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Cross Plains FFA Attends Texas FFA Convention

The Cross Plains FFA was well represented last week at the 86th annual Texas State FFA Convention in Fort Worth. Cross Plains members that attended the convention was Taryn Estes, Kelbi Hyles, Morgan Manley, Jurnee Thomas, Grace Goode and Katy Jo Morgan. There are over 104,000 FFA members statewide, and more than 11,000 members and guest present at the 86th State FFA Convention.

Kelbi, Taryn, Morgan, and Jurnee all received their Lone Star Farmer Degrees at the Stars night award ceremony on Wednesday night. The Lone Star Farmer Degree is the highest degree bestowed by the Texas FFA. They were four among 2,200 members that received the

degree this year. These four young ladies also served as voting delegates on the delegate floor all week.

Katy Jo participated in Jr. Prepared Public Speaking Semi-Finals on Monday. She advanced to the State Finals (top 10) and competed again on Tuesday Morning. She won 2nd place in the Jr. Prepared Public Speaking event and was recognized on stage during the Wednesday morning session.

Katy Jo also was runner-up in the Texas Star Greenhand Award. Star Greenhand recipients are based on the most outstanding Supervised Agriculture Experience Program among all first year Ag/FFA students. Winners maintain a

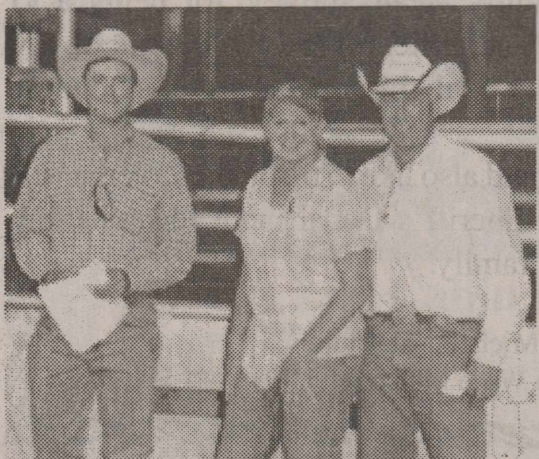
comprehensive record keeping system to help justify and explain their Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) Project(s). Their records, along with an Interview, are examined at the District, Area and State levels. She was recognized and received her plaque on stage during the Stars Night session on Wednesday night.

The Cross Plains FFA also received two chapter awards at the convention. The Cross Plains Chapter was recognized for the Golden Horizon Award, and the Superior Chapter Rating Award which recognizes well rounded chapters, and both, chapter and student involvement in activities and community involvement.

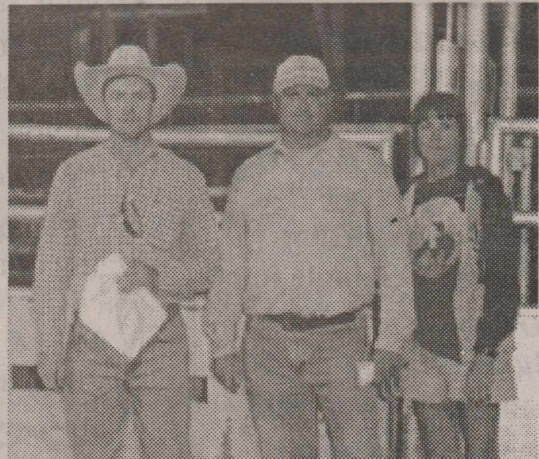
Submitted by: Marc Morgan - Advisor



Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Sorting held on July 19, 2014.



Winners at the Sheriff's Posse Ranch Sorting, 2014.

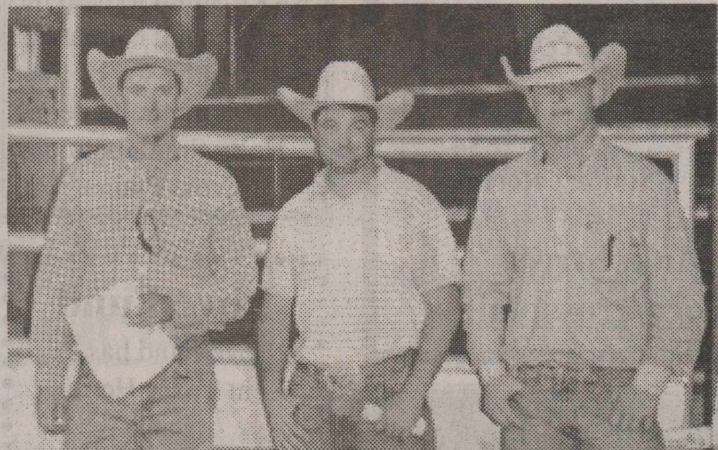


Winners at the Sheriff's Posse Ranch Sorting, 2014.

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Ranch Sorting a success

The Ranch Sorting held by the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse at its Baird rodeo arena on Saturday night, July 19th, had 134 entries for the open adult sorting and 22 entries for the 12 years old and under youth sorting.

There was a 50% cash pay back with 3 adult teams taking home a total of \$1,420. The winning teams were 1st Place - Logan Daniel & Joe Stoker, 2nd Place - Ted & Kristi Williams, and 3rd Place - Claude & Dana White. 3 youth teams won a total of \$110. Those winners were 1st Place - Mackenzie Williams & David Williams, 2nd Place - Haylee King & Kelly Welch, and 3rd Place - Alaina Potter & Ginger Bunn. The cash awards were presented by Callahan County Sheriff's Posse President Seth Goldsmith (see photos). Sincere thanks to the many



Winners at the Sheriff's Posse Ranch Sorting, 2014.

hard-working Callahan County Sheriff's Posse volunteers, supporting area businesses and individuals as well as all contestants.

The evening concluded with a dance at the pavilion across the street from the rodeo arena featuring T.C. Fambro & The Copperheads.

The National Barrel Horse Association (Texas District 9) will host a barrel racing competition at the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse arena on Saturday, July 26th.

John Compere Baird

Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Life Member



Immunization clinic at Cross Plains Housing Authority on August 11th

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering a childhood immunization clinic on Monday, August 11th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Cross Plains, at the Cross Plains Housing Authority located at 233 N. Main in Cross Plains.

Please bring the child's immunization records with you. If

your child is one year old or older and has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children. If your child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the card.

For additional information about the immunization clinic call (325) 754-4945.

Cross Plains Elementary Registration Date and Times for the 2014-2015 School Year

It is almost time for Cross Plains Elementary Registration for the 2014-2015 school year. Everyone (new or returning) must register! You will need to make arrangements to come by the Elementary school any of the three days at the best time for you. If you are unable to attend during these days, please contact Elementary office at 254-725-6123.

Registration Dates and Times
Tuesday, August 5th, Wednesday, August 6th, Thursday, August 7th
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

At that time, all required documents will be completed for your child(s) enrollment. Please make sure all of their immunizations are current and that we have a current copy for our records in the office.

Callahan County Historical Commission seeking the public's help

The Callahan County Historical Commission is searching for information and, especially, pictures of the airport that was located north of Baird on 283.

If you know someone, who was connected to the airport in some way or has pictures that were taken there, please call

If you are enrolling as a new student or if you participated in the Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup in the spring please remember it is mandatory that we have a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card and immunizations before they can start school.

You may leave medication in the school office for your child to take during the year. It must be in the original box or bottle with their name on it. You will also have to fill out a medical form. If you ordered a PTO school supply packet they will be available for pick up during registration.

We are looking forward to a great 2014 - 2015 school year. Leslie Lawrence
Cross Plains Elementary Principal

Felix Manionn at 325-854-5948 or Judy Luther at 254-725-7222 with the information.

The commission is in the planning stage of erecting an historical marker at the site of the airport.

Submitted by: Elnora Pursell Scott

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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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OBITUARIES



Russell Gene (Scooby) Barnes

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Russell Gene (Scooby) Barnes, age 47, of Cross Plains passed away Sunday, July 20, 2014 in Abilene. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Ronnie White officiating; burial will follow in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

He was born on January 10, 1967 to Elmo and Evelyn (King) Barnes in Andrews, Texas. He worked in the stockyards for cattle sales.

He is survived by his daughter, Madison Lowe of Nebraska; two sons, Chase and Luke Barnes both of Mansfield, TX; mother, Evelyn Barnes of Cross Plains; three sisters, Anna Chesshir of Cross Plains, Donna Heritage of AZ, Elaine Barnes of The Woodlands; brothers, Bill Barnes of Huntsville and Tommy Barnes.

Russell was preceded in death by his father and one brother.



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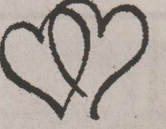
Thank you!

We would like to say thank you for the cards, food, prayers, and all the visitors we received during the loss of our wife and mother Vernelle Bishop. Your kindness and support has been a great blessing!

WE LOVE YOU ALL



The Bishop Family



Thank You!

Our son Kyle Wade McCulre passed away May 13, 2014 at age 31, after a 20 month battle with colon cancer. He was an awesome son, brother, dad and friend to all. Kyle will be greatly missed, always loved, and never forgotten.

We would like to thank everyone who fasted and prayed for Kyle during his illness. Your love and prayers are what motivated him to continue the fight. A special thanks goes out to everyone that organized and participated in all the fund raisers for Kyle. He loved you all and was very grateful.

We would also like to thank the following family members that Kyle loved dearly. Katie McClure, for your devotion and care in the final days of his life. Cheryl Daniels, for the countless days and nights you spent caring for your son in the hospital. Ophelia Merrill, for the awesome sage rag you stayed up all night making, the night before the funeral. Aunt Robin, for flying 1400 miles to stay with your nephew in the hospital. Teresa Koenig, for your commitment to the cancer walk and the sacrifices you make for your family. Sean Shipley, for being a brother and a friend we can all count on. May God richly bless each and every one of you.

We would also like to thank the Coleman County Sheriff's Department for assisting our family.

Mike & Michelle McClure
Preston Wade McClure

LOVE FUND

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

Love Fund

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

Love Fund

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

A Love Fund

has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Russell "Rusty" Barnes to help with 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



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Athletic Boosters General Meeting

Monday, July 28th at 7p.m. in the school gym

We're getting ready to move forward supporting our kids and the upcoming school year sports programs.

We have an awesome group of students representing our town, so let's turn out in big numbers to show them how much we appreciate their dedication and spirit. Anyone interested in lending a hand and voice are invited to attend. Everyone is welcome. Spread the word and bring a friend. See you July 28th!

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Teen Night at the Movies

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a Book-to-Movie viewing of the newly-released movie "Divergent," based on the novel by Veronica Roth on Friday, August 15, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with popcorn, soda, and "movie theater" snacks served. Copies of the book are available at the library. 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 Winning and Carrie Henderson McDermott and a boys' teen book discussion was held about "Seeing Red" by Katherine Erskine. Participants in any of these events are entered in a drawing for 2 movie passes to a theater in Abilene.

Cottonwood News By Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood area received anywhere from 3 to 7 inches of rain earlier this week. The storm brought hail and pulled tree branches down all across the area. Even though it rained so hard, the roads are in good shape.

Vacation Bible School at Cottonwood Baptist Church will be held July 27th through July 30th. They will be serving supper at Bible School. If you'd like to help, call Pastor Thomas Estes at 725-6266.

The Cottonwood Musical is this Friday night at the Community Center.

Graydon Albrecht celebrated his 7th birthday on Saturday. Family members and friends gathered at Carlisle and Summer Albrechts home for the birthday party.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group had a busy work day on Saturday. They had a good turnout to work on the 5 ton truck at the fire

2014 State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene

It is once again time for the Texas State 4-H Horse Show. This is the 30th year that Abilene has hosted the major 4-H youth event. 4-H members from all across the state will be in Abilene to compete in a wide variety of events which include western riding events, English riding events, speed events, roping & other cattle events as well as drill team events. Events will take place in the Taylor County Expo Center Coliseum, the Boeshart Horse Barn and the Covered Outdoor Arena. The State 4-H Horse Show is continuing every day through Saturday, July 26th.

There is something for everyone to watch and enjoy.

The objectives of the Texas 4-H Horse program include providing a means for 4-H members to: Acquire horsemanship and horse training skills; Gain knowledge concerning science related subjects include horse production, management, training, evaluation and use; Prepare youth for citizenship responsibilities and community service; and To develop leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship and other desirable life traits.

These objectives are accomplished by offering projects and activities in horse management, production, training and use. The four horse projects are: Horsemanship, this includes managing, riding and training older horses with an emphasis on learning the skills necessary

to cause a horse to perform in a desirable fashion. Training- this includes managing and training 2 or 3-year old horses. The project may also involve an older horse that needs further training or focus on advancing a horse to another event. Weaning or yearling development - this includes managing, conditioning and training a horse until the horse is old enough to be ridden. Mare/Foal - this includes managing a mare through the complete production cycle, from selecting the sire through weaning the foal. The Texas State 4-H Horse Show is just one of the horse related activities used to accomplish these objectives.

One of the most entertaining events during the State 4-H Horse Show is the Drill Team competition on Monday night beginning at 6:00 p.m. Teams are made up of 10 to 20 members. All members are horse back and perform a routine accompanied by music and full costume. The routine will have the horses traveling at a full run with crossing maneuvers, weaving, figure 8 and many other moves. This event is to help teach 4-Hers teamwork, horsemanship skills and horse safety.

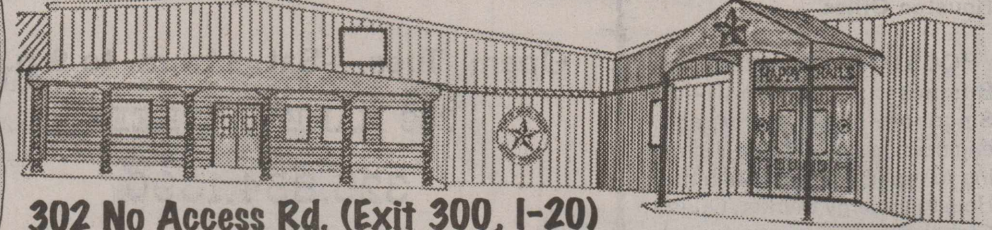
For more information on this and other 4-H opportunities contact the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048.

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Historical Commission presents logo ideas to County Commissioners

Callahan County Commissioners discussed several items with the Callahan County Historical Commission during the commissioners' court monthly meeting held Tuesday, July 15th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Judy Luter, with the Callahan County Historical Commission, presented the commissioners' court with changes made to the bylaws of the Historical Commission.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham, and second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the changes to the Historical Commission's bylaws.

Also under public comment, Luter presented several ideas for a logo for the Historical Commission and a prototype of a sign. No discussion or action was taken by the commissioners' court.

Judge Roger Corn recognized and presented the Texas Historical Commission 2013 Distinguished Serve Award to the Callahan County Historical Commission. Judge Corn commended the Historical Commission for their good work in preserving the historical and cultural heritage of Callahan County.

#3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present. Also present at the meeting were: Hubert Donaway, Marlene Donaway, Elnora Scott, Felix Manion, Tom Ivey, Beverly Ross, Cookie Robinson, Bob Robinson, and Sam Goldsmith.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comment, there was none.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains lifted.

—No action was taken on the CERTZ (County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone) grant

—Gordon Marchant, architect for Komatsu Architecture, spoke with the commissioners' court and provided information on the process and progress of the Texas Historical Courthouse

Preservation-Repairs Grant Program. No action was taken by the commissioners' court.

—Tommy Morris and Nancy Johnson with the Tommy Morris Insurance Agency, presented a report on the cost of health insurance for the county employees for the next year. After much discussion, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to continue with the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance for the county employees. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Commissioners meet with architect on Courthouse repairs

Callahan County Commissioners met briefly with Gordon Marchant, architect with Komatsu Architecture to discuss the Texas Historical Courthouse Preservation Repairs Grant Program on Monday, July 21st at the County Courthouse in Baird.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn, with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct

#3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Dianne Gunter and County Clerk Donna Bell present.

No action was taken by the commissioners' court following the meeting with Marchant.

The commissioners' court meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m. on a motion by Commissioner Kirkham, with a second by Commissioner Hicks on an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Campfire Tales and Star Gazing at Fort Griffin this Saturday, July 26th

ALBANY, Texas — On Saturday, July 26th Fort Griffin State Historic Site will be providing several fun and educational programs for the entire family. In the morning, there will be a guided fort tour at 10 a.m. The monthly fort tour is a great opportunity to hear stories of legends and outlaws of the Wild West, while gaining a fun dose of military life in the 1870's.

In the afternoon there will be a program on the Texas longhorn and an opportunity for visitors to get an up-close view of some of the animals from the official State of Texas Longhorn herd. The longhorn presentation will begin at 2 p.m. and last about 30 to 45 minutes.

That evening, beginning at 8:30 p.m., there will be a campfire tales program, followed by a monthly star gazing party, in the campground. Campfire tales offers a unique opportunity to hear about tales and lore of the cattle drives, longhorn cattle,



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and frontier adventures from the 1870's. You will be able to enjoy

campfire revelry and tall tales in which cowboys, camped on the trail, told long ago.

The star gazing party is a monthly astronomy program planned around the new moon in order to provide optimal viewing conditions. Astronomers from Abilene and all over Texas will be bringing their telescopes, laser pointers, and knowledge of the night skies to share with all in attendance. If you're wondering how the skies are at Fort Griffin, just know that they are described by many astronomers as being some of the darkest and clearest in Texas. The star gazing program will begin after dark in the baseball field.

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Historic Site, a family can create a memorable experience for both kids and adults alike. General admission to the site is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students (ages 6-18), and ages 5 and under are free.

For more information about programs, camping fees, facilities, or other activities Fort Griffin has to offer, visit their website at www.visitfortgriffin.com or find them on Facebook. For camping reservations call 325-762-3592.

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THE SUN SETS AT FORT GRIFFIN STATE PARK WITH THE TEXAS FLAG IN THE FOREGROUND

Callahan County's jobless rate jumps to 4.1% in June 2014

The unemployment rate in Callahan County rose five-tenths of one percent to 4.1% in June 2014, according to jobless figures released Friday, July 18th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in June 2013 was 5.3 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.6% in May, 2014.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 3.4% in April 2014, 4.0% in March, 4.3% in February, 4.2% in January 2014, 4.1% in December 2013, 4.3% in November, 4.5% in October, 4.9% in September, 4.7% in August, and 4.7% in July, 2013, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for June 2014 include: Brown, 4.8%; Coleman, 5.3%; Eastland, 4.9%; Jones, 5.2%; Runnels, 5.3%; Shackelford, 2.5%; Stephens, 4.5%; and Taylor County, 4.3%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 4.4% in June, 2014, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 84,300. There were 80,600 employed during June 2014, while 3,700 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 4.4%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 84,100 in May, 2014. Total employment of 80,700 was reported in May 2014, while 3,400, or 4.1% were unemployed in May 2014.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for June, 2013 was 5.7%. The total workforce was reported at 84,600, with 79,800 employed and 4,800 or 5.7% unemployed in June, 2013.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of June, 2014 was 5.5 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,032,600 in June 2014. The total number of Texans employed is 12,321,400. The total number of unemployed Texans was 711,200 in June 2014.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in May 2014. The state's unemployment rate in June of 2013 was 6.9 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for June, 2014 was 6.3 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	May	June
	3.6%	4.1%

of May, 2014 was 6.1%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in June, 2013 was 7.8%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The unemployment rate for June increased four-tenths of a percentage point to 5.5 percent. This unemployment rate increase was typical for June as local schools and universities took a break for the summer. However, this month's rate increase was lower than the May-to-June five-year-average increase of 0.6 percentage points. Over the year, the Texas unemployment rate fell by 1.4 percentage points.

The national unemployment rate increased by two-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 6.3 percent. The Texas unemployment rate was 0.8 percentage points below the national rate.

The Civilian Labor Force (CLF) increased by 63,400 individuals over the month to a total of 13,032,600 people. This was the first month in which the CLF exceeded 13-million individuals. Over the year, the CLF grew by 126,700 persons for an annual growth rate of 1.0 percent.

The number of employed persons increased over the month by 7,600 individuals to a total of 12,321,400 people. This was the fourth increase in the number of working Texans since January. The May-to-June three-year-average employment gain was 2,700 workers. The number of employed Texans expanded by 307,700 individuals over the year, a growth rate of 2.6 percent. The number of jobseekers was 711,200 persons in June, an increase of 55,800 individuals over the month. Since January, the number of Texans seeking work declined by 32,400 individuals.

The unemployment rate increased in all 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in June with the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA showing the largest gain of 1.0 percentage points. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission

MSA recorded the highest unemployment rate at 9.6 percent, while the Midland MSA maintained the lowest unemployment rate at 2.9 percent.

The number of Texans continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits increased by 5,300 individuals over the month to a total of 125,500 persons. This was the second month in which the number of claimants increased since January. Over the year, the number of Texans seeking continued unemployment benefits dropped by 8,800 individuals.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

Dow Breaks Ground on Plant

FREEPORT, TX (Fox Business)—Dow Chemical has broken ground on a manufacturing plant in Freeport that is expected to create some 2,000 temporary jobs over the next three years and ultimately contribute billions in revenue to its Gulf Coast operations. This project is part of Dow's multi-billion-dollar investment in the U.S. Gulf Coast as it expands its performance plastics category.

This adds to a number of other projects in the region that have transformed Freeport into Dow's largest integrated manufacturing site globally and the largest chemical complex in North America with more than 4,200 employees. Dow's related propylene PDH project in Freeport is more than 30 percent complete. The ethylene production facility is forecast to be up and running by early 2017.

Software Company Bringing Jobs to Dallas

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Morning News-Sheryl Jean)—A San Diego software company is looking to make Dallas its new home. Active Network said that it will relocate its corporate headquarters to downtown Dallas, generating 1,000 jobs. The 15-year-old company, which provides cloud-based activity management software, said in a state-

ment that it chose Dallas after "an extensive search" based on the ability to recruit and retain future employees as the company continues to grow.

"We see Dallas as an opportunity to centralize our location as we expand globally, recruit great talent and increase our operational excellence," Darko Dejanovic, the company's chief executive, said. Active already has an office in Irving. Governor Rick Perry's office said Active will bring a variety of jobs to Dallas, including engineering, research and development, and administration positions.

Aerospace Firm Opening Houston Office

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Business Journal)—A Singapore-based aerospace engineering services firm is aiming to make a big splash in the Houston energy market. Quest Global Services is opening its Houston office in north Houston with more than 100 employees and 8,500 square feet of leased office space. The 17-year-old company plans to grow to about 500 people in Houston within about five years, Quest Chairman and CEO Ajit Prabhu said. Quest Global Services is a company that has its earliest roots in New York and India before it expanded throughout North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia. The company focuses on a vast array of engineering services, with energy as its top growth area, according to Prabhu.

Senior Living Campus Expands

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX (San Antonio Express-News)—Resolute Health Hospital, spanning 365,000 square feet and situated on 56 acres northeast of downtown New Braunfels, has opened a 128-bed hospital. The new hospital, which has hired more than 350 employees since the beginning of May, offers a full range of medical services. The ownership group was attracted to the market between San Antonio and Austin because of its explosive population growth, Resolute Health CEO Tess Coody-Anders said. Statistics showed large percentages of residents in the tri-county area who needed hospital care were going to San Antonio or Austin for those services.

VBS at First United Methodist Church

Vacation Bible School is a vital part of the children's ministry at the Methodist Church in Cross Plains. This year's program begins on Sunday, July 27 and runs through Thursday, July 31; from 6:00 - 8:30 each evening. Children who have completed kindergarten through the fifth grade are invited to attend the week of activities focusing on the wonders of building a relationship with God.

During the Workshop of Wonders, Rivet the Builder Ant will lead the children through Bible stories, music, crafts, science, and recreation as they imagine with God, build with God, grow with God, work with

God and walk with God. The Mission project this year will be collecting money to support the Back Pack Program that the Methodist Church participates in with the Cross Plains Elementary School.

Each evening will include a light meal and the opportunity for each child to make their own dessert.

There is no cost for VBS, but parents will need to register each child on the first evening. Children are welcome to attend even if they cannot make the first session. Registration tables will be set up in the main foyer of the church by 5:45 on Sunday evening.

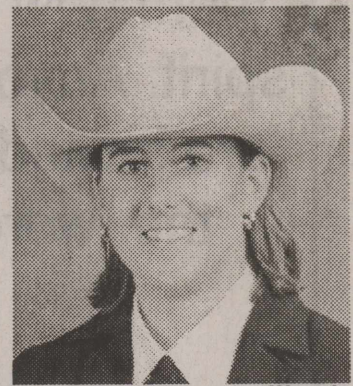
DPS Promotes Texas Ranger Wende Wakeman

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today announced the promotion of Texas Ranger Wende Wakeman to the rank of lieutenant, making her the highest-ranking female in Texas Ranger history. The promotion is effective August 1.

"Texas Ranger Wende Wakeman's promotion is the direct result of her exemplary service and unwavering commitment to protecting Texans and upholding the department's core values of integrity, excellence, accountability and teamwork," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "I am confident she will continue to serve the department well in this new leadership position."

"I am thankful for the trust and confidence placed in me by DPS, and I am honored to serve in the Texas Rangers, which have such a rich history within the state and the entire law enforcement profession," said Wakeman. "I look forward to the new opportunities and challenges ahead."

Wakeman joined DPS in 1998, serving first as a Texas Highway Patrol trooper in Sulphur Springs and New Caney. She later promoted to narcotics sergeant in 2003, and in 2008, she joined the Texas Rangers in Conroe. Beginning August 1, Lt. Wakeman will be stationed in Laredo.



Texas Ranger Wende Wakeman

In addition to her service with DPS, Wakeman is a graduate of the National Forensics Academy, a certified forensic hypnotist and a graduate of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Women's Leadership Institute.

The Texas Rangers specialize in investigating major incident crime investigations, unsolved crime/serial crime investigations, public corruption investigations, crimes against children, officer-involved shooting investigations and border security operations. The Rangers also oversee specialized law enforcement teams within the department, including the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team, Special Response Teams, Ranger Reconnaissance Team, Crisis Negotiations Unit and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit.

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Date	Team	Place	Team	Time
Aug.30	Goldthwaite	Cross Plains	JV	10:00 AM
Sept.4	Haskell	Cross Plains	JV	6:00 PM
Sept.11	Deleon	Deleon	JH/JV	5:00/6:00 PM
Sept.18	Roby	Cross Plains	JH	5:00 PM
Sept.18	Clyde	Clyde	JV	5:00 PM
Sept.25	*Gorman/Mason	Cross Plains	JH/JV	5:00/6:00 PM
Oct.2	*Ranger	Ranger	JH	5:00
Oct.9	*Santo	Cross Plains	JH/JV	5:00/6:00 PM
Oct.16	Miles	Cross Plains	JV	5:00 PM
Oct.23	*Baird	Baird	JH	5:00 PM
Oct.30	*Albany	Cross Plains	JH/JV	5:00/6:00 PM
Nov.6	*Perrin-Whit	Perrin-Whit	JH/JV	5:00/6:00PM

* Denotes District

2014 Cross Plains Buffaloes Varsity Football Schedule

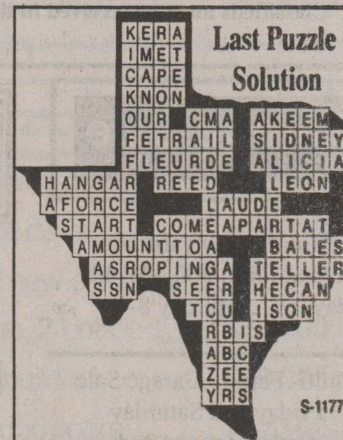
Date	Team	Place	Time
Aug.15	Winters Scrimmage	Cross Plains	6:00
Aug.21	Irion County Scrimmage	Irion	6:00
Aug.29	Menard	Cross Plains	7:30
Sept.5	Abilene Ravens	Abilene	7:30
Sept.12	Deleon	Cross Plains	7:30
Sept.19	Roby	Roby	7:30
Sept.26	*Gorman	Gorman	7:30
Oct.3	*Ranger	Cross Plains	7:30
Oct.10	*Santo	Santo	7:30
Oct.17	****BYE****		
Oct.24	*Baird	Cross Plains	7:30
Oct.31	*Albany	Albany	7:30
Nov.7	*Perrin-Whit	Cross Plains	7:30

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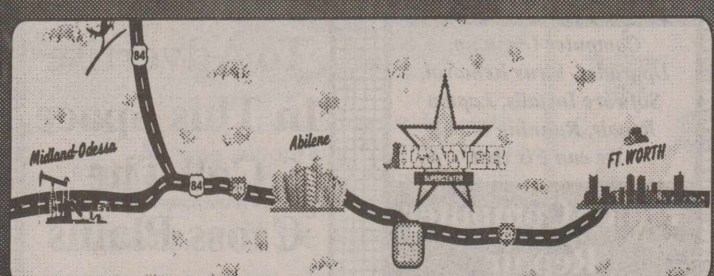
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Misdemeanor Filings

Brenda L. Duke, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Civil Minutes

Kassie Barbara Ivanoski and Shane Peter Ivanoski, divorce granted.

Misdemeanor Minutes

End of term order discharging defendants under deferred adjudication: David L. Brooks; Sam L. Moreau.

Jamie Lopez and Shanna Renee Sides, divorce granted.

Oscar Brad Watson and Lisa Renee Watson, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Brandy J. Kanady, motion to dismiss to possession of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture controlled substance granted for plea to other felony.

Marriage Licenses

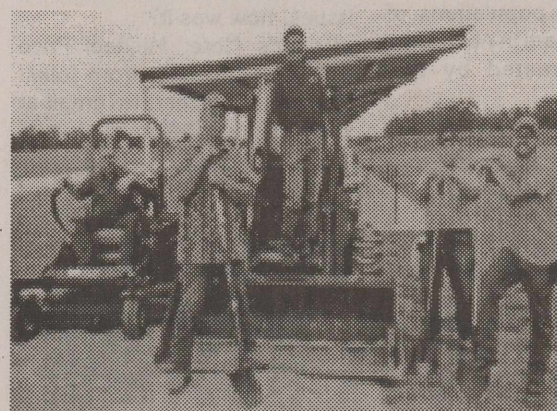
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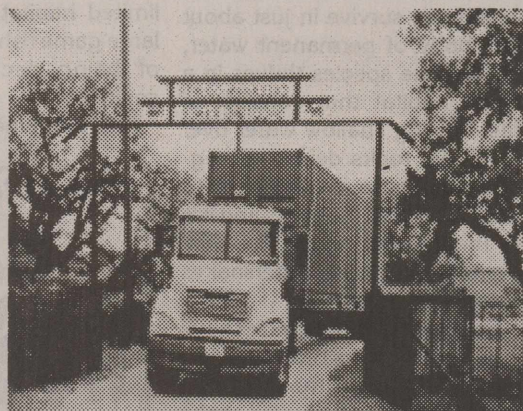
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CALLAHAN CO. 4-H—shooting sports Volunteers getting area ready for sea shipping container. Pictured are Lance Fulgham, Eddie Hart, David Ratliff, Charlie Greenway and Keith Cutright.



CALLAHAN CO. 4-H—Truck Delivering sea container purchased with funds from Friends of the NRA grant money.



CALLAHAN CO. 4-H—Bill Cedergren working on the concrete pour at the range.



CALLAHAN CO. 4-H—Cutting purlin got west side addition, pictured are Landon Hart, Charlie Greenway and Barrett Ancinec.



CALLAHAN CO. 4-H—Everybody works at the 4-H range. Moving shooting frames to be repaired are Haley McAlmond and Ravin Ratliff.

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- Lot 100 Oak Pt. Drive-105x209** lot w/mesquites & native grass, fenced...**\$12,000**
- Lot at 423 N Ave A, CP-Pecan trees, 3/4 of a block,** will divide.....**\$16,000**
- 624 Chestnut-2BR-1B** frame hm, all new plumbing, all new electrical.....**\$22,500**
- NEW! 308 N Ave. D -2BR-1B,** metal roof, 1 car garage, 2 Lots.....**\$28,000**
- 000 George Scott , CP-Vacant lots 1-6** in nice area to build a home.....**\$30,000**
- 348 N Main, CP-3BR-1B** Cute/Clean Frame Home, wood floors.....**\$32,500**
- 633 NE 3rd-3BR-1B,** central h/a, new roof, owner fin. avail**Reduced...\$29,900**
- 208 N Ave C-Well-kept 2BR-1B** w/ formal dining, hardwood floors.....**\$34,900**
- 4411 Cherokee Dr, Lake B'wood-2BR-1.5B** MH at Thunderbird Bay...**\$44,000**
- 324 NE 7th, CP-2BR-2B** hm w/ lots of extra space! Great location.....**\$45,000**
- 18499 PR 4161, CP-Cozy 3BR** **SOLD** 1.9 ac, water **Reduced...\$45,000**
- 507 W Mill St, R.S.-2BR-1B** w/ 2 living areas, metal roof, new wiring.....**\$49,500**
- 520 Pine, Ranger-3BR-1 3/4B, C/H/A,** hardwood floors in living room.....**\$49,000**
- 232 NW 5th-2BR-2B** brick w/ metal roof, 2 living areas, fireplace, 3 lots...**\$60,000**
- 512 S. Main, R.S.-3BR-1B** craftsman style, garden shed **Reduced...\$69,900**
- 441 Cypress-Adorable updated 3BR-2B,** hdwood floors, **Reduced...\$98,500**
- 325 NW 4th, CP-Beautifully landscaped 3BR-2B** MH w/ 2-car garage..**\$119,900**
- 6326 Live Oak Trl, Abilene-UNDER CONTRACT** rden, lg yard.....**\$159,000**

Commercial Property

- 116 SW 5th-Office Space** with 3 separate offices, lobby, kitchenette, full bathroom, conference room, lots of potential!!.....**REDUCED!...\$58,900**
- 905 West College, R.S.- Hwy 36,** 4,998 sq. ft. metal/brick bldg, 3BR-1.5B living qtrs, 10 BR-1B rooms for **SOLD** iving, owner fin/lease.....**\$125,000**

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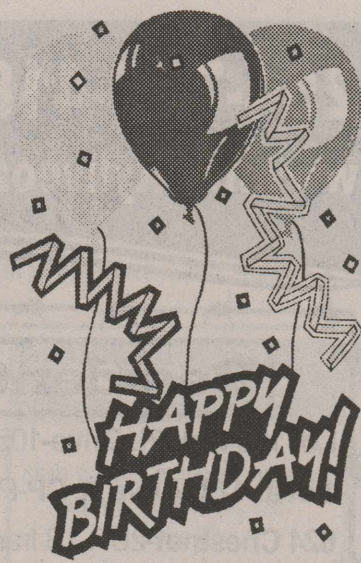
ACROSS
 1 Dallas public radio and TV
 5 TX Ivory Joe Hunter wrote "Since ___ You Baby"
 6 "Rhodes Point" is one that extends into Lavaca Bay
 7 non-profit FM radio station in Dallas
 8 TX George "Spanky" McFarland of "___ Gang"
 9 Assn. that gives out country music awards
 12 Rocket Olajuwon's name when he first played for Houston historic route
 17 "Santa ___" went through what was then TX
 19 Sherman, TX was named after this Sherman
 21 French "___-lis" once flew over TX
 22 deadly 1983 TX hurricane
 23 TX James Hampton '80 UFO film "___ 18"
 28 TX-born critic, Rex De ___ TX
 30 "Busiest Town, Friendliest People" '79 film for Baylor alum Clu Gulager; "___ of One"
 31 very smart TX grad; "summa cum ___"
 35 TXism: "strike up the band"
 36 TXism: "___ the seams"
 42 TXism: "don't ___ hill of beans"
 44 cotton bundles
 46 TXism: "hard ___ lightning bolt"
 48 bank employee
 49 nat'l identifier
 50 soothsayer
 51 TXism: "___ strut sitting down" (big ego)
 52 Fort Worth univer.
 53 TX George Jones hit: "The Race ___"
 54 Flanger Beltro stats
 56 original Monday night football net.
 57 the last letter
 58 TX Don Meredith worked 11 of these for 56-across (abbr.)
DOWN
 1 Raven Jacoby Jones ran one 108 yards against 2012 Cowboys (2 wds.)
 2 old congregation: "Temple ___"
 3 newspaper: "Abilene ___ News"
 4 ___ gallon hat
 9 "doesn't have a ___ in the world"
 10 Bruce Dern '80 film that was filmed in TX
 11 restaurant chain founded in TX: "Steak and ___"
 12 TXism: "naked ___ jaybird"
 13 Africanized honey bees, colloquially (2 wds.)
 14 Paul Simon married this TX Brickell
 15 after Humble, before Exxon
 16 "count ___" (I'll do it)
 18 regret
 20 TXism: "dance with who brung ___"
 23 TX Bob Wills line: "Ah ___ take it away Leon"
 24 ___-USA places international students in TX
 25 TXism: "___ lick of" (none)
 26 grandmothers?
 27 '66 comedy: "Texas ___ the River"
 32 Junction h.s. class
 33 TXism: "pushing ___ bluebonnets" (dead)
 34 elected county prosecutor (abbr.)
 36 Dr. Pepper's namesake (init.)
 37 this Thorpe helped Rockets win in '94
 38 Claude, the painter
 39 in Titus Co. on 271
 40 37th TX governor, Shivers
 41 early Roy Orbison group: "___ Kings"
 43 "___ way, Jose"
 45 old Perot to young Perot
 47 TXism: "disappointed as a coyote with chicken"
 48 "___ is it"
 55 a Dallas Star's long shot often ___ the puck



Teresa Baird - new Food Service Supervisor of Rising Star Nursing Center



Barbara Gainer - Life Enrichment Director of Rising Star Nursing Center



RISING STAR NURSING CENTER WELCOMES NEW MANAGERS

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Barbara Gainer to the Life Enrichment Director position, formerly known as Activity Director. Ms. Gainer Has worked in the medical field over 25 years and brings a wealth of experience and excitement to the Life Enrichment position. Barbara Looks forward to working with the residents and the resident's families and meeting members of our community. She is married to Ray Gainer and we have a small farm east of Rising Star. She also helps her husband with his own Trucking business. Together they have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Barbara is originally from Matador, Texas, but has lived in Comanche County for the last four years.

Rising Star Nursing Center hires Teresa Baird as new Food Service Supervisor.

Ms. Baird grew up in rural Southwest Iowa participating in 4-H, riding horses and hunting

and fishing with my dad and grandpa. She spent lots of time in my mom's garden and my grandmas kitchen learning to bake and cook home-style meals. She also attended college at Missouri Western State University majoring in Business and Theater Arts. Teresa then spent several years working for newspapers and managing retail operations before transitioning into food services. She relocated to Comanche, Texas in 2007 and really enjoy the mild winters. When she am not at work, you'll find her at an auction or flea market, beginning another home improvement project, or working in the yard with plants or shopping. She collect stamps, read mystery novels, like music and art and like to cook. Her Russian blue cat Puff, has recently been joined by two homeless mackerel tabbies named Chester Cheetah and Roscoe Peabody.

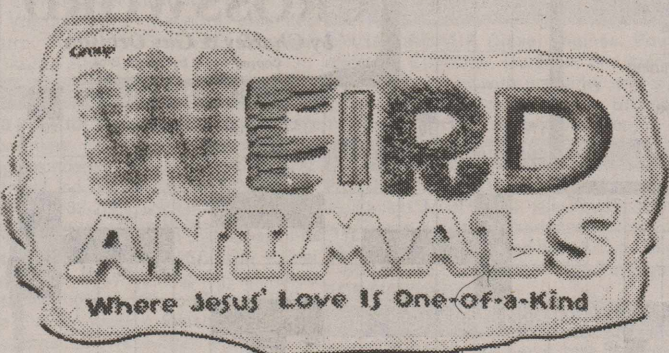
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July 26

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July 27

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July 29

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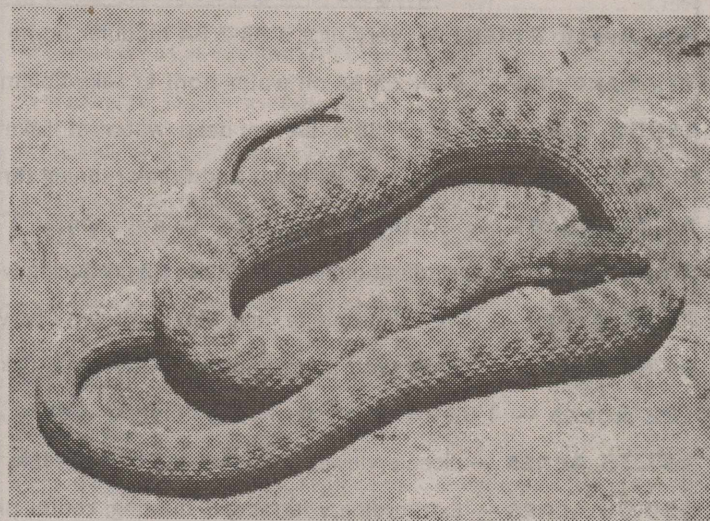
Concho Water Snake

As a general rule, snakes bring about emotions in people that can range from terror to admiration, although the vast majority of people fall somewhere closer to the former. However, here in west central Texas, unadulterated hatred is the most common term associated with a small, non-descript aquatic snake that makes its home in the shallow waters of the Concho and upper Colorado Rivers. However, it is not that the snake has done anything to warrant such hate, but the politics surrounding this particular species and its home has been well publicized for nearly thirty years.

The Concho Watersnake (*Nerodia [harteri] paucimaculata*) is a small non-venomous serpent, with most adults reaching sexual maturity between sixteen and twenty six inches in total length. The largest specimen recorded, however, was a whopping 42 inches, but that specimen was definitely an exception to this species size rule. Like most other species in the genus *Nerodia*, it is rather drab in coloration and pattern. The background coloration varies from brown to dark gray and is adorned with muted darker spots that are primarily circular on each side of the spine. Occasionally, these darker spots are fused along the midline of the back, creating one oblong blotch rather than the customary two. There is also an alternating row of smaller secondary dark spots along the sides near the belly scales. The belly is rose or pink colored and is primarily unpatterned save for a few small dark smudges along the outer edges of the belly scales. The head is narrow and elongated and the pupils are round, characteristics that can easily separate this harmless species with the venomous Cottonmouth.

As the name implies, most of the watersnake species are rarely encountered far from water, and this one is no exception. In fact, it is rarely seen more than ten feet from the edge of the shoreline that it calls home. Unlike the other nine species of watersnakes that occur in Texas, which can survive in just about any body of permanent water, this unique species thrives in a niche habitat that consists of fast-flowing shallow water over small flat rocks devoid of vegetation. These particular sites are known as riffle areas and it is in these areas where the vast majority of Concho Watersnakes have been observed.

Not only does this species have a preference for a niche habitat, it also has one of the most limited distributions of any snake that occurs in the United States. Occurring only in approximately two hundred plus miles of the upper Colorado River and Concho River systems, this species, along with its closely related kin the Brazos Watersnake, are the only endemic serpents of the one hundred and nine varieties



Concho Watersnake
(*Nerodia [harteri] paucimaculata*)

in this state.

As with almost all other reptiles that reside in temperate climates, they undergo a period of inactivity during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. However, unlike most other harmless snakes found in Texas, Concho Watersnakes are oviparous, or live-bearing animals. Mating occurs primarily during the months of April and May, and the young are usually born sometime between late August and mid-September. Litters range in size from as few as four to as many as twenty-nine, although the average litter size is around eleven. The delicate babies, who are between seven and nine inches in length, typically mimic the adults in color and pattern and are capable of fending for themselves from the moment they are born.

Concho Watersnakes are diurnal (daytime active) during their foraging activities in the spring and fall, then they become nocturnal when the temperatures of summer reach temperatures too unbearable for most cold-blooded animals. Like other members of the watersnake clan, they feed primarily on small fish, including minnows, shad, and sunfish, although small frogs have also known to have been consumed. Due to the small size of the snake, as well as the limited habitat, populations of large game fish are in no danger of being decimated by this snake.

The combination of habitat

selection coupled with the limited distribution is what has caused such a political stir over the past three decades. Based on population estimates that there were anywhere between three hundred and six hundred of these snakes alive in the wild, the federal government listed this species as endangered in the mid-1980's. This federal listing affected how the water from the two river systems could (and could not) be utilized, meaning that the snake had effectively slowed mans progress in this area of the country. This lack of scientific data was exposed in numerous studies that followed during the next several decades that showed not only was the snake far more numerous than first thought, it was also adapting to the "new" habitats of rocky rip-rap surrounding area lakes such as Ivie Reservoir, E.V. Spence Reservoir, and the Ballinger Municipal Lake. These studies, along with much political pressure from local representatives, led to this species being officially removed from the Endangered Species List in November of 2011.

Despite all of the ballyhoo, this species of endemic serpent is still a unique treasure of the Concho Valley that deserves its place in the natural world, regardless of the decades of politics that has surrounded its existence. Besides, it wasn't the snake itself that caused all of the issues, now was it?

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As usual a line up of great musicians is scheduled.

Come to Cottonwood, Texas on Friday night, July 25th for good food and great country music.

Local Kiwanian to Speak on Handguns

Roy Boyd will be speaking at Cross Plains Kiwanis meeting on July 29th and August 12th. His topic will be introduction to hand guns for the non-shooter. He was and instructor for 12 years in California before moving here. Kiwanis meet at 7:00 A.M. on Tuesdays at Jeans Feed Barn. Join us for these informative meetings.

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Friday -1st Exercise 11:00

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

July 28th - Aug. 1st

Monday 28th - Baked Chicken, Green Beans, 1/2 Bake Potatoe, Bread, Dessert
 Tuesday 29th - Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Totilla Chips, Salsa
 Wednesday 30th - Cheeseburger Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Bread, Fruit & Cookie
 Thursday 31st - Fish Sandwich/ w Tater Sauce, Oven Fries, Cole Slaw, fruit Jello
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Cross Plains Public Library Book Sale August 2nd!

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Thanks to the generosity of the Lawrence family in allowing us use of the building, we are able to offer the sale on the first Saturday of EVERY OTHER MONTH, so mark your calendar to remind you to stop in and get some real bargains on great used books, CDs, videos and more!

Splash in the Park!

Kids 10 and under are invited to join in the fun at Splash in the Park! on Wednesday, August 13 beginning at 2:00p.m. in the Cross Plains Public Library Park. Hosted by Beta Sigma Phi sorority, the good times will begin with free hot dogs provided by the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. Then kids will kick off their shoes to do some toe painting with paints and butcher paper courtesy of the local Kiwanis. Once their masterpiece is complete, they can rinse off their feet while splashing in the sprinkler and enjoy frozen pops.

Cost for the activities is 1 can of food per child for the local food pantry. Registration is required and parental permission is a must! Pick up a form at the library and sign up by August 6th. Children must wear swim shoes or flip-flops, a swimsuit, and bring a towel. No one will be allowed into the library once they have started painting and/or are wet! Parents should bring a lawn chair to relax in while the children paint and play!

We hope you can join us for this refreshing experience!

LIBRARY NOTES

Library Hours

Mon. 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Tues. 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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Callahan County Riding Club 2014 Schedule

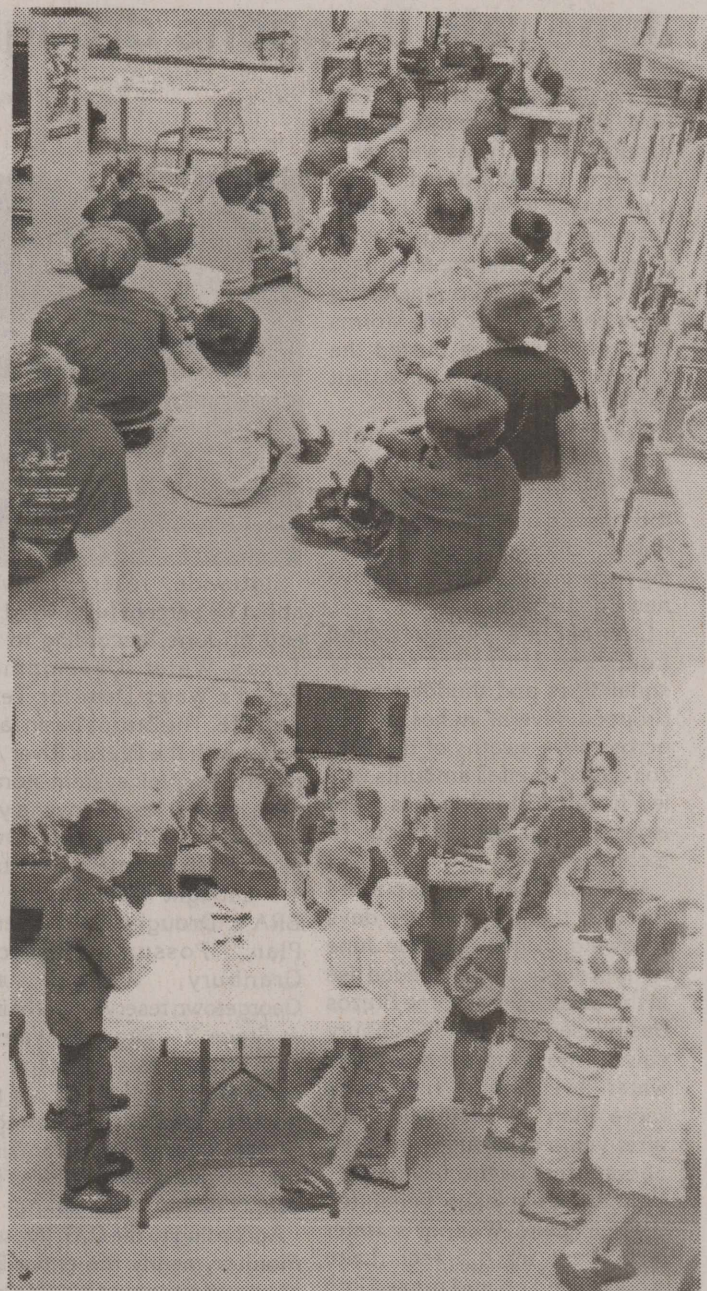
August: Sat. Aug 2nd, Sat. Aug 9th, Sat. Aug 23rd, Sat. Aug 30th

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.

Follow the club on Facebook at Callahan County Riding Club or you can call Paula Kinslow for more information 325-893-4054 or 325-829-1381.



"Fizz! Boom, Read", Summer Reading Program

Another Summer Reading Program, "Fizz! Boom, Read" was held on Wed., July 16, at the Cross Plains Library. Sue Bennett presented a program and hands on project for children 6 years and younger beginning at 1 pm. The children were enthralled as she read stories to them. Beginning at 2 pm Darlene Meador presented a program on Fun Foods. She shared children's cookbooks and stories with them. Then all were able to fill their own snack mix bags from an assortment of goodies. Children also made a necklace that they could eat.

Approximately 32 children attended these programs checking out many books to take home to read. This week the movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" will begin at 1:15 Wed. July 23 for all children.

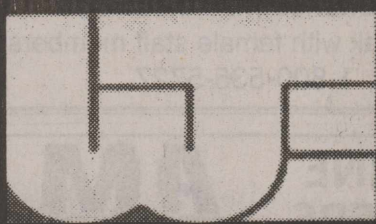
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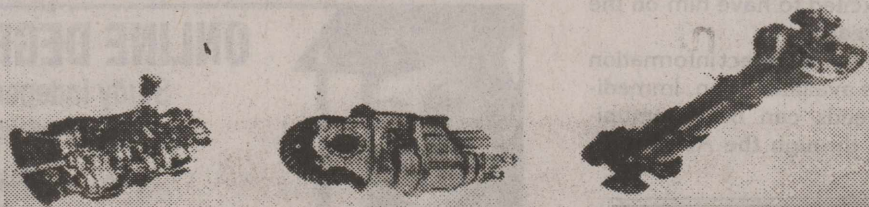
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June rain dampens drought, wet winter may quench it

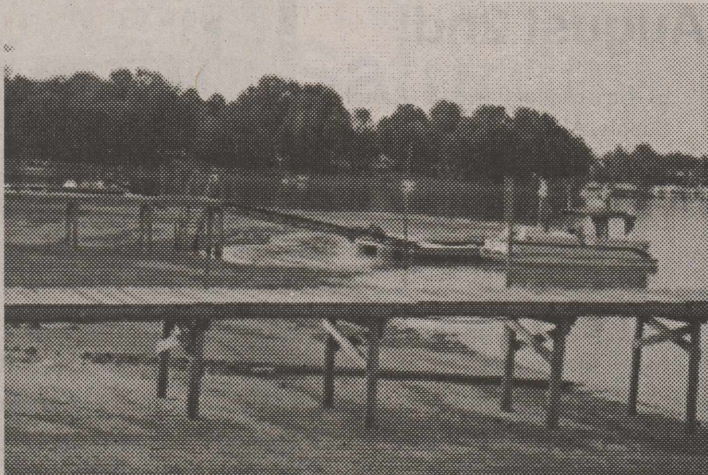
If you haven't figured it out by now, the one thing that is predictable about Texas weather is that it is utterly unpredictable. Just when it looked like the Brazos basin was entering another summer with little improvement in the hydrologic drought, along came the May and June storms that may not have busted the drought but certainly put a dent in it.

Nevertheless, the drought plaguing the basin continues, and the year's hottest, driest months are ahead of us. Fortunately, climatologists are saying there could be some positive news come winter.

Over about a 24-hour period from June 21 to 22, a series of squall lines and thunderstorms dropped several inches of rain across wide swaths of the Brazos basin. Rainfall amounts varied from 1.5 to 8 inches, with isolated areas getting about 10 inches.

Additional rain systems pushed through the state in the days following. Together, these June rains brought a long-needed rise in the water level at some Brazos basin reservoirs. Lake Granbury saw the most improvement. The water level, which had fallen more than 11 feet below full after years of drought, rose by about 7 feet over a few days.

Other basin lakes benefitted as well. Lake Whitney's water level went up 4.5 feet. Lake Aquilla filled up and moved into its flood pool. Lake Waco moved further into its flood pool. While Lake Possum Kingdom's water level went up about 5 inches, its watershed unfortunately did not receive enough rain to have a significant impact. PK remained more than 14 feet below full at month's end.



Statewide, reservoirs were about 68 percent full toward the end of June, according to the Texas Water Development Board's Water Data for Texas website. The Brazos basin fared better with the Brazos River Authority reservoir system storage at its highest level in over a year at 76 percent of capacity. Overall, the system remained at Stage 1 - Drought Watch under the BRA's Drought Contingency Plan. Possum Kingdom, Granbury, Whitney and Georgetown reservoirs remained at Stage 2 - Drought Warning and Proctor was at Stage 3 - Drought Emergency. Four reservoirs, Limestone, Granger, Somerville and Aquilla remained full or close to it, thanks to rain events earlier in the spring.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, nearly the entire Brazos basin remained in some level of drought as of June 24, though conditions had improved over the previous month. In mid-May the Drought Monitor showed almost the entire upper basin under extreme or exceptional drought, the most severe categories. A month later, there was some improvement, but the

entire upper Brazos area is still classified as being in severe drought or worse. About 19 percent of the state continued to be listed under extreme or exceptional drought on June 24, compared to more than 40 percent a month earlier.

At the start of June, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality reported that nine Texas communities had less than 45-day water supply available to them. Another 22 had less than a 90-day supply. At this time it remains unclear whether the recent rains significantly improved conditions in these communities.

Ironically, there may have been a silver lining to dropping water levels at some of Texas' reservoirs. According to a study published last year by a researcher at the U.S. Geological Survey, warmer temperatures and lower lake levels could be linked to a drop in reproduction in zebra mussels. These highly invasive mollusks from Russia were first found in Lake Texoma in 2009. With few if any local natural enemies, within a few years they spread to lakes Bridgeport, Lavon, Lewisville and Ray Roberts and recently were found in

the Brazos basin in Lake Belton.

The tiny bivalves reproduce rapidly, consuming nutrients needed by other aquatic life, clogging water intake pipes, covering any exposed surface and costing potentially billions of dollars nationwide.

In an effort to slow the invaders' spread, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently set a rule requiring boaters to take extra stringent efforts to clean watercraft when using Texas waterways. However, according to the recent study, the drought may be lending a hand in the battle against zebra mussels. In 2011, researchers found as water levels fell at Lake Texoma and the heat of summer set in, the lake's population of the bivalves and their larvae crashed.

Fortunately there may be good news in the long-range forecast. According to the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center, warmer than normal surface temperatures in the Equatorial Pacific Ocean indicate El Nino conditions may be returning this fall. This climatic pattern can cause wetter than normal conditions across the southern United States in the fall and winter. As of June, NWS climatologists give at least an 80 percent chance that El Nino will set up this winter.

But between then and now we are all going to have to do our part to conserve water while we press on through what is sure to be yet another scorching Texas summer. There are many simple things each one of us can do. To learn more, please visit the BRA's conservation pages, here. For more information about zebra mussels, the new state rule and how to clean boats for them, please click here.

Counterfeit bills circulating in area

The Abilene Better Business Bureau is advising all businesses to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$100, \$50 & \$20 bills. Abilene police report a steady increase in the numbers of the bogus bills over the past few weeks. NOW, is a good time to review the various security features of these bills with your staff.

NOTIFY AND TRAIN YOUR STAFF: Abilene police & U.S. Treasury offers these tips on security features in these bills.

Color Shifting Ink - Tilting the bill to different angles will cause the numbers in the lower right to shift from Copper to Green.

Security thread - Verify the presence of a thin strip running from top to bottom to the left of the portrait on newly designed bills. It is visible only when you hold the bill up to a light source. This is a magnetic strip embedded in the bill.

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watermark should match picture on bill.

If you suspect the bill is counterfeit you should do the following:

KEEP the bill from the passer & don't handle any more than necessary

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TELEPHONE the police or the U.S. Secret Service.

OBSERVE the passers description and that of any companion or vehicle used.

DOWNLOAD any available video/photo to a disc for police pickup.

WRITE your initials and the date on the bill, and surrender the bill only to the police or the U.S. Secret Service.

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If you spot one of these counterfeit bills please contact the Abilene Police department at 673-8331.

Dove Season begins September 1st in Callahan County

AUSTIN - Dove hunters will have more opportunity later in the season with dates and bag limits finalized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department this last week.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the 2014-2015 Texas dove season, including a 70-day season and 15-bird daily bag statewide, and a 16-day early teal and Canada goose season.

The traditional September 1 dove season opening day in the North and Central Zones remains; this year falling on Labor Day Monday. However, the first segment in those zones will be shorter than last season, closing on Monday, Oct. 20. The season will reopen Friday, Dec. 19 and run through Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015 in the North and Central Zones.

Callahan County has both North and Central Zones, with the dividing line along Interstate 20. The North Zone in Callahan County is all land north of I-20, while the Central Zone in Callahan County is all land south of I-20.

In the South Zone and Special White-winged Dove Area, the first segment will be shortened by five days compared to last year, and those days would be added to the end of the second

segment. The South Zone opens Friday, Sept. 19 and runs through Monday, Oct. 20. The second segment will run Friday, Dec. 19 through Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015.

The daily bag limit for doves statewide is 15 and the possession limit is 45.

The Special White-winged Dove Area will be restricted to afternoon only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two full September weekends on Sept. 6-7 and 13-14. Hunting in this area will reopen Friday, Sept. 19 and continue through Monday, Oct. 20, and then reopen Friday, Dec. 19 through Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015. During the early two weekends, the daily bag limit is 15 birds, to include not more than two mourning doves and two white-tipped doves. Once the general season opens, the aggregate bag limit will be 15 with no more than two white-tipped doves.

A 16-day statewide early teal and Eastern Zone Canada goose season will run Saturday, Sept. 13 through Sunday, Sept. 28. The daily bag on teal remains six, with a possession limit of 18. Bag limit for Canada geese will be three and a possession limit of 6 in the Eastern Zone only.



GM Car Recall

General Motors has recalled 1.6 million compact cars sold from 2003-2007 because faulty ignition switches can shut off the engine and electrical power while driving, disabling power-assist steering, brakes and front seat air bags. Deaths and serious injuries may have been caused by these defects. If you or someone you love was killed or seriously injured, call us for professional insight.

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Friends of the NRA gun raffle, banquet tickets now available

Tickets are now available for three guns which will be raffled away, as well as this year's banquet to the 2014 Callahan County Friends of the NRA annual Banquet scheduled for Saturday, August 16th at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce Activity Room in Clyde.

Tickets for the Callahan County Friends of the NRA raffle are \$20.00 each. Only 250 tickets will be sold.

Three guns will be raffled this year including:

- # 1 Benelli Ultra-Lite 12 gauge (2012 Gun of the Year)
- # 2 Springfield XD3" 9 mm.
- # 3 Ruger Stainless Hawkeye M77-270 with the NRA logo.

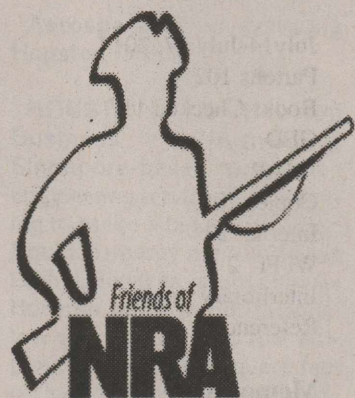
Raffle tickets can now be purchased from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal office located at 312 North First Street in Clyde or Longacre's gun shop located at 358 Chestnut Street in Abilene.

Big Country East Fellowship of Christian Athletes announces Doug Galyean as area representative

Abilene - The Big Country East Fellowship of Christian Athletes is pleased to announce that Doug Galyean has been hired as the area representative for the Big Country East area which includes Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Eastland and Callahan counties. He will assume his duties on August 1, 2014.

Galyean is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He has coached for 33 years, with 29 of those in this area, coaching at Ranger High School, Cisco College, and Eastland High. Most recently he has served as principal at Eastland High School. He is married to Gayla and they have four children, Kacie, Blake, Clint and Grady.

Multi Area Director, Steve Keenum, expressed his appre-



This year's Friends of the NRA Banquet will be held at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce Activity Room on Saturday, August 16, 2014. Banquet tickets can now be purchased from any Callahan County Friends of the NRA member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal office located at 312 North First Street in Clyde or Longacre's gun shop located at 358 Chestnut Street in Abilene. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person.

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- 1 - Yellow Plastic Pocket Folder
- 1 - Crayola Wash Thick Classic Markers 8ct
- 1 - Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
- 1 - Box of Reclosable Quart Bags 25ct
- 1 - Purple Plastic Pocket Folder
- 1 - 9x12 Manila Paper 50ct

Kindergarten

- 4 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Blunt Scissors
- 1 - Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
- 1 - Plastic School Box Large Size
- 1 - Crayola Small Crayons 8ct
- 1 - Green Fine Tip White Board Marker
- 1 - 9x12 Dry Eraser White Board
- 2 - 4oz. Coloration Washable Glue
- 3 - Purple Plastic Pocket Folder
- 1 - Crayola Classic Thick Markers 10ct
- 1 - Red Pocket & Brad Folder
- 1 - Crayola Wash Fine Tip Classic Markers 8ct
- 1 - Box of Reclosable Gallon Bags 20ct
- 1 - Box of Reclosable Quart Bags 25ct
- 12 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1 - 9x12 Manila Paper 50ct

1st Grade

- 4 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2 - Crayola Crayons 24 ct
- 2 - Plastic School Box 8.25"x5.63"x2.13"
- 1 - Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
- 24 - Papermate Yellow Mirado Pencil
- 2 - Crayola Classic Wedge Tip Markers 8ct
- 2 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - 100ct Spiral Comp. Book Wide Rule
- 2 - Red Plastic Pocket & Brad Folders

2nd Grade

- 2 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 24 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Blunt Scissors
- 1 - Crayola Wash Watercolors 16 color
- 1 - Fluorescent Yellow Highlighter
- 4 - BIC Red Med Stick Pen
- 1 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 12 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top 7.25x10.25
- 1 - Expo2 Low Odor Black Dry Bullet Tip
- 1 - 70ct Red Spiral Comp Book Wide Rule
- 1 - Red Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - Blue Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - Green Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - 8.5x11 Zippered Bag w/holes
- 1 - 5 Tab Poly Dividers w/Pockets

3rd Grade

- 6 - BIC Red Med Stick Pen
- 1 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Sharp Scissors
- 24 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1 - Crayola Bold Thick Markers 8ct
- 1 - 120ct Yellow 3 Sub Comp Book
- 1 - 5 Tab Poly Dividers w/Pockets
- 2 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2 - Sharpie Accent Pen Style Highlighter Fl. Yellow
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- 1 - 4pk Color Expo Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers
- 1 - Red Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - Blue Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - Green Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - 2" White View Vinyl Binder
- 1 - 8.5x11 Zippered Bag w/holes
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top 7.25x10.25

4th Grade

- 2 - 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1 - Crayons 24ct
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Blunt Scissors
- 6 - Red Medium Stick Pen
- 2 - Black Expo2 Low Odor CHSL Dry Erase
- 1 - Green Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - 100ct Green Spiral Comp. Book Wide
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7 1/4"x10
- 1 - Yellow Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - 1" White Hardback Vinyl Binder
- 24 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1 - 100ct Yellow Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 2 - 1/2x450" Invisible Tape
- 1 - 7 5/8oz Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - 8 Tab Index Divider Set
- 1 - 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 1 - 100ct. Purple Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 1 - 100ct. Blue Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 1 - Blue Pocket Only Folder
- 24 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 2 - Purple Pocket Only Folders
- 1 - Reg. Pencil Sharpener w/Receptacle
- 1 - 9x12 Asst. Construction Paper (20ct)

5th Grade

- 1 - 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2 - 8oz Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1 - Reg. Pencil Sharpener w/Receptacle
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7 1/4"x10
- 1 - 1" Yellow Flexible Poly Binder
- 48 - Papermate Yellow Mirado Pencil
- 1 - Green Pocket Only Folder
- 12 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1 - Green Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - 100ct Green Spiral Comp. Book Wide
- 1 - Box of Reclosable Quart Bags 25ct
- 1 - 1" White View Vinyl Binder
- 1 - 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 1 - 8 Tab Index Divider Set
- 2 - BIC Med Red Clear Barrel
- 2 - 8 Tab Index Divider Set

6th Grade

- 1 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 1 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1 - 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1 - Crayola 4" Presharpened Colored Pencils 12ct
- 1 - 7 5/8oz Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top 7 1/4"x10
- 1 - 100ct Green Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 24 - Papermate Yellow Mirado Pencil
- 1 - 1" Yellow Flexible Poly Binder
- 2 - BIC Med Red Clear Barrel
- 1 - Reg. Pencil Sharpener w/Receptacle
- 1 - Green Pocket Only Folder
- 2 - Small (6 gram) Elmer's Glue Stick
- 1 - Red Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - 100ct Red Spiral Comp Book Wide
- 1 - 2" White View Vinyl Binder
- 1 - Box of Reclosable Quart Bags 25ct
- 1 - 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 1 - 8 Tab Index Divider Set

Servpro' honors local business at convention June 24th-27th

Abilene, TX (Grassroots Newswire) July 2014 - "SERVPRO", an industry leader in disaster cleanup, restoration and remediation services, honored Clifford & Wendy Densman, "SERVPRO OF ABILENE", with the "CHAIRMAN'S BRONZE AWARD" for outstanding revenue performance. The recognition took place during the company's 45th Annual Convention, held June 24th to June 27th at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, TN.

"This award reflects both the dedication of the "SERVPRO OF ABILENE" team and the ongoing support that "SERVPRO" provides which helps the company maintain its leadership position in our industry," said Clifford Densman, "SERVPRO OF ABILENE" owner. "We will continue to work hard to earn the trust and respect of home and business owners in our community and to stand ready at a moments notice if they need help recovering from a storm, fire, water, or other

disaster."

The record-breaking 2,400 owners and key employees who attended the annual event benefitted from more than 60 educational and business sessions covering more than 25 topics.

This year's keynote speaker was Chris McChesney, author of the book, The 4 Disciplines of Execution (4DX), who offered attendees a formula for executing their most important strategic priorities as business owners.

"On behalf of "SERVPRO INDUSTRIES, INC.", I congratulate Clifford and all of our award winners on a successful year," said "SERVPRO INDUSTRIES, INC.", Chief Executive Officer Sue Steen. "We believe that the dedication and professionalism of our Franchisees and their teams is a key differentiator for us in the industry. Our Annual Convention is an opportunity to update our entire network with the latest intelligence about our company and our industry.

"SERVPRO" Franchisees

leave the event armed with the practical, technical and business knowledge they need to offer reliable, state-of-the-art disaster recovery service to home and business owners in their communities."

For more information about "SERVPRO OF ABILENE", please contact Clifford Densman at (325) 672-5661 or visit www.SERVPRO.com.

"SERVPRO" was founded in 1967, the "SERVPRO" Franchise System is a national leader and provider of fire and water cleanup and restoration services and mold mitigation and remediation. "SERVPRO'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES NETWORK" of nearly 1,700 individually owned and operated Franchises responds to property damage emergencies ranging from small individual disasters to multi-million dollar losses. Providing coverage in the United States and Canada, the "SERVPRO SYSTEM" has established relationships with major insurance companies and commercial clients, as well as individual homeowners.

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.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is August 8th - 10th

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 8th -10th.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend. "Families gearing up for the new school year will not pay any sales tax for many back-to-school items ranging from pens to blue jeans," Combs said. "When the back-to-school list is long and the money is short, it can be difficult for Texas families. We hope this tax break will help ease that burden."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at www.TexasTaxHoliday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$82.7 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday. The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

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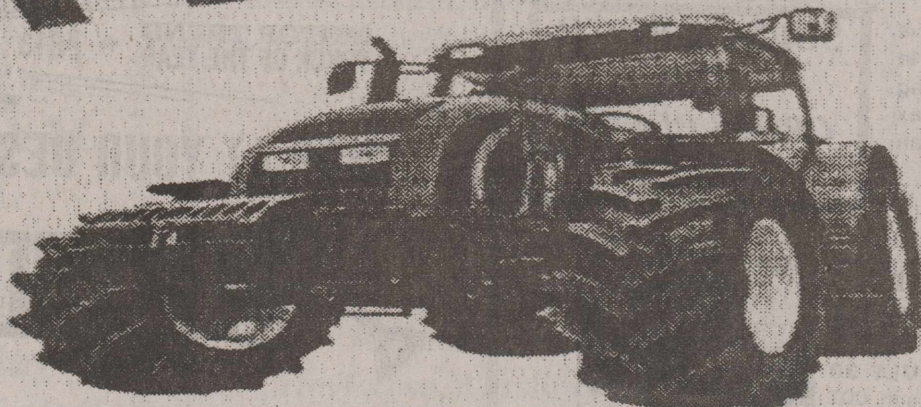
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