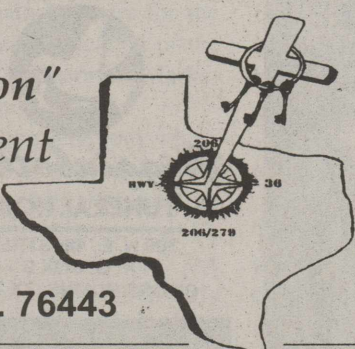


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Debbie and Rusty Reed at Higginbotham's Hardware in Cross Plains

40 Years and still going strong

Congratulations to Debbie Reed for celebrating 40 years at Higginbotham's! On July 10, 1975 Debbie started work at Higginbotham's and she's still going strong. She and her husband Rusty and all the Higginbotham's employees celebrated the event last Friday.

VBS at Methodist Church July 27th - 30th

At the *G-Force Vacation Bible School* at the Methodist Church, kids will explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission focused VBS, kids will experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. The church will come alive with movement and images of all sorts of kid-friendly transportation, such as skateboards, running shoes, roller blades, and more! Watch the G-Force meter climb illustrating how God is at work around the world and how God's people are on the move. The VBS is scheduled for

Monday, July 27 through Thursday, July 30, 6:00 - 8:30 each evening. Kids who have completed pre-K through the completion of 6th grade will move through activities focused on Bible Stories, Missions, Crafts, Music and Recreation with a light snack being served each evening.

VBS will conclude on Thursday evening with an open house and refreshments for the entire family.

For more information, please contact Melody McWilliams - 325-669-7371, Jean McWilliams - 725-6455 or the Methodist Church - 725-7377.

Car Wash Saturday

The Cross Plains Girls Track team is holding a car wash to raise the funds needed to purchase their State Track Championship rings.

The car wash will be held at the Park Car Wash on Hwy 206 just south of town. They will be washing and drying vehicles Saturday, July 18th, from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M. They are accepting any monetary donations you are willing to give towards the seven rings they would like to purchase.

Bring your dirty cars and trucks, and help the girls get the Championship rings they deserve.



Back Row: Coaches Donnie Dillard Sr., Donnie Dillard Jr., Billy Wyatt and Jeremy Box Middle Row: Bentley Hall, Dusty Wyatt, Zane Blackburn, Israel Ortega, Alex Parker, Jaeden Box and Skylar Minshew Kneeling: Colton Mc Daniels, Barrett Nickerson, Stryker Dillard, Kade Purvis and Michael Bushnell (not pictured: Gage Fortune and Chase Rutland)

Congratulations Cross Plains 9U Buffaloes Sweep Last 4 Games and Head to State



John Larimore with older brother and CPHS student Jack Larimore

Students Visit the REH Museum

On July 9th, CPHS Sophomore Jack Larimore toured the Robert E. Howard Museum with his younger brother, John Larimore, who was in town for a visit.

John, a 5th grader in Pearland ISD near Houston, TX, is an avid reader who enjoys all types of fiction and fantasy literature. While in Cross Plains visiting his older brother, John was happy to check out books at our local library to continue his summer of reading.

When he learned that Howard was a writer of fantasy fiction and that there was a sword at the

museum he was excited to take the tour. His older brother, Jack, was more than willing to take his brother to the author's home and share some of Howard's horror stories and the local lore about the author.

Jack became familiar with Howard's work more than two years ago while living in the Texas-Mexico border town of Eagle Pass in Maverick county. The family relocated to the Cottonwood area just a year ago and has found themselves in the middle of Howard's literary stomping ground.

Cross Plains Public Library Recovers From Damage

The wind and rain last month caused damage to the roof of the Cross Plains Public Library, resulting in water damage to the ceiling and carpet in the multi-purpose room. In addition, the community quilt was water damaged, as well as one of our lap top computers. Thanks to insurance, we were able to have Callaway's Carpet replace that portion of the building with new carpet, and Paul Williams Roofing Co. repaired the roof.

We would like to thank Project Pride for cleaning the community quilt (it looks even better than it did BEFORE the damage!) as it was a delicate job to handle. Stop in and take a look at the new carpet, ceiling and quilt!

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Homecoming Deadline is this week

Because Homecoming is such a big community event, we would like to get all the invitations in the mail by the end of this week at the latest so we can plan accordingly. If you still need to get invitations, the Cross Plains Ex Student Association has invi-

tations ready to be picked up and mailed.

They are available at the following businesses: Connie's Cuts and Curls with Connie Kirkham, Texas Heritage Bank with Debbie Edington, Higginbotham's Hardware with Debbie

Reed, and the Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center with Dannes Turner.

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

Thanks, Connie Kirkham.



This beautiful quilt was pieced by the Cottonwood Quilting Club, and is being hand quilted by the Cross Plains Quilters. The quilting clubs have come together on this project for the upcoming 2015 Cancer Walk. Pictured above from left to right is Helen Parson, Wilma Lawrence, and Lena Gage from the Cross Plains Quilters. Look in the Cross Plains Review for upcoming details on this beautiful multi colored quilt.

Cross Plains Football Camp July 27th-29th

The 2015 Cross Plains Buffalo Football Staff will be conducting a Football Camp July 27th to July 29th (Monday-Wednesday). This is an opportunity to participate in a local camp run by the high school coaching staff of Cross Plains High School. Fundamentals such as: blocking, throwing, catching, kicking, and carrying the football will be stressed during each session. Along with fundamentals each camper will work on offensive and defensive situations. Their will be team games and individual competition scheduled for each session.

Early registration will begin July 6, 2015 and will go through July 15, 2015. Each preregistered camper will receive a camp T-shirt. Walk-up registration the day of the camp are gladly accepted, but T-shirts are limited in supply. Cost for the camp is \$30.00 and

checks can be made payable to Cross Plains Athletics. There will be registration forms around town as well as at the High School Office for parents to fill out. You may either mail your completed form with the payment to: Cross Plains Football, 700 N. Main St, Cross Plains, TX 76443, or turn it in at the high school office Monday-Friday 8-4 P.M. The following is the schedule for each camp session:

Session 1: Incoming 1st -5th grade from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Session 2: Incoming 6th-8th grade from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

All sessions will take place at the High School Football Stadium with: Coach Purvis - Head Coach/A.D., Coach Ward - Offensive Coordinator, Coach Kelly - Assistant, and Coach Eison - Assistant.

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

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Office: (254-725-6117)
Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

Obituaries



Peggy Jean Golson

Peggy Jean Golson

Peggy Jean Golson, age 83, of Burkett, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2015 in Coleman, Texas. Funeral Services were held on Friday, July 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm at First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, Texas with David Wallace officiating and Tom Merryman assisting burial following at Burkett Cemetery in Burkett, Texas. The family had visitation on Wednesday, July 9, 2015 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Peggy was born on December 28, 1931 in Cross Plains, Texas to Otis Eugene Raughton and Annie Lee (Conger) Raughton. She married Billy Paul Golson on September 25, 1951 in Baird, Texas. He preceded her in death on February 17, 1994.

Peggy is survived by her sons, Cody Golson of Burkett, Texas; Randy Golson and his wife, Deanna of Burkett, Texas; sister, Glendora Myrick and her husband, Danny of Abilene, Texas; Grandsons, Travis Golson and his wife, Delany; Justin Golson and his wife, Audra; great grandchild, Braylee Ann Golson; 4 nephews and 1 niece. She was preceded in death by her parents, Otis Eugene Raughton and Annie Lee (Conger) Raughton; her husband, Billy Paul Golson.

Memorials may be made to Burkett Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 324, Burkett, Texas 76828.



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BARBARA HENRY BOYD

Barbara Henry Boyd

Barbara Henry Boyd, age 67, of Baird, Texas, passed away Saturday, July 11, 2015, in Hospice of Wichita Falls, Wichita Falls, Texas. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, July 16, 2015, in the First Baptist Church of Baird with Pastor Jimmy Hatcher officiating. Interment will follow in Ross Cemetery Annex. Services are under the direction of Parker Funeral Home in Baird, Texas. A visitation will be held from 5:00 until 7:00 Wednesday evening at the funeral home.

Barbara was born in Baird on December 7, 1947, to Billie and Goley Johnson Henry. She attended Baird schools, graduating with the Class of 1966. She also attended Tarleton State College in Stephenville. Barbara was raised in the First Presbyterian Church in Baird. A life-long resident of Baird, Barbara had worked at the First National Bank, now First Bank Texas, for 35 years. Barbara was a very giving, loving

and caring person who did all she could to help others in her banking career, as well as her personal life. She truly lived a full rewarding life and loved anytime she spent with family. Barbara had many talents from crocheting the most delicate star for the top of the Christmas tree to building barn wood benches, working at a steer roping or canning dozens of jars of fresh fruit and vegetables from her beloved garden. Barbara left this earth far earlier than anyone expected, but the legacy she leaves behind will go on forever. She was an integral part of the Baird community and its activities. She has been serving on the Baird Housing Authority Board of Commissioners since 1993, and was serving on the Baird Community Development Board. She had worked steer roping events for 15 years. In 2013 the Abilene Senior Team Roping group named her as their "Person of the Year", the one and only female to ever receive this distinction. She was a spark of energy whenever you saw her and was a true friend to many.

Barbara is survived by her mother, Goley Henry of Baird, Texas; her husband Tommy Boyd of Moran, Texas; two sisters, Elaine Moore and husband Bill of Novice, Texas, and Nancy Berry and husband Mike of Coleman, Texas; her daughter Laurie Stilwell and husband Tom of Henrietta, Texas; her son Patrick Dean McKennon, Jr. of Clyde, Texas; grandchildren Abby, John Mark, Isaac, and Brooklyn; cousin Richard Danielsen of Baird, Texas, numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; and her lifelong best friend for over 60 years, Vickie Burns and husband Don of Baird, Texas.

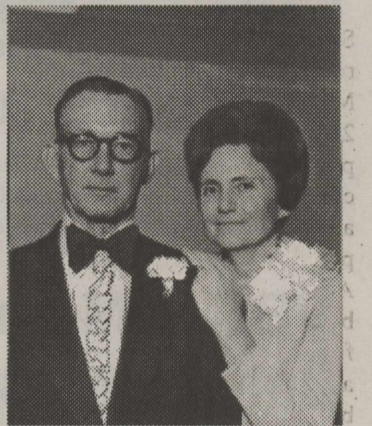
Barbara was preceded in death by her father Billie Henry, a sister Wilma Henry as well as her grandparents W.L. & Willie Henry and Arthur and Hazel Johnson all of Baird. The family suggests in lieu of flowers that donations be made in memory of Barbara to the Baird Cemetery Association, Hospice of Wichita Falls, or the donor's charity of choice.

brother-in-law, Carl Smith, nephew Ricky Smith, nephew George Walker (Butch) Webb III, and grandnephew Cole Worley.

Those left to cherish her memory are: her son, Shawn Weathermon and wife, Kris, of Winnipeg, daughter Tammy DeLano and husband, Dustin, of Lubbock, sisters Ileen Smith, Mamie Webb and husband, George Walker Jr., Martha Leveritt and husband, Jim, and Vicki Cobb, brother Bevelyn (Bugs) Foster and wife, Sharon, grandsons Daniel and Keenan Weathermon, and granddaughter Jamisen Martel, several nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren, and many cousins and friends.

Services are pending, and will be announced and held at a later date in Atwell, Texas. The family wishes to extend our most sincere gratitude for everyone who prayed, laughed, and cried with us over her long journey. She is so loved and missed!

Online condolences can be left at www.agapefuneralchapel.com



Lillie Bell Calhoun

Lillie Bell Calhoun

Lillie Bell Calhoun of Jacksboro, Texas was born on December 1, 1928 in Cross Plains, Texas to Forrest and Maudie Scott. She passed away in Thursday July 9, 2015 in Jacksboro. She was 86 years old.

Lillie married Ira Eugene Calhoun on August 29, 1948 in Rising Star, Texas. He preceded her in death on June 3, 1990.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband and her brothers Forrest and Elvin Scott.

Those who will cherish her sweet memory include her son Jerry Wayne Calhoun and wife, Patricia of Humble, Texas; her grandchildren Kristi Howell and Christopher Calhoun; her great-grandchildren Jaiden and Jaicee-Howell and many other extended family members and friends.

If so desired memorials may be made to:

Concerned Citizens
400 East Pine Street
Jacksboro, Texas 76458

Also the family would like to give a special thank you to Concerned Citizens and the nursing staff at Faith Community Hospital.

Services were held on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Coker Funeral Home in Jacksboro and burial following at Cross Plains Memorial Park. Please visit www.cokerfuneral.com for online tributes

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Jessie Foster Raben

Jessie Foster Raben

Jessie Foster Raben was called home on July 8th, 2015, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. She was born on December 10th, 1949 to Arvin Bernice (AB) and Martha Edna (Hutchins) Foster in Cisco, Texas. She graduated high school in 1968 in Cross Plains, Texas, went on to live in Brownwood, Comanche, Post, and eventually resided with her daughter and son-in-law in Lubbock, Texas at the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, AB and Edna Foster.

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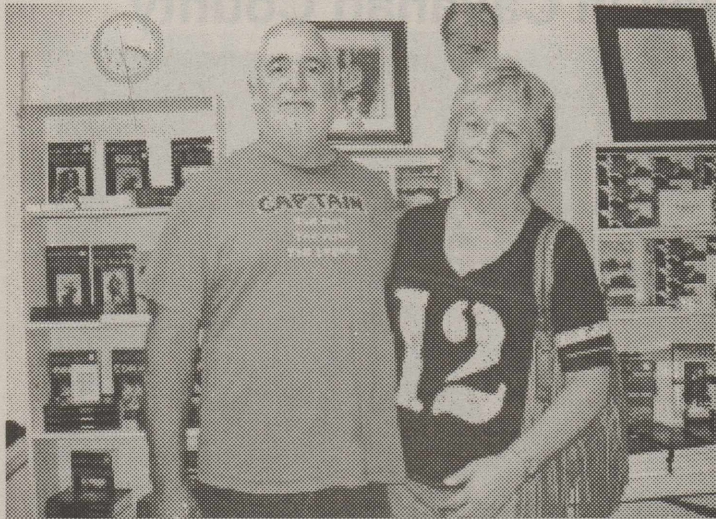
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George and Linda Methvin from Belton.



Randy Smith and Lauren-Ellen Ayres from Pinesville, LA.

Library Director and Howard fans visit Museum

Laura-Ellen Ayres and Randy Smith from Pinesville, LA recently visited the REH Museum. Randy is retired from a 23 year career with various prison systems around the country, employed mostly in the administrative arena as compared to supervising prisoners. As he is planning to open a used book store at some point in the future, he had worked for a while at Books A Million to just broaden his knowledge of the range of books out there. Thus, he was fascinated to learn more about all the various genres that Howard wrote and to discover several websites, facebook pages and blogs that deal strictly with Howard and his writings. Laura-Ellen is the director of the Rapides Parish Library based in Pinesville. A Parish would be similar to a county in this area. In that capacity, she directs 90-100 employees and

the whole wide range of programs in 10 branch libraries. A few of their unique resources and programs include taking books and "reading" programs to Day Care Centers, digital magazines, a cloud library, 3D printers and access to educational content aligned with Common Core State Standards. Soon to be full time Cross Plains residents, George and Linda Methvin from Belton were out exploring the area while a contractor was working on their house. They are moving into the house on NW. 5th where Tommie and Phyllis Harris had previously lived. Linda is the daughter of Phyllis and the couple have visited Cross Plains many, many times in the past. Both are retired from the Veteran's Administration and George hopes to have more time now to pursue Howard's stories.

Higginbotham Marker Dedication and Tour

On July 28 at 5:00, the Callahan County Historical Commission invites you to Higginbotham Brothers for the unveiling and dedication of the newest Texas Historical Marker in Cross Plains.

The unveiling ceremony which is scheduled to begin in front of the store at 5:30 PM will be followed by a tour led by Higginbotham employees. The store which has served this community for over 100 years contains several items which have been around for the entire

100 years.

You may have passed them many times and never realized their significance. You will likely learn things you did not know about the kinds of things the store has sold in the past and the types of services they have extended.

Cross Plains and the rest of Texas would not have been settled nearly as easily or as fashionably without this family owned business. Don't worry about the heat; we will only be outside for a short time.

Greetings from Pineville, Louisiana right on the Red River,

My wife Laura and I (Randy Smith) had to privilege to visit the fair town of Cross Plains on June 29th and 30th. It was some thing of a "Bob" Howard visit for me as I have been reading his literature since the mid 70's. I also wanted to visit the cemetery where he was buried and Mrs. Novalyn Price Ellis grave.

Cross Plains reminds me a good deal of my hometown of Jena, LA. Just about everyone we met was as friendly as could be. We were only able to visit those two days but it was great. We had a wonderful dinner at Jean's Feed Barn and an equally

great breakfast at the Mexico City Restaurant. I intend to give both restaurants a glowing review on "Zomato".

Being Christians we were especially impressed at the amount of churches in town and out. We were given a tour at the Howard House by Mrs. Stephenson. Such a welcoming and knowledgeable lady, we've been to many places and you don't often find docents of this caliber. We've love to travel and visit museums, book stores, and historical places and Cross Plains was great and we hope to come back one day for a longer stay.

Texas Prepaid Tuition Program Enrollment Deadline Approaches

AUSTIN-The deadline is July 31 for Texas families to enroll their newborns in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund and avoid future increases in tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities. Newborns are children younger than one year at the time of enrollment.

The Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program, allows participants to lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities based on current prices.

"I know parents and families all over Texas are concerned about rising tuition costs and are looking for some peace of mind when it comes to college opportunities for their children," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why it's more important than ever to start planning early and consider enrolling your newborn in this program."

Under the plan, families can purchase tuition units to pay for all or part of tuition and school-wide required fees at Texas public two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Enrollment at 2014-15 prices closed Feb. 28 for children older than one. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1 and is based on Texas public college tuition and school-wide required fees for the 2015-16 school year.

Complete plan information, current prices, enrollment forms and more are available online at TuitionPromise.org, or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

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

Love Fund

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



SHANNON RENEE TOLLETT

Shannon Renee Tollett

Shannon Renee Tollett, age 44, of Abilene, Texas, passed away Monday, July 13, 2015, at her home. Services will be held at 10:30 AM Friday, July 17, 2015, in the Chapel of Parker Funeral Home in Baird, Texas. Interment will follow in Ross Cemetery Annex. A visitation will take place from 5:30 until 7:30 on Thursday evening at the funeral home in Baird.

Shannon was born in Abilene, Texas, on August 7, 1970, to Lowell "Pinkie" and Ava Wood Tollett. She had lived the last 8 years in Abilene, but had lived most of her life in the Callahan County area. Shannon was a Certified Nurses Aid and most recently was working in housekeeping at Serenity House in Abilene, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Brett Burney of Abilene, Texas; her mother and step-father, Ava and Ray Dodd of Cottonwood, Texas; her daughter, Sammie Simpkins and husband Bobbie of Abilene, Texas; her sister, Sabrina Jones and husband Will of Clyde, Texas; her nieces and nephews, Dakota, Dalton, Trent, Jessica, Jeremy, and Lacy; special friends Jim Kennedy and his family; as well as extended family and a wonderful network of friends in and around Abilene.

Shannon was preceded in death by her father in 1993.

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

Senior Citizens Center Activities

July 20th - July 24th

Monday-20th Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-21st Information Day Texas Agencies 11:00 (Icecream Sundaes) /Game Night 6:00

Wednesday-22nd Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Girling Home Health.

Thursday -23rd Exercise 10:45/Bingo 11:15

Friday -24th 11:00 Exercise

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

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

July 20th - July 24th

Monday 20th -Salisbury Steak, Potatoes, Zucchini and Tomatoes, Bread, Dessert

Tuesday 21st -BBQ Sausage, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert

Wednesday 22nd- Beef Stoganoff,Noodles, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 23rd- Sweet & Sour Chicken, Broccoli,Rice, Bread, Dessert

Friday 24th - Soft Taco,Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato & Salad, Hominy, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

10 to 12 inches of rain fell in the Cottonwood area between last Tuesday and Wednesday. One local home was flooded and another had a tree limb fall on their back porch. Water ran down our country roads like rivers, leaving some of them wash-boarded and in need of repair.

Overall, though, the roads are in a lot better shape than 40 years ago. Back then a heavy -rain would leave soft slushy deep ruts in the road. Everyone was always getting stuck.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Ray and Ava Dodd. Ray's mother, Allene Wangerine, of San Angelo passed away on Friday. She was 94. The family is planning a Memorial Service later this month.

Ava's daughter, Shannon Tollett, passed away at her home in Abilene. Please say a prayer for both Ava and Ray.

Our Missions Group has been back home from Romania for about a week or so now. Last Sunday they shared their experiences with the congregation at the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Last Friday, Teri and I went out to visit with Charlene and Jim Fleming at their fruit stand Countryside Market in Pioneer.

It was well worth the trip. The peaches were great. They also had a variety of okra, black eyed peas, zucchini, squash and of course, homegrown tomatoes.

Fire Chief Adrian Allen, Roy Boyd, Roger Hinkle and Dennis Hinkle all attended the Callahan County Fire Fighters Association meeting at the Oplin Volunteer Fire Department last Saturday.

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.

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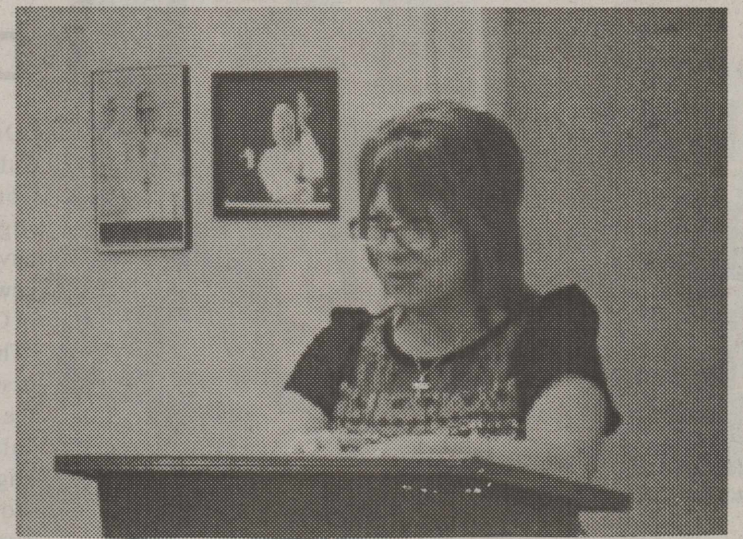
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Saturday, July 11, 2015 was Miguel Hernandez Keith Day in Callahan County



MEDAL OF HONOR TRANSFER—The family of Marine Medal of Honor Recipient Lance Corporal Miguel Hernandez Keith transfer the soldier's medals to the Miguel Hernandez Keith Park located in Omaha, Nebraska during a ceremony held Saturday, July 11th at the St. Joachim & Ann's Catholic Church in Clyde. Family members pictured from left to right include: Bobby Keith (Mike's brother), Jessie Mendez (Mike's brother), Eliadora Keith (Mike's mother), Terry Delarosa (Mike's sister), and Lonnie Keith (Mike's brother). Miguel (Mike) Keith was born in San Antonio on June 2,

1951. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on May 1, 1969. On April 1, 1970, he was promoted to Lance Corporal and on May 8, 1970, he was mortally wounded in combat in Quang Ngai Province, Vietnam. The Keith family was presented with the Medal of Honor during a ceremony on September 9, 1971, along with four other Marines who were killed in Vietnam. July 11, 2015 was recognized as Miguel Hernandez Keith Day in Callahan County by Judge Roger Corn. More pictures appear inside this week's newspaper.



MARY EASLEY, MIGUEL KEITH FAMILY LIAISON, SPEAKS TO ABOUT 50 PEOPLE ATTENDING THE TRANSFER OF MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH'S MEDAL OF HONOR DURING A CEREMONY HELD AT SATURDAY, JULY 11TH THE ST. JOACHIM & ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CLYDE. EASLEY TOOK POSSESSION OF THE KEITH MEDAL OF HONOR FOR TRANSFER TO THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH PARK LOCATED IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA.



THE FAMILY OF LANCE CORPORAL MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH TRANSFER THE KEITH MEDAL OF HONOR TO MARINE SERGEANT VICTOR PEREZ DURING A CEREMONY HELD SATURDAY, JULY 11TH AT THE ST. JOACHIM & ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CLYDE



THE LANCE CORPORAL MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH MEDAL OF HONOR WHICH WAS PRESENTED TO THE KEITH FAMILY ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1971 DURING A CEREMONY AT THE INDIAN TREATY ROOM, EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING, ADJACENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, IS BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH PARK LOCATED IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA



MARINE SERGEANT VICTOR PEREZ, PRESENTS THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH FLAG WHICH WILL FLY OVER THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH PARK IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA DURING A MEDAL OF HONOR TRANSFER HELD AT THE ST. JOACHIM & ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JULY 11TH



THE FAMILY OF LANCE CORPORAL MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH ARE PICTURED WITH MARY EASLEY, MIGUEL KEITH FAMILY LIAISON FOR THE MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH PARK LOCATED IN OMAHA, NEBRASKA FOLLOWING THE MEDAL OF HONOR TRANSFER CEREMONY HELD AT THE ST. JOACHIM & ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH ON SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

Proclamation by Callahan County In the Honor and Memory of Lance Corporal Miguel Hernandez Keith

Whereas, Honoring and paying tribute to the late L. CPL. Miguel Hernandez Keith; and Whereas, L. CPL. Keith served his country in the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force;

Whereas, All Veterans gave same and some gave all; Whereas, L. CPL. Miguel Hernandez Keith gave all. L. CPL. Keith was killed in action, May 8, 1970 at Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam.

Whereas, L. CPL. Keith was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor;

Whereas, the Congressional Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest military honor, awarded for person acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty.

Whereas, the medal is presented by the President of the United States, in the name of U.S. Congress;

Whereas, Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a machine gunner with Combined Action platoon 1-3-2. During the early morning L. CPL. Keith was seriously wounded when his platoon was subjected to a heavy ground attack by a greatly outnumbering enemy force. Despite his painful wounds, he ran across the fire-swept terrain to check the security of vital defensive positions and then, while completely exposed to view, proceeded to deliver a hail of devastating machine gun fire against the enemy. He succeeded in disposing of 3 of the attackers and in dispersing the remaining 2. At this point, a grenade detonated near L. CPL. Keith, knocking him to the ground and inflicting further severe wounds. Fighting pain and weakness from loss of blood, he again braved the concentrated hostile fire to charge an estimated 25 enemy soldiers who were massing to attack. The vigor of his assault and his well-placed fire eliminated 4 of the enemy soldiers while the remainder fled for cover. During his valiant effort, he was mortally wounded by an enemy soldier. By his courageous and inspiring performance in the face of almost overwhelming odds, L. CPL. Keith contrib-

uted in large measure to the success of his platoon in routing a numerically superior enemy force, and upheld the finest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the U.S. Naval Service.

Whereas, it is appropriate that citizens of Callahan County reflect upon and cherish the contributions of Miguel Hernandez Keith, who gave his all so that we might have the time to honor and celebrate his memory and enjoy the Liberty and Freedom we enjoy.

Whereas, in Honor of this Veteran;

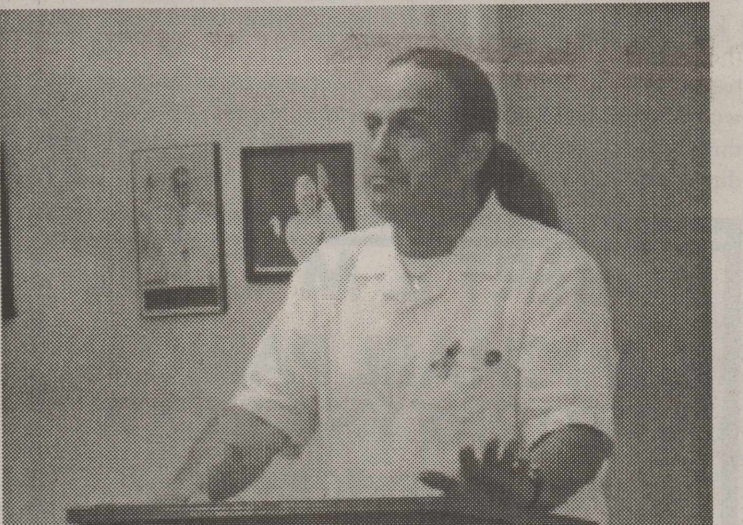
Now therefore as Callahan County Judge, I proclaim Saturday, July 11, 2015 as:

Miguel Hernandez Keith Day in Callahan County

Furthermore, I call upon all the citizens of Callahan County to pay Tribute to his Honor and say Thank You for your service to your country. Thank You and May God Bless.

GIVEN THIS DAY UNDER MY HAND, this 11th day of July, 2015.

Signed this the 11 date of July 2015. (s) Roger Corn
County Judge
Callahan County, Texas



BOBBY KEITH, BROTHER OF LANCE CORPORAL MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH, SPEAKS DURING THE TRANSFER OF MIGUEL HERNANDEZ KEITH'S MEDAL OF HONOR AT A CEREMONY HELD AT SATURDAY, JULY 11TH THE ST. JOACHIM & ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CLYDE



MARINE SERGEANT VICTOR PEREZ WITH THE MARINE AIR STATION AT DYESS AIR FORCE BASE IN ABILENE, TRANSFERS THE LANCE CORPORAL KEITH MEDAL OF HONOR TO MARY EASLEY, MIGUEL KEITH FAMILY LIAISON DURING A CEREMONY HELD AT THE ST. JOACHIM & ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CLYDE

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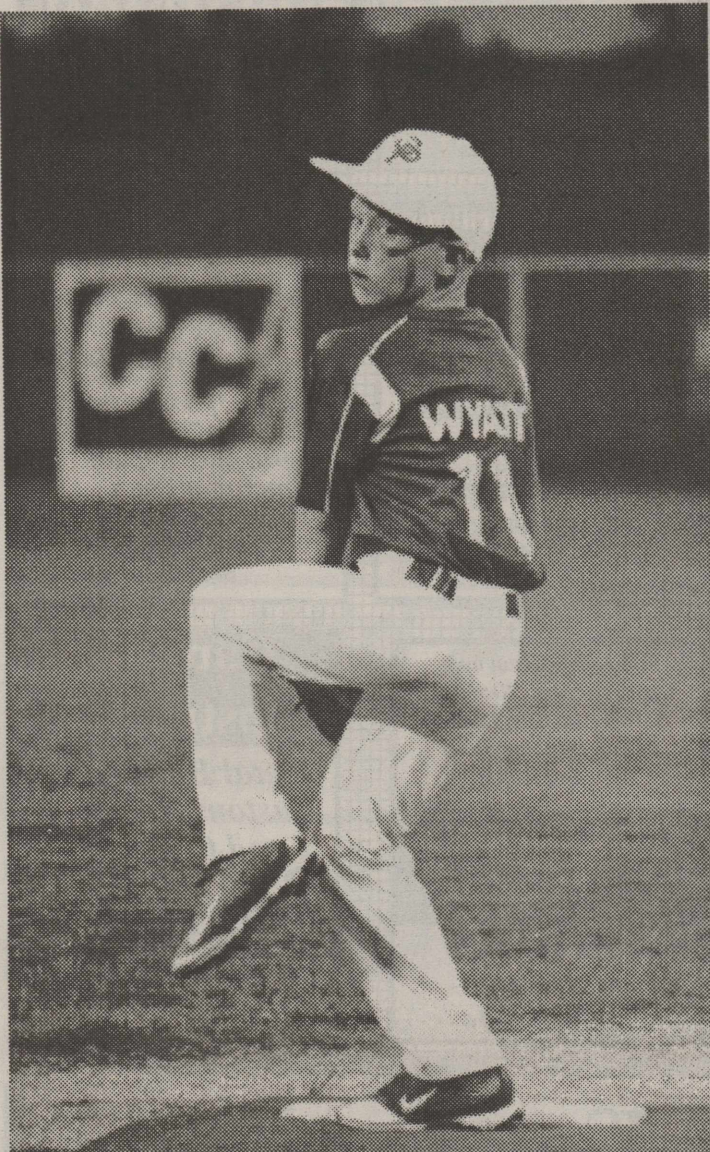
Alex Parker batting for the CP 9U team



Michael Bushnell pitching for the CP 9U team



Stryker Dillard sliding into home for the CP 9U team



Dusty Wyatt pitching for the CP 9U team

Cross Plains 9U Buffaloes Win Cross Plains Tournament

This past week, on July 9-11, the 9U Buffaloes Baseball Team fought their way back from a Friday night loss to take the Tournament Championship Saturday night.

The Buffaloes opened the Cross Plains Tournament on Thursday night by defeating Santa Anna 13-0. On Friday night the Buffaloes faced off against Miles, and took a tough 7-4 loss, dropping them into the Loser's Bracket of the Tournament. On Saturday the Buffaloes had a tough road ahead of

them having to win 4 straight games back to back to claim the Tournament Championship. Behind good pitching performances, strong defense, and even better offense, they did just that. They first defeated Santa Anna again 10-0, followed by a rematch with Miles, which the Buffaloes took 10-0. The Buffaloes then squared off against a strong undefeated Winters team, having to defeat them twice to claim the Championship. The Buffaloes took game one 8-3, and then defeated Winters again

in game two 16-4 to claim the Tournament Championship.

The team would like to thank all those who came out and supported them, and especially thank all those that helped in any way throughout the Tournament. A special Thank You to Billy and Maci Wyatt and all that helped them run the concession stand during the Tournament.

Again these boys will be participating in the State Tournament in Bangs on July 20-25, so we hope to see you there supporting these kids if you can make it.

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

Driver's License Office in Baird is open again

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

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

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Commissioners approve purchase of Emergency Operation Center trailer

The Callahan County Commissioners voted to purchase an Emergency Operation Center trailer during the commissioners' court regular monthly meeting held Monday, July 13th at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

The Emergency Operation Center trailer will be used by Callahan County as an Instant Command Post. The trailer will be purchased from LAN Communications.

On a motion by Commissioner Bryan Farmer, and a second by Commissioner Tom Windham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to purchase the Emergency Operation Center trailer, with each Commissioner paying \$1,000.00 for the trailer, with all four commissioners having a say in the future of the trailer.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting of the commissioners' court was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Judge Roger Corn with Commissioner Precinct #1 Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct #2 Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct #3 Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct #4 Cliff Kirkham, County Treasurer Jan Windham and County Clerk Donna Bell present. Also attending the meeting were Emergency Management Coordinator Keri Goodwin, Bob Robinson, and Republican County Chair Jane Holmes.

—The commissioners' court minutes from the previous meetings were reviewed and signed.

—Under public comments, there was none.

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

—Felix Manion came before the commissioners' court as representative of the Callahan

County Historical Commission. He requested the commissioners' court approval for the Commission to apply for a State Historical Monument for the Callahan County Jail House or to install a County Historical Monument.

Commissioner Farmer made a motion to allow the Historical Commission to install a County Historical Monument to be located on the side of the Jail House. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Judge Corn made a presentation to Mr. Manion as representative of the Callahan County Historical Commission. Judge Corn presented the Historical Commission with the 2014 Distinguished Service Award. Judge Corn also voiced the appreciation of the commissioners' court for the work the Callahan County Historical Commission does for Callahan County.

—The commissioners' court discussed with Sheriff Terry Joe, Chief Deputy Rick Jowers and Julie Lemon, the Sheriff's Department activity report for June. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the Sheriff's monthly report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—No action was taken on the item of courthouse repairs.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to extend the Disaster Declaration. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to lease-purchase a Caterpillar Motor Grader through the Buy Board. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, with the motion carrying with a 5-0 vote.

—After some discussion with Vince Viaille of Specialized Pub-

lic Finance, Inc., Commissioner Farmer made a motion to engage Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, LLP as Bond Counsel. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Vince Viaille of Specialized Public Finance, Inc. discussed and answered questions posed by the commissioners' court on the financing of the Courthouse Repairs Project. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to retain Specialized Public Finance, Inc. as financial advisor and to sign an agreement with them. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—No action was taken regarding Cause No. 20379 now pending in the District court of Callahan County, Texas styled Bob H. Robinson, et al v. Callahan County Commissioners Court.

—The commissioners' court did not go into an executive/closed session.

—Tommy Morris and Nancy John representing Tommy Morris Agency came before the commissioners' court to discuss the County's Health Insurance. After some discussion, Commissioner Windham made a motion to continue with the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas health policy that the County currently has. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which then carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for June 2015

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics June 2015

Disturbances: 29
Accidents: 39
Noise Calls: 7
Fire: 15
Welfare Checks: 12
Vandalism/Suspicious Activity: 47
Alarm Calls: 36
Lift Assist: 3
Assist Motorist: 18
Theft: 18
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle: 1
Missing Person: 0
Dog Bite: 1
Mental Subject: 3

Medical Calls: 100
Scam Calls: 3
Burglary: 8
Harassment/Trespass: 20
Reckless Driver: 49
Animal Calls: 21
Stray Livestock: 38
Assault: 9
Suicide Threat: 3
Civil Matter: 17
Utility: 5
Chase: 1
Traffic Hazard: 8
Juvenile Issues: 10
Misc. Calls: 23
Total Arrests: 32
911 Call Total: 240
Non-Emergency Call Total: 304
Total: 544

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Cross Plains' retail sales start 2015 higher by 8%

The City of Cross Plains' one percent city sales tax payments in 2015 are just over eight percent higher than 2014, according to the Texas State Comptroller's office.

Texas State Comptroller Glenn Hegar reported the city's sales tax payment on Wednesday, July 8th.

Cross Plains' 2015 sales tax payments for the year totalled \$138,539.89, which is 8.78 percent higher than the \$131,646.24 in sales tax rebate payments collected in 2014.

The payment to the city for July 2015 was \$20,492.50, which is 5.46 percent ahead of the \$19,403.97 payment made to Cross Plains in July 2014.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today, Wednesday, July 8th, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their July local sales tax allocations totalled \$609.8 million, which represents an increase of 1.2 percent compared to July 2014.

Hegar also said today that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.2 billion, down 1.4 percent compared to June 2014.

"This slight decline was expected due to the slowdown in the oil and gas mining sector, and is in line with the biennial revenue estimate presented in January," Hegar said. "Receipts from the construction, information, restaurant and services sectors continue to grow, however, which is a testament to Texas' diverse and dynamic economy."

This marks the first decline in state sales tax revenue following 62 consecutive months of growth.

Hegar will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their July local sales tax allocations totalled \$609.8 million, up 1.2 percent compared to July 2014 and 5.3 percent year-to-date.

Hegar sent Texas cities \$396.4 million in July 2015, which is higher by 0.6 percent compared to July 2014 and higher by 4.8 percent year-to-date.

He reported \$37.0 million in July 2015 allocations to Texas counties, which is lower by 6.5 percent compared to July 2014 and higher by 3.6 percent year-to-date.

The Texas transit systems received \$139.2 million in July 2015 sales tax allocations, which is 3.7 percent higher than July 2014 and up 5.9 percent year-to-date.

Special Purpose Taxing Districts received \$37.2 million in July 2015 allocations, which is 7.4 percent higher than July 2014 and higher by 10.7 percent year-to-date.

The sales tax figures repre-

CROSS PLAINS SALES TAX PAYMENTS

	2014	2015
Total yearly sales tax payments	\$131,646.24	\$138,539.89
Total monthly sales tax payments	\$19,430.97	\$20,492.50

sent May that report tax monthly.

For details of July sales tax allocations to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html>.

Other Callahan County towns reporting sales tax payments for this month include:

—The City of Baird reported that sales tax payments in 2015 started the year 22.27 percent higher than the 2014 payments. The city has received \$125,793.83 in 2015, while the 2014 tax payments to the city totalled \$102,880.33.

Baird's monthly payment for June 2015 was \$28,734.78, which is 53.86 percent ahead of the \$18,675.38 monthly payment made to the city in June 2014.

—The 2015 sales tax payments in the City of Clyde are 16.91 percent lower than the payments made to the city in 2014. The sales tax rebates for the City of Clyde have amounted to \$369,677.30 in 2015. The 2014 payments to the city during the same payment period were \$444,923.43.

The City of Clyde's monthly payment for July 2015 was \$45,492.60, which is 6.56 percent ahead of the \$42,688.39 payment made in July 2014.

—The City of Putnam reported the 2015 payments to the town totalled \$6,690.74, which is higher by 8.78 percent from the 2014 payments to the city in the amount of \$6,150.16.

Putnam's tax payment for the month of July 2015 was \$732.47 which is 1.31 percent lower than the payment of \$742.25 made to the city in July 2014.

—Countywide, sales tax payments for 2015 in Callahan County are lower by 4.72 percent compared to the 2014 payments in the county. Callahan County towns received

sales tax payments in 2015 amounting to \$665,474.07 while the 2014 payments to the county towns totalled \$698,555.92.

The tax rebates in Callahan County for the month of July 2015 was \$91,589.88, which is 20.80 percent higher than the July 2014 payments of \$75,817.37 made to the Callahan County cities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Callahan Co. Library news

For kids just starting to read we have *Care Bears Phonics Reading Program* and *Dora's Phonics Reading Program*, each set has 12 small books.

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday, June 10, 1882
Vol. 3, No. 10

A glorious good rain to the amount of one inch and one-third fell here this morning. There have been over 200,000 pounds of wool received here and it is fast pouring in.

Saturday, June 17, 1882
Vol. 3, No. 11

Personal
Maj. H.C. Withers was in town the early part of the week. He has been in attendance at the Commissioners' Court adjusting to the matter of taxation of railroad property in this county. Mr. Lark Hearn returned from Hunnewell, Kansas, last Monday. He is looking jollier than ever, but who wouldn't after clearing nearly \$20,000 on one shipment of beeves, for that is precisely what Lark has done, on his recent shipment from the above named point. We heartily

congratulate our friend.

Mr. L.F. Chaffin has recently moved into Callahan county, bringing with him about 780 head of sheep. He came west to search of a good sheep ranch, and after going through a half dozen western counties, he says he found the boss sheep country in Callahan county. He will locate his ranch on Hubbard creek, a short distance north of town.

Local News
The new seats for the school house arrived from St. Louis last Saturday and have been put up. This makes a very marked improvement in our school building.

The greater number of our readers will remember Dr. McGee and his family, old residents of Belle Plain, and that they moved to Jones county about two years ago. We learn from various sources that the doctor brought the smallpox into his family, from Mexico during the present spring, and the sad news of the death of his wife from the dread disease on the 6th inst., and has just reached us. We deeply sympathize with the sorrowing husband and four little ones, which by death have been made motherless.

Mr. M.C. Meehan is train master at this place now.

Work has again been resumed on the church building.

Wool still continues to come into town in large quantities.

Yesterday was the hottest day of the season, 102 in the shade.

Mr. H.A. Lee has moved with this family into the house of Ed. Northup.

Mrs. J.J. Medaris, of Abilene, is here on a visit to her sister Mrs. E.S. Seay.

Sam Phillips now runs the restaurant in the Parson Johnson building.

Dr. R.M. Turner is having an office built in the rear of his drug store.

We have heard of parties enquiring for houses to rent during the past week.

Messrs. Donahoe & Heyn are shearing their large herd of sheep at the wagon yard.

Our school, under the Principalship of Prof. Smith, is proving quite a decided success.

J.T. Moore is erecting a small building just in the rear of the Palace saloon, on the Major's lot.

The crops throughout the country are looming up big, and farmers are consequently happy.

Cross Plains Public Library Book Sale

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold its bi-monthly book sale on Saturday, August 1, from 8am - 4pm. Stop by the building across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch and get in on some great deals! Books are only \$1/bag. Where else can you get so much for only \$1?

We have fiction, non-fiction, romance, adventure, teen and children's titles and lots more. There are paperbacks, hardcovers, audiobooks on tape and CD, and VHS movies. We have extended our hours due to popular demand, so be sure to drop in!

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Texas Education Agency

Division of Career and Technical Education

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

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

Cross Plains ISD will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employ-

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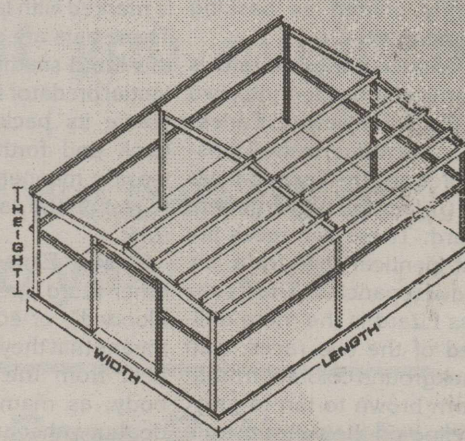
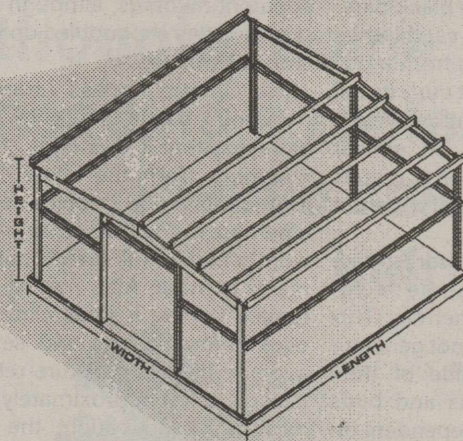
The District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Stacy Jones, at 700 N. Main Street, Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6121. The Section 504 Coordinator is Leslie Lawrence at 700 N. Main Street in Cross Plains, TX 76443. The telephone number is (254) 725-6123.

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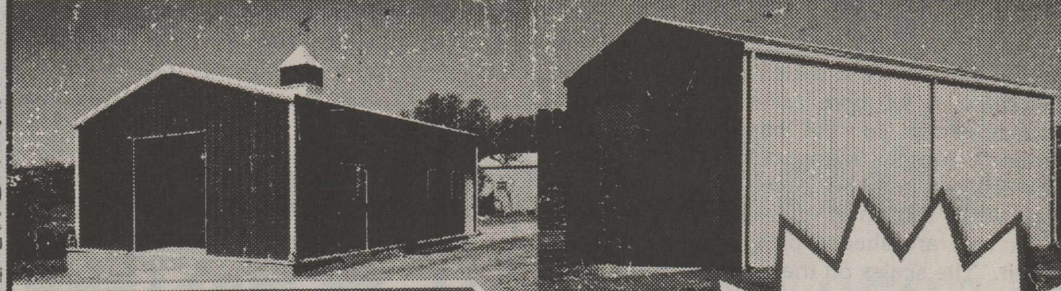
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**NOTICE OF MEETING—BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CROSS PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on July 15, 2015, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2015 (8:00 p.m.)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Open Forum
- New Business
 - Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Review Bills/Finance Report
 - Consider Budget Amendments
 - Consider Paying for All or Part of Employees Level I Insurance Premiums (Currently paying \$325 per month toward each employee's insurance)
 - Repeal All Previously adopted policies and adoption of (LOCAL) policies as prepared by TASB Policy Service
 - Review 2015-16 Student Handbook
 - Approve 2015-16 Student Code of Conduct
 - Approve 2015-16 Employee Handbook
 - Consider Date to Hold a Public Meeting in Order to Adopt 2015-16 Budget and Set Maintenance and Operations (M & O) Tax Rate
- Personnel
 - Resignations (if any)
 - Consider Recommendations for Employment
 - Superintendent's Report
 - Lone Star Cup Champions
- Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on July 15, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

CANCER FUND "DROPPING THE ANCHOR ON CANCER" ON OCTOBER 10TH

On Saturday, October 10th, 2015, we are "Dropping the Anchor on Cancer."

That's the date of the Cross Plains Community Cancer Fund's Cancer Walk, held on the Cross Plains ISD Football Field. Start planning for your booth and walking team now.

The Nautical Theme can include ANY thing Nautical !!! The Love Boat, Shark Week, Salmon Fishing, Kayaking, Canoeing, Mermaids, Pirates, Submarines, Nemo, Cruise Ships, Dolphins, Deep Sea Diving, The Beach, Civil War, American Naval Ships just to

name a few. The Options are endless !!!!

Batten Down the Hatches Were gonna make big waves this year !!!!!

Thanks to EVERYONE who continues to participate in the Cross Plains Cancer Walk every year for such a worthwhile cause. The Fund has assisted 25-30 local Cancer Patient's receiving chemotherapy, radiation and physician follow ups this year. Many of them are traveling 5 days a week. We are blessed by the Community and School participation year after year and could not do this without each and every one of you.

Survivors and Families who have lost loved ones are at the heart of why we hold this event. Invite a Survivor or Family Member to join your team.

We are getting a jumpstart on the Walk this year due to Homecoming being in September. If you would like to join in on the planning, have a Walking Team, Booth or volunteer in any way please message our Facebook - CrossPlainsCancerFund or Contact Cindy Payne, Dannes Turner or Melissa Richards.

Ranger College freshman orientation July 23rd

Ranger College will get a head start on the 2015 Fall semester on July 23rd when school officials hosted the second of their three freshman orientation meetings on the college's main campus in Ranger. During the day-long event, incoming freshmen, along with their parents, will be given an in-depth overview of the campus, its resources and operation.

The orientation session begins at 9 a.m. as prospective students are introduced to various college officials during a welcome ceremony in the Golemon Library. From there, students will be divided into groups and given with a tour of the campus, as well as have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the business, athletic, student housing, financial aid and student support service divisions.

Lunch will be served to all students and parents at noon on the River of Life Student Activity Center.

Ranger College will host another freshman orientation class on the main campus in August. The Fall semester will begin on Aug. 24th.



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Last Puzzle Solution

Callahan County Historical Commission honored with Distinguished Service Award

Austin — The Texas Historical Commission (THC) honored the Callahan County Historical Commission (CHC) with the Distinguished Service Award for the 2014 year of service. The THC issues Distinguished Service Awards each year to CHC's that exemplify exceptional service and dedication to the state of Texas. This award was presented during the County Commissioners' Court held on Monday, July 13th to acknowledge the CHC's stewardship of our state's unique cultural and historic sites.

"County Historical Commissioners are valued partners of the Texas Historical Commission," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "We present Distinguished Service Awards each year to high-performing County Historical Commissioners that strive for organizational excellence and illustrate the best of what preservation can ac-

complish for Texas communities."

Texas CHC's provided more than 375,000 volunteer hours in 2014, which is an in-kind donation to the state of Texas that carries a monetary value of \$8.8 million. The THC empowers CHC's across the state through programs and services that preserve Texas' heritage for the education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. The THC's advisory role to CHC's is outlined in the Texas Local Government Code, the statute that allows county commissioners courts to establish CHC's. These unpaid appointees, as directed by county officials, initiate and conduct programs that preserve the historic and cultural resources of Texas.

For more information about the Distinguished Service

Awards, visit www.thc.state.tx.us or contact the History Programs Division at (512) 463-5853.

Texas Sales Tax Holiday is August 7th to 9th

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar reminds shoppers they can save money on certain items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday. This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 7-9.

The law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales tax, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend during the weekend.

"As the father of three young children, I know back-to-school

expenses can really put a strain on family budgets this time of year," Hegar said. "This is an opportunity for families to save some money and prepare for the start of the school year."

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

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$87 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

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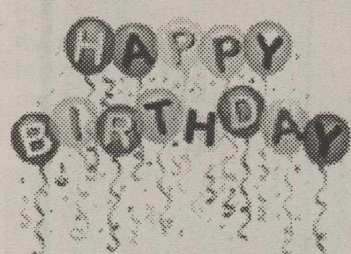
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- Iraloma Rogers
- Kim (Draper) Champion
- Troy Watson
- Toni Mae Wyatt
- Modie Mosley
- Rick Apple
- Journey Bruitron
- Audrey Lovett

July 20

- Connie Brooks Eliza Wilson
- Janis Peters
- Hsarrline Fleming
- Billy Wright
- Mrs. Noah Johnson
- Mrs. Thelma Brown
- Kyle Malone
- Eddie Switzer
- Jacqueline Brook Waggoner
- Bobby Self

July 21

- James Merrill
- Billy Spenser
- Dana Purvis
- Earl Gray
- Dana Veteto
- Marleana LaShelle-Branham
- C.B. Hutchins
- Scott Nabors
- Tina Morhis Belick
- Barbara Vest
- Loma C. James

July 22

- Thomas Markum
- C.H. Rogers
- Sara Catherine Jordan
- Kathren Brown
- Delesa Gillans
- Sheri Steele
- Leslie Cowan
- Travis Parson
- Shelly Kay Hyles

July 23

- Mrs. Rolan Bryañ
- Elaine Pancake
- Josh Goble
- Bill Hester Jr.
- Myrl Willis
- Max Thetford
- Ronald Chad Bagley
- Jaquiline Denis Newman
- Tabitha Matineau
- Justin Lee Clark
- Geneva Nelson

July 24

- J.T. Walker
- Beverlyn Foster
- Cheri Gray
- Mrs. Carroll Gray
- Matthew Wayne Hutchins
- Micheal James Hutchins
- Kathy Churchill
- Sue (Aiken) Strickland
- Lance Stephens



Grace Goode (prose), Katy Jo Morgan (prose), Mackenzie Byrd (persuasive and journalism) Coached by Debbie Mitchell and Robin Porter

July 25

- Coleman Pillans
- Debra Green
- Wendell Smith
- Traci Dianne Woody
- Sandra McKeegan
- Mrs. Ross McGary
- Billy E. Pope
- Ronnie Edington
- Sherri Townson
- Randy Montgomery
- Martha Duncan
- Roger Thate
- Carlisle Albrecht
- R.E. Harris
- Johnny Allen
- Mrs. Cowan Hutton
- Megan Reed
- Carlisle Albrecht



Larson Walker-Science Coach-Brandi Purvis
Stephen Saltus-pictured with OAP-also State Science UIL Coach-Brandi Purvis

Comptroller's Office Offers Free State Tax Seminars for Business Owners

AUSTIN-The Comptroller's office will conduct 18 free taxpayer seminars across the state in July and August. At these seminars, taxpayers can learn how to properly fill out tax forms and file and pay taxes electronically. Information about e-services also will be available to help taxpayers manage their online accounts. Comptroller representatives will be on hand to answer questions and provide assistance to attendees.

"We want to empower Texas business owners by making resources and information accessible. Conducting these seminars and making our team of tax specialists available provides guidance for businesses," said Chris Bryan, spokesperson for the Comptroller's office.

A complete list of locations, dates and times of the taxpayer seminars is available online.

Those who cannot attend the seminars can call the Comptroller's tax assistance line at 1-800-252-5555. Tax forms and tax information can be found on the Comptroller's website, Comptroller.Texas-Gov.

Cross Plains Public Library Receives Estate Gift

Longtime friend of the Cross Plains Public Library, Pauline 'Polly' Coats Lawson has left a portion of her estate to the library. We are honored to be the recipients of over \$16,800 that will be set aside until such time as the board decides a fitting way to honor her. Polly's generosity is a reminder that you, too, can mention the library in your will and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you Polly for this special gift!



OAP State 2nd Place. Back Row: Kelli Bennett, Debbie Mitchell, Katy Jo Morgan, Robin Porter, Matt Sowell, Holden Senclair, Rylan Laminack, Billy Woodard Middle Row: Allanta Wheeler, Taryn Estes, Ariel Hutchins, Grace Goode Front Row: Larson Walker, Kenzie Halsel, Hannah Cowan, Stephen Saltus

UIL Awards Cross Plains High School Best Overall in Class 1A

Cross Plains has been awarded the UIL Lone Star Cup for the first time in the history of the school. This top award is given by UIL to honor schools with the best overall academic and athletic programs in the state of Texas. UIL believes that students must be students first and participation in other activities is a privilege. The Lone Star Cup was created to honor schools that strive to maintain high academic standards for students. Cross Plains earned a total of 43 points to earn the top spot in Class 1A edging out other top performing schools in the state. Points were earned this year based upon the school's success in UIL Academics, UIL One-Act Play, and UIL Girls' Basketball and Track.

UIL Academics and OAP: For winning 1st place in both District and Regional (8 points) and

winning 2nd in both State Academic and OAP (scoring 16 points at State through either an academic event or OAP). Students making finals and scoring points in State Academics were Grace Goode (prose), Mackenzie Byrd (persuasive and journalism), Katy Jo Morgan (prose), Larson Walker (science) and Stephen Saltus (current events). These individual points along with OAP 2nd place State (additional 8 points) put Cross Plains as 2nd overall in UIL Academics with a Total 24 points for Academic UIL and OAP. Girls' Basketball: For winning District and advancing to Regional winning 1 game: 10 points. Girls' Track: Tie for 1st at State: 9 points.

This was very much a team effort which is what UIL greatly encourages and could not have been possible without lots of

hard work by many students and dedicated coaches both academic and athletic that worked hard to get students to perform their best while still maintaining high academic standards. Thanks also to the parents and community for their continued support of Cross Plains teachers and coaches working together to try and maintain our high academic expectations of our students as they participate in all UIL events. Cross Plains will receive the prestigious UIL Lone Star Cup trophy this fall along with a \$1000 UIL scholarship to be given to the top academic and athletic UIL student participant for the year awarded.

Additional information about the Lone Star Cup and how points are awarded can be found at <https://www.uil.texas.org/lone-star-cup/champions>.



Baird Masonic Lodge Officers—The Baird Masonic Lodge #522 held its officer installation on Saturday, July 11th at the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge building. Pictured from left to right include: Mike Bell, Junior Deacon; Daniel Braxton, Junior Warden; Bill Giles, Worshipful Master; John Shriver, Chaplain; and Larry King, Senior Warden.

Opera House Musical is Saturday in Anson

The Opera House Country Musical Show will be held on Saturday, July 18th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Opera House located in Anson.

A Bar-B-Que Supper will be held before the musical and will start serving at 5:00 p.m. The supper is \$7.00 a plate, which includes a drink and dessert.

For further information, call Terra Ortega at (325) 338-2184 and leave a message.

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Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be hosting our annual banquet on Thursday, July 30, 2015, 6:30pm at the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. Thank you to Texas Heritage Bank for sponsoring our guest speaker this year, Pat Wiese, better known in Cross Plains as Sissy Barr. Pat is now retired from her position as an Associate Clinical Professor at Texas A & M University. There will be a cake auction and door prizes given away. Catered by Mexico City Cafe who will be serving a "Beef and Chicken Fajita Plate"

served with beans, rice, and the fixings. To finish the meal, cake and banana pudding will be served as dessert. All served with tea.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite you to attend our banquet. Tickets are now available for \$20 at the Chamber Office, which is located at 225 SW 5th (HWY 36), Cross Plains. The deadline to purchase your tickets is Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at noon. We hope you see you at this fun filled evening!

Cross Plains Public Library Summer Reading Schedule

Hey Kids! Join us this summer on Wednesday afternoons for a variety of events at the Cross Plains Public Library.

Miss Sue's Little Superhero Readers (for children 6 and under) meet at 1:00 p.m. and the main group (all ages) meets at 2:00 p.m. - except on movie days as indicated below, when both groups meet at 1:15 p.m.

Last week's trip to the Texas National Guard was a big success and everyone had a great time. This week we will visit the new Fire Department, which is always a fun and refreshing (turn on the

hoses!) time. Other upcoming events:

July 1 - The Abilene Zoo will be here at the library with some of their critters

July 8 - Movie at 1:15 p.m. - *Super Heroes Maximum Overload*

July 15 - County Sheriff Terry Joy will be here to speak on law enforcement

July 22 - Movie at 1:15 p.m. - *Big Hero 6*

July 29 - Field Trip to the EMS August 5 - "Splash in the Park" and *The Lego Movie*

Be sure to join us for one or ALL of these fun events!

Greg and Dannes Turner Love Fund

The men and women at the Senior Citizen's Center wanted to do something for Greg and Dannes to express their love, concern, and support for them as Greg returns home for rest and begins the journey to healing.

A very pretty gift box is at the Center for donations. Cards are available for your use also. One of the women stated, "Tell them to give from the heart. Words of encouragement and a prayer are valuable donations also".

The gift box will be available for about a week to ten days after they return home. Then a group of the senior men and women will gather together and take the gift box to Greg and Dannes.

Continue to lift this family up in prayer please.

2015 Woody Reunion

The annual reunion of the Woody families was last weekend. Deena Champion Mitchell did a great job on planning the reunion this year.

We had many of our relatives attend. We had great food, a lot of family made items for the silent auction, a wonderful slide show of family pictures provided by John Brooks and a beautiful quilt made by sisters: Sheila, Ava and Karen Woody for their cousin Lou Woody. The quilt was made from his military uniforms.

We had a great crowd for the reunion this year and hope to have even more next year.

One Hour Can Save Lives

Do you have an hour a week you could volunteer to help others? The Cross Plains Senior Center delivers meals to the homebound Monday-Friday and they are needing volunteers and substitute volunteers to help with deliveries. If you would like to deliver or are willing to be a substitute if needed, please call the Center at 725-6521.

Grand Ole Oplin July Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday evening for a night of good music, good friends and a real good time. On July 17th MID-NIGHT BLUE will return playing some more of your favorite tunes, on July 24th MUDDY CREEK will be back to entertain us all and on July 31st MUDDY CREEK will return 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 dance is still \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our functions. Everyone is encouraged to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to The Grand Ole Oplin. We know you'll have a real good time.

Cross Cut Reunion Sunday, July 19

The Annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 19, at the Cross Plains Community Center. All Alumni, Cross Cut residents, friends and family are invited to attend as we enjoy a delicious covered dish luncheon followed by a silent auction and a brief Cross Cut Cemetery Association meeting.

Lunch is at noon, but the doors will open at 9:00 AM for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction.

Please call Scott Byrd at (325) 669-4917 for more information.



AT 4-H SHOTGUN SHOOTOUT IN SAN ANGELO—Callahan County 4-H shotgun team members at the 13th Annual Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout in San Angelo were (l-r): Colton Bradley, Will Meier, Brandon Hobbs and Ted Pitzer.

Three Callahan County graduates receive scholarships at 4-H Shotgun Shootout

Members of the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team traveled to San Angelo last week to compete in the 13th Annual Texas 4-H Shotgun Shootout held July 9th-11th at the San Angelo Claybird Association Gun Club.

Callahan County 4-H members participating in the competition were Colton Bradley, Brandon Hobbs, Will Meier and Ted Pitzer.

A total of 350 targets in six events were shot by each participant over the 3-day period. Events included American skeet, American trap, whiz-bang, sporting clays, International sporting clays, and International trap. This popular shotgun shoot is attended by approximately 150 4-H members from all over the state.

As is the case every year at this event, competition was extremely competitive with most of the top 6 places in events shooting perfect or near-perfect scores. Team members Brandon Hobbs and Ted Pitzer were involved in several tie-breaking shoot-offs to determine final placing.

Results for the team were as follows: In the Senior 2 division, Brandon Hobbs placed 5th in American skeet, 5th in American trap, 3rd in sporting clays and was awarded the 6th place Senior 2 High Overall plaque. EHe also received a \$100 Academy gift card. Also in the Senior 2 division, Ted Pitzer placed 6th in International trap and received a \$100 Academy gift card.

Unique to this event are memorial scholarships which are awarded each year to deserving high school graduates who have demonstrated good sportsmanship and shooting excellence in 4-H shotgun shooting sports. This year \$89,000 was presented to 17 Texas high school seniors. Since the inception of the Shootout 13 years ago, approximately \$650,000 has been awarded in scholarships to young men and women who plan to attend a college, university or trade school.

This year the Callahan County 4-H shotgun team has three young men who are recent high school graduates: Brandon Hobbs of Eula High School and

Will Meier and Ted Pitzer, both of Clyde High School. These three long-time 4-H shotgun competitors were eligible to apply for scholarships at this event and together brought home a total of \$17,000. All three received a Larry Ratheal memorial scholarship in recognition of their honesty, integrity and fairness throughout their years in 4-H shooting sports. Brandon Hobbs received \$5,000, Will Meier received \$6,000 and Ted Pitzer received \$1,000. Ted Pitzer also received a \$2,500 Caden Nowlain memorial scholarship and a \$2,500 Perry Echols memorial scholarship in recognition of exemplary character, honesty, integrity and fairness demonstrated as a 4-H shooting sports participant.

The 4-H shotgun team will end their competition season by attending the Texas 4-H State Shotgun Championship on July 15-18, where they will compete in six events along with over 1,200 other Texas 4-H members. This event will be held at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio.

Courthouse News

Callahan County Court Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Zachery T. Inman, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Jared M. McGuire, driving while intoxicated.

Sara Sparks Latimer, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Shane L. Hailey, end of term order discharging defendant under deferred adjudication.

Caleb J. Fairfield, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Jackie D. Thomas, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Nathan Victor Cardenas, motion to withdraw as surety granted.

Kory M. Love, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Anita Sachedina, motion to dismiss to sale of alcohol to a minor granted for completion of PTD Program.

Marriage Licenses

Joe Vasquez and Clifford Lynn Willis, both of Clyde.

Marcell Anthony Wallace and Jasmine Nicole Clark, both of Clyde.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Toni Maria Brown and Jacob Ira Brown, divorce.

Robert Gene Watson and Maurette Morrow Watson, divorce.

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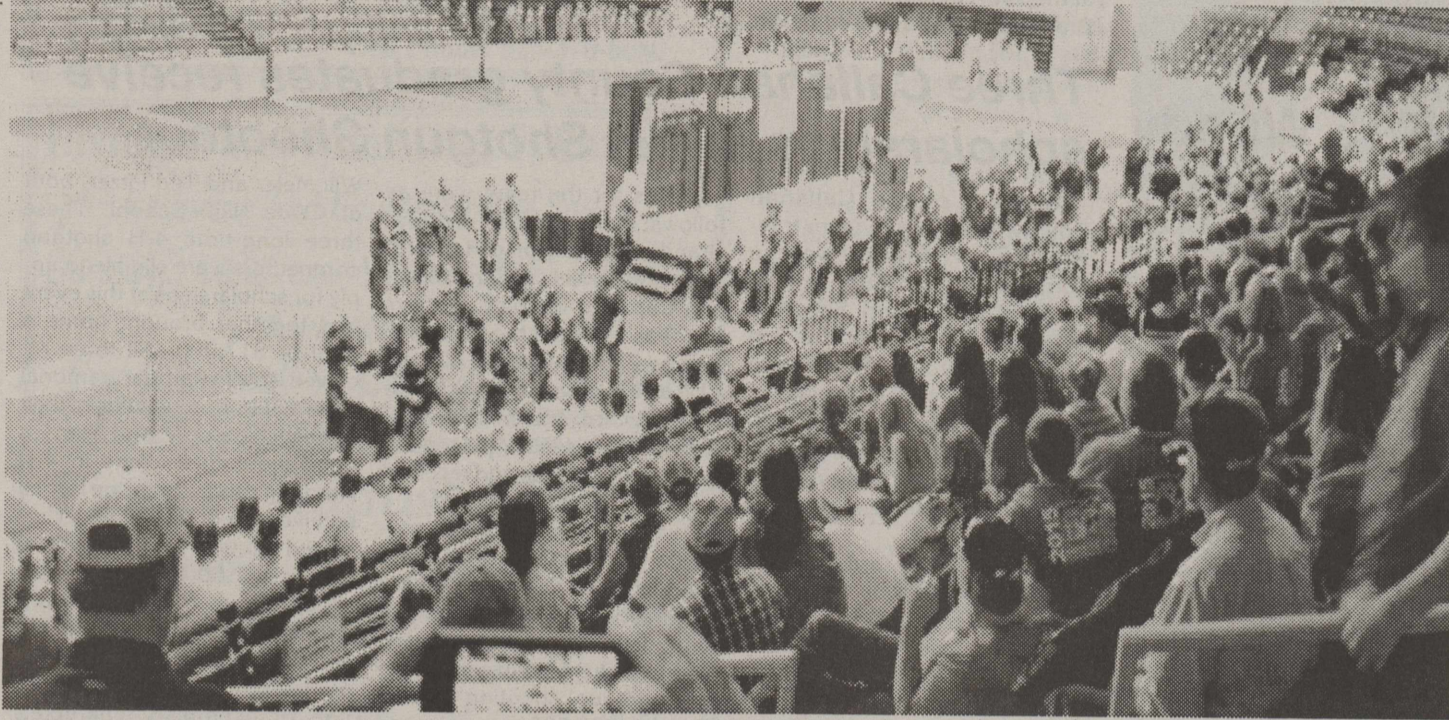
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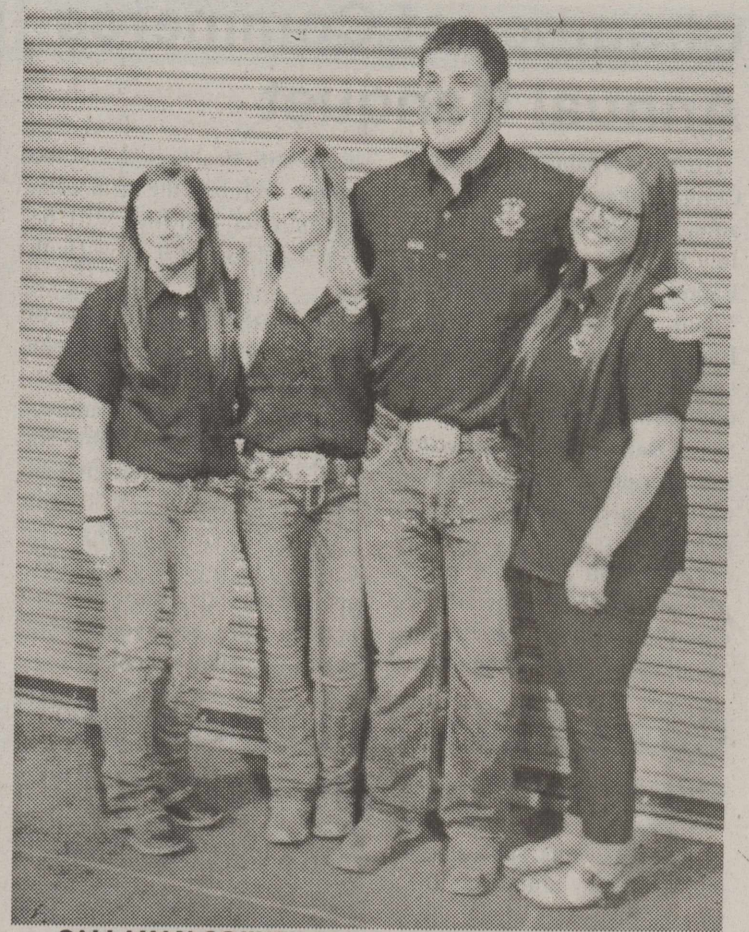
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CHILAXIN AT THE RIFLE RANGE BETWEEN EVENTS.

4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Four Callahan County 4-Hers were members of the Texas Team at the Shooting Sports National Championships held in Grand Island, Nebraska on June 22-26, 2015.

The Callahan County 4-Hers entered are: Brandon Hobbs—Shotgun; Hayley Ancinec—22 Rifle; Kailey Hart—22 Pistol; and Morgan Fulgham—Air Rifle. This group of 4-H contestants represented Callahan County and the State of Texas well.

There were 36 state represented at the National Championships.

The 625 4-Hers who competed throughout the week was by far the largest number of competitors at the Nationals to date. Shooting Sports continues to grow and involves more youth than any other 4-H sponsored project.

Callahan County Team members all competed well and you should be proud of them.

Brandon Hobbs was on the 1st

place overall Shotgun Team and the High Point individual. Brandon had a very good week to say the least.

Kailey Hart was on the 3rd place overall 22 Pistol Team.

Morgan Fulgham was on the 2nd place overall Air Rifle Team.

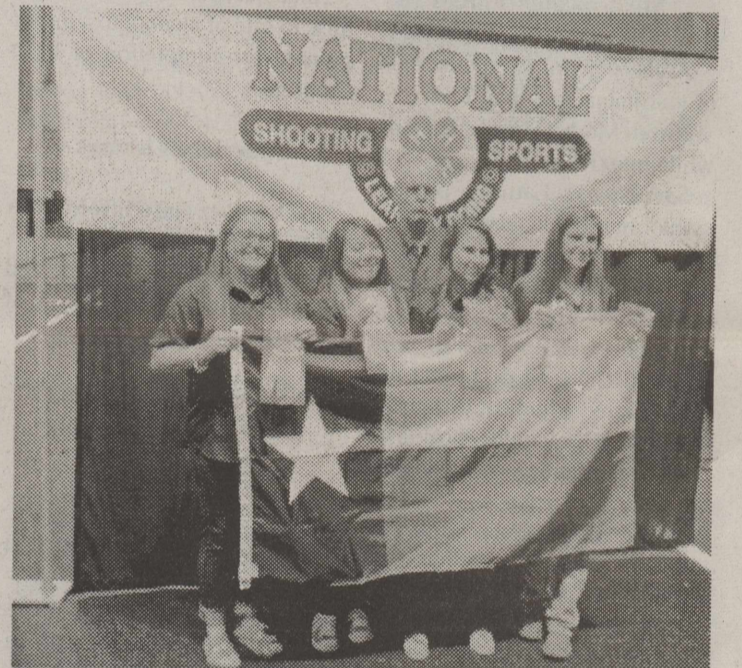
Hayley Ancinec was on the 4th place 3-P Team.

All four Callahan County 4-H Competitors had a good week and enjoyed their time with friends, family and other team

members.

If you know these Team members or their families congratulate them on a job well done.

Texas 4-H Members wanting to be on the National Team must apply on a yearly basis. The application, Shooting Competition Scores and character are evaluated prior to their selection to the team. To be selected to this team is one of the highest honors in Texas 4-H Shooting Sports!!



CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H TEAM MEMBERS.



HAYLEY ANCINEC, BRANDON HOBBS, KAILEY HART AND MORGAN FULGHAM. CALLAHAN COUNTY 4-H NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITORS.



TEXAS AIR RIFLE TEAM WITH MORGAN FULGHAM

Smith & Sons Farm Equipment joins ranks of elite 5-Paw Premier dealers

KIOTI Tractor is excited to announce that C Smith & Sons Farm Equipment in Clyde, Texas has received 5-Paw premier certification, one of 61 dealerships in North America to receive the annual honor. The certification is part of the unique KIOTI 5-Paw Dealer Excellence Program, which was created to honor dealerships that deliver outstanding overall performance.

Each year KIOTI dealers are evaluated against stringent qualifications in regards to service, sales, operations and parts. Dealers who meet or exceed these qualifications are named KIOTI 5-Paw Dealers and earn the ability to display KIOTI's exclusive 5-Paw logo at their dealership. The program was developed to ensure that KIOTI Tractor customers receive a top quality buying experience and premier service when purchasing a KIOTI tractor or UTV.

KIOTI strives to deliver high-quality products with exceptional customer service to every KIOTI customer. The efforts of C Smith & Sons Farm Equipment to exceed the standards of 5-Paw certification makes them invaluable to the KIOTI brand," said Peter Dong-Kyun Kim, president and CEO of Daedong-USA, Inc. KIOTI Tractor Division. "Our program

honors these dealerships to let them know that they are a valued member of the KIOTI family."

The KIOTI 5-Paw Dealer Excellence Program was initiated in 2008 to recognize these exemplary dealerships and provide exclusive benefits to those dealers as a reward for their achievement. Each year a select number of dealerships in the KIOTI network receive this certification, symbolizing a dedication to maintaining the standard of excellence that KIOTI is known for.

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Gene Christian, the featured musician for this month. In the background is Jackie Collins playing the mandolin.

Cottonwood Country Musical is Friday, July 24th

The next Cottonwood Country Musical is scheduled for Friday July 24, 2015 at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas!

The featured musician this month is Gene Christian of Coleman, Texas. We have had the pleasure of hearing Gene play the fiddle for several years at the Cottonwood musical. Gene is an excellent musician and he really gets into the tunes he plays. He also sang the Great Speckled Bird at the last musical. Come hear some of the great country tunes he plays and sings along with the other

country musicians.

The music begins at 5:30 p.m. The guys are getting out the grill and grilling hamburgers on site for the musical. The menu for this time is hamburgers, baked beans, chips, desserts, tea, coffee and soft drinks. The kitchen will open at 5 p.m. with serving of the hamburgers from 5 - 7 p.m. The kitchen will remain open during the entire musical for snacks and drinks. Come out to Cottonwood, Texas on Friday night July 24th for food, fun and music!

Call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771 with any questions.

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