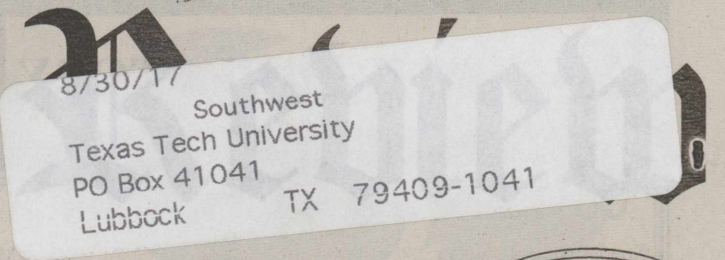
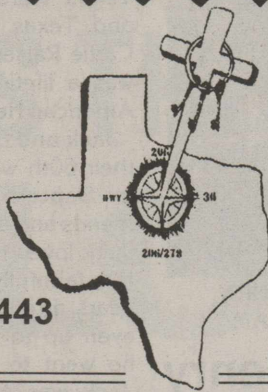


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After her visit with Santa, this little resident snuggled in 'Toy Land' Friday, December 4th

American Legion Post 423 Christmas Party Invites Members to Christmas Party

Instead of the regular meeting, the Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 would like to invite American Legion Members and their immediate family to a Christmas Party Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:30 in the evening at the Legion building located at 701 E 1st, Cross Plains, Tx. 76443.

A meal will be served. Please bring your favorite dessert.

Also, instead of a gift please bring a can food for the Cross Plains Food Pantry or a new unwrapped toy to donate to the Angel Tree.

For more information call (254) 725-4220



Santa and his helpers were ready to hear Christmas wishes at the Annual Kiwanis Stew Supper in Cross Plains on December 4th

4 HIS GLORY CHRISTMAS CANTATA DECEMBER 20TH

4His Glory presents "What Child is This?" their 8th Annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 20th at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 N. Avenue D in Cross Plains. The performance starts at 7 p.m.

The musical, arranged by Joel Raney, features memorable Christmas classics such as "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," and the title song "What Child is This?"

in a multi-media presentation including music, singing and visual accompaniment.

4His Glory, with the combined voices of Amanda Sowell, Matt Sowell, Connie Swift and Rhonda Swift, has performed in the Cross Plains area at churches and events since 1998.

Refreshments will be served after the performance. Everyone is welcome.

Angel Tree at Texas Heritage Bank

Names are being added to the Community Angel Tree at Texas Heritage Bank.

If you would like to adopt an angel to buy gifts for, you may do so at the bank. Please return your gifts (unwrapped) to the bank by Thursday, December 17.

If you are not able to shop, but would like to make a monetary donation, you may also do this at Texas Heritage Bank.

Christmas Events Scheduled for Rising Star Nursing Home

Rising Star Nursing Center is pleased to announce our Christmas Holiday Event calendar for 2015. The Annual Christmas Nativity Play is scheduled for Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 PM. Come early to get a seat! Refreshments will be served.

Our Angel Tree Christmas Party is scheduled on Monday, December 21 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Margie Hartsfield will be here for Christmas Karaoke sing-a-long from 2:00 to 3:00. Santa Claus arrives at 3:00 to hand out gifts!

Time to be a Blood Hero

The next United Blood Service Blood Drive will be Tuesday, January 12th from 10am - 2 pm in Brownwood. It will be held in the Meeting Room of the 2nd floor outpatient building at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Please plan on starting your year off right by helping save lives by donating your blood.

For scheduling you may either head to the link <https://www.bloodhero.com> or call Andrea Lee at the BRMC at 325-649-3392.

Countywide Burn Ban lifted

Callahan County Judge Roger Corn has lifted the Countywide Burn Ban for Callahan County effective Monday, November 30th.

The Burn Ban will remain lifted until further notice.



Old Fashion Christmas Open House

Come to an old fashion Christmas Open House this Saturday, December 12th between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the home of Cliff & Connie Kirkham 20235 FM 2707, Cross Plains, Tx. Please come for fellowship, food, and fun as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Cross Plains 4H News

Cross Plains 4-H will be holding their next meeting on Monday, December 7th. It is at 6:00 at the community Center, once again we are having a potluck; the menu will be soups, sandwiches, chips and dip... and of course desserts. This month's speaker will be Patrick Clark, from the Wildlife Nutrition Center.

2015 Officers elected October 5 2015

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Parliamentarian - Tyler Nichols
Voting Delegate - Shaylee Knight
County Treasure - Spade Koenig

As a reminder, if you haven't yet ordered your Rada Cutlery Fund, there is still time to order Christmas presents. You can get your stocking stuffers, presents for family, or dip mixes for your Christmas gathering. Rada Cutlery is 100% American Made, has items starting as low \$2.75, and has great quality. The website is www.helpourfundraiser.com, Internet ordering #505896, password(lower case) callahan, Then got to Browse All Categories. Items ship within 2-3 days.

Christmas House and Business Decorating Contest

Sponsored By: CP Chamber of Commerce

All homes within Cross Plains City Limits are welcome to participate. Pick up an entry form at the Chamber office. All entries must be received by not later than 3:00 pm Tuesday, December 15th. Judging will take place Wednesday Night,

December 16th. There will be a 1st and 2nd place business, and a 1st and 2nd place home. Prizes will be given for the winners.

For any question contact Myleah at the Chamber office, 254-725-7251.

Upcoming Schedule of Games

December 7th: JHG/JHB vs. Rising Star @ Cross Plains - 6pm

December 8th: JVG/VG vs. Stamford @ Stamford - 5pm

December 8th: VB vs. Lohn @ Lohn - TBA

December 10th-12th: JVB/VB Tournament @ Zephyr - TBA

December 11th: JVG/VG vs. Cisco @ Cross Plains - 5pm

December 14th: JHG/JHB vs. Eula @ Eula - 5pm

December 15th: VG vs. Strawn @ Strawn - 6:30pm

December 15th: JVB/VB vs. Evant @ Cross Plains - 4pm

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The After School Adventure Program met this past Wednesday at the Cross Plains Public Library. The December program had a very large turn out and the children made "Grinch" ornaments to take home. They also enjoyed a Christmas movie and "Grinch" cookies.



Santa and his Helpers in the Christmas Parade December 4th



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Music: Karen Lenz & Diane Woods
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2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

First Baptist Church

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DR. JACK HENRY LONGBOTHAM

Dr. Jack Henry Longbotham

Dr. Jack Henry Longbotham, 85, of Clyde, TX, went to be with our Lord on November 28, 2015 in Brownwood, TX.

Funeral services were held at 10:00AM on Friday, December 4, 2015, at First Baptist Church, Fort Davis, TX with Terrell O'Brien officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Fort Davis, TX. Arrangements are by The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road in Abilene, TX.

Jack was born in Snyder, TX to Bernard Sr. and Connie Longbotham on June 5, 1930. He married Elisabeth Prude on September 10, 1955 in Fort Davis, TX. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University in 1952, a master's degree from Sul Ross University in 1957, and a doctorate from Texas A&M in 1968. While at Texas A&M, he was a member of the Texas A&M Rodeo Team, director for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, as well as an assistant professor at Texas A&M. He was employed by the Texas Education Agency for several years before starting his teaching career at various universities, including Southwestern University in Georgetown, TX for 5 years and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, TX, where he served as a professor and dean of education for 28 years. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served in the US Navy. He was an active member of Pioneer

Drive Baptist Church in Abilene, TX for over 30 years, and held memberships in the American Quarter Horse Association, Texas Hereford Association, and Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Associations. He was a lifetime member of the American Hereford Association.

Jack and Elisabeth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in September with family, friends and a few grandchildren. Jack loved the Lord and served Him faithfully throughout his 85 years, attended church regularly even up to a few days before he went to be with the Lord. Jack was a devoted husband and loving father. He loved his grandchildren dearly and always looked forward to their hugs and kisses. Jack's keen sense of humor was enjoyed by those who knew and loved him. Jack was a very wise rancher and loved his cows and his horses. He enjoyed spending time on his ranch with his family in Brown County. Jack had just spent several days over Thanksgiving with some of his family and grandchildren laughing and joking as he always did. The Lord called Jack home in a moment's notice, and we are grateful for his full life here on earth.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents Bernard Sr. and Connie Longbotham; sister Geraldine Longbotham Bowers, brothers Bernard Longbotham Jr., Charles Longbotham, Billy Longbotham, and twin brother Robert Longbotham; and son, Jeffrey Paul Longbotham.

Jack is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elisabeth Prude Longbotham, children: Jack Longbotham Jr. of Abilene, TX, Beth and Kelly High of Victoria, TX, and Becky Rodriguez of Bridgeport, TX, as well as 18 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jack's grandsons and son-in-law, Kelly. Memorials may be made to The Dr. Jack Longbotham Endowed Scholarship at Hardin-Simmons University, PO Box 16100, Abilene, TX 79698.

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Ward

Locklear of Brownwood, TX and the staff at Brownwood Memorial Hospital for his wonderful care of Jack for the past several years, and the First Baptist Church of Brownwood, TX for their love and hospitality during this time.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.HamilFamilyFuneralHome.com.

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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.

Terry Joy

Political advertisement paid for by Lenora Joy Treasurer, Terry Joy, 525 Stella, Baird, Texas 79510

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.

"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.

X-Treme N'Tensity collecting items for needy in community

X-Treme N'Tensity, located at the Old Gymnasium next to Clyde Junior High School, is collecting non-perishable food items, unwrapped new toys and blankets for the needy in the Clyde, Baird, Cross Plains and Abilene communities this Christmas.

X-Treme N'Tensity owner Tamsey Johnson said collection boxes are available for parents to place donated items for distribution inside the Old Gymnasium front door during cheer and tumbling class hours from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

If you're unable to drop by donated items, Johnson said she can come by and pick-up the donated items by calling her at (325) 725-3719.

Library Notes

Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Tues. 11:00pm to 7:00pm
Wed. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm
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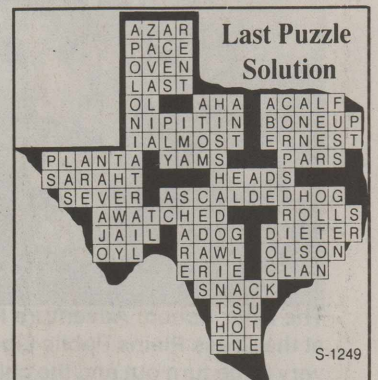
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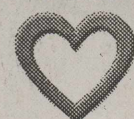
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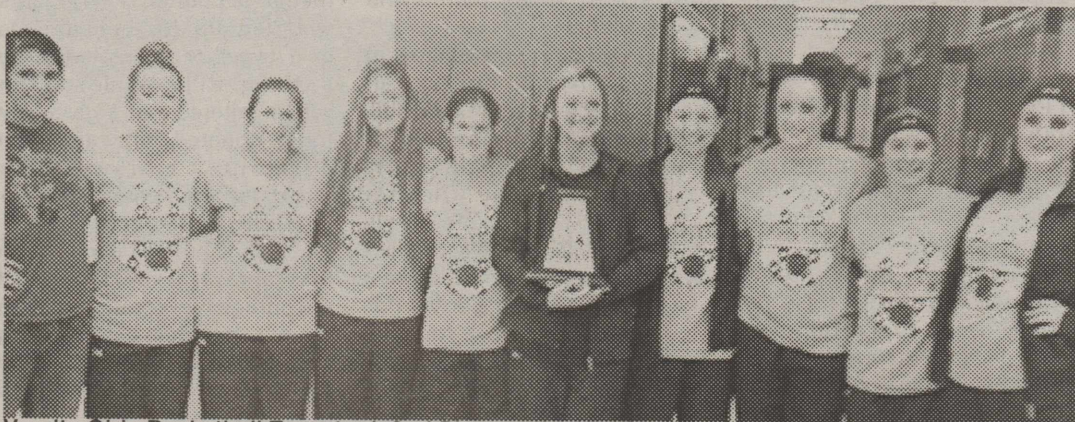
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Thank You

Cross Plains Review Thanks Teresa Koenig for all her support and sharing of photos!



Cross Plains Review SUPPORTS THE BUFFALOES



Varsity Girls Basketball Team took 2nd Place at the Highland Tournament last week, 12/3 - 12/5.

Lady Buff's at the Highland Tournament

The Varsity Lady Buffs took 2nd place in last weekend's basketball tournament. The Ladies played Sweetwater with a final score of CP 25 - Sweetwater 26, Hawley with a final score of CP 46 - Hawley 45, and Highland with a final score of CP 30 - Highland 64. Way to go Lady Buff's!

Basketball



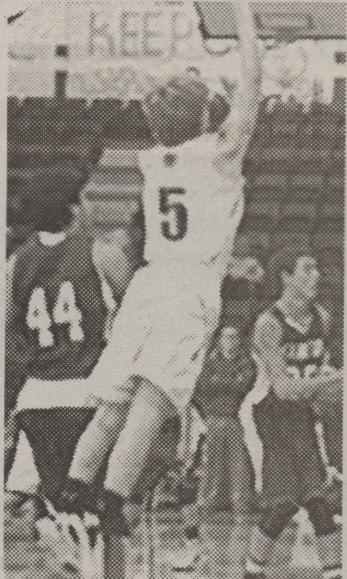
JV Buffaloes working defense against Santo last week



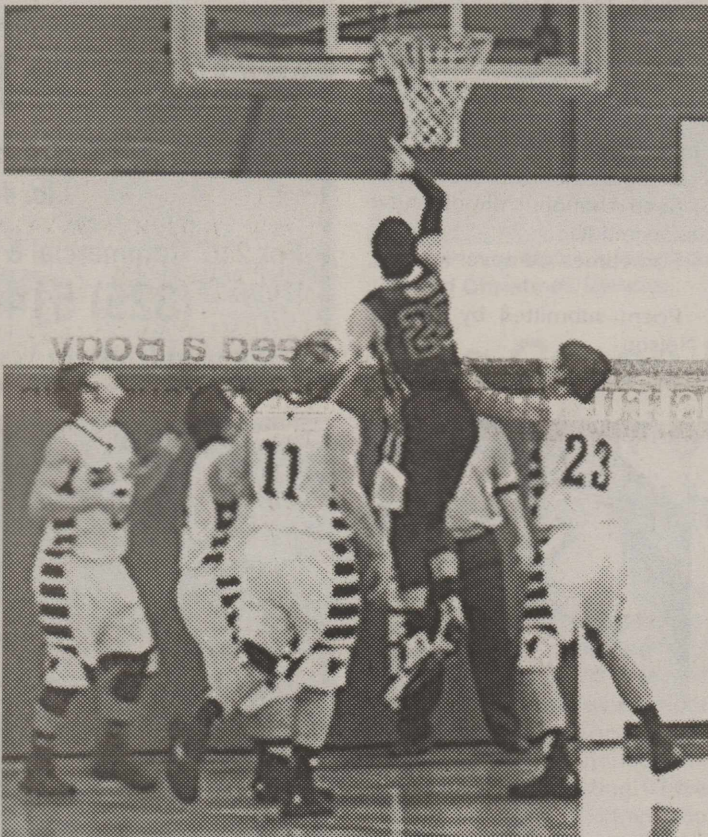
JV Buffaloes determined to hang on to the ball against Santo

JV Boys Basketball

The JV Boys Basketball Team played the Santo Wildcats last weekend here in Cross Plains. The JV Buffaloes edged out Santo with a final score of CP-33 and Santo-32.



JV Buffalo player #5 Gage Connelly adding 2 points to CP's score against Santo



Varsity Buffaloes under the net against Santo. Pictured L to R: #5 Rylan Laminack, #4 Phoenix Sanders, #11 James Briggs and #23 Holden Senclair

Varsity Boys Basketball

The Varsity Boys Basketball Team played the Santo Wildcats last week here at home. The Buffaloes were defeated with a final score of CP-40, Santo-70. The Buffaloes struggled in the first two quarters of the game with a total of 16 points for Santo's 37, but kept pace with the Wildcats for the 3rd quarter with 15 points for both teams and a CP-13, Santo-18 point 4th quarter. Cross Plains Varsity Boys are now (2-1), (0-0) for this season.

The Buffaloes stats for this game are as follows: Goode-9, Sanders-8, Briggs-7, Senclair-7, Revoir-5, Laminack-4, Walker-3, and McDonald-1.



#40 Joe Revoir fighting to hang on to the ball



JV Lady Buffs working defense in the zone in the Jim Ned Tournament 12/3-12/5

hoop it up

Varsity Boys Gustine Tourney

Boys Varsity basketball team finished 3rd in the Gustine tournament this weekend, going 2-1.

The first game was against Mullin, where the Buffaloes used fast breaks and good passing to win the game 52-39.

The second round the Buffaloes played De Leon. The Buffaloes went cold to end the 1st half and let De Leon get ahead, and couldn't climb back out of the deficit, losing 59-48.

The 3rd Place game was between the Buffaloes and Gustine and the Buffs went wild and won with ease, 53-18.

The Buffaloes play Lohn tonight the 8th, and go to Zephyr Thursday - Saturday for a tournament.

JV Girls Basketball Tournament

The Cross Plains Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Team was 4th overall in the Jim Ned Tournament held 12/3-12/5. The Ladies played Abilene High with a final score of CP 25 - Abilene High 27, Cisco with a final score of CP 29 - Cisco 15, Abilene Wylie with a final score of CP 22 - Abilene Wylie 24, and Brownwood with finals of CP 17 - Brownwood 19. The JV Lady Buff's are currently 6-11 for the season.



JV Lady Buff #14 Chloe Alford on defense



JV Lady Buff #11 Kayla Barron and #34 Brooklynn Bell on defense during the Jim Ned Tournament 12/3-12/5

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Varsity Buffalo #5 Rylan Laminack handling the ball and #11 James Briggs on offense against Santo last week

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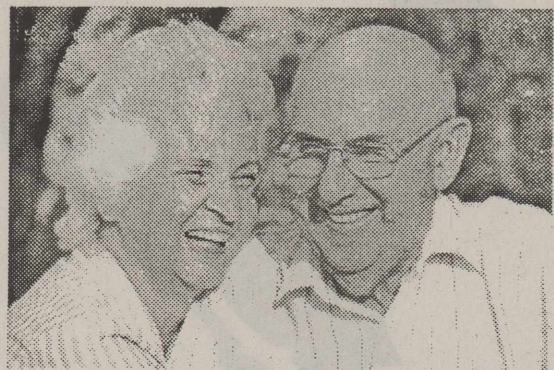
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Callahan County Court
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Misdemeanor Filings

Eric Quinton Taylor, driving while license invalid.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Ashley N. Phipps, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Megan K. Walraven, motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Dana Hogrell, plea of guilty to escape from custody, 45 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Alejandro Alvarado, plea of guilty to driving while intoxicated, 120 days in jail, \$429 court costs.

Brittany J. Pence, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Joseph C. Hyles, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 60 days in jail, \$269 court costs.

Michael Myers, plea of guilty to interference with public duties, 1 year probation, \$300 fine, \$269 court costs.

Christopher P. Correll, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 10 days in jail, \$269 court costs.

Kenneth Tolbert, plea of guilty to assault - family violence, 45 days in jail, \$269 court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Ryan William Burks and Amanda Michelle Farmer, both of Baird.

Richard Michael Craig of Tye and Emily Diane Cole of Clyde.

42nd District Court

John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Paul Yarbrough; Wanda Jo Windham McLaughlin; Gwyn Hanes; Tracy Lynn Goble Lopez; and Glen Yarbrough vs. Frank Windham, Jr.; Frank Windham Management, LLC; Whitney Windham Clear Creek, LP; Matt Windham Bayou, LP; Paula Windham; The Paula Windham Management Trust; Mike Warren as trust officer of the Paula Windham Management Trust; Miles Moore, Inc.; Miles Moore, individually; Gerald Hess dba Jerry Hess Operating Co.; and Jerry Hess Operating Co., breach of contract.

Civil Minutes

Kimberlee Brewer and Stephen Brewer, divorce granted.

"Visit Please"

All over America, with hardly any blame, There are little communities where no one ever came.

Except for an occasional knock from pharmacies at the door.

A once in a while caregiver and then there were no more. We sit here and we see it each and every day.

A long and lonely sidewalk, No one coming up the way! I must say, I don't like this part of life, Being of no one's concern! Even though I should have expected it, Sometimes we never learn!

Poem submitted by Geneva Nelson

TxDot urges drivers to 'PLAN WHILE YOU CAN' for sober rides this holiday season

Impaired driving campaign seeks to curb increase in holiday fatalities due to alcohol

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign urges party goers to plan for a sober ride this holiday season. The campaign runs through Jan. 1, 2016 and coincides with an increase in DUI patrols and enforcement.

"The holidays are a time of celebration and family, but they also require responsible decisions and planning if alcohol is involved," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "Our goal is to save families from the heartbreak of losing a loved one. Finding a sober ride is easy and it can save you from being arrested, injured or killed. There is no excuse for drinking and driving."

During last year's holiday season (Dec. 1, 2014 - Jan. 1, 2015) there were 2,412 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas, resulting in 190 serious injuries and 110 fatalities. This was nearly an 8-percent increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities over the previous holiday season.

Central to the "Plan While You Can" campaign is a statewide tour featuring an interactive dodgeball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes. As participants play, virtual drinks are added and the players' on-screen avatars become

less able to dodge incoming "snowballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction times.

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting a contest on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media accounts. Participants who tag up to three friends in a tweet or a post with the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan will be entered into a giveaway for a donated gift card from a retailer, restaurant or entertainment venue. To enter and learn more, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

As always, TxDOT strongly encourages everyone to plan for a sober ride before going out. Visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Calling a taxi or using a transportation app on your smartphone.
- Using mass transit.
- Asking a sober friend or family member for a ride home.
- Spend the night.

For more information, contact TxDOT Media Relations at MediaRelations@txdot.gov or (512) 463-8700.

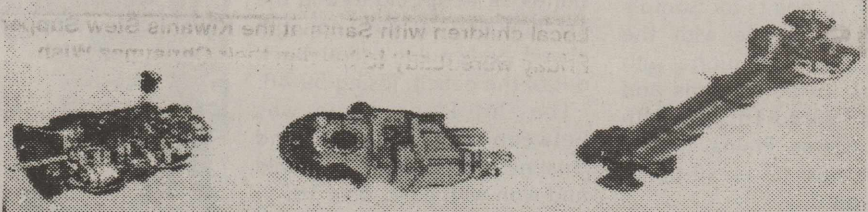
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1 1st woman mayor of El Paso, Suzy

5 TX picante co.

6 TXism: "got a bun in the (pregnant)"

7 TX Larry McMurry novel, "The Picture Show"

8 TXism: "good" boy

9 "now, I see"

12 TXism: "noisy as mama" cryin' for

17 TXism: "the bud" (stop)

20 TXism: "on" (study)

22 TX Ivory Joe's "Lost My Mind"

23 Tubb, the "Texas Troubadour"

24 arborist plea: "tree"

29 sweet potatoes

30 average scores at Fort Worth Colonial

31 Judge Hughes swore in LBJ after JFK died

32 TXism: "noggins"

36 separate

37 TXism: "naked as

43 TXism: "pot never boils"

45 cinnamon & dinner

47 TXism: "calaboose"

48 TXism: "happy as with two tails"

50 a cheerleader, usually

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51 TX Shelley Duvall role: Olive

52 this Lawrence was a past Exxon CEO

53 Abilene's Olympic pole vaulter, Billy

54 canal or lake

55 large TX family

56 nachos

58 fictitious TX college in film "Necessary Roughness"

59 TXism: "sells like cakes"

60 dir. to Beaumont from Houston

DOWN

1 woodland path in SE Grimes Co.

2 in Angelina Co. on hwy 69

3 TXism: "he's holding all the

4 monthly expense for many Texans

9 TX giant "smasher" was much talked about but never built

10 TXism "joined dirt" (fell)

11 TX pest fire

12 "honest" Lincoln

13 Aggies portrayed the Marine team in "A Few Good Men"

14 Santa TX

15 desirous glance

16 "no muss, no

18 layer of wood or toilet paper

19 Gov. Hogg's only daughter

21 JFK's "109"

24 Gov. Smith who urged Texans to "Drive Friendly" (init.)

25 1st name of Rio Grande. Rio de Palmas

26 TXism "the bigger they the harder they fall"

27 Indian tribe of neighbor state NM

28 TX-filmed "Finding Home"

33 Paso

34 TX Dexter singer of "Pistol Packin' Mama" (init.)

35 it flew over TX fleur- lis

37 car cooler (abbr.)

38 TXism: "lion's" (most)

39 aromatic evergreen trees

40 TXism: "clean row (good worker)"

41 in Lamb Co on hwy 70

42 "Galveston" singer Campbell

44 TX singer Trini (init.)

46 George W. to Jackie of TX-based "Smoky and the Bandit II"

50 Corpus Christi ship receiver

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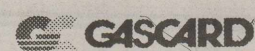
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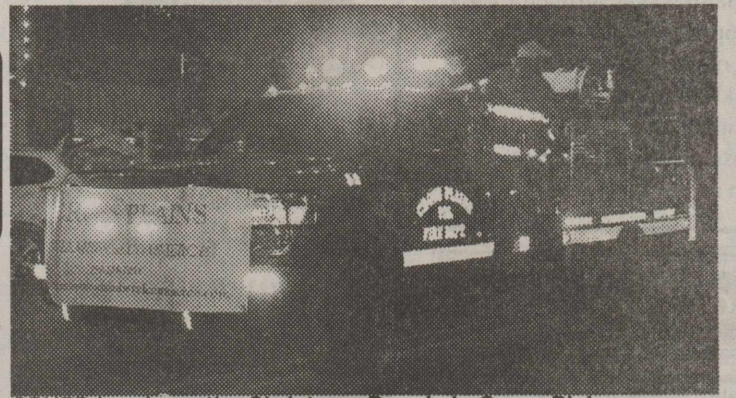


Sara Bien took 3rd in her decked out bicycle!

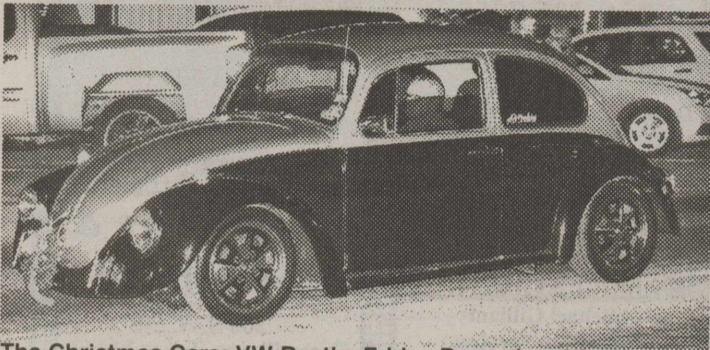


Cross Plains HS Marching Band in Friday's Christmas Parade

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CPVFD heads up the Christmas Parade in Cross Plains on Friday, December 4th



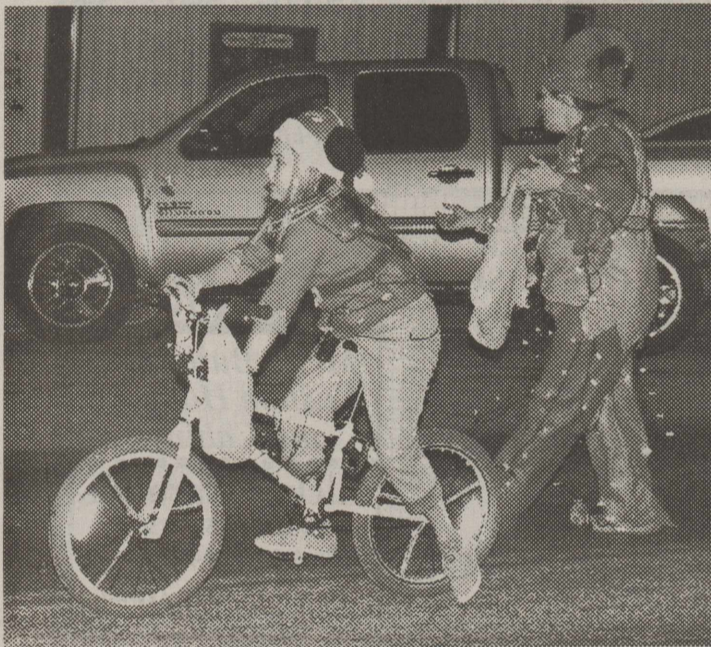
The Christmas Cars: VW Beetle, Friday December 4th



Sheena Apple and her team took 2nd in their Santa Float in the Lighted Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.



Local children with Santa at the Kiwanis Stew Supper last Friday were ready to tell him their Christmas Wish



Elves on patrol Friday evening



Cross Plains 4H took 1st place in the Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade.

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Parade a Huge Success

The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Lighted Parade was a huge success! The Chamber hopes to continue with this new tradition, and to have even more entries next year! The amount of people from community that showed up was amazing! There was at least 100 children who took pictures with Santa!

Cross Plains 4H took 1st place in their reindeer

leaping float, Sheena Apple and her team took 2nd in their Santa float, and Sara Bien took 3rd in her decked out bicycle! Thank you to all who participated, and helped make this great event happen for the community! A special thanks to our board member Stephanie Bien for all her hard work that she put into this event.



The Christmas Cars: Ford Mustang, Friday December 4th



Some of Santa's tiniest visitors had their Mommy's help last Friday



Cross Plains American Legion Post 423 on their decorated float



Local children with Santa at the Kiwanis Stew Supper last Friday were ready to tell him their Christmas Wish

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Cross Plains 4H float: in Santa Hats and Reindeer Noses the 4H club sang carols for the crowd



Attendees of both the Kiwanis Stew Supper and Christmas Wishes with Santa on December 4th



Attendees of the Annual Kiwanis Stew Supper last Friday

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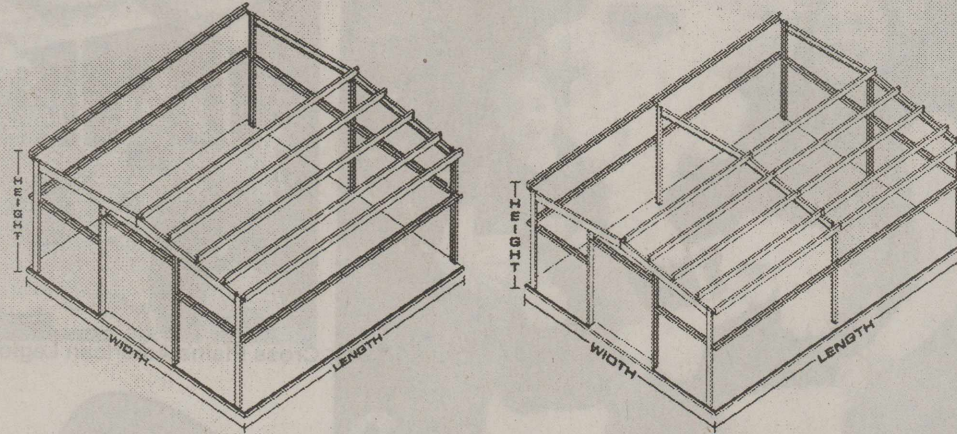
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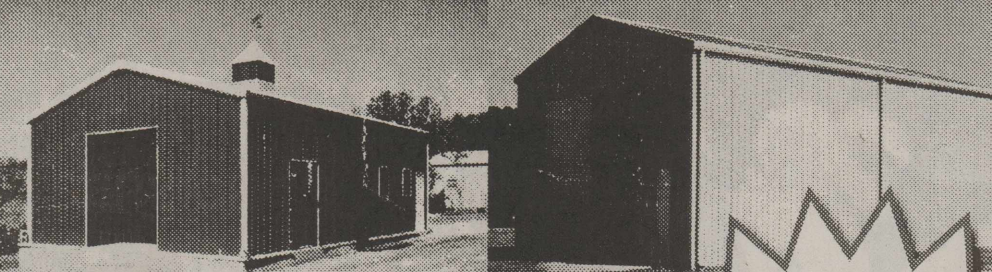
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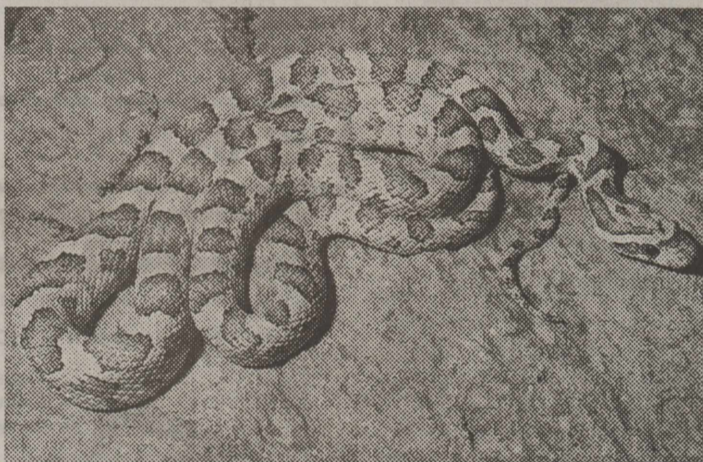
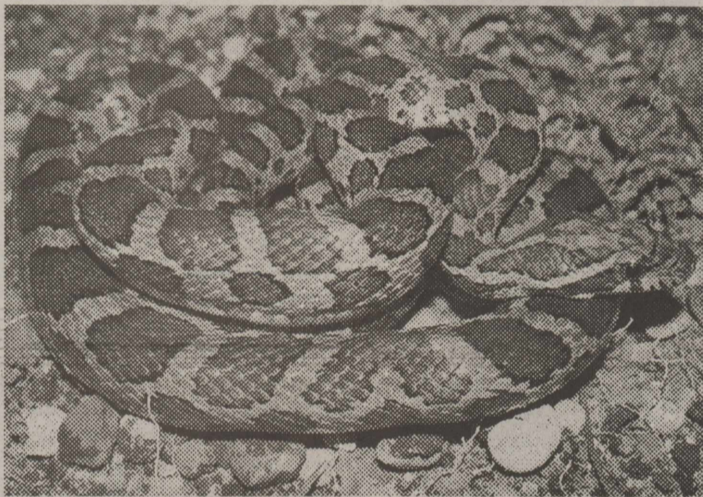
As I have mentioned on more than one occasion, many times a common name for an animal can be misleading. However, the common name of a species of nonvenomous snake that inhabits this area is pretty straight forward. The common name for the Great Plains Ratsnake not only describes where it prefers to live, but also what it eats.

The Great Plains Ratsnake (*Pantherophis emoryi*) is a widespread and quite abundant species of terrestrial serpent that occurs throughout the entire state of Texas, save for a small pocket in the very northeastern portion of the state. With such a widespread range, the habitats that this animal thrives in can be quite diverse, ranging from the open prairies of the coastal plain, the thorn-scrub of the south, the grasslands of the panhandle, the juniper-strewn canyons of the Edwards and Stockton Plateaus, and the rocky portions of the Trans-Pecos.

The Great Plains Ratsnake, also known as the Emory's Ratsnake, is one of three species of the ratsnake genus that occurs in Texas, and it is the smallest of the three. Adults average between thirty and forty inches, although the longest specimen on record was just barely over five feet in total length. As with all members of the ratsnake clan, this non-venomous snake has a slender build; a forty inch animal will barely have a circumference of a grown man's thumb.

Subtly colored, the Great Plains Ratsnake has a dorsal coloration of varying shades of gray, with light gray usually being the norm. Along the dorsum is a single row of large darker blotches offset with a thin black border. There is also a row of smaller spots along the sides that alternate with the larger primary blotches. Both the primary and secondary blotches are colored the same, usually a dark brown color. However, certain individuals possess blotches that may have a shade of green or even rust to the ordinary brown. More often than not, there is a distinctive blotch-colored spear-point whose apex lies between the eyes. The belly is off white and is adorned with numerous black squares, almost giving the appearance of Indian corn and the dorsal scales are smooth. The large eyes, like other non-venomous snakes in Texas, have round pupils.

As the common name implies, this snake's primary prey consists primarily of endothermic animals such as mice and rats. The young of ground-nesting birds are also consumed, as are appropriately sized lizards. Prey is subdued by constriction, but his method of obtaining prey



Great Plains Ratsnake (*Pantherophis emoryi*)

does not mean that the food is crushed and bones are broken. It simply means that the serpent coils around the prey, and every time the food item exhales, the snake tightens its grip a little more until the animal asphyxiates. In actuality, this process, while sounding gruesome, causes a quick and relatively painless death to the prey item.

Like most other ectothermic animals, the Great Plains Ratsnake undergoes a brumation period during the coldest months of the year, allowing sexually mature adults to generate the sperm and eggs necessary for successful reproduction in the spring. Approximately thirty days after mating in late April to early May, females lay anywhere from 4 to 18 oblong eggs in a cluster that will hatch in late June to early July. The delicate hatchling ratsnakes are between

11 and 13 inches in length, and other than being generally lighter, resemble the adults in color and pattern.

Great Plains Ratsnakes are primarily nocturnal, meaning they are active during the nighttime hours. Many are seen crossing paved roads during their hunting forays. They are somewhat docile, and although a larger individual may nip in self-defense, the result is nothing more than superficial scratches. Most individuals never offer this strategy as a defense, and therefore many are collected and kept as pets. In fact, its closest relative is the Red Ratsnake, which is also known as the Cornsnake, a species of snake that is common in just about every pet store.

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The first Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball was held in 1885 at Anson to honor area cowboys and their ladies. This 131 year old winter holiday celebration includes traditional western music, poetry, dancing, listening, refreshments and fellowship. The 81st consecutive annual re-enactment will be held on December 17, 18 & 19. It is a family event always open to the public.

Historic Pioneer Hall (and museum) at Anson has been the Ball home since completion of its construction in 1940. The Ball and Hall are designated an official state historical event and site by the Texas Historical Commission to promote its historic preservation and celebrate its Texas history.

1885 Ball rules remain in effect. Ladies are required to wear dresses on the dance floor. Gentlemen must check in hats, spurs and guns. No drinking, smoking, spitting, fighting, cussing or riding horses is allowed in the Hall.

The Ball was memorialized by rancher/poet Larry Chittenden with his famous poem "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" (Ranch Verses, Knickerbocker Press, 1893). The poem with music was later published in the John Lomax classic compilation Cowboy Songs & Other Frontier Ballads (Macmillan Company, 1910). It was first performed at the 1946 Ball by cowboy folklorist Gordon Graham. The Ball is portrayed in the large 1930s mural at the Anson Post Office and the 1930 watercolor painting by Maxine Walker Perini on permanent display at Abilene's Grace Museum. Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Edna Ferber recognized the "Cowboy Christmas Ball at Anson in Jones County" in her memorable novel Giant. There is also a permanent historical exhibit of the Ball and Hall in the Southwest Collections Library at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The preeminent history of the Ball, its origin, preservation and continuation has been written by Dr. Paul H. Carson, emeritus professor of history at Texas Tech University. It is a classic, impeccably researched, historically accurate and thoroughly documented story (DANCIN' IN ANSON - A History of the Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball, Texas Tech University Press, 2014, www.ttpress.org).

The Ball is also the acknowledged genesis for the Cowboy Christmas concerts throughout the country performed by America's #1 cowboy singer Michael Martin Murphey and his Rio Grande Band. They have highlighted the Ball one night for the past 21 years (www.michaelmartinmurphey.com). Muddy Creek is the faithful house band that has played the other two nights for many years.

2015 SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 17 - Michael Martin Murphey & his Rio Grande Band (\$20 per person). For advance tickets, call (325)537-2589 or email suanneholtman@yahoo.com.

Friday, December 18 - Muddy Creek Band & old-time square dance exhibition (\$10 adults, \$5 seniors & ages 13-18, children 12 & under + active duty military free).

Saturday, December 19 - Muddy Creek Band & Texas Cowboy Santa with candy for kids (\$10 adults, \$5 seniors & ages 13-18, children 12 & under + active duty military free).

The nightly Ball begins at 8 pm and concludes at 12 midnight in Pioneer Hall, 2300 Avenue G, Anson, TX 79501. It is always held the Thursday, Friday & Saturday before December 25th. Additional information may be obtained from the musical website at www.ansoncowboyschristmasball.com or by calling (325)537-2589.

The Texas Cowboys' Christmas



Texas Cowboy Santa makes grand entrance at Christmas Ball with candy filled saddle bags for the children that attended the ball.

Ball Association conducts the annual 3 day Ball as well as owns and maintains Pioneer Hall. It is a Texas non-profit corporation organized in 1937, an IRS 501(3)(c) tax-exempt public historical charity, and composed of couples who voluntarily contribute their time, service and resources. The Ball was copyrighted in 1937 and remains exclusive Association property. A \$500 college or vocational school scholarship is awarded annually to the Jones County high school student writing the best Ball history paper. Jones County high school students also run the hat/coat check and concessions

keeping all proceeds for school projects.

Our area "...offers visitors the look, taste and feel of the West. Events such as...THE TEXAS COWBOYS' CHRISTMAS BALL in Anson are celebrations of who we are and are authentic. People come from across miles and miles of Texas, other states and even other countries to experience Texas as it was and still is." - Abilene Reporter-News editorial promoting National Travel & Tourism Week (May 3, 2015).

John Compere (Texas Cowboys' Christmas Ball Association Historian and Santa)



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Please call 325-671-4419 for more information. Classes are free and sponsored by the Abilene Independent School District.

Grand Ole Oplin December lineup

Everyone is invited out each Friday to the Grand Ole Oplin for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. On Dec. 11th MIDNIGHT BLUE will be joining us playing all your favorite old country tunes, on Dec. 18th MIDNIGHT BLUE returns playing the kind of country music that is sure to make you want to get up and dance. On Friday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day there will be no dance but on Thursday, Dec. 31st we hope everyone will come out and ring in the New Year with us. Our New Year's Eve dance will be held from 8:00 p.m. until shortly after midnight with admission being \$8.00 per person. MUDDY CREEK will be here to ring in the New Year. There will also be no dance on New Year's Day,

January 1st.

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. Alcohol and smoking are not allowed at any of our community center functions. Our regular Friday night dances begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 p.m. Admission to our regular Friday night dance is \$5.00 per person.

Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be shared by all during the band's break.

Our dance hall is beautifully decorated for the holidays (Alice Denunzio along with Judy and Regina Woodard and their helpers did a fantastic job!) So gather the family and all your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin!

DPS Offers Tips to Avoid Vehicle Theft During the Holidays

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding Texans about the potential for vehicle thefts during the holiday season and is advising individuals to take extra precautions to guard against possible auto thefts. Vehicle burglaries are also a concern during the holiday season.

"The holiday season is a busy time for everyone - including criminals; and DPS is urging Texans to do what they can to keep vehicles and valuables safe from possible thieves," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The months of December and January can be prime times for auto theft and burglaries. It is important to always lock car doors and store valuables out of sight."

In December 2014, 5,717 automobiles, pickups and motorcycles were recorded stolen, making it one of the highest months for vehicle thefts that year, outside of the summer months. In addition, more than 13,190 vehicle burglaries were reported and \$13.3 million in property stolen last December, also making it one of the highest months that year.

DPS offers the following tips that Texans can follow to help

protect against vehicle theft:

- Never leave your car running unattended, even for a quick visit to a business or store.

- Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.

- Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home.

- When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas.

- Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased risk for theft.

- Never leave personal documents, vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.

- Always keep valuables or property hidden out of sight or locked in the trunk.

If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.

For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention>.

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USDA Begins 49th Enrollment Period for the Conservation Reserve Program

December 2015 Marks 30th Anniversary for the Nation's Most Successful Voluntary Conservation Program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded farmers and ranchers that the next general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins today, Dec. 1, 2015, and ends on Feb. 26, 2016. December 2015 also marks the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally funded program that assists agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were enrolled in CRP. CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPis30.

"Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor

enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country," said Vilsack. "Today, CRP continues to make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat."

Participants in CRP establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. At times when commodity prices are low, enrolling sensitive lands in CRP can be especially attractive to farmers and ranchers, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides ecological benefits. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. The long-term goal of the program

is to re-establish native plant species on marginal agricultural lands for the primary purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving water quality and related benefits of reducing loss of wildlife habitat.

Contracts on 1.64 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2016. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Since it was established on Dec. 23, 1985, CRP has:

Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;

Reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;

Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Since 1996, CRP has created nearly 2.7 million acres of restored wetlands.

For more information FSA conservation programs, visit

a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The Conservation Reserve Program was re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing, and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Comptroller's Office accepting Match the Promise Scholarship applications through Dec. 31st

(AUSTIN) — Comptroller Glenn Hegar today reminded Texans that applications are being accepted for Texas Match the Promise FoundationSM scholarship awards through Dec. 31, 2015.

Match the Promise scholarship awards are available for fifth through ninth graders whose families have an annual income of \$100,000 or less and participate in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (TTPF), the state's prepaid college tuition plan.

The foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, offers these competitive scholarships to encourage Texas families to save for college. Winners receive matching scholarships of tuition units worth up to \$1,000 at today's prices, and top-scoring recipients can also receive one-time grants of tuition units worth \$2,000 at today's prices.

"The Match the Promise Foundation scholarship reflects our agency's belief in the importance of higher

education," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "Students across the state should take advantage of this opportunity to be part of Texas' prepaid college tuition plan."

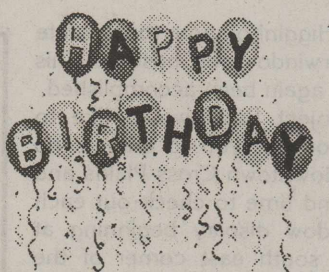
Eligible students can apply for Match the Promise scholarships now through Dec. 31, 2015. Families also can enroll in the TTPF during this time if they have not already done so.

Application materials and more information on the scholarships and TTPF can be found at MatchThePromise.org or by calling 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-1696.

Match the Promise is funded by individuals who have donated the cash value of property held in the state's unclaimed property program, as well as by donations from individuals, businesses and organizations and through the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The foundation is a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt public charity and is eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.



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- December 18**
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 Brittany Franke
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 Sherry Ann Wilson
 J.T. Merry
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 Tommy Ames
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- December 16**
 Kathy Jo Woody
 Bobby Taylor
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Dec. 14th- Dec. 18th
 Sunday-13th- Christmas Cantata FBC 6:30pm
 Monday-14th Exercise 11:00
 Tuesday-15th Crafts with Chris 10:00/Game Night 600 pm
 Wednesday -16th Happy Birthday /Foot Care by Girling Home Health
 Thursday -17th Exercise 11:00 Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45- 1:05
 Friday -18th 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

Dec. 14th- Dec. 18th

Monday 14th Chili Cheese Dogs (onion, relish, cheese) Oven Fries, Dessert

Thursday 17th Chicken on a Bun, Oven Fries, Fruit Cup, Cookie

Tuesday 15th Soft Taco's Lettuce, Tomato Salad, Re-fried Beans, Dessert

Friday 18th Cheeseburger cassarole, Carrots, Bread, Dessert

Wednesday 16th Ham , Sweet Potatoes, Green-Beans, Roll, Dessert

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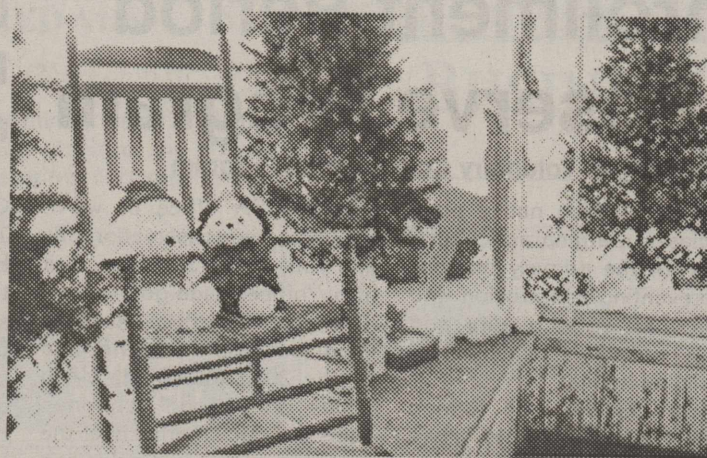
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Christmas On Main Street

Calendars are marked to remind us when we should celebrate and traditions tend to tell us how. The month of November has just slipped away and December has arrived.

In many nations the month of December is highly celebrated by Christians. Most activities are in some way related to Christ's birth on December 25 more than 2000 years ago.

Tradition seems to already be in place in Cross Plains this year. The Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Department arranged a parade to accompany Santa Claus with all his helpers into town to get everything started.

Most churches are hosting special services and musical productions and businesses are getting all "dressed up" in their holiday best.

For a number of years Project Pride has been commissioned

by Higginbothams to decorate their windows for Christmas. This has again been accomplished.

Project Pride would like to encourage you to take a trip to downtown Cross Plains and spend time to check out each window display beginning at the south east corner of the block where the Christmas bears and their little friends are enjoying the lighted outdoors trees.

Move on around the corner to the north and view the Nativity display with figurines depicting the first Christmas.

Next comes the big Santa Claus surrounded with gifts for all ages. Santa is also keeping watch over the next window, which has been tagged "the camouflage window" which fits right in with a popular sport in our area.

Hope to see you downtown. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Higginbothams Christmas windows 2015



Santa Claus is coming to town

Please join The Baird Chamber of Commerce, as we welcome Santa Claus to the Arches in downtown Baird.

The Christmas Village will open from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM beginning Friday, November 27th. The Village will be open every Friday and Saturday evening up until December 19th.

We would like to extend a

big hearted Thank you to the Chamber, City Hall, Homestead Nursing Rehab of Baird and the other many volunteers for their help in creating this fun event.

Entrance into the Christmas Village will be free to all, with donations being accepted. Please come celebrate the holiday season and enjoy hot cocoa and cookies.

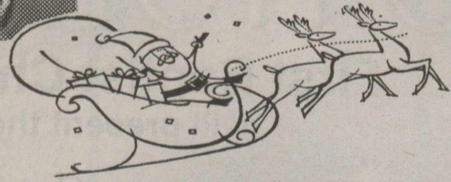


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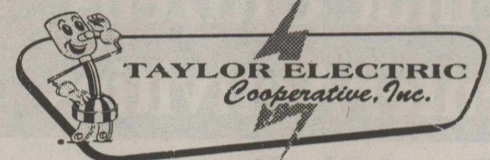
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DPS Reminds Texans of Winter Weather Safety Tips

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) urges Texans in all regions of the state to make preparations for winter weather as Texas enters into the cold weather season. Texans should stay informed about weather conditions in their area and remain prepared for possible winter weather, which could impact the state during the coming months.

"Ensuring the safety of Texans is paramount for the department and our law enforcement partners, and DPS is urging individuals to do their part by preparing now, staying alert about weather reports and heeding warnings by their local officials during severe winter weather," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

Inclement weather over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend - when parts of the state experienced wintery precipitation - highlights the importance of being prepared and the need for extra caution during hazardous winter weather.

"As the busy holiday season continues, it is crucial that Texans stop to remember that significant weather threats can emerge at any time and bring the potential for heavy rains, low temperatures and freezing precipitation," said DPS Texas Division of Emergency Management Chief Nim Kidd. "Individuals should make preparations now to ensure their homes and vehicles are adequately equipped and maintained to handle storms or hazardous conditions."

Last weekend Texas experienced rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow that created

hazardous travel conditions in the Texas Panhandle and West Texas, which led to swift water rescues in areas of North Texas. While the heavy rains have subsided and temperatures continue to rebound, more rainfall, flooding and below average temperatures that aid wintery precipitation will persist through the winter months with an El Niño weather pattern in place according to the National Weather Service. Additionally, river flooding is still ongoing along several Texas rivers and creeks from previous rain events.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during possible winter weather:

- Monitor local weather broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, at <http://www.weather.gov/>.
- Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information.
- Sign up for your local emergency notification system.
- On icy roads, drive slowly and increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.
- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip.
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting www.drivetexas.org.

Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant-fluid), tire

pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves and a hat.
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- First-aid kit and pocket knife.
- High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water.
- Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.
- Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and a shovel.

Here are some additional steps to prepare for winter weather:

- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.
- Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.
- Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets and livestock.
- Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water.
- If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks.
- Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work.
- Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

Visit <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem/ThreatAwareness/winterstorm.htm> for additional information and tips regarding winter weather preparedness.

Cross Plains ISD Semester Exam Schedule

Semester exam schedule: December 2015

Wednesday, December 16

1st period exam:

8:00-9:05 am

5th period exam:

9:10-10:10 am

8th period exam:

10:15-11:15 am

7th period exam:

11:20-12:30 pm

Lunch/tutorials:

12:30-1:00 pm

Thursday, December 17

2nd period exam:

8:00-9:05 am

3rd period exam:

9:10-10:10 am

4th period exam:

10:15-11:15 am

6th period exam:

11:20-12:30 pm

Lunch/tutorials:

12:30-1:00 pm

Friday, December 18

1st period:

8:00-8:47 am

2nd period:

8:51-9:39 am

3rd period:

9:43-10:30 am

4th period:

10:34-11:22 am

5th period:

11:26-12:30 pm

Lunch/tutorials:

12:30-1:00 pm

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, all students will report to lunch/tutorials after their last class period of the day until 1:00 unless:

They are signed out by their parents or guardians, or

They have a valid driver's license on file and have a valid note from their parent or guardian- (no phone call permissions from parents will be granted), or

They are 18 or older and have a valid license and sign out appropriately. No students will be allowed to leave campus prior to 1:00 pm with anyone other than their parent or guardian who has followed the appropriate sign-out procedure.

What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms

A vigilante is loose in Kansas City and doling out his own brand of justice in Book #7 of Robert Thornhill's Lady Justice Series. In "Lady Justice and the Vigilante," criminals are going free on technicalities and the vigilante is causing opinions to split on the question: is it justice or is it murder to eliminate these suspects? The "justice" served up by the vigilante is causing everyday citizens to take up arms and defend themselves - sometimes with unjustified results.

Once again, Thornhill approaches a sensitive issue with humor in this mystery-comedy novel. In the first chapter, the reader can't help but feel anger toward the suspect and the criminal justice system when a rapist goes free. Kansas City cop Walt Williams is assigned to capture the perpetrator, but when this issue hits close to home, he must make a difficult decision. While hunting down the vigilante, Williams is taken on several assignments that involve his merry band of senior citizens. We are also introduced to a female cop, Judy, whose interest in Walt's partner Ox provides us with more comic relief in this and upcoming novels.

This series is an easy read and full of suspense and comedy. Start with book #1 and enjoy the ride!

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Callahan County Library news

New books at the Callahan County Library are: Garden of Lies by Amanda Quick, Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham, Foreign Affairs by Stuart Woods and Some Like it Hawk by Donna Andrews.

From the Past
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Our Little Trip East
We spent several days this week at Fort Worth and Dallas where we saw much to write about...

We found Fort Worth lively for this season of the year which is generally inclined to be dull. There are a great many new and very substantial building in course of construction. The way the Fort is building up would astonish any one not visiting the place more than three or four times a year. She is certainly destined to become one of the important cities of Texas...

Joseph H. Brown is the leading wholesale groceryman here if not in the State, and is doing an immense business line...

There seems to be no end to the go-a-headative spirit displayed by the people of this booming young city, and her railroads, enterprise, public spirit, liberality and natural advantages give her the prominence she so richly deserves.

Taking the accommodation train on Tuesday morning we were soon hurried into Dallas. Well, Dallas is a good town, possessing more wealth, more population but not quite so much enterprise as her sister town, Fort Worth...

While we were highly entertained by a stroll through Fox's candy manufactory, where it made about 1,000 lbs. of stick candy besides many pounds of fancy candy daily, all of which finds ready sale.

On Wednesday the funeral of Judge Good, a brother-in-law of Mr. Floyd of Belle Plain, and an old and highly respected

citizen of Dallas, having honorably acquitted himself as her Mayor. He spent about two months in Belle Plain, trying to regain his health, and then started for California but death overtook him at El Paso; his remains were brought to Dallas and buried by her citizens. The procession was one of the largest ever seen in the city.

We took a walk to and did some shopping in that large and popular store of Sanger Bros., where if a person once deals will be sure to return and deal again. This is one of the most systematically conducted stores in the State. The firm spend thousands of dollars in advertising and they reap their reward by commanding the largest trade of any store in the Texas.

We owe much of our pleasures during our stay in the city to our esteemed friend, Capt. L. F. Smith, of the law firm of Crawford & Smith, who is one of the most popular men in all the country.

A very heavy rain fell on Wednesday which made the streets appear as though last winter had returned. At about 8:30 p.m. we took the west bound train for home, where we arrived on time Thursday morning, and glad to get back and meet our many friends and breathe once more the pure, fresh, cool, healthy atmosphere of Callahan county where one is not subjected to being eaten alive by mosquitoes, as was the case at Fort Worth and Dallas.

Over the State
Dallas talks of building the largest cotton factory in the South.

The cotton crop in Austin county, it is thought, will bring a million of dollars this year.

The walls of the temporary capitol at Austin are considered unsafe, and will be torn down.

Dallas claims twenty thousand in habitants, and among them were but two deaths last week.

Colorado is to have a National Bank with a capital of \$100,000. J. W. Coleman has been elected president.

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Local outdoor decorating pros offer tips for creating bright & beautiful holiday displays

Abilene, TX (Grassroots Newswire) December 8, 2015 - The holiday decorating season is now in full swing with property owners busy highlighting homes and businesses with festive outdoor décor. The decorating pros at Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric in Abilene have borrowed a theme from classic holiday carol to offer local residents their 12 Days of Christmas Tips for a safe and sparkling holiday:

1. Use LED Lights. They burn at a lower temperature and use nearly 90 percent less energy than incandescent lights, making them a safer and more efficient option.
2. Choose a Theme. Whether you like a traditional look or a more colorful, contemporary approach, keep your theme consistent to create an attractive and cohesive look.
3. Be Unique. Be true to yourself in your design. Find something that speaks to your style and make that the focus of your display.
4. Use a Timer. Timers are great investments that save energy and hassle. Set your timer to come on about 30 minutes before sunset and to go off between 11 pm and midnight.
5. Warm White vs. Cool White. LED lights come in two shades of white: traditional warm white and cool white. Choose your

favorite. Both create a dazzling holiday look.

6. Don't Over Do It. You can create a car-stopping display without becoming the Griswolds by adding eye-catching elements like character figures or animation lighting.
7. Use Daytime Décor. Since lights don't show up well during the day, add daytime décor such as greenery of character figures to keep your home looking festive all day long.
8. Never Use Old Products. Test all your lighting products before installation to confirm that all are in good working order. Replace any questionable or worn bulb or light strand.
9. Highlight the Features of Your Home. Outline a distinct roof line or windows with lights, drape an archway with a lit garland, or light the pathway to your home's door.
10. Don't forget the Backyard. Decorate a small area in your backyard to create a holiday focus through your windows. Light a tree or add a lit wreath to a piece of hardscape.
11. You Don't Need to Do It All at Once. Start with a display that fits your budget and capabilities and add to it over time. This keeps your décor feeling new each year.
12. The twelfth and final tip, says Matt Robinson of Christmas Decor by Lone Star

Electric in Abilene, is really the most important: "When in Doubt, Call the Pros". If you are nervous about climbing that giant ladder or aren't sure how many strands you can plug into one socket, don't risk it.

"Our professional holiday decorators not only minimize the risks inherent in installing holiday and event lighting displays," says Robinson, "they also achieve results that far exceed what an average property owner can accomplish with consumer-grade décor."

Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric, a franchise member of Christmas Decor - the premier holiday lighting and decorating company in North America - works with home and business owners in the Abilene area to design, install, take down and store top-quality, high impact outdoor lighting, décor and special effects to light up the holidays safely and beautifully.

There is still time to have Christmas Decor decorate your home or business this holiday season. To schedule an appointment for a consultation or installation, please contact Matt Robinson of Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric in Abilene at (325) 668-1364 or christmasdecor@lonestar@yahoo.com.

You can also learn more at www.christmasdecor.net.

About Christmas Decor

Since its inception in 1986, Christmas Decor has risen to become the premier holiday lighting and decorating company in North America. The Texas-based company was founded by Blake Smith as an off-season supplement to his landscape business and as a method to provide year-round work for employees. Christmas Decor quickly emerged as a viable business opportunity and today, operates in more than 350 markets in 48 states and Canada. Plans are underway to open locations in more than 100 new markets through franchise expansion in select communities around the country.

Christmas Decor is highly revered in its field and has received consistent recognition for its efforts; some highlights include having been named one of a Top Ten Home Improvement Franchises for 2008 by Entrepreneur Magazine and AOL Small Business. Christmas Decor's parent company, The Decor Group, also offers the Nite Time Decor franchise opportunity, a growing 30-unit concept specializing in architectural and landscape lighting services. For more information, visit www.christmasdecor.net.

Abilene area Mom's Club invites you to our monthly meeting

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:45 pm at 1470. Woodland Trail, Abilene.

Please join us for a light meal. You will get to meet other Aggie Moms and learn a little more about Texas A&M and all of its traditions! Whoop!

We meet the third Tuesday of each month, at 6:45 pm for refreshments and fun.

If you can't make the meeting but would like more information, please call or email either of the following:

- Emily Meador - 325-864-3902 emilymeador@gmail.com
- Shelley Hughes - 325-669-6271 ramhughes@hotmail.com

Volunteers needed to help with tax preparation statewide

AUSTIN, TEXAS—AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is a free tax assistance and preparation program for taxpayers with low to moderate income through the AARP Foundation—and it's in need of volunteers to help out statewide in the next tax season.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has volunteer opportunities at every level of skill and experience for people who want to stay sharp while giving back. Tax preparation volunteers will complete a tax preparation workshop from the Internal Revenue Service prior to working with taxpayers. There is also a need for grassroots leaders, on-site greeters, those who are skilled in technology, and dedicated translators who can provide language assistance in Spanish, Mandarin or Cantonese.

Last year, 2,037 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 162,317 people file their federal tax returns. The program is offered at approximately 284 sites in Texas including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations.

"AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides the perfect opportunity for people to help others," says Ron Craig, the volunteer leader who oversees Tax-Aide across Texas. "In Texas, our volunteers really take pride in helping their community."

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has grown remarkably since its inaugural team of just four volunteers in 1968. The program now involves more than 35,000 volunteers and serves 2.6 million taxpayers annually at more than 5,000 sites nationwide with free tax help. Taxpayers who used AARP Foundation Tax-Aide received \$1.3 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$250 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs).

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, in its 48th year, is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service, and our army of volunteer advisors understand the needs of lower-income older taxpayers. This welcoming program understands that retirement or other life changes may mean taxes are a little more complicated, but our personal atten-

tion and assistance ensures that taxpayers of all ages and backgrounds receive applicable tax credits and deductions. You do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this service.

For more information, visit www.aarp.org/taxaide or call 1-888-ODRAARP (1-888-687-2277). AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.

AARP Foundation is working to win back opportunity for struggling Americans 50+ by being a force for change on the most serious issues they face today: housing, hunger, income and isolation. By coordinating responses to these issues on all four fronts at once, and supporting them with vigorous legal advocacy, the Foundation serves the unique needs of those 50+ while working with local organizations nationwide to reach more people and make resources go further. AARP Foundation is a charitable affiliate of AARP. Learn more at www.aarpfoundation.org.

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

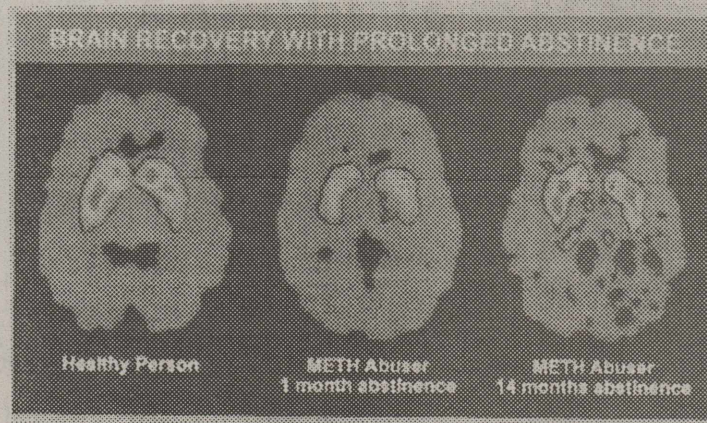
Call for an appointment during these hours at 254-212-9914 or 325-893-4552 in Clyde at other times. We are also now serving Comanche County in Comanche (325-330-3351). Visit www.texaswic.org for nutritious recipes, health tips and what to bring to your WIC appointment. WIC: We are here for you!



Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Terry Joy

On December 6, 2015, at approximately 12:30 a.m., Chief Deputy Rick Jowers was on routine patrol. In the course of patrolling, Chief Deputy Jowers observed a Nissan Armada SUV blocking the rest area located in the eastbound side of Interstate 210. Upon contact with the male subject in the driver's seat, it was observed that the white male was slumped over, possibly sleeping. Chief Deputy Jowers observed a glass pipe known to him to be used to inhale narcotics. The male subject did state that he had a meth pipe on the center console. The male subject was detained and a search of the vehicle was conducted. As a result of that search, 338 grams of methamphetamine were located. The male subject was then arrested for First Degree Felony Possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$15,000 and the subject has since bonded out



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of jail. This is just one more of the many narcotics arrests that have been conducted by our deputies. Posting above written by Deputy Chris Levens and posted on the Callahan County Sheriff's Department Facebook page.

Callahan County Chief Deputy Rick Jowers seems to have a special skill when it

comes to finding illegal drugs and drug users. This special skill of Deputy Jowers led to the Facebook posting above.

Saturday night, December 5, 2015, about 11:00 p.m. as I was leaving the jail, Chief Deputy Rick Jowers walked in; he was making it into another very long day. We did an "in brief catching up" for the day and, as we parted ways, he remarked to me that he was going to "make a drug case" before the night was over. Knowing that that can make the day-or night! for any law enforcement officer, I knew the possibility was there. Chief Deputy Jowers did encounter a meth user, and an arrest was made. Thanks to the Clyde Police Officer who arrived to assist Chief Deputy Jowers.

Sunday night, December 6th, while I was at the jail, a Clyde Police Officer brought in a suspect who was also in possession of meth and he was charged with 3rd degree felony.

Drug users all around Callahan County should be aware that Law Enforcement Officers throughout the County, are on alert for drug users and drug dealers. If they continue to use or distribute drugs, and if they are arrested they will be prosecuted. When an individual is charged an individual is charged a convicted of a felony, they lose their 2nd Amendment Rights, the right to own and possess firearms.

Parents, I encourage you to continually remind your children of the danger of drugs, not only to their health, but how they are risking the loss of their 2nd Amendment constitutional rights. We citizens here in Texas accept gun ownership as a part of our legacy and none of us would want to lose that legacy, whatever the cause.

All of us in law enforcement know that the battle against drugs is "an uphill battle" but none of us is willing to "back away from the climb."

AEP Texas warns consumers about calls from scam artists

AEP Texas reminds area electricity users that scam artists posing as electric company personnel are continuing to call consumers telling them they are behind on their electric bill and threatening to disconnect their electric service unless immediate payment is made. Reports of such scam calls began appearing earlier this month within the AEP Texas service territory, as well as the service territories of other utilities.

The latest scam involved a Childress resident who received a phone call on Tuesday saying that the consumer's electric bill was late and their power would be disconnected. The caller stated that someone was driving to the consumer's home to disconnect the electric service and the consumer needed to pay immediately with a credit card or bank card to avoid disconnection. The caller indicated that when payment was made the disconnect order would be canceled.

In some cases, consumers are left a phone message indicating that their service is about to be disconnected and given a toll-free number to call. If called, a voice indicates that the caller has reached the company's disconnection phone number. This number is a fraud. Consumers should call the phone number of their REP as shown on their monthly electric bill.

Sometimes the consumer is advised to purchase a prepaid debit card or other type of reloadable debit card, load the card with money, and then call the toll-free number to provide the serial number from the card.

Electricity users are reminded:

- Consumers who are unsure if the caller is with their REP should hang up and call the number on the monthly bill they receive from their REP. This is the number that consumers should call - not a number given by someone over the phone.

- AEP Texas is an energy delivery company and does not call consumers asking for payment over the phone and/or threatening disconnection for nonpayment. AEP Texas disconnects electric service for nonpayment under instructions from the customer's REP. AEP Texas will not ask for bank information or credit/debit card numbers over the phone.

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- Consumers who are behind on their bills receive written notices from their REP of a possible disconnection and how to prevent it.

- Customers who believe they have been a victim of this or any other scam should contact their local police department.

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MOORE TEXAS by Roger Todd Moore

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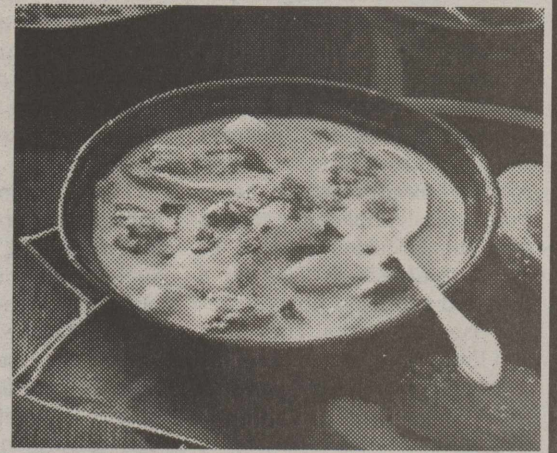
The Recipe Corner

Bacon-Cheeseburger Chowder

Prep Time: 15 Minutes Cook Time: 30 Minutes

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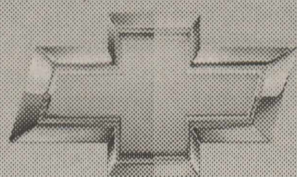
- * 1 pound ground beef
- * 1 medium onion, chopped
- * 1 medium sweet red pepper, chopped
- * 1 garlic clove, minced
- * 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- * 2-1/2 cups 2% milk
- * 1 pound potatoes (about 2 medium), peeled and chopped
- * 1-1/2 cups water
- * 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium beef bouillon granules
- * 12 ounces process cheese (Velveeta), cubed (about 2-1/4 cups)
- * 3 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled



Directions

1. In a 6-qt. stockpot, cook beef, onion and pepper over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until beef is no longer pink and onion is tender, breaking up beef into crumbles; drain. Add garlic to beef mixture; cook 1 minute longer. Stir in flour until blended.
2. Gradually stir in milk. Add potatoes, water and bouillon; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 15-20 minutes or until potatoes are tender.
3. Add cheese; stir until melted. Sprinkle servings with bacon. Yield: 6 servings.

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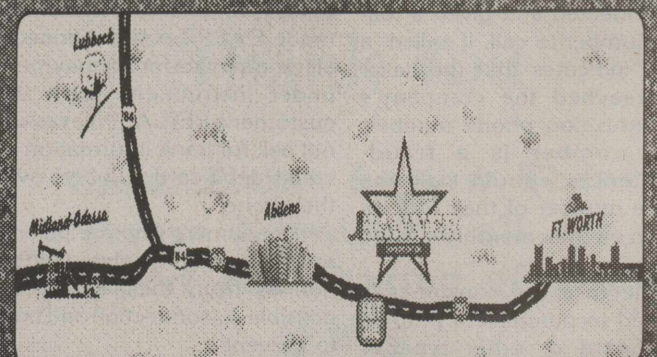
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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Our prayers go out to the people of San Bernardino, California. It's sad to think that such a horrible thing could happen there. Wayne and I were married there and both of our families lived in San Bernardino and the immediate area for years. Our relatives and friends were all safe and sheltered in place for the rest of the day after the shootings.

Everyone's getting ready for Christmas - shopping and baking and getting ready for family to come in for the holidays. The kids will be getting out soon for the holidays; their last day is December 18th.

Lots of people came out to the Kiwanis Stew Supper last Friday night. The stew was great and everyone had a great time. The kids all lined up to see Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and the elf. Some of the Cottonwood folks helping out at the event: Bob and Marsha Ossowski, Adrian and Sheila Allen, Roy Boyd, Arnie Smith and Carlisle Albrecht.

The Cross High School Band was the hit of the Christmas Parade. The band, lead by Matt Sowell, performed Christmas songs as they marched down Main Street. The 4H also had a float in the parade. Many of our local kids are involved with both the band and the 4H.

Adrian Allen and Roy Boyd attended the Callahan County Fire Fighters Association Meeting in Clyde on Saturday morning.

The Larimore's had a busy few weeks with visitors. Over Thanksgiving their daughter, Strena had two friends in from Eagle Pass, TX. Both Emily Chavarria and Keren Munoz were excited to see where their best friend lived and experience Thanksgiving with

the Larimore's. The following week Vicki's sisters, Patti Smith of Golden Valley, MN, and Monica Binder of Duluth, MN, came in for a sister's reunion to celebrate Monica's 50th birthday. They had a wonderful time and enjoyed the Christmas Parade. "We don't have Christmas Parade's in Minnesota this time of year. It's usually well below freezing and no one would show up" they both said. Visits continue into this week with Wes' dad, Cliff Larimore, popping in for a couple of days.

My recovery is progressing great. Thanks so much for everyone's prayers and encouragement. I'll be out and around soon.

The First Baptist Church in Cross Plains will be having their Christmas Cantata this Sunday night, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. The program "O, Holy Night" features the adult choir and the children's choir. Refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center after the performance. The Children's Choir will be out caroling on December 16th. Christmas Eve Vespers will be held on December 24th from 6 to 7 p.m.

4His Glory, which features two kids who grew up in Cottonwood Matt Sowell and Mandi Sowell, along with Connie Swift and Rhonda Swift, will perform their annual Christmas Cantata at the First Presbyterian Church in Cross Plains on Sunday, December 20th at 7 p.m. This year's presentation is "What Child is This?" Everyone is welcome and they'll be serving refreshments after the cantata. Don't miss this opportunity to their beautiful voices.

The Cottonwood Musicals are taking a break for the holidays and will return in January.

Texas Vehicle Registration Renewal Still Available Online Two Steps, One Sticker Program

Texans are encouraged to renew their vehicle registration at Texas.gov.

AUSTIN, Texas - Texas.gov and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) are reminding all Texans that the online option for renewing a vehicle registration is still available. With the launch of the new Two Steps, One Sticker program on March 1, 2015, vehicles must first pass an inspection. When ready, Texans can head directly to Texas.gov/Driver (www.texas.gov/driver) to complete their renewal.

The process for taking care of a vehicle registration renewal online is very straightforward:

1. Get your car inspected. The inspection station will provide you with a Vehicle Inspection Report for your records. This information is also sent automatically to the state's database. (Note: From March 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016, you may renew your

registration without passing a new inspection if your vehicle already has a current, passing inspection unless your inspection and registration stickers expire in the same month. Visit www.twosteps-onesticker.com for more details.)

1. Go online to renew your registration. Texas.gov/Driver is the easiest way to access the online service. Your inspection information will already be in the system and you can finish the renewal in just a few minutes.

1. Receive your sticker in the mail. After verifying your renewal, the county tax office will mail the registration sticker to you.

"We want Texans to have access to TxDMV services around the clock," said Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "The time-saving

process of online vehicle registration renewal allows you to take care of business when and where it's convenient for you."

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The Market at Clyde, Sat Dec 12, 2:00pm-8pm, Raffle Fund Raiser for Officer Brian Campbell

There will be a lot going on at The Old Firehouse on North First Street in Clyde on Saturday Dec 12th. Be sure to note the change in hours of operation for December: 2:00pm-8:00pm.

The afternoon will kick off with vendors, Christmas music, face painting, and a raffle for Officer Brian Campbell. Officer Campbell is fighting cancer and the vendors at The Market wish to help. There will be a gift box made up of items donated from the vendors. Tickets are for any monetary donation.

Live Christmas music will be provided at The Old Firehouse, by a group from Cherry Heights Baptist Church, lead by Pastor Tony Castro. Danni Louw, local artist, will offer face painting. And of course, the main attraction will be the local artist, artisans, crafters and home cooks. Then after dark, about 6:30pm, the light parade will pass down North First Street. The very last person to show up, on his own red fire truck, will be Santa. Cookies and hot chocolate will be served to guest of Santa. Parents, be sure to bring your camera. The visit with Santa and visit inside the

Chamber building is free, but you will need to take your own pictures. There will be beautiful background for Christmas pictures for the whole family. The Chamber has put great care and effort into decorating the building and it is lovely.

As always, the items offered at The Market at Clyde are unique, one of a kind; all created by hand. All artist, artisans, crafters and home cooks are from this area. The variety is too great to list. See the ad in this paper for a partial list of items. Also, watch KTAB4u at 4:00pm and KRBC News at 5:00pm on Thursday, December 10 to see a few of the items. You may also check out the Facebook page, The Market at Clyde, Texas, or visit the Big Country Homepage for more information.

If you are an artist, crafter, artisan, gardener, or home cook and are interested in becoming a vendor you may call 325-518-3939 or email themarketatclyde@gmail.com. All home cooks must meet the requirements of the Texas Cottage Food Law and complete the online training for the certificate.



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