

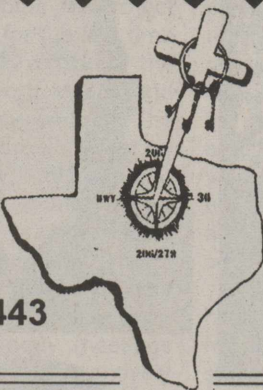
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Tim's Floral of Cross Plains, Texas

## Tim's Floral To Close Doors On February 14

Cross Plains will see the end of an era on February 14th, when Tim's Floral closes its doors. For 32 years, Tim Dillard has greeted the public with a warm, cheery smile and served the needs of the Cross Plains area with floral arrangements and plants for funerals, proms, homecoming, weddings, birthdays and everything in between.

Tim has been there to suggest gifts for friends and lend his personal touch to each arrangement. His artistic talents will be missed.

32 years ago, on July 1, 1983, Tim purchased Mayes Flowers from Juanita Mayes. In 2005, he expanded the shop into the area that once housed the old post office.

Tim's Floral will be open all day on Tim's last day, Sunday, February 14th for

you Valentine's Day gifts and flowers.

Scarlett Koettel at Higginbotham's Funeral Home will be able to arrange for flowers for funerals.

If you have a gift certificate from Tim's Floral, you will need to use the gift certificate before February 14. Also, if you owe on your account at Tim's Floral, you can take care of that either by mailing a check to P. O. Box 278, Cross Plains, or can also arrange for your payment to be deposited in Tim's account at Texas Heritage Bank.

The building that houses Tim's Floral is not for sale or lease.

All of us in the Cross Plains area wish Tim the best as he takes on new challenges and adventures.

## Computer Class to be held Feb.4th

The Cross Plains Public Library will be holding a computer class to continue to learn about the linux Mint Operating system.

The next class will be held on Thursday, February, 4th at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Come learn with hands on training. Bring your Laptop and Thumb drive to try out this system before you decide to switch over.

This class is being taught by Hank Ball from Cottonwood.

## Valentines dinner for two

Bubba's Smoke House located at 501 Ave A off South Hwy 36 is giving away dinner for two.

All you have to do is come in and fill out a card and drop it in the box.

There is nothing much better than a free meal, so don't miss this opportunity.

The drawing will be held on Wednesday, February 10th at Bubba's Smoke house.



## Mardi Gras set for Feb. 9th at Cross Plains Senior Center

Come one come all! The Cross Plains Senior Citizen Center invites the community to attend and show their support. You will enjoy food and music and lots of fun.

Mardi Gras Cross Plains and New Orleans are approximately 700 miles apart, but we can still enjoy the Cajun cooking and sounds of jazz and blues. The Cross Plains Senior Center will host a Mardi Gras Party as a

fund raiser, Tuesday, February 9, 2016 5:30 - 7:30 pm.

The cost for the evening will only be \$12.50/person which includes Shrimp Boil (shrimp, sausage, corn on cob, potatoes, onions and anything else that sounds good), drink, dessert, and music. Masks and beads will be complete the Mardi Gras experience, Texas Style!



## Special Guest at Library

To recognize National Dental Month, the After School Adventure Program at the Cross Plains Public Library will be featuring Jan Trout from the Resource Care Dental Clinic on Wednesday, February 3rd at 4:00 p.m. Learn the importance of taking care of your teeth. Get your SMILE on!



## Community Members for Promoting Cross Plains Luncheon Set

Mark your calendars! The Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Luncheon for discussion forum on ideas to help promote the City of Cross Plains.

When: Thursday February 18th, 2016

Where: Jean's Feedbar.

Time: Lunch 12:30pm-1pm, Your Dutch Treat. Please call ahead to order.

Please select one representative from your community group, or business. Open to community individuals also.

Bring your idea's of what you would like to see utilized in our community!

## Cross Plains Youth Sports

Attention all youth football, basketball, softball, and baseball coaches, or for any parents that are interested: there will be a Cross Plains Youth Sports meeting Monday, February 8th starting at 6:00pm at the First Baptist Church here in Cross Plains. For any questions, please contact Matt Reed 325-660-4162!



## Fire Department to hold BBQ dinner

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is going to hold it's barbecue dinner on Saturday, February 27th.

Mark your calendar now because the Cross Plains VFD will be serving barbecued brisket, chicken, ribs and sausage, along with homemade macaroni and cheese, that evening at the First United Methodist Church. Joe Terstegge is in charge of the cooking.

You won't want to miss this dinner.

## Cross Plains School Board Trustee Filings Announced

Cheryl Ptacek has filed an application for the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board of Trustees.

Incumbents John McWilliams and Roy Richey have also submitted an application.

## Three Openings on Cross Plains Board

Cross Plains ISD will have three openings on its Board when the voters go to the polls this May 7, 2016. Incumbents John Fred McWilliams and Roy Richey have already signed back up for the election.

## Freshman Class Parent's Meeting

There is a meeting scheduled for this Thursday, February 4th for the parents of the Freshman Class of Cross Plains High School. This is a planning meeting for the upcoming dance the class is sponsoring. All Parents are requested to attend this meeting on Thursday the 4th at 6:30pm in the gym foyer.

## Callahan County Tax office closing for training

The Callahan County Tax Office in Baird will be closed from 11:30AM - 1:00 PM on Tuesday February 9th for in-house Department of Motor Vehicle Training.



Mexico City Cafe in Cross Plains, Texas

## Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight of the Month

This month's Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Business Spot Light is Mexico City Cafe. Mexico City offers Mexican and American food with the option of dine in or take out. Business information- Phone:254-725-7459

## Cross Plains Remembered books available

Limited copies of three Cross Plains Remembered books are available. The three volumes each contain hundreds of photographs of people and places in Cross Plains, as well as stories and remembrances from the past.

The first book, Volume 1, has a little bit of everything in it: school photos, street scenes, gas station photos, family histories, and many other photographs.

Volume 2, has many family histories and family photographs, as well as, a little bit of everything else. And, many, many photos.

Volume 3 focuses on the ranches around Cross Plains that have been in businesses for 100 years or more, as well as, rodeo photographs, veterans photos, photos of Cottonwood, Pioneer and surrounding areas and other photos.

Each book is 352 pages and contains hundreds of photographs. At \$20 each, they are a great value. The books, printed in 2011 and 2012, will not be reprinted.

Cross Plains Remembered, Volumes 1, 2 and 3 are available at Texas Heritage Bank, the Senior Center, Salamander's, Lawrence Farm and Ranch Supply, Cross Plains Review, Cross Plains Library and Connie's Cuts and Curls.

You can also order the books by mail. Just specify which book or books you are ordering. Books are \$20 each, plus shipping - \$4.50 for one book, \$6 shipping for two books or \$9 shipping for all three books. Send a check to: Barbarian Festival Committee, P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443, and we'll send the books out to you.

## Veterans Reunion Scheduled

The Texas Veterans and Abilene Grunts Association would like to invite all Veterans and their families to the 29th Annual "TET" Reunion to be held Saturday, February 6th, 12:00 noon, at the Taylor County Fairgrounds. There will be food, drinks, displays and an USO style show. All Veterans and their families are invited to attend and bring their "in Country" photo's and memorabilia, regardless of era of service or conflict.

It is sure to be a great time of fellowship and camaraderie. For more information contact the Abilene Grunts at (325) 690-0750, (325) 672-4003, (325) 676-2291. Or find them on Facebook at "Abilene Grunts".



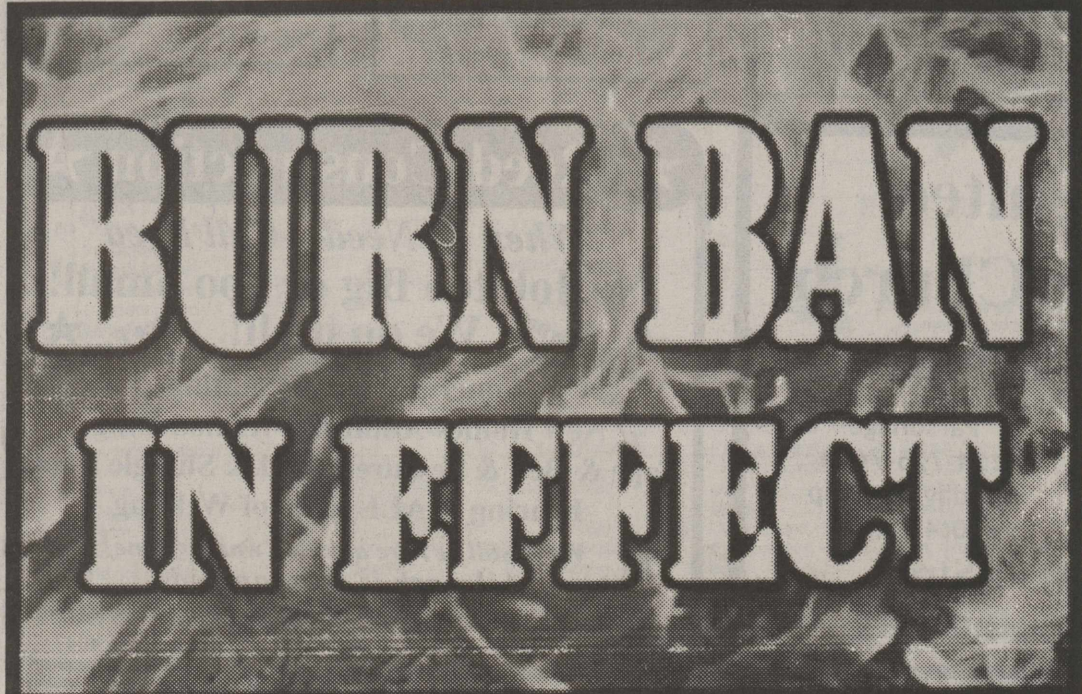
## Help in a Heartbeat

The Cross Plains EMS had a very busy 2015! There are 13 certified members and 7 driver/lift assist members and 5 of the uncertified members are well on their way to becoming certified members.

There were 168 Medical runs, 70 Trauma runs and 51 No Transports this last year. This totals 289 runs! All of our members work very hard to keep up all of their certifications as well as stay up to date with the newest ways to help save lives.

We would like to thank the community for all of their support over the years and hope that you continue to support us as we grow to meet the needs of the growing area.

We are always looking for more help, whether you want to become a certified member or be trained as a driver. And we always welcome anyone who wants to be a sponsor for new students. If you are interested in helping the Cross Plains EMS in any way please contact Susan Schaefer at (254)725-6747.



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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
 Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
 Ministry Activities  
 Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30PM  
 Thomas Estes, Pastor  
 Gregg Steinle, Youth Pastor  
 Friendly Church Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching

## Triple Cross Cowboy Church

Every Sunday at 10:30 am  
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 (1/2 mile North of Cross Plains city limits on Hwy 206)  
**Al Taylor, Preacher**  
 Phone: 254-725-7522  
 Cell Phone: 325-370-6680

## Pioneer Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Dwaine Clowers **Music Director:** Barbara Jo Medley  
 Sunday School.....10:00am  
 Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
 Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

## Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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 Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm  
*Pastor Max Evans*  
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## Rowden Baptist Church

**Pastor:** Wayne Lenz  
**Music:** Karen Lenz & Diane Woods  
 Bible Study...10:00 am  
 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

## First Baptist Church

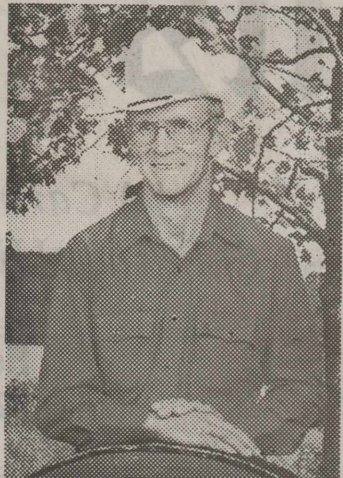
**Sunday Morning** 10:45 a.m. **Sunday Evening** 6:30 p.m.  
**Sunday School** 9:30  
**Wednesday** 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
 Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.  
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**Bible Class: 9:45 A.M.**  
**Evening Worship: 5:00P.M.**  
**Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.**  
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# Obituaries



LC HOWARD BARKEMEYER

## LC Howard Barkemeyer

LC Howard Barkemeyer, 79, of Cross Plains, went to be with his Lord and Savior Sunday morning, January 31, 2016. Services for Mr. Barkemeyer will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, at 2 pm, in the Allcorn Funeral Chapel. Visitation will be on Tuesday evening, February 2, 2016 from 6-8 pm, at Allcorn Funeral Care. Burial to follow at the Cottonwood Cemetery under the direction of Allcorn Funeral Care of Coleman.

LC was born January 14, 1937 to Henry D. and Olivia Juergens Barkemeyer, in Cameron, Texas. He moved to Coleman in 1952. LC worked at the Martin Brick Plant for 26 years, then moved to Cross Plains. He was a member of National Guard for nine years and was a Baptist.

LC is survived by; Two daughters; Judy and husband Luther Heath, of Abilene and Ronda and husband Eddie Tompkins, of Brownwood

Two Sons: Joe Barkemeyer, of Haslet and Randy Barkemeyer, of Brownwood. Two Brothers; Robert Barkemeyer, of Coleman and William Barkemeyer, of Temple. Six Grandchildren; Heather Vann and husband Dillon, Teralyn Terry and husband Guy, Sheri Fulton and husband Dustin, Daniel Tompkins, Brittany Stokes and husband Mason, Dustin Barkemeyer and wife Katy. Eleven Great Grandchildren; Camri, Kylee, Jadyen, Presley, Preston, Savannah, Maddie, Caleb, Hunter, Allie, and Harlow. Special cousins Bennie Ray and Ann Juergens. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. LC was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Olivia Barkemeyer. Four brothers; Willie, Ernest, John, and Henry Barkemeyer, and one sister Ruby Barkemeyer Templin. Friends and family are encouraged to sign the guest book at www.allcornfuneralcare.com

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Betty Maberry Douglass

## Betty Maberry Douglass

Betty Maberry Douglass, age 90, formally of Rising Star, passed away from this life on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at the Rising Star Nursing Center in Rising Star, Texas. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 29, 2016 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Terry Simmons officiating burial was held at 3:00 p.m. at the McCaulley Cemetery in Fisher County, Texas. The Family will held a time of Visitation from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. before the funeral service on Friday, January 29, 2016.

Betty was born on February 8, 1925 in Hawley, Texas to Charles Alfred Lee and Willie Ellen (Martin) Lee. She was a homemaker, devoted wife and mother. She attended the First Baptist Church in Rising Star, Texas.

She is survived by one daughter, Doris Cox and her husband, James of Rising Star, Texas and one daughter in law, Cynthia Pace of Cleburne, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Roger; Ronda; Tonja; Tami; Steve; Kevin; Teri Kay; Tracey; Kyle and Kody; 16 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Willie Ellen Lee, two sisters, Bessie Jewel Hicks and Pansy Pace, three brothers, Cecil Lee; Charles Alfred Lee and River Dawson Lee; three sons, Edward Darrell Pace; Billy Don Pace and Kenneth Dale Pace; three husbands, E. C. Pace; Bob Maberry and Ross Douglass.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Epiphany Ministry of Brownwood for incarcerated youth, (to show unconditional love of Jesus Christ -to give them hope and future) P.O. Box 71, Brownwood, Texas 76802.

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## Love Fund

for **Lisa Floyd**  
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## Love Fund

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

## Love Fund

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

# COURTHOUSE NEWS

**Callahan County Court**  
 Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Bobbie Jo Leigh Lotter, leaving the scene of an accident.

Carlos Hernandez, driving while license invalid.

Kayla Marie Hazelwood, assault causing bodily injury / family violence.

William T. Ward, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Anthony Miller, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Tina Lynn James, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Carlos Martinez, DWI.

Judy McCrary, assault.

Robert D. Chaney, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Wesley D. King, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Nicholas A. Szerlong, resist arrest/search/transport.

Luis A. Martinez-Sanchez, DWI.

Verna Danyell Black, theft by check.

Thomas Alonzo Jr., theft.

Rebecca A. Sosa, theft.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Bobbie Jo Lotter, plea of guilty to leaving the scene of an accident, 120 days in jail, \$269 court costs.

### Marriage Licenses

Riley Neil Samford of Clyde and Megan Mckinzie Downer of Slaton.

## Are you ready for Winter?

### New arrivals at the "Kingdom's Door".

Fall and winter clothing is arriving almost daily, flowing right through the "Kingdom's Door" into the clothes closet at the First Baptist Church. Sizes range from infant all the way through adult.

The public is invited to come and shop. You are encouraged to take advantage of this free service offered by the Women's Ministry of the church. There is absolutely no charge, no questions asked and no papers to fill out.

We are located inside the second portable building west of the children's playground at the corner of N. Main and W. 3rd Street. We open each Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 PM for your convenience. For more information please call Anne at 254-725-9480

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## Love Fund

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

## Love Fund

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

## Love Fund

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

Mark Aaron Caywood of Clyde and Daby Gale Martin of Abilene.

Cody Cordell Walton and Raechel Marie Harvey, both of Clyde.

**42nd District Court**  
 John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Filings

Tori Alexicia Mock and Carlos Francisco Gomez, divorce.

Jerry Hank Whitt Sr. and Angela Dee Whitt, divorce.

### Civil Minutes

Bobbie Hinkle vs. Eric Harvey Williams, Jr. and Brink's Incorporated, order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Chrystal Lynn Long vs. Travis Wade Long, divorce granted.

Lillie Coeey Johnson vs. Melody Gay Smith-Sadler, as personal representative and/or heir to the estate of Johnnye Frank Sadler, deceased, agreed order of dismissal with prejudice granted.

Marshall Alan Fiscus and Nicole Rae Fiscus, divorce granted.

### Criminal Minutes

Timothy D. Freeman, plea of guilty to DWI, 3 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$459 court costs.

Jacquelyn L. Soto, motion to dismiss to theft granted in the interest of justice.

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## Spring Planting is Near: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and Receive 10 Free Redbud Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone from Texas who joins the Foundation in February 2016 will receive 10 free Eastern redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"Redbuds will help beautify Texas for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "They will also add to the proud heritage of Texas' existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which contains information about planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 29, 2016, or visit [arborday.org/february](http://arborday.org/february).

## Project Pride taking memberships for 2016

It's time once again to renew memberships in Project Pride or to join for the first time and discover the scope of the organization, both locally and beyond the city limits. The group makes a real impact on the community, collaborating with the library, bank, garden club, school, cancer walk and Higginbothams on many projects. And there's a place for everybody, whether you can attend monthly meetings to share your input, be actively involved in activities or to just support the cause.

Project Pride is proud to be the premiere good will ambassador for the major tourist attraction in Cross Plains. The membership roll routinely lists folks from numerous states and a couple of foreign countries in addition to many cities in Texas. Visitors to the Robert E. Howard Museum throughout the year represent a fascinating collection of professions, interests and addresses. Attendance at the annual Robert E. Howard Days in June draws an even bigger gathering of visitors from even farther away.

And all these people take dead aim on Cross Plains! And Project Pride members get to be involved with all of them!

This group was organized in the mid-80's for the purpose

of making the community a cleaner, more attractive place to live and to preserve and document the history of the Cross Plains area. With that in mind, Project Pride was able to purchase the house where Howard had done all of his writing and turn it into a museum that continues to draw people to our community.

A strong membership base has always been essential for maintaining the non-profit status of the organization as well as for the maintenance and operation of the Museum. Last year, there were 115 members with several of those being local businesses and three life-time members.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church and usually last about an hour. Plenty of space and plenty of parking, so come on out and join the fun.

Annual dues are only \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family or organization and \$10.00 per business. Checks payable to Project Pride may be mailed to PO Box 534 or you may pay via PayPal at [Projpride@yahoo.com](mailto:Projpride@yahoo.com)

For more information, please contact Arlene Stephenson, 725-4993 or Era Lee Hanke, 725-6562.

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

Feb. 8th- 12th

Monday-8th Crafts with Chris 10:30 /Exercise 11:00

Tuesday-9th Exercise 11:00/Mardi Gras Shrimp Boil 5:30p.m.

Wednesday-10th Blood Pressure Check Girling

Thursday -11th Exercise 11:00 /Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 and 1:05

Friday -12th Exercise 11:00

Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center

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

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Feb. 8th- Feb. 12th

Monday 8th- Salisbury Stea, Potatoes Green Beans, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 11th - Pork Cut-lets, Sweet Poatoes, White Rice, Bread, White Rice, Bread, Dessert

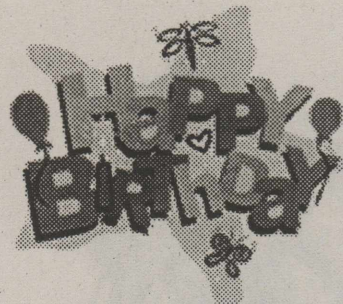
Tuesday 9th Chicken Salad, Chips, Fruit, Cookie

Friday 12th Taco Salad, Pinto, Picante Sauce, Dessert

Wednesday 10th Chili Beans, Spinich, Cornbread, Dessert,

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center



February 7

Becanna May  
Jennifer (Pancake) Caraway  
Mrs. Dale Bishop

February 8

Shawn McKeehan  
Charles Strength  
Grady Newton  
Kashlyn Hunter  
Sherry Wilson  
Robby Bailey  
Wanda (Bell) Easterling

February 9

Cassidy Champion  
Mary Strahan  
Fred Dill  
Jennifer Dee Calhoun  
Micheal Heath Bright  
Granvel Scott  
Ronnie Flippin

Cecil Johnson  
Skip Nichols  
Kathy Morris

February 10

Shannon McMillan  
Elizabeth Griffith  
Donald Sibley  
Cody Golson  
Nathan Wayne Jones  
Lori Bishop Boyd

February 11

Ashley Bennett  
Kenneth Lowery  
Mrs. J.C. Grantham  
Pam (Pillans) Furlow  
Ashley (Beggs) Moses  
Bill Wilson  
Susan Sharpe-Holland  
Clayton Goble  
Shirley Snodgrass Thompson  
Joe Holland

February 12

Jolie Elizabeth Hutton  
William Payton Mayes  
Jacob Carlos Grider  
Barbara Jean Perry  
Ronnie Scott  
John Garland Lee  
Valerie Sue Wilson  
Steve Carlile  
Jean Strength  
Stephanie Taylor  
Louis Strength  
Jerry Dean Allen  
Joshua Christensen

February 13

Mrs. Kenneth Sowell  
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- TXism for "coffee"
- TXism: "camps out in the corner" (religious)
- TX Nolan Ryan's rookie is worth big bucks today
- Amarillo AM & FM TXism: "he's horse flesh"
- Jon Jovi performed at TX Willie's "Farm Aid II"
- New Year's plan
- Taylor of TX epic "Giant" (init.)
- TXism: "sleeping dog lie"
- TXism: "so dainty she drinks with up"
- " is it?"
- TX Audie Murphy was the decorated soldier of WW II
- "three" south of the border
- league for the Astros and the Rangers (abbr.)
- early Six Flags ride: "Cave"
- a clairvoyant
- the host ain't providing beverages (abbr.)
- sweetened?
- TXism: "hog (helpless)"
- TXism: "kids should be and not heard"
- TXism: "up like a boarding-house pie"
- Nocona Boots slogan: "rodeo!"
- looks after
- TXism: "thick back" dog's
- songbird
- pig's "casa"
- Tex Ritter sang the title song for 1952 film "High under the Elm"
- doubtful
- least difficult
- TXism: "turn over all the cow patties in Texas"
- "to is human" road curve
- notorious bare-handed wolf hunter from Sherman area
- TXism: "would gag (disgusting)"
- Wilbarger Co. seat
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- code at TX schools
- James Dean's character in TX film "Giant": "Giant"
- final flag over TX
- TXism: "it'll in a pinch"
- stared angrily this Joseph invented the ice cream soda in Denison, TX
- elevator man
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- TX Kristofferson's "Why Me"
- noted painter of TX history
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- Capt. A. drilled Spindletop
- birth month of TX Patrick Swayze
- TXism: "Sunday go to clothes"
- Colonial and Prestonwood pegs
- Plainview FM
- TXism: "spell"
- late violin-playing comedian, Jack
- birth state of Alamo hero Davy Crockett
- watermelon spitters ammo
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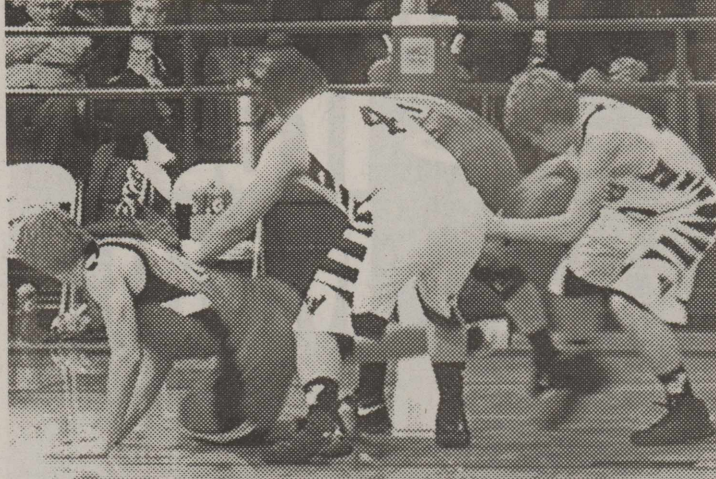
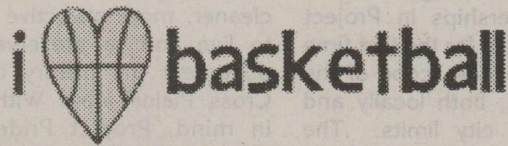
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Varsity Buffalo Creed Goode on defense.



JV Buffalo #32 Samuel Guerrero on the offensive against Baird.



Varsity Lady Buff #10 Hannah Cowan with 2 points against Baird.



Varsity Lady Buffs #21 Rebekah Crockett and #22 Katy Morgan covering a Baird Lady Bear last Friday.



JV Buffalo #22 Sterling Switzer in the air against Baird.



Varsity Lady Buff #21 Rebekah Crockett on defense against the Baird Lady Bears.

## Cross Plains girls split pair of district games

by Al Pickett, Special Writer

Unbeaten District 15-1A lead May downed Cross Plains 51-36 in a girls basketball game Tuesday, improving May's record to 6-0 atop the district standings.

Kelli Bennett scored 11 points for the Lady Buffaloes before fouling out. Shelby McWilliams and Grace Goode added nine points each, Rebekah Crockett six, and Katy Jo Morgan one point each for Cross Plains.

The Lady Buffaloes bounced back on Friday with a 51-38 win over Baird. Goode led Cross Plains with 15 points. Hannah Cowan added nine, Bennett and Morgan eight each, McWilliams four, and Teagan Fortune and Crockett two points apiece.

The win improved the Cross Plains girls to 4-3 in district as they remain in third place in the district standings.

The Cross Plains boys basketball team is 11-10 overall and 2-3 in district play after dropping a pair of games last week. The Buffaloes lost 79-43 to May on Tuesday and then fell to Baird 51-43 on Friday. Holden Senclair had a double-double in both games for Cross Plains. He had 21 points and 17 rebounds against May and 13 points and 11 rebounds against Baird.

Creed Goode and James Briggs added seven points each, Joe Revoir six, Rylan Laminack four and Phoenix Sanders three points for the Buffaloes in the loss to Baird.

Cross Plains, which played Tuesday night at Rising Star, will be back home on Friday to face Eula.

### Basketball Schedule

February 5th  
JVG VG JVB VB vs. Eula in Cross Plains at 4pm

February 8th  
JHB JHG vs. Abilene Hawks in Cross Plains at 6pm

February 9th  
VG VB vs. Moran in Moran at 6:30pm

February 12th  
JVB VB vs. May in May at 6pm

February 16th  
JVB VB vs. Baird in Baird at 6pm

## Buffaloes and Lady Buffs all succeed in Abilene Meet

In addition to the Buffaloes and Lady Buffs listed in last week's Powerlifting article, the following students all contributed to the final team scores in the Abilene Powerlifting Meet: Rebekah Crockett 2nd place with 710lbs, Alexis Mauricio 3rd place with 560lbs, Lorelei Woodard 2nd place with 515lbs, Kersey Wyatt, Jaci Bien, Hannah Crockett, Shiloh Dodge and Jackilann Shepard all did exceedingly well to help their team take first place. Congratulations ladies on all your hard work and dedication.

The other Buffalo Powerlifter's not listed last week that we have information on are: Jacob Collier 11th place with 945lbs, Lorenzo Bustamante in 5th place with 710 lbs, Aaron Willis 5th place with 1120lbs, Sammy Guerrero 10th place with 730 lbs, and James Rhynne with a lift weight of 860lbs (place unknown). Congratulations to all the gentlemen for increasing their lift totals and getting better every week. Keep striving onward.

## Grand Ole Oplin February Line-up

The Grand Ole Oplin invites everyone out each Friday for an evening of good music, good friends and a real good time. Starting the month off on Feb. 5th MUDDY CREEK will be joining us playing all your favorite two-steps and waltzes, on Feb. 12th MIDNIGHT BLUE will be here playing all the old time country music that you love to dance to, on Feb. 19th, MIDNIGHT BLUE returns playing some more of your country favorites, and on Feb. 26th MUDDY CREEK will be back playing some more of your favorite two-steps and waltzes.

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

So gather the family and all of your friends and come on out to the Grand Ole Oplin and don't forget your dancing boots!

Varsity Girls Final	Varsity Boys Final
Cross Plains vs. Baird 1/29/16 Cross Plains 51 Baird 38	Cross Plains vs. Baird 1/29/16 Cross Plains 43 Baird 51

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## Save the Date: Upcoming High School Dance

On Saturday, February 27th the Freshman Class of Cross Plains High School will be sponsoring a High School dance. The dance will take place in the gymnasium and will run from 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. for all 9-12 high school students. There will be finger food and drinks provided and various other snacks available for purchase throughout the night. A photo booth will be set up for pictures. Prices are \$6.00 individuals and \$10.00 for couples.

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

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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:

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	MONDAY 8	TUESDAY 9	WEDNESDAY 10	THURSDAY 11	FRIDAY 12
<b>B</b>	Chicken-n-waffles	PBJ sandwich	Muffin	Texas toast	Breakfast Pizza
<b>R</b>	Cereal	Cereal	Yogurt	Eggs & sausage	Cereal
<b>E</b>	Fruit	Fruit	Cereal	Cereal	Fruit
<b>A</b>	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Fruit	Assorted juice	Assorted juice
<b>K</b>	Milk	milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
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<b>S</b>					
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<b>L</b>	BBO Rib Sandwich	Steak fingers w/gravy	Chicken Quesadillas	Breaded Pork Chop	Beef or Chicken
<b>U</b>	Baked chips	Mashed potatoes	Garden salad	Breadstick	Patty on bun
<b>N</b>	Broccoli	Green beans	Charro beans	Corn	Sweet potato fries
<b>C</b>	Garden salad	Roll	Salsa	Baby Carrots	Cucumbers
<b>H</b>	Orange smiles	Cinnamon applesauce	Strawberries & Bananas	w/ranch	Mixed fruit
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Sheed peaches	Cookie
				Padding	Milk



JH Lady Buffaloes played Eula at home last Monday.



JH Lady Buffs fall to Eula 13-19



JH Lady Buffaloes with control of the ball. Cross Plains vs Eula game last Monday.

## Cross Plains Powerlifting does it again in Comanche

Once again the Cross Plains Powerlifting Team scores big in the Comanche Powerlifting Meet held Saturday, January 30th. The Cross Plains Lady Buffs won the Meet as a Team with 1st Place, while our powerful Buffaloes finished in 4th place overall. It was a war of the wills and we are proud of each student for fighting till the end.

The Ladies in the 114lb weight class (Alexis Mauricio, Jackilann Shepard and Kersey Wyatt) battled it out and Alexis took 1st place with a lift total of 580lbs, Jackilann was 3rd with 530lbs, just 30lbs more than her teammate, and Kersey in 4th with 500lbs. Shiloh Dodge in the only competitor from Cross Plains in her weight class

of 123lb and Shiloh came in 6th at the meet with a total weight of 515lbs. Senior Rebekah Crockett is also a loner in her 132lb class coming in 2nd place with her lift of 695lbs. Hannah Cowan, Teagan Fortune and Hannah Crockett all competed in the 148lb class on Saturday with Hannah Cowan in 1st with 685lbs edging out Teagan Fortune's 675lbs to leave Teagan in 2nd, but probably not for long. Hannah Crockett finishes out the weight class in 7th place with a 540lb total weight lift. Jaci Bien and Kaitlyn Potter both represent different weight classes with Jaci taking home 4th place with a 555lb lift and Kaitlyn coming in 2nd place this meet with 845lbs lifted in total. Kristi

Ward, also a member of the girls team competed as well helping the ladies clench the 1st place title.

The Men's division did an amazing job as well with our own Lorenzo Bustamante taking first place in his 123lb class with a lift weight of 765lbs. Joe Crockett represents Cross Plains in the 132lb class and he took 4th at the meet with a total lift weight of 780lbs. Brian Morales is also a lone Buffalo in his class of 165lbs, and Brian had a lift total of 785lbs on Saturday.

One of the larger weight classes in the boys division here in Cross Plains is the 198lb weight class. This class was represented on Saturday by Dalton Gilliam earning 3rd

place with lift total of 1,200lbs beating out teammate Aaron Willis 4th place with lift total of 1,150lbs by only 50lbs. James Briggs came in 6th with 1,040lbs and Sammy Guerrero had a lift weight of 875lbs. The final weight class is the 220lb class with 3 gentlemen: Nain Martinez in 4th place with 1,100 lbs total weight, James Rhyne with a total of 925lbs and Jacob Collier with a total lift weight of 960lbs.

Together these students lifted 15,700lbs in total on Saturday, with the Ladies Team lifting 6,120 total pounds and the Gentlemen 9,580lbs. All of these students worked incredibly hard to achieve these totals and all are Champions!



Cross Plains Lady Buff Powerlifting Team: Rebekah Crockett, Teagan Fortune, Hannah Cowan, Shiloh Dodge, Alexis Mauricio, Kaitlyn Potter with Lorelei Woodard behind, Kersey Wyatt, Jaci Bien, Kristi Ward, Hannah Crockett and Jackilann Shepard in front.



Cross Plains Powerlifting Team after their meet in Comanche Saturday, January 30th with Coach John Ward



JH Lady Buffaloes -#21 taking control of the ball at Cross Plains vs Eula game.



JH Buffaloes on guard and ready to block Eula.



JH Buffs played Eula last Monday. They fought a hard fight. But fell in the end.



JH Buffs was determined but lost the fight to Eula.

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## Cross Plains UIL Realignment

By Al Pickett  
Special Writer

The University Interscholastic League announced its biennial realignment Monday, but the new re-classification and realignment will mean very little change for Cross Plains High School.

Cross Plains will be in District 6-2A Division II in football along with Albany, Bronte, Cross Plains, Miles and Winters. Albany and Baird were in District 8-2A Division II with Cross Plains the last two years, but the Buffaloes will travel west and southwest next fall

to Bronte, Miles and Winters instead of going to Ranger, Santo and Perrin-Whitt.

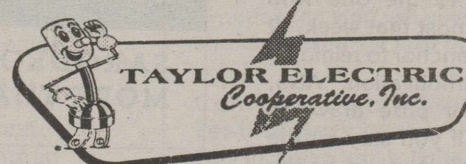
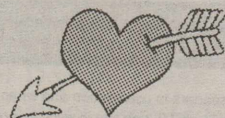
In basketball, Cross Plains will play in District 15-1A, a district that is the same name and very similar to its existing district. Joining Cross Plains in the new District 15-1A alignment for basketball will include Eula, Baird, May, Rising Star, Santa Anna and Panther Creek.

The new realignment is effective for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years.

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Canyon Treefrogs

Many outdoor enthusiasts in the southern United States (or a visitor to a zoo or a nature center for us West-Texans) have seen at least one species of treefrog that lives primarily in, you guessed it, arboreal habitats. These amazing frogs have enlarged toe-pads that allow them to climb even the slickest of surfaces, including glass. What most folks don't know, however, is there is a treefrog that inhabits the dry Trans-Pecos mountains right here in their own backyard. That variety is aptly named the Canyon Treefrog.

Canyon Treefrogs (Hyla arenicolor) belong to a genera of frogs that is taxonomically as the "true" treefrogs. This genera has 5 representatives here in Texas, although this variety is the only species found in the western half of the state. This particular variety occurs in the high elevation mountains of Brewster, Presidio, and Jeff Davis counties. It is in these mountainous terrains that it resides in rocky canyons and woodlands that have at least a minimal amount of permanent water. Outside of Texas it can be observed throughout the "sky island" mountains in southern New Mexico and Arizona, southward into deep Mexico.

This moderately-sized anuran can be quite variable in appearance, not only in color, but also depending on the time of the day that it is observed. During the day the background color is light gray, off-white, or a very light pink. There tends to be very faint (if at all discernable) dark blotches of random size erratically scattered along the backside. During the evening hours however, this type of frog undergoes a severe transformation in coloration. After hours, the background coloration is dark gray, brown, or olive and the darker blotches along the backside assume a coloration of various hues of green, brown or even black. The dorsal skin is rough and bumpy in appearance, while the white belly is smooth. There are numerous distinctive bars on the long back limbs, and each toe is adorned with a flattened toe-pad that allows this innocuous creature to climb rather easily in its rocky abode. Another distinctive characteristic of this frog is the white spot just underneath the eye.

This moderately-sized amphibian reaches a total body length of



Canyon Treefrogs (Hyla arenicolor)

just over 2 inches. There is not much of a difference in the size of the sexes, but it does appear that the females are typically slightly larger. It is also a stout frog, many times appearing almost as wide as it is long.

Like other amphibians, Canyon Treefrogs live a dual life. This variety of frog will breed in either the spring or summer months, all depending on the availability of water from spring rains or summer monsoons. Mature adult males will congregate along the banks of the shallow pools in the canyons that they call home and will call for the attention of females. Their calling voice is a hollow-sounding repetitious melody. Once a receptive female approaches, the male will clasp the female around the waist and externally fertilize up to 1,000 eggs. This activity is known as amplexus. Once the eggs hatch, the fish-like tadpoles are primarily

herbivorous, and over the period of just a few weeks, the tadpoles metamorph into small froglets, developing air-breathing lungs rather than gills, absorbing the tail, and developing legs. Canyon Tree Frogs are alert and shy, and many are overlooked as they tend to rely on their camouflage for protection by remaining motionless as they are approached. Many a hiker in the mountains have walked right past these remarkable little frogs, completely unaware of the amphibian's presence. Although its range in Texas is small, population densities of this species show it to be very stable, due primarily to the fact that the areas that it calls home are relatively unscathed.

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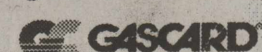
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## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Please pray for the families affected by the High Line Fire in Eula over the weekend. The Eula VFD is taking donations for the families. You can take donations to Eula Fire Station No. 2 on Highway 603 on the south end of Eula.

Barbara and Donnie Worley spent the weekend visiting with Andrew and Zephora Albrecht and Avery in Granbury. Donnie helped Andrew with some work around their new house.

Next Tuesday....Fat Tuesday, February 9th, there's a Mardi Gras benefit fund raiser for the Senior Citizens Center. You can go and enjoy a shrimp and crawfish boil, complete with all the trimmings and celebrate Mardi Gras in style, right in Cross Plains! Dinner is \$12.50 and all the proceeds go to the Senior Center. The event lasts from 5:30 to 7:30. Go and have a great time while helping out the Senior Center. Marsha Ossowski is one of the organizers of the event.

The next day, February 10th, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of lent. Ash Wednesday Services at the First United Methodist Church

in Cross Plains are at 6 p.m. that evening.

Don't forget, Sunday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. Better just go ahead now and plan dinner and chocolates for that special someone. Tim's Floral in Cross Plains will be open all day that day, just in case you forget.

Joe Terstegge will be cooking brisket, ribs, sausage and chicken for a Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Barbecue Dinner on Saturday, February 27. Joe cooked macaroni and cheese for a dinner sometime back and everyone loved it. We've talked him into making it again for the barbecue dinner. Go ahead and mark your calendars now for this one. It should be a great dinner. Held at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains.

And, don't forget, this year is Leap Year. You get one extra day of February - Monday, February 29th.

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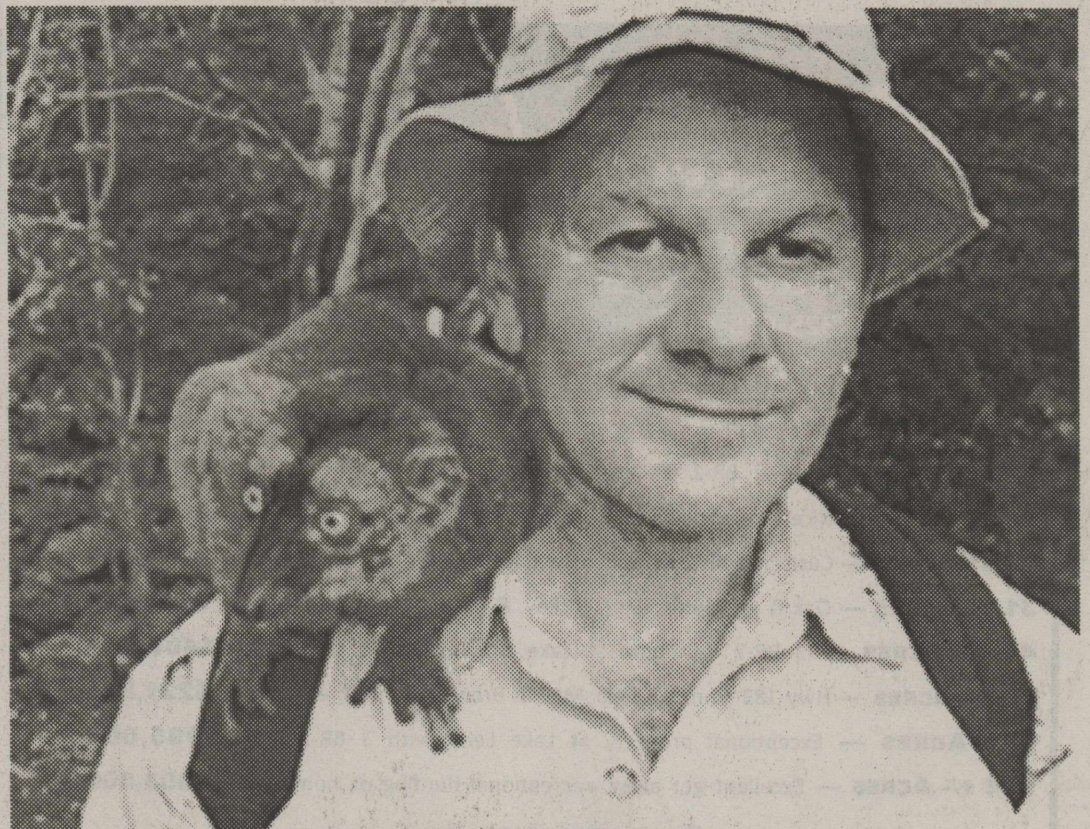
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Author Alan Dean Foster of "Star Wars: The Force Awakens"

## "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" author at Museum

Who would have thought that a short visit with some nondescript fellow in the kitchen of the Robert E. Howard Museum during Howard Days several years ago would follow such a fascinating circle in the ripple effect of visitors to Cross Plains?

In a conversation with the tour guide in the kitchen that day, Alan Foster shared that he had always wanted to see the Museum as he traveled through here on occasion to visit his wife's family in Moran. THEN he dropped the fascinating bomb that he had a postcard that H.P. Lovecraft had written to Robert Howard back in the thirties and that it WAS IN HIS WILL that the card be sent to the Museum when the time came. Retrieving her chin from the floor, the docent made some appropriate remarks and as the nondescript fellow left, hustled off to tell other Project Pride members what had transpired.

Fast forward a few months and Foster informed Project Pride that he had reconsidered his plans and wanted the Museum to have the postcard now rather than later and where could he send it. Now in a place of honor on the dining room table along with other noted artifacts of Howard's career, the postcard definitely draws the attention of the visitors.

All this time, Alan Dean Foster was just sort of known to a few of the Pride members as a fantasy writer of some note and that he had a fascinating website.

Fast forward again to January 31, when the Abilene Reporter News listed the top selling book list and there in 4th place was "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" by none other than Alan Dean Foster! The book is the novelization of the movie, meaning the movie came first, then Foster wrote it into a book that has been recently published by Del Ray/Lucas Books.

Prowling around the Internet, discovering an increasingly fascinating writer, world traveler and top notch photographer, Arlene Stephenson could see the potential for a follow up story of a Museum visitor. On a long shot and not expecting anything, she e-mailed Foster, highlighting his visit and gift to the Museum and asking for a picture for the article. Another fascinating bomb fell when he quickly replied with a picture and offer to help in any way he could.

Several e-mails were exchanged in which Foster shared how he had come by the postcard. Seems that years ago he received a routine catalog from Barry Levin, one of the world's foremost dealers in obscure and rare items. Spotting the post card in the catalog, he said that "the notion of being able to make a personal connection with these two great writers was too tempting to pass up and I bought it." And now it resides here in Cross Plains.

In addition to doing the novelization for the "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" movie, Foster has written books on all of the Star Trek movies as well as both Transformers films. He's written scripts for talking records, radio, computer games and the story for the first Star Trek movie as well as dozens of science fiction and fantasy stories and books. His works have been translated into more than 50 languages and has won awards in Spain and Russia.

Born in New York City and educated at UCLA with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master of Fine Arts in Cinema, he now resides in Prescott, AZ with his wife, JoAnn Oxley from Moran, TX. And yes, that's the Moran that's just up the road a piece to the north. Foster didn't share how they had met, but he did say that although she has traveled a lot with him, she drew the line at sleeping in a tent in the Amazon. Her exact words were "are you crazy?"

Crazy or not, he has traveled all over the world to places that we recognize (Istanbul,

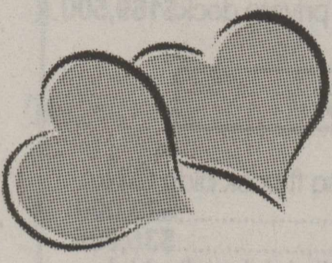
Ecuador, Trinidad, Easter, Cook and Galapagos Islands and of course, Russia, India, Venezuela, Tahiti, all of Europe and lots of South Africa) in addition to places such as Mt. Kanchenjunga in Darjeeling and of course to Namibia, and to the Mibouzi Island near Comoros. The latter is where he found the charming little wild Mayotte brown lemur that rides his shoulder in the picture above.

Not content to take awesome, beautiful and educational photographs of all his travels, he has found time to ride forty-foot whale sharks in the remote waters off Western Australia and to white-water raft the length of Zambezi's Batoka Gorge. He has driven solo the length and breadth of Namibia (wherever that is), crossed the Andes by car, gone swimming with giant otters in Brazil, surveyed Papua New Guinea both above and below the water, dived unexplored reefs throughout the South Pacific and Indian Oceans and filmed great white sharks feeding off South Australia.

And oh yes, he has rappelled in New Mexico's fabled Lechugilla Cave in the Carlsbad Cavern region. Why? Well, it's only the deepest cave in the continental US. Then closer to home, he studied karate with Chuck Norris and is a current world champion in powerlifting. In and around teaching at UCLA and lecturing at universities and conferences around the world, he has served two years on the Planning and Zoning Commission in Prescott, AZ! Interesting change of pace, to say the least.

Prescott is where he and JoAnn now live in their house built of brick salvaged from a turn-of-the-century miner's brothel, along with assorted dogs, cats, fish, several hundred houseplants, visiting javelina, porcupines, eagles, red-tailed hawks, skunks, coyotes and bobcats.

And we thought Alan Dean Foster was just a nondescript visitor to the Robert E. Howard Museum in little ole Cross Plains.



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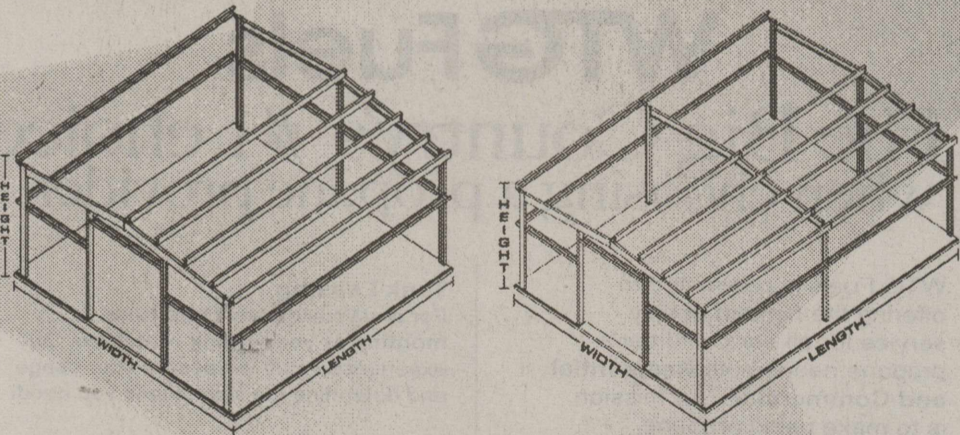
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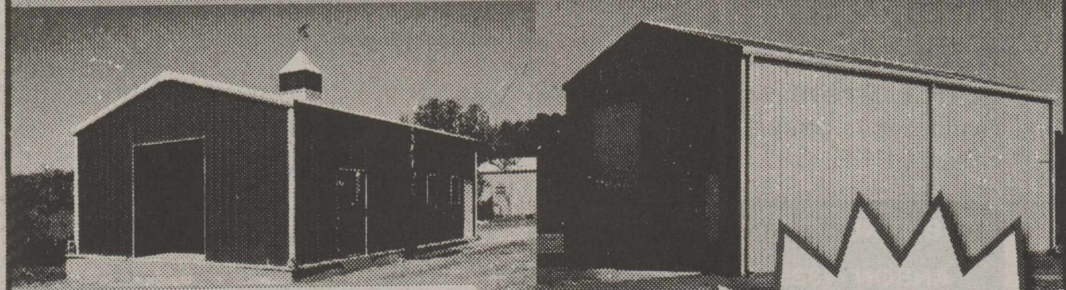
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SCENES FROM EULA FIRE. PHOTOS FROM BAIRD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FACEBOOK PAGE.

# Big range fire destroys seven homes in Eula area

A large range fire burned seven homes south of the Eula community on Saturday, January 30th, according to Clyde Fire Chief Billy Dezern.

The "High-line fire" burned approximately 642 acres and destroyed seven homes along County Road 226, south of the Eula community.

According to Sheriff Terry Joy, the Sheriff's dispatcher received the first call at 11:04 a.m. on Saturday, January 30th. Joy said the fire has been termed the "High-line fire" because somebody who lives in the area observed the fire first burning and believed the fire started along some High-line wires. Sheriff Joy said according to the Texas Forestry Service, the cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Clyde Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Billy Dezern said the Eula VFD originally served as the incident command center, however, when the Clyde VFD arrived

on the scene, the Eula fire department turned the incident command over to the Clyde Volunteer Fire Department. He said the fire department set-up its incident command center at FM 603 and Eula fire station.

Fire Chief Dezern said fire departments from Clyde, Eula, Cross Plains, Cottonwood, Hamby, Dyess AFB, Abilene, Potosi, Cisco, Baird and the Texas Forestry Service fought the large range fire. Chief Dezern said Clyde had six fire trucks and 14 firemen from Clyde at the scene.

Chief Dezern said the Department of Public Safety sent a helicopter to the fire scene and a member from the Texas Forestry Service helped fire fighters by spotting hot spots in the area.

According to Sheriff Joy, the Callahan County Sheriff's Department took command of law enforcement officers at the scene.

Joy said the Callahan

County commissioners sent maintainers to cut fire lanes around the fire and even the Yahweh community sent a fire truck tanker to the scene to refill fire trucks on the fire lines.

Eight DPS troopers from Callahan and Taylor counties assisted with traffic control around the fire area.

Chief Dezern said the Clyde VFD turned the scene back over to the Eula VFD around 11:30 p.m. Saturday night. He said the Clyde VFD again made contact with the Eula VFD Sunday morning for assistance with any hot spots.

The fire caused a number of homes to be evacuated in the area, and the American Red Cross established evacuation centers at the Eula school, Eula First Baptist Church, Highway 36 Church of Christ and Clyde First Baptist Church.

Sheriff Joy and Chief Dezern stated they believed 30-40 people were evacuated from the fire area. Sheriff Joy said

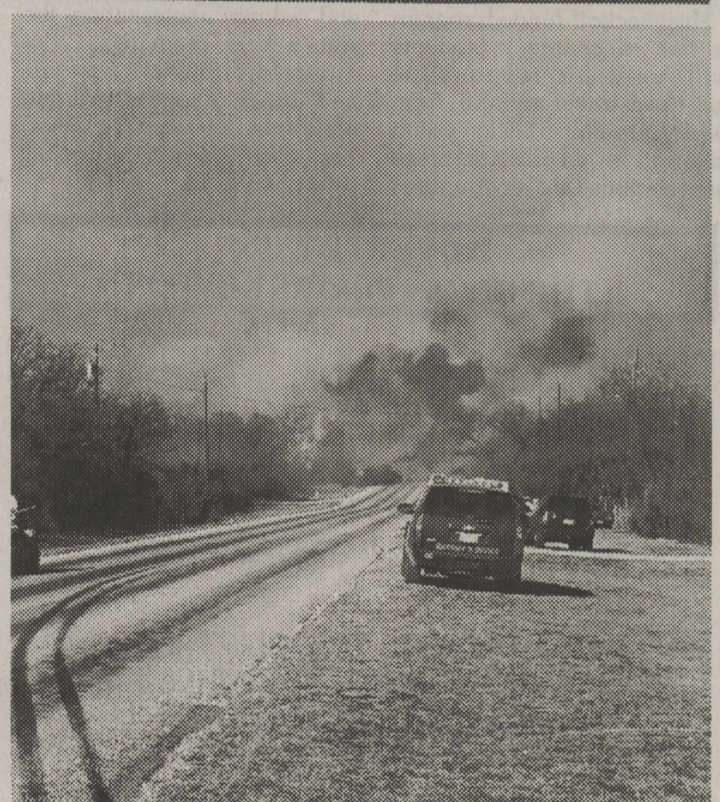
the fire departments, while on the fire lines, knocked on doors of homeowners in the area requesting they should evacuate their homes.

Callahan County Emergency Management Coordinator Keri Goodwin said a total of seven homes and six outbuildings were destroyed by the blaze. She has since learned that four of the homes were vacant.

The homes destroyed were located on FM 603, County Road 236, County road 224 and County Road 230.

She said the fire departments were able to save 30 homes and 67 additional outbuildings from being destroyed.

She said Callahan County Judge Roger Corn declared Callahan County a disaster area at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and the disaster declaration has been sent to the Governor Greg Abbott's office.



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## Upcoming West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo

Since 1992, the West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo has put on a show with 325 exhibitors and their products and services relating to farming and ranching. This year's event is expected to be better than ever with opening day Tuesday, February 23, 2016. The Expo has an attendance of approximately 15,000 yearly and 2016 is expected to be just as busy.

The West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo will take place at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene and will feature commercial vendors, designated parking, handicapped access and public transportation. The Expo runs February 23, 2016 - February 24, 2016. For more information <http://www.taylorcountyexpocenter.com> (325) 677-4376.

## Eula VFD fights High-Line Fire

The Eula Volunteer Fire Department received a call for a fire on Saturday, January 30th in the Eula community. The fire is believed to have been started by sparking power lines in the area of County Road 228. Due to very dry weather conditions and high winds, the department requested mutual aid from surrounding areas because the fire spread very quickly. The fire was stopped in the area of County Road 229 and FM 603. The fire consumed over 600 acres.

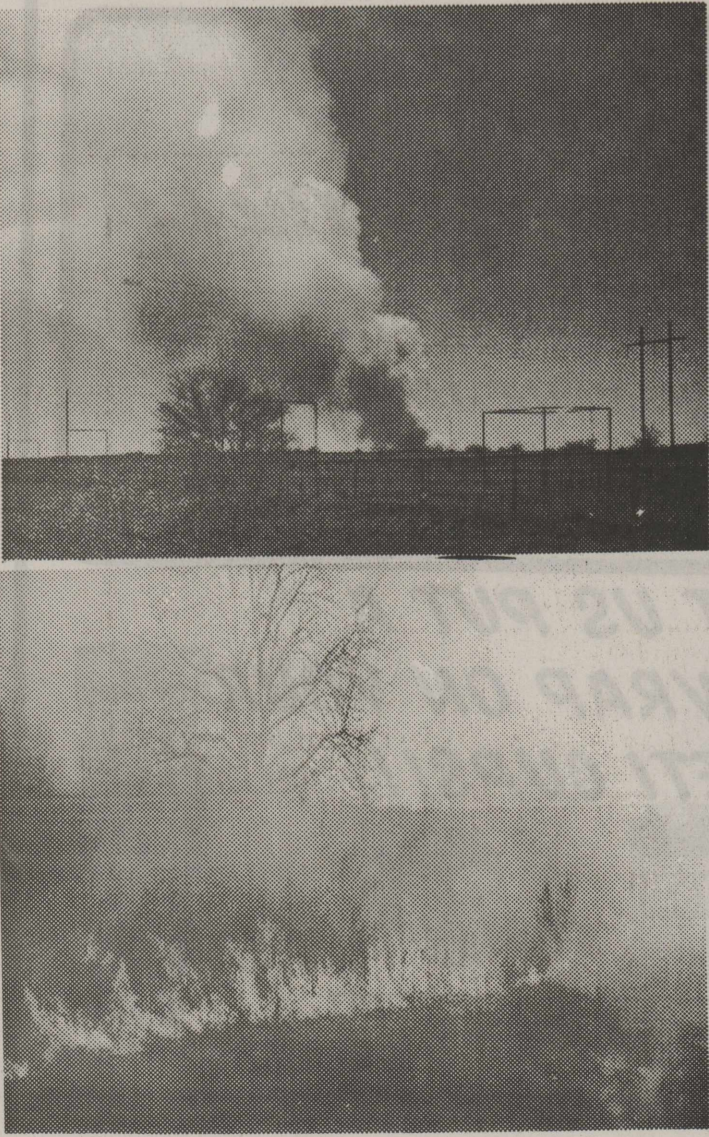
The fire crews were able to save over 20 homes from devastation. However, it is with very heavy hearts that we were unable to save 5 homes. Our department would like to send our thoughts and prayers out to the families that lost everything.

During this fire, the Eula Volunteer Fire Department had 2 trucks damaged. The repairs of these 2 trucks will cost several thousand dollars

to repair. Our department also recognized the need to finish Station 2. The station is lacking working restrooms, a small kitchen and septic tank work. These amenities have not been completed due to the lack of funds. While these do not sound like big things, they are assets to the department, especially in an emergency like this when the department is being used as a command/relief center. If you would like to offer financial support to any of the departments or facilities that helped during this fire, please send them directly to that department or facility. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

The Eula Volunteer Fire Department would like to give a huge thank you to each and every person who helped with this fire. The following departments sent crews and equipment for mutual aid: Cisco FD, Hamby FD, Abilene FD, Dyess Air Force Base FD, Cross Plains FD, Clyde FD, Potosi FD, Baird FD, Cottonwood FD and the Texas Forest Service. We would also like to thank the County Commissioners for sending the maintainers to help cut fire breaks. Thank you to Tom South for working on our trucks. Thank you to Citizen's EMS, Callahan County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety for your countless hours of help and back up.

Another big thank you to everyone in the community, including the Eula Baptist Church, Salvation Army and Red Cross, for dropping off food and water for the firefighters, emergency personnel and evacuees. Several facilities were opened to help take evacuees displaced during the fire including: 1st Baptist Church of Clyde, Eula Baptist Church, Highway 36 Church of Christ, and Eula ISD. We also had various donations from United Supermarket, Dollar General of Hawley, Pizza House in Clyde, just to name a few. And a BIG thanks to countless men and women for coming to our fire station to help serve the community in any form that was needed, from organizing food donations to keeping the station in order to run smoothly. Your work was valuable to all involved.



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AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Beef Council (TBC) is proud to announce the inaugural Texas Youth Cattle Conference has been set for June 13 - 15, 2016 in San Antonio and South Texas regions. The conference is designed for youth who have a desire to expand their knowledge about the Texas beef industry.

Attendees will explore the beef industry by focusing on beef's role in the food industry, nutrition, beef cattle science, management and marketing. Students will hear from industry experts and have the chance to learn through hands-on activities throughout the conference.

"The Texas Beef Checkoff recognizes the importance of investing in the next generation of beef producers," Jason Beyer, TBC board member and cattleman from Stephenville said. "The Texas Youth Cattle Conference will empower our young men and women with the knowledge and tools needed to become successful members and advocates of the beef community."

This checkoff-funded program is free of charge. Students will only be responsible for their travel to and from San Antonio. Texas youth involved in junior cattle breed associations are encouraged

to apply online at <http://www.texasbeefcheckoff.com/texasyouth>. Applications are due March 4, 2016. A limited number of students will be accepted to attend the conference. Applicants must be at least 16 years old as of January 2016.

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The Texas Beef Council (TBC) conducts the \$1 per head national checkoff program for Texas beef producers and is also the contractor for the Beef Promotion Research Council of Texas (BPRCT), which administers the \$1 per head Texas state checkoff program. TBC's mission is to increase beef demand in the state through programs of beef promotion, research and education. TBC also helps fund national and international beef checkoff programs to increase marketing opportunities around the globe. The BPRCT's mission is to improve Texas producer profitability by strengthening and expanding beef demand. The TBC and the BPRCT are directed by a 20-member board of cattlemen and women representing the state's beef producers. For more information on this and other checkoff-funded programs, please visit [www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com](http://www.TexasBeefCheckoff.com) or call (800) 846.4113.

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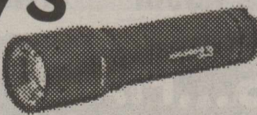
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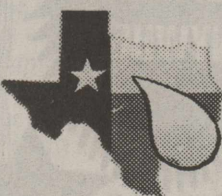
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## Callahan County Library news

New books at the library are: The Guilty by David Baldacci, See Me by Nicholas Sparks, Teachery in Death by J. D. Robb and Love in Maine by Connie Falconeri.

**From the Past**  
**Callahan County Clarendon**  
**Saturday September 23,**  
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**Personal**  
Harry Meyer returned from Andy Young's ranch last Wednesday.

Miss Lizzie Gunn is still lying very low, but her symptoms this morning are somewhat more favorable.

S. L. Robertson returned Wednesday morning from Limestone county, where he has been for several days on business.

Mr. E. M. Beck with the T. & P. land office here spent the past week in Marshall. He may be found here during next week.

Maj. Perry came in from Big Spring last Thursday evening. He informs us that their building will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Mr. Smith Craig, formerly foreman of Conch & Simpson's ranch in Taylor county spent several days in town this week. Good to see him.

Mr. McCamy and family arrived here last Thursday morning. They come to make Baird their future home. We bid them welcome.

Mrs. Eli Mitchell, of Fort Worth, on a visit here called at our office last Monday. Her daughter Effie is in our school, boarder with Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Geo. W. Jalonick, of Abilene, was in town Monday. He is agent for several prominent fire insurance associations, in

## Surviving the Storm

by Gene Hall

Farmers and ranchers survive many storms.

The most recent was winter storm Goliath. Record amounts of snowfall buried areas of the South Plains and Panhandle. Over 15,000 dairy cows perished. The number of beef cattle killed on the Plains is still being counted.

Some Texans and communities are still cleaning up from unprecedented flooding and tornadoes in recent months.

Yet, the men and women of agriculture move forward. Stories of survival and resiliency are compelling. The accounts of personal resolve inspire us.

We like inspiration. It fuels our passion for the people who work the land, who grow the food and fiber for our nation.

Other potential storm clouds are on the horizon. Market price volatility, strangling regulatory demands and unpredictable weather. Add foreign trade dynamics, animal health diseases and food safety outbreaks. And the list goes on.

Texas farmers and ranchers survive each storm. It's what they do. Resilient. Committed. Inspiring.

## Town & Country Women's Fair

This year's Town and Country Women's Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd during opening day of the West Texas Farm and Ranch Expo. Registration for this fun filled day begins at 8:30 AM in the Display Building on the Taylor County Expo grounds.

The day's events include: "No Mow Lawns" presented by the Big Country Master Gardeners, Home Storage Solutions with Joe Walsh of Home Depot, "Freezer Pleasures" with TAMU AgriLife Extension, a luncheon, a style show presented by Wild Ones Boutique, and Ms. Gay Ann Young, quilt designer, will give the final presentation. "Trail of Threads". There will be door prizes awarded throughout the day as well as vendor exhibits.

This is a program presented by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Taylor County.

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the interest of which he was doing our town.

Messrs. Ed. Seay and P. L. Callahan returned from Dallas last Sunday morning and went east again on No. 4 bound for Fort Worth, on business. They returned again on yesterday morning.

Rev. H. P. Mann, of Eastland, called at our office yesterday evening. He informed us that the contractor for building the new church has come to resume work and that he will put men to work next Monday.

Mr. Bud Wilson was in town yesterday and left again on No. 4 east bound last night. We don't think he was guilty of anything bad but he has changed his appearance so much that none of his old friends know him.

Herman Schwartz, our efficient deputy postmaster returned yesterday morning from an extended trip to Cincinnati, where he has been to visit relatives and buy more goods for his firm. He looks hearty after his trip.

Dr. Howard M. Parvin, a son of postmaster W. H. Parvin, of Belle Plain, is at present visiting with him. The Doctor is from Palmyra, Pennsylvania; he is highly pleased with Callahan county and will remain for some time. We trust he may make up his mind to settle permanently in the county.

**BORN**  
**DEAN**—At Baird on September 14th, to the wife of T. J. Dean—a son.

If you are interested in serving on a library board please call the library: 854-5875.



## Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees Considering Bond Election

The Cross Plains ISD Board of Trustees are seeking input for a possible building project that includes an Elementary PE Facility, a Band Hall, an Elementary Safety Addition, and a Technology upgrade. This project would be paid with an increase in your taxes (bond).

If the voters approve, the bond would be for \$2,975,000 to be paid off in 15 years at approximately a 2.48% interest rate. Your tax rate would increase by about 0.19 (19 cents). For a \$50,000 home, this additional rate would cause your taxes to increase by approximately \$9.00 per month. For a \$25,000 home, your taxes would increase by \$4.50 per month.

For these reasons, you are invited to a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. You will hear the specifics for the building project and the possible bond, and you will be given opportunities and ask questions and make comments.

Please see "List of Needs at Cross Plains ISD".

List of Needs at Cross Plains ISD

**Elementary Physical Education Facility** - A facility dedicated to only elementary students. It will be located to the north of the Primary Building. Pee Wee basketball games would be played there, as well as all elementary PE activities. The building would be heated and cooled. It includes restroom facilities. A FEMA grant has been applied for where the gym would double as a tornado shelter.

Cost without grant - \$1,050,000

**Band Hall** - Located in parking lot between football field and Elementary Building - next to the auditorium.

Cost - \$950,000

**Renovate existing Band Hall into additional cafeteria dining seating.**

Cost - \$475,000

**Safety Addition** - Add security upgrades throughout the elementary school (additional cameras, outside lighting, covered walkways with outside walls for protection).

Cost - \$150,000

**Technology upgrade** - Description of plans and a detail of costs will come later.

Cost - \$150,000

**Additional Costs** - Includes architect fees, geo-technical soils investigation, elevation grade contours, utilities, etc.

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Strena Cunningham, Jayden Shank, McKenna Podlevesky, and Virginia Allen watching a horse get his teeth floated.

## Cross Plains 4H News

January closed with a great visit to the Callahan County Veterinary clinic for the Vet Science Project. Strena Cunningham, Jayden Shank, McKenna Podlevesky, and Virginia Allen joined other county 4H members for an informative and interesting first meeting. Dr. Monty Ancinec discussed three patients/procedures; a dog with stitches to remove, a pregnant cow with a paralyzed throat, but the highlight of the meeting was watching him float the teeth of an older horse. Dr. Ancinec took the time to explain what he was doing, why it was needed, and made sure all the members got a good look. The next Vet Science Project meeting will be February 16, 2016 and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Last night we held our February meeting. Our guest speaker Kevin Meier, discussed the three shooting sports that 4H has to offer: shotgun, 22's and archery. Members wishing to participate need to be in the 3rd grade or older. In case you aren't certain which discipline

you want to try, they have shotguns, rifles, and bows available for members to use while they are at the range. This gives them a chance to see which is their best fit. Mr. Meier informed us that while there is an age requirement, we are welcome to bring the younger kids out so they can watch and learn gun safety. I know my first grader has already said she wants to go watch. For those of you who would like more information our leader, Terrie Parum, is compiling a list of contact names and numbers to get you in touch with the right leaders.

Valentine's Day is coming up... tired of giving the same old chocolates and flowers? The Rada Cutlery can help you out!! Go to: [www.helpourfundraiser.com](http://www.helpourfundraiser.com), Internet ordering #505896, password (lower case) callahan, Then go to Browse All Categories. Items ship within 2-3 days.

Our local 4H club leader Terrie Parum would love to talk to you regarding 4H, she can be reached at 254-725-6423.

# Clyde's Sonic restaurant now under new ownership

The Sonic Drive-In restaurant located at 1506 North Access Road in Clyde is under new ownership.

The owners took over the drive-in restaurant on December 1st and Rami Abuelhawa is the new owner/manager of the local restaurant.

The new restaurant owners are familiar with running Sonic restaurants as the company owns some 70 restaurants located throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"We have seven years of restaurant experience," Abuelhawa said.

Abuelhawa also has other restaurant experience. He said back in 2011, he was featured on an episode of "Undercover Boss" for television.

"Now five years later, I've got my own restaurant," Abuelhawa said.

Abuelhawa is married to Maria and the couple have a three year old daughter, Dahlia.

The new store owner said the company plans a Customer Appreciation Day and Grand Opening sometime this spring.

Along with the change in ownership, Abuelhawa said the company also recently completed remodeling the Clyde restaurant. "We remodeled inside and out, including new landscaping," he said. The local restaurant also remodeled the restaurant's restroom.

Abuelhawa said the local restaurant is looking forward to becoming part of the Clyde community. He said they especially want to help with any community or school fundraisers. He said any local charity or school is invited to contact him about their fundraising project. He said they can also offer church fundraisers or fundraisers for the area fire departments or police departments.

Abuelhawa said the local restaurant has some 40 employees. He said with the



RAMI ABUELHAWA IS THE NEW CLYDE SONIC OWNER/MANAGER

decline in gasoline prices, the company is expecting a big summer season this year.

He said Sonic, which began selling breakfast products in 2004, offers breakfast items such as toaster sandwiches, French toast sticks, croissants, Super Sonic breakfast burrito or the Ultimate Meat & Cheese Breakfast burrito "all day long."

Some of the Sonic specials include "Half price drinks and slushes from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. every day."

Sonic is now also offering its "Daily Deal" specials in which an item is featured every day for a special price.

Monday's Daily Deal is "Footlong quarter pound

Coney and medium tots for \$3.99."

Tuesday's Daily Deal is half price cheeseburgers all day long.

Wednesday's Daily Deal is the "Super Crunch" Chicken Strip Dinner and medium drink for \$4.99.

Thursday's Daily Deal special is any six inch premium beef hot dog for \$1.49.

Friday's special deal is a Sonic cheeseburger and small shake for \$3.99.

The Saturday/Sunday Daily Deal special is the "Brown Bag Special Meal for Two for \$9.99.

Other daily specials include 99 cent large drinks from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. every

day.

The restaurant owner said Sonic also has other specials during certain days. He said for information about other special Sonic deals, go online and become a member of the "Sonic Cruisers" and they will send your "text messages" about all their upcoming special deals.

"We're trying to focus on offering special items one day a month," Abuelhawa said. He said you can send a text message to sonic #4424 to the number 876642 to become a Sonic Cruiser. He said Facebook promotions also are available from Sonic by becoming a Facebook friend.

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## Deadline Approaching Raise the Roof, One Brick at a Time

The Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation and the City of Cross Plains need the help of it's community members. The city has laid the foundation for a new pavilion for community use in Treadway Park located on the west side of Cross Plains on Highway 36. Funds are needed to erect the actual pavilion over the concrete slab. This pavilion will be in addition to the small covered stage and open area with surrounding benches already in place. The new structure will be 2600 square feet (60'x40') and will have electric lighting available.

With its majestic trees and scenic surroundings, Treadway Park has been the home of Homecoming dances, Fourth of July Celebrations, Barbarian Festivals, rodeos, weddings, reunions, and many other events. The new structure will be an asset to the community and will be available for recreational/personal use for low to no cost. The space will be available for reservations for private events, as well as general open use throughout the community.

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## Ash Wednesday Service at Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church will be holding an Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, February 10 at 6:00 p.m. The public is warmly invited to share in this service where we recognize our mortality, repent of our sins before our loving God. We recognize life as a precious gift from God and re-turn our lives towards Jesus Christ. We may make resolutions and commit to change our lives over the next forty days so that we might be more like Christ. In an Ash Wednesday service, usually the minister will make the sign of the cross on a person's forehead with ashes. The sign of the cross reminds us of the resurrection of Christ.

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on

Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

Also, at 12:00 on Ash Wednesday, the church will be having a short service of the Burning of the Palms in the prayer garden, if weather permits. Otherwise the service will be held in the Sanctuary. The dried palms to be burned were used on Palm Sunday last year to mark the glorious entry of Jesus into Jerusalem prior to his crucifixion. The ashes from this meaningful service will be used for making the cross on the foreheads during the evening service.

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## Scranton Musical

The musical will be held Saturday, February 6th at the community center. The kitchen will begin serving at 6:00. Marie Starr and Margaret Starr will be hostess. There will be a spaghetti dinner special, drink included for \$5.00. There will be sandwiches for \$1.50 and homemade pie for \$1.00 a slice. The music will begin at 5:30. Buddy Johnson is the emcee assisted by his helpful wife, Ruby. There is always a great line up of entertainment. The weather sounds promising so come out and join us for good food and entertainment.

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# Commissioners approve Declaration of Disaster, reinstate County Burn Ban

Callahan County Commissioners held an emergency commissioners' court meeting Monday, February 1st to declare Callahan County a disaster area following a large range fire which burned 642 acres and destroyed seven homes south of Eula.

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. with all commissioners present.

Keri Goodwin, Emergency Management Coordinator for Callahan County, met with the commissioners' court to discuss the fire at and around Eula called the Highline Fire. The initial call to the Sheriff's Department dispatch reporting the fire was at 11:04 a.m., Saturday, January 30th.

By meeting time, the Texas Forestry Service has called the fire 100 percent contained. The Judge and Commissioners' Court wanted to be sure and get a thank you out and in the newspapers to the Texas Forestry Service, the Department of Public Safety, all of the fire departments, and the many individuals who helped with containing this fire.

Judge Corn declared a Declaration of Disaster for the County due to the fire damaged area at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30th.

Commissioner Bryan Farmer made a motion during the Monday, February 1st meeting to ratify the disaster declaration. Commissioner

Harold Hicks seconded the motion, and the motion carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

Also, during the commissioners' court meeting Monday, Commissioner Windham made a motion to reinstate the Countywide Burn Ban effective immediately for the County. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The commissioners' court meeting was then adjourned at 11:52 a.m. with a motion by Commissioner Farmer and a second by Commissioner Windham with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

The Declaration of Disaster and proclamation follows:

## DECLARATION OF DISASTER

WHEREAS, the County of Callahan on the 30th day of January 2016, and continuing, has suffered widespread damage, loss of property and economic loss resulting from wildfire throughout Callahan County, and

WHEREAS, the Judge of the County of Callahan has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

1. That a local state of disaster

is hereby declared for County of Callahan,

2. That the County's Emergency Management Plan has been implemented

3. That this state of disaster shall continue for a period of not more than seven days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by the Commissioner Court of County of Callahan.

4. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this the 30th day of January 2016

(s) Roger Corn  
Callahan County Judge

## DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS

WHEREAS, the County of Callahan on the 30th day of January, 2016 is under imminent threat of severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from:

THE THREAT OF WILDFIRES DUE TO DROUGHT AND OTHER WEATHER RELATED CONDITIONS; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Callahan County have determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF

# TxDOT urges drivers to make a sober ride part of their football game plans

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Transportation's statewide "Plan While You Can" campaign is reminding football fans to make a sober ride part of their game-watching plans for the upcoming playoffs and the big game. The campaign runs through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016.

"As many Texans will be watching football playoffs leading up to the big game, we strongly urge drivers to plan for a sober ride to attend watch parties," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division Director. "Crashes caused by drinking and driving are 100 percent preventable. Before you drink, make a game plan to get home safely. It's a decision that could save a life."

During the 2014 football season (Sept. 4, 2014 - Feb. 1, 2015), there were 10,676 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. Those crashes resulted in 492 fatalities - an increase of 7 percent over the previous year.

Central to the "Plan While You Can" football campaign is a multi-city 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 "footballs." The game demonstrates how even one drink can slow reaction times. The tour visits Wingstop restaurants in Austin (1/11), San Marcos (1/16), Dallas-Fort Worth (1/17), Houston (1/24)

and San Antonio (2/7).

Additionally, TxDOT is hosting an online contest on its Twitter and Instagram social media accounts for a chance to win one of five \$100 gift cards donated by Wingstop. Participants can enter the contest by creating a tweet or post using the hashtag #PlanWhileYouCan. To learn more about the contest, follow TxDOT on its social media accounts.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol can face up to \$17,000 in fines, legal fees, impoundment and other costs. 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.
- \* Spending the night.

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## Check out Map Company before You Buy

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BBB offers these tips when buying sponsorship ad.

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- verify any claims of benefit by your sponsorship of maps. Ask how the maps will be distributed

- is the company willing to certify the number of maps that will be printed.

BBB WARNING ITINERANT PAVING COMPANY

The Better Business Bureau has learned of a well-known restaurant that was approached by a paving company that had "left overs" and wished to work on the restaurant parking lot. Work was discussed only about filling in and patching "pot holes". The restaurant owner returned the next morning to find over half of the parking lot paved, and immediate payment demanded.

BBB offers these tips on hiring paving contractors:

- Get it in writing, be sure to have an address and phone number of the company - just a toll free number may not be enough

- Ask for reference for work done in your area

- A price quote means nothing unless you know what is being provided in terms of adequate base, drainage, thickness specifications etc.

- Check the companies BBB Business Review

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# The Market at Clyde Saturday, Feb 13th

Saturday Feb 13th, 10am-4pm, local vendors will meet at The Old Firehouse in Clyde to offer exceptional handmade items for purchase. Many in the area look forward to this second Saturday of each month as a time to visit Clyde and shop for unique items. All items are made by hand by local artist, crafters and home cooks. The variety is vast and changes each month dependent on which vendors are present, the season, and the creative imagination of the vendors.

To view some of the items available visit Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas. What you see on Facebook and what you see listed in this article is only a small sample. Some of the items are; Home made fudge, wax products, home yeast breads, sweet breads, cookies, jellies, fine art, wood art, scroll saw art, hand crafted furniture, wall hangings, sewn items, hand tooled leather

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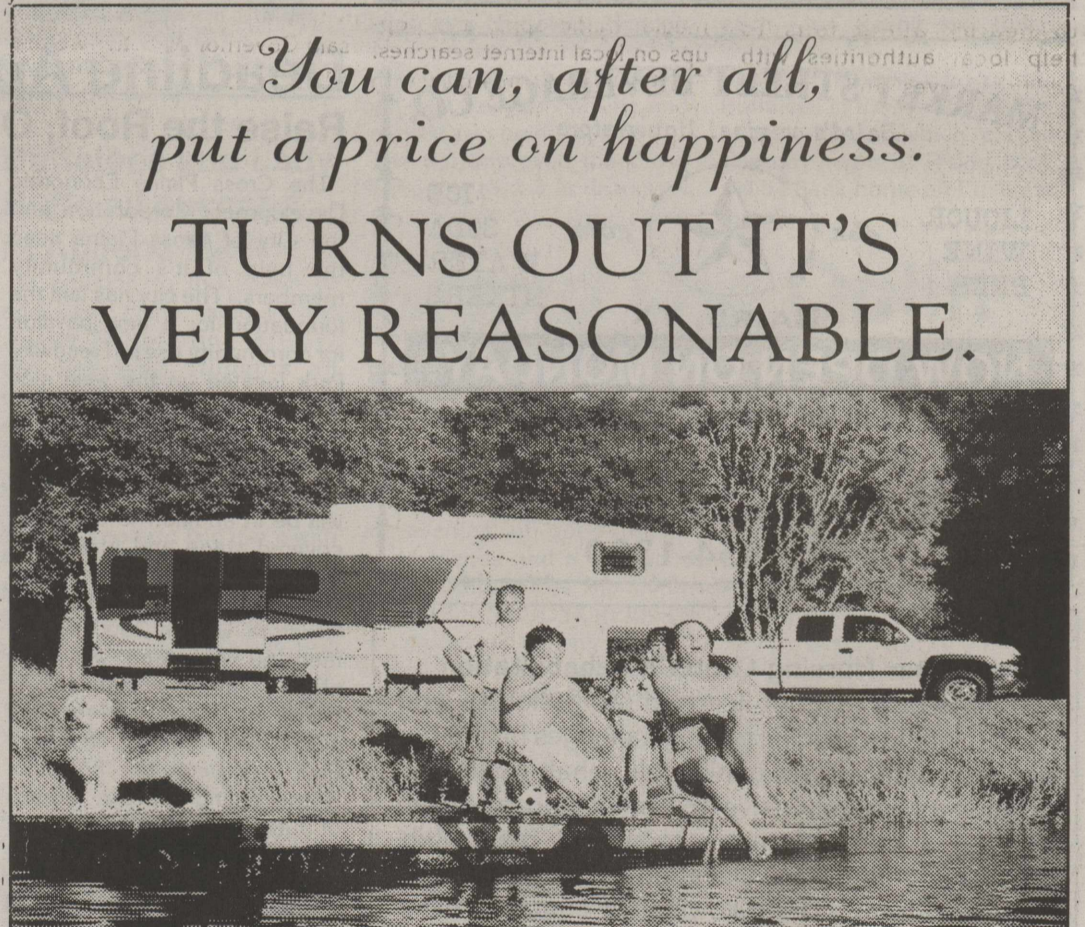
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purses and other leather items, gift baskets, hand made art Valentines, jewelry, soaps, sugar scrubs and other body products, books from a local author, crocket items, quilted items, wind chimes and sun catchers.

If you are interested in becoming a vendors email [themarketclcyde@gmail.com](mailto:themarketclcyde@gmail.com) or call 325-518-3939.

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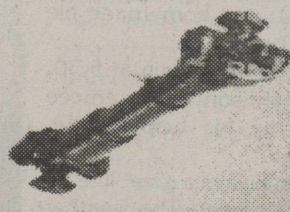
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## Sheriff's Corner by Sheriff Terry Joy

The Callahan County Sheriff's Department will soon be getting seven (7) new cameras to add to their arsenal of crime fighting equipment. The purchase of these cameras is made possible by a grant sponsored by the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office.

The grant application process is a rather lengthy exercise; but, well worth the effort. The department has been notified of a preliminary allocation of \$2,940.

This allocation is limited to expenditures for body worn cameras and the associated storage and equipment.

The grantor requires a 25% match of the grant award, which is \$735. This gives the department \$3,675 usable funds for the purchase of body-worn cameras and associated equipment.

More paperwork is involved before the body-worn cameras are in service. When all is complete, our front line officers will be equipped with body-worn cameras and accessories.

Grant funds help to update and modernize equipment to keep our Department abreast of the times. We are grateful for the opportunity to apply for grant funds.

## Texas saving lives, reuniting families

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

Texans are pioneers at heart, constantly on the front lines of invention and innovation. Some Texas creations help satisfy our appetite, like the Frito chip, while others like the networked ATM and shopping mall help make life a bit simpler.

But Texas ingenuity isn't limited to good taste or convenience - in the case of the Amber Alert, a Texan's idea has saved lives and reunited families. 794 so far, to be specific.

The Amber Alert system - which has helped rescue children from abductors across the country - all began with an idea from Fort Worth native Diana Simone, who had never even met 9 year-old Amber Hagerman before her tragic abduction 20 years ago sparked the idea.

When Diana first heard about Amber's abduction and murder in 1996, what troubled her most about Amber's story was knowing that so many people must have seen the man and the car that held her captive without realizing it. Through tears, Diana wondered why communities weren't alerted to nearby abductions to help local authorities with additional eyes and ears on the ground. Because of the limited availability of cellphone technology at the time, radio seemed to make the most sense to Diana as a medium.

She called her favorite radio station in Dallas-Fort Worth, KDMX, to pitch the idea, and immediately followed up with a letter. She suggested that when a child was abducted, "an emergency system be set up so that when a verified 911 call

is placed, all the radio stations in the area would be notified immediately and they would interrupt programming to broadcast an emergency alert, giving whatever information and descriptions that are pertinent."

In memory of the girl she never knew, Diana added in her letter: "If you are able to gather support for this Emergency Broadcast Plan, my one request is that it be known as Amber's Plan."

And with that, the Amber Alert was born in Fort Worth, Texas.

Today, as we mark two decades since the creation of the Amber Alert system, we have a lot to celebrate. By empowering ordinary citizens to help law enforcement officials, Diana's idea has reunited nearly 800 families. FBI data shows that Diana's idea has contributed to a record low number of missing person reports involving minors, with such reports falling forty percent since 1997 after Amber Hagerman's abduction.

Now, 20 years later, the Amber Alert has evolved to reach communities through not only cellular phones, but digital road signs and billboards, social media, traffic apps, and pop-ups on local internet searches. For those of you unfamiliar with the sound of these distinctive alerts, I'm sure Diana would join me in urging you to switch this setting on your mobile device on. You just might find yourself helping to reunite the 795th child with their family.

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

## USS Texas visits Subic Bay during Indo-Asia Pacific deployment

By Lt. J.G. Eric Wooten, USS Texas Public Affairs

SUBIC BAY, Philippines - The Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) arrived in Subic Bay Jan. 5 for a visit as part of its Indo-Asia-Pacific deployment.

With a crew of approximately 135, Texas conducts a multitude of missions to enhance proficiency of the submarine fleet. Texas is the second Virginia-class fast-attack submarine commissioned by the United States and is operated by some of the Navy's finest and most well-trained officers and enlisted personnel.

"Texas Sailors are hardworking and downright dedicated," said Master Chief Machinist's Mate Daniel Kloepfer, Texas's chief of the boat. "Maintaining a forward-deployed nuclear submarine is not an easy task and Subic Bay will allow for some much deserved rest for the crew."

For many crew members, this is their first visit to the Philippines.

"I can't wait to get to the Philippines for the first time,"



SUBIC BAY, Philippines (Nov. 10, 2011) Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Texas (SSN 775) glides into Subic Bay to conduct a port

said Electronics Technician 2nd Class Keagan Garber. "I'm looking forward to exploring the great outdoors."

Measuring more than 377 feet long and weighing more than 7,800 tons when submerged, Texas is one of the most technologically

visit and coordinated tended mooring alongside submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39). Texas is homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and

advanced submarines in the world. This submarine is capable of executing a multitude of missions including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface ship warfare, strike, surveillance and reconnaissance, irregular warfare, mine warfare and

is on her first Western Pacific deployment. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass. Communication Specialist 2nd Class Chris Williamson/Released)

shallow water operations. Built in Newport News, Virginia from 2002 - 2004, Texas established its home in Groton Connecticut before transferring to Pearl Harbor in 2009. The boat is sponsored by former first lady Laura Bush.

## Governor Abbott unveils Texas Plan, offers Constitutional Amendments to restore the rule of law

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today delivered the keynote address at the Texas Public Policy Foundation's Annual Policy Orientation where he unveiled his Texas Plan to restore the Rule of Law and return the Constitution to its intended purpose. In his plan, Governor Abbott offers nine constitutional amendments to rein in the federal government and restore the balance of power between the States and the United States. The Governor proposes achieving the constitutional amendments through a Convention of States.

"The increasingly frequent departures from Constitutional principles are destroying the Rule of Law foundation on which this country was built," said Governor Abbott. "We are succumbing to the caprice of man that our Founders fought to escape. The cure to these problems will not come from Washington D.C. Instead, the states must lead the way. To do that I am adding another item to the agenda next session. I want legislation authorizing Texas to join other states in calling for a Convention of States to fix the cracks in our Constitution."

Governor Abbott went on to explain that dysfunction in Washington, D.C. stems largely from the federal government's refusal to follow the Constitution. Congress routinely violates its enumerated powers, while taxing and spending its way from one financial crisis to another. The President exceeds his executive powers to impose heavy-handed regulations. And the Supreme Court imposes

its policy views under the guise of judicial interpretation. Governor Abbott urged action by Texas - and other states - to restore the Rule of Law in America.

Governor Abbott offered the following constitutional amendments:

- \* Prohibit Congress from regulating activity that occurs wholly within one State.

- \* Require Congress to balance its budget.

- \* Prohibit administrative agencies—and the unelected bureaucrats that staff them—from creating federal law.

- \* Prohibit administrative agencies—and the unelected bureaucrats that staff them—from preempting state law.

- \* Allow a two-thirds majority of the States to override a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

- \* Require a seven-justice super-majority vote for U.S. Supreme Court decisions that invalidate a democratically enacted law.

- \* Restore the balance of power between the federal and state governments by limiting the former to the powers expressly delegated to it in the Constitution.

- \* Give state officials the power to sue in federal court when federal officials overstep their bounds.

- \* Allow a two-thirds majority of the States to override a federal law or regulation.



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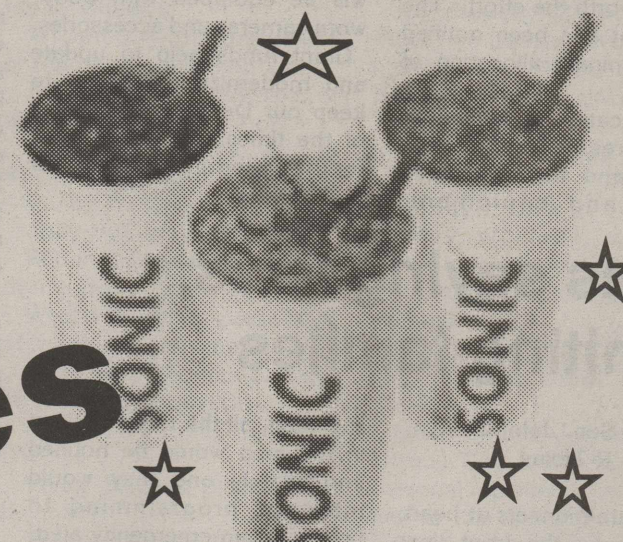
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