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Teri Brown



Teri and Beverly Brown

## Local Resident Honored at Cross Plains Cancer Walk

Teri Brown was recognized at the Cancer Walk by numerous organizations. Teri dedicates her time and talents to promote Cross Plains and community events. We are blessed to have Teri in the community

and appreciate her dedication to each organization.

Teri's mom, Beverly Brown, is also a great supporter of both Cottonwood and Cross Plains events participating in numerous bake sales,

hamburger/hotdog fundraisers, festivals, the Cancer Walk, rodeos, Senior Citizen fund-raisers, and the VFD to name a few.

Thank you Teri! We appreciate you!



Cross Plains High School Cross Country Team at the District Meet on October 19th



Cross Plains ISD 2015 Cross Country Team at District on October 19th

## Congratulations CPISD Cross Country Teams on Winning District and for moving onward toward Regionals on October 26th

### Got Chili?

Save the Date:  
November 20th

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Chili Feed will be held on Friday, November 20th at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church.

Mark your calendar now so you can come out and enjoy chili made by your local firefighters. Homemade Stew, Chili Dogs and Frito Pie will also be served.

### It's time to vote for King and Queen

The Fall Festival is just around the corner and it's once again time to vote for King and Queen! Boxes with the nominee's pictures will be placed at Jeans Feedbarn, Texas Heritage Bank, Mexico City and Lowes for your voting convenience. This year's nominees are Kiley Morgan, Spade Koenig, Sara Bien, David Mendieta, Jolie Hutton, Ian Norris, Rhianna Lee, Stryker Dillard, Avery Switzer, Aiden Mathews, Kyndall Purvis, Anson Long, Kambri Potter, Kutter Reed, Mikki Daliege and Connor Mathews. Make sure to vote for your favorite kiddo!

## Magi's Bazaar at Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Good News! The Altar Society of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church will host their 20th annual Magi's Bazaar at the Holy Rosary Parish Hall, 1106 Avenue F in Cisco (behind Brookshires), on Saturday, November 7, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The bazaar will feature handcrafted holiday items, unique home décor items, gift baskets, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, and lots of mouth-watering baked goods.

Some of our handcrafted items include hand-knitted scarves, cross-stitch and quilted pieces, crocheted scrubbies, fleishrags and throws, and warm fleece blankets.

The baked goods will feature pecan tarts, pumpkin and pecan pies, pumpkin rolls, cookies and cakes, candies, and fudge. You can enjoy

these baked goodies right away or freeze them for the Thanksgiving or Christmas holidays.

The Altar Society ladies will also tempt you with an assortment of homemade jams and jellies.

For our hungry morning shoppers, we will have breakfast burritos, along with cinnamon rolls and scones to enjoy with coffee. Chili or frito pie and enchiladas, along tea or coffee, will be available for lunch.

Proceeds from our Magi's Bazaar will benefit care of the sacristy and sanctuary, and upcoming renovations to our 95-year old Church, as we prepare for our Centennial Year in 2020. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun-filled day of shopping, visiting, and feasting on home-cooking!

## Time to Start Getting Your Christmas Floats Ready

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Christmas Parade. Friday, December 4, 2015. The floats will be judged, so put your best into it! This will be a great parade for the family! Looking for something fun before the parade?

Check out the Kiwanis Annual Stew Supper 5pm-7pm, and the library will be hosting the ornament painting for the children. Also Santa will be at the Stew Supper to take pictures. We hope to see you there! For more information Myleah at the chamber office 254-725-7251

## Early voting ends Friday Constitutional Amendment Election is Tuesday

Callahan County voters will go to the polls this Tuesday, November 3rd to consider seven State Constitutional Amendment Propositions, along with a Local Option (Beer & Wine) Election in the northwest portion of Callahan County.

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd, there will be four polling places open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Those voting locations include the Justice of the Peace office located at 208 Oak Street in Clyde, the Eula School Administration Building located at 6040 FM 603 in Eula, the County Courthouse located at 100 West 4th Street in Baird and the First Baptist Church, located at 301 N. Main Street in Cross Plains.

Callahan County residents can vote at any voting location through the county, no matter what voting precinct they reside in.

Early voting is now underway for the Tuesday, November 3rd Amendment Election throughout Callahan County, including the Local Option (Beer & Wine) Election in portions of the county.

Early voting began at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird Monday, October 19th and will continue through this Friday, October 30th. Early voting hours at Courthouse will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, October 29th, early voting house will take place from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The Local Option (Beer & Wine) Election is only open to those county residents who reside in the JP Precinct #1 boundary. The JP Precinct boundary includes the Precinct #1 (western portion of Clyde), Precinct #2 (Eula community) and Precinct #7 (Oplin community) voting locations in Callahan County.

## Run, Don't Walk, To The Fall Festival Saturday, October 31st

The Junior Class of Cross Plains High School cordially invites you to the Annual Fall Festival. Please join us in a night of celebration, games, food, and some pretty awesome costumes.

A few of the events included in the night's festivities are bingo, cake walk, haunted hayride, kiddie train ride, bounce house, car bash, and lots of games for kids to win candy and treats. There will also be a

concession stand with a variety of food and drinks. Admission is \$1.00 for ages 3 and up. Game tickets are available at the door.

In addition to all the fun, we will present the 2015 Fall Festival King and Queen and the award for Best Costume. All proceeds from the Fall Festival support the Junior & Senior Class Prom. Please join us for an amazing night of fun!!!

### Cross Plains DMV

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Wednesday Prayer Service.....7:00pm

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## Callahan County November Agricultural Newsletter

October 2015  
CEU Night Course

Many producers with a Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide license have a hard time attending daytime educational programs that offer CEU's (Continuing Education Unit) for recertification of their license. Therefore, a special three (3) hour pesticide re-certification night course has been set for December 7th in the Callahan County Extension Office located on the 2nd floor of the County Courthouse in Baird.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6:00 p.m. Texas Department of Agriculture has approved the program for one hour in laws and regulations, one hour in integrated pest management, and one hour of general. These hours will apply to commercial, non-commercial, and private applicators' license holders.

The program will begin with the laws and regulations presentation followed by an integrated pest management presentation on alternative approaches available when using pesticides. The night course will conclude after the one hour general presentation at 9:00 p.m. CEU certificates will be awarded at the conclusion of the program. Cost for the training is \$10.

To register or for more information, contact the AgriLife Extension office in Callahan County at 325-854-5835.

2016 Multi County Forage Seminar

A special 5-hour CEU Forage Seminar is set for January 26, 2016 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. The goal of this program is to provide producers with information on livestock, and forage management strategies to help them produce high quality forage and make good management decisions.

Speakers for the Seminar will include: Dr. Morgan Russell, Extension Range Specialist, Dr. John Tomecek, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Dr. Charles Allen, Extension Entomologist, Bill Thompson, Extension Economist, Paul Weiser, TDA and Area Cattle Buyer.

Dr. Russell will discuss "Weed and Brush Management-what is new and what works"; Dr. John Tomecek will discuss "Balancing Wildlife & Cattle"; Dr. Charles Allen will discuss "Identification and Control of Bermuda Grass Maggots and Sugar Cane Aphids"; Bill Thompson will discuss Lease Grazing, Stocking rates and Cattle marketing and Paul Weiser will discuss "Pesticide Laws and Regulations"; Mark McMillan, cattle buyer and Moorman feed representative will discuss and benefits of castration, backgrounding and what cattle buyers are looking for at the sale barn.

The cost of the Seminar and accompanying meal is \$20 to those that pre-register by January 21st, after January 21st there will be a \$25 fee to be paid at the door.

This program is presented by the AgriLife Extension offices in Brown, Callahan, Coleman, and Eastland Counties. For further information, contact the Callahan County Extension Office at (325) 854-5835.

Livestock Antibiotics Label Changes

The Food and Drug Administration released the final rule of the Veterinary Feed Directive on June 2nd. According to the FDA this rule is part of an overall strategy to ensure judicious use of feed-grade and water-soluble antibiotics in food-producing animals.

"The issue surrounding the use of these antibiotics began several years ago," said Craig Payne, director of Veterinary Extension and Continuing Edu-

cation at the University of Missouri.

Payne said the FDA established two primary goals. One was to phase out the use of feed-grade and water-soluble antibiotics for production purposes such as improved feed efficiency. The other goal was to move away from over-the-counter availability of antibiotics to more veterinary oversight.

The FDA provided guidance for animal health companies on how to make labeling changes. Payne said all companies agreed to make the necessary changes by December 2016.

Payne says the biggest difference for producers will be the move from over the counter availability to veterinary supervision. This means producers will need to have a prescription from their veterinarian before they can obtain these antibiotics in the future.

**Abilene Area Pecan Show**  
Abilene Area Pecan Show  
Location: Taylor County Extension Office

Judging: December 8th  
Pecan Nut Entries Due: December 4th

Baked Goods Entries Due: December 7th

**December Check List**

\* Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs.

\* Be sure to prune back the top of established trees and shrubs before moving. Remove about one-third to one-half of the top to compensate for roots lost in digging.

\* Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening will pay off in improved plant selection.

\* Sow seeds in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives. Warm temperature plants such as to-

matoes, peppers, marigolds and periwinkles should be sown in late January or early February.

\* Prepare beds and garden areas for spring planting.

\* Select and order gladiolus corms for February and March planting. Plant at two-week intervals to prolong flowering period.

\* Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bag-worm pouches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch, and start the cycle again by emerging in spring to begin feeding on the foliage. Hand removal and burning of the pouches are ways of reducing the potential damage next spring.

\* Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow, and then very lightly the first year.

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Sincerely,

Jerry Warren

County Extension Agent

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Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening

6:30 pm Evening worship

6:30 p.m. Bible Drill - 1st- 6th

6:30 p.m. - Youth Discipleship

Wednesday

6:30 p.m - Prayer/Worship

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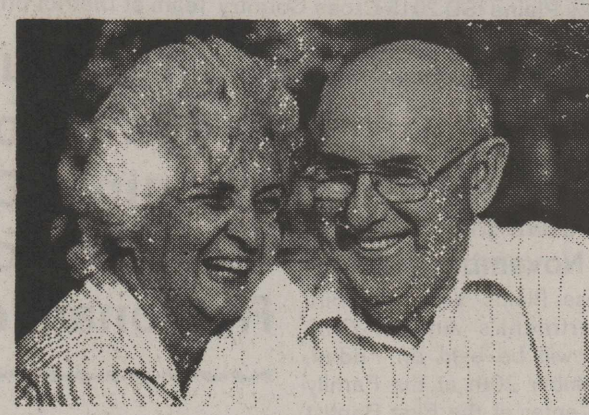
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## Annual Cross Plains FFA Fruit/Meat Sale Underway

The Cross Plains FFA would like to announce that our annual fund-raiser for the chapter is underway. The fund-raiser was started on Monday, October 19, and will run through Monday, November 9. This year's sale will include: Fruit, Meat, pre-cut cookie dough, and several other miscellaneous items such as pecans, peanuts, cheese, etc. Also this year, we will be selling cooking seasonings/spices. Please note that this year's fruit will be the same

as previous year's. It will come in a variety of sizes, and combinations of different fruits to better accommodate your preferences.

All proceeds will benefit the Cross Plains FFA students.

To place an order, please contact any Cross Plains FFA member, or call the Ag. Department @ (254) 725-6121.

We would like to Thank everyone, in advance, for their support of the Cross Plains FFA.

## Fifth Annual Cottonwood Community Benefit Shoot

The weather was beautiful for the Fifth Annual Cottonwood Benefit Shoot. People gathered for a day of fun.

The Cottonwood Historical Association and The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group would like to thank the Callahan County 4-H Shotgun Shooting Sports and leaders for scheduling us a time to hold the shoot on the Callahan County 4-H Shooting Range. The 4-H youth and their leaders worked hard to set up the range and manage the shotgun games for the event. Thank you!

A special thanks goes out to the team sponsors, those who sponsored without having a team, and the people who just came to enjoy the shotgun games and all who volunteered at the event.

The teams this year were:

Terry Gardiner Insurance Team of Baird

Childress Farms sponsored by Bob and Lavonne Childress of Cottonwood

The Bob Robinson team and Canada Dozer team sponsored by Bob Robinson of Cottonwood

The Bucksot Brigade I & II and the Babe Brigade sponsored by Russ and Dianna Miller, Randy and Judy Foster, John and Carlene Howard, Tim and Sara Stone, Rick and Debbie Eudy, Emory Lusk, Steve Foster and Tom Haynes all of the Cross Plains area.

The Callahan County 4-h'ers and their Fearless Leader

sponsored by Richard and Sharon Parr of Cottonwood

Johnny Smethers and 4-H youth of Parker County

Terry French Team of Cross Plains

The Callahan County Vet Clinic of Clyde, sponsored by Dr. Monty Ancinec

The Cody Clark Team of Abilene

The Blake Fulenwider Team, Clyde and Eastland Dealerships T & S Ranch Team of Cottonwood

Roy Boyd Team of Cottonwood

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The match results are:

First Place: The Callahan County 4 - H'ers and their Fearless Leader

Second Place: a tie between Terry Gardiner Team and Blake Fulenwider Team

Third Place: the T & S Ranch Team

Thanks to everyone who supported this event of the volunteer fire group and the historical association of Cottonwood.



Quilts and throw pillows for Lord's Acre

## Love Recycled at Lord's Acre

The Lord's Acre at the United Methodist Church is known for its unique auction items that sometimes come from the most unexpected sources. Or for items to be sold twice at the same auction. Or for a bidder to run the price of an item way up, then turn around and give it to the competitor. Or for family members to bid against each other and not know it.

Longtime attendee remember Dick Koenig always buying Sharon's Italian Cream Cake at any price; one night he bought it for about \$600.00, turned around and put it right back into the auction, where Cecil Barton paid almost as much for the cake the second time around. Wally and Carol Bennett always had a lot of fun bidding against each other; sometimes buying an item to give the other. Wes Castleman got into a bidding war with Carol Bennett one year over a hand drawn picture of the church that had burned down in the 2005 wildfire. He finally outbid her, then turned around and gave it to Carol, who promptly gave it to Pastor Kevin Morton to adorn the wall of his office.

John and Loraine Kilgore would always live up the auction. He could be counted on the buy Hollis Shults, Sr.'s offering of cut firewood and would then tell Hollis he had to deliver it to his place in Pagosa Springs, CO. Years ago Mrs. Kilgore bought a beautiful red and white quilt that had been made by the ladies of the church. In going through the Kilgore home after their mother's death last year, daughters Gayle and Glenna came across the quilt and decided it needed a new home back where it had started. So the red and white quilt will be back in the live auction this year and somebody will go home with a very, very special piece of Lord's Acre history.

A couple of other very special items will be in the live auction.

## NEED \$\$\$ FOR THE HOLIDAYS? CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold their annual Christmas Craft Sale on Friday, Dec. 4, from noon-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains. We will NOT be open on Sunday. We are putting out the word now, so that crafters can be working on holiday projects to bring in some extra \$\$\$ for the holidays. A reserved space will be approximately 8'x10' for only \$10, if you contact us before November 1 - after November 1 the cost is \$15. Contact the library at 725-7722 to reserve your space now


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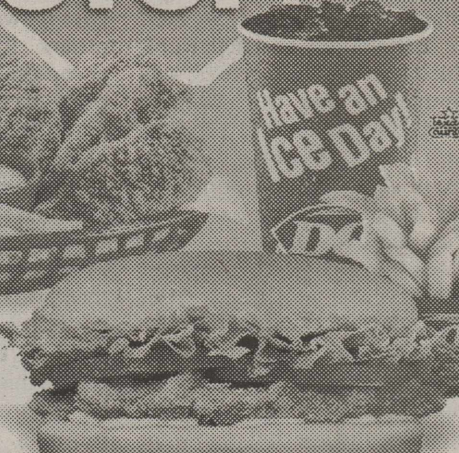
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## Upcoming Meet the Author Series

The Cross Plains Public library is excited to announce our upcoming "Meet the Author" on November 10, 2015 at 7:00pm. We are fortunate to have Carol Kjar from Boise, Idaho. She is a native Texan, born in Bryan, Texas. Her parents were born and raised in Breckenridge and now live south of Baird.

Her book, **The Treasure of Adonis**, is a suspense romance that anyone can read. In other words, it's a "clean" romance. It's the story about a woman whose husband was declared missing in action in the Korean War. It's now 1964 and she's still waiting for him to come home. As the librarian in a small town, she is fending off a City Council member's unwanted attention. She is drawn into a treasure hunt by two men who come into the library asking for her help. One man reminds her of her husband and the other is so handsome she nicknames him Adonis, the handsome man of Greek mythology. She feels guilty for feeling attracted to the men, but when they save her life in a struggle, she can't help herself. She's drawn into more danger as she follows her heart while still wondering if her husband will come home.

On a personal note, the author states she has been married for decades to her first husband and they have two children and two grandsons. She has done a lot of things in her life, which include being a math teacher, a statistician, a newsletter editor, an archaeological technician, and a natural resources technical writer/editor. Through all of those phases, she discovered she loved to write stories. She retired in 2014 and has traveled extensively since then.

She has two children's books coming out soon, one of which she hopes to have with her when she comes in November. She is also working on another novel that she plans to publish in 2016.

Carol Kjar states, "I love good stories without obscenities and sex and that's my promise to my readers. All of the books I write will be safe reads for any age. I will likely self-publish my books so I'm not tied into a specific genre for the rest of my writing career. I appreciate the opportunity to share my stories with everyone."

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New at the library are: Make Me by Lee Child, The Survivor: a Mitch Rapp novel / Vince Flynn by Kyle Mills, Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee, Naked Greed by Stuart Woods.

From the Past  
Callahan County Clarendon  
Saturday September 9, 1882,  
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**Local News**  
Our friend Billy Gilliland, was in town yesterday and informed us that he had just returned from their ranch out west a few days since, accompanied by his wife, and that on their return they came near having an accident in crossing the Mulberry, which was nearly swimming. Several things which were nearly washed out of the buggy and their trunk which was tied to the rear, was submerged and the contents completely saturated. We are glad it was no worse. Texas streams are very dangerous and it is risky to cross them when they are up.  
We have heard a great deal of complaint lately from our citizens regarding the telegraph office at this place, and Superintendent Hammond should give the matter his attention and see that men were put in the office who could be depended upon. We are not in the habit of kicking but as a public journalist we consider it our duty to make an attempt to

correct such errors as interfere with the rights of the public. When people pay their money to have messages sent they do not expect to have them lying in the office for a day or two, as has been the case a number of times recently. The excuse for these discrepancies invariably has been that the line is crowded and the messages cannot go. Last Saturday Messrs. J. M. Walker & Co. were seriously damaged by not receiving a telegram which arrive at 11:10 o'clock a.m. that day but was not delivered to them until Sunday at 9:25 a.m. This telegram was upon business of importance and the negligence seriously damaged the firm. This is not an isolated case for we can cite a half dozen others. It would be well for the company to look to this matter as a heavy bill of damages might be the result should these outrages continue.

**Personal**  
John Reeves came down from Colorado this morning.  
Mr. B. V. Coulson, representing that staunch journal, the Dallas Herald, is doing our town.  
Mr. S. L. Ogle has been to Dallas this week for new goods. He returned again yesterday morning.  
Messrs. J. D. Merchant and J. B. Cutbirth went to Pilot Point this week and returned again Thursday morning.  
Mr. C. L. Sweet left last

Sunday night for Denison where he goes to visit his sister. He will be gone several weeks.  
Mr. F. W. Heyn was called from Big Spring last night by the sickness of his wife. We trust the good lady is not seriously ill.  
Mr. I. N. Jackson returned from his trip to his old home this morning.  
Mr. John W. Day returned from his trip into Kansas, where he has been buying sheep, last Sunday. Mr. Emberson is driving the sheep to this point.  
Mr. Watkins, of Michigan, who came here with sheep from that state, and has been stopping for several months at Justin Cook's ranch, left for home last Sunday.  
B. R. Webb and family left last Saturday night for Breckenridge. The family visit their old home and the Judge attends the district court now in session at that place.  
Mr. J. P. Brightwell gave us a pleasant call this morning. We are glad to see him doing so well in the sale of his book. As a book agent he seems to be as successful as he was as county assessor.  
We regret very much to chronicle the serious illness of Miss Lizzie Gunn, who has been prostrated for the last seventeen days with typhoid fever. We trust the young lady will recover soon.

## City Council Minutes

This was a Regular Meeting of the Cross Plains City Council. Members of the council present were:  
Mayor Ray Purvis  
Jerry Cassle  
Gary Moses  
Bob Kirkham  
Colby Walker & Randy Strickland were absent

Employees present were Debbie Gosnell, Don Gosnell, Jarrod Pottér, Dannes Turner, & Frankie Hyles.

Members of the public meeting with the council were Nobilico Reps.

Ray Purvis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Gosnell gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Bob Kirkham moved to approve the minutes as read. Cassle seconded and motion carried.

By general consent the police report was approved as presented.

By general consent the judge's report was approved as presented.

Cassle moved to approve the bills as presented. Kirkham seconded and motion carried.

Nobilico Reps presented a slide presentation to the council for an automated meter

reading system known as "Advance Meter Infrastructure (AMI)". Nobilico makes reading meters affordable to small cities, eliminates the risk of hardware failure, frees up employees to be available for other tasks, reduces the risk of injury in accidents, animal bites, etc. They pointed out that old meters tend to become more inaccurate with time and this system will increase revenue generated from a more efficient metering system. Nobilico's base price for the full system for approximately 550 meters is approximately \$330,000.00, \$600 per meter, however, Mr. Brown pointed out that if the city uses their current meters it could reduce the cost up to \$200 per meter. He stated that other factors such as keeping the city's current billings system could also reduce the costs. The council thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation and advised him that the City does not have that kind of money to spend on something that only take our employees a couple of days to complete. Mr. Brown asked for permission to work with Gosnell to find a more realistic number

to see if the city would be interested. He discussed water loss, additional revenue, etc. to help fund the project. The council was in agreement to allow Gosnell to work with Mr. Brown to see what a more realistic cost might be.

Frankie Hyles updated the council on the cleaning and repair of the East water tank. He advised the council that the new ladder, hatch, and overflow flume had been built and installed and the cleaning, buffing and painting will take place next week. By doing part of the work ourselves, the city has saved over \$15,000.00 for the entire job. The council thanked Frankie and staff for seeking ways to save the city money. Hyles also informed the council that Housley Construction has begun laying the new water line from the water plant to North 7th Street to hook in to the line to the Overhead water tower. He advised the council that the job is coming along quickly and stated that they are doing an excellent job.

Susan Schaefer met with the council to update them on the EMS. She stated that the EMS currently has 9 certified attendants taking all the calls.

She stated that she has 4 training to become certified and that she is training Delaney Golson to help with the paperwork so that eventually there will be someone else who can take over that part of the EMS when she retires. Susan presented the council with their statement of revenue vs. expenses and noting that for the year they are still in the black but that when they have to replace one of the ambulances they will need some financial assistance from the community. She thanked the council for their continued support of the EMS Service.

Gosnell presented the council with the "Nomination Resolution" for a position on the Callahan County Appraisal Board. After review of the voting entitlement of each entity it was the consensus of the board to not submit a nomination to the board.

By general consent the council approved the purchase of 122 hours of comp time from Don Gosnell.

Gosnell reported that she is talking with Howard Construction on the seal coating project. If the company can get all the information

## Courthouse renovation \$1.5M Certificates of Obligation sold

Callahan County Commissioners voted to authorize the issuance of \$1,500,000 to make renovations to the Callahan County Courthouse during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, October 26th at the County Courthouse in Baird. Vince Viaille of Specialized Public Finance Inc. presented to the commissioners' court the winning bid for the \$1,500,000 Certificates of Obligations, Series 2015. The winning bid was submitted by American National Bank of Texas with an interest rate of 2.25%.

Tom Pollan with Bicherstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP also spoke to the commissioners' court about the process of Certificates of Obligation.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made the motion to sign the order authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,500,000, Callahan County, Texas Certificates of Obligation, Series 2015; authorizing the sale thereof; enacting provisions related to the issuance of the certificates. Commissioner Cliff Kirkham seconded the motion, and 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 9:35 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 Julie Lemon with the Sheriff's Office, Bob Favor with the Sheriff's Office and County Republican Chair Jane Holmes.

—Under public comment, there was none.

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

—Sheriff Terry Joy presented to the commissioners' court the Sheriff's report for the month of September 2015. Commissioner Farmer made the motion to accept the report. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to approve the deputation of Brian Campbell. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

—Treasurer Jan Windham presented the overtime report for the previous pay period. No action was taken.

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

—Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to advertise for bids to sell a 1982 140G Caterpillar motor grader and a 1983

140G Caterpillar motor grader belonging to Precinct #4. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to purchase Dura Patch Equipment for Precinct #1. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to accept the 2016 Indigent Defense Grant Program. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

## Sheriff's Department Monthly Report for September 2015

Callahan County Sheriff's Department Monthly Statistics September 2015

Disturbances: 34  
Accidents: 30  
Noise Calls: 12  
Fire: 35  
Welfare Checks: 20  
Vandalism/Suspicious Activity: 61  
Alarm Calls: 16  
Lift Assist: 7  
Assist Motorist: 9  
Theft: 19  
Unauthorized Use of Motor Vehicle: 2  
Missing Person: 2  
Dog Bite: 0  
Mental Subject: 2  
Medical Calls: 115

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Burglary: 12  
Harassment/Trespass: 29  
Reckless Driver: 40  
Animal Calls: 16  
Stray Livestock: 40  
Assault: 10  
Suicide Threat: 8  
Civil Matter: 16  
Utility: 4  
Suicide: 0  
Civil Matter: 16  
Chase: 0  
Traffic Hazard: 6  
Juvenile Issues: 7  
Misc. Calls: 31  
911 Call Total: 306  
Non-Emergency Call Total: 279  
Total: 585

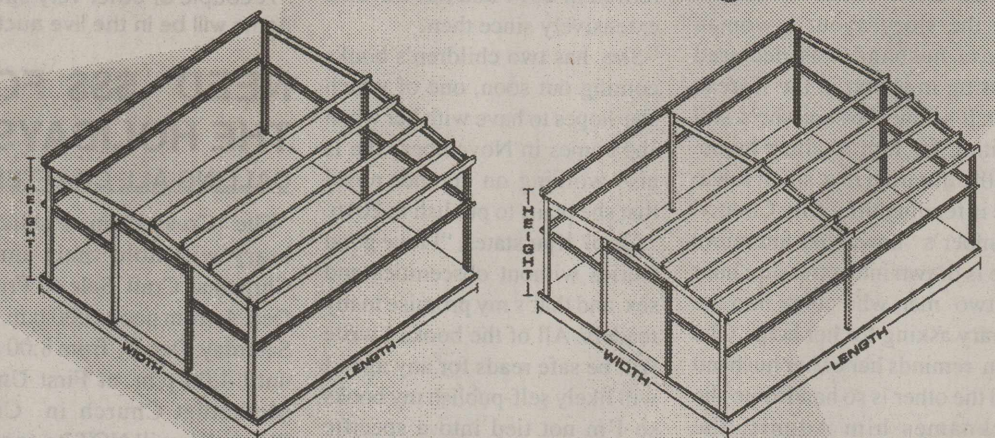
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# CPISD Cross County takes District and heads to Regionals

Last Monday, October 19th, the Cross Plains ISD Cross Country Team headed to Eula for the District Meet. All the runners from the Junior High level to the High School level did well with most advancing to the Regional competition held Monday, October 26th.

Cross Country is an endurance sport that challenges each athlete with every step. It is both a mental and physical race with each level running from 1.5-3.0 miles. They start in a large group and at the sound of the starting pistol begin a long, hot

and dusty trek on dirt or gravel trails through the countryside. Most runners begin their mental battle at about the half way point in their race (1-1.5 mile mark). Fatigue sets in, other runners edge up on them, and they must keep their minds sharp and focus on their pace and persist to put each foot in front of the other. As the race closes in to the last 400 yards every runner must dig deep within themselves and find that last bit of grit and determination to not only finish strong, but finish as fast as possible. Cross

Country runners are timed to the millisecond for placement and Personal Record (PR) so every step and breath counts. Our teams did exceedingly well this year with the JH Boys placing 3rd, JH Girls placing 3rd, JV Boys placing 2nd, JV Girls placing 3rd, Varsity Boys came in 2nd and the Varsity Girls took 1st place beating the May Tigers by 1 point. The following runners placed in the top 10 for their race:  
 JH Boys: Kolby McKinney 2nd, Cody McWilliams 7th  
 JH Girls: Macee Steigleder 1st,

Layne Ellis 8th  
 JV Boys: Lorenzo Bustamante 2nd, Riley Potter 3rd, John McKenzie 8th, Wesley Alexander 9th  
 JV Girls: no individual placed in the top 10 at this meet  
 V Boys: Jevon Tillery 3rd, Eddie Calvagna 5th, Dobbs McWilliams 8th  
 V Girls: Shelby McWilliams 1st, Jackilann Shepard 4th, Grace Goode 7th, Shana Yates 8th  
 The Varsity Girls are back to back District Champions again this year.



Shelby McWilliams-1st place runner for CPHS with Macee Steigleder- 1st place runner for CPJH



CPHS Girls Cross Country Team: Coach Eicke, Jackilann Shepard, Kelli Bennett, Lorelei Woodard, Shelby McWilliams, Shana Yates, Grace Goode and Shiloh Dodge



Junior High Girls Cross Country Team in no particular order: Jordan Hampton, Madilynn Shepard, Abigail Wheeler, Laney Ellis, River Bradley and Macee Steigleder



Shelby McWilliams and Grace Goode with District Champion trophy

## "Feed a Mind; Feed a Body" Needs Your Help

The Cross Plains Public Library's program, "Feed a Mind; Feed a Body," was created to provide food for students working toward their GED. GED classes start at 5 P.M. and are not over until 9 P.M., so most students don't have time for supper, therefore meals and snacks are being provided by local businesses and patrons. We have plenty of donors for meals, but if you would like to help with snacks, we are always in need of bottled water, juice boxes, chips, cookies, etc. Classes are held every Monday and Tuesday evening at the library. Students can enroll at any time - just show up and someone will be available to get you started. All books and materials are free! There is no excuse for you to put this off any longer.

Thank you to everyone for the overwhelming support we have received in our community - you are helping our students take an important step in turning their dreams into reality.



Kelli Bennet, Coach Eicke and Shelby McWilliams with District Champion Trophy



CPHS Boys Cross Country Team: Billy Woodard, Seth Wyatt, Sean Armer, Jevon Tillery, Dobbs McWilliams, Larson Walker and Eddie Calvagna



Junior High Boys Cross Country Team in no particular order: Koby McKinney, Cody McWilliams, Trent Odom, Braylen Laminack, Brady Potter and Wade Byrd

## Immunization clinic in Clyde on Tuesday, November 17th

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering a childhood immunization clinic on Tuesday, November 17th at the First Baptist Church located at 216 Austin Street in Clyde.

The immunization clinic will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Please bring the child's immunization records with you. If your child is one year old or older and has not had chickenpox, a vaccine is now available and required for school children.

If your child is on Medicaid or CHIP, please bring the card. For your convenience, please call to schedule an appointment.

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	MONDAY 2	TUESDAY 3	WEDNESDAY 4	THURSDAY 5	FRIDAY 6
<b>B</b>	Waffles	Breakfast strudel or Oatmeal round	Muffin	Sausage, egg & Cheese sandwich	Breakfast Burrito
<b>R</b>	Sausage	Cheese stick	Yogurt	Cereal	Cereal
<b>A</b>	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Fruit	Fruit
<b>K</b>	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Assorted juice	Assorted juice
<b>F</b>	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Milk	Milk
<b>A</b>	Milk	Milk	Milk		
<b>S</b>					
<b>T</b>					
<b>L</b>	Pizza	Chicken nuggets	Taco salad	Chicken Alfredo	Fish or chicken
<b>U</b>	Garden salad	Gravy	Spanish rice	Breadstick	Combread
<b>N</b>	Baby carrots w/ranch	Mashed potatoes	Salsa	Garden salad	Black-eyed peas
<b>C</b>	Mixed fruit	Green beans	Pinto beans	Carrot coins	Coleslaw
<b>H</b>	Milk	Peach slices	Snowball salad	Apple slices	Orange smiles
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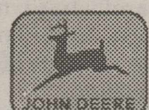
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**Deer Breeder Movement Standards Plan Finalized**

AUSTIN — Texas deer breeders will be able to resume animal movements under a plan finalized today by staff of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC).

The Breeder Deer Movement Qualification Standards Plan will take effect upon the filing of Emergency Rules by TPWD and will be in place through the 2015-16 Texas hunting season. Details of the plan are available online at www.tpwd.texas.gov/cwd.

Key elements of the plan include:

— A framework giving breeders who met previous movement qualified standards an option to move and liberate deer. Movement qualification is also dependent on administrative compliance with deer breeder permit regulations and statutes.

— Enhanced options for closely-monitored herds with a status of "fifth year" or "certified" in the TAHC Monitored Herd Program. There are no additional release site requirements for ranches that receive deer only from these herds.

— Additional Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing in deer breeding facilities. Under the plan, the vast majority of the 1,300 permitted deer breeders in Texas can gain movement

qualified status by testing two or fewer animals.

— There will be CWD testing requirements for a proportion of deer that are harvested on some release sites. The goal of the Movement Qualification Plan is to provide deer breeders with options prior to the September 22 deadline for movement and liberation of bucks and before the 2015-16 hunting season. This is just one of many steps Texas is taking to mitigate the spread of CWD after it was detected in deer from a Medina County deer breeding facility earlier this summer.

"We have received and tried to be responsive to the extensive feedback from the state's many and varied deer management interests in developing this revised plan," said Carter Smith, TPWD Executive Director. "In the development of this framework, both agencies are balancing the need to minimize the risk of unwittingly allowing the movement or liberation of Chronic Wasting Disease-positive deer on the Texas landscape while adopting reasonable movement qualification standards that allow qualified deer breeders to begin moving and liberating captive deer. The complexity associated with the development of this framework is immense."

A joint agency CWD Working

Group will now focus efforts on developing individual herd plans for affected deer breeders and develop a plan for strategic sampling of hunter harvested deer from free-ranging populations this fall.

"Our goal was to protect the health of free-ranging and captive breeder deer, while maintaining business continuity for the breeder industry," said Dr. Dee Ellis, TAHC Executive Director. "We believe this plan accomplishes those goals."

Factors such as level of connectedness to the index facility, level of testing in the TAHC Monitored Herd Program, relative percentage of the overall herd that has been tested, and variable liberation criteria are all being considered in development of the herd plans.

The TAHC and TPWD are continuing the investigation of the index facility in Medina County, where 42 deer have been euthanized and tested for CWD.

"The results from the partial testing of the animals in the Index Facility, as well as samples from the CWD-exposed herds, are important to making reasonable, prudent, and responsible decisions for the remaining captive herds, neighboring landowners, and wild deer," said Clayton Wolf, TPWD Wildlife Division director.

**In Texas an estimated 10,278,005 individuals with private insurance are guaranteed access to free preventive services**

In Texas an estimated 10,278,005 individuals, including 4,029,215 women and 2,258,657 children, have private health insurance that covers recommended preventive services without cost sharing, according to a new ASPE Data Point from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Under the Affordable Care Act, most health plans are required to provide coverage for recommended preventive health care services without copays. Nationwide, about 137 million individuals, including 55 million women and 28 million children, have private health insurance that covers recommended preventive services without cost sharing. Increased access to preventive services can reduce and prevent costly chronic diseases and help Texans live healthier lives. These services include but are not limited to:

- Blood pressure screening
- Well-baby and well-child visits
- Obesity screening and counseling
- Flu vaccination and other immunizations
- Well-woman visits
- Tobacco cessation interventions
- Domestic violence screening and counseling
- Vision screening for children
- Breastfeeding support and supplies

- HIV screening
- FDA-approved contraceptive methods
- Depression screening

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, more Texans have access to preventive services, including vaccinations, well-baby visits, and diabetes and blood pressure screenings," said Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. "These services can substantially improve the health of families, and in some cases even save lives. We urge all individuals with health care coverage to take advantage of these services. This can make a tremendous difference in the health of Americans."

The data released today are broken down by age and gender. Of the estimated 10,278,005 Texans with access to recommended preventive services without cost sharing:

- 2,258,657 are children, who have access to free preventive service coverage for flu vaccinations and other immunizations, vision screening, and well-baby and well-child visits.
- 4,029,215 are women, who have access to free preventive services such as well-woman visits, breastfeeding support and supplies, and recommended cancer screenings.
- 3,990,134 are men, who have access to annual wellness visits, blood pressure screening,

and cancer screenings.

Some of the estimated 137 million individuals nationwide that are guaranteed access to preventive services without cost sharing today may have had access to one or more of those services without cost sharing prior to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation's Employer Health Benefits Survey in 2012, 41 percent of all workers were covered by employer-sponsored group health plans that expanded their list of covered preventive services due to the Affordable Care Act. Based on this and available Health Insurance Marketplace data at the time, HHS previously estimated that approximately 76 million Americans — and 30 million women — received expanded coverage of one or more preventive services because of the Affordable Care Act nationwide. In Texas, approximately 5,762,000 Texans — and 2,211,000 women — received expanded coverage of one or more preventive services because of the Affordable Care Act.

To read today's data point, please visit: [http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2015/Prevention/ib\\_Prevention.pdf](http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/reports/2015/Prevention/ib_Prevention.pdf)

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**Texas A&M Forest Service celebrates 100 years of service with 100 trees to 100 communities**

One-hundred communities across Texas are receiving a special delivery of 100 trees in honor of Texas A&M Forest Service's centennial year, capping off a full year of celebrating the agency's commitment to conserve and protect Texas' trees and forests. Aiming to help communities expand their urban tree canopy, 10,000 seedlings were grown at the TFS-operated West Texas Nursery specifically for "100 Trees for 100 Communities." Sign up was first open to Texas' Tree City USA communities, then expanded to other cities and towns.

"What better way to celebrate our centennial than to honor 100 Texas communities that have demonstrated their

commitment to conserving and protecting their urban and community forests?" Tom Boggus, State forester and director of Texas A&M Forest Service said. "It is the perfect picture of this year's celebration of our agency's history by planting young trees today that clearly point to our commitment to the future!"

Following some tough years of weather, especially this year's flooding that occurred in much of the state, many communities are in great need of trees.

"This has been a way to assist communities in their recovery efforts, and it provides an opportunity to connect with some of our smaller communities. We don't often

have trees to give away and it's very nice to be able to offer trees across the state," Gretchen Riley, partnership coordinator at Texas A&M Forest Service said.

Each community may decide how to use their trees. With Texas' Arbor Day the first Friday in November many communities are tying the trees into Arbor Day celebrations, others intend to plant in public places within the community.

The statewide Arbor Day celebration is Nov. 6 in College Station at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum where TFS's "History in the Making" exhibit is on display. For more information, visit the Texas A&M Forest Service event page.

**Texas breaks tradition and shatters the record in first attempt Bush puts oil and gas lease sale on line; makes \$20 million**

(AUSTIN, Texas) — Texas' first-ever online sale of oil and gas leases quickly became the biggest state lease sale in the nation to be held on EnergyNet, earning public schools nearly \$20 million Tuesday morning.

"When private oil and gas companies develop minerals managed by the GLO, it creates high-paying jobs and earns hundreds of millions of dollars a year for public education in Texas," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush "With today's online energy lease sale I've delivered on my promise to make the bidding process more accessible and more efficient, while earning even more money for Texas schools."

Previously, anyone wishing to develop oil and gas reserves on Permanent School Fund land had to physically submit their bid, sealed in an envelope. It was a process that had changed very little since the 1950s.

During Tuesday's oil and gas lease sale — for the first time in Texas history — private oil companies competitively bid against each other for the right to explore for oil and gas on land owned by the state. Permanent School Fund tracts of land, which includes submerged land in the Gulf of Mexico and land in West Texas, brought in more than \$20 million in Tuesday's bidding. That's about \$1,500 per acre more than the last lease sale. Or about seven times more per acre than the last traditional sealed bid lease sale held in January.

The Permanent School Fund will also earn 20 to 25 percent royalties on any oil or gas produced from newly revised standard leases.

"This was the biggest online lease sale yet — but then again, this is Texas, so it should be," said Bush. "EnergyNet partnered with the General Land Office to conduct the online sale. EnergyNet is an industry leader with its easy-to-use oil and gas auction and sealed bid transaction service."

"Even in a soft oil and gas market, we made more money today by opening up the bidding process to more producers and investors," Bush said after the sale. "The 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy is online. We sell on eBay, buy from Amazon and catch a ride through Uber. Putting these energy lease sales online just makes sense. Texans demand a more efficient, effective government and we are delivering it at the General Land Office."

For a detailed look at today's record Permanent School Fund oil and gas lease sale, visit <http://www.glo.texas.gov/what-we-do/energy-and-minerals/oil-gas/sealed-bid-sales/past/>

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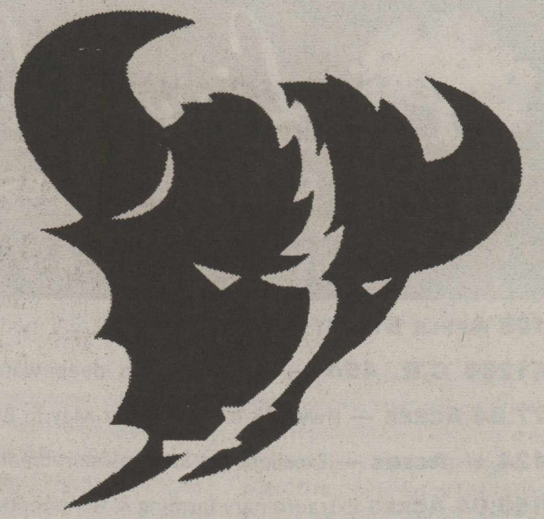
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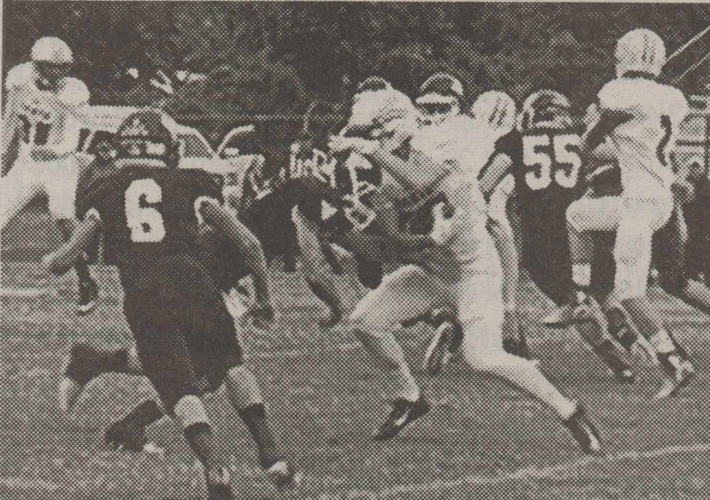
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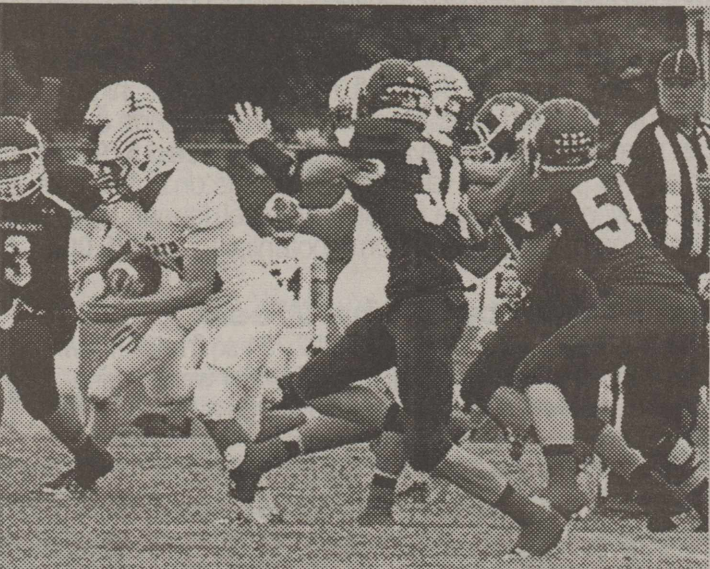
# Cross Plains Review SUPPORTS THE BUFFALOES



## Cross Plains Buffaloes vs. Santo Wildcats



Dakota Willis #6 and James Briggs #55 visible playing defense as a third Buffalo player tackles Santo's ball carrier



J.C. McDonald #3 and Creed Goode #34 closing in on Santo's ball carrier with Brayden Kennedy #54 close behind Creed



The Herd in a full tackle on Santo's ball carrier



Varsity Buffaloes working to stop Santo last Friday



J.C. McDonald #3 upside down in a tackle with James Briggs #55 and Joe Crockett #10 nearby



Varsity Buffalo ball carrier striving to break a tackle against Santo Friday night

### Buffaloes fall to Santo Wildcats

The Buffaloes fell to a defensively tough Santo team 28-6 last Friday night at Buffalo Stadium. The Buffs never gave up as they fought for every tough yard. The only score for the Buffaloes came in the fourth quarter on a 21 yard run by Kaiden Petree with 6:36 left in the ball game. The Buff's record is 4-4 on the year, and they are 1-2 in district play. This Friday, the Buffs take on the Baird Bears in Baird. This rivalry is sure to bring out the crowds, so be a part of Buffalo Nation, and make the short drive to Baird and support the Buffaloes. Kickoff time is scheduled for 7:30.

### Countywide Burn Ban lifted

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn lifted the Countywide Burn Ban effective Thursday, October 22nd.

The Burn Ban was lifted due to the generous rainfall amounts which fell Thursday and Friday of last week throughout the County.

The Burn Ban will remain lifted until such notice is brought before the Commissioners' Court.

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### Lord's Acre plans picking up speed

With several other worthy causes behind them, the folks at the First United Methodist Church are turning their full attention to the annual event scheduled for Saturday, November 14th.

Folks have already signed up to donate the 16 gallons of green beans, 3 cases of sweet potatoes, 22 cakes, 300 hot rolls, 28 cans of cranberry sauce, to cook the 17 turkeys and to make the pans of dressing to feed an anticipated 250-300 crowd of hungry community folks who come out to support the mission programs at FUMC.

The delicious dinner will again cost \$8.00 per plate and will be available for carry-outs at the drive through from 4:30-6:00. Home deliveries will also be available during this same time frame for those who have no way to attend the festivities. Church members have also donated the meals that will be taken to the Nursing Home in Rising Star. Dining in the Fellowship Hall will be available from 5-6:30 with the live auction starting at 6:30 p.m.

The "Little Store" and the Silent Auction will open at 9:00 with a full array of items that are typically less elaborate and expensive than those in the Live Auction. Both of these areas will be shut down before the live auction starts.

In addition to fancy and

just plain baked goodies, canned goods, caramel corn and candy; several unique items are showing up this year...homemade chia tea, handcrafted wooden boxes, Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers hand made quilted pillows, hand knit scarves, potted plants, homemade body butter & bath salts, and a Mary & Martha Manger Scene. And of course, Debbie Edington will have her traditional "Terry Jane Wyatt memorial sweatshirt" with its' snowman design. Debbie also makes an annual apron in memory of Sharon Koenig and her famous Italian Crème Cake.

The money raised at this annual event goes back into the community to support our EMS, our three area fire departments, the Senior Center, Library, Helping Hearts / Helping Hands and the Food Pantry. Thus, FUMC thanks you for helping us help others.

Additional details will be available as we get closer to the date. Pictures will also be placed on Facebook as they arrive at the church. Or you can call the church at 725-7377 for further information.

Hope you have the November 14th date on your calendar and can keep it clear all day in order to enjoy the full range of activities at the annual Lord's Acre.

### Last Chance for Friends of NRA Gun Raffle!

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA have been hosting a "Gun Raffle" for the last few months and it is drawing to an end.

The Friends of the NRA hold fundraisers throughout the year to help fund different groups as they learn gun safety and the proper use of a firearm.

They also help Sheriff's offices and Shooting Sports Programs in the areas where the funds are raised.

The guns available in this raffle are #1 a 257 Weatherby Vanguard Rifle and gun # 2 is a Kimber Custom II—45 Caliber Pistol.

The Drawing will be held on

Saturday, October 31st and the winners announced in next week's Callahan County Newspapers.

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket for these guns, they are \$20. each and available at the Clyde Journal at 312 North First Street in Clyde, at Longacre's Gun Shop (Kevin Meier) at 328 Chestnut in Abilene, Don Boles—Germania Insurance in Clyde and the Rowden Store at Rowden, TX 12 miles East of Cross Plains on Hwy. 36.

This week will be your last opportunity to buy a ticket for the gun raffle. If you would like a ticket. Please get it NOW!

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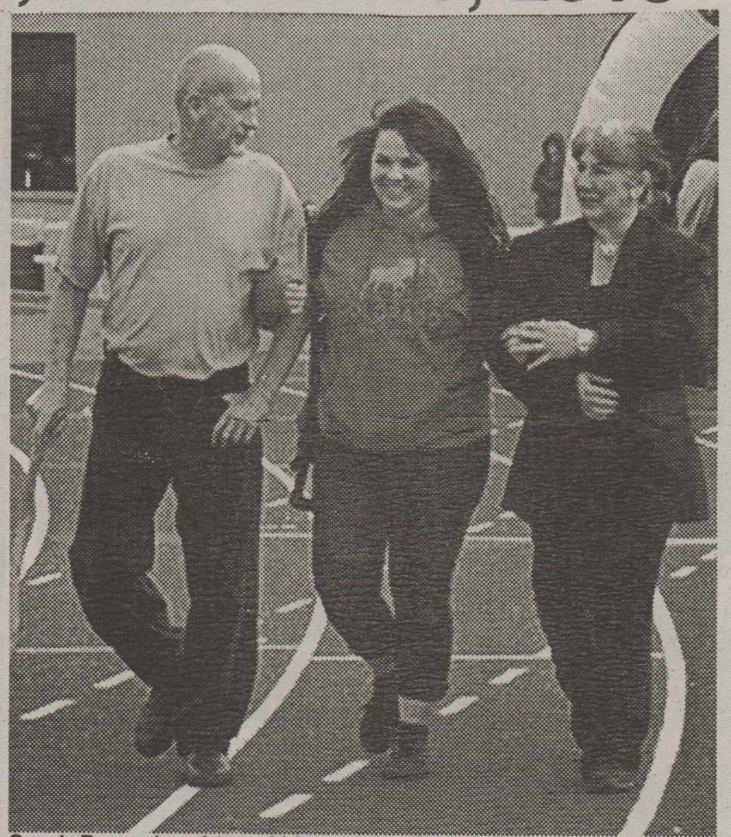
# Seniors Honored at CPHS Senior Night, October 23, 2015



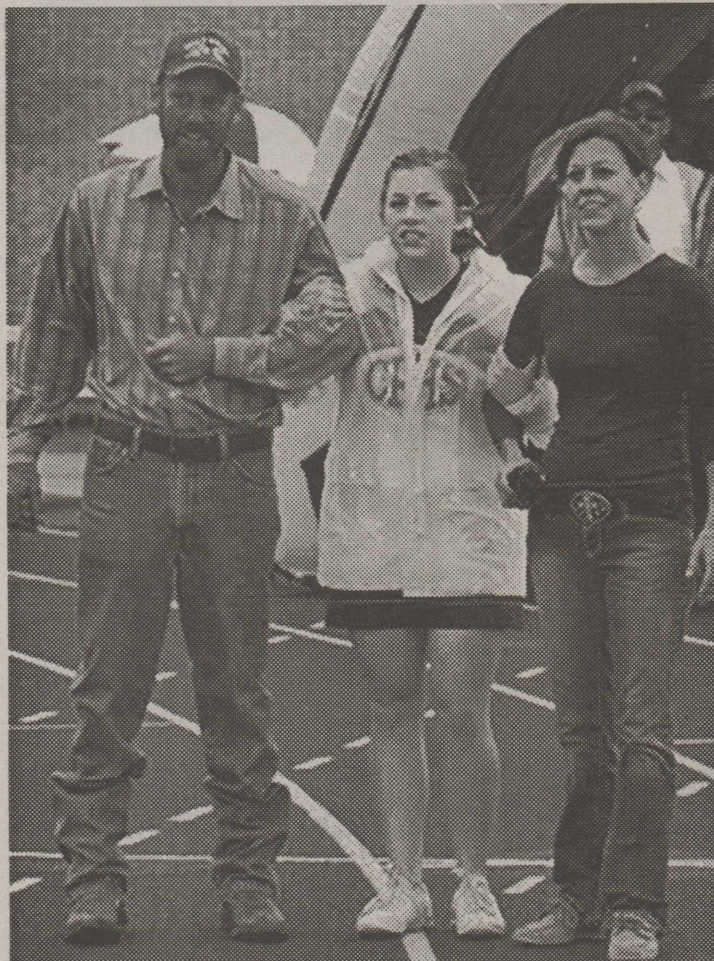
Kelli Bennett daughter of Debi Bennett and Bryan and Grace Bennett



Shelby McWilliams daughter of Melody and John Fred McWilliams



Sarah Perry daughter of Liz and Joe Perry



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Lorenzo Bustamante brother of Amanda Vasquez



Kaitlyn Potter daughter of Kara and Porcius Potter



Chance Thompson (left) and Charles Thompson (right) grandsons of Brenda and Charles Spraggins

## Cross Plains School Board Minutes

October 21, 2015

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

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence, Athletic Director Daniel Purvis and guests Bert Moffitt, Randy Allen, W. Richard Rosers, Jonathan Schmutz, Tiffany Traweck, Whitney Henderson, Lindsey Barnett, Matt Henderson, Elizabeth Fidler, Susan Hutchins, Ashlee Mathews, Shelley Manley, Carl Traweck, Scott Manley and A. Duane Hutchins.

Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.

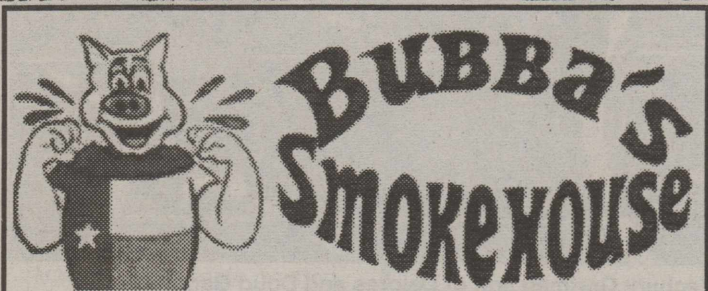
The board went into executive session at 9:40 p.m. and returned at 10:44 p.m.

Motion was made by Richey and seconded by McWilliams that we accept the minutes as read from Sept. 16, 2015 meeting. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Shepard and seconded by Cowan that we table hiring an architect to advise the board for future building projects. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Crockett that we extend Brad Jones contract thru June 30, 2017. For 7/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Richey that we adjourn. For 7/Against 0



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## Grand Ole Oplin October Line-Up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a whole lot of boot scootin. On Oct. 30th MIDDY CREEK will be with us for our Halloween dance (costumes are optional) again playing all the songs you like to dance to.

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. Our dances begin at 7:30

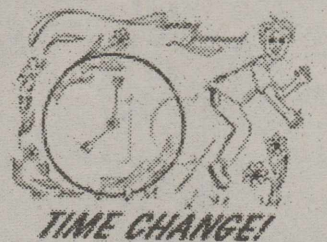
p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our Friday night dances is \$5.00 per person. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of our community center functions. Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

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

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Darrin Ames son of Donna and Tommy Ames



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Zach Thompson son of Stephanie and Robert Thompson



Rylan Laminack son of Mindy Ray and Donny Laminack and grandson of Revise and Becky Laminack



Brayden Kennedy son of Teresa and Todd Kennedy



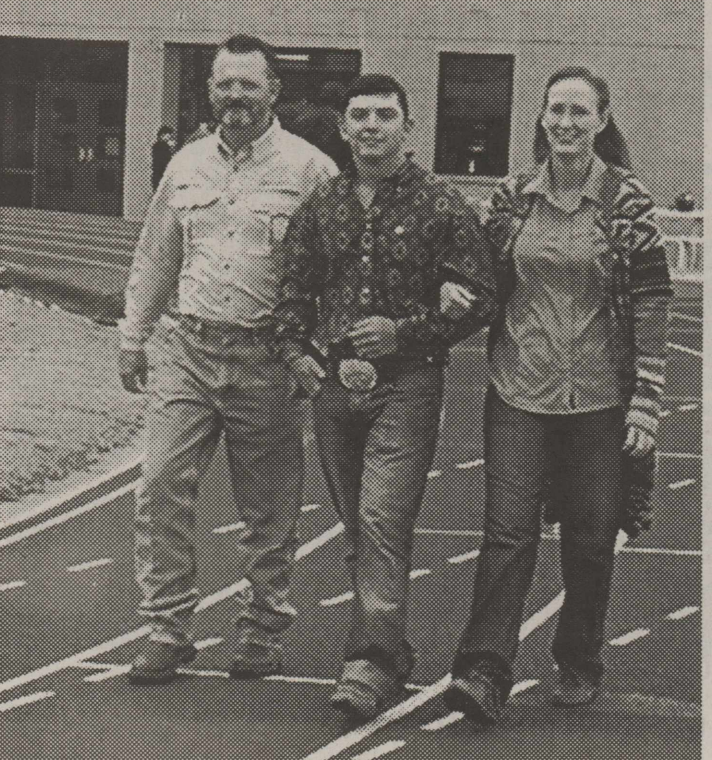
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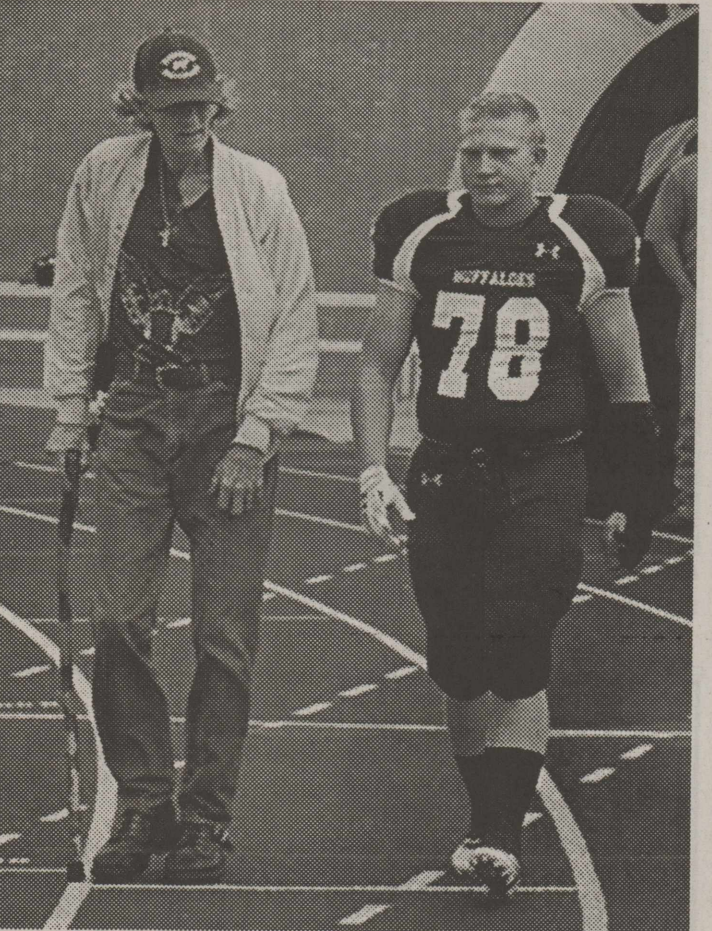
Ethan Horan son of Jennifer Spencer and Kenny Horan



Seith Wyatt son of Karman and Scott Wyatt



Colton Bradley son of Tina and Rodney Bradley



Zachary Gartman son of Delores and Doug Gartman



Billy Woodard son of Christine and Eric Woodard

### Seniors Honored at CPHS Senior Night on October 23, 2015

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### Turkey's at the Library, Oh My!

The After School Adventure Program will meet on Wednesday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m. Our program will be focused on Thanksgiving. Come ready for to learn about step-by-step instructions, as we decorate a cupcake into a turkey.



### What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



In anticipation of the library's Meet the Author with Carol Kjar on Tuesday, Nov. 10, I read her book, "The Treasure of Adonis." The main character is Charlea Ludlow, who for 12 years has been hoping that her husband Mark, who is MIA, will return from the Korean Conflict. She puts her life on hold, wondering what happened to him and if he's trying to get home, talking to his picture when she feels lonely.

All of that changes when she meets Roland and David, who are seeking clues to a hidden treasure mentioned in an old letter. Handsome Roland makes her heart flutter, but David reminds her of Mark. She is surprised by the new emotions that draw her to them. The men go about their search covertly until the town drunk, Leon, overhears their conversation about the treasure. Leon wants it for himself and will stop at nothing to find it first, including attacking Charlea to get the letter. Roland and David come

to her rescue, but it is only the beginning.

Danger, fear, and love follow Charlea as she helps Roland and David search for the treasure, while searching for her own answers: would she keep hoping for her husband's return or open her heart to love again?"

I found the book to be a bit of a thriller and a bit of a mystery. I never would have contemplated the end! The author's style is fun-loving and a fast read. I was drawn in and could not wait for the end. You will have no trouble keeping small side plots or the characters separated.

Charlea's character was realistic and I think most could relate to the situations she found herself in. I had a smile on my face through most of it... but not all.

I recommend it for both male and female readers, just enough suspense and with just a bit of romance. If you choose to read it I know you will enjoy.

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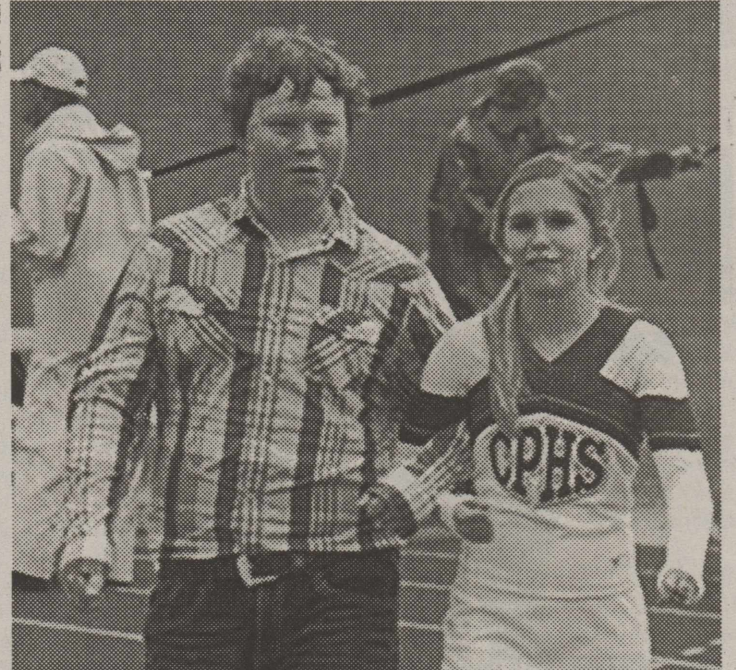
# The 2015 Football Sweethearts



Football Sweetheart Winner Kelli Bennett with Football Beau Winner Brayden Kennedy



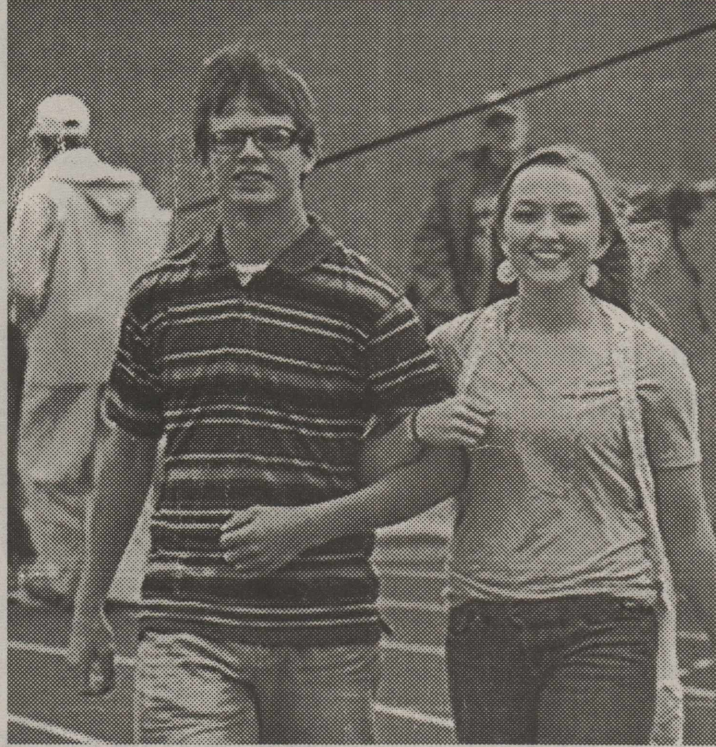
Larsen Walker with Sweetheart nominee Katy Jo Morgan



Darrin Ames with Sweetheart nominee Lorelei Woodard



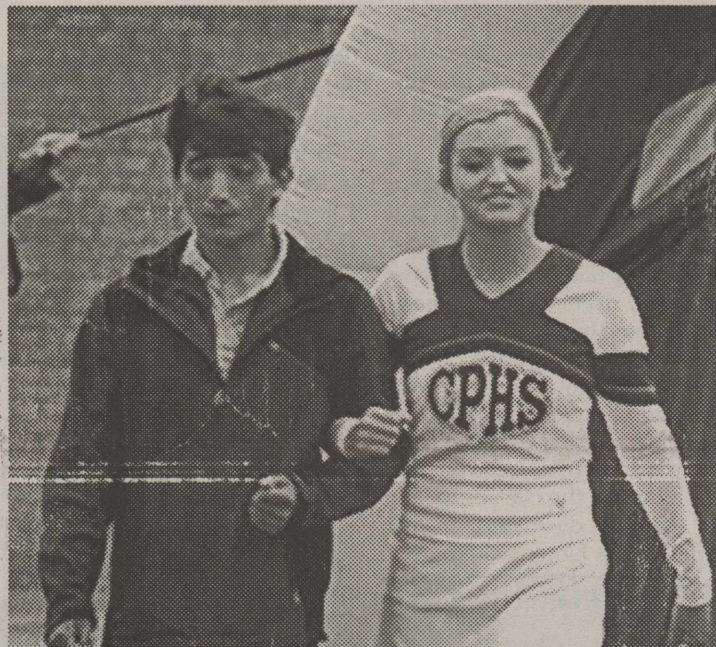
Seth Wyatt with Sweetheart nominee Grace Goode



Sean Armer with Sweetheart nominee Hannah Cowan



Colton Bradley with Sweetheart nominee Rebekah Crockett



Lorenzo Bustamonte with Sweetheart nominee Kelli Bennett



Sweetheart nominees and Sweetheart winner: Katy Jo Morgan, Rebekah Crockett, Kelli Bennett, Lorelei Woodard, Hannah Cowan and Grace Goode



## ★ Clyde Junior ★ BASKETBALL

Clyde Jr. Basketball sign-ups starting soon

ATTENTION.....Clyde Jr. Basketball season is right around the corner and sign-ups should be starting in the next few weeks. It is ESSENTIAL that any parent who is interested in helping out in any way contact me immediately. I must have a Board assembled before the season starts and it will be on a volunteer basis. If you are available to help out in any capacity this season please TEXT ME at 325-665-7975 or EMAIL ME at billyhafner@gmail.com. Please NO PHONE CALLS. Thank you. Billy Hafner League Director

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### COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

#### Misdemeanor Filings

Maxwell W. Martin Jr., driving while intoxicated.  
Maxwell W. Martin Jr., possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.  
Joseph C. Hyles, evading arrest/detention.

#### Misdemeanor Minutes

Kirsten M. Dole, order amending conditions of probation granted.  
Zachery Inman, motion to withdraw as surety granted.  
Celeta M. Gilbert Palacio, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding

Jacob Glen Day and Amy Lynn Day, divorce granted.  
Lorene Ann McCall and Earl Jack McCall, divorce granted.  
Bobby Don Jones and Melissa Gayle Jones, divorce granted.

Darlana Sue Gray and Billy Bruce Gray, divorce granted.  
Mackenzi Rhee Neidigk and Clinton Neidigk, III, divorce granted.

Rosile Mae Wilson and John Harvey Wilson Jr., divorce granted.

Yrinea David Flores and Stacy Ann Flores, divorce granted.

Kendra Gilliland and David Gilliland, divorce granted.  
Russell Lynn Wilson and Tina Marie Wilson, divorce granted.  
Toni Harvey vs. Barry W. Cash d/b/a Mustang Roofing, agreed final judgment granted, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$11,000 from defendant.

### Library Notes

**Library Hours**  
Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Tues. 11:00pm to 7:00pm  
Wed. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Turs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
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Patrons 49  
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#### Memorials

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## Grand Ole Oplin Halloween dance Friday

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out for their annual Halloween dance this Friday evening. MUDDY CREEK will be playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes (and the occasional monster mash). Our dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission will be \$5.00 per person and everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break. The Grand Ole Oplin is hosted by the Oplin Community Center and is located at the intersection of F.M. 604 and F.M. 2926. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our functions. So gather the family and all of your friends, be sure to wear your favorite costume, and come on out to the GRAND OLE OPLIN for an evening of good friends, good music and a lot of hopefully scary, ghoulish (or not!) goblins and witches.



### Cottonwood Musical and Turkey Supper Event successful despite the rain

The rains came to the Cottonwood Country Musical and Turkey Supper last Friday night. But so did the people! People from near and far came to enjoy the Cottonwood Country Musical and to eat the delicious Turkey meal. The musicians performed superbly in their usual jovial way. There will be a holiday break for the Cottonwood Country Musicals. The next musical will be in January, 2016. Debbie Edington from Cross Plains was the winner of the beautiful quilt, hand pieced and hand quilted by the Cottonwood Quilting Club. Congratulations, Debbie! The Cottonwood Historical Association would like to thank everyone who donated and those who came to purchase the meal. Your support of the community center roof project is greatly appreciated.



# Cross Plains Band Beau's and Sweetheart's October 2015



Winners of the 2015 Band Beau and Sweetheart nominations, Billie Pointer Band Sweetheart with Band Beau Brandon Waggoner

## Mighty Buffalo Beaus and Sweethearts

Last Friday, October 23rd, during Seniors night at the Varsity Football game, the Band Beau and Sweetheart nominees were presented. Each year the CPHS Mighty Buffalo Band chooses students that represent a great commitment to excellence in Music to be honored during football season. This year's nominees were:

- Jack Larimore-Sophomore
- Mallory McCready-Freshman
- Ryan Carey-Junior
- Ashley Anderson-Freshman
- Chance Thompson-Senior
- Cheyenne Shields-Junior
- Brandon Waggoner-Junior
- Jacy Bien-Freshman
- Charles Thompson-Senior (not pictured)

Billie Pointer-Senior  
After all the votes were tallied, Billie Pointer (Drum Major and Baritone/Tuba player) and Brandon Waggoner (Percussion with Quad Set and Snare) were chosen as the Band students Beau and Sweetheart. Congratulations to everyone for striving for excellence in Music.



Band Beau nominee Ryan Carey with Sweetheart nominee Ashley Anderson

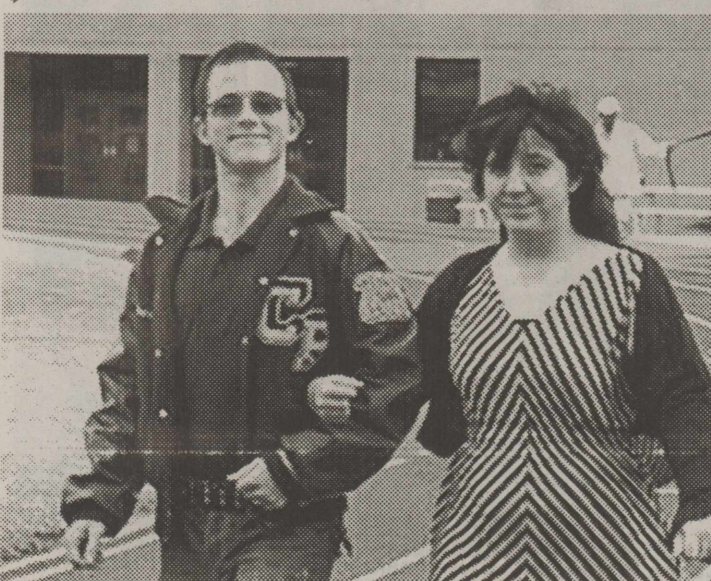
## Texas Concealed Handgun License class November 10th & 12th

The Texas Concealed Handgun License (CHL) class will be offered in Clyde November 10th and 12th. Scott Kniffen, who recently retired from a 40 year career in law enforcement, will be the instructor.

Kniffen served with several different law enforcement agencies throughout his career and spent the last 21 years of his career as a Chief of Police. He has been a CHL instructor since 2012. He is also a National Rifle Association (NRA) pistol and home firearms safety instructor.

The CHL class will be held at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce. Due to the length of the class, it will be held on two evenings from 7 - 9:30 PM. The class will be limited to 10 participants and the cost of the class is \$65 per person, range fee included. The qualification will take place on Saturday, November 14th at the Abilene Indoor Gun Range.

If you are interested in participating in this class you can contact Kniffen at scottkniffen@gmail.com or by phone at 817-899-5263.



Band Beau nominee Chance Thompson with Sweetheart nominee Cheyenne Shields

## Computer Class offered at CP Public Library

The Cross Plains Public Library will begin a new computer class on Thursday evening, November 5th at 6:30 PM at the library. Hank Ball, from the Cottonwood area, has volunteered to teach our local senior citizens (and anyone else who is interested) about using the Linux Mint operating system. What is that, you ask? The Linux system is a 100% free, Windows-like operating system that embraces privacy. The operating system and all of its software is free, and can be installed on any computer. It is also a great way to update an older computer without having to purchase new software. Linux has had a large number of happy users for many years, and is used by both home users and large corporations. If you want to find out how to make your computer do more for less \$\$, please plan to attend! If there is enough interest, Mr. Ball will continue the classes to help us learn to download, install, and use the Linux system.



Band Beau nominee Brandon Waggoner with Sweetheart nominee Jacy Bien

## Hey Kids! New Books at the Library

We have 75 new books at the library for young people from 0-18! Come in and "check them out."

Every year, your library works with the Heart of Texas Literature Center, located at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Major book publishers send new children's books, hoping to get positive reviews they can use in their advertising. H.O.T.'s review publication, The Lognette, gets

noticed and used by the publishers. The Cross Plains Public Library sponsors the Center for \$300 per year, and several volunteers review books for the library. This year, in return for that \$300, we received 75 books with a total retail value of \$1,182.87 - that's paying about \$.25 for every \$1.00 of value received! This year, 30 of those 75 books were hand-picked as being a good addition to our children's collection.

Every year since 2000, the library has received a like value of books - just one more way that CPPL makes your donations go as far as possible.

If you would like to know more about the Heart of Texas Literature Center, or would like to help review children's books (1, 2, 3 or more a year - whatever you choose), please call Ginny Hoskins at 254-725-7509.



Band Beau nominee Jack Larimore with Sweetheart nominee Mallory McCready

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JH Buffalo Herd against Santo Lions

**Junior High Buffaloes vs Santo Lions last Thursday, October 15th, fighting hard through the rain.**



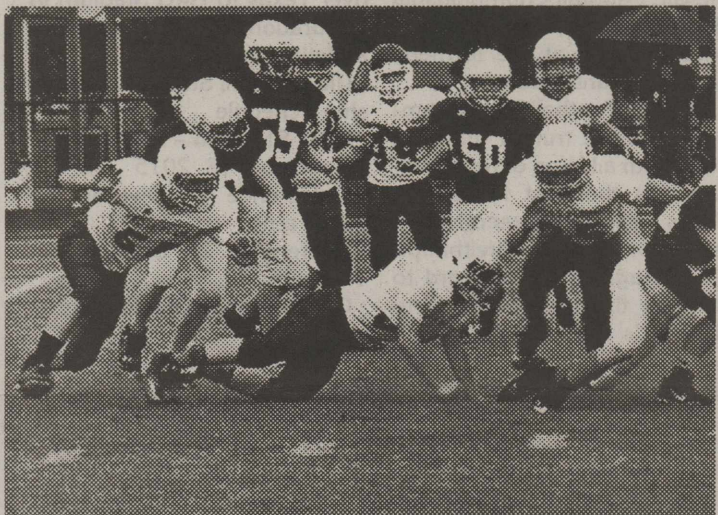
JH Cheerleaders supporting the team through the rain



JH tackling a Santo Lion



JH Buffalo fighting a tackle



JH Buffalo Herd with teamwork



JH Buffaloes working hard



JH with great tackle of Santo Lion player



CP Parents and supporters attend in the rain

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**Football Schedule for October 30th**

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## DPS Increases School Bus Safety Efforts

AUSTIN – In conjunction with National School Bus Safety Week (Oct. 19-23), the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding drivers that it is illegal to pass any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal – either flashing red lights or a stop sign. During this time, DPS Highway Patrol troopers will be on the lookout for drivers who disregard the law.

"DPS urges drivers to make the safety of our children a priority whenever they travel near school buses, and DPS will not tolerate those who break the law and put our children at risk," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Remember, children are particularly vulnerable when entering or exiting a school bus." During National School Bus Safety Week, troopers in many areas will be riding on or following school buses to catch motorists who disregard the law. Troopers will also be patrolling areas where school buses pick up and drop off students, watching for motorists violating the school bus law. Drivers who violate the law could face fines as much as \$1,250.

In 2014 and year to date in 2015, Texas Highway Patrol troopers have issued 852 tickets for passing a stopped school bus. According to the Texas Education Agency, more than 42,000 school buses transport

approximately 1.5 million Texas children every school day.

According to Texas statute, a driver – traveling in either direction – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists going in the same direction as the bus are required to stop. (As a reminder, school buses, by law, must stop at all railroad crossings.)

Here are several safety measures drivers can take to help keep children safer:

- \* When driving in school zones, watch out for student pedestrians.
- \* Slow down and watch for children congregating near bus stops.
- \* Look for children who might dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- \* Know and obey the laws concerning traffic and school buses in Texas.

## Texas ranked second in U.S. for relocation activity and out-of-state migration in 2014

Oct. 1, 2015 – AUSTIN, Texas – Texas ranked second in the nation for relocation activity in 2014, according to the 2015 Texas Relocation Report released today by the Texas Association of Realtors. Based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau, the report shows that Texas continues to be a high-demand destination for residents moving from out of state.

Scott Kesner, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors, commented: "2015 has been a great year for Texas, with healthy economic diversity driving much of our state's population and job growth. Texas is not only a global leader in oil and gas production, but a national hub for technology, manufacturing, and several other industries. The Lone Star State continues to be a great place to live as well as start a business, and the more than half a million people who move here every year are proof of that."

According to the report, Texas followed Florida as No. 2 in the U.S. for population gains from out-of-state residents in 2014, with 538,572 people moving to Texas from out of state. The state's most new Texans came from California (63,591), followed by Florida (40,930), Oklahoma (25,096), Louisiana (23,805) and Illinois (23,258).

Texas once again ranked third in the nation for number of residents moving out of state (435,107), coming in behind California (593,308) and Florida (437,516) and topping New York (424,074) and Illinois (323,468). As with inbound residents, the most popular state for Texans to move to was California (38,990), followed by Florida (29,191),

Oklahoma (25,175), Colorado (24,431), and Louisiana (21,516).

Overall, Texas had a net gain of out-of-state residents in 2014, with 103,465 more people moving to Texas than Texas residents moving out of state.

The 2015 Texas Relocation Report also shows 5-year migration data (2009-2013) on a county-by-county basis for counties within the top 43 designated market areas in Texas. The top 10 Texas counties with the highest net gains of residents from other Texas counties were spread all over the state, with three of the top 10 counties located in Central Texas (Williamson, Hays, and Travis). Denton County led the state for a second year in a row with a net gain of 13,267 residents coming from other Texas counties.

Harris and Dallas counties remain the top two most mobile counties in the Lone Star State, ranking No. 1 and No. 2 in Texas, respectively, for both the largest inflow and the largest outflow of people. Both of these counties once again posted the highest net losses of residents moving out of county, with Dallas County posting the highest net loss of people (27,155) followed by Harris County (18,297).

Kesner concluded, "Texas's unprecedented growth can only continue if our state has the infrastructure and high quality of life to support it. The Texas Association of Realtors encourages voters to vote for Proposition 1 on Nov. 3 to keep Texas an affordable place to own a home by providing property tax relief and permanently banning a real estate transfer tax, and

## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Cottonwood received about 4 inches of rain at the end of last week.

On Wednesday Dena Nickerson and Mary Ella Weaver were in Abilene for a doctor's appointment. They were joined by Dena's daughter's Dena Jo Hines of Weatherford and her granddaughter Ava Hoffmann of Abilene, Connie Potter of Cross Plains, Kathy Franke of Hamby and her grandson Grayson Falon of Hamby for lunch and to celebrate Dena's 81st birthday.

Saturday night family and friends of Dena Nickerson surprised her at her home with another birthday party! Dena Jo and Curtis Hines of Weatherford and grandchildren and Glynn Nickerson and Olga of Boerne were here over the weekend.

The drawing for the Cottonwood Quilting Club's quilt was held at Turkey Supper Night. Congratulations Debbie Edington!

Kelli Bennett, daughter of Bryan and Grace Bennett and Debi Bennett, was named Football Sweetheart at Cross Plains High School. Kelli also competed in the Regional Cross Country Track meet on Monday along with Lorelei and Billy Woodard, Grace Goode and several other CPHS students.

The Fall Festival is this Saturday night, October 31st.

Head out to the High School Gym and have an evening of fun.

Also, Saturday night/early Sunday morning, the time changes – Fall Back an hour or you'll be late for Church on Sunday morning.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce's Hunter's Feed is Saturday, November 7th at the Senior Citizen's Center Parking Lot.

The following Saturday, November 14, is the Annual Lord's Acre Turkey Dinner at the First United Methodist Church.

Ready for some chili? The Cross Plains VFD's Chili Supper is scheduled for Friday, November 20th from 5 until 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Cross Plains.

The BURN BAN is ON. No burning or outdoor welding. No control burns. Call the Sheriff's office if you have questions about what you can and cannot do during the Burn Ban. Their number: 325-854-1444.

### Want To Write Your Elected Officials?

Here are their addresses:

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**Greg Abbott**, Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX. 78711.

**Jim Keffer**, State Representative, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768-2910. Phone 512-463-0656.

**Troy Fraser**, Texas Senate District 24, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, TX 78711 or call (512) 463-0124.

*Washington*

**Barack Obama**, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

**Mike Conaway**, U.S. Congressman, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 2000, Midland, TX 79705, 1-800-882-3811, e-mail access, conaway.house.gov.

**John Cornyn**, U.S. Senator 517 Hart Senate Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. Phone 202/224-2934. Fax 202/228-2856. For email access, go to <http://Cornyn.Senate.gov>

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## 12th Annual Keepers Car Show

The Keepers Car Club set up their 12th Annual Car Show at the City Park on Saturday, 10 October, as part of Clyde's Pecan Festival. The weather was just about perfect for a car show...not too hot, no wind or rain. Folks from College Station to Odessa, Sonora to Grapevine, brought 101 cars, trucks and motorcycles to display among the trees, compete for awards and take part in a live auction of over 100 items.

Participants also enjoyed brisket, pumpkin cornbread and beans cooked up by car

club members. The lunch sandwiches and plates were served out of the Keepers' BBQ trailer with help from Gigi Robinson and some of her Clyde High School students representing Clyde ISD's BackPacks for Kids. The program encourages older students to mentor younger ones and sends food home on Fridays with children who may not have enough to eat over the weekends. The Keepers pass the hat at monthly meetings in support of the BackPacks program and dedicate 100% of our show's food sales

and auction proceeds to this awesome cause! This year's check of \$5,900 will help feed a lot of less-fortunate children in our community!

The Keepers wish to thank our sponsors and club members who made the show a resounding success with generous donations of money for the t-shirts, door prizes, items to go in the goodie bags for the entrants, and the wide array of gifts for the auction. We owe a heartfelt thanks to those who prepared the briskets and beans, and a special thank you to the City of Clyde for their

support and encouraging us to move our event to the City Park...it was a beautiful and festive setting for our show this year and enjoyed by all who attended.

We invite car enthusiasts, young and old, to drop by our monthly meetings at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at Mac's Diner inside the CashSavers Grocery in Clyde and join in the fun! Check out our Facebook page, Keepers Car Club of West Texas, for information about club activities!



Left to Right-Homecoming Queen candidates Charity Long, Alli Doucet, Brielle McGruder, and Christina Aregullin

## Cisco College will celebrate their 75th Anniversary this weekend

Cisco College will celebrate their 75th Anniversary this weekend with a series of special Homecoming events.

Festivities begin on Saturday 10/24/2015 with a reception and registration at the campus in the Student Union Building. Refreshments will be served and the Library and Bookstore will be open. The Homecoming Game with special halftime events starts at 1:00 p.m. at Chesley Stadium with the Wranglers taking on Texas

A&T, including presentation of the Homecoming Queen. This year's candidates are Charity Long, Alli Doucet, Brielle McGruder, Christina Aregullin.

After the game, dinner will be served from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. at the Student Union Building with a dance to follow. The suggested donation for the dinner is \$5.00 per adult. Everyone is welcome to come out and help celebrate Cisco College's milestone 75th anniversary.

## Houston's NRG Stadium to host 2015 UIL football championship games

AUSTIN -- The University Interscholastic League (UIL) announced today that the 2015 UIL Football State Championship games would be played at NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas.

All 11-man UIL Football Championship Games will be played December 17-19, 2015 at NRG Stadium. Houston last hosted the UIL Football Championship Games for the largest conference in 2008 at the formerly named Reliant Stadium.

"The UIL Football State Championships are truly a marquee event with a legion of fans dedicated to the best football in Texas," said UIL Executive Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "The League looks forward to bringing the football finals to Houston's NRG Stadium for a great championship experience."

The 2015 football state championships will mark the fifth year all 11-man championship football games will be played at one pre-determined location. AT&T Stadium began hosting all 11-man games in 2011. The UIL has determined the site for the largest conference football state championship games since 2006.

"We all know that High School Football is big in Texas and it's something we're also well-versed in hosting at NRG Stadium,"

said Kevin Hoffman, Executive Director of Harris County Sports & Convention Corporation. "This will be our first time hosting the UIL High School Football Championship games in NRG Stadium and we hope to secure even more in the years to come. These 10 championship games will bring football fans from all over Texas to NRG Stadium in celebration of our youth and athletic achievement."

UIL Football State Championship Schedule

**NRG Stadium - Houston**  
 December 17, 2015  
 Conference 2A Division I - 10:00 a.m.  
 Conference 2A Division II - 1:00 p.m.  
 Conference 3A Division I - 5:00 p.m.  
 Conference 3A Division II - 8:00 p.m.  
 December 18, 2015  
 Conference 4A Division I - 12:00 p.m.  
 Conference 4A Division II - 4:00 p.m.  
 Conference 5A Division I - 8:00 p.m.  
 December 19, 2014  
 Conference 5A Division II - 12:00 p.m.  
 Conference 6A Division I - 4:00 p.m.  
 Conference 6A Division II - 8:00 p.m.

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## Celebrate Grandparenting: Stay Healthy With Vaccinations

Grandparents are an important part of children's lives. Even before grandbabies are born, grandparents can help protect them from disease by getting themselves vaccinated. For Grandparents Day on Sept. 13th, Texas Medical Association (TMA) physicians urge grandparents to make sure their shots are up to date. "Grandparents want what's best for their grandchildren," said Katharina Hathaway, MD, a family physician in Austin and a member of TMA's Be Wise - ImmunizeSM Physician Advisory Panel. "Vaccinations can help in two very important ways: preventing grandparents from passing on a potentially deadly illness to a baby and keeping grandparents healthy to keep up with their grandkids." Adults may need as many as 10 vaccinations, but two in particular are recommended for seniors: pneumococcal, which prevents infections in the lungs and bloodstream, and meningitis; and zoster, which protects against shingles, a painful rash. Two others are recommended for all adults: a yearly flu shot and a vaccination for pertussis (whooping cough). Babies under 1 year old are at high risk for catching whooping cough. It is so severe in infants that more than half of babies who get it end up in the hospital with complications like pneumonia. And many of whooping cough's tiny victims die. Babies require a series of pertussis vaccinations, so they're not fully protected until

close to 18 months of age. Dr. Hathaway said grandparents can avoid passing on the highly contagious yet preventable whooping cough to newborns by getting vaccinated. A Tdap vaccination (a combination vaccination that protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) is recommended for anyone who will be around a baby, including grandparents. Adolescents and adults should get the shot at least two weeks before visiting the baby to have full protection. Physicians call it "cocooning," vaccinating those who will be near a vulnerable newborn to surround the infant in a vaccination "cocoon." "As we get older, our immune systems tend to weaken," said Dr. Hathaway. "That means adults need a vaccine boost because they are more prone to catching certain diseases, several of which you can prevent through vaccination." Pneumococcal pneumonia, an infection of the lungs, affects about 1 million Americans each year, and sends about half of them to the hospital, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Experts recommend a pneumococcal shot for adults over 65 years and for younger adults with certain health conditions. A yearly influenza vaccination is recommended for anyone over six months of age. Influenza, or seasonal flu, is especially serious for adults over 65. The CDC says nearly three-quarters of people hospitalized with flu-related illness are 65 or

older, and most flu deaths are among elderly people. Two flu vaccines are available for that age group: the regular flu shot or a high-dose version with four times the protection. Ask your doctor which is right for you. People who have had chickenpox are at risk for getting shingles because the same virus causes both illnesses. Anyone can get shingles after having chickenpox, but the risk increases with age. About half of the 1 million cases each year are in adults age 60 or older, reports the CDC. The zoster vaccine is recommended for adults in this age group to help prevent shingles. Physicians suggest you check with your doctor to see if your vaccinations are up to date. TMA has published a fact sheet about vaccinations for adults, in English and Spanish. TMA is the largest state medical society in the nation, representing more than 48,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 110 component county medical societies around the state. TMA's key objective since 1853 is to improve the health of all Texans. TMA actively works to improve immunization rates in Texas through its Be Wise - Immunize SM program. Be Wise works with local communities to give free and low-cost shots to Texans, and educate people about the importance of vaccination. More than 280,000 shots have been given to Texas children, adolescents, and adults through the Be Wise program since 2004.

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# Enjoy a safe Halloween with NFPA's fire safety tips

With Halloween just around the corner, children will soon be out in costume trekking through festive displays in search of candy. However, more than ghosts could be lurking amongst the mid-fall fun, as Halloween costumes and decorations present a number of hidden fire hazards. Fortunately, by following some simple safety precautions from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), you can ensure a day of safe fun for your family and trick-or-treaters.

"Halloween has become such a festive time of year and we want people to enjoy decorating their homes, wearing colorful costumes and getting in the fall spirit," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy, "but this holiday can quickly turn hazardous if proper precautions aren't taken." According to Carli, fire risks include candle decorations and billowing costumes with long-trailing fabric.

NFPA's most recent statistics show that decorations were the first item to be ignited in an average of 860 reported home structure fires per year from 2009-2013, causing an estimated average of one civilian death, 41 civilian injuries and \$13.4 million in direct property damage. Nearly half of all decoration fires in homes are the result of decorations being too close to a heat source.

Thirty-eight percent were started by candles and one-sixth began in the living room, family room or den.

Visit the Sparky the Fire Dog® website to find tip sheets, kids' activities, a pumpkin-carving template and more. Parents and teachers can also utilize NFPA's simple Halloween fire safety tip graphic.

In a safety video, NFPA's Lisa Braxton says planning ahead can help make Halloween fire-safe. Taking simple precautions, like making sure costumes and decorations are flame-resistant, can make the difference between a safe and tragic holiday.

Improve the safety of your Halloween by following these tips from NFPA:

**Costumes:** When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long-trailing fabric. If you are making your own costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes into contact with heat or flame.

**Visibility:** Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costumes. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he/she can see clearly out of it.

**Flammable decorations:** Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs

and heaters.

**Candles/jack-o-lanterns:** It is safest to use a glow stick or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. If you choose to use candle decorations, make sure to keep them well attended at all times. Do not leave them near flammable objects or where trick-or-treaters may walk. Remind your children to avoid open flames. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit.

**Exits:** Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org). All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at [www.nfpa.org/freecaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freecaccess).



Callahan County 4-H Food Show participants and their awards.

## Callahan County 4-H Food Show

The Callahan County 4-H Food Show was held Saturday, October 17th, at the Callahan County Extension Office. A special thanks to our judges who volunteered their time, Brandy Kirkland and Noel Welch.

4-H members participated in four food divisions according to age. The first place winners in each division, except the Clover division, will advance to District competition on November 21st in Abilene, Texas. The entries were as follows: \*denotes

advancing to District Intermediate Division (grades 6th, 7th, and 8th) Fruits & Vegetables-\*Emaly Edwards Junior Division (age 8 and in the 3rd grade, 4th, and 5th) Protein-\*Mikayla Kinslow Grains-\*Katie Saunders Dairy-\*Rylee Knight Fruits & Vegetables-\*Kaydi Edwards, Shaylee Knight Clover Division (7 years & under) Fruits & Vegetables-McKenna Podlevsky

Grains-Joshua Cody, Isaiah Cody Protein-Virginia Allen, Zachariah Cody, Shelbi Knight Age Division Winners Joshua Cody-Clover Division-Grains Category Rylee Knight-Junior Division-Dairy Category Emaly Edwards-Intermediate Division-Fruits & Vegetables Category

Sincerely,  
Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag/NR

## Passport to Texas: Big Tex's Annual Fair

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas

As the pages of the calendar turn from Summer to Fall each year, Texans always seem to have their eyes on one special event. Indeed, millions of Texans will begin their descent on Dallas this weekend for the traditions, deep-fried food, and the world-class entertainment that make up the Texas State Fair experience. States, counties, and communities across the country hold their fairs celebrating their culture, but none can match the true spectacle the one and only Big Tex oversees each October.

This year will mark the 63<sup>rd</sup> fair for Big Tex, our tallest and largest senior citizen. While a fire a few years ago required him to go on a temporary hiatus, Big Tex has returned, new-and-improved. Standing at 55 feet in size 96 boots, his charm is bigger than ever.

The roots of the Texas State Fair began well before Big Tex's time in 1886 with the competing Dallas State Fair & Exposition and Texas State Fair & Exposition. That year administrators at the Dallas State Fair alone recorded over 100,000 attendees—only a fraction of the over three million in record-breaking crowds last year.

When the two fairs combined in 1887, they formed an unbeatable combination. And it's no secret why the masses have flocked to Dallas each October for over a century (with the exception of a few years during the World Wars and Texas centennial celebration).

Stretching 24 days, the Texas State Fair is the longest-running fair in the country. And while three-plus weeks may seem like

a long time — with so much to do, see, and eat, the state fair seems to come and go in an instant.

You can scuff up your boots dancing to live music, pet a shark at the aquarium, or sample the top contenders in the annual chili cook-off. Pig races draw standing-room-only crowds, and "Mutton Bustin" gives our youngest cowboys and cowgirls their first hands-on rodeo experience. There are car shows, livestock shows, art shows, acrobatic shows, and water and laser shows. And you can get a 212-foot view of all the action from North America's tallest Ferris wheel, the Texas Star.

Over the years, fairgoers have seen their share of spectacles. Early performers included composer John Philip Sousa, who gave us "Semper Fidelis" and "Stars and Stripes Forever", and orator Booker T. Washington. In 1900 and 1902, Buffalo Bill and Annie Oakley put on an unforgettable Wild West show, including a buffalo herd and 600 horses. Even Elvis Presley shook his hips in the Cotton Bowl during the 1956 fair.

And between the rides and rodeo events, there is the Red River Classic. Roughly halfway between Austin, Texas, and Norman, Oklahoma, the Texas State Fair plays host to the annual football game between the University of Texas and the University of Oklahoma, still one of the fiercest rivalries in college football. The game draws a large and spirited crowd, myself included, and the split sea of Longhorn burnt orange and Sooner crimson in the Cotton Bowl is a must-see event for college football fans. You can be sure I'll be standing on Bevo's side of the stadium to cheer on the Long-

horns.

If you're hungry after all this activity, you won't be for long. Eating your way through the fairgrounds is a rite of passage for festival goers across the country, and it is no different here in Texas. Fried food is certainly the feature, from classics like chicken or pickles to the more inventive chicken-fried lobster with champagne gravy or the fried latte for a caffeine boost. If you're looking for more than fried Twinkies, you can find the nation's best smoked brisket, mango with chili and lime on a stick, or fresh Texas-made guacamole. For those ambitious enough to try it all, you're in luck. This year debuts the much-anticipated rollout of Thrifty Thursdays, during which you can purchase sample plates to taste all the diverse fare that Texas has to offer.

Since the 1960s, fair operators have released a theme before the big event to build up anticipation — and I can't wait to see how they roll out "Passport to Texas" this year. It'll be tough to cram everything the Lone Star State has to offer into one extravaganza. But as the saying goes, "everything is bigger in Texas", and the Texas State Fair is certainly no exception.

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Senator John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, is a member of the Senate Judiciary and Finance Committees.

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## The Recipe Corner

### Saucy Skillet Lasagna

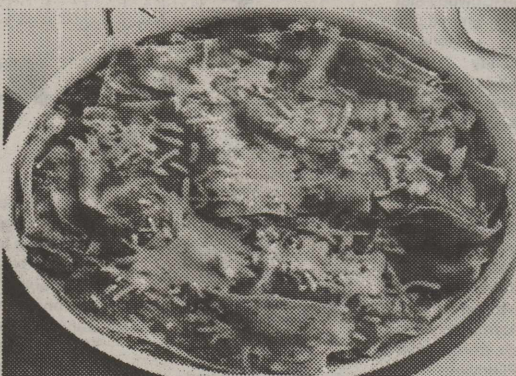
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#### Ingredients:

- \* 1 pound ground beef
- \* 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- \* 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- \* 1 1/2 cups ricotta cheese
- \* 4 cups marinara sauce
- \* 1 package (9 ounces) no-cook lasagna noodles
- \* 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese (optional)

#### Directions

1. In a large skillet, cook beef over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until no longer pink, breaking into crumbles; drain. Transfer to a large bowl; stir in tomatoes. In a small bowl, combine eggs and ricotta cheese.
2. Return 1 cup meat mixture to the skillet; spread evenly. Layer with 1 cup ricotta mixture, 1-1/2 cups marinara sauce and half of the noodles, breaking noodles to fit as necessary. Repeat layers. Top with remaining marinara sauce.
3. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 15-17 minutes or until noodles are tender. Remove from heat. If desired, sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Let stand 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. **Yield:** 8 servings.



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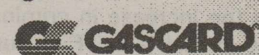
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## Senior Citizens Center Activities

Nov. 2nd- Nov. 6th

**Monday-12th** Exercise 11:00  
**Tuesday-13th** Crafts with Chris 10:00/Exercise 11:00  
**Wednesday-14th** Blood Pressure Check Girling Home Health/ Veterans Honored and Eat Free  
**Thursday -15th** Medicare Open Enrollment 10:00/ Reading with 3rd graders 9:45 & 1:05  
**Friday -16th** Exercise 11:00

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

### SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Nov. 2nd- Nov. 6th

**Monday 6th**-Hamburger Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert  
**Tuesday 7th**- Chicken Spaghetti, Tom Salad, Hominy, Bread, Dessert  
**Wednesday 8th**-Pinto Beans & Sausage, Potatoes Salad, onion/Pickle Slices,  
**Thursday 9th**- Meatloaf, Potatoes, Green beans, Bread, Dessert  
**Friday 10th**-Beef / Chicken, Enchiladas, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomatoes, Crackers  
**MEAL IS SERVED - 11:45 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

## Hallelujah Night is this Saturday on Oak Street

Hallelujah Night...What is it anyway?? Hallelujah Night is a way for our churches, businesses and organizations to come together for one night each year for a fun, free, safe festival and an alternative to Halloween.

This years Hallelujah Night will be held on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Downtown Clyde America. There will be music, food, fun, inflatables, a Photo Spot, games and of course Candy, Candy, Candy!

There will be a costume contest where 1st, and 2nd places will be awarded to the "Best Biblical Costume, Most Original, Best Celebrity look-alike, best group or family and for 6 and under, the most cutest costumes.

This year we have a couple of changes to the event. As many of you know one of our Clyde Police Officers, Brian Campbell, has been diagnosed with Cancer, so there will be a donation bucket set up in front of the Police Station to let him know we as a Community support and are thinking of him and also "Heart to Heart Ministries" will have a table set up for everyone to bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry. (In exchange

those who bring food will be given candy.)

All donations will stay local to help those in our county who may fall on hardtimes and need a little extra help!

ALSO, PLEASE LEAVE ALL PETS AT HOME! They will NOT be allowed into the roped off areas. There is always a large turnout for this event, so for everyone's safety and your pet's safety also, they will not be allowed to enter.

As always Hallelujah Night is a free event. So please come out, bring non-perishable items for Heart to Heart, and a donation for officer Brian Campbell.

If you have not been notified and would like to help to set up a game and represent a business or organization, you may call The First Baptist Church of Clyde at 325-893-5814 or contact Lisa Harber and we will get you set up.

Also the Clyde Churches and the Clyde Chamber of Commerce will be drop-off places for anyone who would like to donate individually wrapped candy or non-perishable food.

Thank You Hallelujah Night Committee and the City of Clyde

## Sheriff's Corner

By Terry Joy  
Callahan County Sheriff

**BUSINESS AS USUAL? TIME WILL TELL**

Law enforcement officers in Callahan County are BUSY. Our inmate number rose to 55 by Monday morning. The Sheriff's Office designated Transporters and I, and deputies-when they have the time-have been busy with trips to and from our 4 contract jail facilities. Recent drug related arrest by Sheriff's Officers, Cross Plains, Clyde, and Baird Police Officers, DWI arrest by DPS troopers, the arrest by a deputy of two suspects involved in a recent home invasion, along with various other arrests, many of them drug-related, have contributed to the jail population increase.

Within the past two weeks I had written that our inmate number had reached 44. That was an all-time high and I was thinking that it could not possibly go higher. But it certainly did, and now there are 55 Callahan County inmates.

If you watch the local news channels in Abilene, you may have recently seen Abilene Chief of Police Stan Standridge speaking on the increase in criminal activity in their area. Five suspects in murders in Callahan County are from Abilene; two of

the suspects in the recent home invasion are from Abilene, and the man charged with the huge equipment theft in the Eula area had been working in Abilene. These increases are an indication of what is currently happening in a good part of our society.

I appreciate the help we receive from the citizens of Callahan County. Your tips and calls to the Sheriff's Office show that you are interested and concerned. Your calls and tips have led to some crimes being solved or averted.

AND A SCAM ALERT FOLLOW-UP that seems so repetitive. Within the past week, our home phone received the 4th call within a 3 day period that THIS CALL was our FINAL NOTICE that the IRS would be filing suit. That made me wonder how many FINAL NOTICES could be issued. Each call left a CALL BACK NUMBER that differed from the one before. And then citizens from around the county started to tell me, or called the Sheriff's Office to report, that they had been getting the same call. So I decided that "just a reminder" could do no harm and it just may get the attention of someone who had not yet received one of these calls. Always be wary of phone calls that "sure seem suspicious" and NEVER HESITATE to JUST HANG-UP.



### November 1

George Mack Taff V  
Laci Wilson  
Billy Hargrove  
Fred Canales  
Sharelynn Bell  
Erica Barron  
Wesley J. Barnett

### November 2

Mason Kane Childers  
Dana McDade  
Don Harris  
Larry Smith  
Sandra Lane  
Charles Jennings  
Virginia Hayes  
Linda Steele  
D.C. Sawford  
Kristen Hope Bland  
Joseph Tirado

### November 3

Glen Dale Phillips  
Mary Dian Graham  
Mitzi Pope  
Mrs. G.M. McConal  
Alan Hilburn  
Caleb Taylor  
Brandon George Foster  
Arista Blaze Smith

### November 4

Gayle Burnam  
Paul Davis  
Hoyt Byrd  
Jackie Nickerson  
David Dennis  
Anita Holland  
Charlie Fortenberry  
Larry Elliot Newton  
Clinton Dean Bailey

### November 5

Jack Watson  
Jay Sidney Harris  
Ronda Gail Kirkham  
Gayla Phillips  
Rick Branham  
Geneve Marshall McWorter  
Clarence Lee Gardner  
Liz Larimore

### November 6

Brittany Crouch  
Randall Scott Pope, Jr.  
Carolyn S. Morgan  
Sharolyn R. Walker  
Aaron Micheal Smith  
Mrs. Eddie Petty  
Wayne Westerman  
Farah Bradford  
Teresa Brazel  
Delanee Vasquez

### November 7

Austin Dunaway  
Tyler James Nichols  
Tessa Jo Wyatt  
Ms. Flora Sutphen  
Mrs. James E. Webb  
Billy Whiteley  
Kora (Turner) Agnew  
Timmie Dickey  
David Williams  
Mrs. Pat Hunt  
Jerry Wayne Simons  
Gary Goodson  
Nell Bennett

## Political Calendar

The Cross Plains Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements for the office filings in the Republican Primary Election set for Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

### For Callahan County Sheriff Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford

Political advertisement paid for by Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford, 4186 CR 273, Clyde, Texas, 79510, Treasurer Patty Ellis. All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$125.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

## WIC Serving Cross Plains

WIC, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children in Clyde serves Cross Plains in Callahan County. We are at the Community Center, 108 North Beech on the 1st Wednesday 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (closed for lunch 12-1 P.M.) and the 3rd Wednesday 8:30 A.M. - 12 noon

Call for an appointment during these hours at 254-212-9914 or 325-893-4552 in Clyde at other times. We are also now serving Comanche County in Comanche (325-330-3351). Visit [www.texasWIC.org](http://www.texasWIC.org) for nutritious recipes, health tips and what to bring to your WIC appointment. WIC: We are here for you!

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## Registration underway for Children's Program

Registration is now underway for "Learn About" Program and LAPSIT Program at the Cross Plains Public Library.

The "Learn About" Program is a pre-school program for ages 3-5. Your child must be age 3 by September 1, 2015. The Children will have the opportunity to do finger plays, sing hear stories, have refreshments, check out books, and "learn about" a variety of activities

The Lapsit Program is for children birth to 3 years (not yet

## Upcoming "Hunters Feed"- Save the Date

It is that time of year again! The Hunters Feed is fast approaching! The date is Saturday November 7th. At this annual event we provide any hunter with a hunting license or land owner a free BBQ lunch. We are in need of donations for Door Prizes! Hats, knives, game cameras, gift cards, chairs, deer corn, flash lights, this list just a few of the donations we received last year! This is a great annual event for the community and we hope to hear from you!

This year the chamber also has open positions for new sponsor's. To become a sponsor for the Chamber's annual Hunters Feed it is a \$50 donation, and your business, ranch, or family name will be advertised in all our upcoming promotions.

We will also be having our 200 tourist bags as a free welcome gift for the hunters again this year. If you are interested in having a brochure, coupon, pen, hat, or some type of promotion for your business in the bags please drop off your item at the Chamber office by Thursday, November 5th, 3 P.M. deadline.

We do offer booth space at this great event! If you are currently a chamber member the booth space is free, for non-chamber members the booth fee is \$10. Make sure to reserve your spot early!

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For more information contact Myleah at the Chamber office! Phone 254-725-7251

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 5 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ dance to that tune"  
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 7 newspaper in Eden  
 8 this Dallas park has large cattle sculpture (2 wds.)  
 17 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ like red ants out of a burning stump"  
 18 annual "Vival El Paso" canyon  
 21 ex-Cowboy star RB, Emmitt (init.)  
 22 "\_\_\_\_\_ Honey" candy  
 23 TX-born Annette who was Marsha Kent on TV's "Smallville"  
 24 TX Lefty Frizzell's "Always Late With Your \_\_\_\_\_"  
 29 this Guthrie has played in several Farm Aid concerts  
 30 this Brandon pitched for the Astros (2010-12)  
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 38 TXism: "if he \_\_\_\_\_ giddyup, you better go"

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1 TX John Nance Garner's job in FDR's 1st 2 terms  
 2 Big Bend trees  
 3 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the barrel head"  
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 9 this Morgan is said to be the "Yellow Route of Texas"  
 10 "outer" prefix, as used in science

11 TX billionaire Howard Hughes owned this film studio (1948-55)  
 12 physical training in school (abbr.)  
 13 Galveston-moored Elissa is oldest ship in this Register  
 14 in Hidalgo Co. on Hwy. 107  
 15 Jerusalem mount  
 16 TX Kenny Rogers' "Twenty Years"  
 19 Van \_\_\_\_\_, TX  
 20 TXism: "I need that like a duck \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella"  
 22 Walter of 1938 film "The Texans"  
 24 Keenan of 1979 film "Sunburn" with TX Farrah (init.)

33 polite address: "yes \_\_\_\_\_"  
 34 former Astro pitcher, Darryl (1991-97)  
 35 High \_\_\_\_\_, TX  
 37 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ couldn't find your nose with both hands"  
 38 more painful  
 40 TXism: "wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ flea" (kind)  
 41 native of Denmark  
 44 Looney Tunes' \_\_\_\_\_ Coyote"  
 47 Galveston's Lafitte pirates: Jean & him  
 49 TXism: "cold as \_\_\_\_\_ house seat in January"



# 7 Constitutional Amendments will appear on November 3rd Election Ballot

**Editor's Note:** Jane Holmes, the new Callahan County Republican Party Chairwoman provided the following information about the seven Constitutional Amendments that will appear on the November 3rd ballot.

The November general election is just around the corner! Are you aware of just what it is that we will be voting on? As it turns out, this election seems to be attracting very little attention because there just won't be much on it aside from some local elections, but there will be seven proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution or propositions as they are called that we will be voting on. Since we are about to possibly amend our constitution with seven new additions, it's important that we educate ourselves on just what these propositions are and then we need to make sure that we show up to vote because amending the state constitution is a pretty big deal.

I'm sure that when most of us hear the word propositions, our eyes glaze over (I know mine do) and we just really do not want to read through all of the legal language that these things are usually written in order to make sense of them, so I've tried to make understanding the proposed amendments easy to understand and to give some thoughts from those for and against them. Hope this helps.

Remember, early voting begins October 19th and November 3rd is election day!!

**PROPOSITION 1** - Changes the homestead exemption amount for school district property taxes from \$15,000 to \$25,000

**BALLOT LANGUAGE** - "The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

**\*\*Self-explanatory.** This will give you a \$10,000 increase in the amount that you can deduct from your homestead exemption therefore reducing the amount of taxes you will pay in regards to school district property taxes.

**PROPOSITION 2** - Exempts property from taxation for surviving spouses of totally disabled veterans.

**BALLOT LANGUAGE** - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."

**\*\*In 2009** an amendment passed that gave 100% or totally disabled American veterans an exemption to property tax on their homestead and then when that veteran passed away, their spouses also qualified for the tax exemption. This amendment will enable spouses of totally disabled vets, who were already deceased in 2009, to qualify for the same exemption.

**PROPOSITION 3** - Repeals the requirement that certain executive officials reside in the state capital, Austin, while in-office

**BALLOT LANGUAGE** - "The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."

**\*\*The current requirement** of an elected statewide official hav-

ing to reside in Austin was included in the Texas Constitution of 1876.

Proponents of this change state that this was included due to the fact that transportation in 1876 was not as it is today and if the officials needed to be in Austin for business and did not live there, it could take days for them to arrive. Today's transportation alleviates this problem therefore making this requirement obsolete. Because these officials will be held accountable for the job that they do through elections, neglecting their duties by not spending enough time in Austin due to the fact that their residency is not there should not be a problem. Being required to live in Austin creates an elite class of candidates who live in and can afford to move to Austin so by removing this requirement, they have to live in their own communities. Finally, most other states in the United States do not require this of their statewide elected officials.

Opponents say that allowing statewide office holders who are being paid full-time to live in other areas could cause them to be infrequently present and to possibly neglect their duties. State wide travel reimbursements could increase because of removing this requirement due to the fact that state business is often required to take place at the seat of government. It could lead to a state officer choosing a residence in an area that would provide a favorable venue for that officer other than Travis County if any legal action was brought against them.

**PROPOSITION 4** - Allows professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles

**BALLOT LANGUAGE** - "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."

**\*\*As it currently stands,** these entities are not allowed to conduct charitable raffles. This would include this specific group in with the other nonprofit groups such as religious organizations, volunteer fire departments, volunteer emergency medical services or other nonprofit organizations that have been allowed to do the same through changes in the constitution over the years.

**PROPOSITION 5** - Authorizes counties with 7,500 people or less to perform private road construction and maintenance

**BALLOT LANGUAGE** - "The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."

**\*\*This increases the population** of the counties that are allowed this provision from 5,000 to 7,500.

Proponents of this amendment say that this amendment would give more flexibility to rural counties and private landowners in those counties to update private roads that are poorly maintained. The private landowners would pay the county for any work performed. Many rural counties rarely have private contractors available to do the work and poorly maintained roads create public safety hazards for citizens and emergency services. Private landowners would still be able to hire private contractors. For those in rural counties, this would provide much needed relief when it is sometimes impossible to get a private company to come and do the work needed.

Opponents want all of the population threshold removed so that all counties in the state would have the option to construct and maintain private roads as long as the private landowners agree and pay the county for the cost of the work.

**PROPOSITION 6** - Provides for a right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife

**BALLOT LANGUAGE** - "The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."

**\*\*Supporters of this amendment** feel that animal rights groups and anti-hunting activists may try to impose stricter limits on hunting and fishing in the state therefore supporters are seeking constitutional protection. It is also said that by protecting hunting and fishing, the economic benefit that comes from these activities would also be protected.

Proponents also feel this would continue to support conservation in regards to wildlife populations.

Opponents do not feel this amendment is needed because no threat to hunting and fishing exists in this state. A constitutional amendment could force regulations in regards to conservation that could be harmful. The amendment causes confusion between a person's protected right to hunt and fish and the role of the state and federal

government in enacting laws that regulate those activities. The line between regulation and right is blurry.

**PROPOSITION 7** - Allocates a portion of sales and use tax revenue to the state highway fund through 2032

**BALLOT LANGUAGE** - "The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."

**\*\*Proponents say this amendment** would provide a much needed stable mechanism for transportation funding in our state. The current mechanism for funding is partially to blame for the condition of the state's transportation system. This pro-

posed funding mechanism would enable projects to be planned up to 10 years in advance due to the fact that funding would be available. The amendment provides base amounts of funding and dedicates only certain money in excess of those base amounts. This amendment provides a mechanism that the legislature may use to reduce the amount of money transferred to the state's highway fund if necessary. It will cause the legislature to review this method periodically to see if it is working as intended and then can be extended as the amendment requires.

Opponents think that this method is not the best way to address transportation funding. The large amounts of money that this will dedicate to transportation related projects would tie the hands of future legisla-

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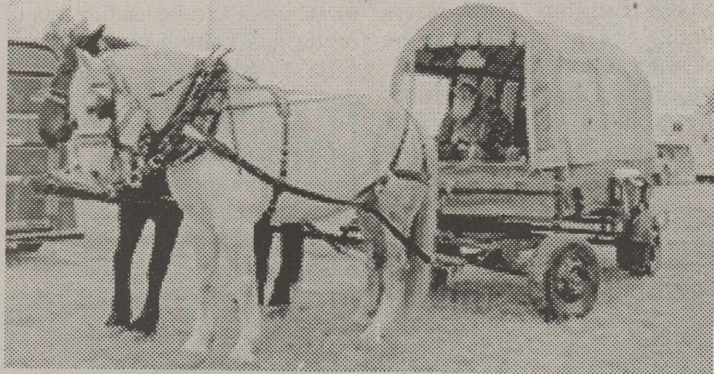


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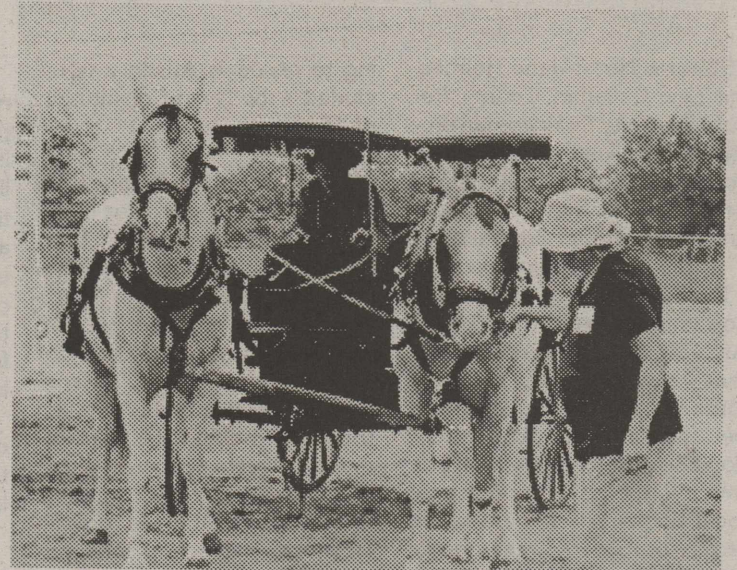
# Scenes from the Callahan County Sheriff's Possee 3 Day Trail Ride!



Billy & Linda Sparks of Clyde, Tx, and their Wagon on the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 3 day Trail Ride.



Blanford and Sylvia Perry of Speegleville, Tx, and their Wagon on the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 3 day Trail Ride.



Jack Wheat and Sally Moore of Early, Texas, with their Black Surry pulled by a team of Palamino Paints.



Dan and Susan James of Potosi, Tx., and their Wagon on the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 3 day Trail Ride.



Paul and Linda Davis and their Wagon on the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 3 day Trail Ride.



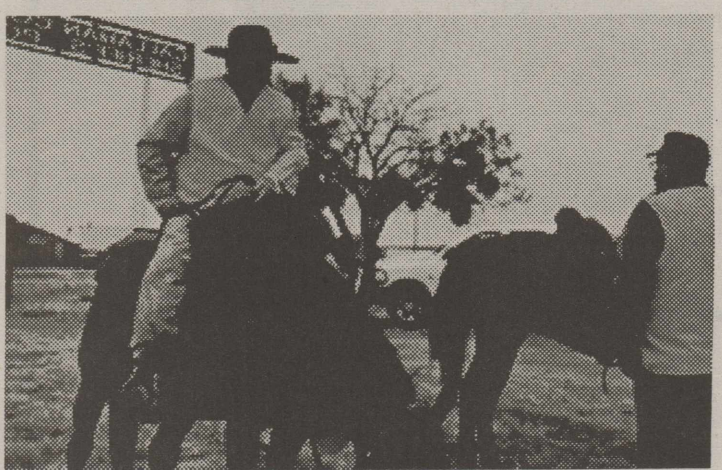
Homer and Carolyn Dye from Troy, Tx, with their big red mules.



Johnny and Paula Dunn of Valley Mills, Tx, and their Wagon on the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 3 day Trail Ride.



Jeanne Kennon of Potosi & Thrumen Brooks from Hodges and their Wagon on the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse 3 day Trail Ride.



Trail Boss David Mays the morning of the first trailride.

## Callahan County Sheriff's Posse hosts 3 day Trail Ride

The Callahan County Sheriff's Posse completed their first Trail Ride since the reorganization of the CCSP. A three day Trail ride which was held on October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th of 2015. The Ride was around 16 miles per day, round robin, beginning and ending at the CCSP arena.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner were served to all who rode in the ride. There was a full breakfast of eggs, bacon, hashbrowns, etc. every morning cooked by CCSP President Steve Goldsmith and Christy King. Then Larry and Christy King cooked up BBQ Brisket, beans, potato salad and all the trimmings one night,

homemade chili another and stew and cornbread on another evening. Sandwiches were served each day at noon, out on the road.

Most of the travelers were in wagons and camped during the night at the CCSP arena.

David Mays was the Trail Boss, accompanied by outriders Monty Shepard of Clyde, Terri Windham Hollis of Baird-Hamby and Wade Smith of Virginia.

Mays is quoted as saying "we rode 45 miles in 3 days in 5-1/2 inches of rain!!" What a trip.

Teams were there for Abilene, Clyde, Valley Mills, Troy, Early and Henrico, VA.

## Health Tidbit-Diabetes

Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the U.S. There are a few different types of Diabetes; this article is going to focus on the most common type. Type 2 Diabetes, also known as Non-insulin Dependent Diabetes or Adult On-Set Diabetes, accounts for 90-95% cases of diabetes in the U.S.

Diabetes is a disease in which blood glucose (sugar) levels are above normal. Most foods we eat are turned into sugar for our bodies to use as energy. The pancreas makes insulin, a hormone to help get sugar out of the cells in our bodies. When you have diabetes, your pancreas either doesn't make enough insulin, or can't use its own insulin as it should. ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov))

Symptoms of Diabetes, may have some or all:

- Frequent urination
- Excessive thirst
- Unexplained weight loss
- Extreme hunger
- Sudden vision changes
- Tingling or numbness in hands or feet
- Feeling very tired much of the time
- Very dry skin
- Sores that heal slowly

• More infections than usual

Risk Factors:

- Older age
- Family history
- History of gestational diabetes
- Impaired glucose tolerance
- Physical inactivity
- Race/Ethnicity
- Obesity

Treatment:

- Healthy eating. I will be posting a diabetic recipe weekly on my Facebook page: Callahan County Home Health.
- Physical activity, at least 30 minutes a day
- Glucose testing
- May require oral medication, insulin, or both.

Complications:

- Heart disease
- Blindness
- Kidney failure
- Lower-extremity amputation

For more information, please visit [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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## Texas Brown Tarantula

With the onset of "All Hallows Eve" we are bombarded with images that can be described as frightening to downright terrifying on the television, in stores, etc. However, as scary as many of these images may be, they pale in comparison to the fear elicited by the largest spider in west Texas for those persons who suffer from the fear of spiders, or arachnophobia.

Tarantulas are a large and diverse group of spiders that can be observed throughout the southwestern United States, Mexico, and South America. The most familiar and recognizable species belong to the genus *Aphonopelma* that is represented in Texas by fourteen species, the most commonly observed being *Aphonopelma hentzi*, the Texas Brown Tarantula.

Texas Brown Tarantulas, like other species of arachnids, have a body that consists of two parts (the cephalothorax and the abdomen) as well as the customary eight legs. As the common name implies, the dorsal coloration is primarily brown, although the intensity of the brown is directly correlated with the age and physical condition of the spider. The abdomen is covered with long, coarse dark brown hairs that are known as urticating hairs. The abdomen is generally one way to differentiate between males and females. The female's abdomen is as wide or wider than the cephalothorax, giving her an hour-glass or figure-eight shape. The male's abdomen is generally thinner than the cephalothorax. Tarantulas are among the biggest spiders of the New World, and this species is by far our heaviest. Females are slightly larger in size than males, reaching a total body length up to one and one-half inch and a leg span of almost four inches.

Tarantulas inhabit a myriad of habitats, ranging from the grasslands and cottonfields of the Panhandle to the gravelly, dry soils of the Trans-Pecos, as well as all of the habitats in between. The most consistent variable in their habitat selection is the looseness of the substrate as they need to have soil in which to burrow. The vast majority of their lives are spent in this humid underground lair. This is especially true for the females, who allow food to come to them, ambushing their prey as it passes by the entrance to her domain. Prey items accepted by this



*Aphonopelma hentzi*, the Texas Brown Tarantula

species include just about any smaller invertebrate creature, including many harmful and nuisance species, but they have been known to feed on small mammals such as mice as well. Food is eaten in a very odd, if not disturbing, way. The fangs are inserted into the prey item, much like short, hollow straws, and the insides of the food are literally sucked from within. The exoskeleton that remains is discarded after the feeding. This is akin to a person drinking a milkshake. We drink the contents of the cup, (usually with just one straw) but then we throw away the inedible container.

Given their dastardly appearance, most Tarantulas are quite placid. However, they have several means in which they will defend themselves. The first is to try and run for cover. The second is the shedding of the urticating hairs on the abdomen, which can be very itchy and irritating when placed in the eyes, nostrils, or mouth of a would-be predator. The third defense is to raise the forebody to expose the 3/8 inch long fangs, and the fourth defense is to actually bite with said fangs.

Although Tarantulas, like all spiders, are venomous, the bite is of no long-term consequence as the venom is rather weak.

Due to their relatively passive nature, many Tarantulas are actually kept in captivity as pets. It has been documented that females can live up to thirty years, and many researchers are of the opinion that they might live longer than that. Males on the other hand generally survive only two to three years.

Every summer, there is a mass movement of Tarantulas that many nature enthusiasts enjoy and this is when mature males leave their burrows and set out on a quest to find food, as well as to look for love. It is not uncommon to see literally hundreds of males on west Texas country roads as they passively search for these items. It is at this time many Tarantulas can be seen in places such as neighborhoods, backyards, and parks when no others have been seen prior to this time.

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