their eleventh year at the Clyde location on I-20.

The company is also a dealer in Arctic Cat ATV's, Texas Bragg trailers, Stihl power equipment, and Land Pride farm equipment.

"Kioti strives to deliver excellent products with top customer

service to every Kioti user. The efforts of Smith & Sons Farm Equipment to live up to the standards of 5-Paw certification makes them invaluable to the Kioti brand," said Peter Dong-Kyun Kim, chief executive officer of Daedong-USA, Inc. Kioti Tractor Division. "Our program honors these dealerships to let them know that they are part of the Kioti family."

The Kioti 5-Paw Dealer Excellence Program was initiated in 2008 to recognize these exemplary dealerships and provide exclusive benefits to those dealers as a reward for their achievement. Each year a select number of dealerships in the Kioti network receive this certification, symbolizing a dedication to maintaining the standard

of excellence that Kioti is known for.

About Kioti Tractor
Headquartered in Wendell, NC, Kioti Tractor is a market-driven company that has been supplying more than 30 tractor models in the 22-90 horsepower range to the US and Canadian markets for over 25 years. Building on the company's core product line, Kioti has recently expanded their offerings to include the MECHRON™ 2200 UTV, The Ultimate Transport Vehicle®, and the CS2410 subcompact tractor, as well as a full host of implements and attachments. For more information on Kioti or Kioti products please visit your authorized Kioti Tractor dealer, call 877-465-4684 or visit www.KIOTI.com



4-H shotgun team at the Crockett County 4-H Shotgun Shoot in Ozona. Pictured are Megan Jacob, Matt Jacob and Ted Pitzer.

4-H Shotgun Team wins top award at Crockett County 4-H Shotgun Shoot

Three 4-H shotgun team members traveled to Ozona last Saturday, May 10th to participate in the annual Crockett County 4-H Shotgun Shoot held at the Crockett County Shooting Sports Complex. Ted Pitzer was there to represent Callahan County, and Megan and Matt Jacob represented Runnels County. The team started the day off with a bang by all three recording a personal best score in their first event. Ted Pitzer also recorded a personal best score in his second event later in the day. The competition was tough and all three were involved in tie-breaking shoot-offs to determine final placings.

In the Junior division, Matt Jacob placed 1st in trap, 1st in whiz-bang and 5th in skeet. Matt had the highest combined score in his age group and won the Junior High Overall award, a custom tooled leather shell and gear bag.

In the Intermediate division, Megan Jacob placed 4th in whiz-bang. Megan had the 2nd highest ladies overall score in the entire event and was

presented with a custom belt buckle for the Ladies High All-Around award.

In the Senior 2 division, Ted Pitzer placed 1st in trap, 3rd in whiz-bang and 4th in skeet. Ted shot a career best 97% accuracy, hitting 121 out of 125 targets and his combined score was the highest in the entire event. Ted won the Senior 2 High Overall award, a custom tooled leather shell and gear bag.

Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Sports will be hosting the 19th Annual Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot on Saturday, June 14th starting around 8:30 and lasting for most of the day. The event will be held at the Callahan County shooting range located off FM 18 between Clyde and Baird. The Fun Shoot will have as many as 60 contestants competing in American skeet, American trap and whiz bang. If you are interested in learning about shotgun shooting and want to see some exciting competition plan to come out and spend the day. Concessions will be available.

Get Waisted in Cross Plains

A new weight loss program, Get Waisted, is coming to the Cross Plains area. At Get Waisted, we offer two great options! One is the Foodie Detox, which is a way to jumpstart your weight loss and lose up to 5 lbs per week while eating delicious plant-based foods. If you'd like to take it a little easier, our other option, The 4 Steps To Success, lets you lose 1-2 pounds per week

at your own pace. Both programs work without pills, powders, potions or points. Eat your own food. Weekly meetings will be held at the Cross Plains Senior Center each Thursday evening at 6:30pm beginning May 8th. Please join us and see what all the excitement is about. For more information email coachnace@gmail.com or call 325-721-5381.

Pioneer Cemetery Work Day to be held Saturday, May 17th

There will be a Pioneer Cemetery work day held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in preparation for the annual Memorial Day Service.

The mowing will be done by the regular mowing crew, but a few other things need attention. The pavilion should be cleaned, old flags and flowers picked up and fire ant poison put where needed.

Please bring shovels, wheelbarrows, water for cleaning and other tools that might be useful.

Anyone with an interest in the cemetery are invited to help. If you are not able to work, supervisors are always welcome.

Your support is appreciated by the board members and the Pioneer families.

Pioneer Historical Association, Lou Brooks, Secretary.

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ACROSS

1 San Antonio TV
5 TV show for TX born Greg Germann:
"McBeal"
6 TX Don Henley co-wrote: "I Can't Get to the Top"
7 TXism: "skeddadle out of ___"
8 TXism: "best I ___ on" (exceptional)
17 ___ Oak, TX
18 you once could see a diving pig ___ Springs
21 TX Kelly Clarkson sang "The Trouble with Love"
22 dishonest scheme
23 endangered "black ___" can be seen at TX "Fossil Rim Wildlife Center"
24 formerly "Formosa"
29 TXism: "active as a fox in ___ house"
30 TXism: "___ learned" (educated)
31 2nd half of the Bible (abbr.)
32 TX zoo attraction: "New Guinea ___ turtle"
34 Pampa hosts "___ Texas Rodeo"
35 '70s TV show for TX Buck Owens: "___ Haw"
36 "___ Lines" flight 191 crashed at DFW in 1985
37 saddle ___

38 Copperas ____, TX
39 TXism: "feel like I had ___ a short rope" (sore throat)
41 lawn cutting machine
42 middle name in 1-Down
43 TXism: "get the hang ___" (learn)
44 Paris, TX is the seat of this county

45 TX Tanya Tucker's "Can I ___ You Tonight"
46 TX actor Joe ___ Baker
47 Astro 4-bagger steer a ship
50 TXism: "seein' ___ eye" (agreement)
51 "long ___ of the law"
52 with DNA, it makes up nucleic acid
53 Rangers drafted this Robb in 1987

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1 this TX Porter wrote novel "Ship of Fools"
2 TXism wear "em short in the summer
3 TX's 33rd governor, James V. ___

4 newspaper based in Woodville: "___ Counter Booster"
9 TX Nokona baseball gloves are ___ by hand
10 sun bronze (2 wds.)
11 TX Lyle Lovett sang "Here ___"
12 where TXns get a "Bizzard" (abbr.)
13 rich TXns vacation on this continent
14 TXism for a "dummy"
15 TX RB Dickerson who was NFL star
16 TX Ted Cruz's title (abbr.)
19 TXism: "pay it ___ mind"
20 castrated male cow (2 wds.)

22 legendary Dallas sportswriter, Blackie
24 Cowboys 1st pres. & GM, Tex (init.)
25 TX Willie and others put on annual "Farm ___"
26 TXism: "neon light ___" (inspiration)
27 "as ___ can be expected"
28 TX Autry film: "Trail to San ___" ('47)

29 TXism: "happy as ___ on Santa's lap"
30 TX Kristofferson '76 film: "A Star is ___"
33 tiger enclosure
34 "don't ___ your own horn"
35 "___ you?"
37 TXism for "tell a lie" (3 wds.)
38 "Halley's ___"
40 TXism: "six ___ half a dozen of the other"
41 TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' ___"
44 company design
47 occupation of TX Harrelson's father
49 TX sportscaster, Lundquist

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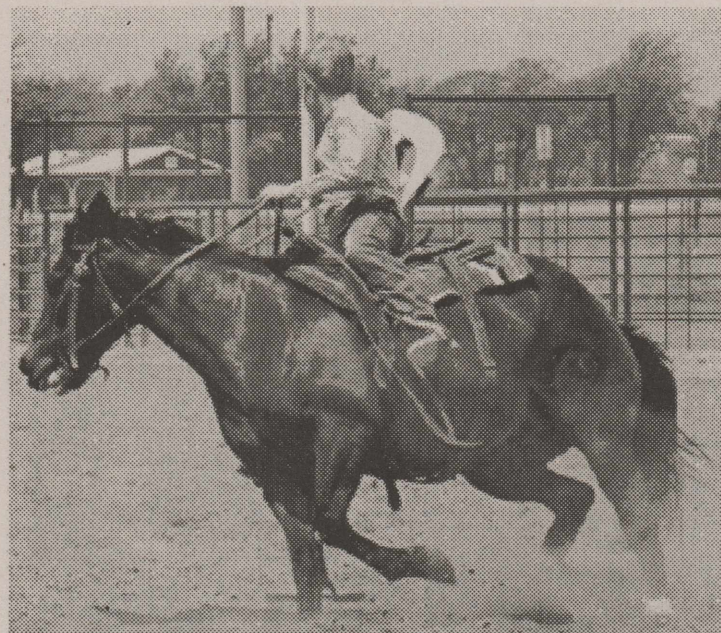
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Cody McWilliams at TCRC Playday

Turkey Creek Rodeo Club playday set for May 23rd & 24th

TCRC had its first clinic/playday/open on April 26th and it was a success! We had 34 kids participate in horsemanship/barrels/poles and goat tying!

Our next playday will be the

4th Friday and Saturday in May. More info to come in next weeks edition of your local newspaper. Interested cowboys and cowgirls can also contact Ginger for more info at (817)-694-7991.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

May 19- May 23

Monday-19th Exercise 10:45 /Bingo 11:15

sponsored by Integra Care

Tuesday-20th Care Inn Door Prizes/Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday-21th Happy Birthday! Foot Care

Sponsored by Girling Home Health.

Thursday -22th Exercise 11:00

Friday -23rd Exercise 11:00

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

May 19 - May 23

Monday 19th-Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, English peas, Bread, Dessert
Tuesday 20th - Baked Chicken, Mixed Vegetables, Steamed Rice, Bread, Dessert
Wednesday 21st - Birthdays! Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, Lettuce Tomatoe salad, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 22nd -Sweet & Sour Chicken, Steamed Rice, Eggroll, Dessert

Friday 23rd - Chopped BBQ Sandwich, Onion, Pickles, Pinto Beans, Chips, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Rising Star Nursing Center celebrates National Nursing Home Week

Rising Star Nursing Center is celebrating National Nursing Home Week all week long with food and activities.

"Living the ALOHA Spirit"
Celebrate a Hawaiian Theme for National Nursing Home Week 2014

In Hawaii, the word "aloha" has a deeper cultural significance than a simple greeting or farewell. In Hawaiian culture it is important to treat yourself and others with aloha, to interact with love and respect and joyfully share life. By applying this spirit of aloha to daily life, the people of Hawaii are encouraged to treat others with deep care, respect and humility, leading to individuals creating a better world. Key concepts of aloha spirit include unity, kindness, truthfulness, humility and patience.

"Living the Aloha Spirit"
 "Living the Aloha Spirit" is the theme for National Nursing Home Week" (NNHW), May

11-17, 2014.

To Hawaiians, the word "aloha" has a deeper significance than just a fond farewell. By Living the Aloha Spirit, we show others love and respect and joyfully share life in order to create a better world. Key attributes of the "Aloha Spirit" include patience, kindness and good feelings and respect in caring about others. Embracing Aloha-Centeredness will cast a warm glow throughout your center and community. The goal in long term and post-acute skilled nursing care centers is always Person-Centered Team Care in a harmonious, caring environment. This is "Living the Aloha Spirit!"

For NNHW 2014, we urge every nursing care center to live the "Aloha Spirit." Promote messages throughout the week that demonstrate the qualities of: *Patience, Kindness, Harmony and Good Feelings in Caring and Respect for Others.*

Books, books and more books

Mystery, historical fiction, military fiction, religious fiction, fiction, westerns, large print, children's books, computer science, philosophy, psychology, religion, social sciences, technology, arts and recreation, literature, history, geography and paperback books.

The Santa Anna Library will be holding its annual book sale on Saturday, May 17th during the annual Santa Anna Frontier Day. Trailers loaded with books will be located under the big oak tree at the northeast corner of the Santa Anna Armory.

The library is changing to automation and has been undergoing a major weeding (discarding) during this process. This makes for lots and lots and lots of books available for very little.

Most books will be priced at 10 and 25 cents for paperbacks and 25 and 50 cents for hardbacks with a few hardbacks priced a little higher. Many of these books are in almost new condition.

Make plans to visit this giant booksale on Saturday, May 17th in Santa Anna!

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
 Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Minutes

Donna J. Zapata, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted in the interest of justice.
 Joe D. Cruz, motion to dismiss to criminal mischief granted, insufficient evidence.

Mandi R. Bowermaster, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Nicholas J. Lee, motion to dismiss to failure to identify granted in the interest of justice.

Laci R. Wright, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted, sentenced to prison on other case.

Marriage Licenses

Jeremy Dean Chesser and Casey Lynn Davis, both of Clyde.
 Jacob Vernon Fleming and Rachel Marie Hasson, both of Baird.

42nd District Court
 John Weeks, presiding

Criminal Indictment

Christopher N. Yates, possession of a certain chemical with intent to manufacture controlled substance.

Brandy Jo Kanady, possession of a certain chemical with intent to manufacture controlled substance.

Cesar M. Gutierrez, theft.
 Robert J. Feely, possession of a controlled substance.

Misty Allison, tampering with a governmental record.
 Brandie M. Beaschochia, theft.

Criminal Minutes

Naomi Bradshaw, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 2 year probation, \$750 fine, \$419 court costs, \$140 restitution.

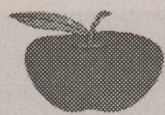
Dennis L. Beeman, plea of guilty to burglary of a building, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$344 court costs.

Randall K. Wade, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$359 court costs.

Cross Plains Review

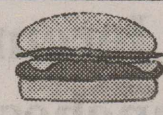
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Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu

May 19- May 23



	MONDAY 19	TUESDAY 20	WEDNESDAY 21	THURSDAY 22	FRIDAY 23
B	French Toast	Scrambled Eggs	P.B. & J.	Cereal	Breakfast Burrito
R	Sticks	Biscuit & Gravy	Sandwich	Texas Toast	Cereal
E	Cereal	Fruit & Juice	Cereal	Cheese Stick	Fruit & Juice
A	Fruit & Juice	Cereal	Fruit & Juice	Fruit & Juice	Milk
K	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	
F					
A					
S					
T					
L	Enchiladas	Hot Dog	Grilled	Chicken	Beef or Chicken
U	Refried	Seasoned	Cheese	Nuggets	Patty
N	Beans	Corn	Vegetable	Mac &	On bun
C	Garden	Fresh Veggie	Soup	Cheese	Hamburger
H	Salad	Cup	Baby	Garden	Garnish
	Salsa	Fresh	Carrots	Salad	Potato Rounds
	Hot	Seasonal	Fruit Cup	Green Beans	Baby Carrots
	Cinnamon	Fruit	Milk	Apple Slices	Sliced Peaches
		Milk		Crispy	Milk
	Apples			Cereal Treat	
	Milk			Milk	

TMCN to host Governor's Small Business Forum

ABILENE, TEXAS—On Wednesday, May 21, 2014, the Texas Midwest Community Network (TMCN) will be co-hosting the Governor's Small Business Forum along with the Texas Workforce Commission and Governor's Office.

After a brief welcome by Larry Ruggiano, Office of the Governor, a presentation by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas on the Skills Development Fund and other Workforce programs will follow. Additional event sessions will include a presentation by the Teas Veteran's Commission and a panel on access to capital for small business. After a short networking break there will be a panel on doing business in the oil and gas industry which will cover contract opportunities and procedures followed by a presentation by the Texas Tech University Small Business Development Center and a panel offering information on contracting with the government. During lunch, a keynote address will be presented by Texas Workforce Commissioner

Hope Andrade followed by the recognition of outstanding regional small businesses by the Governor's Office.

Additional host partners include the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce, West Texas Council of Governments Council Finance, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, the West Teas Energy Consortium and various economic development organizations within the TMCN region. Texas Midwest Community Network is a one-of-a-kind regional organization founded in 1994 for economic development, tourism development, regional awareness & promotion, and legislative awareness. It is an organization of "communities working together to accomplish what one community cannot do alone." For more information about TMCN visit www.texasmidwest.org or the Texas Midwest Facebook page.

Governor's Small Business Forums give entrepreneurs and small businesses the valuable tools, skills and

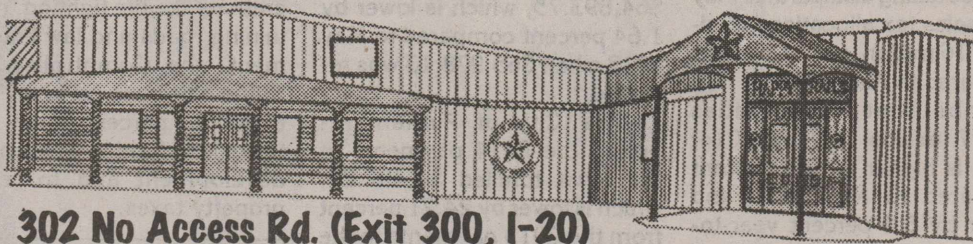
knowledge needed to thrive in today's fast-paced economy. Featuring a wide range of instructive seminars and expert speakers offering vital information on both public and private resources, the forums offer a great opportunity to network and connect with industry specialists, government officials, service providers and other regional businesses. Likewise, Texan businesses are afforded a chance to network and trade with one another, exchange best practices, and discuss challenges and innovative ways of overcoming them. Overall, the forums highlight the wide range of opportunities available to all businesses, including minority and women-owned small businesses, veterans, and businesses interested in expanding globally.

Registration is required, the cost is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration available through <http://tmcn.org/event-registration/>.

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A meeting of volunteers and all interested parties will meet at Living Water Church on Friday, May 16th.

We are going to try to get Volunteers scheduled at this time!!

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If you have any questions call Whitney 325-260-9330 or Crystal 325-370-770.

Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Burlie W. Taylor was certified at the recent twenty-hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held May 6 - 9, 2014 in Lubbock, Tx. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court training Center, a division of Texas State University, with office in Austin, Texas. The seminar is held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as

the new rules of justice court, deferred disposition & Drivers Safety Course juvenile criminal cases, failure to attend school cases, enforcement of civil judgments, tenants' remedies, new legal & Attorney General opinions, family violence, commercial motor vehicle offenses, video magistration, specialized eviction issues, the justice of the peace's role in preventing DWI offenses, records management, legal research, inquest, magistration, and enforcing criminal judgments.



REPLACING A TRAIN ENGINE WHEEL—A construction crew from JR's Crane & Excavation Inc. from Greenville, Texas lifts a 400,000 pound train engine on the Union Pacific train track sidetrack north of the Dollar General store in downtown Clyde on Thursday, May 8th to replace a train engine wheel which had locked up earlier in the week. The train pulling the railcars sat idle in Clyde for two days until the crew was able to remove the train engine. The train engine wheel was replaced and gone by Saturday, May 10th.

Cross Plains' retail sales in 2014 are slightly higher

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2014 are just over one percent higher than 2013, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, May 7th.

Cross Plains' 2014 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$93,515.51, which is 1.84 percent lower than the \$91,825.54 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2013.

The payment to the city for May 2014 was \$21,881.24, which is 11.40 percent higher than the \$19,640.51 payment made in May 2013.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, May 7th, that state sales tax revenue in April was \$2.27 billion, up 5.6 percent compared to April 2013.

"Growth in sales tax revenue was spurred by increases in the telecommunications sector and services sector," Combs said. "Increased business spending in the wholesale trade sector also contributed to the latest monthly gain. This marks 49 consecutive months of growth in sales tax collections," Combs said.

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their May 2014 sales tax allocations totaling \$716 million, up 7.1 percent compared to May 2013.

Combs sent Texas cities \$471.7 million in May 2014, which is higher by 6.8 percent compared to May 2013 and higher by 6.4 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$44.8 million in May 2014 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 5.6 percent compared to May 2013 and higher by 2.7 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$159.4 million in May 2014 sales tax allocations, which is 6.4 percent higher than May 2013 and up 7.0 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$40.1 million in May 2014 allocations, which is 17.0 percent higher than May 2013 and higher by 18.6 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$716.0 million in May 2014, which is 7.1 percent higher than May 2013 and up 6.9 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in March as well as January, February and March sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

For details of May sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2014 started the year 63.22 percent higher than the 2013 payments.

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2013	2014
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$91,825.54	\$93,515.51
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$19,640.51	\$21,881.24

The city has received \$84,204.95 in 2014, while the 2013 tax payments to the city totalled \$51,588.49.

Baird's monthly payment for May 2014 was \$23,433.63, which is 79.52 percent higher than the \$13,053.05 payment made in May 2013.

—The 2014 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 39.33 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2013. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$359,231.54 in 2014. The 2013 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$257,814.42.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for May 2014 was \$64,893.75, which is lower by 1.64 percent compared to May 2013 when \$65,978.13 was reported.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2014 payments to the town totalled \$4,492.25, which is lower by 24.21 percent from the 2013 payments to the city in the amount of \$5,927.91.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of May 2014 was \$954.44, which is higher by 23.70 percent compared to the May 2013 payment of \$771.56.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2014 in Callahan County are higher by 32.98 percent compared to the 2013 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2014 amounting to \$541,444.25 while the 2013 payments to the county towns totalled \$407,156.36.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of May 2014 was \$111,163.06, which is higher by 11.78 percent compared to the May 2013 payment in the amount of \$99,443.25.

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

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

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

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

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

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



NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN PRIMARY RUNOFF (AVISO DE ELECCION DECISIVA PRIMARIA - PARTIDO REPUBLICANO)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Callahan, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Callahan, Tejas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., FORMTEXT May 27, 2014, for voting in the Constitutional Amendment Election. (Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el FORMTEXT 27 de Mayo de 2014 para votaren la Eleccion Sobre Enmiendas A La Constitucion.)

LOCATION (S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION (ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Countywide Polling Clyde, TX	FORMTEXT JP 1 Office, 208 Oak St.,
Places 603, Eula, TX	FORMTEXT Eula School, 6040 FM
El Condado Centros de Votacion W. 4th St., Baird, TX	FORMTEXT Courthouse-Baird, 100
Precincts 1-7 N. Main, Cross Plains TX	FORMTEXT First Baptist Church, 301
Precintos 1-7	FORMTEXT
At all Locations	FORMTEXT
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Eligible voters will be able to vote at any of these locations during the time specified. Los votantes elegibles podran votar en cualquiera de estos lugares durante el tiempo especificado.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted: (Votar temprano por la apariencia personal se conducirá.) FORMTEXT Callahan County Courthouse, 100 W. 4th St., Baird, TX May 19-23, 2014 from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: FORMTEXT Callahan County Clerk's Office (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada FORMTEXT 100 W. 4th St.

por correo debern enviarse a:) FORMTEXT Suite 104 FORMTEXT Baird, Texas 79504

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: May 16, 2014. (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo debern recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el: FORMTEXT 16 de Mayo de 2014)

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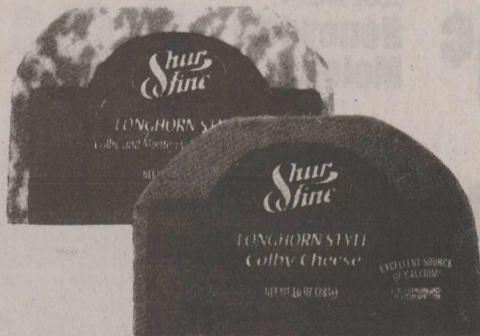


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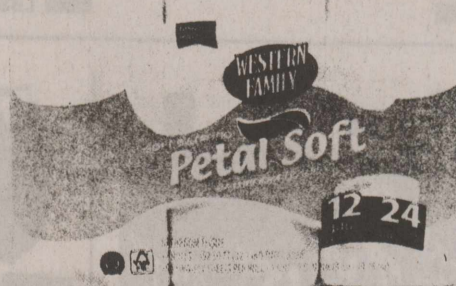
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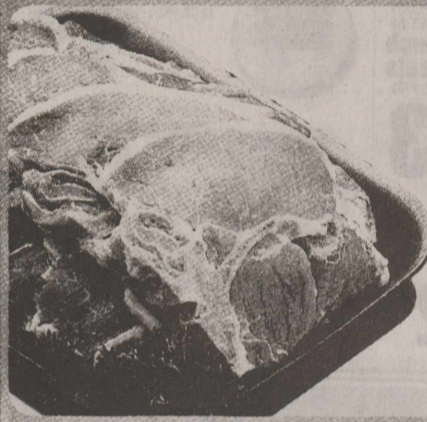
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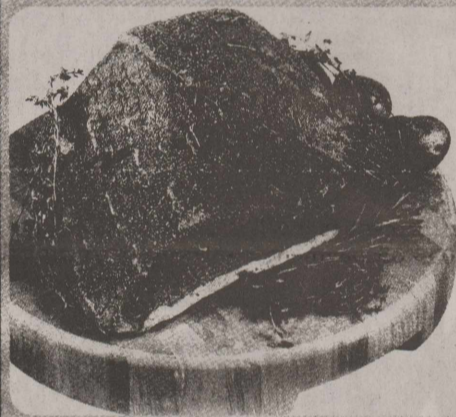
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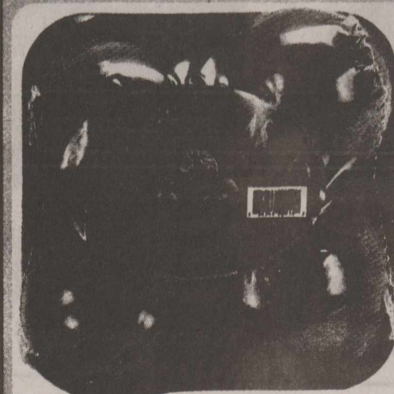
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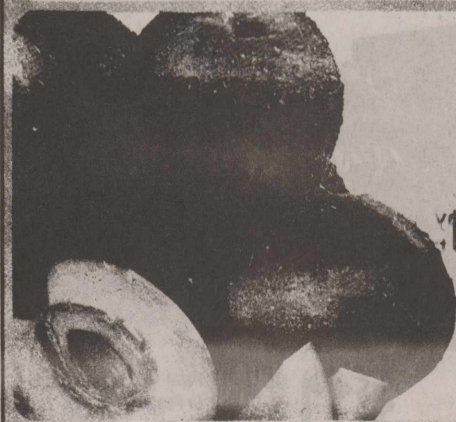
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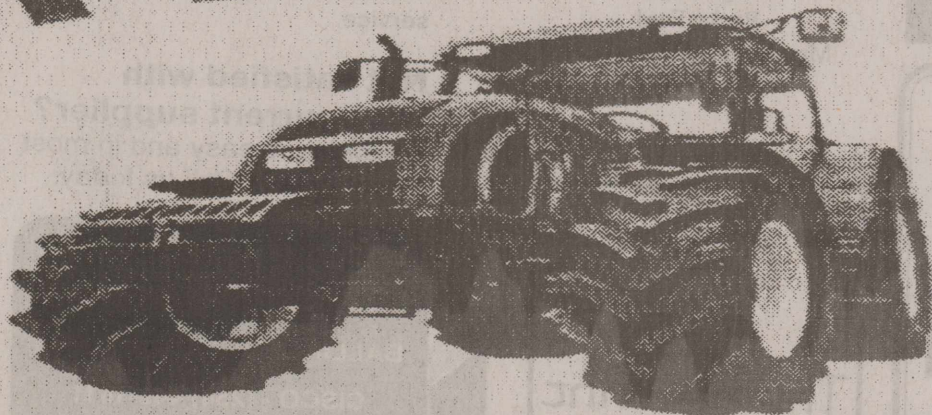
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Alzheimer's Association workshop scheduled Wednesday, May 21st in Abilene

Abilene, TX – April 29, 2014 — In conjunction with Wisteria Place, the Alzheimer's Association – North Central Texas Chapter will offer a special presentation and training workshop on Memories in the Making®, an art program for people with memory loss. The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21st, at Wisteria Place, located at 3202 South Willis Street in Abilene. Refreshments and lunch will be served.

A box of watercolor paints, a little inspiration, and guidance from a caring person is all it takes for someone with dementia to create a beautiful work of art. Memories in the Making® is a method of inspiring, helping and encouraging people to express themselves creatively, regardless of the type or severity of their memory loss. The paintings created by participants in the program have been exhibited across North Central Texas.

Lisa Buck, Memories in the Making Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, will share the philosophy, inspiration and method of painting with people with dementia. The presentation is richly illustrated with paintings and stories by people with dementia and prepares in-

dividuals to facilitate MIM sessions on their own. Artists, volunteers, and staff at area long-term care facilities are invited to find out why more than 20 chapters of the Alzheimer's Association nationwide offer Memories in the Making®.

"This workshop is a way of introducing the program to a larger Abilene audience," says Ms. Buck. "Facilitating the painting sessions is an especially rewarding experience for volunteers. It only takes an hour a week, but the impact on the lives of people who have lost their hobbies and professions to dementia is tremendous."

The cost is \$40 per person, and includes four continuing education hours for activity professionals and social workers. Students may attend for \$20. For more information or to register, call Karen Rumpy at 325-672-2907 or email krumpy@alz.org.

The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

Robert E. Howard Days

The annual Robert E. Howard Days scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 13th-14th will soon be upon us.

In Paris, France, guest of honor Patrice Louinet is putting the final touches on the papers he will present during the celebration. He will participate in several of the panels where the group of "armchair scholars" will discuss history as it was reflected in Howard's writings. Howard was almost addicted to reading history of all eras and often used the people or places as the focal point of his stories.

In Japan, Dierk and Chia Guenther are packing all the technical gadgets necessary to record the research he is doing around the area during the week they will be in town. Guenther is head of the Literature Department at the University of Tokushima and is doing background research of Howard to be included in future studies. During the week following the Howard Day, they will be visiting in depth with local residents knowledgeable of Howard's time here in Cross Plains. As a gesture of appreciation for all this help, they have offered to do a presentation on the culture of Japan, including a demonstration of origami. Plans for this

event at the Methodist Church are still in the developmental stage.

In Scotland, the four delightful ladies are boarding the plane for a month in the states. They usually spend a month in Arizona before coming on over here for the weekend. A son, Al Harron, will join them at some point as he, too, is busy with last minute details on his participation in the panel discussions.

All the stateside visitors don't have to plan so far ahead, but 35 of them have already registered for the event. Several of the early registrations are coming from folks who have never been here before and have never experienced the welcome mat put out by Cross Plains folks.

Project Pride is now taking reservations for the Celebration Dinner on Friday, June 13th, 6:30 in the Community Center. Fifteen dollars will get you a big delicious chicken fried steak from the Staghorn and the opportunity to rub elbows with a lot of interesting people.

Checks or money may be mailed to Project Pride at PO Box 534, or PayPal is available at ProjPride@yahoo.com or handed to Tom as he walks downtown each day.

Opera House Country Musical this Saturday

The Opera House Country musical show will be Saturday May 17th at 6:00 pm, at the Opera House, located in Anson, Texas.

A Bar-Q Supper will be held before the musical, serving starts at 5:00pm. The supper cost \$6.00 a plate and this includes a drink and dessert.

For further information call Tommy Self at 512-484-7834, leave a message.

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Projects estimated to cost \$4,765,180 3 roadway projects, 5 bridge replacements planned by TxDOT in Callahan County

The Texas Department of Transportation announced eight roadway improvement plans over the next three years for Callahan County during a recent TxDOT public meeting held in Albany.

The Abilene District of the Texas Department of Transportation announced its 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program for 12 Big Country counties, including Callahan County.

State Highway 35, which runs through the southern portion of Callahan County is scheduled to receive two projects—the first in 2015 and the second in 2016.

In 2015, the Abilene District has planned shoulder texturing, centerline texturing, milled work for 16.42 miles of State Highway 36 from the Taylor County line east to US 283 south of Baird. The project is estimated to cost \$90,236.

The second project for State Highway 36 is scheduled for 2016 and will involve milling, base repair and ACP overlay for 4.399 miles of the highway from the Taylor County line to 0.4 miles east of FM 1178. This project is estimated to cost \$1,870,976.

In 2015, FM 604 south of Clyde is scheduled to receive shoulder texturing, and profile for 12.375 miles from the south frontage road of I-20 in Clyde to State Highway 36. This project is esti-

mated to cost \$117,909.

The other five projects TxDOT is planning all involve replacing bridges.

The first scheduled for 2016, is to replace the bridge of I-20 in the westbound lane only at Brushy Creek. This project is estimated to cost \$1,073,261.

TxDOT is planning to replace the bridge at Deep Creek on County Road 152 in Callahan County in 2017. This project is estimated at \$380,000.

In 2017, TxDOT is planning to replace the bridge at Battle Creek on County Road 148. This bridge replacement is estimated to cost \$594,476.

Also in 2017, TxDOT will replace the bridge of a tributary of Turkey Creek on County Road 211. This replacement is estimated to cost \$322,321.

The final bridge replacement, also scheduled for 2017, is for the bridge of a branch of Turkey Creek on County Road 212. This project is estimated to cost \$316,001.

In all, Callahan County is scheduled to receive \$4,765,180 in TxDOT improvements in the Transportation Improvement Program for 2015-2018.

Taylor County is scheduled to receive the most TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years in the amount of \$44,561,601 for some 20 roadway projects.

Shackelford County will receive \$6,914,115 in TIP funding for

the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Borden County will receive \$438,566 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Howard County will receive \$29,073,746 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Mitchell County will receive \$10,047,732 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Nolan County will receive \$14,341,110 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Fisher County will receive \$5,970,984 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Haskell County will receive \$37,327 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Jones County will receive \$11,338,553 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Kent County will receive \$2,291,648 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Scurry County will receive \$1,786,062 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Stonewall County will receive \$3,526,280 in TIP funding for the 2015-2018 fiscal years.

Various locations throughout the Abilene District will also receive \$30,000,000 in roadway seal coating improvements and traffic control devices.

The Abilene District of TxDOT has scheduled to spend a grand total of \$165,092,904 for some 101 projects in the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

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Texas veterans benefits make up for proposed cuts to federal benefits

AUSTIN — Move to Texas — that's the message Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson has for veterans across the nation worried about proposed cuts to federal veterans benefits. Expanded state veterans benefits in Texas can more than make up for the losses now faced by those who signed up to serve our nation, said Patterson, a retired U.S. Marine lieutenant colonel and chairman of the Veterans Land Board.

"In Texas, we understand that veterans benefits are earned, not given," Patterson said. "It's really just a matter of priorities. The benefits Texas offers veterans are the best in the nation because we understand the value of service, and we honor those who have served, plain and simple."

Earlier this week, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel proposed cutting retirement benefits for all veterans. But in Texas, veterans benefits continue to grow. Since 2003 Patterson has led the largest expansion of benefits to Texas veterans since World War II. Texas veterans can now borrow more than ever for land and home purchases, have the option of low-cost, long-term nursing care in their golden years and four Texas State Veterans Cemeteries to choose from for their final rest. In the last 11 years, the VLB has served more

Texas veterans than the combined previous 50 years, serving more than 300,000.

To make Texas more accommodating to all veterans, Patterson dropped the state's one-year residency requirement to allow all veterans living here to qualify for Texas veterans benefits. Under the old rules, even Davy Crockett would not have qualified for Veterans Land Board benefits had he survived the Alamo.

Thanks to these changes, more Texas veterans than ever are able to buy a home and achieve the American Dream. Patterson streamlined the loan application process and increased the amount a Texas veteran could borrow for the purchase of land from \$20,000 to \$100,000 and reduced the minimum acreage required from five acres to one acre, making it easier for veterans to buy lots closer to urban areas. In the TexVet home loan, he worked with Congress to make the VLB's interest rates the lowest in the nation, and raised the amount a Texas veteran may borrow for a home from \$150,000 in 2003 to the present maximum of \$417,000.

Learn more at www.texasveterans.com.

"In Texas, we don't just honor those who served with lip service," Patterson said. "We take care of them."

Grand Ole Oplin May line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good friends, good music and lots of dancing.

MIDNIGHT BLUE will be returning on May 16th playing some more of your favorite country tunes, and on May 23rd MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us some more. The band playing on May 30th has yet to be announced, but we'll let you know soon.

The Grand Ole Oplin is

hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 S. and F.M. 2926. Our Friday dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is only \$5.00 per person. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to THE GRAND OLE OPLIN, we'll be happy to see you!

USDA Seeks Comments to Amend Soybean Request for Referendum Procedures and Announces Dates of the Soybean Request for Referendum

WASHINGTON, April 23, 2014 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking comments on proposed amendments to procedures for soybean producers to request a referendum on the Soybean Request for Referendum and Research Order as authorized under the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act. USDA also announces the Request for Referendum will be held May 5, 2014, through May 30, 2014, in county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

The Act requires that a request for referendum be held every five years following the initial referendum. The previous request for referendum was held in 2009. Only eligible soybean producers wishing to request a referendum on the Order participate. Those producers who do not want a referendum on the Order would not participate. Participating in the request for referendum is voluntary. Eligible producers participating in the request for referendum must certify that they or the entity they are authorized to represent paid an assessment at some time during January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2013. USDA would conduct a referendum only if at least 10 percent of all eligible soybean producers, no more than one-fifth of which may be soybean producers in any one state, requested a referendum.

This action would amend the

procedures to request a referendum by removing the specific number of producers eligible to request a referendum. The number of producers eligible to request a referendum would be replaced with language that allows the Secretary of Agriculture to update this number based on information provided by FSA. For the purposes of the 2014 Soybean Request for Referendum, the number of eligible soybean producers identified through FSA soybean acreage reports for crop years 2011 and 2012 is 569,998. Additionally, this rule would replace specific USDA and FSA Web site and office addresses with more flexible language.

The 70-member United Soybean Board, authorized by the Act, administers a coordinated soybean promotion and research program designed to expand uses of soybeans and soybean products in domestic and foreign markets.

The proposed amendments to procedures were published in the March 4, 2014, Federal Register. For more information, contact James Brow, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Research and Promotion Division, Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, STOP 0251, Room 2610-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251; tel. (202) 720-0633, e-mail James.Brow@ams.usda.gov; or fax (202) 720-1125.

Texans can save sales tax on Energy Efficient Appliances

AUSTIN—The opportunity for Texans to save money on energy efficient appliances is fast approaching. The state's annual ENERGY STAR® Sales Tax Holiday is Saturday, May 24th, through Monday, May 26th.

"This is a great opportunity for Texans looking for ways to stretch their family budgets," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Shoppers can save money up front by not having to pay sales tax when buying appliances during the holiday weekend and the energy efficient products can

help reduce utility bill costs."

Shoppers are expected to save an estimated \$3.8 million in state and local sales tax during the Memorial Day sales tax holiday.

The sales tax break applies to ENERGY STAR® qualified air conditioners priced at \$6,000 or less; refrigerators priced at \$2,000 or less; ceiling fans; fluorescent light bulbs; dishwashers; dehumidifiers; and clothes washers. There is more information at: http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_1331/.

The Great American Barbecue – Texas Style!

AUSTIN, TX — In partnership with the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF), the Texas Beef Council (TBC) recently hosted the annual Great American Barbecue at the Kowloon Cricket Club in Hong Kong. With the best attendance on record for this annual event, the program attracted over 1,000 participants, including key food and beverage operators, retailers, executive chefs, meat importers, media and food bloggers.

Tom Perini, representing TBC, was showcased at this year's event and served up his signature Mesquite Smoked Beef Tenderloin. A day prior to the event, Perini also conducted a Texas Cowboy Master Chef Beef Cooking Class, teaching 20 local experienced chefs the basics of cooking barbecue beef with a smoker.

"With U.S. beef export values on the rise, the beef checkoff continues to invest in international demand-building programs to capitalize on global market opportunities," said Dave Edmiston, TBC board member and USMEF director. "The Great American Barbecue event is just one way TBC is working to leverage valuable checkoff dollars and improve producers' bottom line while increasing sales of U.S. beef around the globe."

According to USMEF, total beef exports for 2013 were up 3 percent in volume to 2.58 billion pounds and 12 percent in value (\$6.157 billion) – breaking the

2012 value record. Beef exports to Hong Kong set a new annual record as volume doubled to 286 million pounds and value increased 142 percent to \$823.3 million.

For the Texas Beef Council, the Great American Barbecue represents an annual opportunity to showcase beef prepared Texas-style and reaffirm its commitment to global marketing.

"If there is one thing the Texas Beef Council has learned over the years, it's that international marketing is not something you jump into and jump out of," said Jason Bagley, TBC senior export manager. "Global marketing is something you have to build on and sustain, constantly working to build key relationships. The Great American Barbecue offers a wonderful opportunity to do just that, and in one of the fastest growing markets in the world for U.S. beef."

Headquartered in Austin, TBC conducts the \$1-per-head checkoff program for Texas beef producers. Its mission is to increase beef demand in the state through programs of beef promotion, research and education. TBC also helps fund national and international beef checkoff programs to increase marketing opportunities for the entire U.S. beef industry. For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit www.TexasBeef.org or call (800) 846.4113.

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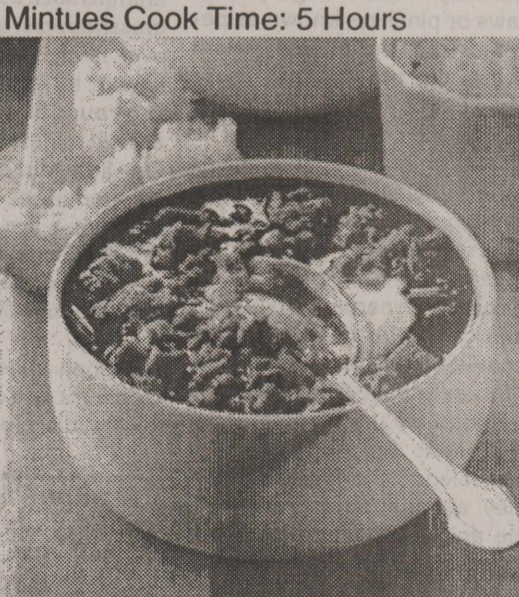
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 * 2 cups water
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 * 1 package (12 ounces) frozen vegetarian meat crumbles
 * 1 large onion, chopped
 * 1 to 2 tablespoons chili powder
 * 1 tablespoon ground cumin
 * 2 garlic cloves, minced
 * 1 teaspoon pepper
 * 1/2 teaspoon salt
 * 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 * Sour cream and shredded cheddar cheese, optional
Directions
 * In a 4 quart slower cooker, combine all ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 5-6 hours or until heated through. Serve with sour cream and cheddar cheese if desired.
 Editor's note: Vegetarian meat crumbles are a nutritious protein source made from soy. Look for them in the natural foods freezer section.
Yield: 6 servings

TSTC Board Paves Way to Better Serve the State's Workforce Needs

Waco— The governor-appointed Board of Regents serving Texas State Technical College System gave its approval Thursday for the 11-location college system to pursue single accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The transition is considered a demanding endeavor but one that is expected to be completed by Sept. 15, 2015 and should strengthen TSTC's ability to supply a skilled workforce for the Texas economy.

"As an agency of the state of Texas, TSTC has a mission of helping Texas meet the high-tech workforce challenges in today's global economy," said Ellis Skinner, Chairman of the TSTC Board of Regents.

"TSTC is making this move to single accreditation to reduce operational redundancy among its four colleges, allow horizontal integration for better collaboration, and improve its ability to respond to the local needs served by each campus," added Skinner.

In the last two years, TSTC has added its newest locations at the East Williamson County Higher Education Center north of Austin and at TSTC North Texas south of Dallas.

"As the demand for a technically skilled workforce accelerates, we regularly field calls from communities 'wanting a TSTC' in their region," said Michael L. Reeser, TSTC Chancellor. "Given the growing skills gap for tech-

nically skilled workers in Texas and the nation, TSTC can reasonably expect the demand for our graduates to grow at a faster rate in the future than in this past. Once we transition to a single accreditation, we will be better positioned to respond in a more consistent manner."

Reeser added, "Texas taxpayers expect TSTC to be both effective and efficient. A single accreditation will save us hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in overhead costs while providing a more consistent high-quality outcome across the state."

This change demonstrates that TSTC is serious about maximizing the benefits produced by public funds.

According to the 2014 report issued by the Texas Workforce Boards, "It is becoming more common that businesses in key industries in Texas are unable to find enough sufficiently trained workers to fill available, middle-skill jobs."

TSTC offers programs and credentials targeted specifically toward those high-paying jobs. The fastest growing post-secondary credential today is not a bachelor's or associate's degree but a career-focused certificate recognized by industry.

According to a recent publication released by the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University, "the number of certificates awarded has skyrocketed more than 800 percent over the past 30 years.

Certificates are an affordable alternative usually earned in less than one or two years, and can boost a worker's earning power by 20% over those with only a high school diploma."

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is a regional accrediting organization through which most Texas universities and colleges seek their accreditation. Holding an accreditation from SACSCOC is an indication that an institution follows operational standards that maintain a high level of educational quality. This strategic move by TSTC leadership is designed to help more Texans gain the technical skills needed for the ever-growing Texas workforce demand. For more information, go to www.tstc.edu/systemoffice/sacscoc or email oneTSTC@tstc.edu.

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About TSTC

Texas State Technical College (www.tstc.edu) consists of four technical colleges with campuses in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Harlingen, Hutto, Ingleside, Marshall, Red Oak, Richmond, Sweetwater, and Waco. TSTC is the only college in America to adopt a funding model based entirely on student employment outcomes - aligning with its purpose of strengthening Texas with a highly skilled, technically competent workforce. The statewide college will celebrate 50 years of service to Texas in 2015.

Abilene Behavioral Health Recognizes National Mental Health Awareness Month

Abilene, TX - May 9, 2014 - May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, a time dedicated towards striving to make people aware of how prevalent mental health issues are and how profoundly they affect the individuals suffering from them. In recent times, the negative stigma that once accompanied any discussion of mental illnesses has greatly lessened, however, there still exists much misunderstanding regarding what it means to be mentally ill and what negative effects mental illnesses can have on the lives of those struggling with them.

Nikki Nazworth, Director of Clinical Services at ABH says "I believe to be truly healthy, you need to take care of your physical as well as your mental health. I think many of us neglect our mental health due to the stigma surrounding it. I believe everyone can benefit from therapy. Therapy allows an opportunity for people to understand their beliefs about themselves, other people, and the world. It is that belief system that guides 80% of our interactions with others."

For 65 years, May has been observed as Mental Health Awareness Month with the goal of reaching millions of people through media outlets and local events in order to help build public awareness and recognition of the importance of mental health. The theme for this year's mental health awareness month is "Mind Your Health." Throughout the month of May, communities are encouraged to rally together to help build a better understanding of mental illness and to help one another find support and treatment for those who need it.

What is Abilene Behavioral

Health doing as part of the national awareness month? Many community events are scheduled in the areas we service to bring awareness of mental illnesses and behaviors. Most importantly, that we are a resource for those in need. ABH is currently using media as well to emphasize and educate communities on mental health. For ABH, this is what we do every single day.

When mental illnesses are ignored, or left untreated, it can leave a devastating impact on society. People who are not provided with options for receiving treatment run the risk of becoming homeless, getting into legal and financial troubles, or even facing an early death.

Communities can provide support to those suffering from mental illnesses by making resources available in places like hospitals, police stations, schools, churches, and community centers.

Many communities have non-profit organizations that are dedicated to providing mental health care at little or no cost to the patient, and various types of community centers can provide information as to how people can get in touch with those services. Similarly, communities can work together to provide an outlet for various types of support groups to meet, and schools and police stations can advocate for crisis intervention services to be put in place in order to provide immediate care when necessary. It is important for communities to show that by uniting together, true wellness can be obtained.

Sheila McDermott-Lord, CEO at ABH, states, "We want to be a mental health resource for our community! Caring People.

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It is estimated that one in four people suffer from a mental illness, and the percentages of people suffering from specific disorders are much higher than one might expect. According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), in the United States alone, depression affects 6.7% of the adult population, anxiety affects 18.1%, bipolar disorder affects 2.6%, and schizophrenia affects 1%. And those are just the most common diagnoses that come to mind when thinking about mental illnesses. But there are disorders that are not as commonly talked about that also have a large impact on our communities. Postpartum depression, for example, affects an estimated 19% of women who have given birth, according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Awareness, understanding, and recognition of these illnesses is imperative in helping communities become stronger.

About Abilene Behavioral Health:

Abilene Behavioral Health is a community-focused hospital and treatment center with an all-encompassing goal of providing superior care to children, adolescents, and adults seeking care for mental health disorders and substance abuse. In order to achieve our goals of individualized, compassionate care, we offer many specialized programs that are built around the different needs of each of our patients. We ensure that each patient has a controlled and structured atmosphere where they can feel safe to begin the recovery process. For more information, visit www.abilene-behavioralhealth.com.



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Say the word scorpion in a crowd, and most responsible people will instinctively head the opposite direction, with some apt to doing so while running and screaming. Beside the potential venomous sting, the arguably creepy appearance that is associated with these arachnids can elicit such a reaction. However, there is a type of scorpion found in much of west Texas that is not only harmless; it gives credence to one of my favorite sayings: "Just because something is ugly does not mean it is bad."

The Vinegaroon (*Mastigoproctus giganteus*) is a type of whip-scorpion that is a common resident through most of the Sonoran and Chihuahuan Deserts of the United States and Mexico. In Texas, its range is predominantly in the Trans-Pecos region, although it can occasionally be discovered in the southern Panhandle as well as the Edwards Plateau and south Texas brushlands. It prefers dark and humid environments, and many are found under rocks and other scattered debris.

Vinegaroons are similar in appearance to other arachnids, having two main body parts (the cephalothorax in the front and the abdomen in the rear) and eight legs. They can be distinguished from other scorpions in that they have a large pair of claws or pinchers known as pedipalps that are curved inward toward the mouthparts. These pedipalps are attached to the front of the cephalothorax. The second unique characteristic is the long hairlike tail that lacks a stinging apparatus on the end. This tail is very "whip-like" in appearance, and this is where the common name of whip-scorpion comes from. The eyes are located on the top of the cephalothorax and are diminutive, and are primarily used just to determine light and dark. The first pair of legs are long and thin and they are utilized in navigating the animal as they "feel" their way around, much like antennae that insects use. The other three pairs of legs are used for walking. The body is mostly black, as are the legs, pedipalps and tail. The total body length of adults is between two and three inches, while the tail adds an additional three inches to that.

While other arachnids such as spiders and other scorpions can bite or sting to defend themselves, the Vinegaroon is incapable of doing either to a potential predator. However, the lack of those abilities does not render



Vinegaroon (*Mastigoproctus giganteus*)

this animal defenseless as it can protect itself in a very unusual manner. The long whip-like tail is attached to a small bulbous appendage that is filled with acidic liquid that smells exactly like vinegar, hence the name of Vinegaroon. When threatened, this harmless arachnid will expel tiny amounts of this strong-smelling liquid onto its tail and attempt to fling it into the eyes, nostrils, or mouth of whatever it perceives as a threat. While this liquid is odorless and bitter to the taste, it causes no permanent damage to whatever it comes in contact with.

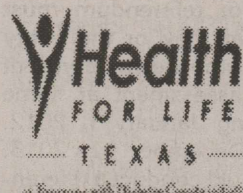
Like other arachnids, this whip-scorpion is nocturnal and feeds primarily on other invertebrate animals such as crickets, moths, grasshoppers, and the like. However, large individuals have been known to feast upon the nestling young of small rodents such as field mice, although this rare. One individual was recently discovered in the process of feeding upon a live adult Giant Centipede. This conquest must have been a Godzilla-like brawl of epic proportions! The prey is subdued by the large pedipalps, and then pulled into the mandibles for live consumption.

Very little information is known

on the breeding habits of this formidable-looking creature. Like other scorpions, the female will lay the 20 to 30 eggs in a sac, and then will proceed to protect the eggs during the month-long incubation time. Once they hatch, the babies will hitch a ride on their mother's abdomen until they are large enough to fend for themselves, typically when they reach one month of age. They are identical to the adults except juveniles have red colored pedipalps and tails. These colors fade to black as the animal matures.

Vinegaroons are plentiful in the Trans-Pecos region of southwest Texas. Look for individuals in fallen yuccas, as well as under the cover of rocks. Countless numbers are seen in and around the Sanderson area every summer, and the Davis mountains are another home to another large population. If you are lucky enough to encounter this harmless arachnid please remember, just because something is ugly does not mean it is bad!

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Tips to Manage Your Diabetes

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Stay healthy with exercise and have an active & fun spring

Let's all be inspired by the nice weather and get out, get active and get healthy. Physical activity, along with a healthy diet, is essential for maintaining a healthy and fun lifestyle. It is one of the best of the best prescriptions to prevent chronic disease, including the three leading causes of death: heart disease, cancer and stroke. It also helps control weight, makes your body stronger, gives you energy, fights depression, reduces stress and lifts your spirit.

Physical activity is anything that gets your body moving for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate physical activity each week. That is an easily manageable amount of time.

Consider breaking your physical activity into 10-minute chunks, twice or three times per day. Be creative, but choose safe physical activities. Doing a variety of different exercises reduces boredom and provides different benefits. Try these:

- * Endurance activities - Biking, dancing, jogging, rowing, basketball, racquetball, tennis, swimming, and yard work.
- * Strength activities - Lifting weights or using a resistance band.
- * Balance activities - Standing

on one foot, heel-to-toe walk, tai-chi

* Flexibility activities - Shoulder and upper arm stretch, calf stretch, yoga. Staying safe when exercising is important, whether you're just starting to exercise or have been consistently doing so.

Talk with your health care provider before you begin specific physical activities to be sure they are right for you and to learn how to perform them safely. Wear the right shoes, check your blood sugar before and after physical activity, stay hydrated and wear your medical alert identification. And, speak with your health care provider if you experience any symptoms such as dizziness, chest pain or foot sores. Keep track of how much time you are physically active each day. It is easier to become more active if you know your starting point and then build realistically from there. For example, if walking more is part of your plan, start with 10 minutes per day until you can easily walk 30 minutes per day. Make feeling good and physical activity a permanent part of your life. Here's how to set yourself up for success in creating a healthy lifestyle:

- * Put physical activity on your "to do" list every day.
- * Make exercise easy and fun. Do things you enjoy, but pick

up the pace a bit.

* Be social. Ask a friend or family member to be your exercise buddy

* Be creative. Choose to be active in many places and many ways.

* Set realistic goals and check your progress. Before you know it, exercise will be a habit you look forward to and you will find that you can do things easier, faster or for longer than before.

And don't forget to celebrate your success. You will find additional information at: (<http://go4life.nia.nih.gov/get-active>) (<http://www.letsmove.gov>) (<http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/adults.html>) (Ardis Reed is a certified diabetes educator (CDE) and can be contacted at Ardis.Reed@tmf.org.)

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