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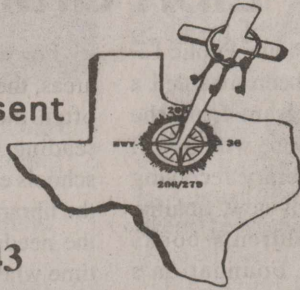
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## Happy 4th of July!



"Fizz! Boom, Read" Summer Reading Program takes a field trip tour of Cross Plains Post Office!

### "Fizz! Boom, Read", Summer Reading Program

The second week of the Library's Summer Reading Program, "Fizz! Boom, Read" was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Sue Bennet presented a program and hands on project about trees for children 6 years and younger beginning at 1:00 p.m.

A short program on stamp collecting by Helen Parson started at 2:00 p.m.

Then 47 children and parents went on a field trip tour of the Cross Plains Post Office. Post Master Brent Gray and assistant Bobbie Matthews, did a great tour of the inside of the Post Of-

fice. They explained the receiving, sorting and delivery of mail to the children. They were presented coloring books about the mail.

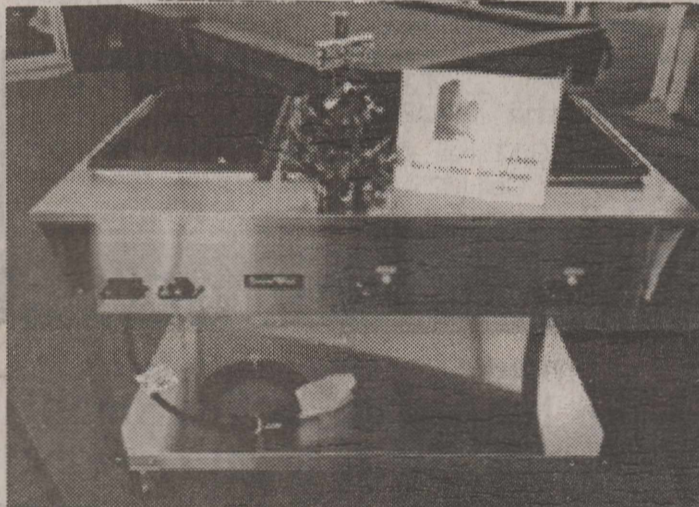
Following the tour, several examined Helen's stamp collec-

tion. Wednesday, July 2nd will be a movie day for all the children beginning at 1:15. Mark your calendars parents and bring your children for "The Iron Giant!"



With the hot temperatures, banana splits hit the spot as 53 people gathered at the Senior Center to recognize Shyler Tillery as she prepares to leave for FCCLA National Competition next week. Shyler researched and presented a program on Down Syndrome Awareness, with Madison Foster as her inspiration.

To show Shyler how proud Cross Plains is of all she has accomplished, a money tree with the limbs overflowing will provide her \$349.00 spending money for her trip. Congratulations and Good Luck at Nationals.



### Santa in Cross Plains?

Santa Has Been in Cross Plains. It may be summertime, but the Cross Plains Santa Project is "Sharing the Spirit of Christmas, All Year Long". Last December, Santa began this special program and many people have been blessed with random acts of kindness, and

now a bright, shiny, 3-well Steam Serving Table and serving pans have been delivered to the Cross Plains Senior Center. Thank you to the anonymous donors who are so generous to the people of Cross Plains.

### Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Cake - A great way to celebrate the 4th of July

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs in front of Lowe's Market on Friday, July 4th. Hamburgers will be only \$3 and hot dogs just \$1. Stop by and get one (or several) fresh off the grill! Cheeseburgers and Jalapeno burgers are available for \$3 as well.

There will also be a bake sale at same time, also benefiting the Cross Plains VFD. Pick up something sweet for the holiday. If you'd like to bake some-

thing for the sale, it will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from the bake sale and the hamburgers and hotdogs go toward the CPVFD's new building. The outside of the building is completed, but donations are needed to complete the inside of the building including the electricity and plumbing.

If you need more information on the July 4th bake sale and cookout, please contact Joe Terstege at 254-725-7281.

### July 4th Celebration

The City of Cross Plains & the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for this year's July 4th festivities. The event will be held at Treadway Park from 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The City is providing live music, free hot dogs, 42 tournament, horseshoes and a firework show. The Chamber of Commerce will have a bounce house for the kids (Sponsored by the Methodist Church of Cross Plains), and Bingo with great prizes. As always the firework show starting at dark, bring your lawn chairs! This year's entertainment will be provided by the Jason Ryan Band and will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Chamber is still taking prizes for this year's bingo. We have had some great items donated so far.

If you would be interested in donating a prize to the July 4th Bingo please call Myleah at 254-725-7251 to pick up the item, or drop it off at my office located at 225 SW 5th St. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

We hope to see you at the festivities!

### 42 Tournament to be held at 4th of July Festivities

There will be a "42 Tournament" at the 4th of July Festivities. The tournament starts at 4:00 p.m. and all contestants wanting to participate will need to be there by this time.

There will be prizes for 1st and 2nd place winners.



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### Ice Cream Crank-off on Saturday

The annual home-made ice cream crank-off at the Methodist Church is just around the corner. Saturday,

July 5 will mark the 5th year of this fun competition to see who wins the coveted "Ice Cream Crank-off Champion" crown.

Entries for the competition need to be in the kitchen of the Church by 4:00; packed in ice that will keep the tank frozen for about an hour.

A panel of judges will determine the winners in the "VANILLA" and "NON-VANILLA" categories. The official "flavorologists" will judge all the entries for taste, texture and marketability. In addition, the vanilla entries will be judged on color and the non-vanilla entries will be judged on additives used. In the past, folks have gotten quite creative with peaches, blueberries, malt balls, pecans, bananas and pure chocolate to die for.

A second category of judging will be the People's Choice voting that will take place after the official judging is completed. Those in attendance will receive one token to place on the tank of their choice.

Each individual entry will have their scores from the "flavorologists" combined with the points received in the People's Choice to determine the "Ice Cream Crank-off Champion, 2014."

Outdoor games will be available in the park area while the judging is taking place. Hot dogs will be ready to eat around 5:00 and the ice cream sampling and serious eating will begin around the same time.

People are also encouraged to bring their favorite ice cream to share without entering it in the competition.

What better way to celebrate the 4th of July than with home-made ice cream, hot dogs and visiting with friends and neighbors.

### Fireworks display at dark both nights Festival by the Lake is this Friday and Saturday

The 2014 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for this 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](http://www.clydeamerica.com). Clyde Lake is located 8 miles south of Interstate 20, east of FM 604, at FM 3217.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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### Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am  
Services held at 18071 CR 421, Cross Plains  
(1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)

**Al Taylor, Preacher**

Phone: 254-725-7522

Cell Phone: 325-370-6680



### Pioneer Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Dwaine Clowers  
**Music Director:** Barbara Jo Medley

Sunday School.....10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

Restoring And Equipping The Saints

Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

Pastor Max Evans

For Information Call (254) 725-7418

### Rowden Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Wayne Lenz  
**Music:** Karen Lenz & Diane Woods

Bible Study...10:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am

2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM

Thomas Estes, Pastor  
Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor

Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

### First Presbyterian Church

Sunday Service 9:00 AM  
Music- Connie Swift  
Lead Singers: 4His Glory  
**Pastor Kathy Monroe**  
208 N. Ave. D

### CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

433 North Main Street  
Cross Plains, Texas 76443  
Minister: RICK AUSTIN

SUNDAY:

Morning Worship: 10:45 A.M.  
Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship: 6:00P.M.  
Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.  
Ladies Class - Wednesday:  
10:00A.M. (at the church activity  
center on East Hwy 36)  
Office: (254-725-6117)  
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

## Cross Plains Public Library awarded Libri Grant

The Cross Plains Public Library has just been awarded a matching 2-1 grant from the Libri Foundation, which will result in our library receiving \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books through the Foundation's BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. The Libri Foundation works with libraries because they believe in community involvement and want to encourage and reward local support of libraries.

The Libri Foundation was established in 1989 for the sole purpose of helping rural libraries acquire new, quality, hardcover children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$5,800,000 worth of new children's books to more than 3,300 libraries in all 50 states.

The Foundation supports the concept that children who learn to enjoy reading at an early age continue to read throughout their lives. In order to develop a love of reading, children must have access to books which stretch their imaginations, touch their emotions, expand their horizons.

For many children in rural areas, the local public library is often their primary source of reading material. Many rural schools either have no library or the library is inadequate to meet the needs of the students. At a time when more and more children and their parents and teachers are using the public library, these same libraries are facing increasing financial hardships and are unable to buy the books their young readers need.

Books will be selected from the Foundation's 600-title booklist, and most of our selections will be geared toward readers age 8-12, and grades 3-6. This booklist has been highly praised by participating librarians for the quality and variety of fiction and nonfiction titles offered. The majority of books have been published within the last three years, but old favorites are also offered. All of the books have been highly recommended by recognized authorities in the library and education fields.

Once our books are received, watch for details and visit the library to check out the new books.

## Citizens and property owners of Cross Plains

The City of Cross Plains would like to remind its citizens of the Nuisance & Weed Ordinance. Due to the recent rains that we have received, the weeds have grown tall and over the limit for what the Ordinance calls for.

If you own lots that have not been mowed, please take care of

having them mowed to avoid the City having the lots mowed and billing you for the service. If the invoice is not paid within 30 days the city will attach a lien against your property. If you have any questions concerning the Ordinance, please contact City Hall @ 254.725.6114.

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Kevin Morton, Pastor  
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.  
1000 North Main Street  
www.gbmg-umc.org/crossplains/

**First Baptist Church**  
Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:30  
Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.  
Ronnie B. White, Pastor  
Tim Tolosa, Worship/Discipleship  
Jared Huntley/Students  
(254) 725-7629 301 N. Main, Cross Plains, TX 76443  
www.firstbaptistcp.com

## OBITUARIES

### DEATH NOTICE



Connie Ray Hutson

### Connie Ray Hutson

Connie Ray Hutson passed away Sunday June 1, 2014, at Christopher House, Austin, Texas, three days after his 80th birthday.

Born in Williams, Texas, (formerly Blake), on May 29, 1934, the fourth child of Herbert Henry and Mary Bertha (Witt) Hutson, he lived his young years in Cross Plains, Texas, along with his two sisters, Charlene and Nedra Jean, and two brothers, J.C. and Don and attended Cross Plains High School. It was there he learned the lessons of family and community that stayed with him all his life. He kept his memories of those small town folks in his heart. It was that background that enriched his later family life with his wife and four sons.

On Pearl Harbor Day, 1951, at the age of 17, Connie enlisted in the U.S. Army and was subsequently sent to Korea for fifteen months. He served his country with honor under intense combat conditions, before returning home to wildcat in numerous oil fields across West Texas and New Mexico.

Connie's successive jobs included driving municipal buses in Houston and Austin in the 1960's before joining the City of Austin, where he worked at all three power plants, Seaholm, Holly and Decker from which he retired in May, 1987. He then enjoyed his lifelong interest in antiques, opening "Ray's Relics" in Georgetown, Texas. His last years were spent in Denver, Colorado, with a son and two grandchildren.

After a private visitation in Austin, Connie was laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery in San Antonio. Letters of condolences from those who remember Connie would be appreciated and can be sent to his son, John Hutson in care of Cook-Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78752.

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116 S.E. 1st Street

**Love Fund**  
A Love Fund has been opened for Rickey Thomas at Texas Heritage Bank for medical Expenses!

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

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

### Cecil Ray Byrd

Cecil Ray Byrd, age 64 of Cross Plains passed away Monday, June 23, 2014 in Abilene, The Family will have a private memorial Service at a later date.

## 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. Tickets now available for \$20 at the Chamber Office, City Hall, and Texas Heritage Bank.

**Cross Plains Review Needs You!**  
We need any interesting stories, any pictures (old or new), so we can concentrate on our amazing community!  
Give us a call at (254) 725-6111 or fax us at (254) 725-7225 or email us at crossplainsreview@earthlink.net

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



## A Prayer Returned

### Sale of childrens book "A Prayer Returned" to benefit Senior Center

Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words is quoted, "I've learned.... that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person."

City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Senior Center knows how true these words are and how vital the Center is for our aging population, and we have to continually find ways to raise operating money.

Cross Plains is fortunate to have very talented people who share their gifts with the community. James Nichols and Linda Slaymaker have joined their

abilities to write and illustrate a book for children, A Prayer Returned. The proceeds from the sale of this book will benefit the Senior Center.

To offset the cost of printing the books, we would like to give you the opportunity to be a sponsor. As a sponsor you or your business will be recognized for your support of the Cross Plains Senior Center.

Please call (254) 725-6521 or stop by 108 N. Main St. for more information.

Your support is very much appreciated.

## Courthouse News

### Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Daniel L. Branton, theft by check.

Dwayne K. McCoy, theft by check.

Steven N. Skiles, theft by check.

Kelsey L. Smith, criminal mischief.

George M. Carr II, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Daniel Vasquez, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Jacey L. Sellers, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Nichole M. Ybarra, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Tammy Hooper, motion to dismiss to harassment granted, insufficient evidence.

Shannon Newman, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Nicholas W. Morgan, motion to dismiss to harassment granted for plea to other case.

Cody Lee Allen, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Wayne Teague, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated (DWI), 30 days in jail, \$429 court costs.

Matthew R. Prickett, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Sheila S. Garcia, plea of guilty to theft by check granted, 18 month probation, \$319 court costs, \$499.47 restitution.

Evan J. Guajardo, plea of guilty to DWI, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Sabrina E. McKinley, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$269 court costs.

Deangelo M. Dickerson, plea of guilty to DWI, 6 month probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Deangelo M. Dickerson, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Shane L. Hailey, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$268 court costs.

Shane L. Hailey, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Dillon G. James, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Diane Green, plea of guilty to keeping a gambling place, \$200 fine, \$269 court costs.

Nicholas W. Morgan, plea of guilty to assault, family violence, 45 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Gary Bowen, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$429 court costs.

Ronald Lee Willis, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Tyler A. Saucedo, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$319 court costs.

Tyler A. Saucedo, order amending conditions of probation granted.

### 42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

#### Civil Filings

Ramona J. Brown and Gary N. Brown, divorce.

Kelley Shawn McLaughlin and Kelly Don McLaughlin, divorce.

Oscar Brad Watson and Lisa Renee Watson, divorce.

Kimberlie Dawn McPherson and Michael Shane McPherson, divorce.

Lyndon Dean Boyd and Cynthia Lynn Boyd, divorce.

Gabriela Alexys Williams and Jason Wayne Williams, divorce.

Crystal Conway and Sean E. Conway, divorce.

Sunoco Pipeline L. P. vs. Deep Creek Interests, LLC and Capital Farm Credit, FLCA fka First Ag Credit, FLCA; eminent domain, condemnation.

Francesca Anna Hafner and Billy George Hafner III, divorce.

Jason White and Bethany White, divorce.

Natalie Rhea Martinez, change of name of adult.

## 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.

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 Call Joe at 966-928-2115 for details  
 Apply: [schneiderjobs.com/newjobs](http://schneiderjobs.com/newjobs)

**ANNUAL BAIRD SUMMER SIZZLE COOK-OFF**  
**July 18 & 19**

Meat: Brisket, Ribs & Chicken \$75.00  
 One Meat (1) \$30.00  
**Jackpot: Beans & Dessert (Apple or Peach) \$30.00**  
 Contact Christy King for more information 325-669-6363

**CALLAHAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE**  
 U Ranch Sorting - July 19  
 U 2 Man Team \$20.00 per Person  
 U 50% Pay Back  
 Contact Steve Goldsmith for more information 325-618-6805

**Dance-Rodeo Pavilion**  
 Across from Sheriff's Posse Arena

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We will be closed Fri. & Sat. July 4th & 5th in observance of Independence Day. Have a Safe & Happy Holiday!

**VBS Vacation Bible School**

**Place: Triple Cross Cowboy Church**  
 1807 CR 421 Cross Plains Tx

**Time : 5:30p.m. -8:15 p.m.**

**Date : July 7th-11th.**

**For more Information call Chasity 325-201-7361**

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## Senior Citizens Center Activities

July 7th-11th

Monday-7th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-8th Exercise 11:00 /Guardian Home Health Manicures

Wednesday-9th Exercise 11:00/ Blood Pressure  
Girling Home Health

Thursday -10th Exercise 10:45/Bingo 11:15

Friday - 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

July 7th - July 11th

Monday 7th- Brisket on a Bun, Onions/ Pickles, Chips, Jello, Fruit  
Tuesday 8th -Smothered Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert  
Wednesday 9th - Salisbury Steak, potatoes, Turnip Greens, Bread, Dessert  
Thursday 10th - Fish Sticks, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Hush pippies, Dessert  
Friday 11th -Chili Dogs, Cheese, Onion, Relish, Pork-N-Beans, Oven Fries, Cookie

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

## Food Protection Management Training Course Available to Food Service Establishments

A two-day Food Protection Management training for food service managers in the Big Country area will be held July 21st and July 22, 2014. It will be held at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the Taylor County Expo grounds in Abilene from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days.

The training will allow food establishments permitted by the Texas Department of Health to meet their certification requirements if they pass the exam. The exam being used is the National Restaurant Association's ServSafe exam. The class covers twelve food safety concepts related to personal hygiene, cross contami-

nation, time and temperature, sanitation, pest management, foodborne illness and related areas. The course is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Jones, Runnels, and Taylor Counties and the Environmental Section of the City of Abilene.

Cost for the class is \$125, which includes the course book and exam. Registration deadline is Tuesday, July 1. Registration information is available by calling the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048, or the Jones County Extension Office at 325-823-2432. You may also access a downloadable registration form at <http://taylor.agrilife.org>.

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### Immunization Clinic in Clyde July 16th

The Texas Department of State Health Services has set up an immunization clinic in Clyde on Wednesday July 16th for children with Medicaid, no insurance, or underinsured and adults with no insurance. The Clinic will be open from 10am-12pm & 1:30pm-3pm, at the First Baptist Church located at 216 Austin.

For your convenience please call to schedule an appointment. If no answer leave a message. Please bring child's immunization records. If on Medicaid or Medicare, please bring the card. For more information please call 325-754-4945.

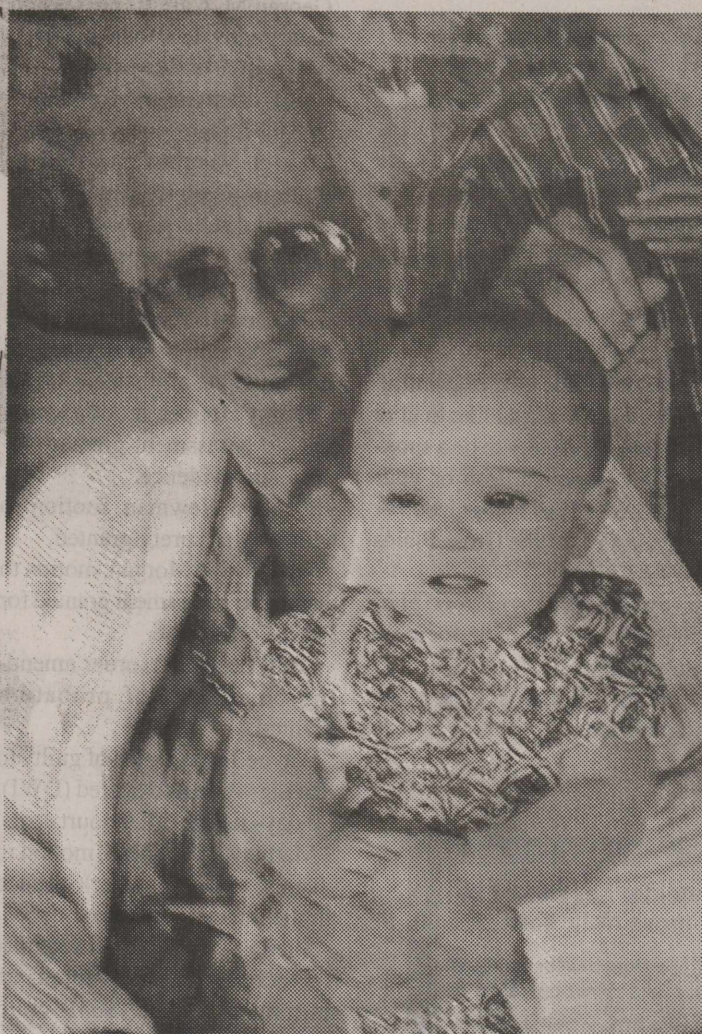
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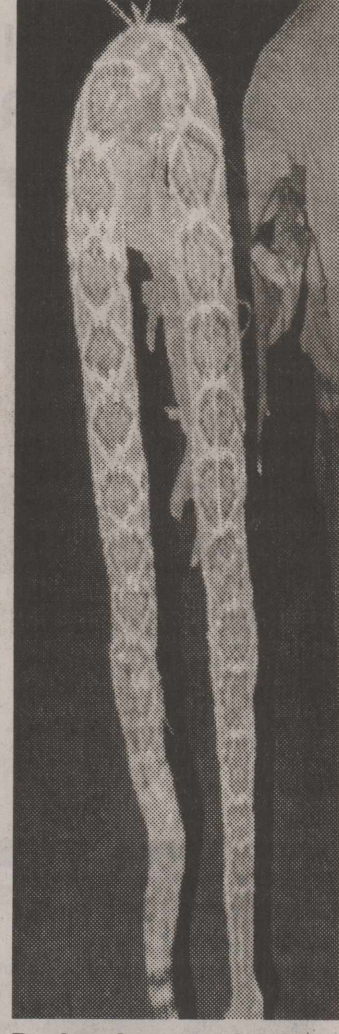
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Nickerson Reunion- Left to right, Jackie and Cecil Nickerson, Juanita Dial, Rueben Nickerson, and Nadine Nickerson.



Oldest and youngest attendees at the Nickerson Reunion! Juanita Dial, 82 years old, holding little Shyanne Pennington, 7 months old. Shyanne is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Jo Pennington, granddaughter of Bill and Annette Nickerson and great granddaughter of Dena Nickerson.



Rattlesnake over 6 foot long! The rattlesnake that bit "Hank" and "Luke", Russ and Diana Miller's dogs.

## Cottonwood News By Beverly Brown

Last week we mentioned that Russ and Diana Miller's Dog Luke had been bitten by a rattlesnake. Now, their other dog Hank has been bitten. Both dogs are recovering. The rattlesnake has been killed. He was over 6 ft. long with 6 rattles. Keep a watch out for snakes. They are bad this year.

We have a correction to make: Carlisle and Summer Albrecht's new baby boy is named August Hugo. There was a typo in the column on the announcement of his birth. No, Carlisle, your mom didn't goof.

Mara Sue Albrecht, daughter of Emma Sue Albrecht of Fort Worth, celebrated her 4th birthday on Sunday at her grandmother's Barbara and Donnie Worley's home. Family members from Cottonwood were there - Lee and Gayla Creamer, Victoria and Nathan; Carlisle and Summer Albrecht and sons, Graydon, Theron, William and August; Forest and Jessica Creamer and sons Parker and Alex. Mara is visiting with her aunt and uncle, Gayla and Lee Creamer, this week.

Our sympathy goes out to the Weaver family. Monty and Shirley Weaver Byrd's son Dean Byrd passed away on Wednesday, June 25. He was 59 and leaves two daughters and a son, as well as his parents and his sisters Cheryl Smitherman

and Roseanne Laws. Our hearts go out to you, Shirley.

It was sad to hear of the passing of Daisy (Kent) King. She was raised here in Cottonwood and was a sister of Inez (Kent) Ingram. We always enjoyed visiting with Daisy at the Cottonwood Musical and on the bench in front of the grocery store. Daisy was 96.

Independence Day is this Friday. Be extremely careful with fireworks, firecrackers, sparklers, etc. July 4th is also a good time for a bake sale and a cookout, which is what will be going on at Lowe's Market in Cross Plains on the 4th. The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is holding a bake sale in front of Lowe's Market - cookies, pies, cakes and all kinds of goodies. If you'd like to bake something for the sale, I know they would appreciate it. Also, they'll be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs - right outside the store. Hamburgers are \$3 and Hotdogs just \$1. So, stop by and get a burger, a hotdog and something sweet and help out the CPVFD.

The 2014 Nickerson Family Reunion was hosted by Bill & Annette Nickerson at their home in Cottonwood. Guests who attended were: Rueben Nickerson & granddaughter Angela of Buffalo, Texas;

Juanita Dial of Dayton, Texas; Larry Carlos of Goodrich, Texas; Michael, Sandy, Sydney Gilbreath & Samantha & Tristan Smith, all of Moody, Texas; And: Nadine Nickerson of Cottonwood; Glynn Nickerson & Olga Villalobos of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas; Matt & Nichole Nickerson of Abilene; Willie, Jenny, Autum, Cadence & Barrett Nickerson of Cross Plains; Cooter, Jessica, Haylee & Augustus Nickerson of Cross Plains; Joseph, Mary Jo, Wyatt & Shyanne Pennington of Southlake Texas; Randall & Kathy Franke of Abilene; Jeremy, Whitney & Jewel Franke of Abilene; Armando, Amy, Abigail, Garrett, & Greyson Felan of Abilene; Kellie & Jayden Dodson of Abilene; Curtis, Dena Jo, Jeff, Madison, Logan, Carson & Gavin Hines of Weatherford; Dustin, Julie & Allie Kate Hofmann of Abilene; Connie, Porcious, Kara, Katelyn, Trenton, Alaina & Langly Potter, all of Cross Plains; Gerald, Rickie, Braxton & Lawson Brown of Cross Plains; (Also: Jackie & Cecil Nickerson of Conroe, Texas; Randy, Karen, Mason, Randa Nickerson of Houston; Steven Nickerson of Magnolia, Texas; Chase, Jaysea & Bayleigh Rhodes of Marquez, Texas and Scott & Barbara Taylor of Carrollton, Texas.

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## Texas A&M Forest Service urges caution during July 4th holiday

COLLEGE STATION - There are many ways to celebrate July 4th, and while sitting by the campfire, grilling a favorite dish, or using fireworks are common activities - they could spark a wildfire.

According to Texas A&M Forest Service Prevention Specialist Jan Amen, 90 percent of wildfires are started by humans, so it is imperative to be mindful of the risk of starting a fire - even with recent rainfall.

"In Texas there are currently no areas of concern over the holiday but it's still important locally to be careful with the use of fireworks," Texas A&M Forest Service Predictive Services Department Head Tom Spencer said. "It's still possible to start a fire."

Due to the recent rains in May and June the potential for wildfire has decreased across much of the state. However, TFS encourages everyone to use caution and stay safe this Independence Day.

### Fireworks safety tips:

- Before you celebrate, always check with local government officials to ensure fireworks and outdoor burning are allowed in your county. Be sure to comply with all restrictions.

- Read and follow all warnings and instruction labels on fireworks.

- Use fireworks only under close adult supervision and in safe areas away from structures, dry grass and brush.

- Keep a hose, bucket of water and wet towels nearby in case of a malfunction or fire.

- Dispose of used fireworks in a bucket of water.

- Never ignite fireworks in a container, especially a glass or metal container.

Note: Burn bans and fireworks restrictions are determined by county government. Texas A&M Forest Service does not take a position on the use of fireworks, nor does the agency determine, set or lift restrictions.

## CHRISTIAN VALUES SERVICE

TODAY America faces a crisis of leadership: leadership in our families, in our communities, and in our nation. TODAY, the Constitutional and Biblical principles that retain the values of our faith, our families, and freedoms are in danger. On Wednesday, July 2nd at 6:30pm, the First Baptist Church in Eastland will host a special CHRISTIAN VALUES SERVICE. The FBC praise team will lead the gathering in worship. Speakers Shawn Brewer and Jerry Maston will explain why every citizen should get involved in regard to issues we are facing today; issues regarded by many to be political when in fact they are primarily moral and ethical. The public is invited. No registration or admission required. There are plenty of ways you can make a difference. Find out how. Free materials will be available.

Speaker information: Shawn Brewer is Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Eastland. Speaker Jerry Maston is the founder of Leadership Always and Senior Pastor of River Of Life Church in Eastland. The First Baptist Church is located at 405 South Seaman Street, Eastland. For more contact 254-629-3355 or 254-629-1015. WEDNESDAY - JULY 2 - 6:30PM

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### June 30

Jerry (Koenig) Johnson  
Linda (Cowan) O'Dell  
Bobbie Newton  
Fred Butler  
Russell Chapman  
Elizabeth Cohn  
Tommy Johnston  
James Caffey

### July 1

Brayden Todd Barrett Kennedy  
Aubrey Childers  
Gary Ledbetter  
Harold Mobley  
Orville Black  
Deborah (Tennison) Christenson  
Susan Moseley  
Charles D. Proctor  
LaTrisha (Curry) Clark  
Jodi Lynn Payne

### July 2

Cody Smith  
Danny Fritchlee  
JoJo (Koenig) Morgan  
Sharon Gilmore Barnes  
Barbara (Shocklee) Hinkle  
Vira Earl Hooks  
Mrs. Billy Wayne Teague  
Ricky Dean Walton  
G.M. McConal

### June 26

Leah (King) Orum  
Anne Rone  
Marlene Cowan  
Florine Forbes  
Ronnie Wilson  
Mrs. Ben Wagner  
Allisha Branham  
Janet Moore  
Sharon (Walker) Harris  
Tara Barnett  
Ashley Wagner  
Jacob Collier

### June 27

Connie Swift  
Alan Duane Hutchins  
Stephen Wagner  
Ron Ricci  
Colton Bonner McWilliams  
B.J. Wood  
Bandy Luke Johnson

### June 28

Matt McGowen  
Mitchell Lewis  
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Chand Franke  
Jerry Payne  
Zada Bell Dickey  
Judy Luter  
Karla Ranae Wiggins  
June Walker  
Johnny Markham  
Julie Bishop Mann  
Mrs. Wayne Knowles

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## Callahan County Riding Club 2014 Schedule

July: Sat. July 12th, Sat. Jul 19th

August: Sat. Aug 2nd, Sat. Aug 9th, Sat. Aug 23rd, Sat. Aug 30th

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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### ACROSS

- Lake \_\_\_\_\_
- Pines in East TX \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ like death warmed over"
- TXism: "sounds like a dry \_\_\_\_\_ (bad singer)"
- TXism: "useless as party \_\_\_\_\_ on a pig"
- TX Charley Pride's "Then Who \_\_\_\_\_"
- "Dallas" question: "\_\_\_\_\_ J.R.?"
- astronaut drink in Hidalgo Co. on hwy. 88
- no longer influential in TX: \_\_\_\_\_ Klux Klan
- look intently
- "yaya \_\_\_\_\_ dios"
- grab
- TXism: "I'm \_\_\_\_\_ trouble"
- Austin univ. \_\_\_\_\_
- "Honor the TX flag, I pledge allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Texas"
- TX-born Tracy Lawrence's "Today's Lonely \_\_\_\_\_" (1992)
- it makes Dr. Pepper "Diet" \_\_\_\_\_ Sweet
- TX Audie Murphy "52 film." \_\_\_\_\_ Creek
- money substitute
- TXism: "two- \_\_\_\_\_ (bad horse)"
- dir. to Abilene from Amarillo
- TX Dan Blocker's "Bonanza" role
- TXism: "got \_\_\_\_\_ trigger finger"

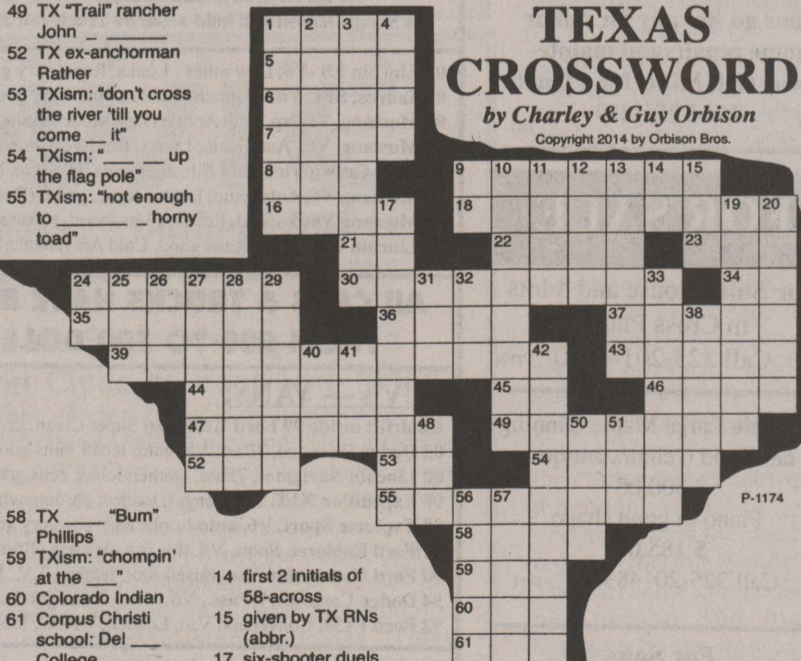
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- TXism: "at the drop \_\_\_\_\_"
- lake near Denison
- Finland city where TX Browning won gold in diving
- Gen. Robert \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthau of TX-made "JFK" (init.)
- TXism: "ain't got a prayer"
- De Leon h.s. class
- Texas Two- \_\_\_\_\_
- birds at TX Armand Bayou Nature Ctr.
- first 2 initials of 58-across given by TX RNs (abbr.)
- six-shooter duels
- the Alamo is no. 1 in the state for this
- how TX Ginger & Astaire danced in many films (2 wds.)
- Jo, TX \_\_\_\_\_ off (sleep)
- this Killeen sch. became UCT in 1989 - today, it's TAMU-CT
- TX-made "\_\_\_\_\_ News Bears ..."
- in Collin Co. on 289
- novel by TX Sandra Brown: "Slow \_\_\_\_\_ Heaven" ('88)
- explosive letters

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- Carswell AFB had largest wing of this defem. unit (abbr.)
- seeker of best TX athletes
- TXism: "he'll kick \_\_\_\_\_ into a funeral home" (mean horse)
- what Ranger Yu Darvish does
- TX-based franchise Pizza \_\_\_\_\_
- book by 58-across: "He Ain't \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ hook" (fish)

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**Commissioners hire consultant for Courthouse Preservation Repair Plan**

The Callahan County Commissioners approved the hiring of a consultant for the Courthouse Preservation Repair Plan during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, June 23rd at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn recommended hiring Jack Clark at \$100.00 per hour, as the Consultant for the Courthouse Preservation Repair Plan.

Commissioner Cliff Kirkham made a motion to hire Clark and Commissioner Bryan Farmer seconded the motion, with the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

On Friday, June 13th, the Callahan County Commissioners' voted to accept the full grant of \$450,000 from the Texas Historical Commission for the windows and electrical updates subject to financing through Certificates of Obligation.

The commissioners' court approved the full grant amount of \$450,000 from the Texas Historical Commission. Judge Corn said in the Master Plan for the courthouse renovations, the entire building will be rewired and new windows will be installed in the four story courthouse. He said the construction work is estimated at \$1.7 million and the grant Callahan County has been awarded is approximately \$450,000.

Judge Corn said Callahan County will fund approximately \$1.2 million of the entire project. He said the county commissioners will be using Certificates of Obligation to fund its portion of the project.

Callahan County's Courthouse was constructed in 1928.

The commissioners' court also discussed with Gordon Marchant of Komatsu Architecture on the Courthouse Preservation Repair Plan scope of work. A future commissioners' court meeting was agreed by all to be held on Monday, July 14th. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to have Gordon Marchant get estimates on A/C and heating units and Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court meeting Monday, June 23rd included:

- The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and Chief Deputy Clerk Nancy Charlton present. Also attending the meeting were County Sheriff Terry Joy, Julie Lemon, Phil Williams, Marion Scott, Arnie Smith, Charlie Upchurch, Jim Stapleton, Geneva Williams and Sammy Wilson.
- The minutes from the previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.
- Under public comment, there was none.
- No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains lifted in Callahan County.
- No action was taken on the CERTZ (County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone) grant.
- No action was taken following discussion regarding the Flood Prevention Structures from the Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board. A request of \$5,000.00 per year for Operation and Maintenance was tabled. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table discussion and Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.
- Commissioner Farmer made a motion to reappoint Vicki Hicks as Callahan County's Appointee for another two year term to the Betty Hardwick Board of Trustees. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.
- Commissioner Windham made a motion to sign resolution opposing the Proposed New Rule to Define Waters of the United State Resolution. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
- Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Monthly Report. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 4-0 vote.
- Commissioner Farmer made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
- Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:18 a.m. Judge Corn seconded the motion, which then carried with an unanimous 4-0 vote.

**Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for May 2014**

<b>Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics May 2014</b>	<b>Mental Subject: 2</b>
Disturbances: 25	Misc. Calls: 11
Accidents: 24	Medical Calls: 102
Noise Calls: 6	Buglary: 7
Fire: 29	Harassment/Trespass: 22
Welfare Checks: 30	Reckless Driver: 25
Vandalism/Supspicious Activity: 46	Animal Calls 25
Alarm Calls: 20	Stray Livestock: 25
Lift Assist: 3	Assault: 6
Assist Motorist: 16	Suicide Threat: 6
Theft: 24	Civil Matter: 20
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle: 1	Utility: 3
Missing Person: 3	Suicide: 0
Dog Bite: 1	Chase: 0
	Traffic Hazard: 3
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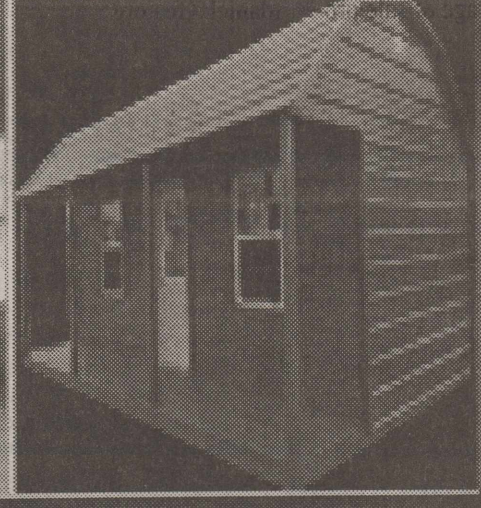
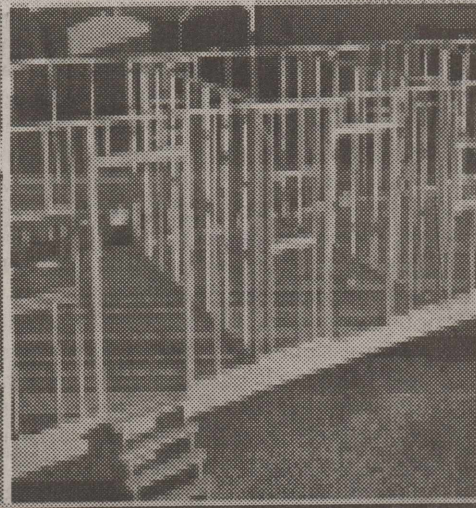
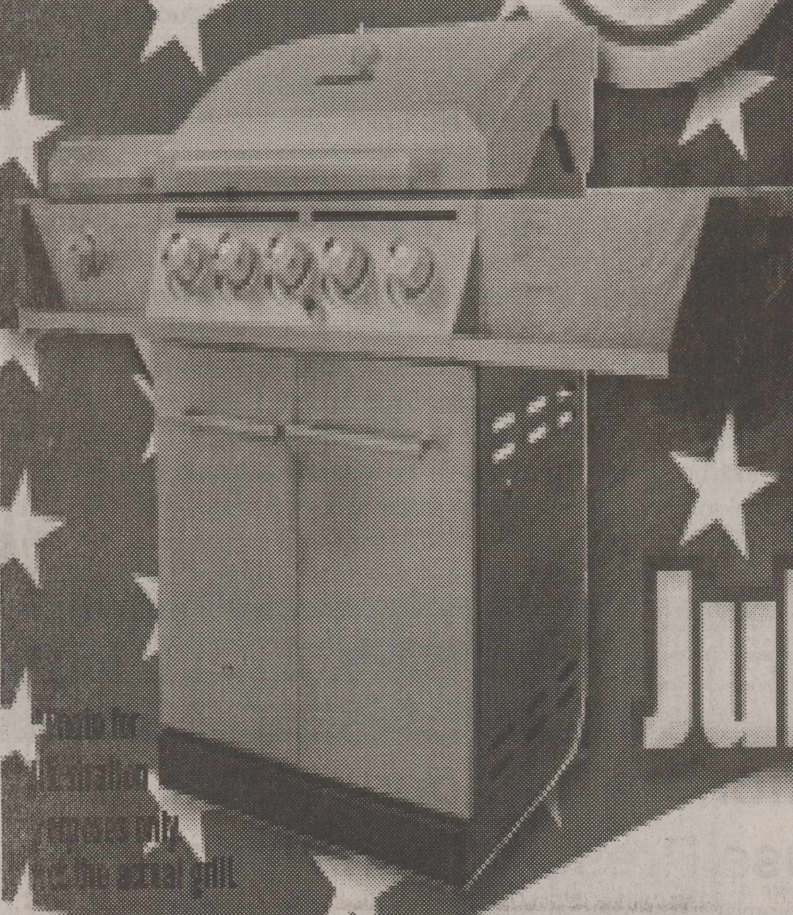
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Rising Star is in 'high gear' planning a variety of activities for the soon-to-be July 4 weekend, including outdoor & indoor downtown shopping; fireworks, ice cream and apple pie contests and a dance featuring the Last Dance Band.

July 4-5 will be exciting for those bargain hunters with the **OPEN AIR DOWNTOWN MARKET** sponsored by the 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 5<sup>th</sup>. A map of all sales will be available for shoppers. For more info, call Judy Green at 254-643-5048 to register for your place on the map.

The excitement will build on July 4 from apple pie and ice cream contest to hotdogs, hamburgers and soft drinks at the City Park on Hwy. 36W.

The "Last Dance" band will begin performing at 7 p.m. and will play until dusk when the fireworks show will start. The band will also be at the Hwy. 36 City Park.

**Brownwood area FCA  
inaugural cattle sale  
July 16 at Coleman  
Livestock Auction**

The Brownwood Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) announces their Inaugural Cattle Sale fundraiser is going to be held on Wednesday, July 16 in Coleman, Texas at Coleman Livestock Auction Commission Co., Inc. This special sale for FCA will follow the 11:00 a.m. regular cow sale (approximately 2:00 p.m.)

The sale proceeds will benefit the Brownwood Area FCA that serves and supports schools and students in the counties of Brownwood, Coleman, Comanche, Mason, McCullough, Mills, San Saba, and schools in the cities of Cross Plains, Rising Star as well as Howard Payne University.

If you are farmer or rancher, or know one, here is an opportunity to donate without any cash outlay. Your donation of a cow, calf or a percentage of sale proceeds in service to the Lord to

support FCA in high schools and/or middle schools in the counties or cities shown above. It is your opportunity to be involved with an organization that desires to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes. You can donate cattle, calves, cash amounts, or portions of sale proceeds of a cow or calf by notifying the sale office at Coleman Livestock Auction Commission Co., Inc.

Although the sale is on July 16, donations will be accepted throughout the year. Collection assistance is available upon request by contacting Tony Daniel, Area Director of Brownwood FCA. Tax receipts will be provided upon request.

If you have questions or need assistance contact Tony Daniel at (325) 280-2553 or email [tdaniel@fca.org](mailto:tdaniel@fca.org)

**Check it Out!  
At the Cross Plains  
Public Library**

If you haven't visited the library lately, you're missing out on a lot of new books that are flying off the shelves to our readers! There is something for everyone as we still have \$\$\$ left from the J. Frank Dobie Trust for books to add to our collection and have busy honoring the requests of our patrons by completing many of our current series. What's new you ask? For young adults we have the complete "Beautiful Creatures" series, an up-to-date collection of the "Sweep" series, the entire "The Fallen" series, a complete "Chronicles of Nick" series, and the sequel to "Where She Went" - "If I Stay"

Western enthusiasts are delighted with the recent purchases to complete Craig Johnson's "Longmire" series and the upcoming arrival of more William W. Johnstone

paperbacks to complete several of his "Mountain Man" series. We have the entire collection of Janet Evanovich's "Stephanie Plum By the Numbers" on audio CDs, James Patterson's latest "Private London" in hardcover and audio CD, the complete "Kissed By an Angel" series, plus "The Harbinger" by Jonathan Cahn in print and audio CD, Mary Kay Andrews' "Ladies Night", J. D. Robb's "New York to Dallas," and Herman Koch's "Summer House With Swimming Pool."

For young readers we have ordered the entire 'A to Z Mystery' series and little readers will enjoy selections from the past winners of the Ezra Jack Keats Book Awards, including "Bunny Days," "Only a Witch Can Fly," and "The Apple Pie That Papa Baked"

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**Statewide Boat-draining  
Rule Takes Effect July 1st**

ATHENS — Beginning July 1, boaters must drain all water from their boat and on-board receptacles before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water anywhere in Texas.

The new Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulation is designed to help combat the further spread of zebra mussels and other invasive species. It applies to all types and sizes of boats whether powered or not: personal watercraft, sailboats, kayaks/canoes, or any other vessel used on public waters.

The regulation requires the draining of livewells, bilges, motors, and any other receptacles or water-intake systems coming into contact with public waters.

Live fish, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported from the water body where the fish were caught in or aboard a vessel in water from the water body where the fish were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used in the water body where it was caught.

Anglers are allowed to transport and use commercially purchased live bait if they have a receipt that identifies the source of the bait. Any live bait purchased from a location on or adjacent to a public water body that is transported in water from that water body can only be used as bait on that same water body.

Anglers participating in a fishing tournament confined to one water body may transport live

fish in water from that single water body to an identified off-site weigh-in location, but all water must be drained and properly disposed of before leaving that location. Anglers are required to possess documentation provided by tournament organizers that identify them as participants in the tournament.

Movement from one access point to another on the same lake during the same day does not require draining, and there is an exception for governmental activities and emergencies. Marine sanitary systems are not covered by these regulations.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and a coalition of partners are working to slow the spread of zebra mussels by reminding boaters to Clean, Drain and Dry their vessels before traveling from one lake to another. The partners in this effort include: North Texas Municipal Water District, Tarrant Regional Water District, City of Dallas Water Utilities Department, Trinity River Authority, San Jacinto River Authority, Sabine River Authority, Brazos River Authority, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, Lower Colorado River Authority, Upper Trinity Regional Water District, Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, City of Grapevine, Water Oriented Recreation District of Comal County, and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

More information is online at [www.texasinvasives.org/zebramussels](http://www.texasinvasives.org/zebramussels).

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**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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**Scranton  
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The monthly musical will be held Saturday, July 5th at the Scranton Community center. The kitchen begins serving at 5:00 with Marie Starr as hostess.

The emcee for the musical is Buddy Johnson. He has a full slate of musicians lined up for your enjoyment.

We hope to see you at Scranton.

**Hardin-Simmons University Men's Basketball Camp**

Hardin-Simmons University Men's Basketball is hosting three summer camps for young men. Camps will be run be current HSU coaches and players

Day camp: \$90 for grades K-7<sup>th</sup>, July 16-19

Individual Camp: \$275 for grades 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, July 14-18

Overnight Camp: \$375 (\$300 for Commuters) for grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, July 20-24

For more information please contact:  
Zach Pickelman (325) 670-1367, Email: [zpickelman@hsutx.edu](mailto:zpickelman@hsutx.edu)

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Visit [hsuathletics.com](http://hsuathletics.com) -> Athletic Department -> Camps, to view our full camp brochure

**APPLICATION FORM - COWBOY BASKETBALL CAMPS @ HSU 2014**

Please detach form and mail with non-refundable deposit to: Cowboy Basketball Camps: Craig Carse, HSU, Box 16185, Abilene, TX 79698

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I, as a parent or guardian of the above named, hereby grant permission for him to participate in the Cowboy Basketball Camp and acknowledge the fact he is physically able to participate in Camp activities. I hereby release the Camp and its employees from all claims on the account of any injuries which may be sustained by my child while attending the Cowboy Basketball Camp. Insurance Policy: HSU will provide a limited secondary policy which may help pay excess claims which are not covered by your primary insurance. The policy will NOT cover any medical expense incurred due to illness.

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America's forestland is a prized natural resource, and anyone can help plant trees in these vital areas by joining the Arbor Day Foundation this month.

Through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign, the Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins in July by planting 10 trees in forests that have been devastated by wildfires, insects and disease.

The cost for joining the Arbor Day Foundation is a \$10 donation.

America's national forests face enormous challenges, including unprecedented wildfires that have left a backlog of more than one million acres in need of replanting. The Foundation has worked with the United States Forest Service for more

than 20 years to plant trees in high-need forests.

Our national forests provide habitat for wildlife, keep the air clean and help ensure safe drinking water for more than 180 million Americans.

"Keeping our forests healthy is vital to the health of people and the entire planet," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "By planting trees in our national forests, we will preserve precious natural resources and the benefits they provide for generations to come."

To join the Arbor Day Foundation and help plant trees in our national forests, send a \$10 membership contribution to Replanting Our National Forests, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or visit [arborday.org/July](http://arborday.org/July).

**DPS Increasing DWI Patrols for July 4th Holiday**

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols for an 11-day period that includes the July 4th holiday. From June 27th - July 7th, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"As we prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July, DPS urges Texans to do their part to help keep our roadways safe during the holiday," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Individuals should always designate a sober driver or find other means of transportation if they plan to drink alcohol. During the holiday, DPS troopers will be performing increased patrols aimed at protecting all travelers and removing dangerous drivers from the road."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). During the 2013 July 4th enforcement effort, DPS troopers made 1,124 DWI arrests, and 173 of those arrests were the direct result of the increased patrols. DPS enforcement also resulted in 720 fugitive arrests, 602 felony arrests, more than 15,700 speeding citations and more than 2,400 seat belt/child safety seat citations during this period.

According to state statistics, approximately every 20 minutes in Texas, someone is hurt or killed in an alcohol-related crash. For some alternative transportation options, visit [www.SoberRides.org](http://www.SoberRides.org).

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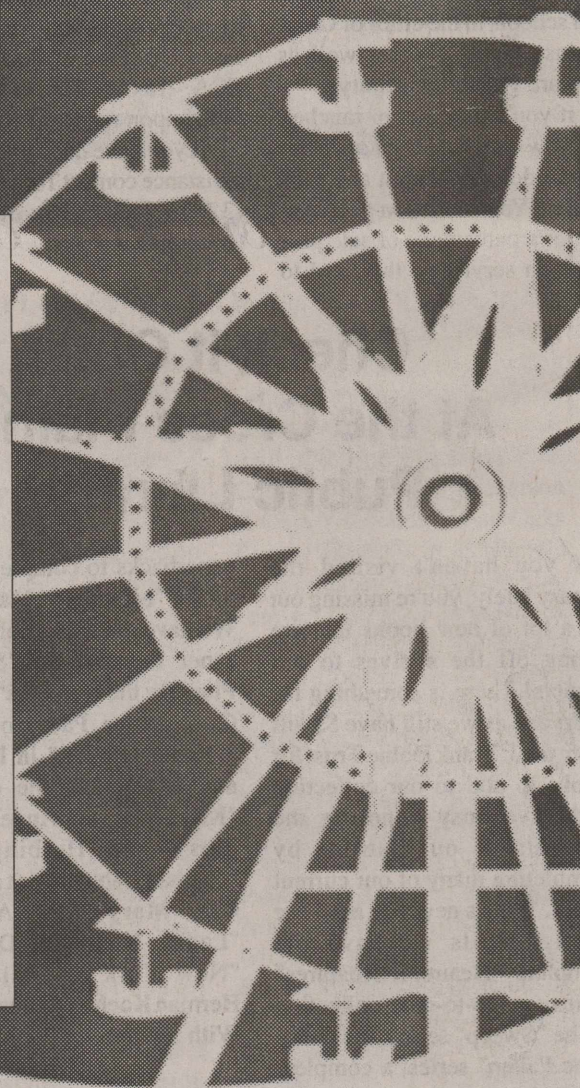
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## Get Waisted comes to the Big Country

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/" 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!"

## Historical Commission summer picnic held

On Tuesday, June 24, 2014 the Callahan County Historical Commission gathered in the Cottonwood Community Center (the old Cottonwood school building) for the Summer Picnic and meeting.

Martha Malone, Bob Robinson's sister, gave an interesting talk and slide presentation of pictures of Cottonwood, Caddo Peak, Putnam, and Belle Plain.

The BBQ brisket sandwich

meal was catered by Barbara and Felix Manion.

A brief business meeting was held after the meal.

Attending were: Cookie and Bob Robinson, Judy Luter, Beverly Ross, Dana Voights, Hubert and Marlene Donaway, Barbara and Felix Manion, Billy and Virginia Beaird, and Elnora Scott.

Submitted by Elnora Pursell Scott

## Attention Teen Readers

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a Boys' teen book discussion on Friday, July 18, from 5-6pm with free pizza and drinks in the library's conference room. Boys can pick up a free copy of "Seeing Red" by Katherine Erskine, about a boy who loses his father and has some tough choices to make, weighing tradition with morality. Teens aged 13-18 are invited to join.

Previously, a separate girls' book discussion was held about

"He Texted: The Ultimate Guide to Decoding Boys" by Lisa Winnig and Carrie Henderson McDermott.

In August, both girls and boys will read Veronica Roth's "Divergent" and then watch the movie on Friday, August 15, with popcorn, soda, and "movie theater" snacks served. Each participant in these programs will be entered in a drawing for 2 movie passes to a theater in Abilene.

## County Tax Assessor/Collector attends annual Tax Assessor/Collector's Conference in Fort Worth

Tammy T. Walker, Tax A/C, Debbie Hatchett, Chief Deputy and Sherry Pruitt, Lead Deputy attended the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Tax Assessor-Collector's Association Conference in Fort Worth, June 8th through June 12th along with many other Tax Assessor-Collectors and tax office personnel from across the state of Texas.

This annual continuing education conference is held in a different location across the state of Texas each year in hopes of allowing all Tax Assessor-Collectors and their tax office personnel the opportunity to attend.

This year's program included an orientation class specific to new Tax Assessor-Collectors, still in their first term of office, as well as an update from the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and two very beneficial panel discussions. Also included in the program were workshops on the following: Property taxes, vehicle inventory tax assessment and collections, motor vehicle registration and titling, voter reg-

istration and Voter ID requirements, the new education requirements for Tax Assessors, and ethics. A leadership essentials class was offered immediately following the conference at no cost to attendees.

Tax Assessors who attended all of the sessions offered during the conference received 15 hours of continuing education and those attending the leadership class were able to earn an additional 4 hours of continuing education. Tax Assessor-Collectors are now required by SB546 to earn 20 continuing education hours every year and this conference provided a great opportunity for them to earn a very large portion of those CE hours in one location.

"This conference gives us a heads up on new law changes coming in the next year", said Tammy Walker. "When we get the opportunity to take more than one employee, we are able to attend multiple classes to bring back more information to better serve the citizens of Callahan County."

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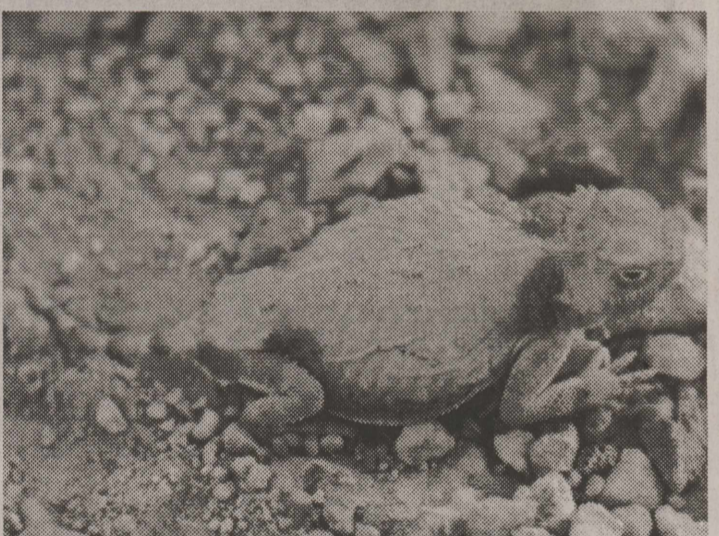
## Round-tailed Horned Lizard

When a person mentions a particular type of animal, one species is usually at the top of the mind. For example, if someone mentions rattlesnake, the first species usually thought of is the Western Diamond-backed Rattler. If someone mentions bass, the first species to cross the mind is Large-mouth Bass. If someone says Horned Lizard (or mis-appropriately "horny toad") and the first species to come to mind is the Texas Horned Lizard. However, there is another species of horned lizard found in west Texas that is just as intriguing and that is the Round-tailed Horned Lizard.

The Round-tailed Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma modestum*) is one of three species of "horny toads" that live in Texas, and it has the second-largest area of distribution. It occurs throughout the Trans-Pecos, where it can be quite abundant. It also can be found sporadically in the western portions of the Hill country and Edwards Plateau, as well as in a narrow north-south band through the middle of the Panhandle. Outside of Texas, it occurs westward to southeastern Arizona and southward to the central plateau regions of Mexico.

The habitats that this lizard prefers are arid to semi-arid sandy areas in prairies and grasslands, as well sand dunes and areas of open scrubland. This species of "horny toad" is not as prone to basking on paved roads as is the Texas Horned Lizard, but it will often times utilize the caliche county roads for sun soaking.

The Round-tailed Horned Lizard is a flattened reptile that has scaled, horny skin. It is the smallest horned lizard that inhabits this state, with adults reaching a total length of a mere four inches, although the average is between three and three and one-half inches. The background coloration can be various shades of tan, brown or even brick red, matching the color of the soils where it is living. The pattern along the back can vary from having prominent large brown blotches to almost being patternless. Aside from the size, it differs from the larger Texas Horned Lizard by the absence of a row of fringe scales along the sides of the body. There are only four horns that adorn the head with all of them being the same



Round-tailed Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma modestum*)

size. The belly is white and the tail does not taper behind the body, but rather narrows abruptly. Hence the common name, the tail is distinctly round in shape.

Round-tailed Horned Lizards, like other lizard species, are "cold-blooded", or ectothermic. This means that they do not generate heat from the inside of their body, as mammals and birds do, but rather are dependent on outside sources for heating and cooling. They are active throughout the day in the spring and fall, adjusting their schedules to the morning and afternoon hours during the heat of the summer.

This species of lizard has a specialized diet, although not as specific as the Texas Horned Lizard. It's preferred choice of food is the small honey pot ants, although it will also feed on other small invertebrates such as crickets and flies. Unfortunately, the imported fire ant is not on the Horned Lizard's dietary menu.

The Round-tailed Horned Lizard is oviparous, which is a fancy way of saying that it lays eggs.

After emerging from the winter-long brumation period (reptiles do not hibernate in the true sense of the word), males will search out females to mate. After mating, the female will lay anywhere from two to thirteen eggs in moisture retaining soil. After approximately two months of incubation, the miniscule one-quarter inch long young emerge prepared to fend for and care for themselves.

Populations of this misnamed "horny toad" (they are not amphibians, but rather reptiles) are apparently quite stable. It is extremely shy, and prefers to rely on camouflage rather than flight for defense. Many are almost stepped on before they make a short dash. They will then stop abruptly, blending in with the substrate to the point of being difficult to detect again.

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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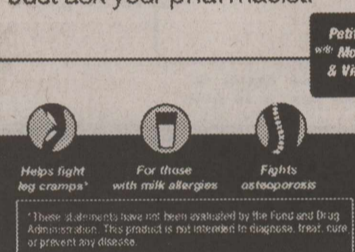
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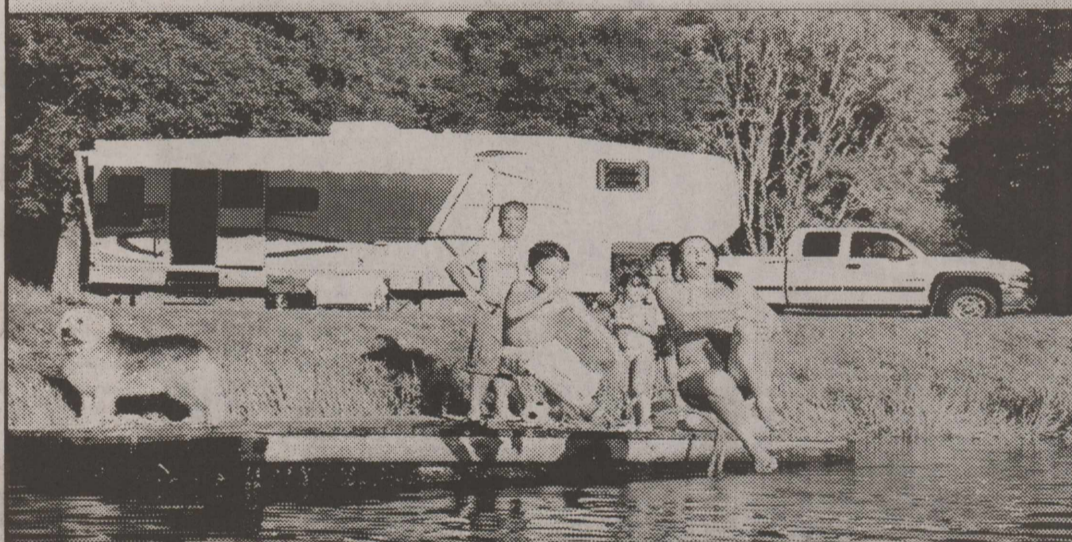
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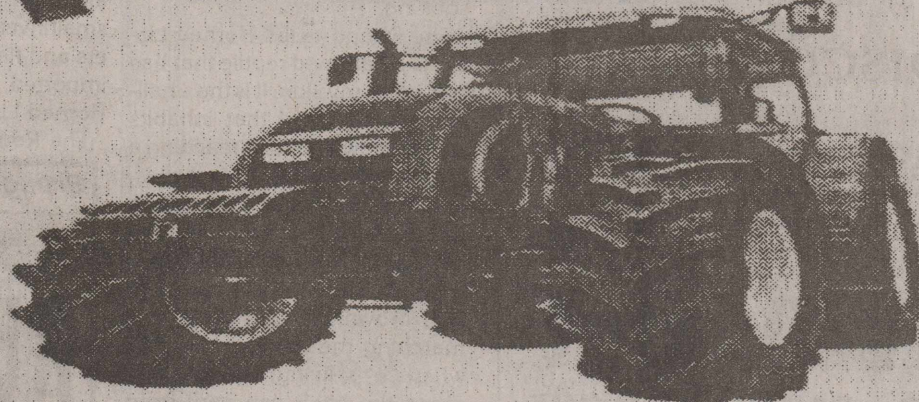
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