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Barbarian Festival Kick Off Parade

6 p.m.

5 p.m. -- Parade line up at the High School

Fish Fry - Senior Center

5 to 7 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

Fish, Coleslaw, French Fries - \$8

Beans, Hushpuppies, Banana Pudding

Come & Watch
The Parade

Fish Fry & Barbarian Parade Thursday, June 11th

How does a plate of fried catfish with French fries, coleslaw and homemade beans and hushpuppies sound? Mmmm. Add to that Vivian's Banana Pudding and you have a great meal. All for only \$8.

Come out to the Cross Plains Senior Center on Thursday, June 11th and enjoy the Fish Fry from 5 until 7 p.m. Visit with your friends and neighbors - and see the Barbarian Festival Kickoff Parade.

The Barbarian Festival Kickoff Parade starts at 6 p.m. Parade line up is at 5 p.m. at the High School. The parade will come down Main Street right in front

of the Senior Center, where Emcee Bob Golson will announce each of the parade floats and other entries.

The Six White Horses from Hardin Simmons University with again be a highlight of the parade.

It's not too late to be a part of the parade. Drive your old car, tractor, 4 wheeler, bicycle, golf cart, lawn mower or other vehicle in the parade. Or walk your dog or donkey - or just walk with your friends or group. Get more information from Joe Terstegge at 325-260-5701. If you're a business owner, the parade is a great way to let folks know about your business!

Both on Thursday, June 11th See You There!



2015 Color Blast Slated for June 13th

The 2015 Babarian Festival Color Blast has been scheduled for June 13, 2015 registration begins at 7 a.m. and will cost \$25.00.

The 5k run will start at 8 a.m., the race will begin and end at the rodeo arena.

The 2015 Barbarian Festival 5k color blast is in memory of Jane McWilliams Wyatt.

For more information email Shelby at:

ShelbyAjeanMc@yahoo.com or call 325-669-7371.

Barbarian Festival Next Saturday - June 13th

The Barbarian Festival is almost here - next Saturday, June 13th! Come out to Treadway Park, just west of Cross Plains from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for lots of food, family entertainment, and fun! Stroll through crafts booths, see artwork, jewelry, yard art and many other items. Enjoy live music and all kinds of food.

Kids can come a bounce, crawl, slide and have fun on a 75ft inflatable bounce house obstacle course. They'll also enjoy facepainting, pony rides, a hula hoop contest, a shoe pile contest, balloon pop, duck pond and other kids games.

The 'Color Blast' a 5K Fun Run will be held the morning of the festival. Registration begins at 7:30. The run begins at 8:00 am, beginning and ending at the festival grounds. Proceeds will benefit the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund.

The Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show is always a crowd-pleaser! Come and see restored T-birds, Chevy and other fine rides. You might even want to bring your classic car or truck. There's no entry fee and prizes will be awarded to the winners in the Best Car, Best

Truck and Best of Show Categories. The Car and Truck Show is presented by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and Hanner Chevrolet.

Take a look at the old John Deeres and Farmalls in the Antique Tractor Show.

Enjoy live music on the festival stage. The *Class of '57* Band, the band that festival-goers have enjoyed for the past several years, will play music throughout the day. Don Childers will emcee the events on the stage.

The Texas Tornadoes Dance Troup will perform at 10:00 a.m. They've been a the festival the past several years and have entertained the crowd with their line dancing.

4His Glory will perform at 11:00 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. The group is made up of Matt and Mandi Sowell and Connie and Rhonda Swift.

New this year, *Concho Grass*, a bluegrass band. Enjoy their music at 11:00 a.m.

Kids will want to be a part of the Shoe Pile Contest at 1:30 p.m. Kids of all ages can take part in the Hula Hoop Contests at 10:00 a.m. and at 3:00 p.m.

Throughout the day, prize drawings for the many items

benefiting Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund, which awards a scholarship to a local high school senior. Those items include an d cor items, yard art, and gift certificates from many Cross Plains businesses. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased Texas Heritage Bank and the Senior Citizens Center before the festival at the Barbarian Festival Committee Booth the day of the festival.

There's so much to see and do at this year's festival. Stroll through arts and crafts booths, candles, jewelry, d cor items and much more. Enjoy roasted corn, dogs, barbeque, hamburgers, hotdogs, curly fries, fresh-squeezed lemonade and many other tasty treats.

Free parking is available at the Rodeo Grounds. Just follow the signs to the Parking area. Look for the Barbarian Festival Trolley so you can catch a ride up to the festival grounds.

You won't want to miss the Barbarian Festival next Saturday, June 13th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the shade trees at Treadway Park, on Hwy 36, just west of Cross Plains.

Sheriff's Corner

By Terry Joy
Callahan County Sheriff

On Monday evening, May 25, 2015, I was in my office in the jail writing a theft report when a dispatcher came in to tell me that she had just been contacted by Taylor County Jail stating they had Xavier Sneed in custody. Taylor County told Callahan County dispatch that Sneed's mother had brought him to the jail. This information was confirmed; and, now all four suspects involved in the aggravated robbery and murder of Misty Mashburn which occurred on Gas House road between Baird and Clyde in January 2015 are in custody. Four people are suspects in this murder and robbery; they are Shaliko Mcgee, Michael Wallace, Xavier Sneed and Brianna Payne. The young lady, Brianna Payne, who is pregnant, had her bond reduced; and she is out of jail on bond.

Shaliko Mcgee has been in Taylor County Jail from January 27, 2015 until now, Thursday, June 4th. This calculates to 129 days and will continue at a cost of \$38.50 per day. Total cost of housing for this person to this date is \$4,966.50. Michael Wallace has been in Taylor County Jail from February 2, 2015 until now, which totals 120 days. At \$38.50 per day the total price so far is \$4,620.00 for Wallace. Xavier Sneed has only been at Taylor County Jail for 11 days at a cost of \$423.50. These suspects have cost the county \$10,010.00 to date. Brianna Payne was kept in our jail from February 5, 2015 until

April 1, 2015 before bonding out on a lowered bond. She took a special jail cell because she is pregnant which meant that we had to send other inmates to another jail at the cost of \$38.50 per day. Brianna Payne's total days were 56 x \$38.50 which totals \$2,156.00. The total for these four inmates is \$12,166.00 to this date.

Two other suspects, Butler and Covington, who are charged in the beating death of Pinner are also in Taylor County Jail. Butler was arrested on October 27, 2014 and Covington was arrested on November 13, 2014. The number of days for these two inmates from arrest to June 4, 2015, the day you are reading this paper is 435. This number of days at \$38.50 per day equals \$16,747.50. All totals added together, we are now at \$28,913.50.

Callahan County was also responsible for the housing of a suspect involved in a murder in Baird prior to the above mentioned events. This suspect was housed for 329 days for a total of \$12,666.50. Add this number to the above mentioned \$28,913.50 and the housing cost for the seven incarcerated for more serious crimes, so far, comes to a grand total of \$41,580.00.

There is no way to know or predict how long the five who are incarcerated in Taylor County Jail will stay before and/or after appearing in court. My points in all of this is to inform the public that crime is costly; and, major crimes seem to be on the increase.

Reservations due for Robert E. Howard Dinner

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 is the deadline for making reservations for the Robert E. Howard Days celebration dinner at the Community Center, scheduled on Friday, June 12. Just \$15.00 will get you a delicious, plate filling chicken fried steak dinner from the Staghorn and a neat opportunity to visit with folks who have taken dead aim on Cross Plains for the two day event. There are some spaces left, however reservations are coming in daily, so local residents are encouraged to reserve a seat immediately.

Reservations are available at Texas Heritage Bank, City Hall, Cross Plains Public Library, at PayPal at ProjPride@yahoo or by mailing to Project Pride, PO Box 534.

The dinner and silent auction will be held in the Community Center. The auction of Howard

related items will open at 5:30 with the dinner to follow at 6:30 pm.

Mark Schultz will address the audience about his career of illustrating Howard stories. His artwork is on several of the books that are mailed from our Post Office to most states and several international addresses. Schultz will be participating in at least two of the panel discussions that are being held at the public library. Most of the panels will feature scholars who have been attending this annual celebration for years...Rusty Burke, Bill Cavalier, Mark Finn, Jeff Shanks, and Patrice Louinet from France who was Guest of Honor last year. Dierk Guenther from Japan will be one of the panelists also.

Don't delay, make your reservations immediately.



Jack Larimore, Zachary Gartman, Billie Pointer, Charles Thompson and Chance Thompson

Brass Quintet takes Division II Title

Jack Larimore, Zachary Gartman, Billie Pointer, Charles Thompson, and Chance Thompson participated in the State Solo & Ensemble contest in Pflugerville on Monday the 25th. They did an excellent job on their quintet. The group made a division two (excellent) on their piece! I am so proud of these students and their accomplishment at state!

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

Rowden Baptist Church

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Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
Bible Study...10:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
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Gregg Steine, Youth Pastor
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UT Austin Texas 4000 Team-Sierra Route



Ride Director Chris Brubaker, Martha Mai, Meredith Trapp, Nick Sehy and Asst. Ride Director Caitlyn Valadez

The Austin 4000 Rides Again

On Monday, June 1st twenty plus riders from the University of Texas at Austin, Sierra Team, stopped at our local Subway for a quick lunch. These dedicated students are part of a larger group of 70 that are on their way to Alaska to raise funds, hopes and awareness for cancer.

"We ride 4,100 miles from Austin to Anchorage, Alaska to raise money for cancer" stated Assistant Ride Director Caitlyn Valadez, "it's what we do". Each rider must raise a minimum of \$4,100.00, or a dollar per mile, to be a part of the team, as well as train for 18 months before beginning the arduous journey. The training for the event consists of both riding and mental preparation. Each student must log 1,500 miles on their bike and demonstrate mental toughness in order to handle the literal and figurative mountains they come up against. There are three different routes students ride each year to

Alaska: the Sierra Route through the Southwest and up the California coast, the Rockies Route which takes a team through Colorado and Montana, and the Ozarks Route through Missouri and Iowa.

To date, this year's team has already raised approximately \$610,000, the largest amount raised by the past 12 teams. The three top fundraisers in the Sierra Team that came through Cross Plains were: Martha Mai with \$15,125, Meredith Trapp with \$14,300, and Nick Sehy with \$10,600. Each raised their funds in various ways from Ms. Mai sending out over one hundred letters, to Ms. Trapp's on-line fundraising, to Mr. Sehy's networking and garage sales, as well as simply pan handling on the street corners of Austin.

For more information on the Texas 4000 or to donate visit, www.Texas4000.org

Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Program

The Cross Plains Public Library is launching its 2015 Summer Reading Program.

Come and join the fun with Miss Sue's Little Superhero Readers, age 6 and under, every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. for stories and crafts.

The main programming for all ages begins at 2:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Topics for the main program are: Texas National Guard, Fire Departments, Zoo Life, Police Departments, and EMS and Ambulance Departments. There will be movies and field trips this summer to further investigate each topic. Children under 6 must be accompanied by a parent on all field trips. Those who are 7 and above will be supervised by Library Staff. Field

trip attendees must be at the Library by 1:00 p.m.

The following is a list of dates for field trips and movie showings:

June 17: Field trip to the Texas National Guard in Brownwood
June 24: Field trip to the Fire Department
July 1: Field trip to the Abilene Zoo
July 8: Movie "Super Heroes Maximum Overload"
July 15: Field trip to the Police Department
July 22: Movie "Big Hero 6"
July 29: Field trip to the EMS
August 5: Splash in the Park and Movie "The Lego Movie"
All movies start at 1:15 and all ages are welcome to attend.

OBITUARIES



Charleene Margaritte McGowen

Charleene Margaritte McGowen

On the morning of May 28, 2015, Charleene was to be with her Lord and Savior at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth, TX. Charleene was 88 years old.

Charleene was born in Pioneer, TX on November 11, 1926 and was a longtime resident of Brownwood. She was the second child, and first daughter of Charlie and Ruby (Curry) McCowen. She was very close to each of her six siblings and enjoyed spending time with them.

Known for her quiet strength and faith in the Lord, Charleene loved and was loved by all. Throughout her life she maintained a sweet and simple demeanor that won the trust and hearts of many, who even now are being changed by her witness of constant faith. She loved her family with all of her heart and some of her favorite moments were spent being a Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Letting her Grandchildren play "beauty shop" with her hair, helping in the kitchen not ever worrying about the extra time it might take. Most importantly though, she had a desire to teach each of her Grandchildren about the Lord, not letting a visit go by without reading scriptures, playing piano and singing hymns.

This very special woman never turned her back on those she loved, and was as strong as she was kind. When she lost her son in 2010, it was her quiet strength and faith in God's plan that held everyone else up.

Charleene graduated from Pioneer School in 1943, then attended Cisco Junior College. She loved Pioneer and the people she grew up with. Each year she looked forward to reuniting with schoolmates at their annual reunion, never forgetting her dear friends.

She married Howard Leslie McGowen on April 13, 1946 in Pioneer, TX. They shared 48 years together prior to his passing in 1994. They had three children Garnette, David, and Danny.

Charleene was preceded in death by her parents Charlie and Ruby McCowen; son David McGowen; sister Naomi McCowen; and two nieces and one nephew.

Charleene is survived by daughter Garnette McKoy and husband, Jim; son Danny McGowen; daughter-in-law Sara McGowen; grandchildren Chad Bagley and wife, Tina; Shana Hinyard and husband, Dustin; Leslie Heskett and husband, Brian; Allison Ames and husband, James; Matt McGowen and wife, Sonda; sister Bonita (McCowen) Horton; brothers Burlie Paul McCowen and wife, Cotton; Brother Jimmy V McCowen; Bobby Jack McCowen; Reuben C McCowen; uncle Ray Curry and wife, Gloria; and nine great grandchildren.

Services were held on May 30, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the Pioneer Cemetery, with her grandson Matt McGowen officiating. Memorials may be sent to the Pioneer Ex-Students Association at 509 E 1st Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443.



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening 6:30 pm Evening worship
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Wednesday

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Love Fund

has been opened for
Rickey Thomas
at Texas Heritage Bank
for medical expenses!

Love Fund

has been opened for
Jesse Markham
at Texas Heritage Bank
for medical expenses

Love Fund

has been set up for
Darby Nichols
at Texas Heritage Bank
to help with expenses

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Love Fund

has been set up for
Sue Neal
at Texas Heritage Bank
to help with
financial expenses

LOVE FUND

for
Sherryl Goble
has been set up at Texas
Heritage Bank for medical
expenses

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BARBARIAN FESTIVAL

LOTS OF
FOOD
& FUN

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SATURDAY

JUNE 13

9 AM - 4 PM

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Tractor Show

Arts & Crafts

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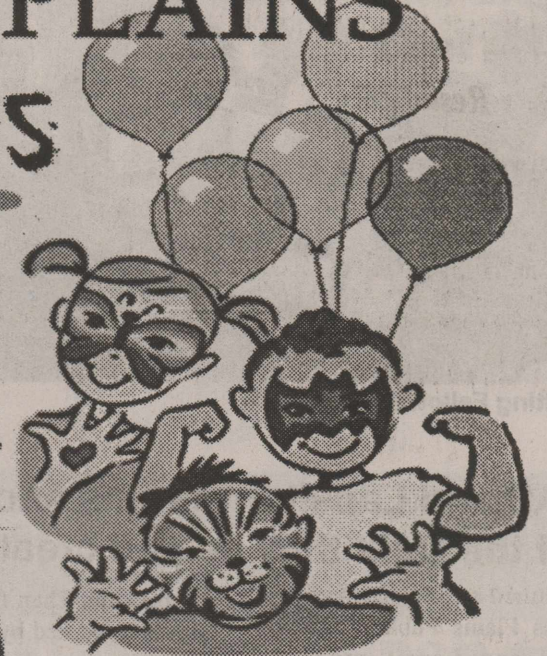
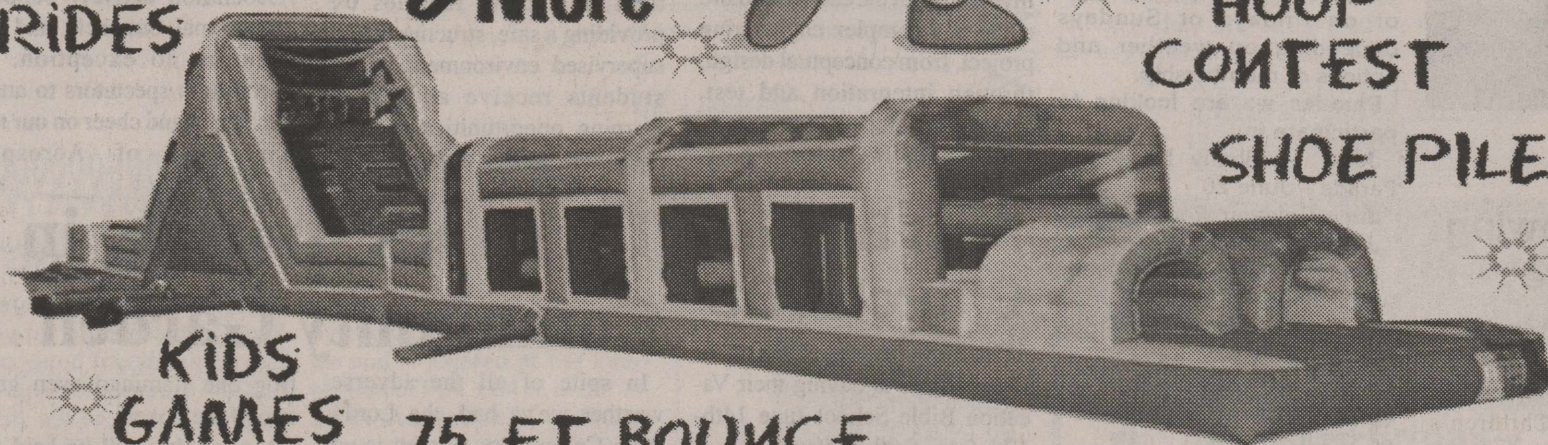
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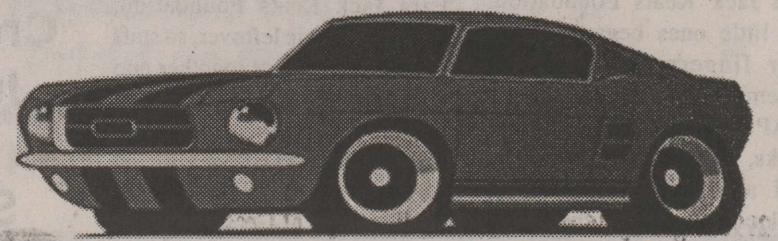
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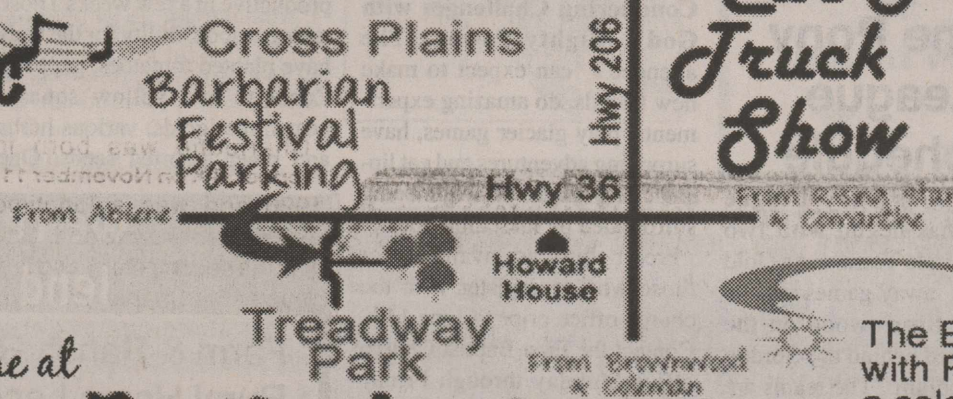
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BarbarianFestival.net



The Barbarian Festival is Held in Conjunction with Robert E. Howard Days, June 12 & 13, a celebration of the works of Robert E. Howard, Creator of Conan the Barbarian.

PARADE THURSDAY JUNE 11

6 PM

FISH FRY

5 to 7 PM



What will you
ride in the parade?

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The Barbarian Festival is Brought to You By:

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- Barr Fabrication
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- Caddo Peak Ranch
- Callahan County Sheriff's Office
- City of Cross Plains
- Complete Home Maintenance
- Connie's Cuts & Curls
- Cook's Fish Barn
- Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce
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- J & L Sales
- J & S Ag Fabrication/Boss Hawg
- Jean's Feedbarn
- Larson's Pharmacy
- Lawrence Farm & Ranch
- Liveoak Land & Real Estate
- Lowe's Market
- McCready's
- Meghann's Market, Eastland
- Mexico City Cafe
- MicroMold Plastics Inc
- Parker Custom Ironworks

- Parts Plus
- Ray's Barber Shop
- Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters
- ResourceCare
- Robert E. Howard Foundation
- Rodenberger Family
- Rusty & Shelly Burke
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- Snippets
- Strength Paint & Body
- Subway
- Susan Schaefer CPA
- Texas Heritage Bank
- Tim's Floral
- Trinity Ranch Land
- Turner Landscape



Mikki Daliege with her pillow



Quilting Fellowship program

LAP and Lapsit Programs showing off the Quilt they helped create

Pictured are children from the Cross Plains Public Library's LAP and Lapsit programs showing off the quilt they helped create. The project, called the Quilting Fellowship, was sponsored by a grant from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation. The little ones began making their fingerprint blocks in November with the help of the ASAP children, who cut out the blocks, sashes, and corners, as well as creating their own blocks. Members of the Cross Plains Quilters sewed the blocks together and added the batting

and backing. Then they set the threads to be tied by the ASAP class. The finished quilt will be displayed in the Children's Discovery Center after the border is added.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, there was fabric leftover, so staff and volunteers got together and made each child in LAP and Lapsit a personalized pillow. Shown is Mikki Daliege with her pillow which features her fingerprint elephant in the center.

The Clyde Farmers' Market Seeks Vendors for the 2015 Season

The Clyde Farmers' Market is currently seeking vendors for the market. Anyone wanting to sell vegetables or fruits grown locally is welcome. We would also like anyone who would like to sell baked goods, jams, jellies any food product that falls under the Texas Cottage Law rules. Fresh eggs and grass feed beef products will be allowed. We also welcome any craft vendors

to participate in the market. We don't allow the sale of any live animals or garage sale items.

The market will be held every Saturday, from 8 am till noon under the Pecan trees along North First.

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Callahan County Riding Club 2015 Schedule

May:
Saturday, May 16
Saturday, May 23
June:
Saturday, June 6
Saturday, June 20
Saturday, June 27
July:
Saturday, July 11
Saturday, July 18
August:
Saturday, August 8
Saturday, August 22
September:
Saturday, September 5
Saturday, September 19

Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating.

Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Parades we are looking to participate in:

June - Albany Fandangle Parade - June 20

June-Coleman Parade

July - Stamford Parade

Sept - West Texas Fair Parade

- Abilene

Oct - Pecan Festival Parade - Clyde

For more information call Paula Kinslow at 325.893.4054 or 325.829.1381

Cross Plains June Pony League Schedule

Cross Plains Pony League Baseball has begun with two teams, a Purple Team and a Gold Team. All away games will be played in Brownwood on the fields located behind the Gordon Woods Stadium. The teams are yet to be announced, but will be assigned to the Freshman League of players.

The following schedule is for both away games scheduled to play on Thursday's and some home games to be played on Tuesdays.

June 4th Gold Team at 6 p.m., Purple Team at 8 p.m.

June 11th Purple Team 6 p.m., Gold Team at 8 p.m.

June 18th Gold Team at 6 p.m., Purple Team at 8 p.m.

June 25th Purple Team 6 p.m., Gold Team 8 p.m.

For more information please contact Michael Tollett at (254)725-4218 or (325)370-3094.

Five from Callahan County receive Angelo State degrees

Angelo State University conferred 672 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 666 graduates during 2015 spring commencement exercises Saturday, May 16th in San Angelo, Texas.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Border Security (B.B.S.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Cultural Competence and Security Studies (B.C.C.S.S.), Bachelor of Cultural Fluency and Security Studies (B.C.F.S.S.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis (B.I.S.S.A.), Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.I.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Bachelor of Security Studies

International Rocketry Competition back for their 5th year

On June 11, 2011, over 120 college engineering students from institutions as far away as England and Istanbul, Turkey, Canada, and throughout the United States, gathered on a ranch owned by Pat and Lauretta Gordzelik south of Cross Plains to launch their team projects in high powered rockets. The event, known as the CANSAT Competition, because the projects cannot exceed the size of a coke can, and like real satellites, are launched skyward via rockets, was created to provide hands on experience for budding aerospace engineers. The American Astronautical Society (AAS) and American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) have organized an annual student design-build-launch competition for space-related topics. Although similar competitions exist for other fields of engineering (robots, radio-control airplanes, racing cars, etc.), most space-related competitions are paper design competitions. While these are worthwhile, they do not give students the satisfaction of being involved with the end-to-end life cycle of a complex engineering project, from conceptual design, through integration and test, actual operation of the system, and concluding with a post-

mission summary and debrief. This competition fulfills that need! This annual competition is open to teams from universities and colleges. Teams must be able to design and build a space-type system, following the approved competition guide, and then compete against each at the end of two semesters to determine the winners.

For 2015, Launch Director Pat Gordzelik reports that the launch will be held for the 4th straight year on Jim Burkett's ranch, just south of Burkett Texas west of HWY 206, on June 13, from 9 AM until 6 PM, and the public is welcome to observe.

In addition to the CANSAT competition, demo flights will be given by students of Coleman High School. Teacher/Mentor Gary Strickland has supervised the effort as a result of a grant supervised by Jennifer Wirt, also of the Coleman ISD. The grant won is an ACE program grant. ACE, which stands for Afterschool Centers on Education, is a hands-on program that helps students and their immediate families by providing a safe, structured, and supervised environment where students receive additional learning opportunities to help them do better both in the

classroom and outside of school. ACE is funded by the 21st CCLC program and administered by the U.S. Department of Education

ACE is provided at no cost to any child enrolled at CISD. This program is for every child whose parents want him or her to excel. It has been proven that students who participate in an out of school learning programs excel in school and later on in life.

This year, the program has expanded significantly. For 2015 there will be approximately 300 college students competing from all over the globe. A complete list of the teams competing can be found at <http://www.cansatcompetition.com/Teams.html>. Gordzelik, a member of the Tripoli Rocketry Association, www.Tripoli.org, is proud to be a part of the launch portion of the event, and reports that Tripoli members from all over the state of Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Virginia, Arizona, Kansas, and Maryland are coming to support the launch. The Tripoli Rocketry Association actively supports educational outreach, and this event is no exception. He encourages spectators to attend the launch and cheer on our next generation of Aerospace engineers!

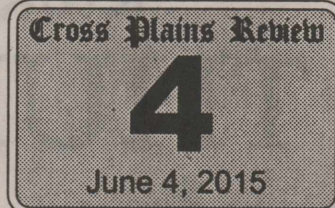
First Baptist Church VBS

The First Baptist Church of Cross Plains is having their Vacation Bible School June 14th-17th from 6:00-8:00p.m.

This event is open to all children who have completed Kindergarten through the 6th grade.

This year's theme is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. The attendee's can expect to make new friends, do amazing experiments, play glacier games, have surprising adventures and eat lip-smacking snacks all while being surrounded by incredible music.

Free t-shirts are available for those who preregister with the church office prior to June 14th. Contact the First Baptist Church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. either by phone or stopping by to reserve your child's t-shirt and place in the program.



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Tomatoes showing in Community Garden

In spite of all the adverse weather we've had, the Lord's Acre Community Garden is up and thriving. Thanks to a grant from Fiskars and a lot of work by volunteers, the raised beds are starting to look like they might be productive in a few weeks. Those taking responsibility for the beds have planted tomatoes, peppers, Zucchini and yellow squash, beans, marigolds, various herbs and other assorted seeds. One

frog one flamingo even grace two of the boxes.

A work day will be held Sat. June 6, 8:00 a.m. to build the shed to hold all of the hand Fiskars tools. Even if you don't have a garden box, feel free to help build the shed. Three of the beds are still available for anybody who wishes to take one to work. Just call the Methodist Church, 254-725-7377 for more information or to reserve a bed.

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ROBERTE HOWARD DAY

And invite citizens to join in the local commemoration.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Cross Plains to be affixed this the 1st day of June, 2015.

Ray Purvis
Ray Purvis, Mayor

Fun for all at Clyde Festival by the Lake July 3rd & 4th

The 2014 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for Friday, July 3rd & Saturday, July 4th at Clyde Lake. There is no admission fee to the festival area; however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

Last year's attendance was estimated at 6,000-8,000 and is expected to be exceeded this year. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

FAMILY FUN

Activities for all ages include carnival rides, air castle and maze, gyro-ball ride, bungee cord jump area, bucking mechanical bull, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments and more being planned.

Exciting display of fireworks set for both nights after dark around 10:00 p.m.

The fireworks on Friday night, July 3rd will shot off by Gray Electric.

The fireworks display on Saturday night, July 4th will be shot off by Richard Sheffield and Chad Sheffield.

Live entertainment scheduled: Friday, July 3rd: 5:00-7:00 - Chrissy Phillips. Ms. Phillips won

the Big County songwriter contest and played at the Outlaws & Legends concert in Abilene.

Friday, July 3rd: 7:00-9:00 - Guadalupe Pirates

Friday, July 3rd: 9:00-11:00 - Belle Plain Revival

Saturday, July 4th: 12:00-2:00 - Wilvis (Elvis impersonator)

Saturday, July 4th: 2:00-4:00 - Santa Fe

Saturday, July 5th: 5:00-7:00 - Transporters

Saturday, July 4th: 7:00-9:00 - Dave Hobbs

Saturday, July 4th: 9:00-11:30 - Bo McDowell

COOK-OFF COMPETITION on Saturday

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

FOOD and MERCHANDISE

Vendors offering food and merchandise will be at the festi-

val. A few merchandise vendor spaces are still available for this year. Get information by calling Terry Davis at 893-3712, or Sheree Gray at 370-9560.

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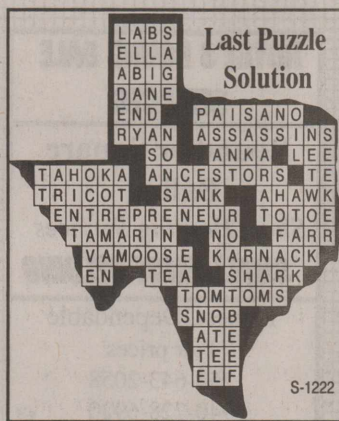
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Grand Ole Oplin June Line-up

Everyone is invited out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On June 5th MUDDY CREEK will be here playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes, on June 12th MIDNIGHT BLUE will join us playing country tunes that will make you want to grab your partner and head to the dance floor, on June 19th MIDNIGHT BLUE returns to play some more of your favorite country tunes, and on June 26th MUDDY CREEK will be back playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

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

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Prep/Total Time: 25 Minutes

Ingredients:

- * 1 package (20 ounces) refrigerated cheese tortellini
- * 1 pound chicken breasts, cut into 1 1/2 inch pieces
- * 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
- * 1 tablespoon olive oil
- * 2 garlic cloves, minced
- * 3/4 teaspoon salt
- * 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * 1 package (10 ounces) hearts of romaine salad mix
- * 1 1/2 cups grape tomatoes
- * 1 can (6 1/2 ounces) sliced ripe olives, drained
- * 3/4 cup creamy Caesar salad dressing
- * 3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- * 6 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled



Directions

- * Cook tortellini according to package directions. Drain; rinse with cold water
- * Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine chicken, onion, oil, garlic, salt and pepper; toss to coat. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken mixture; cook and stir 4-6 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Remove from heat.
- * In a large bowl, combine salad mix, tomatoes, olives, tortellini and chicken mixture. Drizzle with dressing; toss to coat. Sprinkle with cheese and bacon. Serve immediately.

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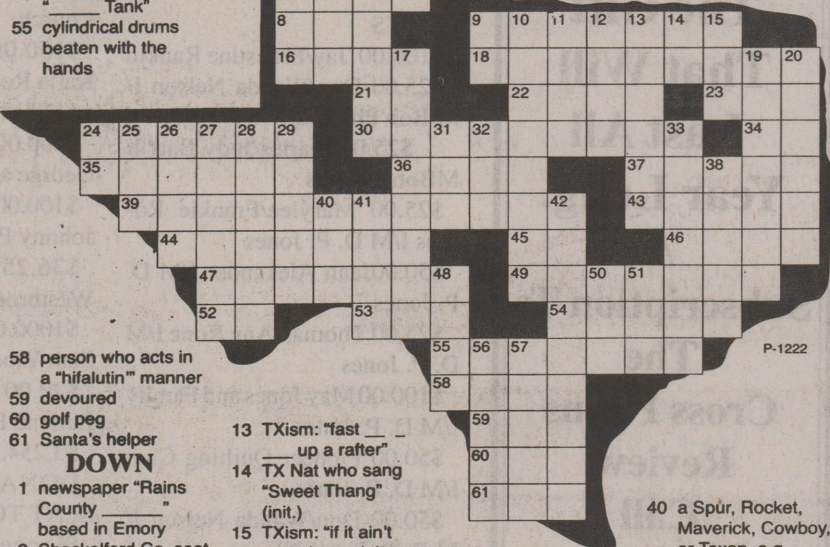
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- 9 Fort Stockton has ___ Pete, largest roadrunner
- 16 TX legendary pitcher, Nolan Lee Harvey Oswald, et al.?
- 21 TX Willie's "Ain't Necessarily ___"
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- 23 TX actor: Tommy Jones
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- 47 TXism for "leave"

- 49 "Lady Bird" Johnson was born in this Harrison Co. town
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- 1 newspaper "Rains County ___ based in Emory"
- 2 Shackelford Co. seat 3 TXism: "___ bat"
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- 12 former famous Houston store: "___ witz"

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- 13 TXism: "fast ___ up a rafter"
- 14 TX Nat who sang "Sweet Thang" (init.)
- 15 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't an ___ well in Texas"
- 17 TXism: "hog wash"
- 19 CBS was the one that aired "Dallas" 20 a real looker
- 24 TX singer Tanya (init.)
- 25 "The eyes of Texas ___ upon you . . ."
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- 40 a Spür, Rocket, Maverick, Cowboy, or Texan, e.g.
- 41 "One ___ one Ranger"
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- 48 TXism: "___ high on the hog" (rich)
- 50 17th Greek letter 51 many TXns died in Viet. ___
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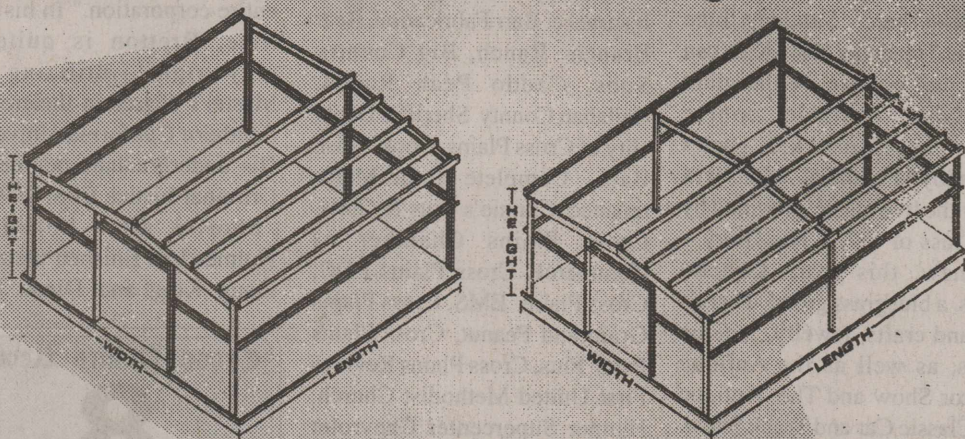
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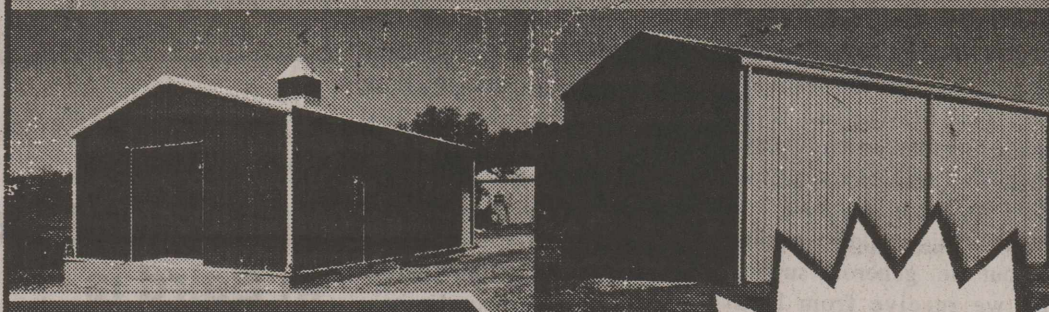
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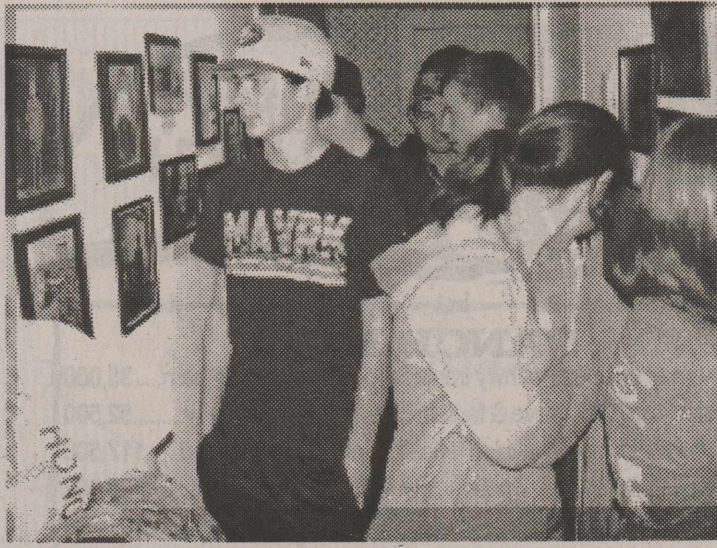
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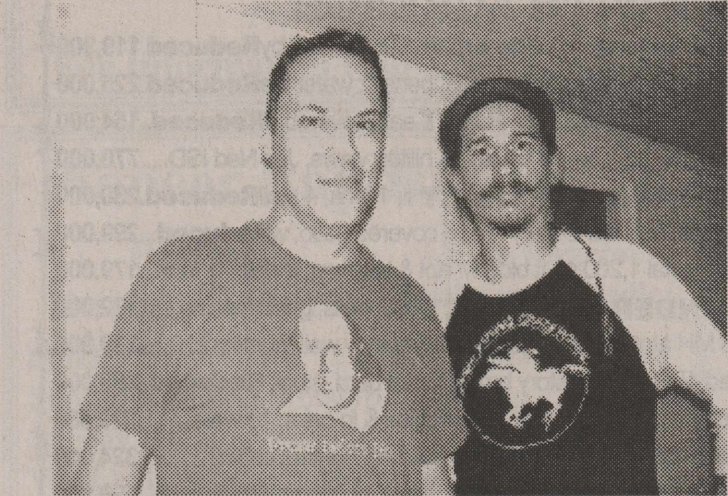
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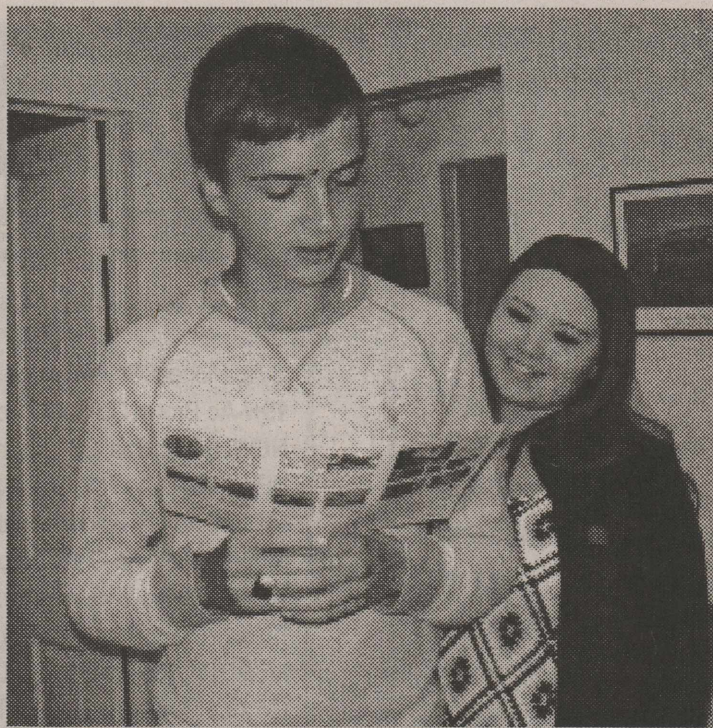
Cross Plains Students touring the museum



Cross Plains students enjoying the museum



Bretton Holmes and Jeffery Loflin



Cross Plains Students at the Robert E. Howard Museum



Dinah Daley and Doug King from Seattle

Robert E. Howard Days in Cross Plains

Co-sponsored by the Project Pride organization in Cross Plains, the international group known as the Robert E. Howard United Press Association, and the Robert E. Howard Foundation, the annual Robert E. Howard Days will be held on Friday, June 12 and Saturday June 13. Headquartered at the REH Museum at 625 West Highway 36, the two day conference will include panel discussions, special tours of the Museum and the surrounding areas, a special postal cancellation, an award ceremony, celebration dinner and silent auction.

Howard was an extremely prolific writer who lived in Cross Plains during his entire writing career. Although he is probably best known for his Conan the Cimmerian stories, Howard also wrote western, detective and boxing stories, poetry, as well as creating numerous other characters: Solomon Kane, El Borak, King Kull, Bran Mak Morn, and his somewhat bumbling mountain man, Breckenridge Elkins.

Mark Schultz, well known illustrator of Howard stories, has been named Guest of Honor and will share 'A History of Illustrating Robert E. Howard' at the celebration dinner on Friday. He will also lead a couple of the panel discussions on both Friday and Saturday at the Cross Plains Public Library. In addition to his work with the Howard stories, he has either scripted or drawn many popular fiction icons, including Flash Gordon, The Spirit, Tarzan and Superman. He has also scripted the Prince Valiant Sunday comic strip for the past 10 years.

He has promised to bring a variety of his work with him and some lucky bidder in the Silent Auction will be going home with some original, autographed Mark Schultz art!

Attendees at this year's REH Days will get a sneak preview of two games featuring Conan the Cimmerian. To be released later this year is a game developed by the French company, Monolith, LLC. This one is a strategy board game that uses miniature figurines on a game map to simulate combat in the Hyborian Age. The second game is a traditional role-playing game along the lines of the popular Dungeons and Dragons, in which players take on the part of adventurers in the Hyborian Age of Conan. This game has been developed by Modiphius Games, LLC, a British company.

Several of the Howard scholars who regularly attend the REH Days have helped design these games to make sure they remain true to Howard's original versions of the stories. A panel discussion focusing on 'REH and Fantasy Gaming' will be held at 1:30 Saturday at the Library. All of the panels are free and open to the public.

The celebration dinner will be held on Friday evening, 6:30 at the Community Center in Cross Plains. The Silent Auction will open at 5:30 in the same building. The \$15.00 registration for the dinner may be made via PayPal at ProjPride@yahoo.com or mailed to Project Pride, PO Box 534, Cross Plains, TX, 76443. Additional information may be obtained by calling 254-725-4993, 254-725-6562 or e-mailing the above address.

Busy times at Museum

Even as members of Project Pride are busy with the final stage of planning for the annual Robert E. Howard Days on June 12-13, the Museum continues to be its typical attraction.

Local residents and long-time Howard supporters, Jack and Barbara Baum, took their rather large group of house guests to see the Museum earlier in the month. Most of the group had been active in the United Methodist Church in Lampasas some years ago and this was a Sunday School reunion of sorts. A few of the visitors have been here before to attend the Howard

Days with the Baums; others were seeing the Museum and hearing the Howard story" for the first time.

A few days later found Jeffrey Loflin from Houston and Bretton Holmes from Austin lining up a visit. The two were at Lake Brownwood on a business outing and drove up to see the home of one of their favorite writers. Jeffrey represents another of the 'firsts' to visit the Museum; he and his wife Jessica operate Any Size Paws, an internationally licensed pet sitting service. As opposed to boarding their pets at a kennel,

the Loflin's allow pets to be cared for in their homes as their owners are gone for a few hours, days or weeks.

Holmes is the Founder of the public relations company that bears his name and is involved with clients in the medical profession around the world. As noted on the website, "Holmes World Media Inc. is a full service public relations and image development company, specializing in the representation of experts and organizations in the medical/healthcare and beauty industry, biotechnology industry, and select areas of law. The scope of our specifically customized and tailored PR campaigns can accommodate the needs of an individual or the needs of an entire corporation." In his spare time, Bretton is quite the playwright, utilizing his Master's degree in theatre from Southern California University. His undergraduate degree is in Criminal Justice from TCU.

Shortly after Loflin and Holmes had finished their tour, Doug King and Dinah Daley

from Seattle, WA arrived for an unplanned visit. Doug drives for UPS within Seattle and is the real Howard fan, having read several of his character stories. Dinah works for Panera Bread Bakery in the catering end of the business.

Then came the annual visit of Mrs. Austin's Junior English Class. The students had been reading one of Howard's stories as a part of their literature studies and had visited the home where all of Howard's stories had been created. The students were challenged to look within themselves to determine what they are passionate about and then to find ways to make that dream come true. Howard had absolutely no formal education in the writing field and yet became a world famous writer who is studied in universities far and wide. The students found it totally unbelievable that the stories that Howard wrote in his little 6X10 room have generated millions and millions of dollars. And that thousands of these dollars come to Cross Plains every June during the annual Robert E. Howard Days.

Barbarian Festival coming up soon thanks to the Sponsors

17th Annual Barbarian Festival is almost here - Saturday, June 13th, at Treadway Park. Kids can jump and bounce on the giant inflatable obstacle course bounce house, play kids games and enjoy \$1 hotdogs. Adults will enjoy the live music provided by the Class of '57, 4 His Glory - and new this year, Concho Grass, a bluegrass group. There's arts and crafts, jewelry, unique items, as well as the Antique Tractor Show and The Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show. When you get hungry, there's all kinds of tempting food and treats like: hamburgers, homemade french fries, barbeque, corn dogs, nachos, curly fries and even fresh squeezed lemonade.

Many, many prizes, including gift certificates from local businesses, yard art and decorative items, have been donated for the raffle prizes. The drawing benefits the festival's Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt scholarship fund which awards a scholarship each year to a Cross Plains High School senior.

None of this would be possible without the generous support that we receive from local businesses and residents. You can join in the fun and be a sponsor of the festival. There is still time to be a festival sponsor! Call Don at 254-725-6498 for more details or visit the festival's website at BarbarianFestival.net.

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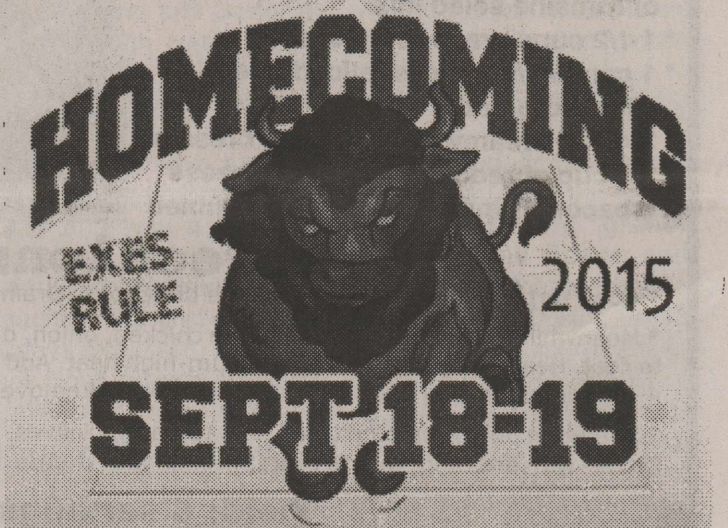
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April 1, 2014 - April 1, 2015

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Project Graduation Success

We did it again! Our all night party for the Seniors 2015 was a great success with all 17 Seniors and their guests attending. The group played volleyball, basketball, board and card games, ping pong and just had a great time enjoying each other!

Lots of prizes were given away (list to follow) and over \$4000.00 in monetary gifts were given. Wow! What a night.

Project Graduation 2015 Senior Class Group Gifts

Tim's Floral furnished plants, flowers and decorations for Graduation Ceremony. U-Haul donated moving boxes for prizes. Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union gave graduation glasses, lollipops and mints for each graduate. Higginbotham Funeral Home sent calendars and pens for each Senior. CPISD Student Council gave a \$10 iTunes gift card to each graduate. Phillips Drilling monogrammed laundry bags for each of them. Main Street Pool House gave away 1 free calzone for each Senior. Senior Class Funds gave \$85 for each graduate.

Senior Class Individual Gifts

J & L Sales \$25 to: Kaylee Phillips and Megan France
Lawrence Farm and Ranch \$25 to: Korbin McLean & Bronc Dillard. Abilene Teachers Credit Union \$20 to: Kiefer Steinle(\$40), Stephen Saltus, Kaylee Phillips and Ariel Hutchins. Bagley Insurance \$30 to: Ariel Hutchins. Fullen Motor Company gave \$25 to: Taryn Estes & Brenna Kleiber. Underwood's Cafeteria gave 1 free dinner to: Tucker Isbell and Stephen Saltus. CP Band Booster Club gave \$10 to: Kaylee Phillips (\$20), Allanta Wheeler, Stephen Saltus, Taryn Estes, Brenna Kleiber, Bronc Dillard, Jurnee Thomas, Morgan Manley and Ariel Hutchins. Cross Plains Review gave \$20 to: Kaitlyn Koettel and a one year subscription to Kaylee Phillips. Super Clean Car Wash gave \$25 to: Natalie Anderson and Jurnee Thomas. CPEX Student Association gave \$50 to: Kelbi Hyles. Scarlett Koettel gave tote bags to: Kaylee Phillips (x2), Kaitlyn Koettel, Brenna Kleiber, Jurnee Thomas and Morgan Manley. Scarlett Koettel gave a clock to: Kaitlyn Koettel. 3DAG gave \$50 to: Kaitlyn Koettel. AAA Storage gave \$20 to: Kaylee Phillips and Megan France. 3M gave \$20 to: Tucker Isbell, Kiefer Steinle, Brenna Kleiber, Jurnee Thomas and Ariel Hutchins.. Higginbotham Funeral Home gave \$20 to: Tucker Isbell (x2), Ariel Hutchins, Megan France (x2), Stephen Saltus, Morgan Manley, Jurnee Thomas (x2) and Natalie Anderson. Live Oak Land and Real Estate gave \$25 to: Brenna Kleiber and Kaylee Phillips. City of Cross Plains gave \$25 to: Stephen Saltus, Kaitlyn Koettel, Megan France and Kiefer Steinle. 36 Motel gave \$25 to: Ariel Hutchins and Morgan Manley. KLH Oil and Gas, Inc. gave a \$10 Salamander's gift certificate to: Stephen Saltus, Morgan Manley, Brenna Kleiber, Kaitlyn Koettel and Taryn Estes. CPFFA Booster Club gave \$20 to: Kelbi Hyles

(x2), Kaitlyn Koettel, Morgan Manley, Bronc Dillard, Natalie Anderson, Brenna Kleiber, Tucker Isbell, Jae Lynn Stout, and Megan France. CPISD Student Council gave \$30 iTunes gift card to: Kaitlyn Koettel. JM Investments gave \$10 iTunes gift card to Brenna Kleiber and Kaitlyn Koettel, Gladware to Natalie Anderson, desk organizer to Morgan Manley, laundry basket with Tide laundry detergent to Kaylee Phillips, hangers to Taryn Estes, backpack to Morgan Manley and Stephen Saltus, dishes to Korbin McLean and Jurnee Thomas, Ramen noodles to Kiefer Steinle, shaving set to Korbin McLean, silverware to Kiefer Steinle, hamper on rollers to Kiefer Steinle, pop-up hamper to Kiefer Steinle, deer call to Tucker Isbell, coffee maker to Morgan Manley, and a screwdriver set to Bronc Dillard. Comanche Electric Co-op gave: an USB drive to Natalie Anderson and Jurnee Thomas, car cleaning kit to Kiefer Steinle, crates to Natalie Anderson and Tucker Isbell, antler lamp to Allanta Wheeler, camo chairs to Korbin McLean and Megan France, \$10 iTunes give card to Kaitlyn Koettel, pan to Megan France, pots to Kaylee Phillips, Megan France and Natalie Anderson, desk lamp to Bronc Dillard. Walmart gave: calculator to Natalie Anderson and Korbin McLean, Swiffer and refills to Tucker Isbell, camo cot to Tucker Isbell, pillows to Jurnee Thomas and Bronc Dillard, magnet board with frames to Kaylee Phillips, dvd player to Brenna Kleiber, tv to Tucker Isbell, body pillow to Kiefer Steinle, wash cloths to Kaylee Phillips, box fan to Kaitlyn Koettel, blanket to Korbin McLean, owl throw to Megan France, cooler to Kiefer Steinle, towels to Bronc Dillard and Jurnee Thomas, beach towels to Jae Lynn Stout (x2) and Morgan Manley, small blender to Natalie Anderson, mac and cheese to Morgan Manley, mini refrigerator to Kaylee Phillips, small slow cooker to Jurnee Thomas, alarm clock with charger to Stephen Saltus, bean bag to Brenna Kleiber, Big Joe chair to Stephen Saltus, and a surge protector to Kaylee Phillips. KLH Oil and Gas, Inc. gave a microwave to Morgan Manley. Snippets gave 1 free haircut to: Tucker Isbell, Allanta Wheeler, Taryn Estes, Ariel Hutchins and Jurnee Thomas. Snippets gave 1 free waxing to: Natalie Anderson, Jae Lynn Stout, Jurnee Thomas, Morgan Manley and Brenna Kleiber. Trinity Live Oak Real Estate gave \$20 to: Stephen Saltus, Taryn Estes, Jae Lynn Stout, Morgan Manley and Ariel Hutchins. Reed Construction gave \$20 to Kelbi Hyles. Barr Fabrication gave \$5 Dairy Queen gift card to: Stephen Saltus, Allanta Wheeler, Brenna Kleiber, and Kelbi Hyles; a \$5 dollar Subway gift card to: Kelbi Hyles (x2) and Jurnee Thomas; a \$15 Wendy's gift card to Taryn Estes; a \$15 Whataburger gift card to Taryn Estes; a \$15 Walmart gift card to Kiefer Steinle; and \$5.00 to Stephen Saltus. Taylor Electric gave: \$5 Bubba's Smokehouse gift cards to Tucker Isbell and Megan

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Thanks to everyone who helped with gifts and prizes in any way! We had another successful year because of you!

The Steering Committee of Project Graduation.



Grace Goode, 3rd place Prose. Katy Jo Morgan, 2nd place Prose. Mackenzie Byrd, Champion Persuasive Speaking and 2nd place Editorial Writing.

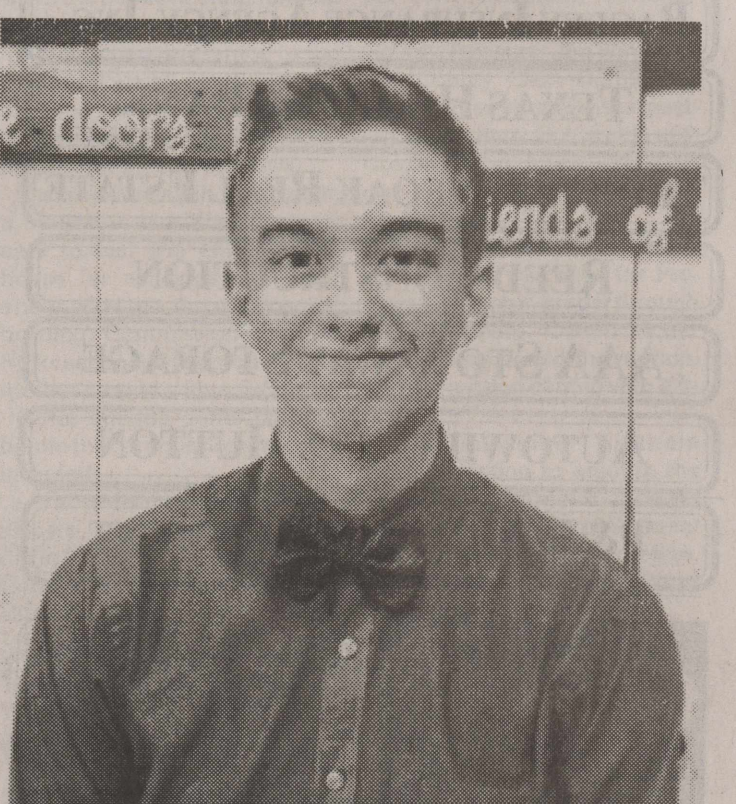


Robin Porter, Debbie Mitchell and Matt Sowell accepting 2nd place trophy for One Act Play performance



Larson Walker-2nd place Biology and 3rd place Science

Let's Go Buffaloes!



Jack Larimore Cross Plains High School

Local Youth selected to participate in Wildlife Leadership Camp

San Antonio, TX -Jack Larimore of Cross Plains in Callahan County has been chosen to participate in the Texas Brigades' 23rd Battalion Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade program this summer. He was selected based on his academic record, interest in wildlife and natural resources, and leadership activities.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and empower youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy. This is the 23rd year of the Brigades.

There are seven Brigade camps being held this summer: two Buckskin Brigades, two Bobwhite Brigades, Bass Brigade, Waterfowl Brigade, and Ranch Brigade.

Due to the high interest of these programs, the application season has closed for this year's camps. If you would like to receive emails regarding the 2016 camps, please feel free to contact us.

For more information, contact Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, at 855-TXBRIGS or 210-556-1391, or via email at holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

New Texas Employment Report for April Shows the Unemployment Rate Remains at Lowest Level Since July 2007

Texas' unemployment rate of 4.2 percent has now been at or below the national average for 100 consecutive months

AUSTIN - Today, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released state-level labor market data for April 2015. The Texas Public Policy Foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy Economist Dr. Vance Ginn issued the following statement: "Texas' unemployment rate remains at the lowest level since July 2007," said Ginn. "The Texas economy has weathered the drop in oil prices and strong U.S. dollar relatively well with 287,000 net nonfarm jobs created during the last twelve months. This job creation has contributed to the state's 4.2 percent unemployment rate that's now been at or below the national average for a remarkable 100 consecutive months. Critics of the Texas model suggest that the state's economy would hemorrhage jobs with the oil price decline, but that hasn't happened. In

fact, the share of the population employed is at 62 percent, which is much higher than the national average of 59.3 percent.

"Pro-growth policies, expanded foreign trade, and a well-diversified economy contribute to the resiliency of the Texas economy that helps create opportunities for Texans to flourish. The final \$3.8 billion tax package developed by the Texas Legislature that includes business tax cuts and property tax relief is exactly what's needed to advance prosperity statewide."

Vance Ginn, Ph.D. is an Economist in the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation. The Texas Public Policy Foundation is a non-profit, free-market research institute based in Austin, Texas. Find us on Facebook Follow us on Twitter

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Buffalo Academic UIL Teams and One Act Play Excel at State

The State UIL competition was held in Austin last week and the Cross Plains competitors brought home multiple medals and one State Championship.

This is really quite an accomplishment for Cross Plains High School considering that only six years ago, the high school earned only 2 points in District competition. Since then, students and teachers have rallied to win three Academic UIL District Championships with a Regional Championship this year.

The school set an Academic UIL goal at the beginning of the year to carry a bus to Austin. We met that goal and were awarded 100 points in the State Academic Meet for our hard work this year and brought home two trophies to add to the growing academic collection.

The following students and coaches all contributed in the **100 points** earned in the State Academic Meet in Austin:

Academic Events earning State Points:

Mackenzie Byrd: Champion Persuasive Speaking and 2nd place Editorial Writing. Coached by **Robin Porter**.

Katy Jo Morgan: 2nd place Prose Coached by **Debbie Mitchell**.

Grace Goode: 3rd place Prose

Coached by **Debbie Mitchell**.
2nd place overall Speaking Team: **Mackenzie Byrd, Katy Jo Morgan, Grace Goode**. Coached by **Debbie Mitchell and Robin Porter**

Larson Walker: 2nd place Biology, 3rd place overall Science. Coached by **Brandi Purvis**.

4th place Current Events Team: **Stephen Saltus, Bronc Dillard, Ryan Carey, and Billy Woodard**. Coached by **Brandi Purvis**.

Stephen Saltus: 6th place Current Events. Coached by **Brandi Purvis**.

4th place Literary Criticism Team: **Strena Cunningham, Brenna Kleiber, and Brandon Waggoner**. Coached by **Janna Austin**.

These students worked all year long studying and practicing for their events with each competition bringing them closer to state and adding more pressure. All UIL events are considered extracurricular, so on top of their classroom and sports demands these students strove for even more academic achievements. Sometimes doubling or even tripling their academic work load.

The Cross Plains High School One-Act Play, *The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-*

Moon Marigolds finished First Runner up in State Competition in Austin, Texas. Surviving the long day of rehearsal and crazy weather, the cast and crew put on their best performance yet winning top awards for their acting and helping their school win second place overall in class 1A Academic UIL.

One-Act Play Directed by: **Matt Sowell, Debbie Mitchell, and Robin Porter**

Grace Goode for her role as Beatrice: **Best Actress**

Ariel Sneed Hutchins for her role as Ruth: **All-Star Cast**

Hannah Cowan for her role as Tillie: **Honorable Mention All-Star Cast**

Kenzie Halsel: Nanny
Allanta Wheeler: Janice Vickery

Taryn Estes: stage manager
Larson Walker: assistant stage manager

Kelli Bennett: assistant stage manager

Stephen Saltus: Lights
Billy Woodard: Sound
Rylan Laminack: Alternate
Katy Jo Morgan: Alternate
Holden Senclair: Alternate

Congratulations to all these extraordinary students for all their success in and out of the classroom.



CPHS stage hands and students in their OAP in costumes



OAP students

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Mackenzie Byrd-Champion Persuasive Speaking and 2nd place Editorial Writing



Katy Jo Morgan- 2nd place Prose

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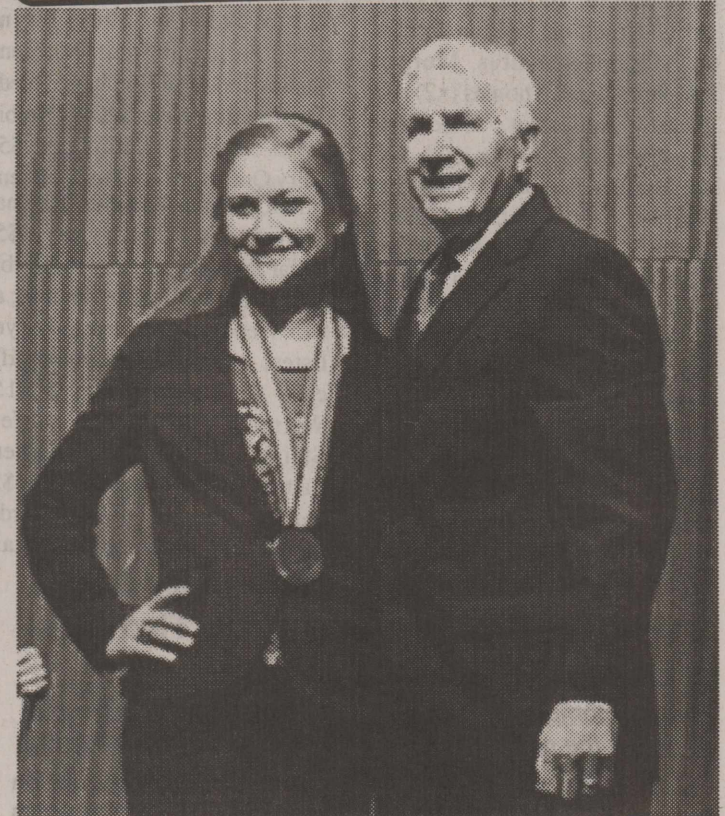
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Grace Goode-3rd place Prose



Coach Debbie Mitchell, Grace Goode, Katy Jo Morgan, Mackenzie Byrd and Coach Robin Porter



CPHS UIL students having fun reflecting the poses of the photos behind them



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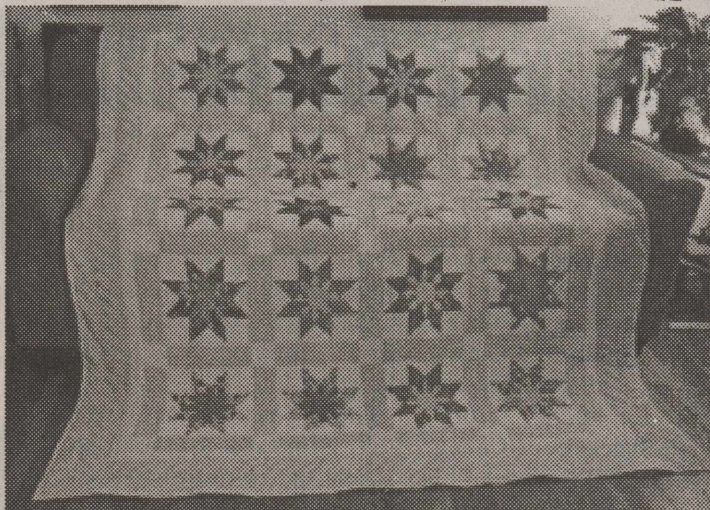
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Pioneer Quilting Club presenting "Kansas Sunflowers"

Help Preserve the Pioneer Community Building

The Quilting Club at Pioneer is raffling this "Kansas Sunflowers" quilt to help raise money to refurbish and maintain the Pioneer Community Building. The blocks were hand-pieced by Lois McDonald of Eastland, and the quilt was hand quilted by the Pioneer Quilting Club. Members of the club are: Olena Ezzell, Glenda Phillips, Barbara Jo Medley, Norma Tucker, Marqueta Westbrook, Bonnie Mashburn and Sue Allen.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be bought from any member of the club. Tickets are also available at the Cross Eyed Pony Antiques Store, Caroline's Classic Cuts and Boutique, and Nancy's Antiques in Rising Star.

We really appreciate these businesses for helping us. We will have the quilt on display at various businesses in Rising Star and Cross Plains. The drawing date has not been determined yet, but we will post it as soon as we can. You need not be present to win.

Please help us preserve the Pioneer Community Building. For more information call Marqueta Westbrook at 254-643-3223 or come by any Tuesday and visit us at the Community Building.

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Courthouse News

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Nathaniel Dauphine, interfere with emergency call.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Julian A. Staggs, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Michael J. Carpenter, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.

Ricky A. Burney, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Ricky A. Burney, motion to

dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Lanny D. Baker, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine; \$429 court costs.

Andy Monroe Taylor, motion and affidavit of surety for warrant granted.

Bud Clayton Thomas, motion to reinstate bond granted.

42nd District Court
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Cody James Gibbs and Samantha Lee Gibbs, divorce.

Remodels, Updates and Facelifts in Cross Plains

Spring may have sprung and summer is heading toward us at a rapid pace, but several local businesses here in Cross Plains are pleased to have finally completed their "Spring Cleaning" projects.

Bubba's Smokehouse, on Hwy 36E and Avenue A, has completed their dining room remodel. Owner's Eva and Sam Fleming, are pleased to have a 30' x 34' space for dining that will seat 60 guests. They have installed their large walk in coolers and are continuing to make progress on a smoker room for Sam's meat artistry. The drive through is up and running and with all the new menu items, Bubba's is a great local eatery in Cross Plains.

Our local grocer has jumped on the remodel wagon as well with several new departments in the store. Lowes now has a rotisserie so residents can swing in and grab a hot flavorful chicken or some sausage for a ready made dinner or picnic. Basic hardware items are available in an expanded home goods section in the NE corner of the store for those nuts and bolts you need for your weekend projects. Lowes even expanded into their parking lot to put in a lovely lawn and garden center with everything from grapevines to squash to shovels and trowels. With hours from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. seven days a week

they are available for all your last minute needs.

The Cross Plains Senior Center was blessed recently as well with a fresh new look. The Resource Care staff in Cross Plains gave their time to add some fresh paint to the front of the center. Volunteers brought in new plants, pulled weeds, and fought the never ending fire ant battle. The sprucing up finished with stars to hang by the sign and a new microwave for the kitchen to add to the commercial stove.

We now have a new dental clinic located in what was once the old City Hall building. The space was formerly used by ResourceCare as an outreach clinic where residents could get help with state programs such as WIC and TANF, and to touch base with counselors and specialty staff. ResourceCare is still providing these services, they have just moved them down the street to their medical clinic. The entire lower floor of the old City Hall was remodeled into a family dentistry clinic, ResourceCare Dental. It has two well appointed dental bays with mobile NO2 (nitrous oxide) for patient comfort. They are able to perform all aspects of general dentistry such as x-rays, cleanings, fillings and dental whitening.

There have been some lovely updates in our community and

there will certainly be more with the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation taking applications for improvement grants. The EDC has funds available for local businesses in or adjacent to the city for exterior improvements. Funds are available for various projects including: exterior painting, awning repair/replacement, signage, and landscaping.

The list of improvements and eligibility guidelines are all available from the Cross Plains EDC. The funding comes from a limited grant amount and will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Business owner's who qualify for the grant may receive up to 75% (not to exceed \$500) in funding for their approved projects.

Contact the local EDC for an application and instructions on who can file and what projects are being funded at the Cross Plains City Hall, 201 S. Main St., or email them at

cpedc@camalott.com.

Even if the max amount of \$500 doesn't seem to be a drop in the bucket for you to do list, realize that it's \$500 of someone else's money. And we all know how much fun spending that is. So, get out your list and contact the EDC for the parameters and let's get our remodel on.

Commissioners' court tables Texas Historical Commission funding agreement

The Callahan County Commissioners' Court voted to table a funding agreement with the Texas Historical Commission for a grant for repairs to the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

The commissioners' court took the action Thursday, May 28th during a commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Gordon Marchant, AMA with Komatsu Architecture discussed the ongoing process of the grant for courthouse repairs through the Texas Historical Commission grant. Mr. Marchant said that there are two documents that need to be signed by the commissioners' court in order to start the bidding process. The documents needed are a Grant of Easement and a Funding Agreement. Mr. Marchant needs more information before the Grant of Easement can be signed.

The commissioners' court had a few questions before signing the Funding Agreement. Mr. Marchant placed a conference call with Eva Osborne with the Texas Historical Commission in order for the commissioners' court to ask questions of both to better understand the Funding Agreement. After some discussion, Commissioner Cliff Kirkham made a motion to table signing of the Funding Agreement until the June 8, 2015 commissioners' court meeting. Commissioner Tom Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Sam Goldsmith of Goldsmith Solutions and Mr. Marchant recommended consolidating the electric meters down to one rather than three. This would save money and would be much safer. Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Marchant also spoke with the commissioners' court about combining the telecommunications line with the electrical line into the same trench when it is

updated.

There was also discussion on when the public hearings should be held.

Mr. Marchant presented to the commissioners' court bids he received for asbestos and lead testing for the County Courthouse and for the windows.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to hire King Consultants to test the entire courthouse for asbestos and lead, and to also test the old hospital building. Commissioner Harold Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Com-

missioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Jan Windham and County Clerk Donna Bell present. Also attending the meeting were: Sam Goldsmith with Goldsmith Solutions, and Gordon Marchant with Komatsu Architecture.

—Commissioner Farmer made a motion to purchase for Precinct #2 a motor-grader through the Buy Board. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, with the motion carrying with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Callahan County must come up with Family Medical Leave Act Policy

Callahan County will be required to write up a new policy for the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) after meeting with a representative of the Texas Association of Counties recently.

The commissioners' court met Wednesday, May 27th, with Michele Arseneau, Human Resources Consultant with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) to discuss the Family Medical Leave Act.

Ms. Arseneau informed the commissioners' court because Callahan County has more than 50 employees the County must grant Family Medical Leave Act to covered employees. She provide the commissioners' court with a lot of information and answered questions on the FMLA. Callahan County will write

up an FMLA Policy with the assistance of the Texas Association of Counties.

No action was taken by the commissioners' court.

The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, County Treasurer Jan Windham and County Clerk Donna Bell present. Also attending the meeting was District Clerk Amber Tinsley.

On a motion by Commissioner Hicks with a second from Commissioner Windham, the commissioners' court voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 8th - June 12th

Monday-8th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-9th Exercise 11:00

Wednesday-10th Blood Pressure Check
Girling Home Health

Thursday -11th Exercise 11:00/REH Days/ Fish Fry Fund Raiser/Parade 6:00 p.m.

Friday -12th 11:00 Exercise/IntergaCare Bingo 11:15/ REH Days

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

June 8th - June 12th

Monday 8th - Cheeseburgers (lettuce/tomatoe/onion/pickle) chips, Fruit, Cookie

Tuesday 9th -Chicken Pot Pie, (veg in entree) Fruit Salad Dessert

Wednesday 10th - Beef Vegetable Soup, Crackers, Pickled Beets, Dessert

Thursday 11th - Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chios Cottage Cheese & Pears, Jello

Friday 12th - Beef & Bean Burrito, Spanish Rice, Lettuce Tomatoe Salad, Dessert.

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center



June 7

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Roger Williams
Mrs. Billy Wright
Nan Ree (Elliott) Rice
Ricky Smith
Theresa Chesier
Camile Newton Glasshoff
Teresa Kennedy
Jack Larimore

June 8

Zula Elliott
Bobby Johnston
Donna (Erwin) Ames
Carlie Bludworth
Fred Smith
Rolan Bryan
Matthew Tyler Reed
Terrell Shane Smith

June 9

Mrs. O.M. Bailey
Daney Ratliff
Rita McKee
Charles Ray Green
David Adams
Celeste Taylor
Charity Renee Waggoner
Bill Steele
Nancy Childers
Addison Pearl Lee
Jordan Bullock

June 10

Beth Arnold
Troy Seals
Cynthia Smart
Scotty Elliot
Robert McMillan
Mrs. H.L. Ford
Brandi Adams
Samantha Hutton
Scott Brame

June 11

Nancy Myers
Mrs. Wilburn Weiss
Mrs. Vernon Phillips
Jimmy Joy
Samantha (Bomar) Beaty
Marie (Havens) Anderson
Daniel Crockett
Joby "Scooter" Winfrey

June 12

Dwayne Lee
Brandon Kent Smith
August Albrecht

June 13

Glenda Carlesle
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Jackie Cantrell
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Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau awards Scholarships

With graduation comes a new journey, but it can be costly. That's why Callahan-Shackelford Counties Farm Bureau awarded several scholarships to local youths.

"We wanted to help Callahan County & Shackelford County students as they graduate and prepare for their future" Callahan-Shackelford County Farm Bureau President Phil Williams said. "Continuing education beyond high school-whether it's a trade school, college or university-can be expensive. Scholarships are our

way to provide assistance."

Preston Clark (Baird), Coby McGonagill (Baird), Kelbi Hyles (Cross Plains) and Elizabeth Martin (Moran) each received a \$500 scholarship through the Callahan-Shackelford Counties Farm Bureau Scholarship Program.

These four students were selected based on their academic, scholastic, extracurricular and community activities.

"We are confident these students will continue to excel in their future endeavors," President Phil Williams said.

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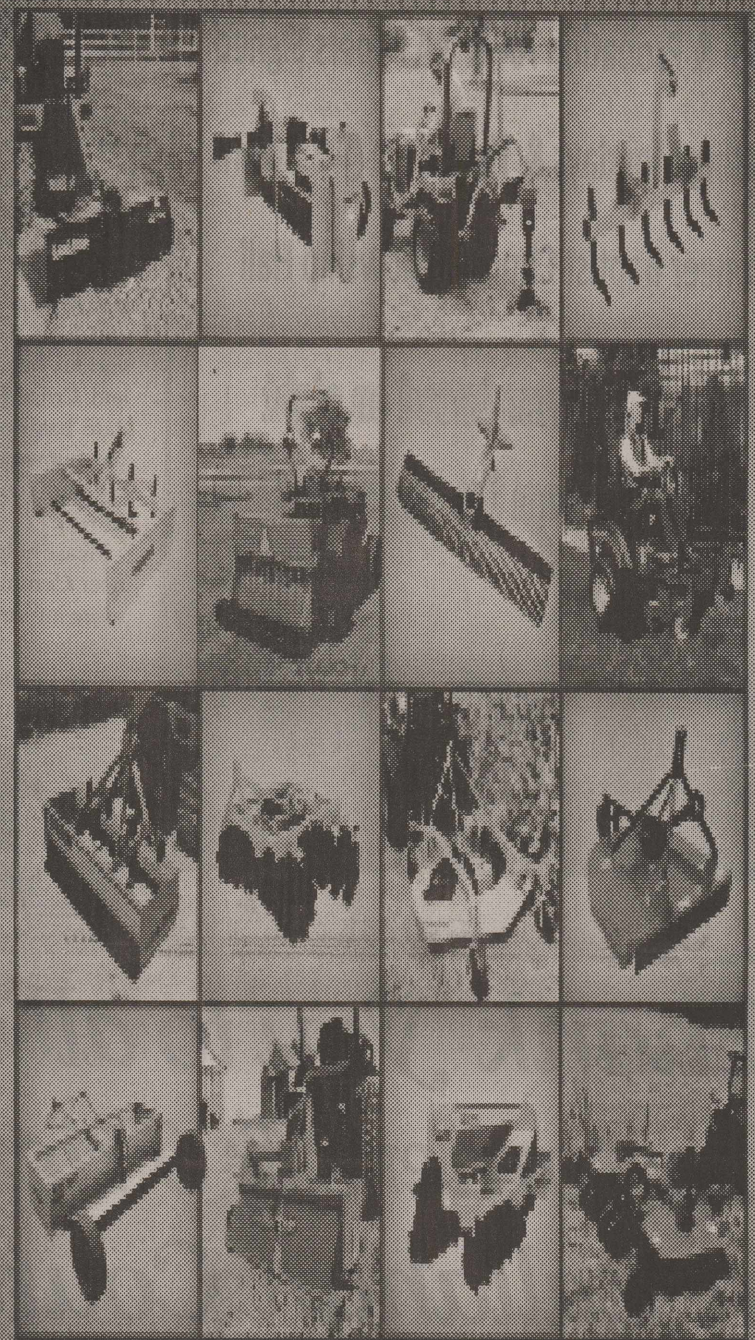
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Pioneer Memorial Day Ceremony



Speaker-Lieutenant Colonel (US Army Retired) Richard Brown

This year's Memorial Day ceremony was marked by extremely high chances for rain in local areas. However, the chance of rain wasn't able to stop many who were adamant on honoring those who have served and those who have fallen in the Armed Forces.

The annual Pioneer Observance at the Pioneer Cemetery has been a very important community event in the area. It was started by Jim and Charlene Fleming in 1997 and has been such an important venue for families, young and old to attend to honor our heroes. We thank the Flemings for all they have done and continue to do. We appreciate their commitment to Pioneer, the cemetery, and our Veterans.

A wonderful crowd turned out Monday morning, May 25, 2015 for the annual Memorial Day Observance at the Pioneer Cemetery in Pioneer, TX. The program began with Bob McCowen welcoming the crowd and saying our opening prayer. Jim Fleming, our Emcee gave a wonderful tribute to the fallen and directed everyone to move to the Fallen Veterans Monument as Rhonda Swift from 4

HIS Glory sang the National Anthem followed by Stewart Sowell and John Swift raising the flag.

The crowd then enjoyed special music by 4 HIS Glory and Bob McCowen who bless us with their beautiful voices each year. We had a wonderful group of young people who helped us out this year. Ketch Thomas, Tripp Thomas, and Darrin Ames placed flags around the Fallen Veterans Monument as Jim Fleming recognized each name. Later in program Sterling Switzer read a moving poem called (Act of Valor) followed by Tap's and a moment of silence. We are very lucky to have such willing and patriotic kids in our community. We thank each of you.

Sara McGowen had the honor of giving a moving introduction for our keynote speaker, Lieutenant Colonel (US Army Retired) Richard A. Brown. Colonel Brown traveled all the way from Huntsville, AL and when we asked him to be our honored guest and speaker without even hesitating he said yes. He moved the crowd with his words and stories from his over 40 years with the De-

partment of Defense. Colonel Brown has local ties to our community as he married Cindy Hickman of Cross Plains in 1968. They have one daughter, Kelli Switzer, son-in-law Kevin Switzer, and two grandchildren Sterling and Avery Switzer of Cross Plains. Colonel Brown is a highly decorated veteran of the Vietnam War having held numerous military positions in the Air Defense Artillery with command and staff assignments both in the United States and abroad. Currently, Colonel Brown is a civilian working as a Department of Defense Contractor for the Engility Corporation in Huntsville, AL. Colonel Brown is now forever a friend to the Pioneer community and we hope he can visit us often.

We were also very honored to have in attendance two of our treasured World War Vets, JW Fore and L.D. Halcombe.

We would like to give a special thanks to Lt. Colonel (US Army Retired) Richard Brown, the Pioneer Historical Association, Don and Wanda Nelson for the donation of the flags in honor of James and Perry Cloud and Thomas A. Flippin, Mae Jones for registering our guests,

Refreshments by the Merrill and Koenig families, Reub McCowen, Bob McCowen, and Jimmy McCowen for providing restroom facilities, Teresa Koenig and Francis Thornton for taking pictures, and Teresa Koenig for designing programs. Also, big thanks to Reub McCowen for all you do for our cemetery- we appreciate you so very much.

I will close with a poem written by our speaker Colonel Brown. His words sparked in our crowd great pride in our Vets, Pioneer and our cemetery. This poem is something we will always treasure and display at future ceremonies.

"Pioneer"

There is a history that began some time ago.

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Annually, on the field, people gather to honor the fallen.

During the prayer and ceremony, the thoughts are solemn.

Those who stay have received the passage of rite.

A flag pole, fence and headstones mark the site.

Grieving and memories often bring more than a tear, on this hallowed ground the cemetery at Pioneer!

Lieutenant Colonel (US Army Retired) Richard Brown

Donations may be sent to the Pioneer Historical Association (Cemetery) at 200 Wills Way, Early, TX 76802. We appreciate each person that attended our ceremony this year and look forward to next year.



Jim Fleming and Lieutenant Colonel (US Army Retired) Richard Brown



Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Day Service Guest Speaker Lieutenant Colonel (US Army Retired) Richard Brown



Darrin Ames, Ketch Thomas & Tripp Thomas at Memorial Day Service



In no particular order -Pat and Bonnie Millican, Mike and Ruth Martin, John and Lucy Walker, Rev. Larry and Stephanie Lacy, Mary Ann Roberson, and Jack and Barbara Baum



Sterling Switzer reading "Act of Valor"



Wilma Lawrence, Reub McCowen, Mae Jones at the Pioneer Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony

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Thanks

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Lady Buff four years of 40 undefeated district basketball games. What a testament to the Coaches and staff of Cross Plains.

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Callahan County's jobless rate falls to 3.7% in April

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped four-tenths of one percent to 3.7% in April 2015, according to jobless figures released Friday, May 29th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in April 2014 was 3.4 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.1% in March, 2015.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.0% in February 2015, 4.1% in January 2015, 3.1% in December 2014, 3.4% in November 2014, 3.6% in October 2014, 3.9% in September, 4.1% in August, 4.1% in July, 4.1% in June, 3.6% in May, and 3.4% in April, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for April 2015 include: Brown, 4.0%; Coleman, 5.1%; Eastland, 4.2%; Jones, 5.0%; Runnels, 3.2%; Shackelford, 2.1%; Stephens, 3.6%; and Taylor County, 3.3%. The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.5% in April, 2015, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 76,600. There were 73,900 employed during April 2015, while 2,700 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.5%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 76,900 in March, 2015. Total employment of 74,100 was reported in March 2015, while 2,800, or 3.7% were unemployed in March 2015.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for April, 2014 was 4.0%. The total workforce was reported at 77,300, with 74,200 employed and 3,100 or 4.0% unemployed in April, 2014.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of April, 2015 was 4.0 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,094,900 in April 2015. The total number of Texans employed is 12,572,900. The total number of unemployed Texans was 522,000 in April 2015.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in March 2015. The state's unemployment rate in April of 2014

UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Mar.	Apr.
	4.1%	3.7%

was 4.8 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for April, 2015 was 5.1 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of March, 2015 was 5.6%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in April, 2014 was 5.9%.

Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate in April declined by two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.0 percent.

This was the lowest April unemployment rate since 2008. Over the past five years, the average decline between March and April was four-tenths of a percentage point. The unemployment rate has fallen by eight-tenths of a percentage point over the year. The national unemployment rate dropped by five-tenths of a percentage point over the month to 5.1 percent. The Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national unemployment rate since December 2006.

The Civilian Labor Force increased by 6,300 to a total of 13,094,900 people. The past three months have shown an average decline in the labor force of 10,600 each month. Over the year, the Texas labor force expanded by 45,800 people, a growth rate of 0.4 percent.

The number of employed Texans increased by 38,700 over the month to a total of 12,572,900 people. Over the past five years, the number of employed Texans has increased by an average of 81,600 people in the month of April. The number of jobholders increased by 146,400 over the year.

The number of unemployed people fell in April by 32,400 to a total of 522,000. Over the past three months, the average decline in

the number of unemployed people was 27,000 each month. Since April of last year, the number of unemployed people has dropped by 100,600 individuals.

Of the 24 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and two Metropolitan Divisions in Texas, the unemployment rate decreased in 23 areas over the month. The Texarkana MSA and the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA experienced the largest declines in their unemployment rates, at four-tenths of a percentage point each. The unemployment rate increased in two MSAs over the month, with the rates in the Longview MSA and the Odessa MSA both rising by one-tenth of a percentage point. The rate in the Midland MSA remained unchanged. The Amarillo MSA maintained the lowest unemployment rate of any area in Texas at 2.7 percent.

The number of Texans continuing to seek unemployment insurance benefits grew by 5,450 over the month to 135,178 people. This was the sixth consecutive month in which there was an increase in the number of continued unemployment insurance claims.

Happenings Around The State

Liberty Mutual Bringing Jobs to DFW

PLANO, TX (Dallas Morning News—Steve Brown)—Boston-based Liberty Mutual Insurance plans to have 5,000 employees working on a new campus in Plano by the end of 2017. The nation's third largest insurer told employees that it will build the new North Texas campus on the Dallas North Tollway in West Plano.

"It's all part of our strategy to attract and obtain top talent," Liberty Mutual vice president John Cusolito said. "We already have a strong and signifi-

cant presence in Texas and are impressed with the workforce in the state," he added. While Liberty Mutual's headquarters will stay in Boston, the new Plano campus will consolidate a variety of operations now located around the country, Cusolito said. Dallas developer KDC will build the Liberty Mutual campus in the same area Toyota Motor is building its new North American headquarters.

Daikin Breaks Ground on New Plant

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Chronicle—Tom Behrens)—Daikin Industries, Ltd. recently broke ground at the future location of its new consolidated H-VAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) equipment engineering, manufacturing and logistics campus in Waller. Members of the Daikin team from the home office in Japan attended the groundbreaking in support of their largest major investment in H-VAC manufacturing operations in North America.

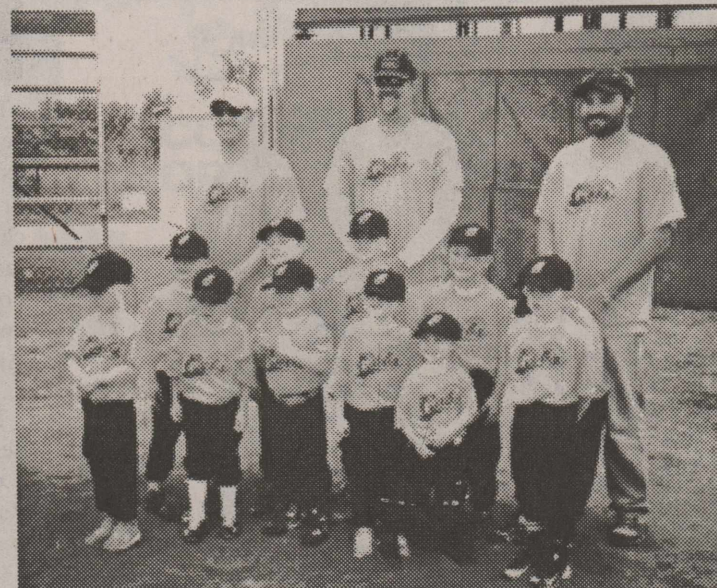
Total cost is projected at approximately \$417 million. Employment figures at the facility are expected to reach up to 4,000. The campus is being built on 80 acres north of US Hwy 290 northwest of Houston. Operations that will be relocated to the new business campus include engineering, logistics, procurement, manufacturing and marketing.

LEDA Announces More Jobs at Call Center

LUBBOCK, TX (FOX 34 News)—Lubbock Economic Development Alliance announced 200 new jobs at the Lubbock AT&T Call Center. The new openings are for technical assistance jobs in the community, including 150 bilingual positions. Customer Support Specialists' starting salary is between \$12 and \$15 per hour. "AT&T has had a long history in Lubbock and we're proud to be a part of the local economy. Adding 150 jobs is going to make a huge impact to the local economy, and we're really proud to be a part of that," said AT&T Director of Communications Rachel Ennis.

Xerox Reopens Houston Facility

HOUSTON, TX (Houston Business Journal)—Connecticut-based Xerox renovated more than 21,000 square feet in southwest Houston for a call center according to Coco Salazar, Xerox corporate communications manager. The company began hiring for 300 customer care agents and has hired about 70 so far. The new jobs are a result of expanded work with an existing client who desired to expand in Houston, said Salazar. In 2013, Xerox notified the Texas Workforce Commission that it would cut 81 jobs at the southwest Houston location due to a change in a customer agreement with HPI Insurance. Salazar confirmed the call center is now serving a different client. In August, Xerox notified TWC it would close a call center at a different Houston location, and cut 468 jobs due to a change in business conditions with client Sprint Corporation. Xerox currently has more than 1,100 employees in the Houston area, according to Salazar.



Players: Mikki Daliedge, Connor Matthews, Carbyn Barnum, Kutter Reed, Mason Gilliam, Emily Bisbee, Vance Hutton, Bethany Gilliam, Rylen Reed, Major McCready, and Jace Bullock

Cross Plains T-Ball comes to a close

We would like to congratulate the 2015 Cross Plains T-Ball Cubs on a great year. With the help of volunteers Brandon Gilliam, Kevin Daliedge, Jeremy Gilliam, Shawn Bullock, Krisi

Reed and Amy Reed we had a great season. Without your help our season wouldn't have been the success it was. I am looking forward to working with all of you next year. -Coach Cody



Edith Beggs, Owner-Katharina Durke, Karen Lenz



Ribbon Cutting for K.C.'S Wonderland

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for K.C.'s Wonderland German Bakery located at 325 N Avenue in Cross Plains. K.C.'s has authentic German pastries, cakes, pies, and muffins.

signs and wood figures is also part of their selection of great gift items for all. Open every Saturday 11:30 am-4:00pm and Sunday 11:30am-2:30pm, stop in for a unique experience! K.C.'s Wonderland German Bakery Phone (254) 270-0544



Obstacle Course

75 Ft Obstacle Course Featured at Barbarian Festival on June 13th

Kids can come a bounce, crawl, slide and have fun on a 75ft inflatable obstacle course at this year's Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 13th. The obstacle course will be supervised by the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department, who will also be hosting a variety of kids games at the festival. Kids will also enjoy face painting, a hula hoop contest and a shoe pile contest.

The 'Color Blast' a 5K Color Fun Run will be held the morning of the festival. The run begins and ends at the festival grounds. Proceeds will benefit the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Fund.

The Antique and Classic Car and Truck Show is always a crowd-pleaser! Come and see restored T-birds, Chevy and other fine rides. You might even want to bring your classic car or truck. There's no entry fee and prizes will be awarded to the winners in the Best Car, Best Truck and

Best of Show Categories. Take a look at the old John Deeres and Farmalls in the Antique Tractors Show. Browse through arts and crafts, candles and jewelry booths. Enjoy lots of food and live music.

Enjoy live music from Class of '57 Band and 4His Glory on the stage. New this year: Concho Grass, a bluegrass band. The Texas Tornadoes dance group will also perform for the crowd. There's so much to see and do at this year's festival. Stroll through arts and crafts booths, candles, jewelry, d cor items and much more. Enjoy barbeque, hamburgers, corndogs, curly fries, hotdogs, fresh-squeezed lemonade, ice cream and many other tasty treats.

Mark your calendar now. You won't want to miss the Barbarian Festival on Saturday, June 13th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the shade trees at Treadway Park, on Hwy 36, just west of Cross Plains.



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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Warm and Sunny weather is here. Everyone's been mowing their yards and working in the garden. Watch out for snakes. Several folks have mentioned seeing and/or killing snakes in the past week or so.

We had storms this past Thursday and Friday left us with 5 to 6 inches of rain over the two days and some hail. No damages were reported that we know of.

The kids are out of school now. Watch for them on their bicycles or walking down the roads.

Congratulations to Allanta Wheeler, Grace Goode, Taryn Estes, Kelli Bennett, Stephen Saltus and Billy Woodard and the rest of the cast and crew of One Act Play group. Their production of The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon-Marigolds took the "First Runner Up" spot at the State Competition! Grace Goode was the State Meet's Best Actress. The group was coached by Matt Sowell who was raised here in Cottonwood.

Stephen Saltus received sixth place at the State Academic Meet in Current Events and Issues. Overall, CPHS Academic Team received "Runner Up" Honors at the UIL State Academic Meet.

The Barbarian Festival Kickoff Parade is scheduled for Thursday, June 11 at 6 p.m. You can be a part of the parade and drive your vehicle, mule, golf cart, etc. - or sit back and enjoy the parade. Call Joe Terstegge at 325-260-5701. The Senior Center is having a Fish Fry that evening from 5 until 7 p.m. You can have a great dinner and enjoy the parade all at the same time.

The Barbarian Festival is the next Saturday, June 13th, down at the park by the Rodeo Arena west of Cross Plains. They'll be lots of food and fun and live music and stuff for the kids to do. 4HisGlory, made up of Cottonwood kids Matt and Mandi Sowell and Connie and Rhonda Swift, will perform a couple of times during the day. A bluegrass group is also going to play at the festival, along with the Class of '57, the band that everyone like so much that has played at the festival the last several years.

Many Cottonwood folks will be at the festival. The First Methodist Church of Cross Plains will have a booth out there. Erik Woodard is involved with the Car Show that seems to just get better and better each year. There's also an Antique Tractor Show. Diana and Russ Miller and Joe and Deana Terstegge are also involved with the festival. Joe will be cooking barbeque and hamburgers and hot dogs. Look for Roger Hinkle and Kathleen Terstegge to be helping out with the food booth, too.

Even though it has been wet and the burn ban is off, you still need to let the Sheriff's Office know if you are planning a control burn. That way, if your neighbors see smoke, the Sheriff's Office can tell them know not to worry. Call them at 325-854-1444. You also need to let the fire chiefs of both local departments know you are going to burn. It's always better to be safe and prepared; you never know when a control burn can get out of control.

Oplin Community Center Fundraiser huge success

The Oplin Community Center wants to thank everyone who attended our fundraiser and helped make it a huge success. A good time was had by all and everyone really enjoyed dancing to the tunes of Texas country music legend Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys.

A special thanks to our commercial donors including Hanner Chevrolet, Items Unique, Smith and Sons Tractor Co., Jackson Bros. of Abilene, and First Texas Bank of Baird. We also thank everyone that made donations

to our silent auction and bake sale (especially Shirley Landers, Sybil Norris, and Kamryn Calderon). We also want to thank our volunteers Alice Denunzio, Judy and Regina Woodard and a host of others who worked so hard to make this fundraiser a success.

The Oplin Community Center appreciates all of the continuing support from our communities and hopes to be able to continue the Grand Ole Oplin for your enjoyment for many years to come.

Lowe's Register Tapes for Education Program and Box Tops for Education

The Cross Plains Elementary and High School would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the community and businesses of Cross Plains and the surrounding area for all their support of the **Lowe's Register Tapes for Education Program**. Your commitment to help us receive free educational equipment was a huge success. Those who donated time made a big difference in the collection of our receipts.

We would like to personally thank, Charlou Cowan for counting receipts and preparing them for shipping. It made the job a lot easier. There were many that helped with sending in and collecting, and even a few mailed in receipts. Our classroom winner was Kelli Hyles and her students for collecting the most receipts. The winners will receive an ice cream party, courtesy of Lowe's.

Box Tops For Education
We would also like to thank everyone that has sent in Box Tops this year. You may continue to send those in as you collect them, even during the summer. The elementary has been using the funds received from the box tops to help with field trip expenses.

Our winners of the Box Tops each six weeks are: 1st 6 weeks - Karri Shepard, 2nd six weeks - Deanna Golson, 3rd six weeks - Crystal Webb, 4th six weeks - Vicki Walker, 5th six weeks - Nora Odom and 6th six weeks - Kelli Hyles. The six weeks class winners receive a popcorn party. Thanks from Cross Plains I.S.D.!

Homecoming Invitation Deadline Approaching

The Cross Plains Ex Student Association has invitations ready to be picked up and mailed. They are available at the following businesses: Connie's Cuts and Curls - Connie Kirkham, Texas Heritage Bank - Debbie Edington, Higgingbotham's Hardware - Debbie Reed, and the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center - Dannes Turner.

You can either return your invitations for mailing to one of these local businesses or drop it in your local USPS.

Because Homecoming is a big community event, we would like to get all the invitations in the mail by the end of June or mid July at the latest so we are able to plan accordingly. Thanks, Connie Kirkham.

Oplin Fire Department Thank You!

The River Of Life Church sent the nicest group of men to provide a grilled hamburger stand to Oplin for the cost of a donation. This donation did not benefit the River Of Life Church but instead all donations went to The Oplin Volunteer Fire Department. The Oplin VFD thanks the River of Life Church and all the men who cooked the delicious hamburgers.

The Oplin Volunteer Fire Department relies on donations and grants to be able to continue providing emergency services in our community.

We take our hats off to the River of Life Church.

Scranton Musical June 6th

The musical will be this Saturday, June 6th at the community center. Last month we had 105 in attendance and that was when I left; could have gone above that.

The kitchen will begin serving at 5:00 with several ladies helping. The special will be chopped brisket on a bun, chips, beans and a drink for \$5.00.

Buddy Johnson is the emcee and will have a full line up of musicians for your enjoyment. We look forward to seeing you.



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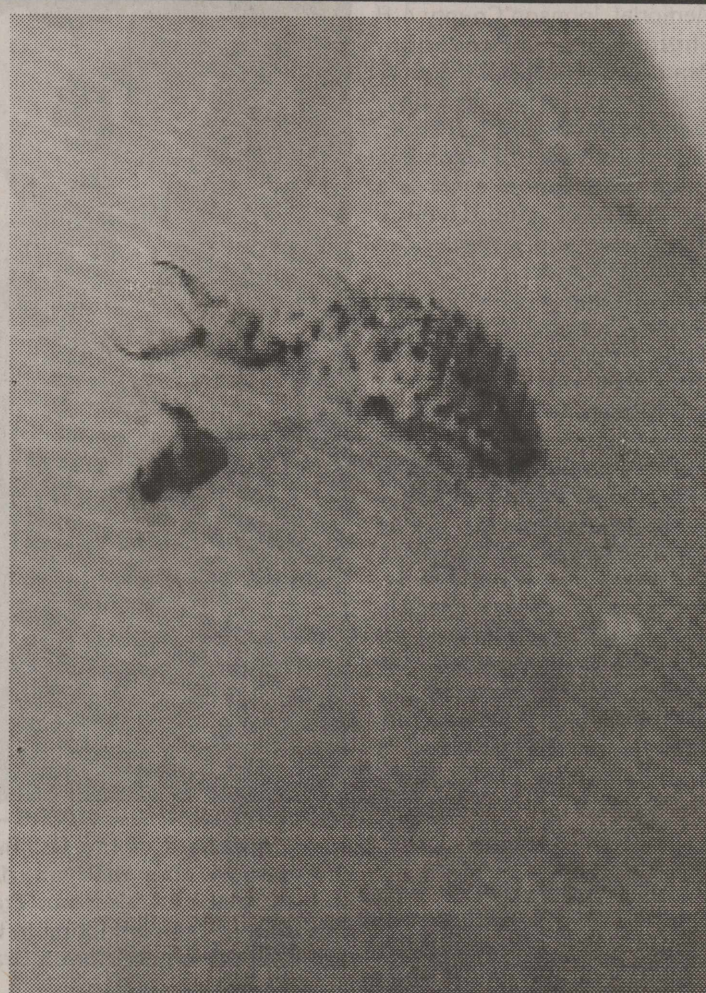
We as Americans have a tendency to overlook the smallest of things due to the busyness of our schedules. One small predatory insect that can be found in our own backyards is one such example of how amazing the natural world can be.

Antlions (*Scotoleon sp.*) are an abundant insect throughout most of the deserts of the southwestern United States, including right here in west Texas. It requires sandy soils, and it prefers shaded areas provided by brush, grasses, and commonly, carports and farm stables. Their presence can be detected by the conical pits resembling funnels in the soil. It is in these pits that the larvae stage of this insect resides.

The larvae stage of the antlion is rather small, only achieving a length of approximately 1/4 of an inch. The minuscule size is not the story on this tiny insect however, as it looks like a character straight out of the Star Wars saga. As with other insects, it has three pairs of legs, as well as three body parts (head, thorax and abdomen). Each one of the legs ends in a sharp spike, and the hairy abdomen actually encroaches onto and even over the thorax. Attached to the front of the head is two large, sickle-shaped mandibles that have several jagged edges that aid it in holding onto its prey. It is these mandibles that give this animal a truly terrifying appearance.

The adult phase of this insect are rather drab in appearance, so much so that they are seen by many but recognized by very few. The overall body coloration is typically a dull gray, and the wings are delicately clear. The abdomen is elongated and thin. They have large bulbous eyes and stubby antennae. In short, they look like dull colored dragonflies.

After hatching, the larvae will dig its first aforementioned pit into the loose soil. It is in this funneled pit that the antlion receives its food like manna from heaven. As unsuspecting ants (its favorite dietary item) fall into the funnel, the antlion snaps its massive jaws shut on its prey. If this predatory response somehow miscues, then a truly ferocious attack will ensue. As the ant attempts to climb out of the pit, the antlion will use its spiked legs to flick loose soil upward, causing the prey item to come tumbling towards its massive



Antlion
(*Scotoleon sp.*)

mandibles again. This sequence happens time and time again until the antlion achieves its goal of obtaining food. The larvae antlion will remain in this pit for up to three years until it spins a cocoon, transforms, and emerges as an adult.

Adult antlions are also insectivorous predators, although not near as brutal as when they are in the larval stage. In fact, some species of antlion adults do not even feed once before they mate and subsequently die.

The larvae stage of this amazing creature is very unique, not

only in appearance, but in its behavior as well. If you are lucky enough to come across one of the conical pits in the ground, take the time to disturb it gently and watch as the larval antlion hurriedly repairs its "deathtrap". Its body shape is designed in such a way that it can only walk backwards and it uses its oversized abdomen as a spade to dig down in a circle to fix its home.

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

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10:00 am Hula Hoop Contest

10:30 am Texas Tornadoes Dance Group

11:00 am 4His Glory

11:30 am Concho Grass - Bluegrass Music

12:30 pm Class of '57

1:30 pm 4His Glory
Shoe Pile Contest

2:00 pm Concho Grass

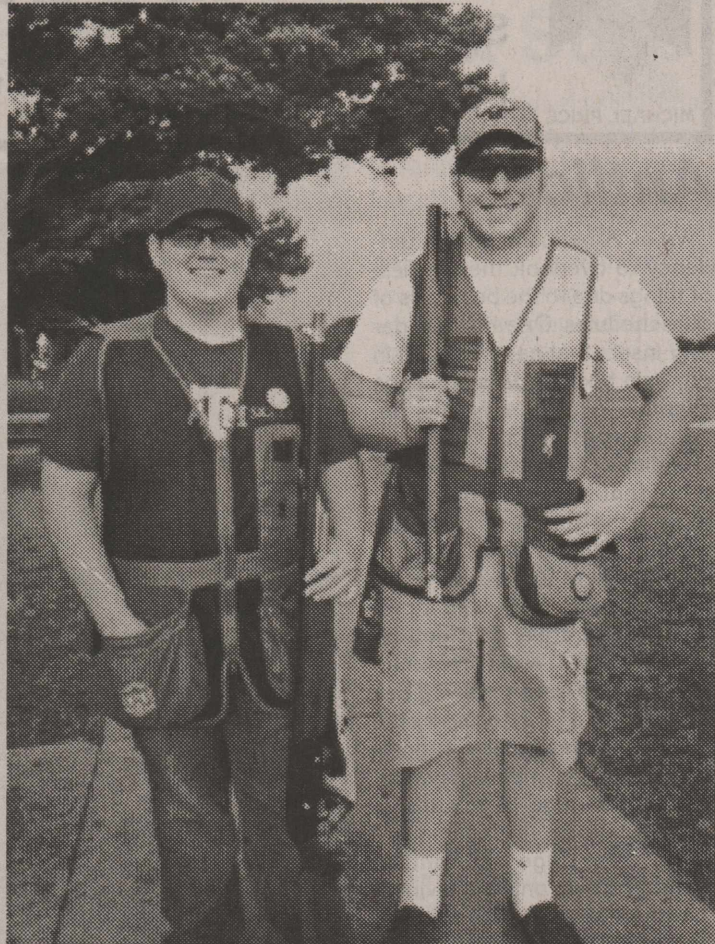
3:00 pm Class of '57
Hula Hoop Contest

Saturday
June 13

Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Team members compete at Johnson County 4-H Fandango

Three members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team traveled to the Fort Worth area on May 23 & 24 to compete at the 2015 Jon Henderson Memorial Johnson County 4-H Shotgun Fandango. Representing Callahan County 4-H were Colton Bradley, Brandon Hobbs and Ted Pitzer, all in the Senior 2 division age group. This annual event is a two-day multi-venue competition and was attended by approximately 160 4-H members from all over the state. Saturday's events of American Skeet, American Trap and Whiz-Bang took place at the Fort Worth Trap & Skeet Club in southwest Fort Worth. On Sunday, another Whiz-Bang as well as a 100-bird Sporting Clays event was held at the Alpine Shooting Range near Mansfield.

During Saturday's events, Brandon Hobbs was involved in tie-breaking shoot-offs in all three events to determine his placing. The trap shoot-off was a three-way tie for 1st with one of the shooters being Brandon's teammate Ted Pitzer. Both young men from Callahan County shot 49 targets out of 50 to tie for 1st place with one other participant. The shoot-off was extra exciting, as these two have traveled and competed together for the past eight years and enjoy shooting with each other. This shoot-off took three exciting rounds to complete. After the first round of 9 shots (3 from each of 3 stations), the three contestants were still tied. The third participant was eliminated after the second shoot-off. Then Brandon and Ted went head to head to determine the winner. After the third shoot-off, they were still tied due to perfect shooting, so the officials threatened to have them go shoot from the freeway overpass that adjoined the range! It was decided they would go into a sudden death round



DUELING TRAP SHOOTERS—Ted Pitzer and Brandon Hobbs, senior members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team shown above after their amazing five-round shoot-off for 1st and 2nd place in American Trap at the Johnson County 4-H Fandango. Also competing in the Fandango but not pictured was their teammate Colton Bradley.

and finally, after 26 shots and on the fifth official shoot-off, a winner was determined.

The results from Saturday's events are as follows: Brandon Hobbs placed 1st in American Skeet, 2nd in Whiz-Bang and 2nd in American Trap. Ted Pitzer placed 1st in American Trap, 3rd in Whiz-Bang and 5th in American Skeet.

Colton Bradley and Brandon Hobbs also competed in Sunday's 100-bird Sporting Clays event. Colton Bradley placed 4th and Brandon Hobbs placed 2nd. At the conclusion of the event, Brandon Hobbs

was named the High All-Around Champion for having the highest total score of all events combined in the entire 2-day competition. He received a custom designed belt buckle for this outstanding achievement.

Callahan County 4-H shotgun sports will be hosting the 20th Annual 4-H Shotgun Fun Shoot on Saturday, June 13th at the range between Clyde and Baird. Everyone is welcome to come out and watch this fun and exciting sport!

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