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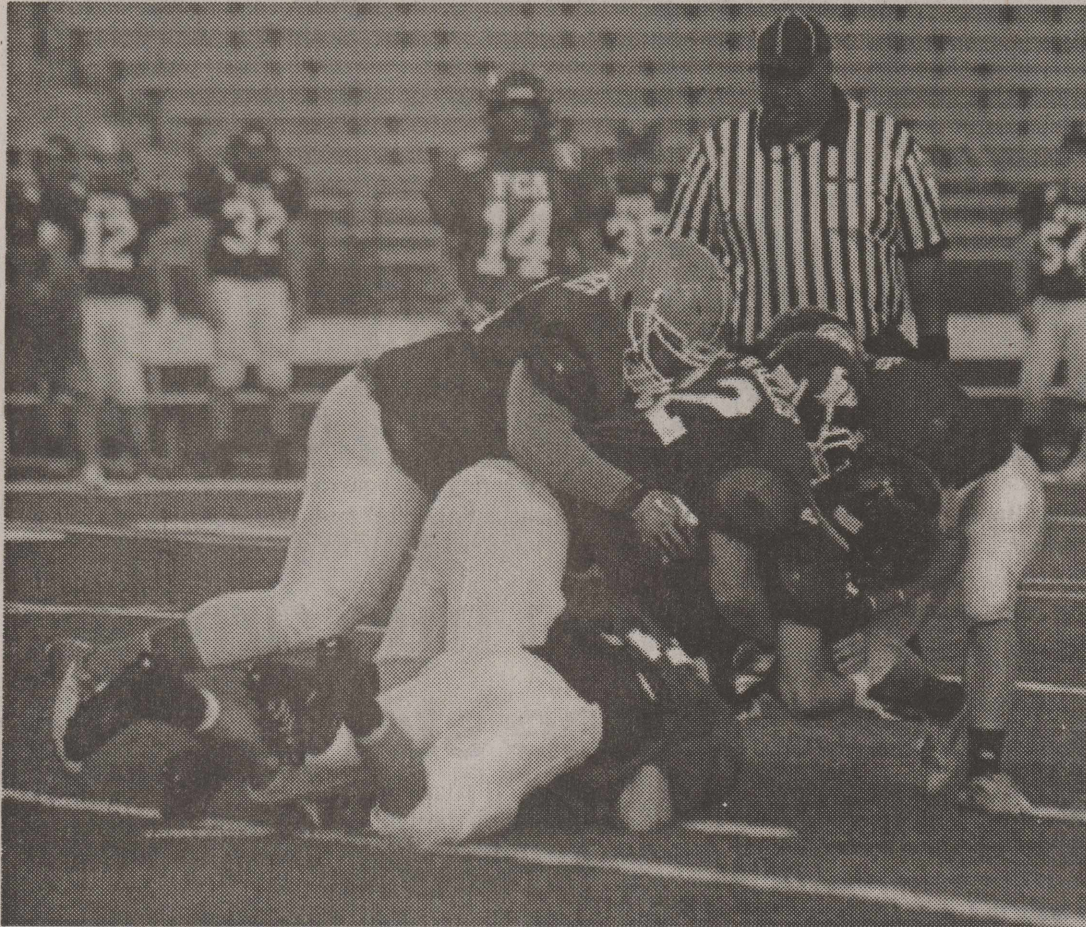
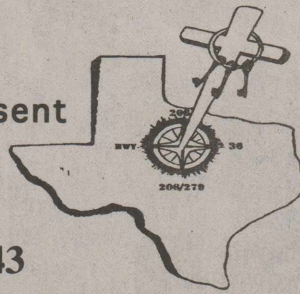
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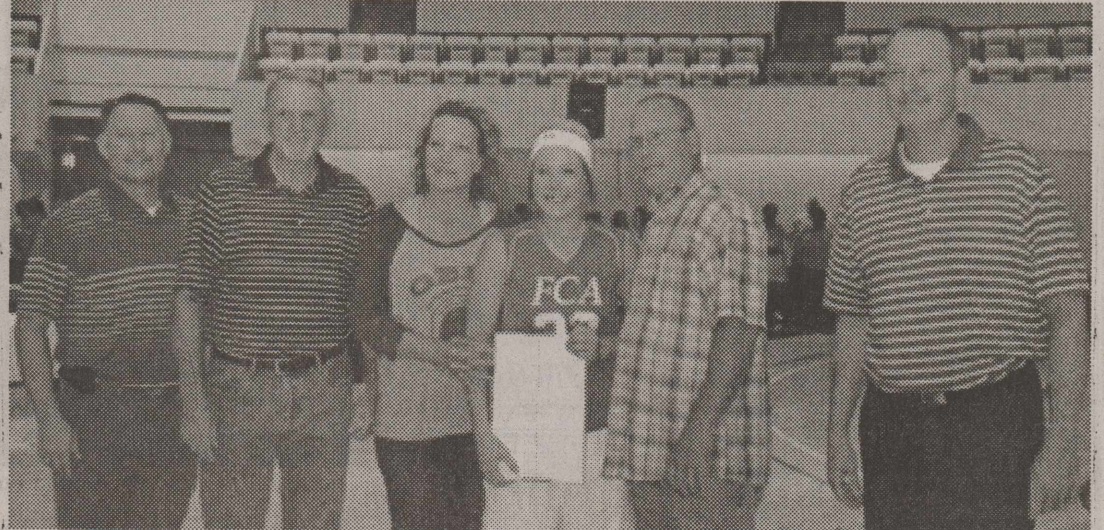
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2014 CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE JUSTIN WILLIS, #42, MAKES A TACKLE ON THE NORTH ALL-STAR RUNNINGBACK DURING THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC PLAYED SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH AT SHOTWELL STADIUM IN ABILENE. JUSTIN WAS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH ALL-STARS.



FCA ALL-STAR—2014 Cross Plains High School graduate Nicole Eisenbach is pictured with her parents during the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star basketball game played Thursday, June 12th in Brownwood. Nicole was a member of the South All-Star basketball team. The North All-Stars won the game 63-44.



CROSS PLAINS ALL-STAR—2014 Cross Plains High School graduate Justin Willis is pictured with his family during the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star football classic played Saturday, June 14th at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. Justin was a member of the South All-Stars. The North All-Stars won the contest 14-11.



2014 CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE NICOLE EISENBACH, #22, DRIVES TO THE BASKET DURING THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAME PLAYED THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH IN BROWNWOOD

Briskets Orders Being Taken Now

The Cross Plains Public Library is taking orders for fully cooked briskets for the Fourth of July weekend. This year we are offering two options: 8-10lb. briskets at \$50 each, or 12-14lb. briskets at \$65 each.

If you would like to order a delicious brisket, smoked to perfection by local cooks, please call the library at 254-725-7722 or Wilma Lawrence at 254-725-7297 by Thursday, June 26. Pickup date will be announced later.

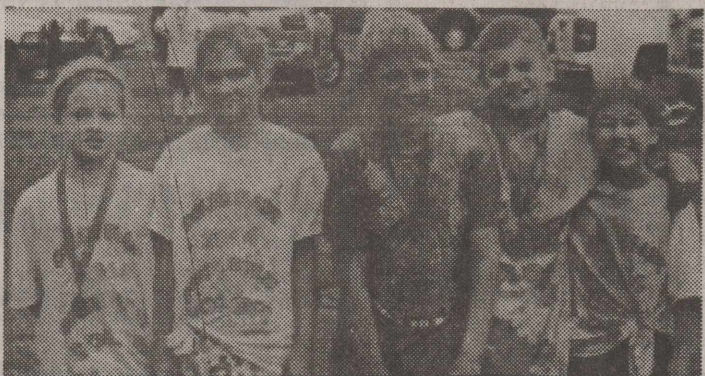
CPVFD Auxiliary meeting

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, July 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Cross Plains Firehouse. Come and join us as we plan our a couple of upcoming events!

Everyone — men and women — are invited to join the auxiliary. To find out more about the new auxiliary, talk with Joe Terstegge, Judy Foster or Netha Carouth.



Those who helped work the 5k Color Blast! Back row, left to right: Leajeon Wilkerson, Colton McWilliams, Dobbs McWilliams. Front row, left to right: Allanta Wheeler, Grace Goode, Inez Salazar, Ariel Sneed, Shelby McWilliams and Hannah Cowan.



Children's Division Participants Left to right: Hannah McKinney, Hannah King, Cody McWilliams, Kolby McKinney, and Hailey King.

2014 Barbarian Color Blast was huge success



2014 Color Blast participants and workers! The first ever Barbarian Color Blast was held in conjunction with the Barbarian Festival early Saturday morning this past week. The weather was perfect for the Color Blast runners as they started at the rodeo arena before running on FM 2287 and turning around at the marked checkpoint and then finishing back at the arena, only to get squirted by colored chalks as the runners ran and walked along the course. The runners were split into two divisions, children and adults, and the top three finishers received medals. The winner of the children's division was 5th grader Kolby McKinney with a time of 23:15, who was followed by 5th grader Cody McWilliams with a time of 27:52 who took 2nd place. Third place went to 3rd grader Hannah McKinney who ran a time of 34:53. Also competing in the children's division was Hannah and Hailey King. In the adult division, the big winner was Gayla Creamer with a time of 28:39. Coming in 2nd place was Amy King with a time of 33:29, and taking 3rd place was Ginger Bunn with a time of 35:53. Also competing in the Adult division was Rhonda Atchley, Kelly Welch, Katy Welch, Evelyn Harris, Allison Matthews, Skyla Matthews, Emily Matthews, Joe Wyatt, Toni Wyatt, Pam Harris, Kimberly Martinez, and Charlise Harris. The individuals who help make the Color Blast possible were Allanta Wheeler, Grace Goode, Inez Salazar, Leajeon Wilkerson, Hannah Cowan, John McWilliams, Ariel Sneed, Melody McWilliams, Colton McWilliams, Dobbs McWilliams and Shelby McWilliams. The Blast was a huge success and plans on making an annual colorful return! We would like to same a huge THANK YOU to Ken Horan, Joe and Jean McWilliams, and Dannes Turner who helped sponsor this event and make it so successful!



CPVFD Bake Sale July 4th

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Bake Sale at Lowe's Market on Friday, July 4th.

We need your help with baked goods, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, whatever you'd like to bake!

Please help us by baking something. Contact Joe Terstegge for more information. Thank you for your support.

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Some board members formed a team and walked with Michelle in a local cancer walk, wearing pink boas to show their support. Left to right: Rick Austin, Richard Burns, Linda Burns, Ginny Hoskins, Marsha Ossowski, Michelle Kaiser, her husband Jim Kaiser, and Helen Parson. Photo courtesy of Michelle Kaiser.

Battling cancer takes true grit, a Big Read grantee story

I was asked by Arts Midwest to share my story of "true grit." It is not really a special one, as millions of people have battled the same disease as I have, but it is unique. And it is entwined with others with cancer.

My name is Michelle and I am on the board of directors for the Cross Plains Public Library in Texas. As the Grants Administrator and Big Read Coordinator, in January of 2013, I submitted an application to the National Endowment for the Arts' The Big Read to study Charles Portis's *True Grit* in

March of 2014. This was our second year in The Big Read and our patrons were excited to study a book that would hit close to home, as most of our town is composed of farmers and ranchers - modern-day cowboys.

Our plans included a multitude of events - most notably a rodeo/roping contest at the local rodeo arena and a country western street dance at the Senior Citizens' Center. For those who have never been a part of The Big Read, I must tell you that the staff at Arts Midwest is the best. Thankfully, they were very

flexible in allowing the many changes that became necessary for our program. And that's where my story begins.

On January 30, 2013, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I started chemotherapy, then had a lumpectomy, then a mastectomy, more chemo and finally finished my last radiation treatment on January 6, 2014. During this time, my wonderful friends on the board of directors at the library and friends from the Senior Citizens' Center pitched in to help me. With a positive attitude and

unwavering faith, life continued on without too much disruption.

At nearly the same time I was diagnosed, my friend Neva announced that she had a rare form of cancer. Neva was my contact at the rodeo/roping club and I knew that she might not be up to chairing the event when the time came. Neva never made it that long. I visited her on July 3rd and on July 5th she passed away. The roping club held a special event to raise funds for her medical bills. She fought until the very end - now THAT is "true grit."

In January of 2014, as I was recovering from the treatments, plans were well underway for our celebration of The Big Read. Then another blow was dealt to our plans. My friend Dannes, who runs the Senior Citizens' Center, found out that her 9-month-old grandson Owen had a rare form of leukemia and would need months of treatment. During our Read, we held a book sale called "Experience the True Grit of Owen Turner" and raised money for Owen's medical bills. Owen spent his first birthday in the hospital, but he is doing well now and just returned to his own house this week. In my opinion, Owen and his parents epitomize "true grit."

Cancer is a very humbling disease and I was humbled by the request from Arts Midwest to share my story. Friends say I am a walking example of "true grit." But I feel very fortunate to have come through the whole experience relatively unscathed. Neva and Owen are the real examples of courage and strength - "true grit."

-Michelle Kaiser

Save the Date!

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 24, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Cross Plains.

Guest Speaker this year will be Steve Warren, Abilene High School head football coach.

There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. Catered by The Chopping Block.

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

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

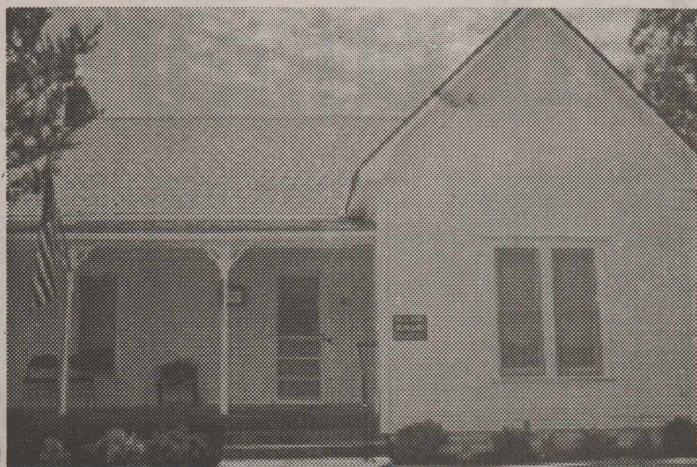
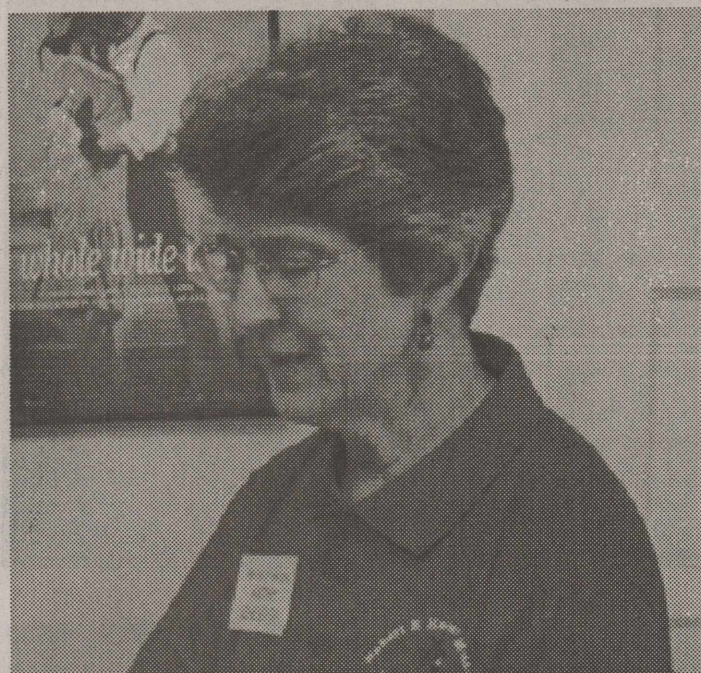
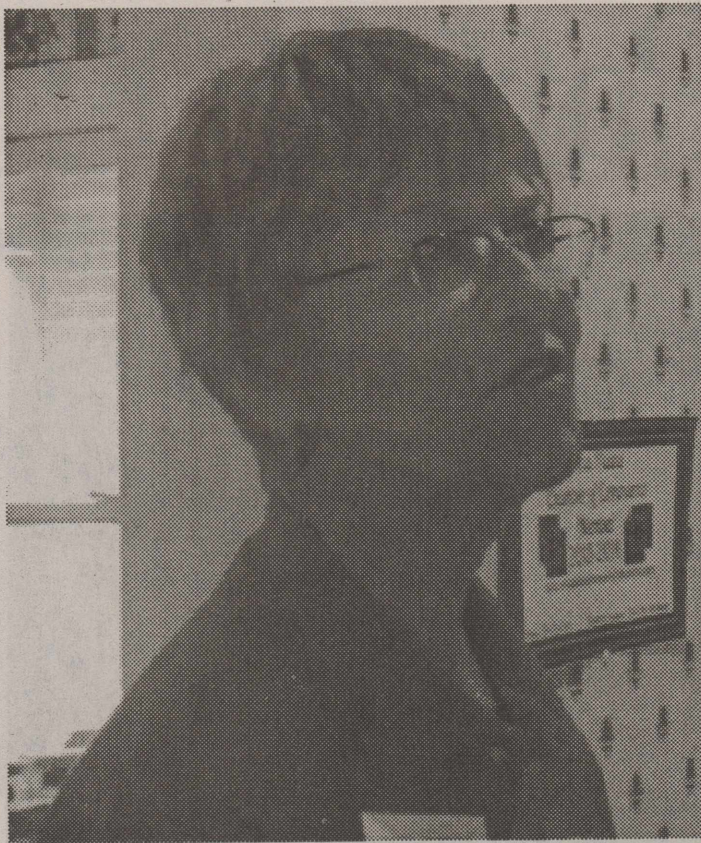
Love Fund
Has been established at Texas Heritage Bank For Owen Turner son of Joseph and Allison Turner and grandson of Greg and Dannes Turner

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

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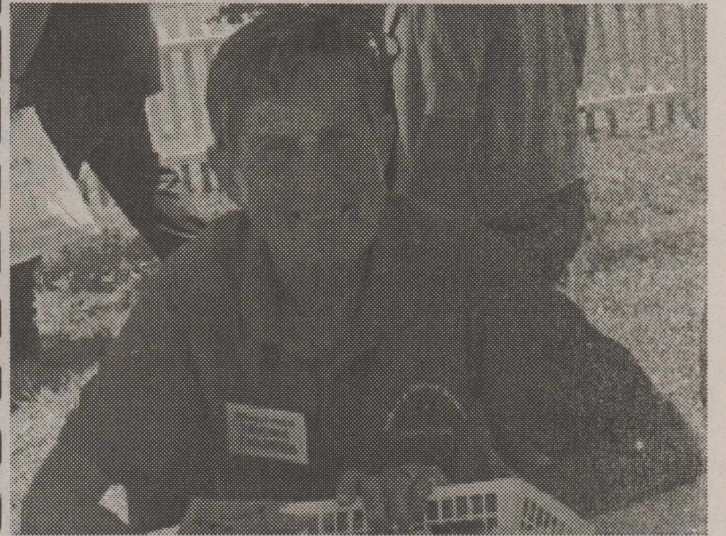
PROJECT PRIDE THANKS YOU

Project Pride members extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all the folks who helped make our *Howard Days, 2014* such a resounding success. The on-going support of the Cross Plains community and surrounding areas is greatly appreciated. Visitors from around the world are drawn back here year after year because of the friendly down-home hospitality extended to them.

Special thanks the Cross Plains Public Library for hosting the panel discussions, to the school for the bus and driver that made the tours of historic Cross Plains and the surrounding areas so comfortable and to Don Clark for conducting the tours, to the City for the use of the Community Center, the crew for setting up tables and chairs and for the gigantic mowing efforts to make everything look its best, to the Post Office for the special commemorative cancellation, to the Review for its generous and on-going coverage, to Bud Dillard for the use of the "old ice house" and to Jean McWilliams for the lanterns that made the nighttime boxing program a reality and to 4His Glory for the sound system.

To all the Museum docents, Pavilion workers and cookie bakers, we appreciate you!

It takes the entire community to pull off an event of this nature that just continues to grow and we thank you all for your efforts.



Investigation leads to arrest in Timber theft

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - An on-going timber theft investigation resulted in the arrest of one man in Bowie County.

Texas A&M Forest Service law enforcement investigators arrested Christopher Clay Sprayberry, of Texarkana on nine felony warrants issued by Upshur County.

The joint investigation involving TFS law enforcement and the Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd's office began nine months ago after various reports and allegations were made against Sprayberry while employed at Ark-La-Tex Logging and Forestry in Texarkana, Ark.

"We have been working closely with Mr. Byrd and his staff in Upshur County on the reported allegations made against Ark-La-Tex Logging and Forestry representatives and this arrest is a direct result of those on-going investigations," said TFS Chief of Law Enforcement Les Rogers.

"By all accounts, this is another example of someone taking advantage of our citizens. I applaud the efforts of the Texas A&M Forest Service for their tireless work and dedication to see this man brought to justice," said Upshur County District Attorney Billy Byrd. While these investigations are very time consuming, these indictments should stand as a warning for other individuals that might consider stealing

timber and robbing our natural resources."

TFS also continues to work closely with county officials on allegations against other individuals and organizations operating in Harrison and Panola counties.

Timber theft is a crime that potentially affects everyone. Timber owners incur monetary loss and the removal of natural resources without reforestation methods to ensure new forests for the future.

To help property owners avoid timber theft tactics, the Texas A&M Forest Service advises:

- Have someone you know and trust report any cutting on your land immediately.
- Never sign a contract without checking several references of the buyer.
- For the best price insist on getting bids for your timber.
- Mark all property lines to assure cutting on adjacent property does not encroach on yours.
- If you do not know the timber business, find someone to help determine volumes, current prices and potential bidders.

For detailed information visit <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102418437760-421/Timber+theft+is+a+crime.pdf>.

To report suspected timber theft activity call the Timber Theft Hotline 1-800-364-3470 or contact Texas A&M Forest Service at (936) 639-8113.



Rainwater harvesting workshop set June 26th in Cross Plains

The Callahan County Extension Office will be having a rainwater harvesting program on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at the Cross Plains Community Center located at 108 North Beech St., Cross Plains Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Our speaker for the program will be Eddie Craig, owner of Clyde Hardware and a dealer for rainwater harvesting equipment.

The program will include a presentation on rainwater harvesting for landscape and home use.

Registration will be \$10 to be paid at the door.

Please RSVP to Callahan County Extension Office at 325-854-5835.

Sincerely,
Jerry Warren
County Extension Agent

Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion is Saturday, June 28, 2014

The Pioneer Ex-student Association will meet **Saturday, June 28th** at a new location, the **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER** in Cross Plains on Main Street next to Higginbotham.

Registration for this 94th event begins at 9:30 a.m. Complimentary coffee and snacks will be served.

Photos of attendees at past reunions and other mementos can be viewed during registration.

The business meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. A memorial service will be held for those ex-students, friends, and family lost during the past year. Family members will have the opportunity to participate. Lunch will be served about 11:30 a.m. (Immediately after the business meeting) for a nominal cost.

Plan now to attend the Pioneer Ex-Student Reunion on Saturday, June 28th at the Senior Citizen Center in Cross Plains. Bring your family and friends for a time of renewing old acquaintances and sharing memories of Pioneer School years.

Submitted by Sec./Treas.
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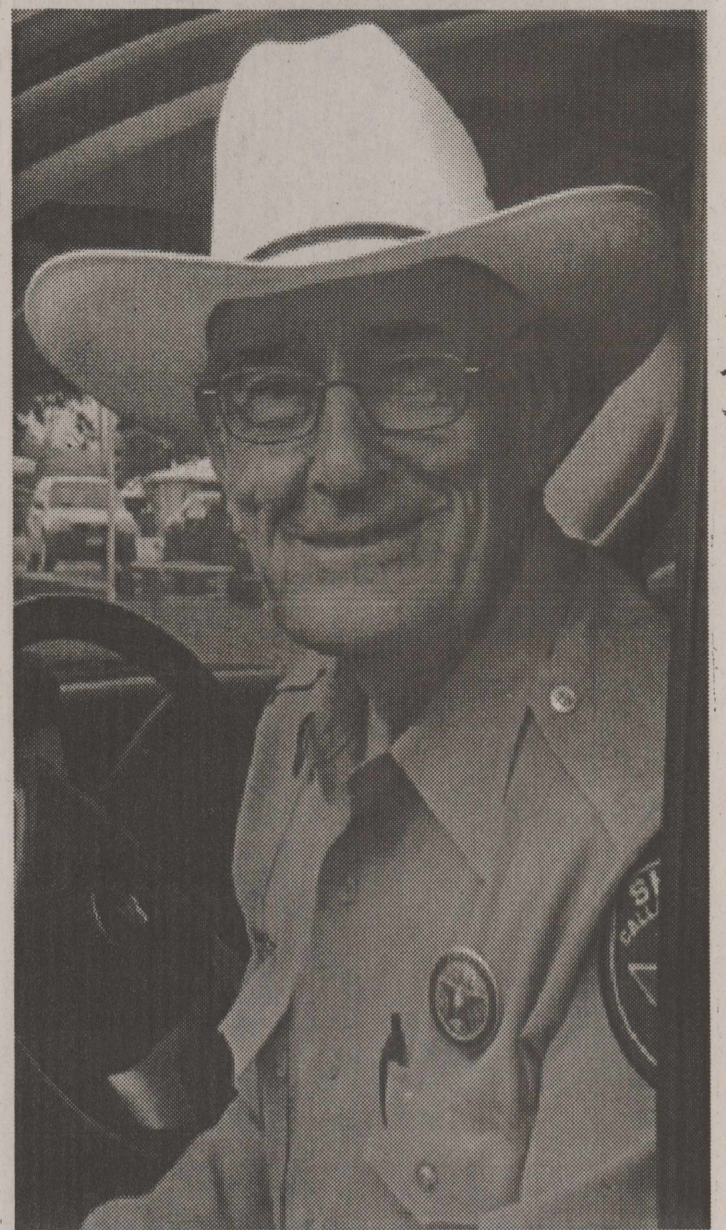
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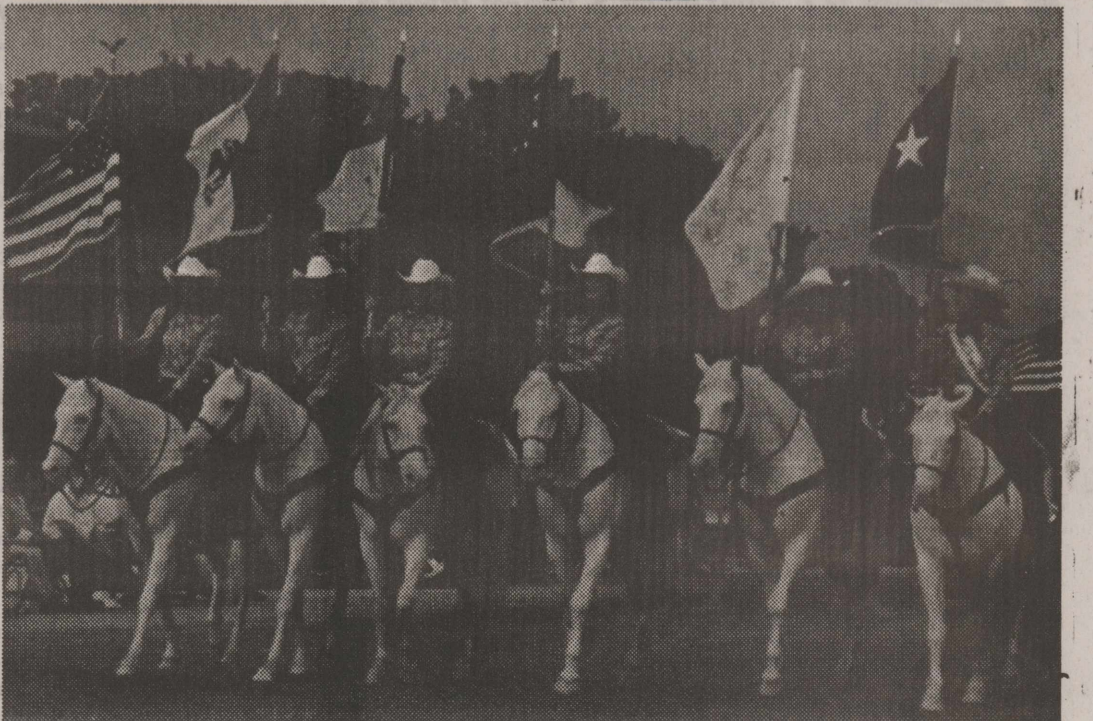
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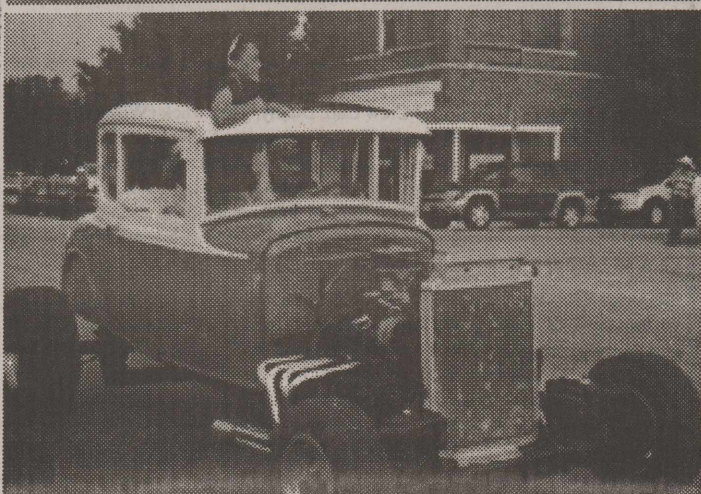
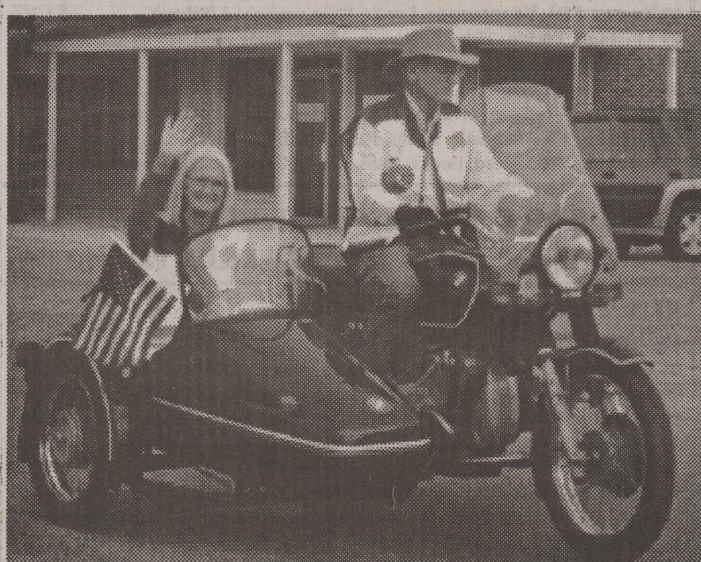
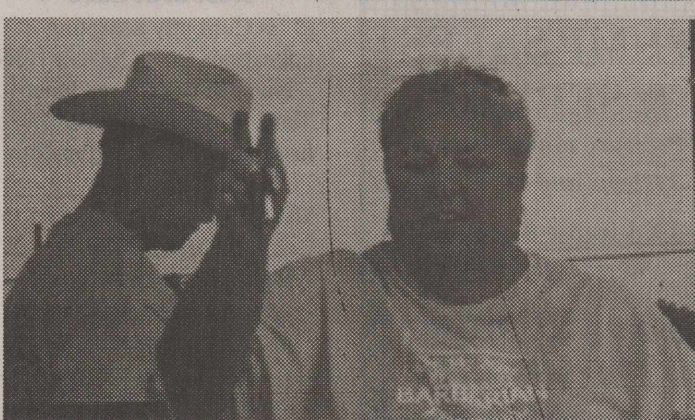
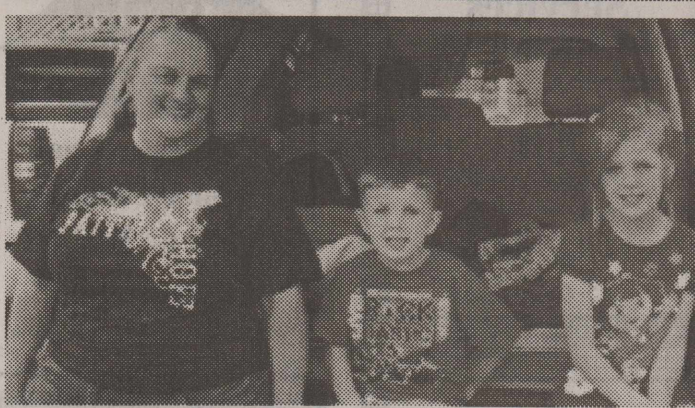
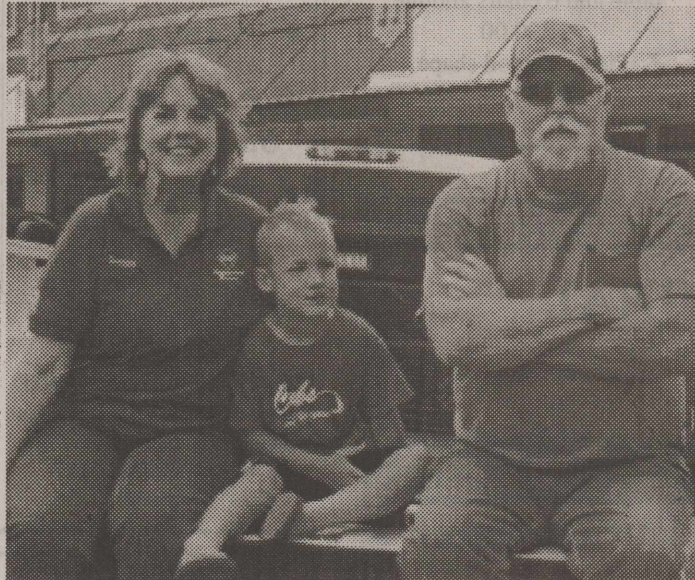
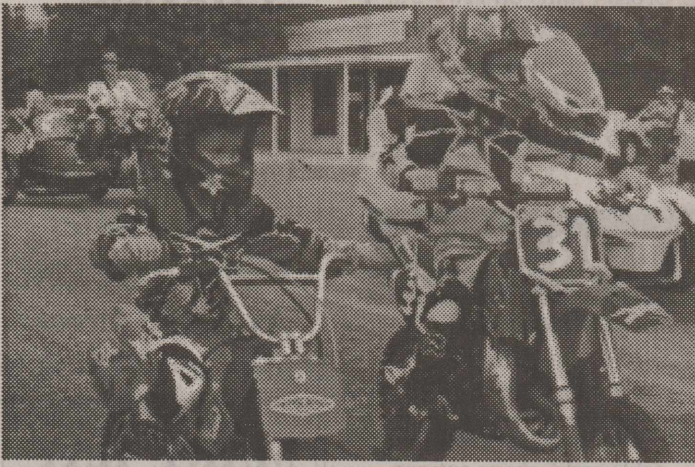
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DPS Supports National, State Child Protection Efforts

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging residents to participate in "Take 25," a national campaign focusing on child safety. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) public awareness program urges parents, guardians, educators and other caretakers to take 25 minutes to talk to their children about safety and ways to prevent abduction.

"Take 25" was created in commemoration of Missing Children's Day observed each year on May 25th. For more information on NCMEC and the program, visit www.take25.org.

"When a child goes missing, they become significantly more vulnerable to being exploited or harmed by predators, sex traffickers or other criminals," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Identifying, recovering and rescuing endangered children is a chief priority for DPS, and we recommend Texans "Take 25" minutes to teach children about possible dangers and ways to stay safe."

DPS is committed to protecting Texas children and supports that goal by:

- Using the DPS Sex Offender Registry and enforcing sex offender compliance.
- Posting information on the Missing Persons Clearinghouse website.
- Activating Amber Alerts throughout the state when a child goes missing.
- Providing assistance to local, state and federal law enforcement partners in investigations related to

missing, exploited, abducted or trafficked children through the Texas Crimes Against Children Center.

• Training troopers and other officers through the Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program about indicators that may help them determine if a child is in danger during standard traffic stops.

• Speaking to children about how to recognize and avoid dangers in their community.

On average, more than 45,000 children up to age 17 are reported missing in Texas each year, and at any given time, there are more than 4,000 active cases, according to records from the DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse. Many missing children are recovered safely.

As a result of IPC training, DPS can account for the recovery of 117 children and has initiated more than 30 criminal investigations since 2010. Since the program's inception, DPS has provided the IPC training to approximately 7,600 officers in Texas, nationally and internationally.

First recognized in 1983, National Missing Children's Day is an annual reminder that there are thousands of children who are still missing. May 25th is the anniversary of the day in 1979 when 6-year-old tan Patz disappeared on his way to school in New York.

Visit the DPS Missing Persons Clearinghouse at: www.txdps.state.tx.us/IntelligenceCounterterrorism/mpch.htm.

Search the Texas Sex Offender Registry at: <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/SexOffender/>.

See DPS' Assessing the Threat of Human Trafficking in Texas at: http://www.dps.texas.gov/director_staff/media_and_communications/2014/txHumanTrafficking-Assessment.pdf.



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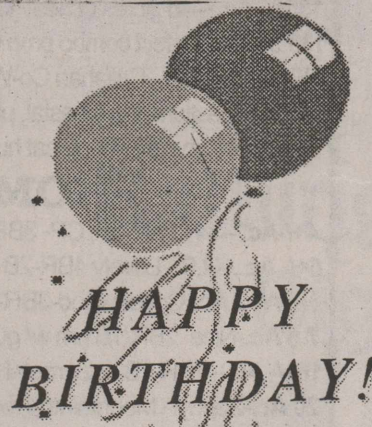
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4-H Shotgun Team at the 19th Annual Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot—Pictured are some of the 4-H shotgun team members who participated in the event. Middle row (l-r): Matt Jacob, Brandon Hobbs, Will Meier, Colton Bradley and Ted Pitzer. In back is Megan Jacob and in front is Jess Meier, future shotgun team member. Not pictured but also participating were Anthony Koch, Roby Odom and Mary Seay.

19th Annual Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot Held

The 19th Annual Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot was held on Saturday, June 14th at the 4-H shooting range located off FM 18 between Clyde and Baird. A total of 54 4-H members from 19 counties gathered to experience a fun day of shooting and tough competition. Through the years this event has become a very popular 4-H shoot and each year it grows bigger and better. Competition was held in three events: American skeet, American trap and whiz-bang. Opening ceremonies were led by senior 4-H members from Callahan County. A prayer was led by Colton Bradley, the Pledge of Allegiance led by Will Meier and the 4-H Club Motto and Pledge was led by Ted Pitzer. Shooting began shortly after the safety orientation and continued throughout the entire day ending with several tie-breaking shoot-offs to determine final placings.

Nine members of the shotgun team were present to compete in the Fun Shoot: Colton Bradley, Brandon Hobbs, Anthony Koch, Will Meier, Roby Odom, Ted Pitzer and Mary Seay represented Callahan County, while Matt Jacob and Megan Jacob represented Runnels County. Several team members placed in their events, some scored personal bests and several shot perfect rounds. It was a great day of shooting! Results for the local team are as follows:

In the Junior division, Matt Jacob placed 1st in skeet and 1st in trap. Matt had the highest combined score of all juniors and was presented with the Junior division high overall champion belt buckle.

In the Senior 1 division, Anthony Koch placed 4th in whiz-bang and 5th in skeet.



HIGH OVERALL CHAMPIONS AT THE CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H SHOTGUN FUN SHOOT—Three of the five high overall awards were presented to these young men from the local area. Pictured are (l-r): Matt Jacob, Junior champion, Brandon Hobbs, Senior 2 champion and Colton Bradley, Senior 1 champion.

Colton Bradley placed 1st in trap and 2nd in skeet. Colton had the highest combined score of all Senior 1 contestants and was presented with the Senior 1 division high overall champion belt buckle.

In the Senior 2 division, Mary Seay placed 5th in skeet. Will Meier shot 49 out of 50 targets in trap (including a 25-straight perfect round) and won 1st place. He also placed 6th in skeet. Ted Pitzer shot 49 out of 50 targets in skeet (including a 25-straight perfect round) and placed 3rd. He also placed 3rd in whiz-bang and 6th in trap. Brandon Hobbs shot 50 out of 50 targets in skeet (two 25-straight perfect rounds) and placed 1st. He also placed 1st in whiz-bang and 2nd in trap. Brandon had the highest combined score of the Senior 2 division and was presented with the Senior 2 division high overall champion belt buckle.

We would like to thank Evan and Lauren Parker, owners of Clyde Chicken Express, for providing refreshing iced tea for the concession. We appreciate your generosity and support of 4-H. Another thank

you to all who helped with scoring, concessions and loading machines. Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Sports is fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers. Hard work from past and present volunteers is what has created the successful club we have today. This backing from coaches, parents, families and friends is a tremendous support to our local youth and is what helps carry on the Callahan County tradition of excellence.

The team is looking forward to more shooting events this summer, culminating in July with the Texas 4-H State Shotgun Championship to be held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio. The week-long competition currently has over 1,100 4-H members registered to participate, making it a milestone event in the history of 4-H shooting sports and in all shotgun events world-wide. Best of luck to the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team members planning to attend!

Summer reading program begins next week

The Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Program, "Fizz! Boom! Read!" will kick-off on Wednesday, June 18. Children and teens of all ages are encouraged to join us for a variety of events. Miss Sue's Little Scientists will meet from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with stories and crafts, followed by the main program beginning at 2:00 p.m. EXCEPT on Movie Days, when everyone will join in at 1:15 p.m. with popcorn and drinks. Mark your calendars and bring the kids on down for some summer fun!

June 18, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue's Little Scientists; Abilene Society of Model Railroaders.

June 25, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue's Little Scientists;

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Field Trip to Post Office.

July 2, 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Movie - "Iron Giant"

July 9, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue's Little Scientists; 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Field Trip to Fire Department.

July 16, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue's Little Scientists; 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Fun Foods with Nora Pointer.

July 23, 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Movie - "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs"

July 30, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miss Sue's Little Scientists; 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Swinney Bees with Barbara Swinney.

August 6, 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Movie - "Meet the Robinsons"

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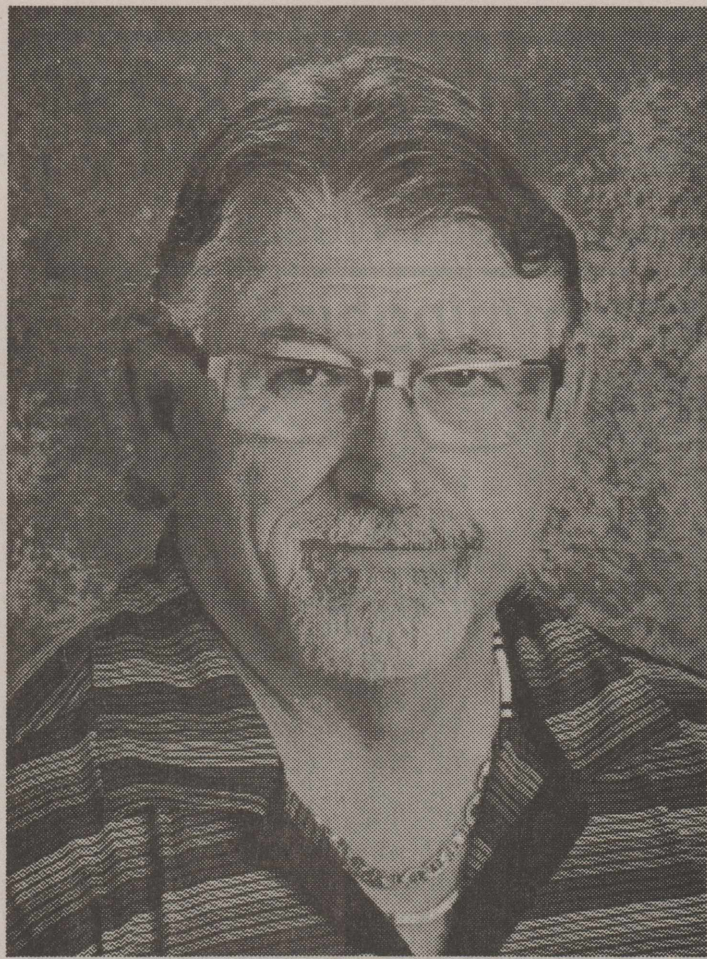
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Coach Mitchell Atchley retiring after 40 years!

Celebrating Coach Atchley's Retirement, Saturday, June 21st

Join us in celebrating Coach Mitchell Atchley's retirement, Saturday, June 21st from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. Hamburgers and all the fixings will be provided. Coach Atchley has coached for 40 years. His coaching career began in China Spring in 1973 and he coached there for 9 years. He left China Spring and found his way to Cross Plains serving CPISD for 31 years. During his career he has brought home state titles in Football and Regional titles in Baseball. He served as a head coach in Cross Plains from 1982-1984 and throughout his years he coached football, Junior High girls Basketball, JV girls Basketball, Head boys Basketball, Head

and Assistant Baseball. Coach Atchley says "The highlight of my career was coaching in 5 State Championship games. I've always enjoyed working with kids."

We want to honor him with as large a turnout as possible. Please make plans to attend and spread the word to ex-students and faculty of CPISD for this event.

In order to get an estimate of food needed, RSVP to Bill Boyd at bboyd@kisd.esc18.net or Roxie Thomas at (254)-725-6436 by Monday, June 16th. Even if you're not sure you can attend, let us know we can make sure we have plenty. We look forward to seeing you there.

RIISING STAR PLANS A GREAT JULY 4 WEEKEND

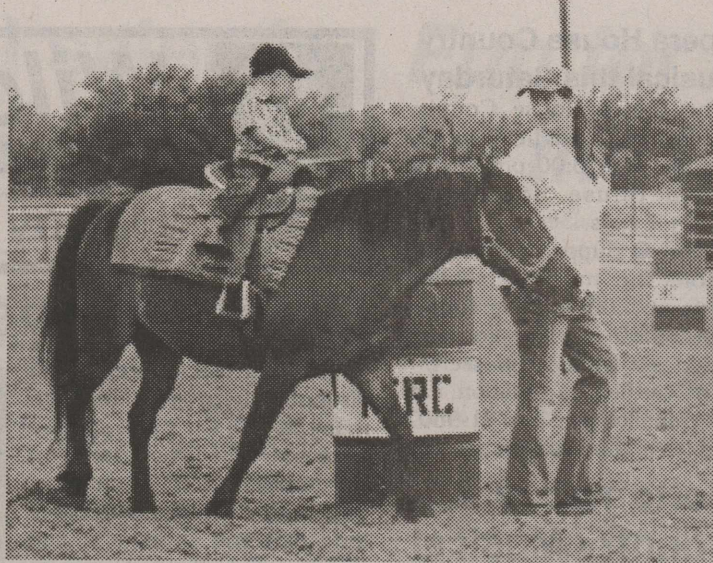
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Rising Star is in 'high gear' planning a variety of activities for the soon-to-be July 4 weekend, including outdoor & indoor downtown shopping; fireworks, ice cream and apple pie contests and a dance featuring the Last Dance Band.

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Rising' Star Economic Development Corporation. The shoppers can come on Friday as some vendors will set up then; all will be ready on Saturday; hours to shop are 9 AM-4 PM.

Community Wide Garage Sales will be July 3, 4 and 5th. A map of all sales will be available for shoppers. For more info, call Judy Green at 254-643-5048 to register for the



DATE CORRECTION FOR JUNE TCRC PLAYDAY!

This "reporter" is so excited about the June clinic/ playday that I announced the date wrong! The actual dates and times for June are... Clinic at 6:00pm on Friday June 27th and playday on June 28th, with books open from 8:00 am to 8:50 and playday beginning at 9:00. I apologize for any confusion. Be sure to join us at the TCRC rodeo arena in Cross Plains for a great time! For more information contact Ginger at 817-694-7991.

Grand Ole Oplin's Sock Hop Dance is June 28th

Shake, Rattle & Roll yourselves out to the Grand Ole Oplin on Saturday, June 28th for a 50's and 60's Sock Hop Dance at the Oplin Community Center.

The event will be benefitting the "On the Way Home Ministry" food pantry serving the Jim Ned valley and Oplin area. "The Way Home Food Ministry" pantry is located east of the Post Office in Lawn.

Dance to the DJ from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

A Classic Car Show, courtesy of The Keepers Car Club of

Clyde, will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Also, a concession stand and bake sale will take place during the dance.

So slick back your hair and bring out the poodle skirts, bobby socks, and come join the fun.

The cost is \$5.00 per person and children under the age of 12 are free with parents. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

For more information, call Diane Walker at (325) 201-2108.

Midnight Blue to play at Grand Ole Oplin

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

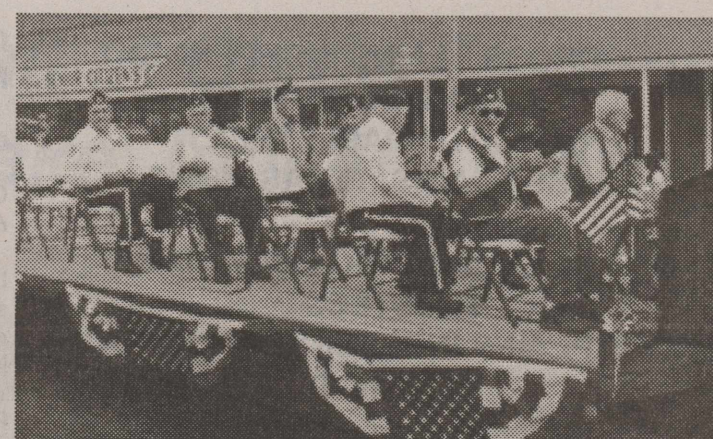
On Friday, June 20th MID-NIGHT BLUE will be here to entertain us all and on Friday, June 27th MUDDY CREEK will be returning to play some more great dancing tunes.

The Grand Old Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center each Friday evening. Our Friday dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. Admission is still 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 see you there!



American Legion meeting set for June 26, 2014

American Legion Meeting Thursday, June 26, 2014 6:30 in the evening. A light supper will be served and members who served in the Army will share stories of their service. The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring yo-

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Get Waisted comes to the Big Country

Are you looking for a way to lose weight and gain health? Women in Madison, Wisconsin lost almost 6 pounds in 2 weeks on the *Get Waisted* program. Others have lost up to 25 lbs in 3 weeks, and every participant in the Treasure Coast, Florida group lost weight their first week on the program.

Get Waisted was founded by an internal medicine physician (Dr. Mary Wendt) and a chef and cookbook author (Tess Challis). As such, the *Get Waisted* food plan is unlike any other, recipes are as delicious as they are nutritious.

If you think that other weight loss programs are successful, wait until you see what happens when you combine the best in behavioral science with sound nutritional research, delicious food, and holistic support.

Members can choose rapid weight loss with the "Foodie Detox" option, or take things at their own pace with "4 Steps to Success."

Either way, the *Get Waisted* combination of local classes, weekly weigh-ins, extensive online support, premium recipes, and menu plans with

shopping lists will have you on track toward your ideal weight in no time.

Not only that, but *Get Waisted* knows the importance of supporting their members on every level, hence the "From the Inside Out" portion of their program, free with every membership. Long lasting weight loss success also depends on healing the emotional issues related to food, and *Get Waisted* is the only weight loss program to address that fully. As such, it's clear they mean business when it comes to the success of their members.

Do you want to *Get Waisted*? Find out more at [HYPERLINK "http://www.GetWaisted.com/](http://www.GetWaisted.com) and contact Nance Black Woods, Big Country Area Director at 325-721-5381 for more information.

Groups are currently meeting in Cisco at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center on Mondays at 6:30pm, in Clyde at the Chamber of Commerce building on Tuesdays at 6:30pm and in Cross Plains at the Senior Center on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Come on "Let's *Get Waisted*!"

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**NOTICE OF MEETING—BOARD OF
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CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
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A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **June 19, 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
June 19, 2014 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Open Forum
- Recognize Elementary Students of the Month
- New Business
 - Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings
 - Review Bills/Finance Report
 - Consider a Three-Year Contract with Cam Gulley, CPA (auditor)
 - Consider Milk Bids for 2014-15
 - Consider Fuel Bids for 2014-15
- Personnel
 - Approve Resignations
 - Consider Recommendations for Employment
- Superintendent's Report
- Track Update
- Incentives
- TEA Minimum Salary Scale
- Health Insurance Premiums to Remain the Same
- 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 **June 16, 2014**, at 3:00 p.m.

Cottonwood News
By Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood Historical Association Board Members are taking bids for mowing and maintenance of the two cemeteries. Contact Bob Childress at 254-725-4321 for more information.

Carlisle and Summer Albrecht are proud parents of a new baby boy! Augustus Hugo weighted 7 lbs and was 19 inches long. He was born on Thursday, June 12th at 6:44 am. His is joined at home with three brothers — Theron, Graydon, and William. Grandparents are Barbara and Donnie Worley of Cottonwood, Grandfather Randy Hasty and Great-Grandmother Dorothy Hasty of Austin. Congratulations on your new arrival!

A reminder for folks that live out here in Cottonwood. If you call 911 for the EMS, please tell the 911 operator your name as well as your address. It will help the ambulance find you easier if they are not familiar with where you live.

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to the Duncan

Family. Larry Duncan's daughter, Stacy Duncan, of Rio Vista, was killed in a truck accident last Thursday morning. Her son Kaden was injured in the accident. Please pray for Kaden and for the rest of the family.

It was a beautiful day for the Barbarian Festival on Saturday. Here in Cottonwood we received about an inch of rain early that morning. There was a cool breeze blowing during the festival. Many Cottonwood folks were out enjoying the festival. Among those: Herman and Naomi Weaver, Frances Thornton, Fred St. Peter, Marsha and Bob Ossowski, Sheila and Adrian Allen, Christine and Erik Woodard, Cookie and Bob Robinson, Bob Childress, Sue and Tom Bennett, Robert Bennett, Bryan Bennett, Forest Creamer, Joe and Jane Besselaar & Family, Joe and Deana Terstegge & Ethan and Brandon, Kathleen Terstegge, Diana and Russ Miller, Roger Hinkle, Dennis Hinkle and quite a few others.

**Opera House Country
Musical this Saturday**

The Opera House Country musical show will be Saturday June 21st 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 Pat Seballos at 325-721-9607 and leave a message.

**Cottonwood
Country Musical
June 27th**

The Cottonwood Country Musical is scheduled for Friday night, June 27th.

The guys have gotten out the grill and will be cooking hamburgers for the meal. The usual sandwiches and desserts will also be on sale at the musical.

The meal is served at 5:30 and the music begins at 6 p.m. We will be having a World Class Fiddler on the program so don't miss out.

Come out to Cottonwood, Texas for a night of good music and good food!

**Courthouse
News**

**Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding**

Misdemeanor Filings

Tina M. Mutchler, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Misdemeanor Minutes

Erica S. Ray, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Edward E. Young, plea of guilty to theft by check, 3 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Robert W. Mendez, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Kennon W. Faircloth, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other case.

Elvin L. Hogue, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Robert Keith Wakefield and Chelsea Marie Sain, both of Clyde.

Mangram Gage Stearns of Clyde and Rachel V. Morgan of Ft. Worth.

James Charles Penrod and Karen Janice Dansby, both of Baird.

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

Civil Filings

Dan Smith vs. Adam Arredondo, M.D., debt/contract.
Citibank N.A. vs. James M. Madeiros, foreign judgments.



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Black-chinned Hummingbird

Many bird species are hard to distinguish from each other, with many having the same appearance and/or behavior. However, one family of birds is unmistakable with their tiny size, their long bills and short tails, and their hovering flight. Those are the hummingbirds. One of the most commonly seen hummingbird in most of west Texas and the Panhandle is the Black-chinned Hummingbird.

The Black-chinned Hummingbird (*Archilochus alexandri*) can be observed during the summer months throughout the western United States from the state of Washington (excluding the Pacific coastline) southeastward to central Texas. Curiously enough, while it avoids the ocean-front habitats in the United States, it spends its winters along the Pacific coastline in the Mexican states of Nayarit and Jalisco. In Texas, it is most often seen in the western two-thirds of the state, where it can be quite common during the summer months.

It is a small bird, with a total length (body and tail) of just over three and one-half inches. The wingspan is slightly larger, topping out at almost five inches. The coloration of this species of hummingbird is quite subtle, almost drab compared to many other species. The head has a greenish hue to it, and the bill is long, straight and black. Hence the common name, the throat of the mature male is black, although in bright sunlight, it will show to be a rich violet color. There is a partial white collar just below the throat, and the bottom part of the breast is whitish colored. The back, wings, and sides are greenish, and the feet are black. This species is also sexually dimorphic, meaning that males and females look different from each other. Females and juveniles are less colorful than mature males, lacking the black throat and white collar.

Black-chinned Hummingbirds, like other members of this genus, feed primarily on nectar and pollen, although it occasionally will prey upon small flying insects. While feeding on flowers, it will hover in place while gathering pollen and nectar with its long beak and tongue. When it feeds on insects, it will often do so beginning from a perching position, zigging and zagging in flight to pluck the insects from midair.



Black-chinned Hummingbird
(*Archilochus alexandri*)

Like other species of hummers, males of this polygamous species are quite the showmen for their mates during courtship. They will often vibrate their wings to produce a buzzing noise as they zip past their perched potential mates. The female is the primary nest builder, and she will often utilize spider silk to make her nest. The outside of the tiny nest is decorated with flowers and leaves. Up to three broods per year are produced, and the one to three white eggs are incubated by the female for just over two weeks. The eggs are slightly pointed at one end, and are extremely small, approximately one half inch by one third of an inch. After hatching, the young are cared for by the female as they prepare to

leave the nest in about another three weeks

This amazing bird can be attracted to feeders in the yard filled with sugar water. Often they are heard before they are actually seen, as their flight pattern produces a "buzzing" sound as they fly. The flight pattern is direct and swift, with a remarkable number of wing-beats, up to seventy five times PER SECOND. Such energy expenditure requires this bird to feed literally throughout the entire day. It is also unique from other birds in that it can fly backwards.

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

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The course will examine many aspects of your business to include:

- your business's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities
- formulate internal planning process for goals and strategies
- develop and action plan to grow your business
- ways to improve your profitability and financial performance

This four hour course has provided proven, successful strategies to business owners throughout the country. Class participant said "The biggest benefit of this class was allowing us the opportunity to think through and develop a strategic vision for our company. We were challenged to think critically about our business and ensure all aspects of the business were aligned for long-term sustainability and growth". To take advantage of this opportunity register at [HYPERLINK "http://www.wtin.org/mentoring"](http://www.wtin.org/mentoring)

For more information, contact Mike Mikeworth, WTIN Project Manager 325.795.4313
The West Texas Innovation Network is a collaborative effort of the ACU Griggs Center for Entrepreneurship and Philanthropy, the Texas Tech Small Business Development Center and the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board focused on

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Cross Plains' retail sales in 2014 are 4% ahead of 2013

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2014 are just over four 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, June 11th.

Cross Plains' 2014 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$112,215.27, which is 4.58 percent lower than the \$107,296.41 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2013.

The payment to the city for June 2014 was \$18,699.76, which is 20.87 percent higher than the \$15,470.87 payment made in June 2013.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, June 11, that state sales tax revenue in May was \$2.45 billion, up 8.5 percent compared to May 2013.

"Sales tax growth was evident across all major economic sectors," Combs said. "The growth was led by the retail and wholesale trade sectors, the oil and natural gas mining sector, and the services sector. This marks the 50th consecutive month of increase state sales tax revenues, and brings the fiscal year-to-date growth to 5.4 percent."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their June local sales tax allocations totaling \$621.5 million, up 11.6 percent compared to June 2013.

Combs sent Texas cities \$404.6 million in June 2014, which is higher by 10.7 percent compared to June 2013 and higher by 7.0 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$40.7 million in June 2014 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 9.8 percent compared to June 2013 and higher by 3.8 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$140.1 million in June 2014 sales tax allocations, which is 11.9 percent higher than June 2013 and up 7.8 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$36.1 million in June 2014 allocations, which is 23.5 percent higher than June 2013 and higher by 19.3 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$621.5 million in June 2014, which is 11.6 percent higher than June 2013 and up 7.6 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in April. For details of June sales tax allocations to individual cities,

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2013	2014
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$107,296.41	\$112,215.27
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$15,470.87	\$18,699.76

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/comsum.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 60.21 percent higher than the 2013 payments. The city has received \$102,880.33 in 2014, while the 2013 tax payments to the city totalled \$64,215.80.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2014 was \$18,675.38, which is 47.89 percent higher than the \$12,627.31 payment made in June 2013.

—The 2014 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 33.42 percent higher than the payments made to the city in 2013. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$402,235.04 in 2014. The 2013 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$301,468.06.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for June 2014 was \$43,003.50, which is lower by 1.48 percent compared to June 2013 when \$43,653.64 was reported.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2014 payments to the town totalled \$5,407.91, which is lower by 22.86 percent from the 2013 payments to the city in the amount of \$7,011.01.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of June 2014 was \$915.66, which is lower by 15.45 percent compared to the June 2013 payment of \$1,083.10.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2014 in Callahan County are higher by 29.73 percent compared to the 2013 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2014

amounting to \$622,738.55 while the 2013 payments to the county towns totalled \$478,991.28.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of June 2014 was \$81,294.30, which is higher by 11.61 percent compared to the June 2013 payment in the amount of \$72,834.92.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fun for all at Clyde Festival by the Lake July 4th & 5th

The 2014 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for Friday, July 4th & Saturday, July 5th at Clyde Lake. There is no admission fee to the festival area; however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

Last year's attendance of approximately 4,500 is expected to be exceeded. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

FAMILY FUN

Activities for all ages include carnival rides, air castle and maze, bungee cord jump area, dunking booth, miniature train ride, bucking mechanical bull, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments and more being planned. Exciting display of fireworks set for both nights after dark around 10:00 pm. Live entertainment scheduled:

- Friday, July 4th: 5:00-7:00 – Santa Fe
- Friday, July 4th: 7:00-9:00 – Guadalupe Pirates
- Friday, July 4th: 9:00-11:00 – Belle Plain Revival
- Saturday, July 5th: 12:00-2:00

- Five Times the Charm Saturday, July 5th: 2:00-4:00
- Holloway Saturday, July 5th: 5:00-7:00
- 3 Shades of Blue Saturday, July 5th: 7:00-9:00
- Dave Hobbs Saturday, July 5th: 9:00-11:30
- Bo McDowell

COOK-OFF COMPETITION on Saturday

Information and registration forms for cook-off teams can be picked up at City Halls in Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains and Albany. Categories that require an entry fee include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans & dessert. Cook-off teams meet at 5:00 pm Friday for final instructions. A new category of competition this year, not requiring an entry fee, is "Best Damn Campsite". Cook-off campsites will be judged on how they are decorated to capture the spirit of the event.

FOOD and MERCHANDISE

Vendors offering food and merchandise will be at the festival. Last year reports indicated most vendors ran out of food and items to purchase! A few merchandise vendor spaces are still available for this year. Get information by calling Terry Davis at 893-3712, Sheree Gray

at 370-9560 or Jen Rector at 893-4221.

GREAT SPONSORS for a GREAT EVENT

The Festival committee is most appreciative of the support of the following businesses and organizations that make the 2-day event spectacular: City of Clyde, Clyde Economic Development Corp., Blake Fulenwider Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep, Edward Jones, First Bank Texas, Gray Electric, Metal Mart, Tytan Heating & Cooling and ResourceCare.

More contributors include: Big Country Trophies, Clyde Auto Supply, Clyde Chamber of Commerce, Citizens EMS, Clyde Farm & Ranch Supply, Clyde Journal, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department, First Financial Bank, Happy Trails, Key City Septic & Plumbing, Lawrence Brothers IGA and Shady Oaks Country Club.

CAMPsites AVAILABLE

For camping information at Clyde Lake contact David at 893-5339 or visit the city of Clyde website at www.clydeamerica.com. Clyde Lake is located 8 miles south of Interstate 20, east of FM 604, at FM 3217.

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

Monday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
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Volunteers	
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Sue Bennett	
Helen Parson	
Linda Burns	
Sandra Ross	
Ginny Hoskins	
Wilma Lawrence	

Senior Citizens Center Activities

- June 23rd - 27th**
- Monday-23rd Exercise 11:00
 - Tuesday-24th Exercise 11:00
 - Wednesday-25th Exercise 11:00
 - Thursday -26th Exercise 11:00
 - Friday -27th 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

- June 23rd-27th**
- Monday 23rd-Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Gravy, Lima Beans, Bread Dessert
 - Tuesday 24th - Meatloaf, Potatoes, English Peas, Bread, Dessert
 - Wednesday 25th - Baked Chicken Sandwich (lett, tom) Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert
 - Thursday 26th - Chef Salad, (ham, turkey, cheese) crackers, Dessert
 - Friday 27th - Vegetable Beef, cornbread, Pickled Beets, Dessert
- MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

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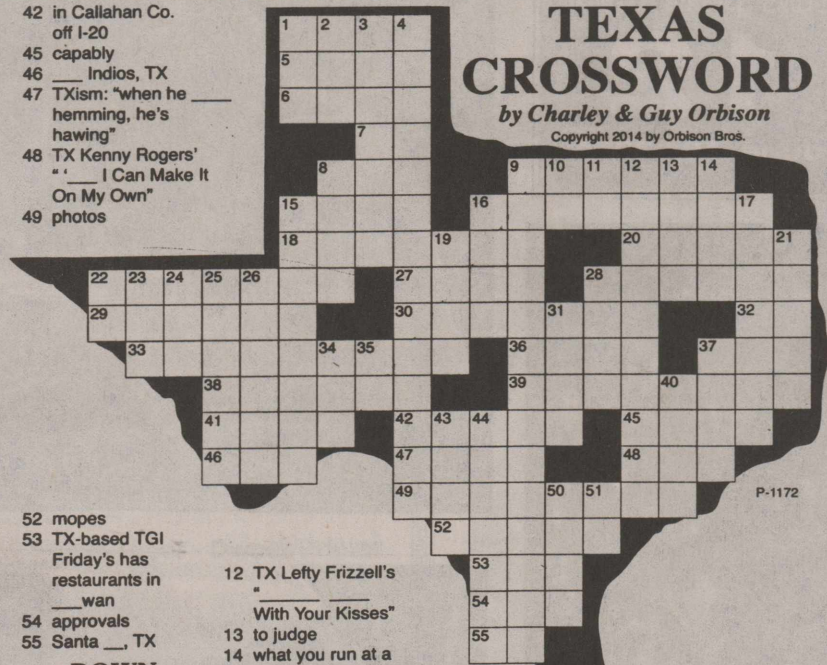
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ACROSS

- former conference for UTSA (abbr.)
- Troy's alma mater
- TXism: "I ever laid eyes on"
- TXism: "stuffed the gills"
- alma mater of ex-Cowboy Golden Richards
- an Inn in TX
- TXism: "up the river" (jailed)
- in Williamson Co. on 95
- membership in the Grand _____ is an achievement for a country artist
- TXism: "his feelings on his sleeve" (sensitive)
- TXism: "he's _____ of the earth"
- TXism: "middlin' good"
- border exchange house: "casa de _____"
- TXism: "_____ a song and dance"
- actor Bottoms of TX-based "The Last Picture Show"
- Spindletop driller Capt. _____ Lucas
- Tom Tryon TV role: "_____ Slaughter"
- snakes at a TX zoo
- cafe sandwich
- TX Fairchild TV spoof: "Based On An _____ Story"
- brother of Oswald assassinator
- TXism: "up and _____ juice" (coffee)



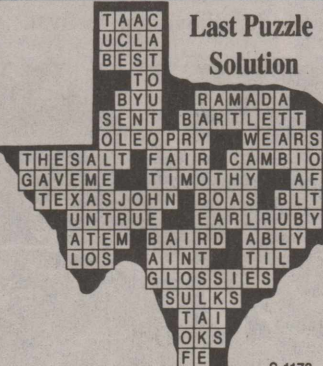
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- bathing vat
- TXism: "_____ in the hole"
- Van _____ TX
- TXism: "let the _____" (tell a secret)
- TXism: "give me a _____" (drink)
- body of water north of Denton
- "Cowpokes" artist (init.)
- _____ Minyard started a TX food store chain
- in Callahan Co. off I-20
- capably
- Indios, TX
- TXism: "when he _____ hemming, he's hawing"
- TX Kenny Rogers' "_____ I Can Make It On My Own" photos
- mopes
- TX-based TGI Friday's has restaurants in _____
- approvals
- Santa _____ TX
- TX Lefty Frizzell's "With Your Kisses" to judge
- what you run at a honky tonk (2 wds.)
- TX "wheeler dealer" Billie _____
- cowboy hat part
- Texicans were denied this right by Mexico: "_____ jury"
- TXism: "no _____ no gain"
- sentimental person
- Rangers ex-GM & current sportscaster, Grieve (init.)
- TXism: "keep it under your _____"
- Dec. 24 or 31
- type of office harassment
- TXism: "_____ walk the river with"
- scorch
- TXism: "horny _____ (horned lizard)"
- TX shot/putter Matson who won gold in '68 (init.)
- "Texas-_____ Weekend"
- TXism: "mean as a rodeo _____"
- Ranger Adrian Beltre stats
- feels ill
- TXism: "doesn't know enough to come _____ the rain"
- Taos, NM gear
- TXism: "his porch light _____ always burning" (friendly)

One Hour Can Save Lives

Do you have an hour a week you could volunteer to help others? The Cross Plains Senior Center delivers meals to homebound Monday-Friday and are needing volunteers for the 2nd and the 4th Monday of each month. If you would like to deliver on Mondays or would be willing to be a substitute if needed, please call the Center. 725-6521

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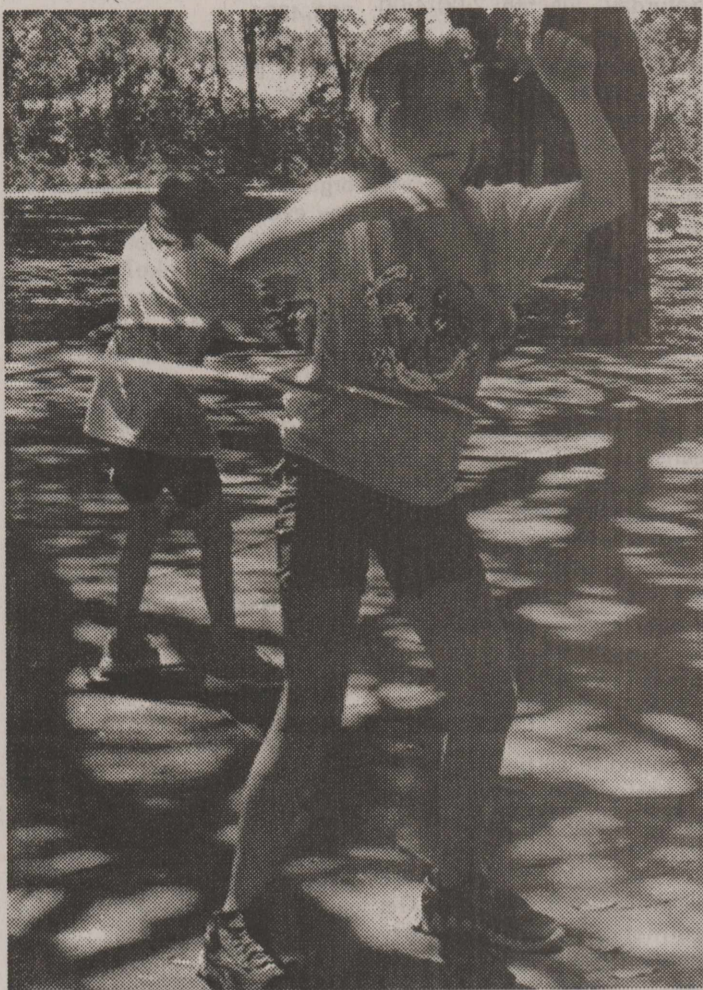
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2014 Barbarian Festival



BARBARIAN FESTIVAL GREAT FUN FOR ALL

The 16th Annual Barbarian Festival was a great success!!! The early morning rain kept the day cool with a slight breeze. Everyone enjoyed the live music from the Class of '57 and 4His Glory. The Texas Tornadoes Dance Group were also a big hit.

Prizes were awarded during the day from the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Raffle, with the winners of the big prizes announced near the end of the day. Polly Beeler won the 8 ft wooden windmill donated by Meghann's Market. Vivian Franke Lewis won the garden cart from Higginbothams and Helen Parsons won the wooden bench also from Higginbothams. Rickey Carouth was the winner of the Live Auction for the fire pit.

In the Antique Tractor Show, Sherryl Goble won for "Best Restored Tractor" while her husband David Goble won for "Most Unique Tractor". Clarence Chambers won "Best of Show" in the Tractor Show.

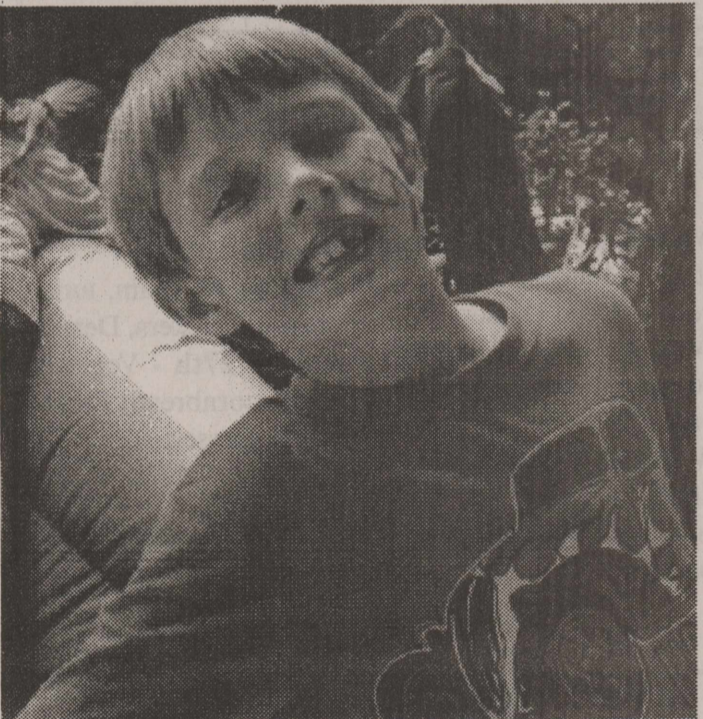
David Goble was also a big winner in the Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show. His 1956 Ford Thunderbird took the "People's Choice Award. Darla Barnum won "Best Modern Car" for her 1979 Pontiac Trans Am. Donnie Barnum won "Best Modern Truck" for his 1979 Chevy 1500. Orie Drapper won "Best Classic Car" for his 1955 Chevy and James Brasher won "Best Classic Truck" for his 1967 Ford F-100.

Kids enjoyed the Hula Hoop Contest and the Shoe Pile Contest, as well as Pony Rides, Duck Pond, Balloon Pop and facepainting. The 75 ft inflatable obstacle course was great fun and kept the kids climbing, crawling and jumping through the course.

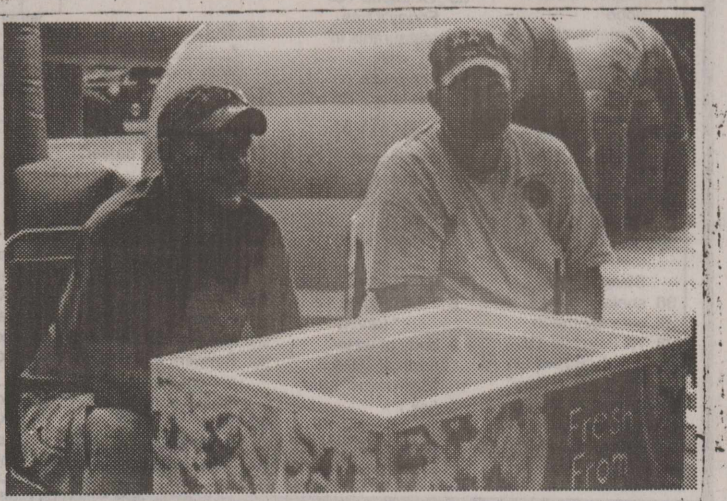
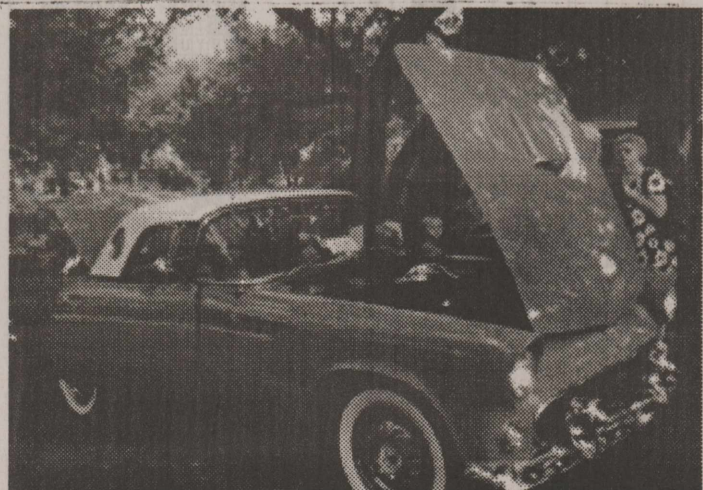
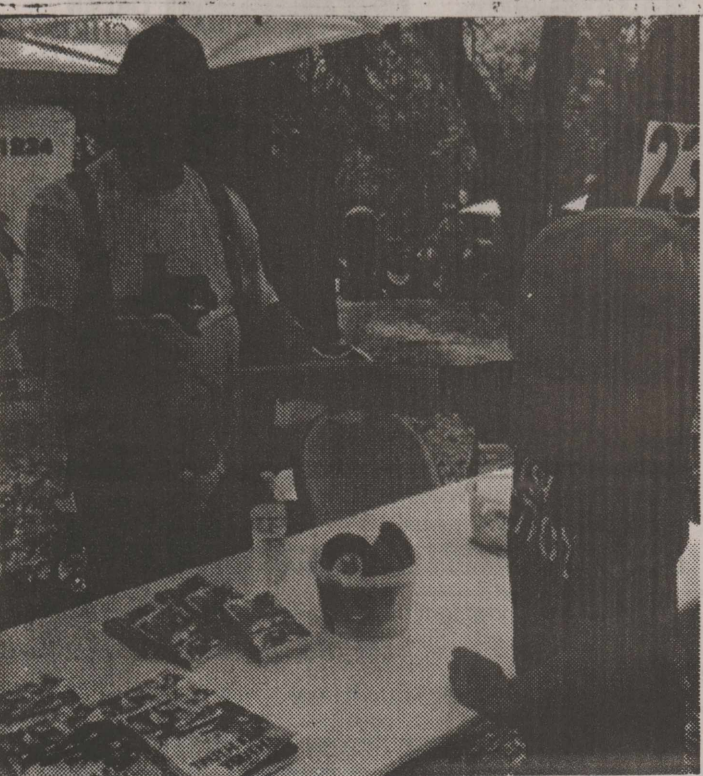
A variety of food, arts and crafts, jewelry, metal art, plants and other items could be found at booths all over the festival.

Barbarian Festival T-shirts were such a hit that we almost ran out of them at the festival. You can still get a festival t-shirt at Salamanders Apparel.

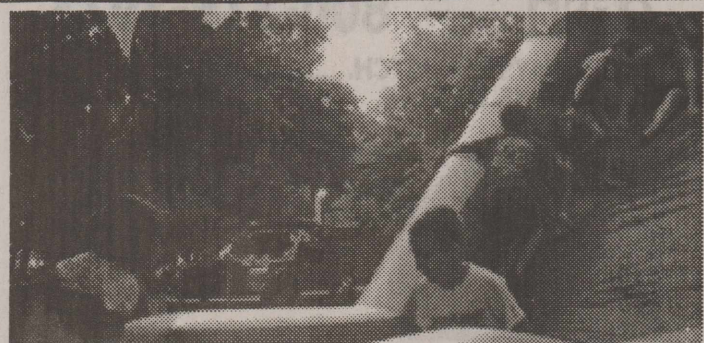
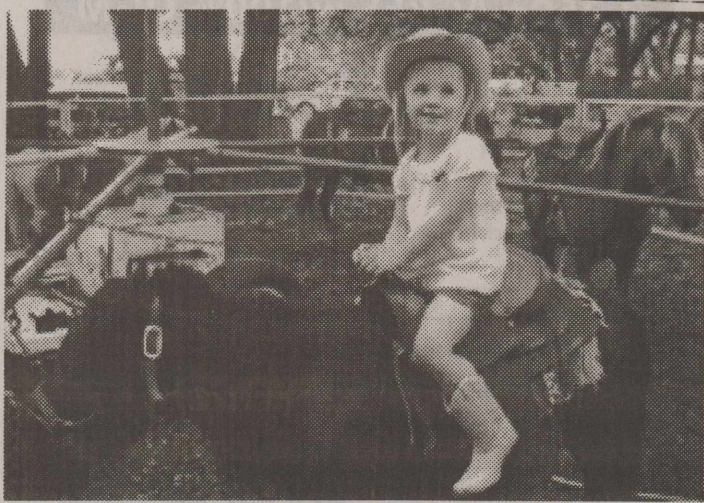
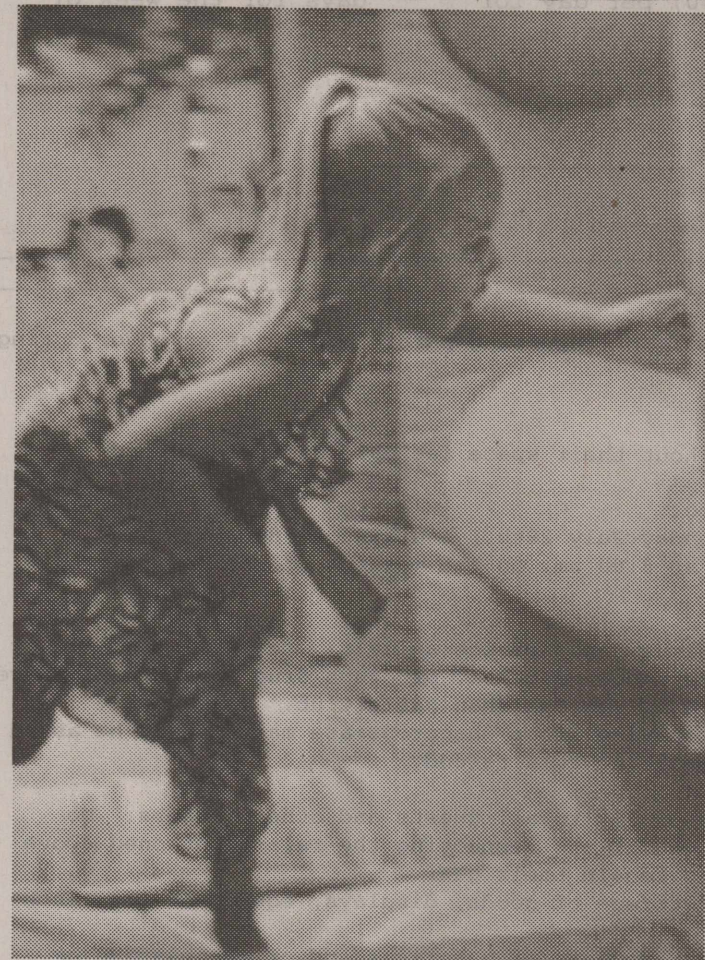
Thanks to everyone who came out to the festival. And to our sponsors. We couldn't have done it without you! Those businesses that have signed up to sponsor the festival are: 36 West Motel, AAA Stowaway Storage, Alon, Azalee Womack, Bagley Insurance, Barr Fabrication, Bear Branch Ranch, Caddo Peak Ranch, Callahan County Sheriff Dept., City of Cross Plains, Complete Home Maintenance, Cooks Fish Barn, Connie's Cuts & Curls, Cottonwood Historical Association, Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce, Cross Plains EDC, Cross Plains Grain and Peanut, Cross Plains Parts Plus, Cross Plains Review, Cunningham Ranch, Dairy Queen, First United Methodist Church, Hanner Chevrolet, Higginbothams, Hutchins Custom Processing, J & S Ag Fabrication, Last Shot Boots and Ranch Wear, Liveoak Land and Real Estate, Lowe's Market, McCready's Rods and Rides, Meghann's Market, Mexico City Caf, MicroMold Plastics Inc., Parker Custom Ironworks, Ray's Barber Shop, Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters, ResourceCare, Robert Howard Foundation, Rodenberger Family, Rusty & Shelly Burke, Salamander's Apparel, Sister's Sandwich Shoppe, Snippits, Subway, Susan Schaefer CPA, Texas Heritage Bank, Tim's Floral and Gifts, Trinity Liveoak Real Estate, and Turner Landscaping.



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Callahan County Rifle Club seeks vendors for 2014 state meet

Below you will find a Vendor Application for the 2014 Rifle State Games held at Callahan County 4-H Shooting Range 3000 Private Rd. 2791 in Baird

TX. July 28-August 2nd.. We are looking for anyone who is interested in setting up vendor spaces including crafts,

wood works, small home business, artist, etc. (We ask that there are no food vendors.) Simply fill out the application

and return with space fee to the address provided.

Thanks,
Callahan Rifle Club

CALLAHAN RIFLE CLUB
2014 Rifle State Games
Vendor Contract & Terms

Callahan Rifle Club Vendor Row Participation
July 28th..-August 2nd. 9:00am.-3:00pm.
Rain or Shine!

-Spaces are on a first come first serve basis.
-We ask that there are no food vendors.

Type of Vendor: Craft/Artist Other
 Small Home Business

Yes, I would like to reserve a space (\$50) for the week of July 28-August 2.
 Yes, I would like to reserve a space (\$30) per day for _____ days for the week of July 28-August 2.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Description of items to be sold:

Please read the following conditions and terms of contract regarding participation as a vendor during the above listed event:

- All spaces are 10x10 outdoor spaces.
- Canopies will be provided.
- No vendor will be allowed to set up their space without their space fee paid and this signed agreement. All fees are due on or before July 15th.
- Vendors must provide their own tables, displays, etc.
- Vendors may set up their space on the morning of Monday July 28th., starting at 8:00am.
- Day space vendors may set up their space, starting at 8:00 am. on the morning of the day they have selected.
- Vendor hours are 9am-3-pm.
- There will be no extension cords, generators, animals(except service animals), sexually explicit or profane items, illegal sale items, artificial tobacco items, alcohol, or drugs/drug paraphernalia are allowed. This list may be expanded at the discretion of the Callahan Rifle Club.
- Any vendor found possessing/selling such items or behaving in an inappropriate manner will be asked to vacate the premises immediately and will not be entitled to a refund.
- No vehicles will be used in any display.
- Vendors are expected to act courteously and professionally to all guests and other vendors. No harassment or roaming sales will be tolerated. Any vendor not respecting the rules mentioned above will be allowed to return only after event closing to regain their gear.
- Vendors are responsible for set-up/ break down and storage of goods, displays, equipment etc. each day.
- Callahan Rifle Club will not be held liable for loss, damages of materials and or merchandise or equipment, left overnight.

Please make checks payable to :
Callahan Rifle Club
Attn:Tiffany Fulgham
1741 Elmdale Rd. South
Abilene, TX. 79602

-Conformation of application acceptance will be made in a timely manner via phone and or email.
callahanrifle@gmail.com

By my signature below I agree to the above terms of participation.

Vending Owner/Representative Signature _____ Date _____

2014 State 4-H Shooting Games July 28th-August 2nd Callahan Rifle Club

The 2014 State 4-H Shooting games held here at the Callahan County Shooting Sports Range, from July 28th to August 2nd is a week long event for many 4-H families from all over the state of Texas.

Officials for the event would like to make this event the best it can be for all the 4-H youth. The Callahan Range is one of the nicest facilities in the state and we hope to show it off plus show how local communities can come together to help each other out.

We plan on having a "Sponsor Board" with names of those individuals or businesses who help with this event.

We would like to show a warm welcome to everyone who is entering our town/area for this event. Show them that we are friendly communities and happy to have them here in our communities and shooting

match officials would love to have people from our community come out and watch these kids in action! What a Treat!!

Below are some of the things officials say they need to make the week's activities go smoother.

FOOD ITEMS:Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Pickles, BBQ sauce, Hamburger buns, Hot dog buns, Tortillas, Single serve chips (all kinds), Tortilla chips (for nachos), lettuce, tomato, onion, bell pepper etc., Pork butt roast, sausage, hot dog wieners, hamburger meat, Cases of water, Soft Drinks, and gatorade. **PAPER GOODS & SUPPLIES:** Cups, napkins, paper towels, Toilet paper, hand soap, Brooms, Trash cans, Cleaning supplies. **HARDWARE:** Staplers, staples for mounting targets, Push pins, Orange Marking paint,

White Marking paint. **BEAUTIFICATION:** Flowers (decoration to make range look nice), Mow the ditches along side of entrance road, Water down the entrance road and inside range to keep dust down. **APPLIANCES AND SMALL EQUIPMENT:** Cooktop, griddle or electric stove, Ice machine, Portable generators, Portable power light plants. **MISC ITEMS:** 3-4 picnic tables. Additional RV hookups, Service to empty RV's during the week, Canopies and tents for shade. **Bleachers:**Portable building for Score Shack (with AC for scoring targets), 30-40 traffic cones or barrels for no parking zones.

If you have any of these items and would like to loan or donate them to the Rifle Club, we would love to have them. Thank you.

Samuel Colton Rockett of Cross Plains named to Dean's List at Howard Payne University

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Area Rain Report

It's not often that we receive rain. However when we do, it something to shout about. We would like to share the area rain totals for your area. Call in and give your name and location and how much rain received that day. We will run the rain totals reported in the newspaper.

Call the Cross Plains Review at (254) 725-6111.

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Callahan County Riding Club 2014 Schedule

June: Sat. June, 21, Sat. June, 28

July: Sat. July, 12, Sat. July, 19

August: Sat. Aug, 2, Sat. Aug, 9, Sat. Aug, 23, Sat. Aug, 30

Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have a \$50.00 sponsorship or if the participant did not make the 9 required they can buy in at \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also parents/guardians must work in the concession stand once per person participating and bring a case of drinks and a dessert. Sign-ups will be between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. Trainers will begin at 6:30 pm Competition begins at 7:00 pm.

Any rain-outs or make up days will be held on the open, weekend or on Fridays or Sundays depending on weather and options of membership.

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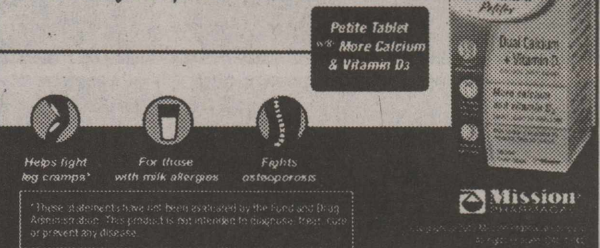


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TWC Warns Texas Job Seekers to Be Aware of False Employment Scams Agency urges Texas job seekers to always verify potential employers

AUSTIN - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) wants Texas job seekers to be aware that unscrupulous people posing as potential employers may try to take their money in exchange for non-existent jobs, even sometimes posing as representatives of established businesses or using legitimate meeting spaces to meet and interview victims.

The reported scams can happen online, by phone or in person. Some scammers post from legitimate job-matching websites, such as TWC's WorkInTexas.com, or have used Workforce Solutions offices to meet with the job seekers. In all cases the job seeker received promises of employment and a request for some type of up-front payment.

Reported incidents include checks sent for the victim to cash. The false employer explains that the so-called "new employee" may keep a portion of the money deposited as a signing bonus and then asks the victim to send the rest of the money to a specific address. The check later bounces and the job seeker is out all the money. Job seekers should be cautious in receiving any money from a future employer, unless they have provided something tangible of

equal value to merit receiving the money.

Another reported scam includes false employers conducting interviews through instant messaging or on the phone resulting in a job offer and then asking the job seeker to purchase a prepaid card and transfer the funds to the false employer for training, a background check, uniforms or equipment needed to begin work. Texas residents are reminded that legitimate employers will never ask for money as a condition for starting work. Job seekers should never provide personally identifiable information to an employer prior to a face-to-face meeting. Job seekers also should never cash checks from anyone claiming to be an employer, or purchase any equipment, licenses, certifications, starter kits, or software packages prior to validating the employer.

TWC also warns job seekers that sometimes scammers use the names of legitimate businesses as a cover for their fraudulent activity. To verify an employer, TWC suggests that job seekers independently confirm contact information for the company, specifically the human resources department, and call to verify the job posting.

TWC encourages individuals to check their bank or other online accounts for unusual activity if they suspect they are victims of a similar scam. To report suspicious activity, please call TWC's Fraud and Program Abuse Hotline at 800-252-3642. To avoid becoming a victim of scams, visit the Texas Office of the Attorney General online at www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/scams.shtml or www.onguardonline.gov/, managed by the Federal Trade Commission, for more information.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call 512-463-8942 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

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USDA Seeks Applications to Finance Construction and Rehabilitation of Rural Rental Housing

TEMPLE, TEXAS, May 21, 2014 - Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary Doug O'Brien today announced that USDA is seeking applications from eligible lenders for loan guarantees to finance the construction or rehabilitation of rural rental housing.

"Working to ensure that individuals and families in rural areas have safe, decent and affordable housing is a major part of USDA Rural Development's mission," O'Brien said. "USDA's housing programs make a real difference in the lives of thousands of rural Americans nationwide by helping them obtain housing opportunities that they might not otherwise have. Revitalizing rural rental housing helps create construction jobs and maintain safe and stable rural communities."

"Meeting the housing needs of rural Texans is a critical goal of the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "USDA Rural Development is committed to ensuring these

communities are provided the opportunity for affordable housing and an enhanced standard of living."

USDA is seeking proposals from lenders for loans under the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program. The Department plans to make up to \$150 million available. Approved applications from prior years' notices will be the first to receive funding.

Loan guarantees are available to construct, acquire and rehabilitate affordable rural rental housing. USDA will review responses submitted by eligible lenders, on the lender's letterhead, and signed by both the prospective borrower and lender. Although a complete application is not required in response to this notice, eligible lenders may submit a complete application with a response.

The response deadline is December 31, 2015 to the Texas USDA Rural Development State Office, 101 South Main Street, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501. Details are on page 29159 of the May 21, 2014 Fed-

eral Register or located online at HYPERLINK

"<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-21/pdf/2014-11733.pdf>." Selected responses that develop into complete applications will normally be funded with the fiscal year funds available on the date the application is completed.

Since 2009, USDA has provided new or rehabbed rental homes to 16,000 families through the Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way - strengthening America's economy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values.

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Land Stewardship: Providing water for Texans

AUSTIN - The Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD), Texas Wildlife Association and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board are joining other state agencies and organizations in a statewide campaign to highlight the important connection that exists between voluntary land stewardship and sustaining water availability. Soil & Water Stewardship Week will be held April 27th through May 4th. The campaign for this year is "Land Stewardship: Providing Water for Texans."

"Land management in rural areas directly affects the water availability for the 20 million Texans living in urban areas," said Johnny Ussery, Chair of the Stewardship Committee for the ATSWCD. "When we ably manage our resources on private lands, we enhance the water quantity for everyone in the state. Essentially private lands providing a public benefit"

Effective land stewardship increases the ability of open land to absorb rainfall, replenish aquifers, and ensure that water drains slowly and steadily into springs, streams, rivers and lakes - reducing runoff and helping to prevent flooding. Voluntary stewardship practices include things such as prescribed grazing management by ranchers, the use of cover crops by farmers, wildlife habitat enhancement, and the targeted removal of

invasive brush species. "Voluntary land stewardship is an efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable way to "create" more water for homes, businesses, recreation, agriculture, and wildlife," Ussery said.

Soil and water conservation performed in urban areas can also help supplement land stewardship efforts in rural ones.

"Urban Texans can become involved by practicing effective land stewardship at home, and in their neighborhoods, schools, and businesses," Ussery said. "Small efforts, such as using plants in our home landscaping that require little water, can add up to major water conservation when practiced by millions of people across the state."

Partnering organizations in the "Land Stewardship: Providing Water for Texans" public awareness campaign include Ducks Unlimited, the Nature Conservancy of Texas, Texas A&M AgriLife's Texas Water Resources Institute, Texas A&M Forest Service, Texas Agricultural Land Trust, Texas Department of Agriculture, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Texas Coalition Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative, Texas Association of Dairymen, South Texans' Property Rights Association, Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas, South Texas Cotton and Grain

Association, Texas Forestry Association, Texas HORSE, Texas Deer Association, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Texas Poultry Federation, Texas Corn Producers, Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association, Taking Care of Texas, Trinity Waters, Texas Pork Producers, Quail Coalition, Plateau Land & Wildlife Management, and Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society.

For more information on "Land Stewardship: Providing Water for Texans," please visit www.tsswcb.texas.gov.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts. The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program to increase available surface and ground water through the targeted control of water-depleting brush; works to ensure the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property; and facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

USDA Announces Funding to Spur Local and Regional Economic Growth in America's Rural Communities

TEMPLE, TEXAS, May 20, 2014 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced the availability of funding to promote long-term economic growth and community vitality in rural areas. With the announcement, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites applications for funding through two community and economic development programs administered by USDA Rural Development.

"USDA is committed to helping rural communities access the resources they need to implement strategies that will invigorate the economy, reduce poverty and enhance the quality of life in our small towns and rural areas for years to come," Vilsack said.

"USDA Rural Development's mission is to provide assistance that will increase the economic conditions of rural communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director. "By providing these grants, we promote sustainable economic development in rural communities and regions with exceptional needs."

The announcement includes \$30.6 million in zero-interest loans and \$9.2 million in grants to establish revolving loan funds that finance business and economic development activities in rural areas. Applications for these funds will be accepted through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program. Rural utilities that are eligible for USDA financing under the Rural Electrification Act and have the capacity to serve as intermediary lenders may apply to USDA Rural Development to administer the funds locally for the benefit of specifically identified projects. These intermediaries re-lend REDLG funds at zero percent to assist with business startup and expansion, business technical assistance and job training, and community facilities projects that support economic development. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis at the Texas State Office, 101 South Main Street, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501. Applications received by 4:30 p.m. on the last business day of each month will be considered for funding the following month. More information can be found on page 25101 of the May 2, 2014 Federal Register or online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-02/pdf/2014-10096.pdf>."

In addition, USDA announces the availability of two individual grants from funds appropriated for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program: a single \$500,000 grant for rural transportation projects and a single \$250,000 grant for Federally Recognized Native American Tribes. Funds may be used to provide technical assistance and training to help rural communities improve passenger transportation services or facilities. Applications must be received in the Texas State Office, 101 South Main Street, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 1, 2014. More information can be found on page 25098 of the May 2, 2014 Federal Register or

online at HYPERLINK "<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-05-02/pdf/2014-10084.pdf>."

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Spring and Summer Trouble-Pet Skin Problems

In most of the country, spring and summer is the time to be on the lookout for parasites-that is tough little ticks, fleas and other nasty pests which can cause serious skin problems for our pets. Also, pollens and other allergens can aggravate the immune system causing numerous other allergy and skin related problems.

These are some points to remember: 1) Scratching and itching can be year round problems for many cats, dogs and birds, but skin diseases often get an extra boost about the time summer starts. 2) Some animals are affected more seriously than others. For example, fleas can be devastating to some very young dogs and cats, while other animals don't exhibit symptoms until after they mature. 3) Warm weather plant growth can revive allergies, particularly in humid climates, and parasites can make the allergic animal even more miserable. 4) An infestation of ticks can cause great discomfort to a dog, as well as contribute to generalized skin problems. Ticks sometimes remove so much blood that they contribute to the death of the dog from anemia. But a much more serious threat is posed by diseases transmitted by ticks from infected to non-infected dogs. Ehrlichia, Lyme and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever are diagnosed on a regular basis and these can also be transmitted to humans. These tick-borne diseases are spreading to new areas and it is predicted that their seriousness will increase.

Since scratching and itching are so common, why should you be especially concerned?

First, your suffering animal friend can become grouchy from the constant irritation. Gradually, it may become unhappy and foul smelling, a very unpleasant version of that friendly

pet which was once so easy to love.

Second, many skin diseases can become virtually impossible to treat successfully if you don't get professional help before the problem reaches an advanced stage.

Third, painful skin lesions often called "hotspots" occur when your pet continues to lick and chew any part of its body that is itching and burning. If allowed to go untreated, large areas (sometimes, the width of two hands) may quickly develop that can eventually require drying lotions and antibiotics and even sedation and restraining devices to stop the agony your pet will experience.

What can you do to help your pet avoid suffering needlessly while also avoiding big bills for you?

Begin by watching carefully for any symptom or pattern (such as scratching or irritability which may be caused by lack of sleep due to continuous itching) your watchfulness can help pinpoint the professional diagnosis that's a must for an early, effective and low cost treatment.

Another step to take is to control parasites which create the trouble. Products are available which are effective in killing ticks, fleas and other pests. Since some work better than others, get professional advice on products and usage before you spend your money.

Remember, de-fleaing or de-ticking your pet once or twice a season, or on a regular basis, isn't enough. The only real solution is to remove the pests from your pet's environment, and this means controlling the sources in your home and yard. The good news is that once the insect population is under control, it's fairly easy to maintain a pest free environment.

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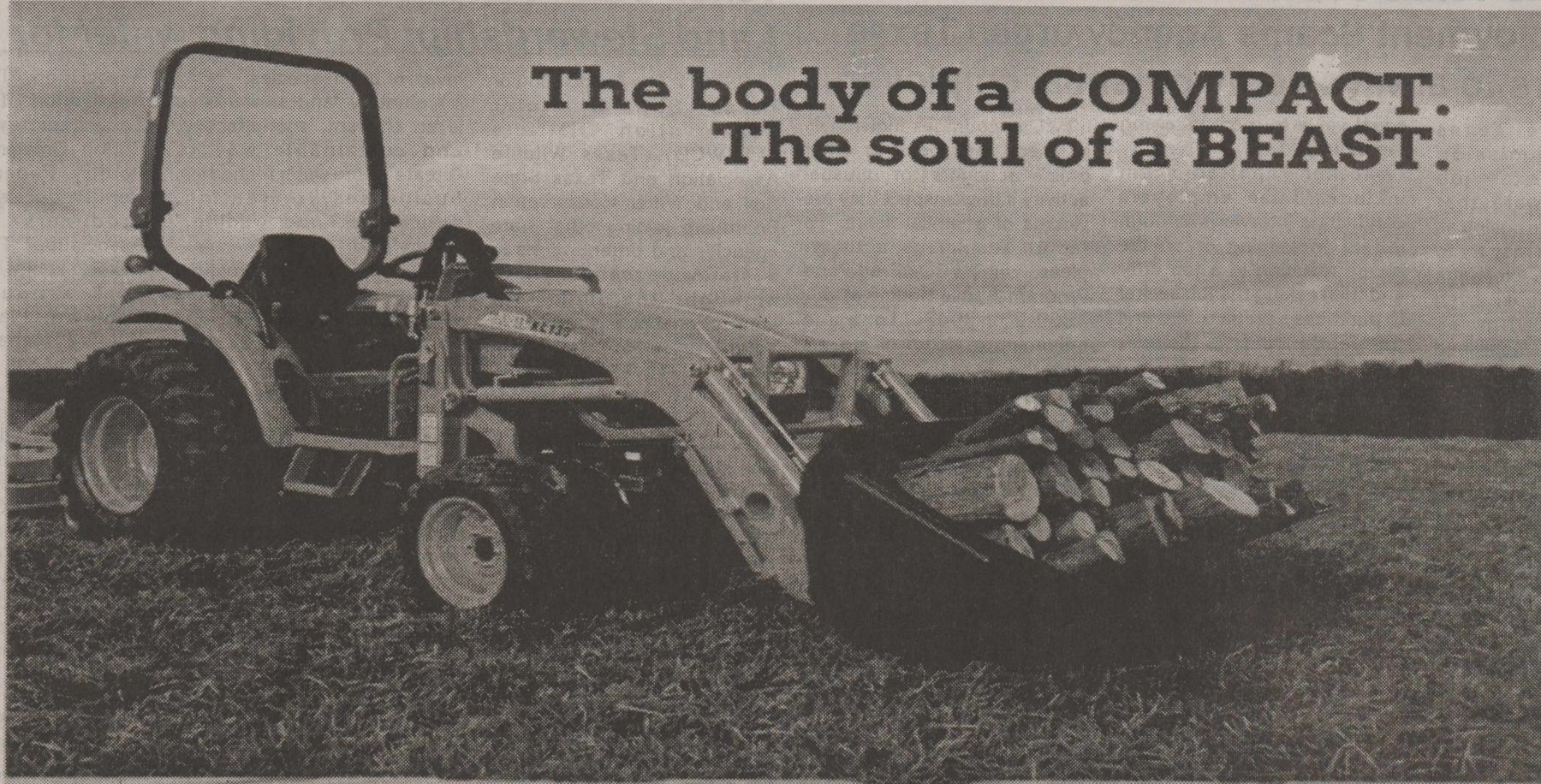
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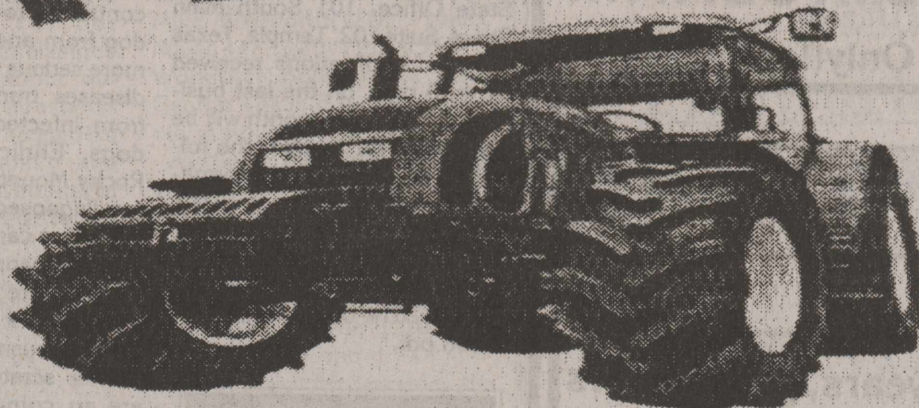
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