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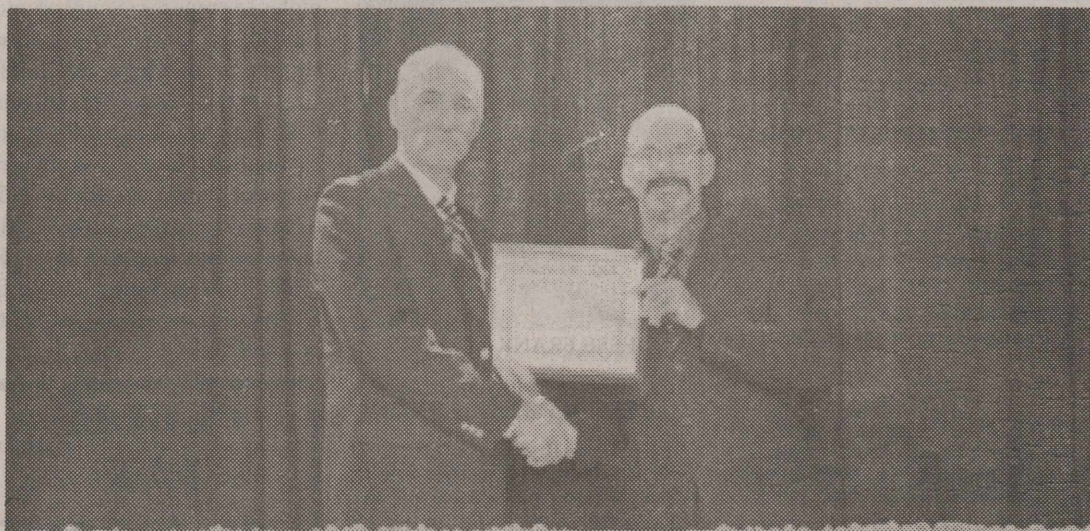
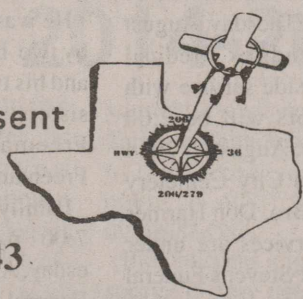
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## VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS



### Local Teacher Recognized for Commitment to Agricultural Science

Austin, TX – The Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas (VATAT) recognized more than 200 deserving teachers and supporters of agricultural science during the VATAT Professional Development Conference for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Cluster July 28-Aug. 1, 2014, in Abilene, Texas.

Marc Morgan, Cross Plains High School Agricultural Science Teacher, received his 25-Year Tenure Award during the Closing General Session on Friday, August 1, at the Abilene Civic Center.

Tenure awards are a benefit of the VATAT and are given in five-year increments to agricultural science teachers and associate members of the Association who have dedicated themselves to teaching and supporting agricultural science.

"The VATAT is proud to recognize the achievements of our members and the dedication of our supporters," said Barney McClure, executive director of the VATAT.

Agricultural science teachers spent the week attending professional development workshops, training classes and general sessions with motivational speakers to enhance their current teaching methods and keep up with the latest curriculum developments in agricultural education and technology.

More than 1,600 agricultural science teachers in Texas are impacting more than 135,000 students enrolled in agricultural education classes at the sec-

ondary level. The VATAT is a professional organization for agricultural science teachers and supporters of agricultural science. The Association informs agriculture teachers about

the latest agricultural education practices, encourages higher standards of teaching agriculture and provides agriculture education a unified voice in the state legislature.



Accepting the award from Brett Watson, 17th District Commander, are Homer Parson, Vice Commander, Ron Bell, Post Commander, Neil Belote, Adjutant, and Jackie Hinkle, Sargent at Arms

### Cross Plains American Legion Post 423, receives many certificates

The Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 held its monthly meeting Thursday, July 31, 2014. The guest speakers for the evening were Billy Rankin, Post Commander at Bangs and Brett Watson, 17th District Commander, Texas Department of the American Legion.

Watson presented the Cross Plains post with several awards including a Certificate of Recognition of achieving a ten per cent higher membership, one for all time high in membership for two years, a Retention Award in recognition of achieving ninety per cent or

### CANCER FUND BENEFIT AT LOWE'S MARKET ON FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH

Lowe's Market will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs in front of the store on Friday, August 29th from 10 am until 3 pm. Come by and get one (or several) hot off of the grill and help out a local organization.

All proceeds from the cookout will go to the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund, an organization that helps local cancer patients with expenses as they travel to and from doctors appointments and treatments.

Cheeseburgers, Jalapeno Burgers, and Hamburgers will be only \$3 each. Hot Dogs are \$1 each. Lowe's employee Joe Terstegge will be manning the barbeque grill, along with Roger Hinkle and Lowe's employees and members of the community.

Come out to Lowe's Market, have fun, eat a great hamburger or hot dog and help out a great cause.



Photo submitted by Ashley Hall

### Salamander's selected as business of the year

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to our selected Business of the Year Salamander's Apparel.

Salamander's Apparel opened for business in October of 2010. Formally, Pancakes' Home Stitchin', Salamander's was born after Phyllis Pancake jokingly told Mandi that she needed to buy her business. After telling Phyllis she was crazy, Mandi decided sure why not buy the place. Screen-printing and embroidery sounded like fun. Phyllis and Randy stayed on for a few weeks and then the Sowell's and family friends took over.

You might be wondering how the name for Salamander's came about? Salamander's is a play on words. It is Sowell Amanda backwards. When Mandi was a kid, her grandfather Rufus Renfro used to ask her if she knew her name was Salamander backwards. There was really no doubt that was to be the name of the establishment.

The employees are made up of family. The "BOSS", Barbara works the store during the school year while Matt and Mandi are teaching school. The store could not operate without her. Barbara is a 'jack of all trades' and can run the machines and help with

screen-printing.

Matt is the embroidery man and does all of the caps and any kind of embroidery you see. He runs the machines and designs as well. Jackie, Matt's wife does screen-printing design for Salamander's.

Mandi does the screen-printing and sales and is the owner but not "BOSS".

Malyssa Sowell has done photography and social media for Salamanders. One of Malyssa's friends from San Marcos Jana Greenway created the Salamander logo.

Stuart is the handyman and takes care of anything that breaks, which is a regular occurrence.

So many friends help out with the business. Lurene McNutt has helped to make t-shirts since the beginning. Rhonda Swift does the business' bookkeeping, and Brenda Montgomery is always helping out with something.

Salamander's began at 116 South Main Street and in November of 2012 bought their new building (formally Custom Tile) at 117 North Main Street, next to the bank.

We hope you stop in Salamander's sometime and check out all their merchandise and make sure to tell them the Chamber sent you

### County Burn Ban reinstated

The Callahan County Commissioners made the decision to reinstate the County Burn ban this morning during Commissioners Court effective Monday, August 11th.

### CPVFD To Hold Brisket Dinner

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, September 6th for Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Barbeque Dinner. Brisket, ribs, chicken, and sausage are all on the menu, along with side dishes and dessert. The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward the new Firehouse. Work continues on the inside of the firehouse but funds are needed to complete the building.

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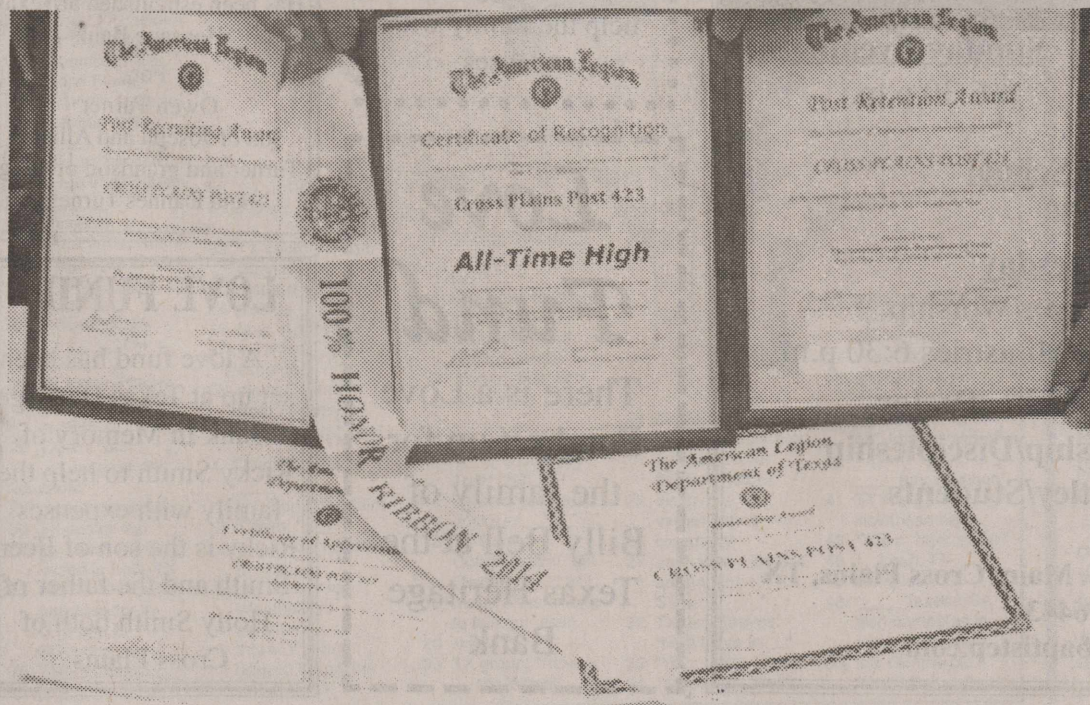
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### Pioneer Baptist Church

**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

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### 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  
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## CROSS PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.  
Evening Worship: 5:00P.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

## OBITUARIES

### Bobby Lee Freeman

Bobby Lee Freeman, 79, of Coleman, died Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Hendrick Medical Center. Graveside service with Military Honors will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 7, 2014 at the Coleman City Cemetery Pavilion with Bro. Don Harnes officiating. Services are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Bob was born October 9, 1934 in Pioneer, Eastland County, Texas to Cecil Freeman and Fannie Flippin Freeman. He grew up in Pioneer, attending school in Pioneer and Cross Plains. Bob served in the United States Army for five years, working on computer systems. He married Mary Helen McClellan in 1961 in Coleman. Bob retired from G.E., after 30 years of service, working closely with NASA. He developed refrigeration units and air conditioner units for several different spacecraft and continued working and developing computer systems for NASA.

After retiring, Bob and Mary moved to Coleman in 1998 from League City. Mary preceded him in death in 2004. In June of 2006, Bob married Pat Buford Bryan in Coleman. She preceded him in death on July 29, 2014. Bob was a member Community Baptist Church.

Survivors include one sister, Maxine Poindexter of Lawn; several nieces and nephews, including Jerry Huddlestone of Cross Plains; Joy Scruggs of Rising Star; several great nieces and great nephews, including Johnny Huddlestone and wife, Amanda, of Coleman; three step children, Mary Ann Bowers and husband, Mike, of Coleman, Sharon Walters and husband, Phillip, of Coleman, Sealy Bryan, Jr. and wife, Tamera, of Odessa; one brother-in-law, Bill Buford and wife, LaFaunda, of

Odessa; seven step-grandchildren and three step great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd Freeman and his twin, Bill Freeman; three sisters, Viola Hudson, Ozella Freeman and Merlene Gail Freeman.

Family visitation will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at Stevens Funeral Home, 400 West Pecan Street, Coleman. Please sign his online guestbook at [www.livingmemorials.com](http://www.livingmemorials.com).

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### Mary K. Whatley

Mary K. Whatley, 68, passed away Monday, August 4, 2014. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2014 in the Minton Memorial Chapel. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. In lieu of flowers her memory may be honored with a gift to the Heart and Kidney Foundation.

Mary was born October 23, 1945 in Coleman, Texas to C.J. (Shorty) and Katherine Strength. She married Jim Whatley in Pampa on January 11, 1993. Mrs. Whatley was an extremely talented seamstress and loved going to garage sales. Survivors include her husband, Jim of the home; son, C.W. Tomlison of Alamo, Tennessee, daughter Teri Tomlison of

Abilene. Jeff Whatley and his wife, Angela of Lefors, Texas, Jason Whatley of Lefors; daughters, Jana Whatley and husband, Mike Williams of Plainview; brothers, Charles Strength and Donald Strength both of Cross Plains, Texas; ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters Margaret Jordan and Barbara Strength Pope, both of Comanche.



JESSE FRANK TAYLOR

### Jesse Frank Taylor

Jesse Frank Taylor, age 83, of Cross Plains passed away on Monday, August 11, 2014 in Eastland. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 14th in the Pioneer Cemetery with Walter Pope officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, August 13th at the Higginbotham Funeral Home from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Frank was born on July 12, 1931 to Jesse and Rose (Decker) Taylor in Knox City, Texas. He owned a Pulling Unit and was extremely knowledgeable about all phases of oil field work. He married Frances L. Grider on February 5, 1953 in Abilene. He was preceded in death by his wife Frances of 59 years.

Survivors include sons, Bobby Taylor and wife Candi of Eastland; Charlie Taylor and wife Lynda of Andrews; he also leaves behind grandsons, Caleb and Lucas Taylor, and granddaughters, Emily Grenko and Chelsey Taylor of Breckenridge, and Cady Pena of Miles, Texas; five great-grandchildren; brother, Pat Parker of Denton; three sisters, June Gire of Denton, Margaret Hutsell of MO, and Glenda Cone of Smithson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cross plains Ems or The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Dept.



**Higginbotham FUNERAL HOME**  
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*A Love Fund* has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for Russell "Rusty" Barnes to help with expenses

**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

## Community Announcement

GED and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will be starting soon! Classes are currently offered in Abilene, Ballinger, Brownwood, Cisco, Coleman, Cross Plains, Del Leon, Hamlin, Snyder, Stamford and Sweetwater. Please call 325-671-4419 before August 25th for more information. Classes are sponsored by Abilene Independent School District.

Clases de GED y Para aprender ingles se empezaran muy pronto. Se ofrecen clases en las areas siguientes: Abilene, Ballinger, Brownwood, Cisco, Cross Plains, Coleman, De Leon, Hamlin, Snyder, Stamford y Sweetwater. Favor de llamar al numero 325-671-4419 antes del 25 de Agosto para mas informacion. Clases son gratis y son patrocinadas por El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Abilene.

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### 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.

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## 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**  
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# The School Lunch Cross Plains ISD Program For Cross Plains ISD Meal Charge Policy 2014-2015

The Cross Plains Independent School District participates in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. Children in the households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your Benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HSSC benefit letter to the reviewing official to be certified for free meals. If a child in your household is directly certified due to receiving SNAP or

TANF benefits, all children in your household are eligible for free meals. If you have questions, call the school at 254-725-6121 to speak to Tammie Tennison, the reviewing official.

Your children can get free or reduced price meals if your household income is within the limits on the Federal Income Chart. For an application and Income Chart, please call or come by the school offices and one will be provided to you. Application forms will also be included in the registration packet of each enrolling student. Only one application per household should be completed; all children in the household can be included on the form.

If you would like an application, have other questions or need help, please call 254-725-7430

Students may charge up to five (5) days per student. After the fifth charge, until the balance is paid, since we will not allow a student to go hungry, a peanut butter and jelly lunch will be offered to your child.

There will be no charges allowed the last three weeks of school.

This policy has been implemented to insure that the lunch prices remain as reasonable as possible. If at any time you need to know your child's account balance or have questions about

your child's balance, please call Tammie Tennison at 254-725-6121 or access your child's account at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

If a child has a food allergy or special dietary need, please notify us immediately. Special dietary arrangements to accommodate your child will require a doctor's note on file in the cafeteria. This note must be renewed each year.

## TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY DIVISION OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Cross Plains ISD offers career and technical education programs in Agriculture Science, Family Career Education, and Computer Technology. Admission to these programs is based on interest and age appropriateness.

It is the policy of Cross Plains ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Cross Plains ISD will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

The District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Leslie Lawrence, at 700 N. Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6121. The Section 504 Coordinator is Phil Mitchell at 700 N. Main Street in Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6121.

## 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.

## Women's Health Program Saturday Open Clinic

ABILENE, Texas - The Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District's women's health program - EPHC, will be conducting an open clinic event, Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. The clinic will be held at the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health District, 850 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.

During this open clinic event, women throughout Abilene and the surrounding counties will have the opportunity to be screened for the EPHC women's health program, see a clinician and receive health information. Prizes, refreshments and giveaways will also be available. The EPHC women's health

program provides expanded primary health and preventive health services for women who qualify at no cost. Services include annual well woman exams, mammograms, Pap test, high blood pressure and diabetes management, family planning and birth control methods, STD and HIV testing. Abortion services are not offered.

The open clinic event is available for women, 18 years of age and older, who are uninsured and have no Medicaid, Medicare or similar health services. Proof of income must be provided for women who are employed.

For more information on the open clinic call 325-676-6634.

## 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.

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## Callahan County Riding Club 2014 Schedule

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.

## Driver's License Office in Baird is now open

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

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

## 2014-2015 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

### BREAKFAST

PK-12	\$ 1.10
Reduced	\$ .30
Adult	\$ 1.75
Juice	\$ .25

### LUNCH

PK-6	\$1.65
7-12	\$2.25
Reduced	\$ .40
Adult	\$3.00
Milk	\$ .25

### ADULT A LA CARTE PRICES

Bread	\$ .25
Dessert	\$ .50
Vegetable/fruit	\$ .50
Main Dish	\$ 1.50

## 2014 Cross Plains Buffaloes Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Aug. 15	Winters	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Aug. 21	Irion County	Irion	6:00pm
Aug. 29	Menard	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Sept. 5	*****OPEN*****		
Sept. 12	De Leon	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Sept. 19	Roby	Roby	7:30pm
Sept. 29	*Gorman	Gorman	7:30pm
Oct. 3	*Ranger	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Oct. 10	*Santo	Santo	7:30pm
Oct. 17	*****OPEN*****		
Oct. 24	*Baird	Cross Plains	7:30pm
Oct. 31	*Albany	Albany	7:30pm
Nov. 7	*Perrin-Whitt	Cross Plains	7:30pm

\* Denotes District

## 2014 Cross Plains Buffaloes JR High Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Sept. 11	Deleon	Deleon	5:00pm
Sept. 18	Roby	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Sept. 25	*Gorman	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Oct. 2	*Ranger	Ranger	5:00pm
Oct. 9	*Santo	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Oct. 16	*****BYE*****		
Oct. 23	*Baird	Baird	5:00pm
Oct. 30	*Albany	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Nov. 6	*Perrin-Whitt	Perrin-Whitt	5:00pm

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## 2014 Cross Plains Buffaloes JV Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Aug. 30	Golthwaite	Cross Plains	10:00am
Sept. 4	Haskell	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Sept. 11	Deleon	Deleon	6:00pm
Sept. 18	Clyde	Clyde	5:00pm
Sept. 25	*Gorman/Mason	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Oct. 2	*Ranger	Ranger	6:00pm
Oct. 9	*Santo	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Oct. 16	Miles	Cross Plains	5:00pm
Oct.30	*Albany	Cross Plains	6:00pm
Nov.6	*Perrin-Whitt	Perrin-Whitt	6:00pm

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**ACROSS**

- A&M football team beat the "Crimson" in 2012
- TXism: "costs an arm and a leg"
- Longview's KFXK-TV (Fox 51) started with this call sign
- "those" south of the border
- "Honey Boo Boo's" cable network
- this Whitman played TX-resident Sandra Bullock's daughter in film "Hope Floats"
- TX boots have an attached pull
- TXism: "hitched to run in a double (married)"
- TXns Willie, Kris, & Rip were in '90 TV film "Aces"
- TXism: "come \_\_\_\_\_ the seams"
- TX Willie's "Farm \_\_\_\_\_" was in 1985
- TXism: "fast \_\_\_\_\_ up a rafter"
- \_\_\_\_\_ bank (certain)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ you a new hat size" (threat)
- newspaper in Weatherford
- ham and \_\_\_\_\_
- this N.Y. team drafted TX pitcher Nolan Ryan

**DOWN**

- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a fare-thee-well"
- \_\_\_\_\_ cow
- TXism: "thick \_\_\_\_\_ dog's back"
- TX book by O. Henry: "The \_\_\_\_\_ on the Frio"
- TX-born Al Freeman was police \_\_\_\_\_ Hall on "One Life to Live"
- \_\_\_\_\_ while (formerly)
- TXism: "eatin' \_\_\_\_\_" (silverware)
- TX country singer \_\_\_\_\_ Stuckey
- dispatched \_\_\_\_\_ siestas
- \_\_\_\_\_ bolo, e.g. \_\_\_\_\_
- a TX fire \_\_\_\_\_ will sting ya
- dir. to Coleman from Abilene
- TXism: "happy \_\_\_\_\_ lap"
- time zone for team in 9-down
- found in turn-of-century Marlin
- TXism: "fast as a cat with its \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Audie film: "\_\_\_\_\_ a Crooked Trail" ('58)
- TXism: "get your ducks in \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Dabney Coleman film: "On Golden \_\_\_\_\_" ('81)
- many TXns belong to this gun assn.
- Santa \_\_\_\_\_ TX
- TX group: "Asleep \_\_\_\_\_ the Wheel"
- the Super TX particle accelerator that was never finished (abbr.)
- discovery exclamations ceremony
- each year 4 people are named a "TX State \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Jim Reeves' "He'll Have to \_\_\_\_\_" "Yo \_\_\_\_\_ Digo Creek"
- "believe it \_\_\_\_\_ not"
- song by singer in 32-down: "\_\_\_\_\_ Losing You"
- West TX, e.g. \_\_\_\_\_ sports injury: \_\_\_\_\_ ligament
- TX Latham, writer of "Urban Cowboy"
- TXism: "so broke \_\_\_\_\_ pay attention"
- TX Rangerettes kick these high
- TXism: "tear jerker"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leon, TX
- achieves
- \_\_\_\_\_ Texas USA" also competes in national pageant this Gent wrote "North Dallas Forty"





HAYLEY ANCINEC DISPLAYS HER BLACK POWDER TARGET.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CALLAHAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITORS WHO COMPETED IN THE TEXAS STATE COMPETITION HELD IN CALLAHAN COUNTY LAST WEEK!



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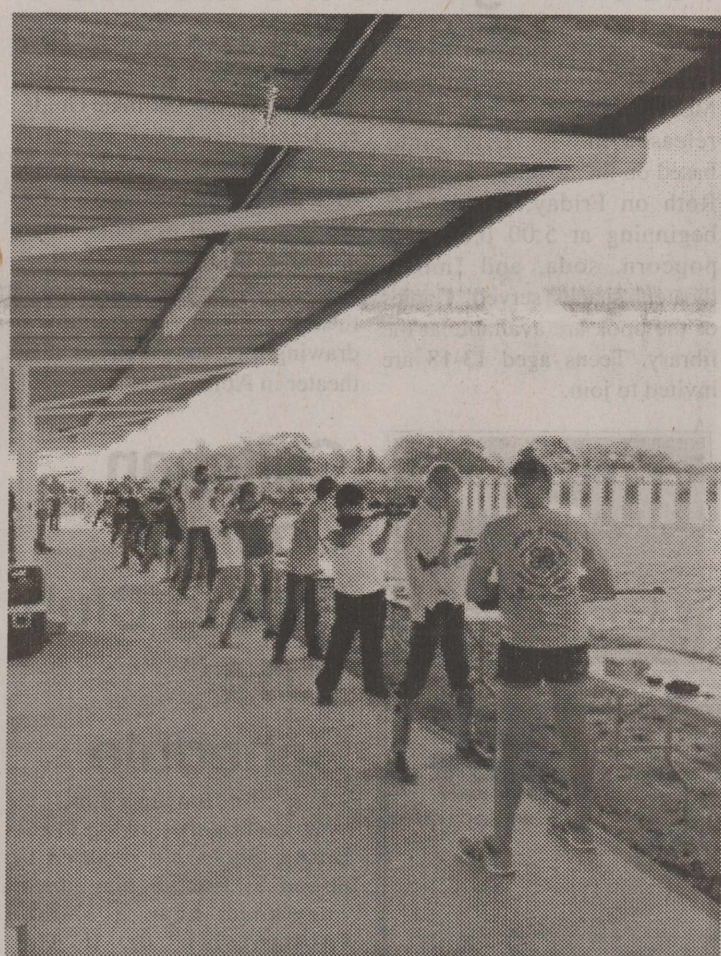
HAYLEY ANCINEC SHOOTING 3 POSITION RIFLE.



HAYLEY MCALMOND WITH HER SHOOTING COACH EDDIE HART.



KAILEY HART WITH BLACK POWDER TARGET FROM THE SHOOTING SPORTS



COMPETITORS AT THE STATE MEET IN CALLAHAN COUNTY JULY 28TH TO AUGUST 2ND.



COMPETITORS ENJOY BLUE BELL ICE CREAM ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON COURTESY OF THE JERRY DON BLACK FAMILY!!



SCORING COMPOUND COMPRISED OF TENTS AND HAWK BUILDINGS.

## Gun raffle, banquet tickets still available Friends of the NRA banquet will be held Saturday in Clyde

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. Banquet activities will begin at 5:00 p.m.

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:

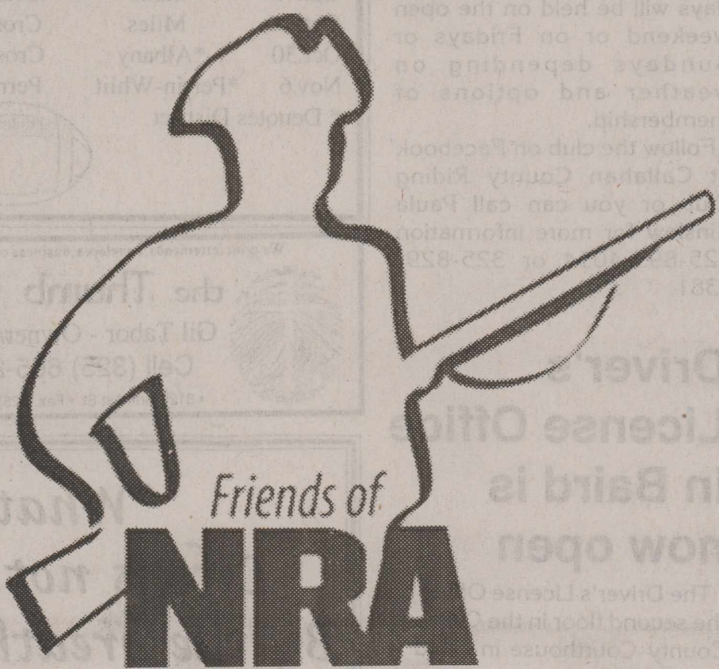
#1 Benelli Ultra-Lite 12 gauge (2012 Gun of the Year).

#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.

This year's Friends of the NRA Banquet will be held 5:00 p.m.



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

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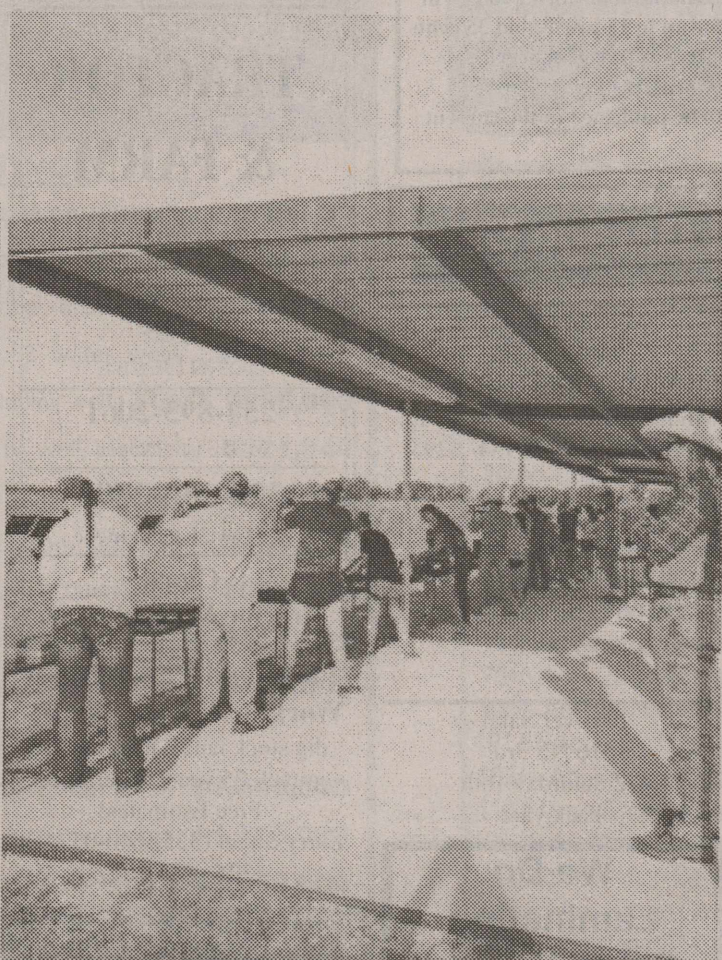
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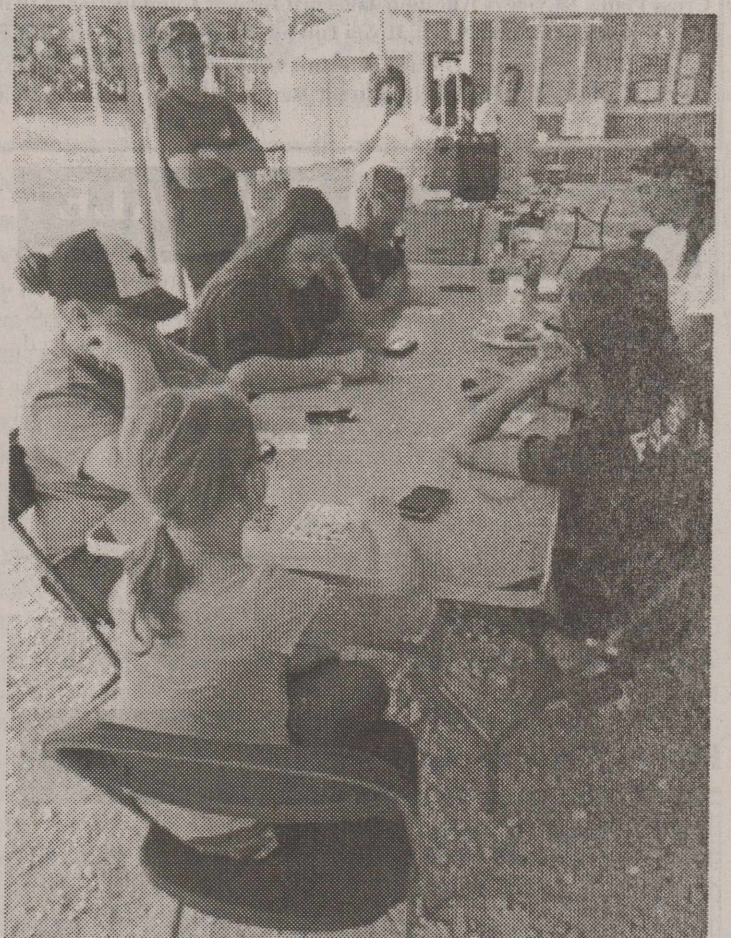
**Pictures of the shooting competition at the Texas State Shooting sports meet held at the Callahan County Shooting Sports range last week**



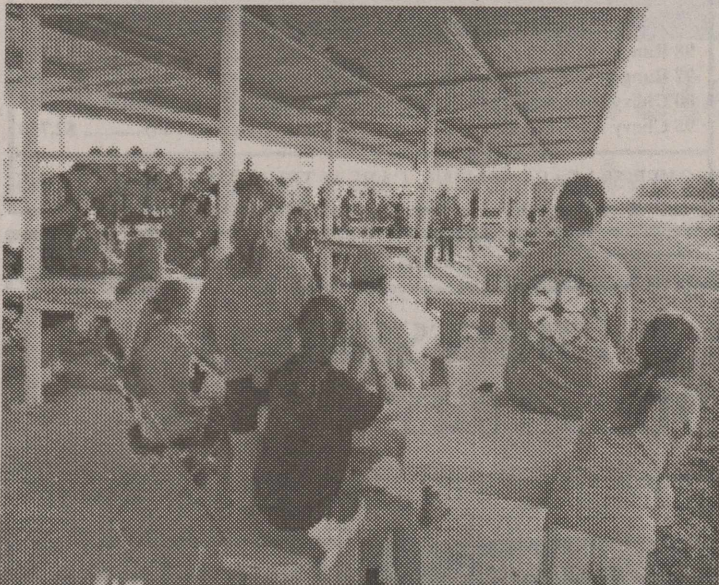
KAILEY HART SHOTS 3-POSITION RIFLE.



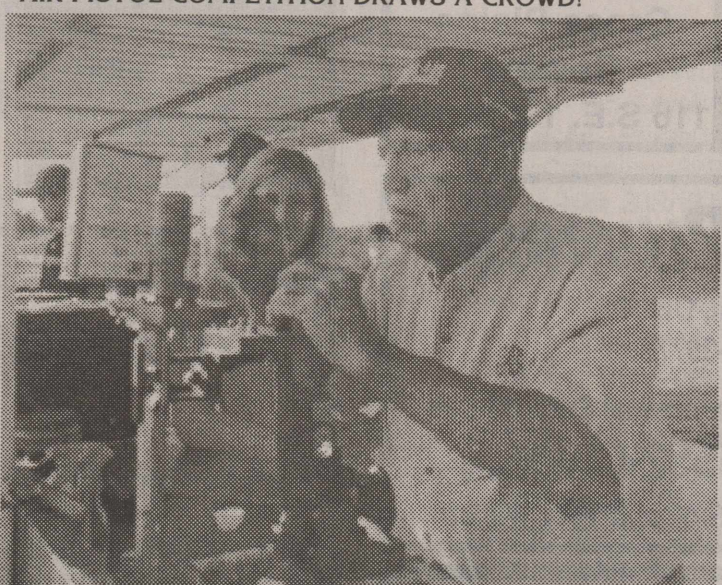
AIR PISTOL COMPETITION DRAWS A CROWD!



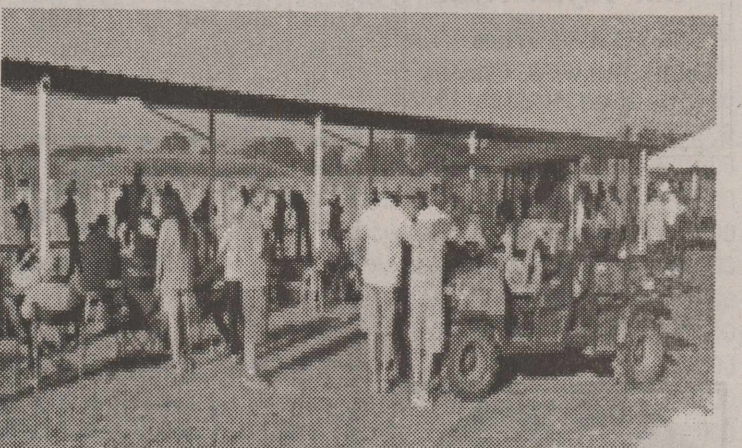
BINGO ANYONE?? FAMILY NIGHT BINGO AT THE SHOOTING RANGE.



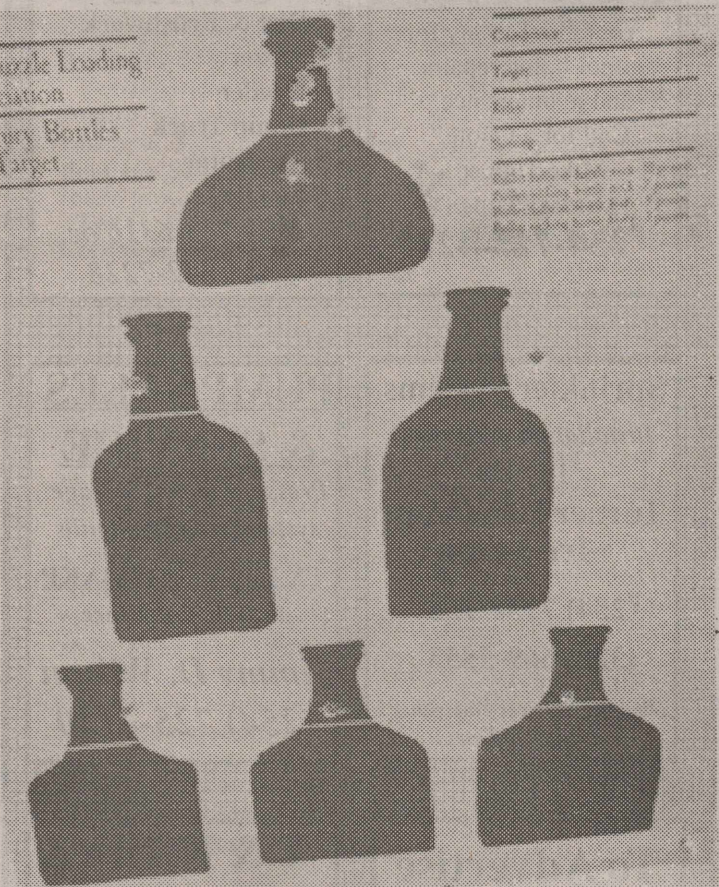
AWARDS BEING PRESENTED AT THE SHOOTING RANGE.



CHARLIE GREENWAY AND KAILEY HART AT RANGE.



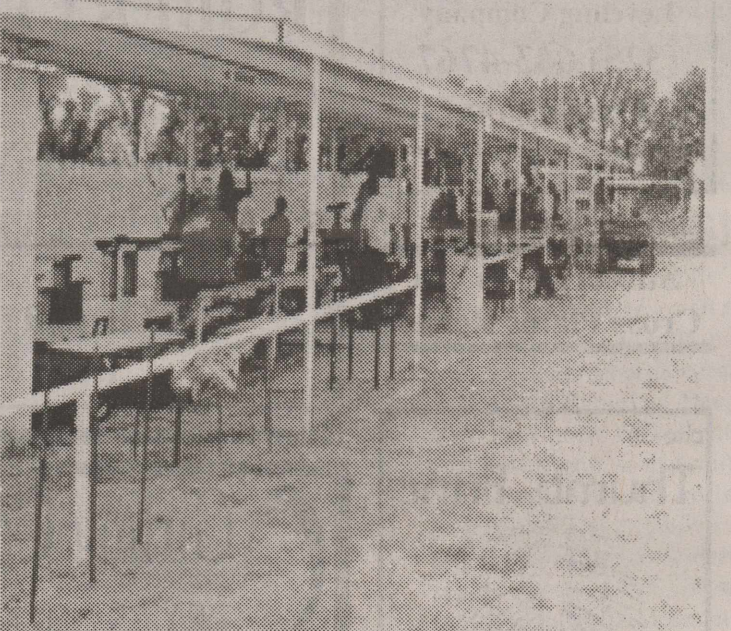
CROWD AT THE PISTOL RANGE DURING SHOOTING COMPETITION.



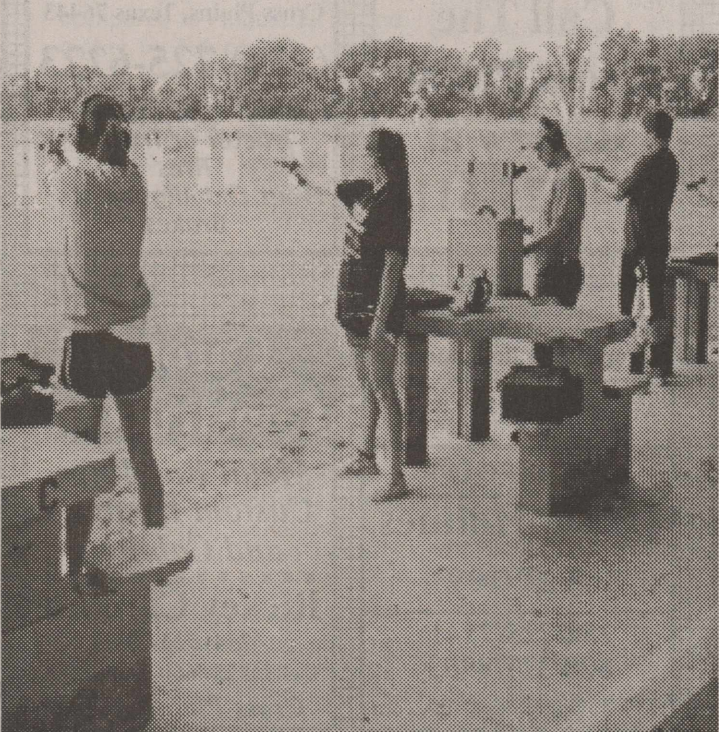
A BLACK POWDER TARGET!



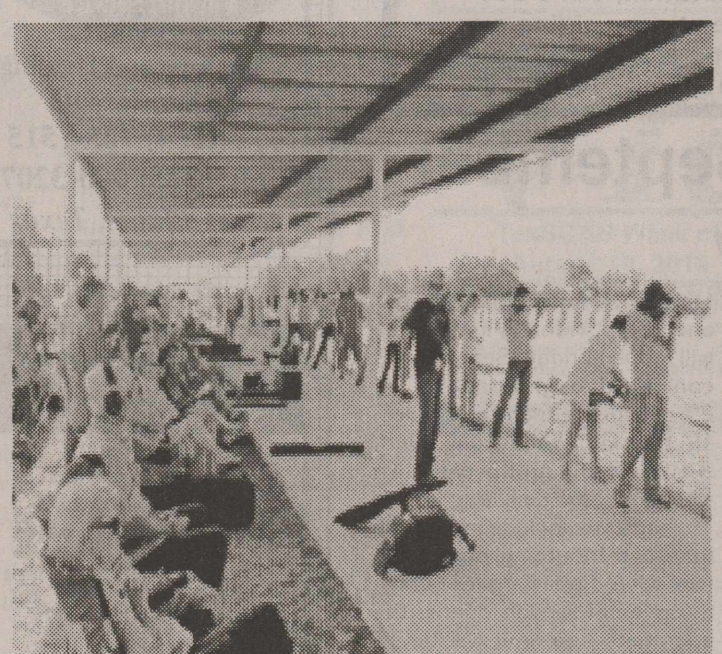
CHECKING TARGETS!



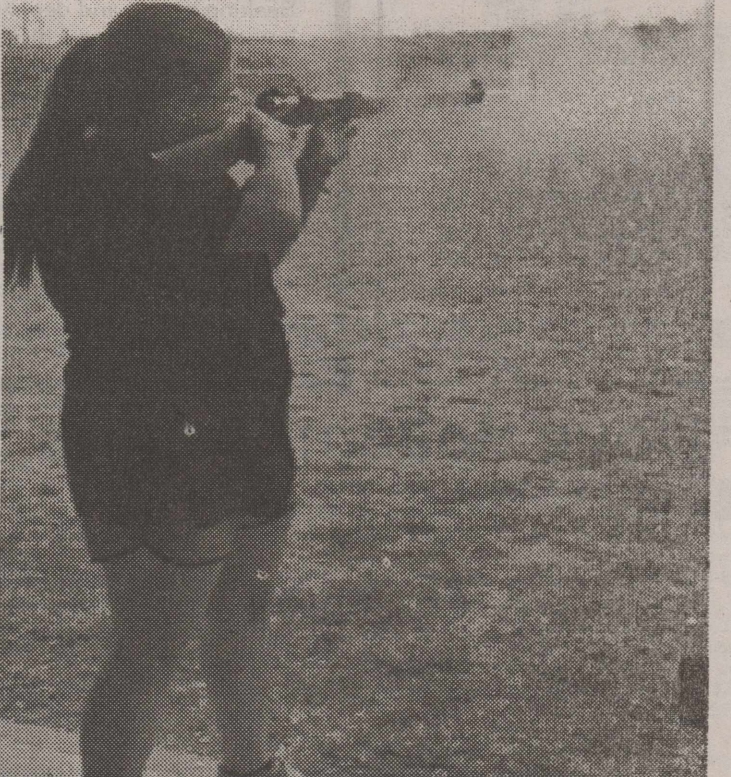
CROWD AT THE RIFLE RANGE DURING COMPETITION.



HAYLEY ANCINEC SHOOTING PISTOL.



PICS FROM THE 4-H RIFLE COMPETITION.



HAYLEY ANCINEC SHOTS 3 POSITION RIFLE.

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

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

Texas State Comptroller Susan Combs reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, August 6th.

Cross Plains' 2014 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$153,805.82, which is 4.30 percent higher than the \$147,460.14 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2013.

The payment to the city for August 2014 was \$22,159.58, which is 5.02 percent higher than the \$21,099.43 payment made in August 2013.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today, Wednesday, August 6th, that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.34 billion, up 6.3 percent compared to July 2013.

"The growth in sales tax revenues reflected strength in both business and consumer spending," Combs said. "The increase was led by remittances from the construction, services, and oil and natural gas-related sectors, as well as from retail trade and restaurants. Fiscal year-to-date, state sales tax collections are now up 5.3 percent."

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their June local sales tax allocations totaling \$706.9 million, up 5.3 percent compared to August 2013.

Combs sent Texas cities \$462.8 million in August 2014, which is higher by 4.4 percent compared to August 2013 and higher by 6.4 percent year-to-date.

She reported \$44.6 million in August 2014 allocations to Texas counties, which is higher by 4.3 percent compared to August 2013 and higher by 3.7 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$157.6 million in August 2014 sales tax allocations, which is 4.7 percent higher than August 2013 and up 6.6 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$41.9 million in August 2014 allocations, which is 21.6 percent higher than August 2013 and higher by 19.2 percent year-to-date.

Total sales tax allocations were \$706.9 million in August 2014, which is 5.3 percent higher than August 2013 and up 6.9 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures represent monthly sales made in June as well as April, May and June sales by businesses that report tax quarterly.

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

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments

**CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS**

	2013	2014
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$147,460.14	\$153,805.82
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$21,099.43	\$22,159.58

for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2014 started the year 44.09 percent higher than the 2013 payments. The city has received \$131,611.55 in 2014, while the 2013 tax payments to the city totalled \$91,333.52.

Baird's monthly payment for August 2014 was \$15,775.46, which is 3.59 percent higher than the \$15,228.00 payment made in August 2013.

—The 2014 sales tax payments made to the city in 2013. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$503,551.44 in 2014. The 2013 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$404,997.09.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for August 2014 was \$58,628.01, which is lower by 0.47 percent compared to August 2013 when \$58,904.88 was reported.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2014 payments to the town totalled \$7,190.23, which is lower by 18.44 percent from the 2013 payments to the city in the amount of \$8,816.93.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of August 2014 was \$1,040.07, which is lower by 0.08 percent compared to the August 2013 payment of \$1,039.18.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2014 in Callahan County are higher by 21.99 percent compared to the 2013 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received sales tax payments in 2014 amounting to \$796,159.04 while the 2013 payments to the county towns totalled \$652,607.68.

The tax rebates in Callahan

County for the month of August 2014 was \$97,603.12, which is higher by 1.38 percent compared to the August 2013 payment in the amount of \$96,271.49.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

August 18th-22nd

- Monday 18th-** Salsibury Steak, Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Bread, Dessert
  - Tuesday 19th** - Fried Fish, Coleslaw, Pork-n-Beans, Hush-puppies, Dessert
  - Wednesday 20th** -Taco Salad, (Meat,Cheese,Beans) Chips and Salsa, Birthday Cake
  - Thursday 21st** - Baked Chicken, Cauliflower, & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Bread, Dessert
  - Friday 22nd** - Turkey Salad Sandwich, English Pea Salad, Chips, Dessert
- MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

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## Senior Citizens Center Activities

August 18th -22nd

- Monday-11th** Exercise 11:00
- Tuesday-12th** Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00
- Wednesday-13th** Exercise 11:00 -Happy Birthday-Foot Care /Girling Home
- Thursday -14th** Exercise 11:00/Care Inn Door
- Prizes - Seniors Eat Free Day (60 and older)
- Friday -15th** 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.

## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting a craft sale on Friday, Dec. 5, from noon until Santa arrives in the evening parade and Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8am -noon. We are putting out the word now, so that crafters can be working on holiday projects to bring in some extra \$\$\$ for the holidays. A reserved space will be approximately 8x10 for only \$10. More details will follow.

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# Praying for Rain

According to Forbes Online Magazine, three years of relentless and severe drought has made large parts of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas drier than they were during the Dust Bowl in the 1930's.

Parts of Texas is about 10% drier now than the 42 months that ended April 30, 1936 and drier than the state's record drought in the 1950's, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Modern irrigation and agricultural systems will prevent a full-blown repeat of the Dust Bowl by holding soil in place. Still, when the wind blows in rain starved Texas, these days, dust storms are likely to follow.

The men and women who participate in activities at the Cross Plains Senior Center have

lived through the Dust Bowl and or the 1950's drought and know the devastation it has on families, whether it be financially, health related, or emotionally.

This same group of seniors also know the power of prayer and believe the promises of the Bible and in 2 Chron. 7:14, God says, "If my people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land."

Please join Cross Plains Senior Center as we pray for rain, Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. downtown Cross Plains. It would be great if we could line Main Street with the prayers for rain.

# Time to Submit Comments on EPA Water Rule

By: Richard Thorpe III, First Vice President, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

In 1972, Congress established the Clean Water Act (CWA) to create a basic structure for regulating water quality standards and discharges of pollutants into "waters of the United States." Under this act, "waters of the U.S." are classified as bodies of water that are "navigable." In other words, the EPA has jurisdiction over a body of water you can sail a steamboat or large ship through.

While Congress gave the EPA authority over "navigable" waterways, the EPA is again trying to abuse and expand its authority. The agency announced a new rule proposal in March that would redefine "waters of the U.S." to expand the water and land that falls under its jurisdiction.

This proposal amounts to the largest land grab in history. Essentially, it would give the agency control over all bodies of water. This includes ponds, streams, creeks, ditches, puddles, man-made conveyances, wet areas on pastures, etc. Basically, the federal government would control every drop of water in the country.

The EPA doesn't want to pass this rule through regular order in Congress. They have tried this twice and failed. Instead, the agency plans to bypass Congress and force us to comply through a rulemaking process.

If adopted, the new rule would not be good for the Texas cattle industry. For the first time, certain ditches would be defined as jurisdictional tributaries under Clean Water Act programs. Additionally, conservation activities not complying with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) practice standards would be required to have a 404 dredge-and-fill permit.

This means you would be subject to additional permitting re-

quirements for applying pesticides, grazing cattle, conducting construction projects and performing other routine maintenance on your land. These permits can cost around \$30,000 and take up to a year to receive. Failure to obtain them would likely result in a penalty.

When the EPA drafted this flawed rule, they didn't consult with agricultural industry groups or you as producers. Instead, the agency was too concerned with finding ways to expand its jurisdiction, while in-turn creating more burdensome regulations for the men and women who work daily to provide the food and fiber of our country.

This proposal presents significant challenges for us, but there is a way we can help stop it. I encourage you, your family, friends and neighbors to comment on the rule in the federal register before the deadline ends Monday, October 20, 2014. Your participation is important as we must let the EPA know how detrimental this rule would be to our industry and livelihood. You can submit your comments by visiting our web site at [TSCRA.org](http://TSCRA.org), and clicking on the "EPA Land Grab" button. We need to get at least 10,000 comments by this deadline, and anyone is welcome to comment. Also, let your Congressmen and Senators know they should oppose this rule.

It is crucial that we send a clear message to the EPA that we will not allow this proposal to be implemented, and its desire to expand onerous government regulations will not be tolerated. It's time to get rid of this rule. The future of our industry depends on it.

Richard Thorpe III is the owner and operator of Mesa T Ranch, headquartered in Winters, Texas. Thorpe currently serves as the First Vice President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and he became a TSCRA director in March 2006.

# Check It Out! At the Cross Plains Library

More books for teens and young readers are flooding the library these days. If you haven't visited lately, you're missing out! There is something for everyone's taste as we still have \$5 left from the J. Frank Dobie Trust for books to add to our collection.

What's new you ask? For young adults we have the complete Graveyard Diaries, featuring Tracking Your Nightmare, Approaching the Undead, How Not to Be Killed By a Zombie, To Werewolf or Not to Werewolf, Vampires Are NOT Your Friends, and All in a Night's Work. We just received the A&D Xtreme series with Sports Cars, Muscle Cars, Hydroplanes, Stock Cars, Formula One Cars, Drag Racers, Aircraft Carriers, Cruisers, Amphibious Assault Ships, Submarines, Frigates, and Destroyers.

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Little readers will enjoy more selections from the past winners of the Ezra Jack Keats Book Awards, including Most Loved In All the World, Rain! Tia Isa Wants a Car, Garmann's Summer, Mom, It's My First Day of Kindergarten! Yesterday I Had the Blues, and I Know Here.

-submitted by Michelle Kaiser

# Cottonwood News

By Beverly Brown

Work has been going on at the old Methodist Church for the past several months —Painting, rewiring, removing wall paper, and restoring the interior of the church. The Cottonwood Historical Association has been able to have this work done through a generous donation from the Kim and Chad Cunningham.

In 2014 the Weaver Reunion was held here in Cottonwood in the home of Nadine Weaver Nickerson on July 20th. Family members and cousins attending were: Dena Jo and Curtis Hines of Weatherford; Kathy Franke of Hamby; Bill and Annette Nickerson, Mary Ella Weaver, Billie Weaver Kelly, Keith and Brian, Carol and Buster Pharr, all of Cottonwood; Rickie Jo and Gerald Brown, Braxton and Lawson, Jennie Nickerson, Autum, Cadence and Barrett; Jessica Nickerson, Hailey and Gus, and Jimmy Kelly, all of Cross Plains; Rebecca Whitescotton of Blackburn; Charles (Buddy) Travis and son Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Travis, Cody and Ricky of Conroe; Dennis Kelly of Brownwood, Patricia La May of Dayton, and Shirley Weaver Byrd of Keller. Everyone had a great time visiting and seeing everyone after all these years.

Monday, August 25th is the day the kids go back to school. It's only a week or so away before we'll see the big yellow bus driving through our community. Remember the days when the

school bus would stop at the Coffey Store for the kids to get candy and a coke?

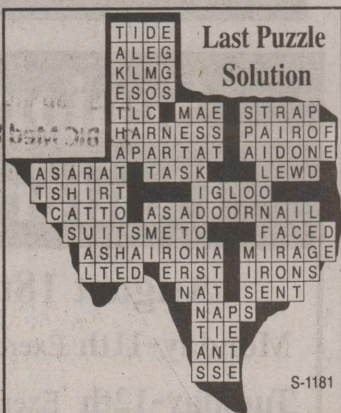
Lowe's Market will be doing a Hamburger and Hotdog Cook-out for the Community Cancer Fund on Friday, August 29th —that's the Friday before Labor Day. Joe Terstegge and Roger Hinkle will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill outside of the store. Joe's crew will be there helping out, too. You won't want to miss this. All proceeds benefit the Cancer Fund.

The Burn Ban is ON. No burning is allowed. Welding is permitted, as long as you have a spotter, two wet fire extinguishers, a large supply of water and a water sprayer. You need to wet down the area often while you are welding. Outdoor grilling is permitted, as long as you cook in an enclosed cooker or keep the lid closed on the grill, have a supply of water available and stay with the cooker while it's cooking. Wind can easily spread embers from your barbecue pit. If you have questions about the Burn Ban—or if you see smoke—call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

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# Chamber of Commerce

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce has now moved our future meetings to every third Thursday of the month

# \$2.9M in YouthBuild grants awarded to Texas by the US Labor Department

Grants are part of \$73.6M awarded through this program across the country

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the award of \$73,654,300 in YouthBuild grants to support academic and occupational skills training for at-risk youth.

"YouthBuild offers thousands of young people the tools, resources and opportunities they need to punch their ticket to the middle class," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez. "These federal grants are part of our broader effort to invest in the future of our nation's youth and help them climb the ladder of opportunity."

Texas will receive a total of \$2,911,174 in federal funding to support the following YouthBuild programs: American YouthWorks in Austin to receive \$1,099,948, Community Development Corp. of Brownsville to receive \$711,226 and George Gervin Youth Center Inc in San Antonio to receive \$1,100,000.

The grants range from approximately \$700,000 to \$1.1 million each and will fund 71 YouthBuild programs across 31 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. They

will help approximately 4,800 young people obtain the certifications and skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Along with the programs receiving funding today, the Labor Department now actively funds 322 YouthBuild programs around the country.

The YouthBuild program aligns with President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative and job-driven training agenda by promoting a "stepping stone" approach that provides a seamless progression from education to work-based training and results in good paying jobs for young adults. The community-based nature of these grants ensures that services are provided where they are needed most and are intended to reach the hardest to serve youth.

YouthBuild is a non-residential, community-based alternative education program that provides classroom instruction and occupational skills training to youth ages 16 to 24 who have been in the juvenile justice system, are aging out of foster care, have dropped out of high

school or are otherwise at-risk of failing to reach key educational and career milestones.

The classroom training component leads to a high school diploma, general education development or other state-recognized equivalency diploma. The occupational skills training component provides YouthBuild participants with industry-recognized certifications in construction or other in-demand occupations, such as health care and information technology. Leadership development and community service are also key elements of the YouthBuild program, helping to ensure that participants maintain a connection to their communities through public service and volunteerism.

For more information about the Department of Labor's YouthBuild program, visit [http://www.doleta.gov/youth\\_services/youthbuild.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/youth_services/youthbuild.cfm) A list of all grantees, their locations and award amounts is available online at: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/ETA20141446.htm>.

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## 2014-2015 Elementary Faculty and Staff

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**Amber Kleiber** - Secretary

**April Cowan** - Pre- K

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**Janice Phillips** - Kindergarten

**Terri Hunter** - 1st Grade

**Kellie Hyles** - 1st Grade

**Jamie Apple** - 2nd Grade

**Paula Winfrey** - 2nd Grade

**Casie Morgan** - 3rd Grade

**Melissa Richards** - 3rd Grade

**Patricia Cook** - 4th Grade

**Crystal Webb** - 4th Grade

**Karri Shepard** - 5th Grade

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**Jim Cook** - Aide

**Beverly Pope** - Aide

**Verna Mathews** - Custodian

**Tiffani Parker** - Custodian



## 2014-15 Cross Plains High School Teachers and Staff

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**Janna Austin** - HS English/Spanish

**Shawn Bullock** - JH/HS History

**Keeka Byrd** - English/FCS

**Becky Dillard** - SpEd

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**T'Leah Eicke** - HS Math/Coach

**Elyan Goode** - AG

**Evelyn Harris** - Library Aide/HS Cheer Sponsor

**Daniel Kelly** - HS Tech/Coach

**Rhonda Kelly** - JH Science/ JH Cheer Sponsor

**JoJo Morgan** - SpEd/Coach

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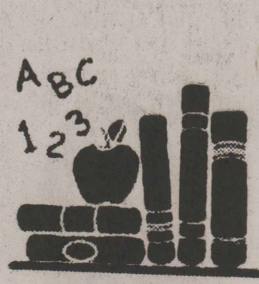
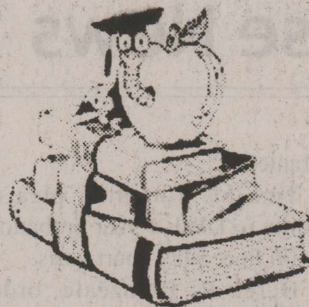
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**Krisi Reed** - HS Secretary/ PEIMS Coordinator

**Mack Tall** - Technology

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**Rebecca Smoot** - Custodian



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- 2 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 1 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1 - 5oz. Can of Playdoh
- 1 - 0.77oz. (22 gram) Elmer's Glue Stick
- 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
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- 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
- 1 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 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
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- 1 - 8.5x11 Zippered Bag w/holes
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top 7.25x10.25

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- 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 1/4x10
- 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/Receptable
- 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

### August 13

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Canda Andrews  
Ned Clark  
Randy Griswold

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Paul Wright  
Robert Ossowski  
Kami(Hargrove)Hickman  
Katie wooten  
Junior Brown  
Naomi (Isbell) Nicks  
Nici Higginbottom  
Jim Freeman  
Debbie (Tyler) Reed  
Clayton Lee Thomas  
Robert McCorkle  
Melody Walker

### August 15

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Pat Albus  
Steve Petty  
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Carie (Renfro) Wheeler  
Elvin Burk  
Maxine Dimitri

### August 16

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Floyd Havens  
Brett Jennings  
Kelli (Hargrove) Hyles  
Von Dell Bailey  
Stephen Fortenbury  
Connie Ricci

### August 17

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Nakadah Walker  
Paula Kelley  
Nelda Tennison  
Angela (Newton) Barraclough  
Tiffany Paige Holland

### August 18

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Rennee Hogrell  
Savana Wyatt  
Darrin Ames  
Dakota Teasdale  
Tommy Hornsby  
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Chester Brown  
Don Turner Jr  
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### August 19

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Romara Rene Atwood  
Connie (Steele) Grelle

## Cross Plains ISD School Board Minutes

August 8, 2014

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Tommy Ames, Davy Crockett, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey and Bryan Bennett.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, Elem Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis, and guests Becky Seale and Matt Sowell.

Prayer was led by Leslie Lawrence.

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Crockett that we accept the minutes from previous meeting with corrections. For 6/Against 0/Abstain 1 (Cowan)

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by McWilliams that we set proposed tax rate @ 1.04 M&O and .07 I&S for the 2014-15 school year. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McWilliams that we consider Policy Update 100 as recommended by TASB. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by McWilliams that we accept change order on high jump apron. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Crockett and seconded by Shepard that we adjourn.





Karin Gavin, Patsy Travland, Haidee Cubarol

## Another Success Story!

Another Rising Star Nursing Center therapy success story as Patsy Travland goes home after completing her therapy. Ms. Travland has been in and out of hospitals and rehabs for almost a year and was most excited to go home. Ms. Travland chose to have her therapy close to home. Seen here at left with Patsy is Karen Garvin, Occupational Therapist and Rehab Director at

Rising Star Nursing Center and Haidee Cubarol, Physical Therapist. The therapy department routinely performs intensive physician ordered therapy for strengthening and endurance in order to release residents home. Congratulations to Patsy Travland and the Therapy Team. To find out more call (254) 643-6700 or go to [www.risingstarnursing.com](http://www.risingstarnursing.com).

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## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Martin C. Cerda Jr., assault.  
Brent S. Clark, criminal trespass.

Edward B. Brumbaugh Jr., driving while intoxicated (DWI) 2nd.

Jose A. Salcedo, possession of controlled substance not in penalty group.

Melissa W. Weaver, driving while license expired.

Marcella L. Lovell, theft by check.

Dennis M. Montoya, theft by check.

Daniel B. Martin, theft by check.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Angela L. Noble, motion to revoke probation granted.

Jeffrey T. Thompson, plea of guilty to theft by check, 30 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Jaime R. Sansom, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Michael Felder, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 60 days in jail, \$1000 fine, \$329 court costs.

Michael Felder, order on motion to revoke probation granted.

Frank E. Gray, plea of guilty to theft by check, 50 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Dillon G. James, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate

granted.

Tina M. Mutchler, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Derek R. Breazeale, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Derek R. Breazeale, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Kelsey Lynn Smith, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Minutes

Sharon Terrell and Cary Todd Terrell, divorce granted.

### Criminal Minutes

Erlinda Lujan, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 2 year probation, \$500 fine, \$354 court costs.

Marcus A. Johnson, plea of guilty to aggravated assault, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$344 court costs.

Thomas L. Johnson, plea of guilty to burglary of habitation, 8 years probation, \$1000 fine, \$246 court costs.

Jeffrey Thompson, plea of guilty to credit card abuse, 2 year probation, \$500 fine \$404 court costs.

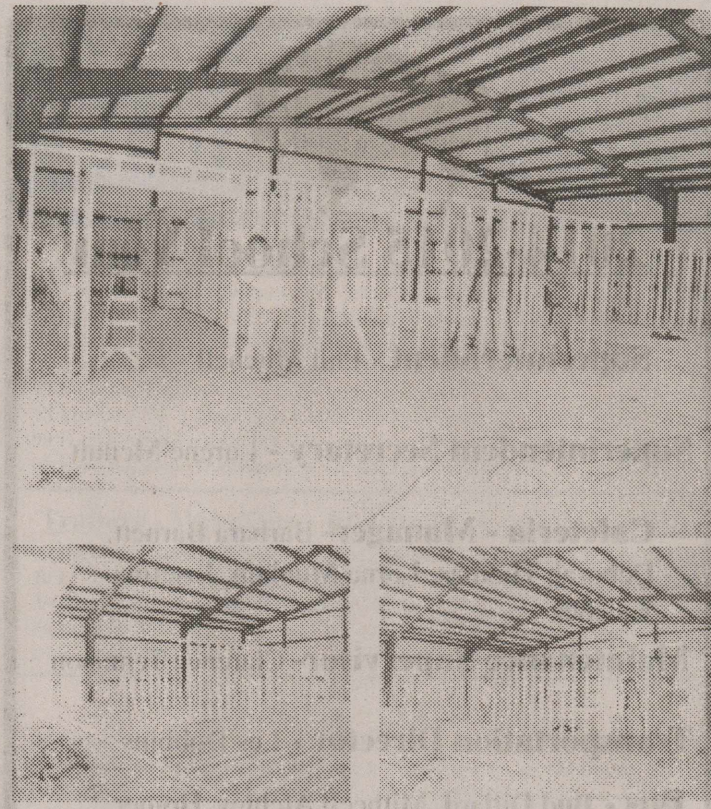
Kimberlee New, plea of guilty to forgery, 5 year probation, \$339 court costs, \$546 restitution.



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## Cross Plains VFD Working on Firehouse

The walls are going up on the inside of the new firehouse. These walls will section off a bunker gear room, communications equipment room, training room, a HASMAT shower, storage, restrooms, offices and a kitchen area.

While progress continues on the new building, funds are still needed to complete the firehouse. Your donations and support and helped us get this far.

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a Barbeque Dinner on Saturday, September 6th to help raise money for the new building. Brisket, ribs, chicken, and sausage are all on the menu, along with side dishes and dessert. The dinner will be held at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Mark your calendar now to save the date for the dinner.

## County Burn Ban reinstated by Commissioners' Court

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to reinstate the countywide outdoor burn ban for 90 days effective immediately.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, August 11th during the commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird. On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second from Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the county commissioners voted 5-0 to reinstate the Countywide Burn Ban.

The Burn Ban order follows:

CALLAHAN COUNTY,  
TEXAS ORDER  
PROHIBITING OUTDOOR  
BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning. NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas.

(1) Action prohibited:

A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others.

B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement:

A. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor. B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or, harvesting of agriculture crops.

(5) Further, a person is not in

violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

(6) See Attachment A for welding precautions and Attachment B for grilling precautions.

ORDERED by the Callahan County Commissioners Court on the 11th day of August, 2014, and executed on the same date.

(s) Roger Corn  
County Judge  
(s) Harold Hicks  
Commissioner Precinct #1

(s) Bryan Farmer  
Commissioner Precinct #2

(s) Tom Windham  
Commissioner Precinct #3

(s) Cliff Kirkham  
Commissioner Precinct #4

Attest:  
(s) Donna Bell,  
County Clerk

### ATTACHMENT A

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood.

WELDING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.

1. The individual welding must have a spotter.  
2. Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.

3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.

4. Must have water sprayer available for use.

5. Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet as often as necessary).

These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgement if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another date.

Violations will be punishable by a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

### ATTACHMENT B

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County.

OUTDOOR GRILLING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.

1. Individuals grilling must attend the grill at all times.

2. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.

3. Cooking must be done in an enclosed cooker.

Violations will be punishable by a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

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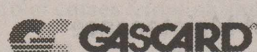
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# Texas Historical Commission news briefs

## TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND BULLOCK STATE HISTORY MUSEUM TEAM UP FOR STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

AUSTIN, Texas—On September 8th, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin will co-host a full-day workshop exploring storytelling and highlighting a variety of ways Texans can tell their stories. The event will take place from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Bullock Museum.

Storytelling is at the core of both organizations' missions. The THC saves the real places that tell the real stories of Texas, while the Bullock Museum interprets the continually unfolding "Story of Texas." Staff from both organizations will lead sessions about effective storytelling techniques, research, and marketing stories, including the importance of choosing words, images, and programs that engage audiences. A morning panel will include three very special guests: Liz Carmack, copywriter and editor for the Texas Association of Counties; Evan Thompson, executive director of Preservation Texas; and State Rep. Donna Howard (D-Austin).

The cost is \$65, and attendees must register by August 23. Online registration is available at the Bullock Museum's events page at <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/plan-your-visit/upcoming-events>. For more information, contact the THC's History Programs Division at 512.463.5853.

**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION REQUESTS SUBMISSIONS FOR ONLINE ARCHEOLOGY MONTH CALENDAR**

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas Archeology Month (TAM) is just around the corner in October, and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is seeking event submissions from the public for the annual TAM Calendar of Events. The THC invites anyone hosting an archeology-related event in conjunction with TAM

to submit information to the agency via the electronic TAM Event Form at <http://www2.thc.state.tx.us/archeology/forms/tam.aspx>. The deadline for submissions is September 15th.

Submitted information will be added to the TAM Calendar of Events that will be available on the THC website at <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/preserve/projects-and-programs/texas-archeology-month>. It will be posted in August and updated biweekly through late September. THC staff is urging contributors to use the electronic form and not send TAM event information by mail or email to ensure the event is included.

The THC cosponsors TAM in association with the Texas Archeological Society and the Council of Texas Archeologists. For more information, contact the THC's Archeology Division at 512.463.6096.

## NATIONAL REGISTER PROGRAM SEEKS LISTINGS FOR EVERY TEXAS COUNTY

AUSTIN, Texas—Since 1969, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has assisted with the preparation and processing of National Register nominations. Most of these were initiated at the local level by property owners, County Historical Commissions, and preservation groups.

However, 33 Texas counties have no properties listed in the National Register. The counties are: Bailey, Baylor, Borden, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Coleman, Crane, Crosby, Delta, Duval, Foard, Gaines, Hansford, Haskell, Jim Hogg, King, Lamb, McMullen, Moore, Parmer, Reeves, Scurry, Sherman, Sterling, Stonewall, Swisher, Terry, Titus, Upton, Ward, Yoakum, and Zavala. Eight additional counties have listed archeological sites, but no listed buildings: Andrews, Fisher, Hemphill, Hockley, Jim Wells, Real, and Schleicher.

Each county has properties that meet the criteria for listing, including historic houses and residential neighborhoods, county courthouses, and other public

buildings such as schools, city halls, and downtown districts that include commercial, civic, and religious buildings.

To find out how to nominate a property or district, contact the THC's Gregory Smith at [greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:greg.smith@thc.state.tx.us) or 512.463.5853.

## FREE ENTRY TO TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION SITES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL THROUGH LABOR DAY

AUSTIN, Texas—Less than a month remains for active military personnel and their families to receive free admission to state historic sites operated by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The offer is part of the Blue Star Museums program, an annual initiative coordinated by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), which began on Memorial Day and continues through Labor Day (September 1).

Several of the THC's historic sites are dedicated to preserving the memory of military service in Texas or by Texans, including Sabine Pass Battleground near Port Arthur, Confederate Reunion Grounds near Mexia, Fort Griffin near Albany, Fort McKavett near Menard, and the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg. A list of the THC's 20 sites, along with maps, site descriptions, and more information can be found at [www.texas-historic-sites.com](http://www.texas-historic-sites.com).

More than 2,000 museums in all 50 states and territories such as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are taking part in the Blue Star Museums program. A collaboration of the NEA, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums and state agencies such as the THC, the program is in its fifth consecutive year.

Blue Star Families is a national, nonprofit network of military families from all ranks and services, including guard and reserve, with a mission to support, connect, and empower military families. For more information, and to learn about other participating museums, visit [www.artsgov.org](http://www.artsgov.org)

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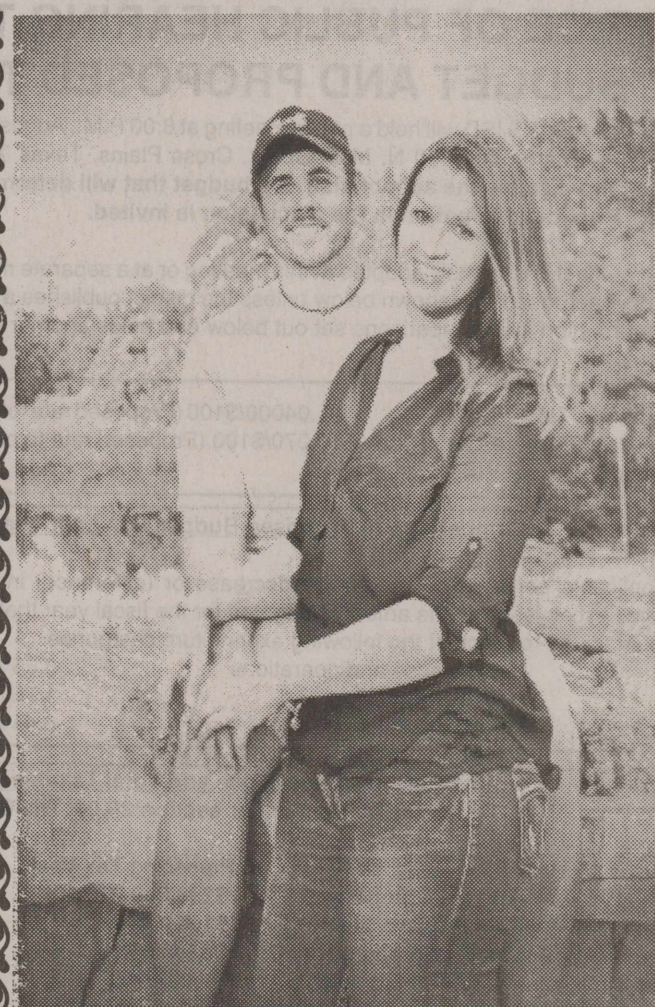
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Teddy Pittman and Samantha Hutton

## Engagement Announcement

Samantha Joyce Hutton and Teddy Vaughn Pittman are happy to announce their engagement.

Samantha is the daughter of Lynn and Pam Hutton of Cross Plains, Texas. She is employed by Girling Home Health and Gentiva Hospice as a Home Health and Hospice Specialist.

Teddy is the son of Randy and Meichele Pittman of Blanket, Texas. He is employed by Keg 1 O'Neil as a transporter.

The couple is planning a September 2014 wedding.

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## 2014 tax values continue to increase throughout County

Tax values throughout Callahan County have increased in 2014, according to Callahan County Appraisal District's Chief Appraiser Don Jones.

Jones said taxable values for Callahan County, the cities of Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains and Putnam and the school district's in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains have been delivered and the entities are now working on announcing their tax rates for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Jones said utilities, which included railroad, power lines, and pipelines throughout the county have increased in value, while new construction continues in most entities and market adjustments are also higher in 2014.

He reports acreage in Callahan County is running about \$5,000 an acre for small tracts of one to five acres of land.

Jones reported oil is again down this year, due to the decline in the price of a barrel of oil.

He said Callahan County's total tax values for 2014 are \$1,647,780,490, up approximately \$97 million from 2013 when tax values were \$1,550,097,730.

He said countywide, utilities values are up, along with new construction and market adjustments.

The City of Baird will report \$52,741,660 in tax values this year, up \$900,000 from the 2013 tax value of \$51,638,930.

The chief appraiser said the City of Baird saw some new construction, along with market adjustments higher and some personal property values increase.

Baird ISD will have a tax value of \$558,904,220, up \$34 million over the 2013 tax value of \$524,123,150. He said the Baird school's district's tax values were higher due to market adjustment, personal property increases and utilities adjustment,

and in particular power lines.

Jones said the City of Clyde had \$135,864,440 in taxable value in 2014, up \$7 million over the 2013 tax value of \$128,670,704. He said the increase can be attributed to new construction, market adjustments and personal property increase. He also said there are some increases from utilities, which include the railroad which runs through the city, as well as power lines which cross the city limits. Jones said the new construction included the new McDonald's restaurant on I-20 and the full value of the duplexes in Fox Hollow have been included in this year's values.

Clyde CISD will report \$484,957,010 in taxable value in 2014. Jones said the tax values for the school district are up \$34 million, which included new construction, utilities, market adjustments and personal property increases.

Jones reported the wind farm values declined in 2014, and will continue to decline through 2016. There are 16 wind turbines located in the Clyde school district within Callahan County. He said the wind farm in Clyde CISD was valued at \$24,800,000 in 2014, compared to \$27,040,000 in 2013. Jones said Clyde CISD's boundaries runs through four counties, including Callahan, Jones, Taylor and Shackelford. He said the majority of the wind farm for Clyde CISD is located inside Shackelford County. Jones said the tax values he reports are only for the wind farm located in Callahan County. Jones said the tax values for the wind farm are performed by Morgan Ad Valorem.

Jones said Eula ISD had taxable value of \$241,165,330 in 2014, which is up \$17 million over the \$224,474,300 reported in 2013. He said the increase can be attributed to market ad-

justments, personal property and utilities. Jones said Eula ISD gets very little in wind farm values because only 11 wind turbines are located in the Eula school district's boundaries.

The City of Cross Plains reported \$33,092,420 in taxable value in 2014. Jones said the city's values are up just slightly over the \$32,125,300 reported in 2013.

Cross Plains ISD saw taxable value go up about \$14 million over 2013. Jones said tax values for the school district were \$312,288,580 in 2014, while the taxable values in 2013 were \$298,388,150.

He said the increase for the school district were due to market adjustments, personal property increases, new construction and utilities adjustments.

The City of Putnam saw tax values of \$3,088,200 in 2014, up from \$2,645,800 in 2013. Jones said the city's higher values were due to market adjustments, personal property and utilities adjustments.

"We've had a steady market for the last several years and land values have been rising," Jones said.

Callahan County Tax Assessor/Collector Tammy Walker said due to Senate Bill 1510, counties and cities only need to publish notices of effective tax rates and actual tax rates just one time, unless the entity is raising taxes above the rollback rate.

Walker said that she'll be getting tax rates from the entities over the next several weeks. She said tax notices will go out to property owners after October 1st.

Walker said taxes for 2014 will be due by January 31, 2015, and that taxes are considered past due on February 1, 2015, and a seven percent penalty will be assessed then.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The CROSS PLAINS ISD will hold a public meeting at 8:00 P.M., August 27, 2014 in the Cross Plains High School Boardroom, 700 N. Main Street, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.04000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.070/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease or (difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	8.65% decrease
Debt service	1.75% increase
Total expenditures	8.44% decrease

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$298,389,270	\$312,288,580
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,497,910	\$1,497,860
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$62,276,250	\$76,670,890
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,497,910	\$1,497,860

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

\*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

\*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$85,000

\* Outstanding principal

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operation	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Local Revenue Total	State Revenue Per Student	Local Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.04000	\$0.07000*	\$1.11000	\$4,480	\$6,401
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.06454	\$0.07173*	\$1.13627	\$4,762	\$6,069

Proposed Rate \$1.04000 \$0.07000\* \$1.11000 \$4,775 \$6,064

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residence	\$43,784	\$45,206
Average Taxable Value of Residence	\$28,784	\$30,206
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.1100	\$1.11000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$319.50	\$335.29
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$15.79

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.11000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.11000.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,555,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$45,559

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New this year - Donate canned goods to be used in the illuminary bag (instead of sand) with battery tea light. Canned goods to be donated to the Food Pantry and Senior Center for the Holidays.

If you would like to help with the planning send an email to [cindyspayne@hotmail.com](mailto:cindyspayne@hotmail.com) or contact Dannes Turner or Melissa Richards.

The Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund is assisting 15-20 cancer patients from the Cross Plains area with travel expenses for treatment.

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## UIL State Basketball Tournaments Moving to San Antonio Alamodome

AUSTIN— The 2015 University Interscholastic League Girls and Boys State Basketball Tournaments will be played at the Alamodome in San Antonio the UIL announced Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

The change comes as a result of UIL staff seeking a solution to the difficulties with availability and affordability of hotels caused by concurrent events in Austin.

In June, UIL staff asked for guidance from the UIL Legislative Council as it related to the basketball state tournament venue. The council authorized staff to move the basketball state tournaments to San Antonio in 2015. The Alamodome has worked with UIL staff to finalize arrangements for the upcoming girls and boys basketball state tournaments.

"The decision to move the basketball state tournaments has been a difficult one," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "The tournaments have enjoyed a rich tradition in Austin, but in order to provide the best experience for student-athletes, coaches and fans, it is best to move the UIL basketball state tournaments to another excellent venue in Texas, the San Antonio Alamodome."

The first UIL Basketball State Tournament was played in Austin in 1921. Gregory Gym on the University of Texas at Austin campus began hosting the boys

and the girls tournament was added in 1951. The Frank Erwin Center on the University of Texas at Austin campus has hosted the boys and girls state basketball tournaments since 1978.

"The Alamodome has a proven history of hosting high-profile championship sporting events," said Michael Sawaya, San Antonio Convention & Sports Facilities Director. "We look forward to welcoming to San Antonio the many student-athletes, families, and fans to the 2015 State Championship Basketball Tournaments, and are honored to have been selected to host this great event."

The girls basketball state tournament will take place March 5-7, 2015 and the boys tournament will be March 12-14. Details about ticket sales will be forthcoming.

"We're thrilled the UIL has chosen San Antonio to host one of the state's premier high school championships," said Casandra Matej, San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau Director. "From NCAA Final Fours to the Spurs' march to a fifth NBA crown last month, San Antonio has proven to be a championship city when it comes to basketball. We look forward to providing another unforgettable experience for players, fans and officials at the 2015 UIL State Basketball Tournaments."



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## Cicada

Ahhh, summer is here. The sights are here, the smells are here, the heat is definitely here, and a familiar sound has arrived. Summer in west Texas announces its arrival with an insect songster that has a unique life history that many people will find intriguing.

One species or another of the cicada (family *Cicadidae*) is found throughout North America, including at least six kinds in west Texas. While some of these varieties have minute differences from each other and others have obviously different characteristics, they all have several things in common that can be used to describe them.

Cicadas are insects, and like others of this group, they have three body parts: the head, the thorax, and the abdomen. Each one of these body parts has a specific purpose, with the head being the area where the eyes and feeding appendages are, the thorax is where the legs and wings are attached, and the abdomen is where the majority of the internal organs are housed. Also like others in the insect group, the skeletal structure is on the outside of their body. This structure is known as the exoskeleton. They have six legs, as well as two pairs of wings that are utilized for flight. The body size ranges from just over one-half inch in one endemic species to over two inches in another. The clear wings are about twenty percent longer than the body. The eye placement is on each side of the head and they are known to have particularly good vision.

Cicadas are well known for their noise-making capabilities, and this noise production is either utilized for defense, or more commonly, for love. Males are the songsters, often carrying on incessantly while perched on the side of a tree, usually during the hottest part of the day. The females of this family are silent, being incapable of making any such music that the males make. These rhythmic songs are one way to differentiate one species from the next and are performed by males to attract females. A secondary use for this noise is self-defense. When a cicada is captured by a bird, it will emit a high-pitched shrill, and occasionally this will startle the predator enough into opening its beak and allowing the insect to fly away to safety.

Cicadas have a very unique life cycle. After mating, the female cicada will lay her eggs along tree branches; then after fulfilling her reproductive duties, she dies. Upon hatching, the young, known as nymphs, drop from



Cicada (family *Cicadidae*)

the tree limbs to the ground below, where they bury themselves. They develop underground, drinking liquids from roots. The time frame of this development varies by species, but regardless of what kind it is, time is the issue. Some species develop quickly, only taking three years to reach the point of maturity. Other kinds can take longer, up to seventeen years in one species! After this time of development, the nymphs will dig to the surface, usually at night, leaving hollow black holes in the ground from whence they came. They will then find a tree or other structure to dig their enlarged front claws into, split

the back of their temporary exoskeleton open, and emerge as a winged adult. The wings are wet upon this "hatching" and it can take several hours for them to dry enough for flight use.

So, the next time you see a strange, empty exoskeleton left on a tree or a house, allow your mind to imagine the time frame of this development of the life of this boisterous insect. The bug that left it might be longer-lived than some of the momentous occasions that we celebrate in our lives.

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

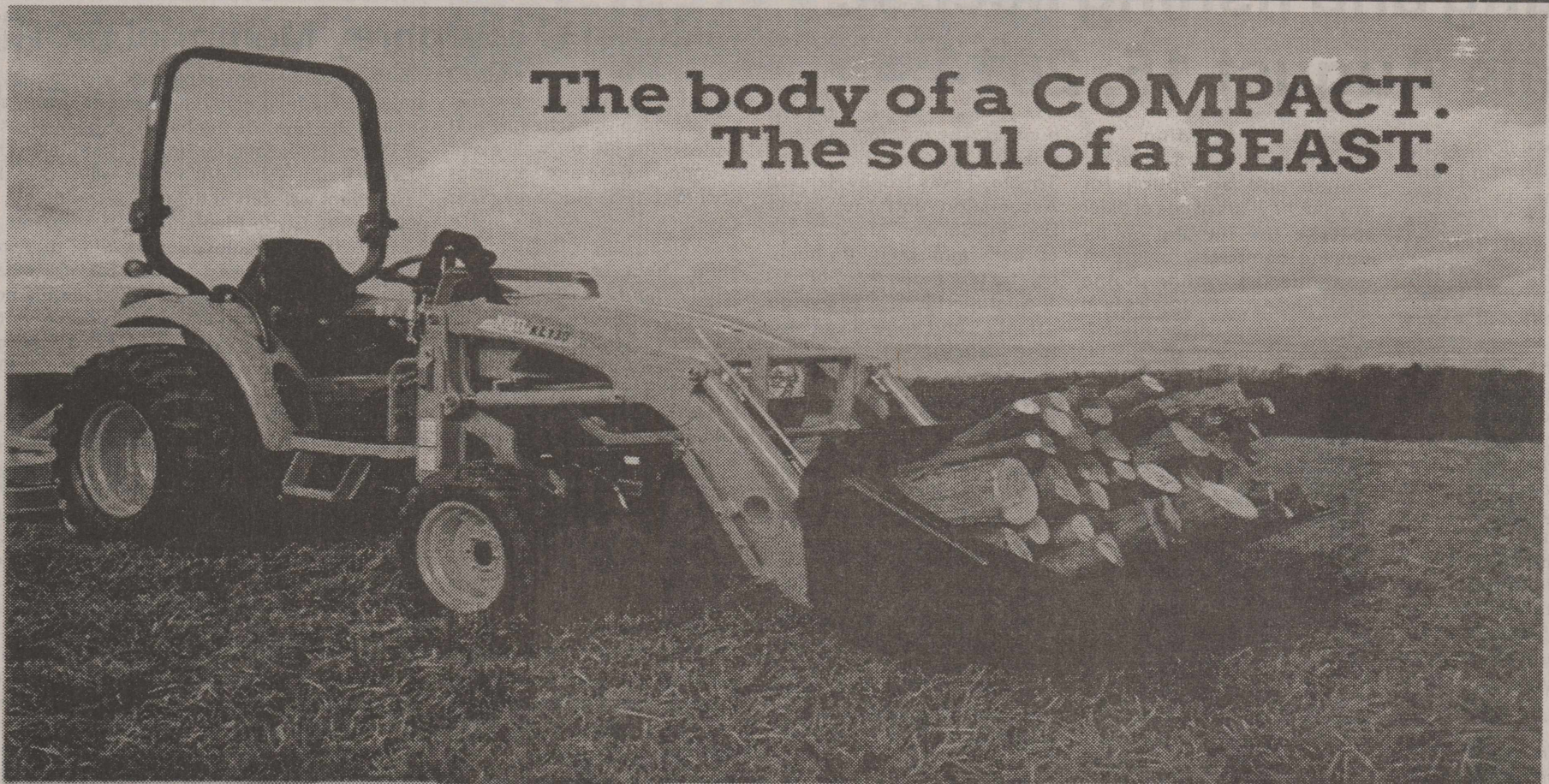
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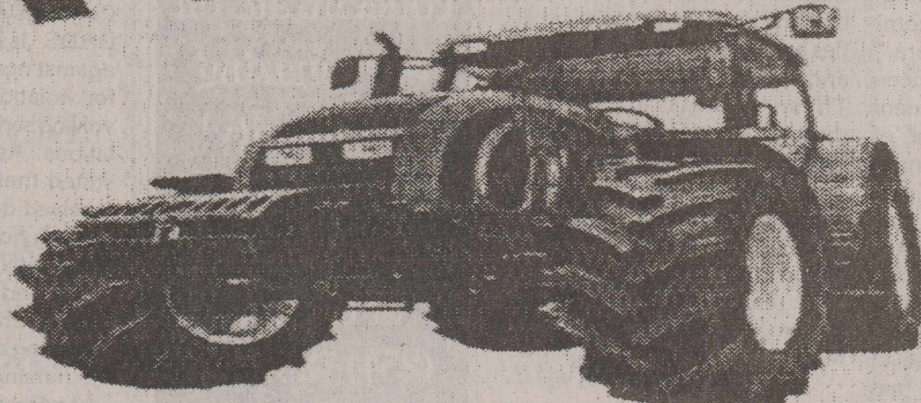
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# Hunting and fishing license on sale August 15, 2014

AUSTIN — New licenses for the 2014-15 hunting and fishing seasons go on sale Friday, August 15th. The current year (2012-2013) Texas hunting and fishing licenses (except year-to-date fishing licenses) will expire Aug. 31st.

Every year, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issues about 2.5 million hunting and fishing licenses through the agency's 28 field offices, more than 50 state parks and at over 1,700 retailers across the state. Licenses may also be purchased online through the TPWD website at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/buy](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/buy) or by phone at 1-800-895-4248. Call center hours are Monday through Friday, 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. and there is a required \$5 convenience fee for each phone or online transaction. The online transaction system is available 24/7. For online and phone orders, a physical license will be mailed within three business days. During that time period, a transaction receipt will be provided via email that will be sufficient proof of hunting license that can be used for dove hunting, though it will not be allowed for the take of fish or wildlife that require a tag.

Hunting and fishing regulations for the new season can be found in the 2014-2015 Outdoor Annual, available at license retailers August 15th and online at [www.txoutdoorannual.com](http://www.txoutdoorannual.com). Starting this fall, hunters and anglers can take the Outdoor Annual with them in the field or on the water via a new app available by the end of August for free download on iPhone and Android platforms.

## Mandatory Hunter Education Certification

In addition to a hunting license, anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971, must successfully complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time deferral good for one license year in order to hunt legally in Texas. The certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces.

Hunters who need "hunter education certification" now have expanded contemporary

options including a streamlined, one-day basic course and an option for anyone 17 years of age or older to take the hunting safety training completely online. A combination online home study and 4 to 5 hour skills field day course is also offered. More information on hunter education certification is available online at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/hunter-education](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/outdoor-learning/hunter-education).

## Bird Hunting Requirements

A Migratory Game Bird endorsement and Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification are also required to hunt dove or teal in September. HIP certification involves a brief survey of previous year's migratory bird hunting success and is conducted at the time licenses are purchased. Duck hunters also need to purchase a Federal Duck Stamp.

There are other mandatory endorsements to consider at the time of license purchase. An Upland Game Bird Stamp (\$7) is required to hunt all non-migratory game birds, including turkey, quail, pheasant and chachalaca.

## Big Time Texas Hunts

Big Time Texas Hunts provide opportunities to win one or more of eight premium guided "hunt packages" with food and lodging provided, as well as taxidermy in some cases. The crown jewel of the program is the Texas Grand Slam dream hunt package, which includes four separate hunts for Texas' most prized big game animals — the desert bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, mule deer and pronghorn. There are several quality whitetail hunt packages available, as well as opportunities to pursue alligator, waterfowl, upland game birds, "wild hog" and exotics. Big Time Texas Hunts entries are available online for just \$9.00 each at [www.tpwd.texas.gov/buy](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/buy) entry, or for \$10 each at license retailers or by phone. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may purchase and all proceeds benefit conservation, wildlife management and public

hunting. The program is made possible with support from Toyota, Texas Trophy Hunters Association and the Texas Bighorn Society. More details on all "eight" premium hunts can be found online.

## Lifetime License Drawing

Hunters and anglers can also take care of their licensing requirements for life with the purchase of an \$1,800 Lifetime Super Combo, or enter for a chance at winning a lifetime license through the Lifetime License Drawing. Entries for the drawing cost \$5 each and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. There is no limit on the number of entries that may be purchased. Winners will be drawn on Dec. 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015. If you enter by Dec. 27, 2014, you will be eligible for both drawings.

# Commissioners approve election judges and alternate judges for 2-year terms

Callahan County Commissioners approved the appointment for election judges and alternates during the commissioners' court regular meeting held Monday, August 11th at the County Courthouse in Baird.

During the meeting, commissioners also approved the motion to sign the Resolution for Countywide Polling Places which will allow all Callahan County registered voters to vote at any of the Countywide Polling Places during an election.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and a second by Commissioner Harold Hicks, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to accept the submitted list of election judges and alternates.

The election judges and alternates for the six voting locations include:

Clyde JP Office: Vivian Smith, election judge; Willie Gallagher, alternate judge.

Eula School: Roxanne Schoen, election judge; Mary Mosley, alternate judge.

County Courthouse: Fain McWilliams, election judge; Johanna May, alternate judge.

Cross Plains JP Office: John Swift, election judge; Joyce McCoy, alternate judge.

Putnam Community Center: Randy Petty, election judge; Beth Petty, alternate judge.

Oplin Community Center: Judy Campbell, election judge; Ann Gee, alternate judge.

Early Voting Ballot Board Judge: Dana Voigts.

Central Count Station: Nancy Charlton, election judge; Jan Windham, alternate judge; Nicole Crocker, election judge; Debbie McMurray, alternate judge.

On a motion by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham,

# Schedule and Route Set for the SSG Michael C Murphrey Memorial 5K Run/Walk

Over the past several weeks the planning committee has met to determine the schedule and route for the 5K run/walk event honoring the life and service of SSG Michael C Murphrey. This event will mark the fifth anniversary of his death and is being held to support the scholarship fund set up in his memory. The 5K will be held on Saturday, September 6th and everyone in the community is invited to attend. Registration is going on now at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce located at 106 Cedar Street. Forms can be found in the Clyde Journal, or you may request one by e-mailing [chamber@clydeamerica.com](mailto:chamber@clydeamerica.com); the fee to run is \$20 for individuals, or \$60 for a group of 4.

Event Schedule – 7:30-8:30am – Registration and Runner Check-in at the Clyde Elementary Campus

8:30am – Flag Ceremony and National Anthem

8:45-9:00am – Line up (please make sure young children and strollers are towards the back)

9:00am – Official Run Start

The event will start at the flag pole on the Clyde Elementary Campus. It will then move south along Forrest, turn west (right) onto Hunters Glen, turn north (right) onto Sherwood Lane, and turn east (right) onto FM 18. The route will again turn south (right) on Hunt Street and a water station will be located at South 3rd and Hunt for participants. They will continue along Hunt Street until they make a left and cross over onto California Street; please be careful when crossing the street to avoid any traffic. The Route will head east along California Street until it meets with Stephens Street where runners will turn south (right) and run along the west side of the street until it meets up with Sandy Lane. At Sandy Lane the route

will cross over Stephens Street and head into the City Park. Again, please be mindful of any traffic along this area. The Route will end at the Clyde City Park Memorial Wall where participants can refuel and rest while they wait for the shuttle to take them back to their vehicles at the Elementary Campus.

Please note – there will be signs, directional volunteers, and Police Officers to help keep participants safe and on the right route. All participants are encouraged to wear bright clothing so that they can be seen by drivers that may be in some of the areas along the route.

If you reside along the route we would like to encourage you to put out an American Flag in honor of SSG Murphrey.

If you have any questions about the route or the event, please contact the Clyde Chamber of Commerce at 325-893-4221

Polling Place Program as provided.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of August 2014, at a regular meeting of the Commissioner's Court which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 551.001, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

APPROVED:

(s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge

ATTEST:

(s) Donna Bell  
County Clerk  
Callahan County, Texas

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:33 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.

—Under public comments, there were none.

—Judge Corn made a motion to table any discussion or action on the grant for courthouse repairs until Thursday, August 14, 2014. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—After posting for bids on the purchase of an asphalt distributor, the commissioners' court only received one bid. The bid is

from Yellowhouse Machinery Company of Abilene for \$152,500.00. Commissioner Windham made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to accept the Sheriff's deputations of John E. Butler, Samuel Stickly, and Leonard Clayton. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Under public comments, Jail Administrator Julie Lemon commented on other county law enforcement entities procedures.

—Judge Corn made a motion to recess the commissioners' court meeting at 10:03 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote. The meeting was called back to order at 10:30 a.m.

—After discussion with Sam Goldsmith of Goldsmith Solutions, Sheriff Terry Joy and Jail Administrator Julie Lemon with the Sheriff's Office about dispatch services and the ongoing costs, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to table any action until January, 2015. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:45 a.m. Judge Corn seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

# AARP Texas urges Sunset Commission to back nursing home reforms

AUSTIN, Texas — This week, AARP Texas is calling on an influential legislative advisory panel to support a slate of reforms to improve long-term care and nursing home quality in Texas.

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission meets at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Senate Finance Committee Room E1.036, Capitol Extension, 1400 Congress Avenue in Austin. On the agenda are recommendations from the Commission's staff concerning the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS).

In a recent report, the Commission's staff found that DADS issues few sanctions against nursing home operators for violations, even in cases involving serious and repeated violations. As a result, the report stated that many Texans have received deficient care in some nursing homes. The report said that relatively low financial penalties and other factors have limited state regulators from clamping down on bad actors in the nursing home field.

As part of its Wednesday meeting, the Commission is expected to vote on Issue 4 DADS recommendations. These recommendations, if adopted by the Commission and enacted into law, next legislative session, would strengthen inspections and in-

crease penalties against facilities with poor track records.

Earlier this year, in a report, AARP ranked Texas' long term care quality of care and quality of life a dismal 49th. Reports have shown that nursing home residents are too often being left to suffer with preventable injuries like bed sores. Others are being put on antipsychotic medications that are not indicated for their conditions. High rates of staff turnover at nursing homes are contributing to poor care.

"When families make the difficult decision to place a loved one in a nursing home, they do it with every expectation that the state will assure that they will be well cared for and safe," said Bob Jackson, AARP Texas director. "A vote in favor of the DADS Issue 4 recommendations is a vote to protect Texas nursing home residents."

Information about the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation can be found at: <https://www.sunset.texas.gov/public/uploads/files/reports/DADS%20Decision%20Material.pdf>.

# Receive 10 Free White Flowering Dogwood Trees By Joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August

Nebraska City, Neb. — Add color to your landscape year-round by joining the Arbor Day Foundation in August.

Everyone who joins the non-profit Arbor Day Foundation with a \$10 donation will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees through the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting in each member's area, which falls between October 15 and December 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

\*Dogwood trees will add color and beauty to your yard through-

out the year, with their showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage and red berries that attract songbirds in the winter," said Matt Harris chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care, and a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication.

To receive the free white flowering dogwood trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to: Ten Free Dogwoods, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31, 2014, or join online at [arborday.org/august](http://arborday.org/august).

# State-run institutions for Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities in need of reform and consolidation

AUSTIN — Today (Tuesday, August 5th), the Center for Health Care Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation released a policy paper on State Supported Living Centers (SSLCs), which provide residential care to Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Texas operates 13 SSLCs across the state, and has not closed one in 18 years despite a steadily declining SSLC population, sharply rising costs, and persistent problems maintaining adequate quality of care at these institutions.

"The fact is, Texas maintains more state-run institutions for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and houses more people in each institution than any other state. Texas is an outlier and not in a good way," said John Davidson, senior health care policy analyst at the Foundation. "It's long past

time for our state to join the long-term, nationwide trend of deinstitutionalization, and finally modernize the way we deliver care to this vulnerable population by moving toward a community-based system of care."

Since 2009, Texas has been under a settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice to improve conditions at its SSLCs. After five years, not one of the 13 SSLCs has achieved substantial compliance with that settlement. Meanwhile, the public has become increasingly aware of serious problems at these institutions, some of which involve abuse and neglect of residents, and in some cases preventable deaths.

Davidson continued, "This is not a new issue. The SSLC system has been in need of reform for many years but efforts have gotten nowhere because of entrenched special interests. The

Sunset Review Commission has an opportunity to set the closure and consolidation process in motion, and it should do so. Gradually, Texans with intellectual and developmental disabilities are choosing to leave SSLCs and moving into communities. These centers are closing through attrition. The Legislature can stand by and do nothing, or step in and manage the process. We think lawmakers have a responsibility to take action."

To read the entirety of the paper, visit: <http://txpo.li/sslc-report>

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