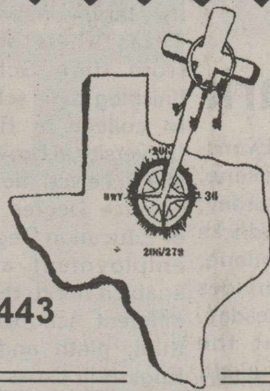


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Dee and Robert Harrell

Robert Harrell of Higginbotham Funeral Home to retire

After 34 years of dedicated service to the Cross Plains Community, Robert (Bob) Harrell, Funeral Director/Manager of Higginbotham Funeral Home, is setting his sights on a well-deserved retirement and spending more time with his recently retired wife, Dee Harrell, two children, 6 grandchildren and doing what he loves gardening, hunting, tinkering on his farm equipment, tending to his livestock out at the homestead (Undertaker's Acres).

Bob was born in Big Spring, but grew up in San Saba County. His parents were farmers and lived near Richland Springs where Bob graduated high school in 1962. Following general school, he worked for funeral homes in San Saba and Brady, for oil refinery in Odessa and then enrolled in Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in 1972.

After Bob finished mortuary school, he worked for Wright-Morelock Funeral home in Brownwood and then he moved to Mineral Wells. The next seven years he worked for Baum Funeral Home and 8 months for Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home also in Mineral Wells. In February of 1982 Bob and his wife, Dee and their two children Scarlett age 12 and

Joshua age 6 moved to Cross Plains where Bob was employed by Higginbotham Funeral Home as Funeral Director/Manager. Bob became an integral part of the community serving those during their time of grief. He was very dedicated to his position and took pride in every aspect of funeral service, and was very willing to share his knowledge and experience with young people who chose this work. Bob never looked at his career as just a job he looked at it as his calling and he had a servants heart and he felt that this is where God wanted him.

Even though Bob was not born here or grew up in Cross Plains he called this wonderful caring community his home. Bob immersed his self into the community not only in his job but he also served as Fire Chief for 15 years for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department. After the wild fire that stuck the community in 2005 he had to step down due to smoke inhalation. He is now looking forward to being able to have the free time to be more involved with his family and to enjoy working on his farm.

Please come join us on Saturday, March 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center as we celebrate Bob's Retirement.



Cross Plains Senior, Billy Woodard pictured with the Marimba

Cross Plains Senior goes to State

Cross Plains Senior, Billy Woodard, will be advancing to file for a position on the Cross Plains City Council election to be held on May 7th, 2016.

Positions on this year's ballot include those of Mayor Ray Purvis, Councilman Bob Kirkham and Jerry Cassle. Incumbents John McWilliams and Roy Richey have also submitted an application.

in Brownwood, Texas on Saturday and was awarded first place for his piece on the Marimba, a percussion instrument. Congratulations, Billy, on a job well done.

Deadline to file approaching

February 19th is the last day to file for a position on the Cross Plains City Council election to be held on May 7th, 2016.

Positions on this year's ballot include those of Mayor Ray Purvis, Councilman Bob Kirkham and Jerry Cassle.

Mayor Purvis has not and does not intend to seek re-election. Bob Kirkham has signed up for Mayor. So far, James Nichols, Don Bryant and Jerry Cassle has signed up for the two council seats.

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.

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!

Book Sale Saturday

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 13, from 9am - 2pm. Stop by the building across from Lawrence Farm & Ranch and get in on some great deals! Books are only \$1/bag. Where else can you get so much for only \$1? We have fiction, non-fiction, romance, adventure, teen and children's titles and lots more. There are paperbacks, hardcovers, audio-books on tape and CD, and VHS movies.

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

Early voting begins Tuesday for Party Primary Elections

Early voting for the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections will get underway Tuesday, February 16th at three voting locations in Callahan County.

The Primary Election voting locations include Room #102 at the County Courthouse in Baird, the Clyde Justice of the Peace office on Oak Street and the Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office located on South Main Street.

Early voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and voters are reminded the offices are closed during the lunch hour.

Early voting will continue for both Democratic and Republican Primary Elections

through Friday, February 26th. Early voting will not take place on Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st.

The Democratic & Republican Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 1st, with the polls open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

All Callahan County voters are also reminded they can vote at any of the voting locations, no matter where their Precinct is.

A Sample Ballot for both the Democratic & Republican Primary Elections is located inside this week's newspaper.

More information and complete sample ballots of all seven Callahan County voting precincts is available on the website: callahancounty.org.

Tim's Floral Open on Valentine's Day

A reminder that Tim's Floral will be open all day on Sunday, February 14th for Valentine's Day. If you need flowers, a plant or last minute gift, stop by and see Tim.

February 14th will also be Tim's Floral's last day of business. After 32 years, Tim will be closing the doors at the end of the business day.

If you have a gift certificate

from Tim's Floral, you will need to use the gift certificate on or before Sunday, February 14. Also, if you owe on your account at Tim's Floral, you'll need to 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.

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.



Fire Department to hold BBQ dinner

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department is going to hold its 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.

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The Undertaker
Written by Darlene Rush

This is for the undertaker,
Whose story is sad to tell,
For what he does is never mentioned, and often overlooked as well.
He's not at all what you might picture,
He's not wrinkled, old and gray.
His face is not the pasty white,
Like storybooks portray.

Some people laugh and make their jokes,
And some turn up their nose,
And many think that he is strange,
For the life that he has chose.

But there are many things that they don't see,
And even more that they don't know.
Like all the nights he gets no rest,

But never lets it show.
I have seen him work both day and night,
With no time to eat or sleep.
To care for those in mourning,
And comfort those who weep.

The load he carries on his shoulders,
Is more than you or I could bear.
But he always seems to find the time,
To show you that he cares.

So when you see the undertaker,
Make sure you see the man,
That does the job that no one wants
And that no one understands.

Take the time to shake his hand,
And a moment to just say "hi."
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4H News

The next Vet Science Project meeting is Tuesday, February 16 and will begin at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Ancinec has opened the doors to his Callahan County Vet Clinic and donated time from his busy schedule to support the Callahan County 4-H Vet Science Program. This is a great opportunity for our 4-H members to learn about the veterinary field, plus animals and ailments that they may be unfamiliar with. I know I learned new information while I was there. In January we saw a dog, a cow, and a horse... I can't wait to see what he has for us this month. The Callahan County Vet Clinic is located at 2566 I-20 Frontage Rd, Clyde, TX 79510.

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, Internet ordering #505896, password(lower case) callahan, Then got 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.

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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 **Sue Neal** at Texas Heritage Bank to help with financial expenses

OBITUARIES

Ruby Maureen Evans-Clark

Ruby Maureen "Punk" Evans-Clark, age 94, of Abilene, Texas passed away, Saturday, February 6, 2016, at Hendricks Medical Center in Abilene, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at the Burkett Cemetery in Burkett, Texas under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home, Cross Plains, Texas.

Maureen was born on February 6, 1922 in Burkett, Texas to L.D. And Audie Evans. Upon graduation from Burkett High School she married Ivan T. Clark of Cross Plains, Texas. Maureen and Ivan moved to Bisbee, Arizona in 1942 where Ivan found work in the copper mines and Maureen work as a bookkeeper for Phelps Dodge Corporation. The moved back to Texas to farm and ranch near Burkett in 1959. Maureen worked at Citizens Bank in Cross Plains and helped her husband build a successful farm and ranch operation near Burkett. They later moved to Cross Plains to retire where they lived until Ivan's death in 2000. She loved watching sports and reading her bible.

Maureen is survived by one son, Dwayne Clark and his wife Paula of Abilene, Texas; 3 sisters, Theda Kornegay of Ft. Worth, Texas; Robbie Lucko of Temple, Texas; Rebanell Steinman of Cross Plains, Texas; 2 grandchildren, Kim Clark of Abilene, Texas; Wade Clark and his wife, Stephanie of Abilene, Texas; 3 great grandsons, Kaleb Clark; Aaron Clark and Brady Clark; numerous nieces and nephews. Maureen was preceded in death by her husband Ivan T. Clark, her parents and sister, Sonja Henson.

she moved from Oklahoma to Odessa, Texas where she completed grades 8-9. Then the family moved to Brady, Texas where she graduated from High School. After finishing high school she went to college at Howard Payne University in Brownwood where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree & her Master of Education Degree. Blanches employment as a teacher enabled her to teach at several different schools. She taught third, ninth and tenth grade English in Cross Plains, Texas. She taught ninth, tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth grade for English and Art in Rising Star, Texas.

She was actively involved in numerous organizations and churches. She was a member of the Cross Cut Methodist Church in 1947 to 1953 then the church joined Cross Plains United Methodist Church in 1953 where she was still a member until the present. She was a past president of the Cross Cut Community Association; past president of the Cross Cut Homecoming Associations. A Charter President of Kappa Delta Pi at Howard Payne University (an honor society for future teachers); President of Omega Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma (an honor society for women teachers) and former member of Phi Delta Kappa at Howard Payne University (an honor society for educators). A Texas State President of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Association Auxiliary. Matron of the Cross Plains Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Secretary/Treasurer of the Cross Cut Cemetery Association. Classroom Teachers Delegate to the National Education Association Convention in San Francisco, California. Life member of Texas State Teachers Association and Life member of the National Education Association. A member of the Brownwood Chapter of Eastern Star. Member of the Howard Payne Alumni Association and the Texas and Brown County Retired Teachers Association. She was the Assistant Director of the Heart of Texas Literature Center in Walker Memorial Library at Howard Payne University. Member of the Board of the Brownwood Public Library and the American Library Association. Member of the Tanglewood Garden Homeowners Association. She was Presently the Assistant Director at Howard Payne University's Literature Center in Brownwood, Texas.

She married O. B. Byrd on December 18, 1946 in Brownwood, Texas. They celebrated 57 years together before he preceded her in death on May 11, 2004.

Blanche is survived by her sister, Anna Mahan of Woodson, Texas; 8 nieces and nephews, Donna Wampler of Bedford, TX; David Fore and wife Rena of Graham, TX; Jesse and wife Kammi Fore, also of Graham; Patty Williams Taylor and husband Dave of Meadville, MO; Judy Williams and Andy of Austin, TX; Terry Mahan and wife Teresa of Santo, TX; Mike Mahan and wife Brenda of Woodson, TX; Cheryl Sullivan and husband Gary, also of Woodson, TX. Blanche was preceded in death by her parents, husband, O.B. Byrd and son, O.B. Byrd, Jr.



BRIGITTE H. ROADY

Brigitte H. Roady

Brigitte H. Roady, age 80, passed away Friday, February 5, 2016, in Abilene Regional Medical Center. Services were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the First United Methodist Church of Baird with Rev. John Wade officiating. Interment followed in Pioneer Cemetery. Parker Funeral Home of Baird was in charge of arrangements. Viewing was held all day Monday, with visitation from 5:30 until 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Brigitte was born on July 29, 1935, in Stum, Germany to Walter and Elsbeth Karpa. Following high school graduation she graduated from the Universtat Leipzig, and in 1959 met the love of her life, N. A. Roady from Texas, USA. They married in Schwetzingen, Germany on May 14, 1959. N. A. and Brigitte have lived in Baird since 1989 moving from Anson, Texas. Brigitte had worked for Aileen Corporation as well as Texas Instruments where she was certified in assembly line soldering. She loved her church and was a dedicated member of First United Methodist Church of Baird, and was proud of her membership in the Texas Federated Women's Club.

Survivors include her husband N. A. Roady of Baird, 1 sister, Ingrid Pallaske and husband Dieter of Leipzig, Germany; 1 brother, Jurgen Karpa and wife Ursula of Bautzen, Germany; along with a number of nieces and nephews both in the USA and Germany. She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Blanche H. Byrd

Blanche H. Byrd, age 88, of Brownwood passed away, Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in Brownwood, Texas. Graveside services will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2016 at Cross Cut Cemetery in Brown County, Texas with Kevin Morton officiating.

Blanche was born on January 6, 1928 in Healdton, Oklahoma to Velmer Dean Howe and Anna Elizabeth Spiers-Howe. Blanche went to elementary school at Fox, Oklahoma grades 1-6 then was double promoted when

Love Fund for **Lisa Floyd** has been set up at Texas Heritage Bank for medical expenses

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


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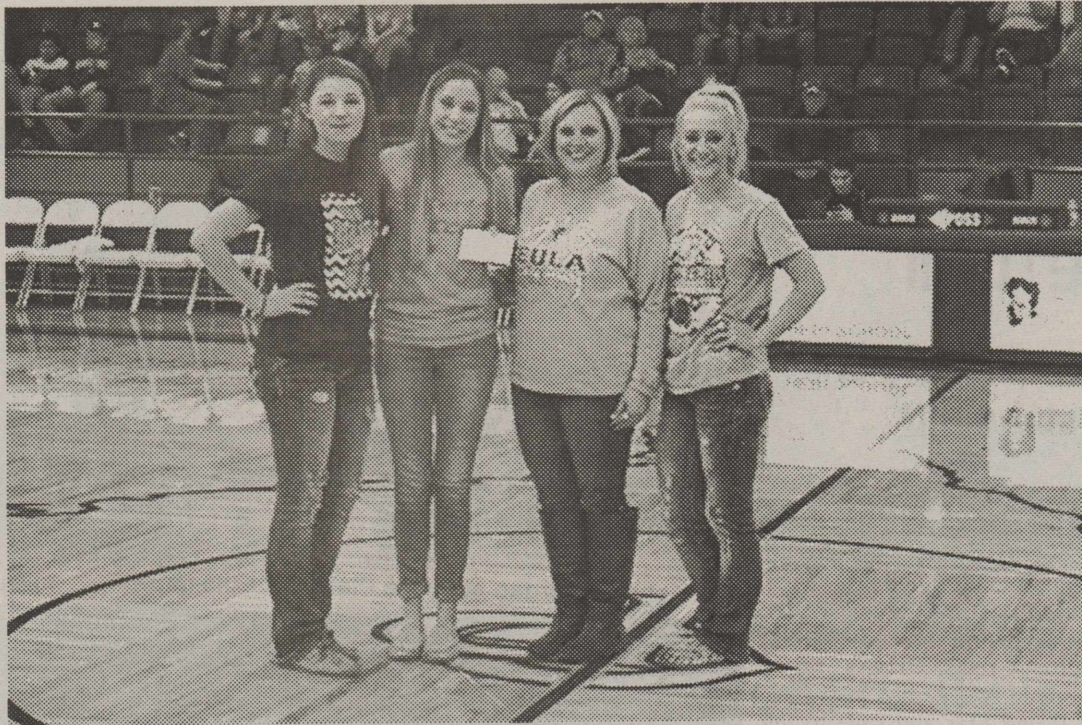
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Cross Plains Student Council held a fund raiser and was able to present Eula with a donations check of \$200.00. The donation will go to help aide those effected from the Eula fire.

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.

To help raise the funds for the pavilion, the City and the EDC are offering engraved bricks for the low donation cost of \$50. Deadline to place your order for a commemorative brick is March, 1st. Each of these bricks will be displayed on-site, and be used to finish out the walkway that will run from the Turkey Creek bridge within Treadway to the new slab and future structure. Each brick may have up to 4 lines engraved with your choice of wording, with everything from honoring a loved one, to a class year, business name, or birth announcement. What a unique and lasting memorial for future generations. The donations are tax deductible as well so with the end of the fiscal year approaching this provides another way to give in tax year 2015.

If you are interested in purchasing a brick and raising the roof on the pavilion, contact Debbie Gosnell at City Hall or Dannes Turner at the Senior Citizen's Center. And remember, the deadline is March 1, 2016.

Kiwanis Pancake Supper



Kiwanis International of Cross Plains will host their pancake fund raiser on Thursday, March 10th. Mark your calendar for this annual event to be held at the Cross Plains school cafeteria.

Pancakes and sausage will be served from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. Cost for this event is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 12. The money raised for this event goes to help various projects for children in our area. We look forward to an enjoyable evening of fellowship in our community.

Abilene Idol Auditions & Abilene Idol Jr.

Abilene will host auditions for local singers at the Mall of Abilene in the Women's Dillard's Courtyard on February 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each singer has 2 minutes to impress the judges. At the end of the day, the judges will select their top 15, who compete in the Finale 3 weeks later. Also introducing Abilene Idol Jr. for two age groups: 9-12 and 8 and younger. 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place in each age group will be announced at the end of the morning.

Register on-line at AbileneIdol.net. On-site registration also available at the Mall of Abilene 4310 Buffalo Gap Rd, Abilene. Call Gwynn Haseltine at 325-673-7464 for more information. Cost is \$20 for pre-registration audition and \$25-On site audition.

Weight Warriors: Less is Less

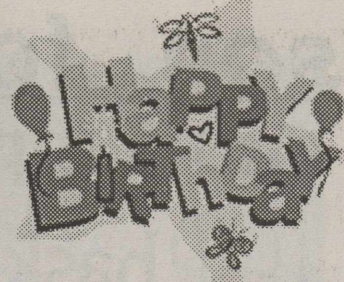
Weight Warriors is still alive and well and going strong in 2016. We are looking forward to a new year with new plans, new challenges, and achieving our goals. Together we will journey toward our healthiest year yet.

As we meet to share our joys and concerns, there is also a short topic of encouragement each week. A celebration bracelet or necklace is padded every week to the one who has lost the most that week. It serves as an anchor to reinforce your weekly motivation. Also, we have door prize drawings weekly, and if you stay for the meeting, you just might be the lucky one to receive the gift brought by the previous week winner. We also have a Biggest Loser contest two-three times a year. (Scales are provided if you choose to weigh. It's your choice.)

There is no charge, membership fees, or requirements. Just a sincere desire to be healthy and share group support. All we ask is donations of non-perishable food items for our local food pantry. We are helping others as we help ourselves.

You are welcome to come check us out as we meet every Tuesday afternoon. Come, bring a friend and find out how this energetic and fun group just might be the little boost you need to be more successful on your weight loss journey.

Weight Warriors meet at 5:30 PM every Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church. Come join us and we will see less of you every week!



February 14

Kristin Deshaye Sliger
John Joseph Cohn
Don Brown
Alvin Knight
Billie Watson
Tommy Cowan
David Merryman
Kathryn Ohlhausen McMillian
Joseph DeWayne Turner
Dan Notgrass
Alberto Jimenez
Jim McCoy
Paige Marie Wilson
Steven Reynolds

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Elena Teasdale
James B. Ellis
Jimmy Riffie
Wanda Woody
Allen Phillips
Don Wayne Vaughn
Pamela (Glover) Smith
Warren Dwane Cunningham
Madeline Stone
Judy Peninger
Anna (Bomar) Coe
Scott Ricci
Doric Miller
Mae Preas
Clayton Reynolds

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Mrs. Donald Porter
Sandra White Ingram
Weldon Robertsons
JaeLynn Stout
Chuck Letney
James Reynolds
Bill Holland
Buck Kelly
Meola Johnson
Jordan Collier
Grady Scott
Lynn Vaught Hix
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Shiloh Morris
Mrs. Tammie Peters

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David Draper
Margaret Grissom
Janice Hutchins
Judy Cayanaugh
George Cowan
Norma Jean Evans
Don Needham
Mrs. J.L. King
Bill Melton
Thelma Rogers
Greg Irwin
Ventura Montreal
Taylor Chew

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Vicki Goble Williams
Christy Raynel Jones
Micheal Havner
Joe Atwood Watson
Sherri Neal Riney
Joe Anderson
Donnel Lutgens
Lamar Gregg
Mrs. W. E. Thompson
Joe Simpson
Shayla Hicks
Mrs. Wayne Brown
Edna Stell Wilson
Margie Wright
Sara Wells

February 19

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Mrs. Lloyd Boyle
Mrs. George Chapman
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Denise Holmans
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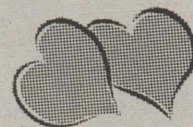
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Deborah (Allen) Thomas
Candi Taylor
Renee Atchley
Zachary Dotson

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WIC, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children has recently changed its income guidelines. If you are currently enrolled in Medicaid, Food Stamps, or TANF you are automatically qualified to receive WIC services. If you are not currently enrolled in those programs you may still qualify for WIC. The WIC program can now use check stubs from any persons living in your household.

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It is definitely a way to bridge the generation gap and everyone comes out a winner.

If you are interested, join us at 108 N Main St beginning 9/10/15, or call Dannes Turner at 254 725-6521 for more information.

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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. 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.

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We would like to send a special thank you to the first responders of CPVFD/EMT for your compassion, guidance, and for going above and beyond.

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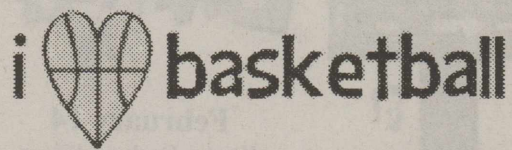
We are grateful for the Women's Ministries who gave of their time and love to prepare a meal for our family and friends.

We will always remember and cherish the expressions of love we received from every one of you.

God Bless you all.

'Tis the Season...for BASKETBALL!

Come on out and support your Buffaloes



Cross Plains girls maintain hold on third place in district standings

By Al Pickett
Special Writer

The Cross Plains High School girls basketball team is still in third place in the District 15-1A standings after splitting a pair of games last week. The Lady Buffaloes are 5-4 in district and needed only a victory Tuesday over winless Moran to secure a playoff berth as the third-place team in the district.

Cross Plains whipped Rising Star 42-23 on Tuesday. Hannah Cowan poured in 14 points, while Rebekah Crockett added 10, Shelby McWilliams eight, and Kelli Bennett and Shana Yates five points apiece.

The Lady Buffaloes lost Friday's showdown with second-place Eula, however, falling 43-37. Katy Jo Morgan and Crockett led Cross Plains with

12 and 10 points, respectively. Bennett contributed six, Grace Goode five and Kaitlyn Potter two points for the Lady Buffs.

The Cross Plains boys dropped two games last week to Rising Star and Eula to fall to 11-13 overall and 2-6 in district. Holden Senclair had 13 and Creed Goode 11 points in a 47-42 loss to Rising Star on Tuesday. Joe Revoir scored eight, James Briggs six, Larson Walker three and Bryce Petree one point for Cross Plains.

Eula pulled away in the second half for a 63-40 victory Friday over the Buffaloes. The Pirates held a 31-24 halftime lead but outscored Cross Plains 32-16 in the second half.



Varsity Captains Holden Senclair in front and Phoenix Sanders in rear meet with Eula Captains and Referee's prior to last Friday's game.



Varsity boys #23 Holden Senclair guards as #34 Creed Goode catching some air as he makes his shot.



#22 Katy Jo Morgan at Cross Plains vs Eula game



Varsity Lady Buffs showing sportsmanship

Junior Varsity



Cross Plains #22 Samuel Guerrero and #5 Gage Connolly at Friday's game against Eula.



#23 Grace Goode, #12 Shelby McWilliams at Cross Plains vs Eula game last Friday.

Basketball Schedule

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

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

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Cross Plains falls against Eula pictured is #20 Trent Potter and #35 Tripp Thomas.



JV Girls vs Eula last Friday here at home.



Cross Plains JV girls played hard against Eula last Friday They fell short to Eula. #5 Jaci Bien, #21 Hannah Crockett.

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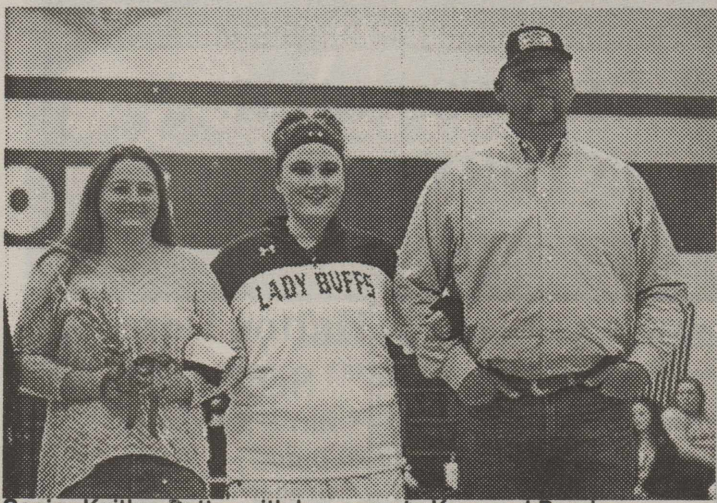
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Senior Phoenix Sanders with his sister Texas Sanders.



Senior Brayden Kennedy with his mother Teresa Kennedy.



Senior Rebekah Crockett with her parents Kim and Davy Crockett and her siblings, sister Hannah Crockett and brother Joseph Crockett.

Writing Contest at the Cross Plains Public Library

The Cross Plains Public Library is accepting entries for our annual writing contest. This contest is open to all students attending, or eligible to attend, the Cross Plains Public Schools. Poetry, essay and short stories are allowed. Entries will be accepted from grades K through 12. Home schooled children are responsible for inquires to the awards assembly date and time. The library will not contact home schooled recipients. CPISD students should ask their teacher in regard to entering through the school or they may enter at the library. Only one entry per student will be accepted. Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than March 31, 2016. Entries will be "blind judged" with ribbons awarded to the top three entries in each respective grade. The overall top winner will receive a plaque and a gift card. Second and 3rd place winners will receive a gift card. The three overall winner's papers will be submitted to the Cross Plains Review for publication. For additional information please contact the library at 725-7722 or Marsha Ossowski at 325-201-4150.

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Save the Date: What Are You Reading? 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.

Cross Plains Powerlifting Results

On Thursday, February 4th the Cross Plains Powerlifting Team headed to San Saba. Alexis Mauricio of the 123lb weight class came in 3rd place with a lift total of 540lbs. Kersey Wyatt, who competes in the 114lb weight class, also took 3rd place in her class with a lift total of 520lbs. Shiloh Dodge, also in the 123lb class, competed in the event and she along with everyone else increased their total weight lifted capabilities. Nain Martinez lifts in the 198lb weight class came in with 2nd place with a 1,160lb lift total while teammate, Zachary Gartman blew it out with a 1,235lb total lift to take 1st Place for the men's 198lb class. Kaiden Petree lifts in the 165lb class and did an awesome job with his lift total of 905lbs. On Saturday the 6th, the team went to Whitney, Texas and had a great day with Kristi Ward taking 2nd place in her 165lb class with a lift total of 785lbs, Teagan Fortune of the 148lb class came in 3rd place with 695lbs lifted and Kaitlyn Potter came away with another 1st Place win with 885lbs total weights lifted. Awesome job ladies and gentlemen. You have all worked hard and have done great!

Children in grades 4-6 will thoroughly enjoy "Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere" by Julie T. Lamana. If you are a parent and looking for something for your youngster to read that is informative AND entertaining, I highly recommend this historical fiction. Armani Curtis lives in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward with her extended family. All she can think about is her 10th birthday party, her friends coming over and the beautiful birthday cake her mother has baked. When Hurricane Katrina hits, her world is turned upside down. Armani has to grow up fast to help her family survive this terrible storm. Ms. Lamana, the author, was an after-school Literacy Specialist in Louisiana when Hurricane Katrina hit. She has personal insight into what children went through during the storm and how they dealt with its aftermath. In her debut novel, she does a wonderful job taking the characters through the struggles of dealing with death and having the courage to survive. This book brings to life the people who were in the path of Katrina and helps the reader understand the hardships that were put before them. Although the story is classified as fiction, it is based on actual events during Hurricane Katrina. Come to the library and check it out!



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

Cross Plains High School Brass Quintet plays at Solo Ensemble

A strong Brass Quintet from Cross Plains High School played in District Solo Ensemble competition Saturday, February 6th at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Unfortunately, they came in second place and so will not be continuing on to state this year. Last year this same quintet not only made it to the state finals, but they took the Division II title.

When your money is tight, hometown shopping is just right.

Cross Plains I.S.D. Weekly Menu February 15- 19, 2016

	MONDAY 15	TUESDAY 16	WEDNESDAY 17	THURSDAY 18	FRIDAY 19
B	Sausage	Dutch waffle	Muffin	Stuffed bagel	Pancakes
R	Biscuit	Bacon	Yogurt	Sausage	Bacon
E	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal	Cereal
K	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
F	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Assorted juice
A	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
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L	Cheese Enchiladas	Philly cheese steak	Pizza	Chicken nuggets	Beef or Chicken
U	Spanish rice	Sandwich or Chicken	Garden salad	Mae & cheese	On bun
N	Black beans	Potato rounds	Carrot coins	Green beans	Hamburger parrish
C	Garden salad	Fresh veggie cup	Fruit cup	Garden salad	Oven fries
C	Cinnamon apples	Pears	Apple slices	Apple slices	Baby carrots w ranch
H	Milk	Cookie	Milk	Milk	Shred peaches
		Milk			Crisp cereal treat

The Market at Clyde Saturday, 10am-4pm

The monthly Market at Clyde will take place Feb 13th, 10am-4pm, at The Old Firehouse in Clyde. Expect the return of some of your favorite vendors this month plus several new vendors.

Also on display is fine art, scroll saw art, both wooden and metal yard art, wall hangings, treats for your pets, and so much more. Be sure to check out the Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas to see a few of the items that will be on display. Also watch KTAB4U at 4pm and KRBC News at 5pm on Friday, Feb 12 to learn more about The Market at Clyde. If you are interested in becoming a vendor email themarketatclyde@gmail.com or call 325-518-3939.

There are always vendors with food items that are favorites month after month. Homemade Yeast Breads, Zucchini Bread, Cinnamon Loaf, Biscotti, Cookies and many more baked foods. Add Homemade Fudge and Candies and Jellies to that as well.

One of the highlights of The Market this month will be some truly elegant hand made Valentines from on of the newest vendors. These are reproductions of vintage Valentines with special touches such as lace. Most of the vendors will have special creations for Valentine gifts.

There will be so many items ranging from home cooking, sewn items, soaps, to refinished furniture and handcrafted furniture. There is way to much to cover all of the items.

This month jewelry will be a favorite as you shop for gifts. There will be several well know jewelry designers with a large range in price. Styles range from fun T-Shirt jewelry to more elegant detailed pieces. You will find something that you like for yourself or to give.

Soaps, Sugar Scrubs, and Whipped Body Creams are also a favorite of our return customers. These are presented in Valentine Gift bags to make your gift giving easy.

You will want to check out handbags, gun holsters and other Hand Tooled Leather items at The Market. The vendor that creates these leather designs also takes special orders, as do many of the other vendors.

You will find sewn items and quilted items. Those crafters are willing to work with their customers to create that one of a kind look in home décor or clothing. Some of the favorite newer creations are special bags. These are all unique creations not found elsewhere.

One of the local authors, Bill Wood, will be set up to sell and autograph his books. He will have several of his historical Christian, Western Novels available. He loves to visit about his work.

Friday, February 5, 2015 the Callahan County Jail had a surprise visit by Shane Sowell

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Sheriff's Corner By: Terry Joy

Michael Wallace pleads guilty. Callahan County Jail passes inspection. William Cedergen indicted by Grand Jury and arraignment set for Thursday, 2/11/2016.

Does everyone remember the name "Michael Wallace"? He has been in the Taylor County Jail since February 5th, 2015. He is one of the four arrested and charged with the murder of Misty Mashburn which occurred on Gas House Road and I20 Access Road, between Clyde and Baird, in January, 2015. He pled guilty Friday, February 5, 2016, and received a sentence of 45 years in the Texas Department of Corrections. About 6 weeks ago Shaliko Mcgee pled guilty to the same charge and also received a sentence of 45 years in the Texas Department of Corrections. This leaves Xavier Sneed, who is still in Taylor County Jail and Briana Payne who is out on bond. They will have the opportunity to make their plea sometime in March.

Wednesday afternoon, December 30th at 2:30 pm a 47 year old Clyde Boy Scout Leader was arrested outside the Clyde Boy Scout Hut and charged with a first degree felony of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) with intent to deliver. This was within 1,000 feet of the Clyde Elementary School which is a drug free zone which carries enhanced penalties. He was indicted by the Grand Jury on January 27th, 2016.

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Reeves moves to top of steer wrestling standings at Fort Worth Rodeo

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by Susan Kanode
for the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo

FORT WORTH, Texas (February 3, 2016) — Matt Reeves grew up coming to the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo and in fact, even showed pigs here as a youngster.

Now, he is strictly a rodeo competitor and is in position to win a steer wrestling championship at this year's rodeo. Reeves tied for second place in the first round with a 4.2-second run earning \$4,730. He ran his second steer on Wednesday afternoon and stopped the clock in 4.7 seconds. While this won't get him a check in the round, it put him in command of the overall leaderboard with a total time of 8.9 seconds. He is over a half-second ahead of Brother Loud from Kaufman, Texas, who was 9.6 on two runs.

Reeves is a native Texan. He now lives in Cross Plains and grew up in Pampa. Stock shows were a big part of his world before he started competing in rodeos. Money from raising and showing animals helped him earn his animal science degree from Texas A & M University. Now he is an accomplished steer wrestler with five Wrangler National Finals Rodeo qualifications to his credit.

The last time he made the trip to Las Vegas to compete at

rodeo's championships was in 2013 when he left as the reserve champion. That was also the year he won the title at another legendary rodeo, Wyoming's Cheyenne Frontier Days.

He's had success in the Will Rogers Coliseum before, finishing in second place in 2008. And, he's hungry for the championship.

"I don't think there is anyone that has grown up in Texas that doesn't want to win this rodeo," he said. "I need a big win and this one would really mean a lot to me."

Reeves spent much of last year on the injured-reserve list. In October of 2014, he made a trip to Philadelphia for surgery to repair a sports hernia, reattach a torn hip labrum and fix other damage done from a cracked pelvis.

He had been playing with pain and when Dr. Tandy Freeman, director of the Justin Sportsmedicine Team advised him to have surgery. Reeves did just that. Dr. William Myers is a specialist that has helped many rodeo athletes. That also helped Reeves make the decision.

They had considered two surgeries, but Reeves is diabetic and uses an insulin pump, so they didn't want to take any chances with anesthesia, and did it all at once. He went through weeks of rehabilitation and was soon back riding a horse and started running steers the end of February.

Reeves admits that he might have come back too soon and it wasn't until June that he started collecting any checks. But all

that steer wrestling did more than help him, it was good for a young horse that he had been riding named Nacho. Nacho worked flawlessly at Fort Worth as did Reeves' hazing horse Beamer.

"That horse has come a long way and it's been a process getting him there," he added. "I think a good steer wrestling horse has to be really gritty — they have to run as hard as they can and not stop even when you get off. He's pretty gritty."

A life-changing event for Reeves happened just last November when his wife Savannah gave birth to their son Carson Jace. They were all part of the Matt Reeves fan club here on Wednesday.

"People tell you how having a child changes everything," he said. "Well, it does. It's everything they tried to tell me and then some."

The World's Original Indoor Rodeo continues Thursday with performances at 2 and 7:30 p.m. in Fort Worth's historic Will Rogers Coliseum. FORT WORTH. — The following are unofficial results from Wednesday's performances of the World's Oldest Indoor Rodeo® at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo, February 3, 2016. Steer Wrestling: 1, (tie) Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas, and Shayde Etherton, Borden, Ind., 4.7 seconds. 3, Mose Fleming, Kissimmee, Fla., 5.5 seconds. 4, Terry Keith Meadows, Georgetown, Texas, 5.9.

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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

We're in extremely high fire danger for most of the next week. The BURN BAN is ON. No outdoor burning or welding. If you see smoke, call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control and Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department were both out fighting the High Line Fire at Eula recently.

Roy Boyd, Arnie Smith, Roger Hinkle and Dennis Hinkle attended the Callahan County Fire Fighters Association Meeting in Hamby on Saturday.

Kelli Sue Bennett was a big winner at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo.

Billy Woodard is going to State Competition in Solo Ensemble playing the percussion instrument the Marimba.

Don't forget, Sunday 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.

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.

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- 6 San Antonio Zoo was first to breed this gazelle in U.S.
- 7 This TX Underwood was a LB for UT and Houston Oilers
- 8 TXism: "likely as ___ (probable)"
- 9 TX-born Robin Wright Netflix series: "House"
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- 18 excessively harsh
- 21 a Dallas mayor: Thornton
- 22 TXism: "shootin' ___ (gun)"
- 23 higher learning in San Marcos (abbr.)
- 24 Johnson City is the seat of this county
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- 34 Ranger or Astro 4-bagger (abbr.)
- 35 TXism: "tha'll do"
- 36 Mineola's county
- 37 ex-Houston center Olajuwon is from this Nigerian city
- 39 highest Civil ct. in the state: "___ Court"
- 43 moved cattle
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- 45 Astros' leag.

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- 1 TXism: "___ do nothing but burn hay" (bad horse)"
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- 4 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"

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- 46 membership fees
- 47 TXism: "plain as the ___ on your face"
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- 54 legendary TX ranch and a famous hunting ranch
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- 15 TXism: "___ a spell"
- 17 delay of game in football (2 wds.)
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- 20 hospital RNs
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Computer Family Fun Classes at Saturdays the Library

The computer class on the Linux Mint operating system will meet at the Cross Plains Public Library on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your lap top and a USB Flash drive to try out this system before you decide if this is for you. Along with the free operating system, there are over 70,000 free software programs that are compatible with the Linux Mint system. It's not too late to come join us for this hands-on training.

On Saturday, February 13th the National Center For Children's Literature is hosting a free come-and-go family program offered by their art educators. During this event the educators will help you and your little ones create a work of art using the style and medium of the featured artist in the gallery. Emphasis is on having fun while picking up valuable knowledge. National Center For Children's Illustrated Literature 102 Cedar St., Abilene 325-673-4586.

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Some paperbacks new to the library are: Lucky Shot by B. J. Daniels, Avenging Angel by Anne Marie Becker, Scare the Light Away by Vicki Delany and Against the Edge by Kat Martin

From the Past
Callahan County Clarendon
Saturday September 23, 1882
Vol. 3, No. 25

The Comet

Following is a condensed telegram from Washington, D.C., dated Sept. 19th: A great comet is reported this morning as having been discovered by observers in Colorado. It was observed at the naval observatory this afternoon... The comet was easily seen with the naked eye and exhibited a short tail with a bright head of considerable extent. This afternoon a dispatch was received from the Paris Observatory to the following effect: Thallow's Comet was observed at Nice about noon, September 18, three degrees west of the sun. The nucleus gives a continuous spectrum very brilliant and very much extended towards Violet. Such an observation has never been made in the case of any comet from the position given in the above dispatch. The comet is moving westward from the sun at the rate of five or six degrees daily... Astronomers will now be anxious to learn if this comet is identical with the one recently discovered in South America... It will rise before sunrise in a few days. On the whole, this may be regarded as one of the most extraordinary comets of modern times. The only one which resembles it

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University is proud to announce their upcoming theatrical performance of Broadway's greatest musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", from Tuesday, February 16th through Saturday the 21st.

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Tickets are: \$10 per person, \$7 Military/Seniors/Students, \$5 for HSU Faculty/Staff/Students. For more information contact the Van Ellis Theatre box office at 325-670-1405. Hardin-Simmons University, Van Ellis Theatre 2410 Cedar St., Abilene.

is the great comet of 1843, which like this one was visible to the naked eye in full daylight. Bernard's comet recently discovered at Nashville, was also observed at the naval observatory this morning at 4 o'clock by Professor Frisbee... Observation of the same comet was made at Table Mountain Station, California.

Saturday September 30, 1882
Vol. 3, No. 26

It is claimed in Boston that every building in the city available for manufacturing purposes is not occupied, and that suitable sites for other manufacturing are now in demand

County Court
The following are the proceedings in the county court, September term, Callahan county

Max Elser vs. West & Fraser— Attachment suit, jury trial, verdict for plaintiff.

All other cases on docket were continued.

Nearly \$6,000 have been subscribed in Texas for the relief of the Concho sufferers.

The work on the new capitol has been stopped on account of the insecure foundation.

The highest price paid for a lot at the recent sale of town lots at Wichita Falls was \$605.

Over the State
Ft. Worth is to have fifty new lamp posts.

Brownwood is soon to have a Greenback paper.

The new courthouse at San Antonio has been condemned, and is considered unsafe by the grand jury.

The sale of town lots at Wichita Falls took place last Wednesday at which ninety lots sold for \$15,103.

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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. Cost - \$200,000

TOTAL COSTS: \$2,975,000



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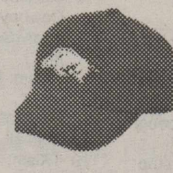
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Tuesday-16th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00p.m.

Wednesday-17th Happy Birthday! Foot Care by Girling Home Health

Thursday -18th Exercise 11:00 / Reading with 3rd Graders

Friday -19th 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. 15th- Feb. 19th

Monday 15th- Swiss Steak, White Rice, Carrots, Bread, Dessert

Thursday 18th - Taco Salad, Pinto Beans, Picante Sauce, Dessert

Tuesday 16th- Chicken Strips, Potatoes & gravy, English Peas, Bread, Dessert

Friday 19th Tuna Salad Sandwich, Lettuce Tomatoe, Tomatoe, Relish, Chips Fruit, Cookie

Wednesday 17th Enchiladas, Lettuce & Tomatoes Salad, Refried Beans, Crackers, Dessert

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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.

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.taylorcountyexpo.com> (325) 677-4376.

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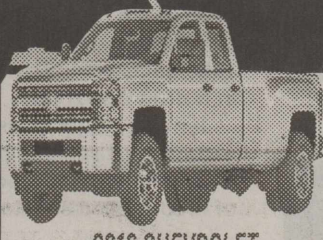
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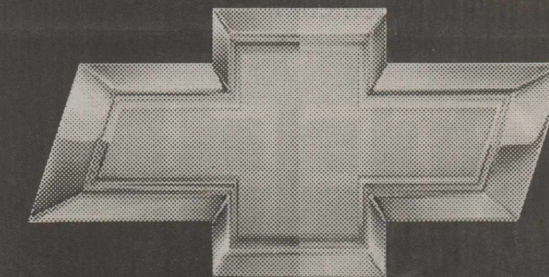
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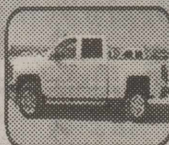
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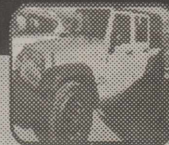
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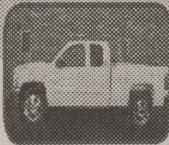
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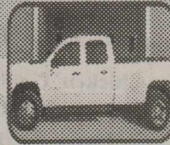
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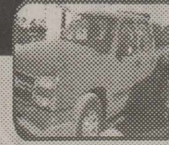
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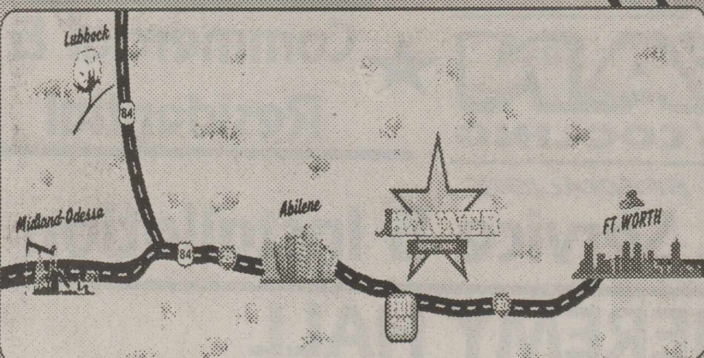


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2015 Dietary Guidelines Reaffirm Beef's Role in a Healthy Diet

By: Dr. Richard Thorpe,
First Vice President,
Texas and Southwestern
Cattle Raisers Association
(TSCRA)

On Jan. 7th, The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) released the final version of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The report comes after the agencies deliberated over a year on what exactly should be included in a healthy and balanced diet for American consumers.

I am pleased the new Dietary Guidelines reaffirm the important role lean beef plays in a healthy dietary pattern. As a physician and rancher from Winters, Texas, I can tell you that lean beef is not only delicious - scientific research studies have proven time and time again that it is also incredibly healthy.

The new guidelines are based on sound science and confirm that Americans are, on average, consuming fresh lean meat (including lean beef) at levels consistent with the 2015 Dietary Guidelines. When compared calorie-per-calorie to other food sources, many studies and scientific evidence shows beef is one of the most naturally nutrient rich foods.

Beef provides 10 nutrients that are essential to a healthy, active way of life. It includes

Zinc, which strengthens your immune system to help fight against illness. It also contains a high amount of iron to create red blood cells and keep you from being anemic. If you are lacking energy, you might consider eating more lean beef because it contains B-complex vitamins to boost your metabolism, create energy and maintain brain function.

Beef is most known for being a Protein-packed food source. Protein is the building block of all the cells in your body that form and maintain your muscles and bones.

Additionally, it contains Choline to support your nervous system, Selenium to protect blood cells from damage, Riboflavin to convert food to fuel and Phosphorus to build strong bones and teeth. The science proving beef contains these essential nutrients should make you confident in including it or adding it to your plate for a healthy meal.

I realize each person is different and must develop a meal plan that best fits their particular dietary needs. No single food group can provide all the nutrients you need daily, so I always recommend my patients practice balance by including fruits and vegetables along with beef. This is why I also encourage Americans to consider the 2015 Dietary Guidelines as they build a diet

that works for them.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) appreciates the Congressional leaders who worked to make sure lean meat was included in the 2015 Dietary Guidelines.

TSCRA also thanks the many ranchers and beef industry leaders who submitted comments to the USDA and HHS. Your continued efforts were successful in reaffirming lean beef's role in the new guidelines.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, TSCRA appreciates the many members and ranchers for providing a product that continues to be included in the Dietary Guidelines. Due to their tireless work, there are now 38 cuts of beef that meet government guidelines for lean meat. This is an impressive number we can all be proud of as cattle raisers, and I know we will only continue to produce a healthy product that should always be included in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Richard Thorpe, III is the owner and operator of Mesa T Ranch, headquartered in Winters, Texas. Thorpe currently serves as the First Vice President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), and he became a TSCRA director in March 2006.

Export Facts

* Texas exported more than \$251 billion in goods in 2015.

* Texas exports alone accounted for more than 16% of U.S. goods exported in 2015.

* For the 3rd year in a row, Texas surpassed California for high-tech exports. Texas exported \$6.3 billion more in high-tech goods than California in 2015.

Abbott. "During my first year as Governor, I had the opportunity to lead business development trips abroad and saw firsthand the impact Texas businesses are having across the globe. This year I plan to lead more business development missions to bolster our state's economy and create opportunities for Texas businesses to further compete in the global marketplace."

Texas remains top exporting state in nation for 14th consecutive year

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today issued a statement following the release of a U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) report that ranks Texas as the top exporting state in the nation for the 14th consecutive year, with over \$251 billion in goods exported in 2015.

"This latest economic metric is yet another testament to the continued strength of the Texas economy," said Governor

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Cecilia Ritchie, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Valia J. Suniga, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Stephanie Bliss Walker and Cody Price Odom, divorce.

Carian Johnson and Richard Johnson, divorce.

Stephanie Dawn Garcia and Alvin Garcia Jr., divorce.

Civil Minutes

Michael Shane Reeder and Regina Reeder, divorce granted.

Criminal Indictments

Bryan K. Davis, Ct. I - possession of

methamphetamine with intent to deliver, Ct. II - possession of marijuana.

Nicholas J. Davis Ct. I - possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, Ct. II - possession of marijuana.

Justin Clark, burglary of a building.

Lee Ann Cavage, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Shane D. Carver, aggravated assault.

Kalyn R. Burkhalter, unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Donathan Ellsworth, burglary of a habitation.

Jennifer M. Chapman, forgery.

Rafael Gomez, burglary of a habitation.

William K. Cedregren, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in a drug free zone.

Jennifer Harris, possession of a controlled substance.

Jennifer N. Herod, possession of a controlled substance.

Criminal Minutes

Michael D. Wallace Jr., plea of guilty to murder, 45 years in prison, \$394 court costs.

Internationally known quilter Jenny Doan will be speaking in Clyde on Monday, Feb. 22nd

Internationally known quilter Jenny Doan will be speaking in Clyde on Monday, February 22nd, at 2:00 in the afternoon. Jenny will present a trunk show at the Clyde First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall to quilters from the Clyde/Abilene area and quilters from as far away as Brownwood, Brady, Alpine and Victoria. Admission is \$5. The public is invited to join this inspirational event.

In 2008, the Doan children purchased a long arm quilting machine for Jenny. They also purchased a building in the largely abandoned downtown of Hamilton, Missouri. They joke that the building cost less than the quilting machine. At the beginning, the Missouri Star Quilt Company sold just a few quilting supplies. The

business grew as an online company selling fabrics when it was suggested that they tape their mother giving online quilting tutorials on the very new YouTube web site. Jenny's engaging personality and easy to follow tutorials quickly made Missouri Star the largest quilting YouTube channel.

The company now ships thousands of packages every single day to customers all over the globe. Due to the popularity on YouTube, the brick and mortar shop has become a quilting destination attracting quilters from all over America and around the world to the small town of Hamilton, Missouri.

The Abilene Quilters Guild is proud to bring Jenny Doan to the Clyde/Abilene area.

The ArtWalk is here

Bring the entire family to historic downtown Abilene for the Annual ArtWalk Thursday, February 11th from 5 to 8 p.m. Wander through historic downtown Abilene where restaurants, shops, museums, galleries and entertainment await you! The ArtWalk is a free community event. Contact the Center for Contemporary Arts at 325-677-8389 for more information.

Abilene Go Red for Women Luncheon

On Wednesday, February 17th, Abilene will be hosting the "Abilene Go Red for Women Luncheon" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored nationally by Macy's and locally by Hendrick Cardiovascular Care to raise funds for cardiovascular disease and stroke research, awareness and education. The luncheon includes a silent auction, an inspirational keynote address by mother-daughter duo Trudi Spring and Abby Vasek, and more.

Luncheon prices are \$40 per person with corporate and group tables available. For more information contact Frann Smith at 325-513-9887. Abilene Civic Center 1100 N. 6th St., Abilene.

Political Calendar

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

For Callahan County Sheriff Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford

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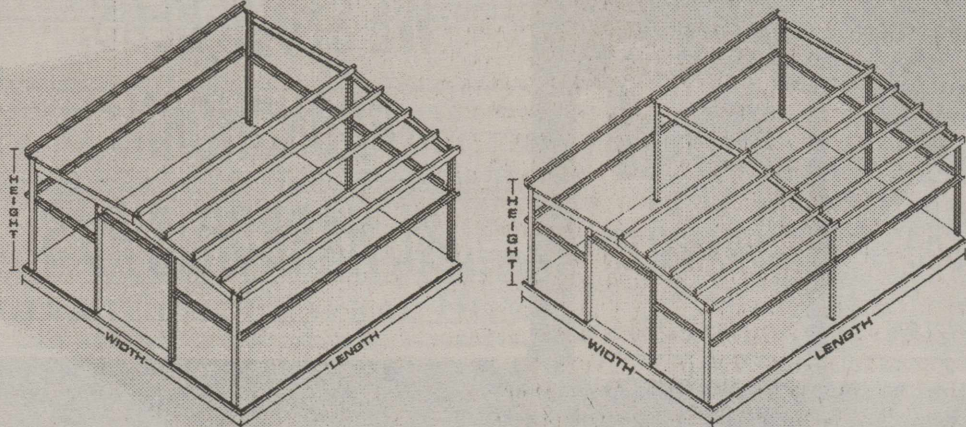
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All political calendar advertising for the Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Republican Primary Election is payable in advance, at a cost of \$125.00. A free press release and photograph will be published one time with each announcement.

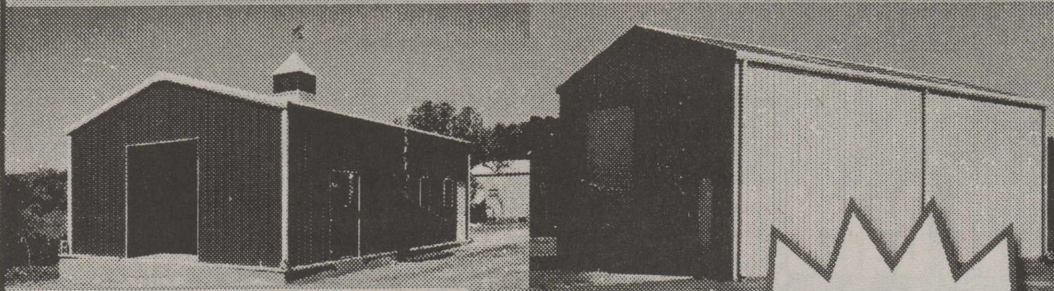
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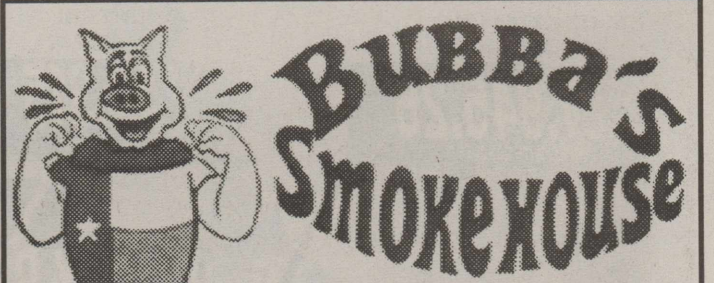
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Medical/EMS	1
Reckless Driver	1
Baird Marshal	23
Accident	1
Animal Issue	1
Civic	1
Intoxicated Motorist	1
Juvenile	2
Medical/EMS	2
Noise Complaint	1
Public Service	1
Reckless Driver	1
Road Hazard	1
Runaway	1
Suspicious Activity	1
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	3
Traffic Stop	1
Vandalism	1
Vehicle Fire	1
Welfare Check	3
Callahan Co. Sheriff's Department	68
Accident	1
Alarm Business	4
Alarm Residence	3
Animal Control A/C	1
Animal Issue	4
Animal Neglect	1
burglary	1
Civil	2
Civil Dispute	1
Civil Standby	3
Criminal Mischief	2
Domestic	2
Escort	1
Fight	1
Fire	1
Harassment	1
Intoxicated Motorist	1
Livestock Out	7
Loud Music	1
Medical/EMS	1
Motorist Assist	1
Reckless Driver	9
Request Officer	2
Road Hazard	1
Stolen Vehicle	1
Suicidal Subject/Suicide	2
Suspicious Activity	3
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	3
Threats	1
Welfare Check	4
Clyde Police	58
911 Hang Up	1
Accident	2
Alarm Business	2
Civil Dispute	1
Civil Standby	3
Close Patrol Business	1
Domestic	1
Fire	3
Harassment	1
Juvenile	2
Juvenile Issue	2
Lift Assist	1
Livestock Out	1
Medical/EMS	3
Reckless Driver	6
Request Officer	5
Smoke/Unknown Fire	1
Suicidal Subject/Suicide	2
Suspicious Activity	11
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	3
Theft	1
Traffic Stop	1
Welfare Check	3
Cross Plains Marshal	3
Burglary	1
Reckles Driver	2

Paramount Film Series: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

The Paramount Theatre in Abilene is beginning a new film series for February 12th and 13th. The Theatre will be showing classic favorite, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". Set in the Oregon territory, this rousing musical tells the story of Adam and his six unruly brothers who are tamed by the new wife he brings home to their rugged wilderness ranch. Starring: Howard Keel, Jane Powell, Russ Tamblyn.; 1954, color, 102 minutes, rated G.

Show times set for Friday the 12th at 7:30p.m. and Saturday the 13th at both 2:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, seniors, military and children.

Contact Betty Hukill at 325-676-9620 for more information on this film series. The Paramount Theatre is located at 352 Cypress St., Abilene

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Alzheimer's Association provides information and tips on healthy aging

Abilene, TEXAS - January 5, 2016 - The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter will present a free educational program entitled "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" on Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Abilene Regional Office, located at 301 S. Pioneer Drive, Suite 105, in Abilene.

At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health. These habits may also help to keep our brains healthy as we age and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline. To assist individuals in aging well, "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" covers four areas associated with healthy aging: cognitive activity,

physical health and exercise, diet and nutrition, and social engagement. In each area, we will discuss what we know, drawing on current research, as well as what we can do - steps to take now to improve or maintain overall health in each area.

Seating is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Mindy Bannister at 325-672-2907 or 800-272-3900, or e-mail mbannister@alz.org.

About the Alzheimer's Association: The Alzheimer's Association - North Central Texas Chapter, which is affiliated with the national Alzheimer's Association in Chicago, is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization that covers a 40-county service area. Fort Worth serves as headquarters for the chapter, which has regional office in Abilene, Waco

and Wichita Falls. The North Central Texas Chapter serves more than 9,000 individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease and dementia annually through programs and services made possible by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Visit www.alz.org/northcentraltexas or call 800-272-3900.

Need to Hire a Home Improvement Professional?

By Texas Attorney General Gregg Abbott

For most Texans, a home isn't just a place to live and raise a family - it's their most valuable financial asset. Adding improvements, repairing damage, and keeping up with routine maintenance are all part of a smart homeowner's plan to protect and increase the value of an important asset.

Unfortunately, scam artists posing as home repair contractors know residents will part with hard-earned money to improve their homes. So to protect their pocketbooks, homeowners should know how to protect themselves and avoid falling victim to these scams.

Damaged homes - whether by storms or passage of time - can be easily noticed by scam artists posing as contractors and marketing their services door-to-door. Texans should be cautious when unsolicited salespeople come knocking on their doors. Businesses that perform specialized home repairs seldom walk neighborhoods looking for work. Anytime a contractor appears unsolicited and relies on high-pressure tactics to secure new business, homeowners should say no thanks. Legitimate contractors know that customers need time to think about significant decisions - and maybe even ask a few questions. Trustworthy contractors will always welcome customers' questions.

In some cases, con artists try to talk homeowners into unnecessary repairs by offering special deals with purportedly "surplus" materials. Common ploys involve offers to seal roofs, replace lost roof shingles or pour new driveways. Although these scammers often appear professional and may sound very

knowledgeable and friendly, homeowners should never impulsively purchase home repair or construction services that they were not already planning.

Equally important, Texans should only use licensed or bonded contractors or builders. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is the state's occupational regulatory agency that oversees more than 20 types of occupations and industries. TDLR issues licenses, conducts inspections, investigates complaints, assesses penalties, sets rules and standards, and holds hearings. Homeowners can visit www.license.state.tx.us to verify a contractor's licensing credentials and inquire about complaints.

Homeowners should avoid contractors who do not have established physical addresses - and instead only offer cell phone numbers. A physical address could help customers locate the contractor if problems arise with the repairs. Texans who buy from a fly-by-night contractor may never see him or her again.

Homeowners should also verify any claims contractors make about energy savings or increased security, home value, or other added advantages to improvements they are buying. Once a contractor has been chosen to perform repair work, Texans should read the legally-binding contract carefully before signing it. Customers should not sign any contracts that have blanks - those blanks could later be filled in with unfavorable terms.

As with any home repair work, homeowners may be asked to pay a portion of the repair costs as a down-payment. That is a generally accepted practice, but homeowners should NEVER pay

the entire repair cost in advance.

For example, the Attorney General's Office prosecuted a pool contractor who was paid by homeowners across central and south Texas - but he failed to actually perform any meaningful work. The contractor was sentenced to nine years in prison for defrauding a Caldwell County woman who paid him more than \$50,000 for a pool that was never installed.

Texans who are unable to resolve a dispute with their contractor should file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office online at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov or by calling toll-free at (800) 252-8011.

TxDOT reminds Citizens, Candidates not to post signs in Highway right of way

Campaign season spurs reminder on state laws, regulations for political signs

Political elections are usually accompanied by an increase in the number of campaign signs placed along roadways this time of year. State transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating sign placement on state highway right of way.

Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any kind of sign on state highway right of way. This includes posting signs on trees, utility poles, traffic signs and other objects on the right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign.

It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission. Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to an election and must be removed within 10 days after an election.

TxDOT officials say the laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public.

TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible.

TERRY JOY, CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS SHERIFF
TO THE CITIZENS OF CALLAHAN COUNTY, I AM SEEKING RE-ELECTION AS SHERIFF FOR THE TERM THAT BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2017. I AM ASKING FOR YOUR VOTE IN THIS ELECTION. I TRUST THAT YOU WILL RE-ELECT ME TO A SECOND TERM BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE THAT I HAVE BEEN A GOOD SHERIFF FOR CALLAHAN COUNTY.

Law Enforcement Training and Education

- * Lubbock Police Officer Training School at Lubbock, Texas
- * Texas Game Warden Training Academy at Texas A&M University
- * 2731 Training hours Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (5391 Total TCOLE training and education hours)
- * TCOLE Firearms Instructor
- * TCOLE Field Sobriety Instructor
- * TCOLE Certified Law Enforcement Instructor
- * Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, Tarleton State University, 3.57 GPA
- * Graduate of Baird High School

Law Enforcement Experience

- * Over 39 years of law enforcement experience
- * Lubbock Police Officer
- * Texas Game Warden in Llano County
- * Supervisor of Midland District; consisted of 11 Game Wardens in 10 counties & 2 office clerks
- * Supervisor Brownwood District; consisted of 13 Game Wardens in 10 counties & 2 office clerks
- * Responsible for budgeting and expenditures in each district

Early Life Experience

- * Grew up in the Admiral area of Callahan County on a small farm during the 1950's drought; my mother's family was from Admiral; my dad's family lived in and around Cross Plains and Cottonwood
- * Worked for area farmers and ranchers; worked on our family dairy farm
- * Family attended Admiral Baptist Church; I have remained a lifelong Baptist
- * Rode School bus to Baird Public Schools
- * Raised with Christian Conservative values

Goals

- * Continue to improve collaboration, communication and rapport with other local and area law enforcement agencies, County Fire Departments, and local Emergency Medical Services
- * Continue to be proactive in solving drug crisis through education, prevention and enforcement and continue to use whatever resources are available to solve any crime reported to my office
- * Maintain and adhere to a fiscally responsible budget working with the Commissioners Court in setting the annual budget
- * Active pursuit of all available grant funding; continue Membership in LeadsOnline
- * Visibility in all areas of Callahan County
- * Prioritize jail safety and longevity
- * Continue to have a force of deputies who are experienced and have no known black marks on their record

Public Relations

- * Served as a Board Member for Family Services of Central Texas
- * Served as a Committee Member with Abilene Chief of Police Stan Standridge, & Sheriff Ricky Bishop to prioritize courses for Criminal Justice Classes in the Cisco College System
- * Served as a member of the Committee on Aging on the WTCOG
- * Member of the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Association, Baird Masonic Lodge, Eula Lions Club

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Retirement Planning: It's Never Too Early or Too Late

AUSTIN, Texas—When it comes to retirement planning, it's easy to feel like either we're too young to make it a financial priority, or we've already missed the boat. However, neither is true. While it's best to start saving and investing as early as possible, it's never too late.

It's helpful to meet with a reputable financial advisor to determine your plan of attack for retirement savings. This professional will help ensure you're on the right path, and an annual check-in meeting is usually all you need for maintenance. To help get you started, below are basic tips for retirement planning that apply to anyone, no matter your stage in life.

Live Below Your Means and Budget

While this may sound obvious, how are you going to save—for retirement or anything else—if you live paycheck to paycheck, barely covering your expenses? If this is the case, you need to take a hard look at your lifestyle and figure out how to make a change. You also need a budget. If you don't have an accurate idea of how much you bring in and how much you spend each month, you'll have no way to determine how much you can put toward retirement. No matter how small the amount you contribute monthly, it will only build.

Start Today

Once you know how much you have available to contribute monthly to your retirement savings, pull the trigger. It's always easy to put this off until tomorrow—and it may or may not actually happen then. So start today. Start investing now so

compound interest can work in your favor for many years to come. A small amount invested early on can become an impressive amount after years of compound interest.

Contribute to a 401k or Other Retirement Plan

If your employer offers a workplace retirement plan, take advantage of it. This is often the easiest way to begin your retirement savings, and it's automated so there is nothing you need to do once it's set up. If you're lucky enough to have an employer that offers a 401k plan match, try your very best to contribute the maximum percentage that will be matched. It is literally free money that you'll be thankful for later in life. The money contributed to your 401k will also reduce your taxable income. There are other options if your workplace doesn't offer a 401k plan, you're a part-time worker or any other reason you need to procure your own retirement plan. An individual retirement account, better known as an IRA, might be right for you depending on your circumstances. Big picture, there is a retirement plan available for anyone who wants to participate in one.

Invest Your Raises and Other Newfound Money

If you're living below your means, this will be easy. While it may be tempting to make a big purchase after you get a raise or bonus, the best thing to do is increase the percentage of your pay that goes into your retirement plan or make a one-time larger contribution. You didn't have this extra money before so you shouldn't miss it. But every

little increase to your monthly contribution will have an exponential effect with time.

Set a Goal

Knowing how much you'll need for retirement will determine how much you ultimately strive to put away monthly and for how long. Setting benchmarks along the way will help make a large number seem more attainable and will give you a reason to celebrate the small victories that will lead your enjoyable and care-free golden years.

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About the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT)

Formed in 1974, the Independent Bankers Association of Texas (IBAT) represents Texas community banks. The Austin-based group is the largest state community banking organization in the nation, with membership comprised of more than 2,000 banks and branches in 700 Texas communities. Providing safe and responsible financial services to all Texans, IBAT member bank assets range in size from \$10 million to more than \$20 billion with combined assets statewide of nearly \$165 billion. IBAT member banks are committed to supporting and investing in their local communities.

Sense of touch linked to memories: Local families making memory boxes to help ones remember

One Of Many Free Tools Provided for Local Families and Those Living with Alzheimer's

Abilene - People with Alzheimer's or related dementias generally experience problems with memory and thinking. To the extent their ability to store new information efficiently becomes compromised, they may use past experiences to make sense of the present. Therefore, the Home Instead Senior Care network is inviting Abilene families and friends of loved ones living with Alzheimer's to share the gift of memory, by creating a Memory Box with their loved one that tells the story of their past experiences.

This is just one innovative tool to help capture and stimulate the memories of loved ones living with the disease.

Research has shown that talking with people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias about their lives can create positive emotional experiences, reduce stress and provide a better quality of life. A memory box is a tool that can help stimulate memory as loved ones get older.

"For those struggling with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, smell, touch, taste and sound can be a powerful memory trigger," says Derral Reed owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Abilene. "Something as simple as the feel of an old baseball

glove, the familiar texture of seashells collected on vacation or childhood photos are the types of items that hold classic memories. A Memory Box containing these meaningful memory joggers can be a source of pleasure and encouragement for a loved one as they make the journey into old age."

Here are a few tips on how to construct a Memory Box:

- It needs to be strong, robust and easy to store. A box 12 inches by 9 inches is ideal.

- Each item should relate to a memory that can be revisited time and time again. Be aware that some items may open the door to unhappy memories, and you may want to be sensitive to avoid or carefully address discussing these items.

- Remember that experiences memorized by the brain are not just visual! Diaries, letters, newspaper articles and the like may be invaluable reminders.

- Look to include items that can not only be touched but also heard and smelled.

- It is important to label photos and other items clearly. It may be helpful to include a note that explains why certain objects have been included.

The Memory Box is one of the many tools and ideas the Home Instead Senior Care network recommends for families caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's

or any other form of dementia. Other useful and free tools available through the network include:

- Alzheimer's & Other Dementias Daily Companion App for real-time, on-the-go tips and suggestions to help manage and alleviate behavioral symptoms typically associated with dementia (available for download on Google Play and iTunes).

- Live online chats with Alzheimer's experts accessed through the website www.HelpForAlzheimersFamilies.com.

- Family caregiver Alzheimer's training workshops available at franchise locations across the United States, and

- Confidence to Care: A Resource for Family Caregivers Providing Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dementias Care at Home, a new dementia care handbook for the family caregiver available for purchase through www.Amazon.com.

"Until we have a cure, we need to do everything we can to ensure caregivers and their families have the best support possible to help manage this devastating disease," said Reed.

For more information on the Home Instead Senior Care network and its available Alzheimer's care resources, visit www.HelpForAlzheimersFamilies.com or call 325-670-9610.

Land Stewardship - Providing Water for Texans

"Saving the water and the soil must start where the first raindrop falls." Lyndon B. Johnson, 1947

Texas farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners have a long history of voluntarily conserving the natural resources entrusted to them. Living off the land provides a great incentive to conserve and make the most of available resources. Today, Texas farmers, ranchers, and foresters produce more food, fuel, and fiber than ever on a greatly reduced number of acres using no more water than was used in the 1950s. In addition, wildlife management on working ranches has resulted in the conservation and recovery of a number of wildlife species.

Due to the prolonged drought in Texas, many of the state's agricultural producers have sought to aggressively adopt innovative technologies and on-farm conservation practices to combat the impacts of drought and improve profitability. Some of these conservation practices, such as grazing management, cover crops, and wildlife habitat enhancement, are lower-cost management practices that can have subtle impacts when implemented on thousands of acres. Other practices, like irrigation efficiency improvements and targeted brush removal and management, provide a greater benefit to Texas' water

resources, but can be very costly to farmers and ranchers. Understanding the Benefits of Land Stewardship:

Unfortunately, as more Texans move from rural to urban areas they generally become less mindful of their reliance on the land and its natural cycles as well as the variety of benefits they derive from the voluntary stewardship provided by private landowners throughout the state. As a result, many today do not recognize that land stewardship, which provides water for Texas, is a responsibility that should be shared by all Texans. Key concepts to understanding this important link include:

- Ground and surface water supplies originate with the rain that falls on the land and is captured by complex, large-scale ecological processes involving many variables including plants, animals, soils, and geology. When these processes function optimally, floods are reduced, aquifers are replenished, and water is released more slowly and steadily into springs, streams, rivers, lakes and eventually our bays and estuaries.

- When the natural processes are working well across millions of acres of productive agricultural, forest, wildlife and recreational lands the contribution to the state's water supply can be tremendous, "creating" more water for all

Texans.

- The rainfall soaks into the ground as opposed to running off and carrying soil and sediment. The absorbed groundwater reappears as springs which drain into creeks, streams and rivers, which eventually feed the bays and estuaries, thus providing a base flow of water for all Texans. Land stewardship on millions of acres, combined with community conservation efforts, translates into what may be the most significant contribution to water conservation today.

- Finally, and perhaps most importantly, voluntary land stewardship allows Texans to consider water at its origins, not just at its destination.

We should encourage voluntary land stewardship - on a grand scale - as one of the cornerstone solutions for water issues in Texas because it is complementary, cost-effective, sustainable, efficient, environmentally sensitive, multi-faceted and manageable. The efforts of private landowners are vitally important because the presence of voluntary land stewardship helps maximize the effectiveness of all other water management strategies.

Look and see what you can do to make a difference on your lands and through your everyday activities to help provide more water for Texans.

Heart to Heart Collecting Hygiene products and canned food items Saturday at The Market

Heart to Heart Ministries will be collecting non-perishable food items and hygiene products on Feb. 13th, at The Old Firehouse in Clyde. Non-perishable items that have a current date and are

unopened will be accepted. Heart to Heart Ministry helps families all over Callahan County. They provide food and other necessities.

Evening for the Expo

An evening benefiting the Expo Center will take place on February 13th at the Taylor County Expo Center.

A delicious dinner followed by entertainment provided by the top singer/song writers in the country music business. These musicians will delight you with stories of how songs came to be and will perform many songs you know and love. This event benefits the Expo Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the entertainment at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are by sponsorship only.

Contact Rochelle Johnson at the Taylor County Expo Center, Big Country Hall and Display Building 1801 E.S. 11th St., Abilene 325-795-6706, for more information.

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Slow Cooker Tropical Pork Chops
Prep Time: 15 Minutes Cook Time: 3 Hours

Ingredients:

- * 2 jars (23 1/2 ounces each) mixed tropical fruit, drained and chopped
- * 3/4 cup thawed limeade concentrate
- * 1/4 cup sweet chili sauce
- * 1 garlic clove, minced
- * 1 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot
- * 4 bone-in pork loin chops (3/4 inch thick and 5 ounces each)
- * 1 green onion, finely chopped
- * 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- * 2 tablespoons minced fresh mint
- * 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, toasted
- * 2 tablespoons finely chopped crystallized ginger, optional
- * 1/2 teaspoon grated lime peel

Directions

* In a 3-quart slow cooker, combine the first five ingredients. Add pork, arranging chops to sit snugly in fruit mixture. Cook, covered, on low 3-4 hours or until meat is tender (a thermometer inserted in pork should read at least 145 degrees).

* In a small bowl, mix remaining ingredients. To serve, remove pork chops from slow cooker. Using a slotted spoon, serve fruit over pork. Sprinkle with herb mixture.

* Note: To toast nuts, place in a dry nonstick skillet and heat over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.

Yield: 4 servings.

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Wild Rice Soup
Prep Time: 30 minutes Cook time: 1 Hour

Ingredients:

- * 1/3 cup uncooked wild rice
- * 1 tablespoon canola oil
- * 1 quart water
- * 1 medium onion, chopped
- * 1 celery rib, finely chopped
- * 1 medium carrot, finely chopped
- * 1/2 cup butter
- * 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- * 3 cups chicken broth
- * 2 cups half-and-half cream
- * 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- * 1 teaspoon salt

Directions

* In a medium saucepan, combine the rice, oil and water, bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 30 minutes.

* Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven, cook the onion, celery and carrot in butter until vegetables are almost tender. Stir in flour until blended; cook and stir for 2 minutes. Slowly stir in broth and undrained rice. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Reduce heat; stir in cream, rosemary and salt. Simmer, uncovered, for about 20 minutes or until rice is tender.

Yield: 8 Servings

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Classic Cabbage Rolls
Prep Time: 30 Minutes Cook Time: 1 Hour, 30 Minutes

Ingredients:

- * 1 medium head cabbage
- * 1-1/2 cups chopped onion, divided
- * 1 tablespoon butter
- * 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) Italian stewed tomatoes
- * 4 garlic cloves, minced
- * 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- * 1-1/2 teaspoons salt, divided
- * 1 cup cooked rice
- * 1/4 cup ketchup
- * 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- * 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- * 1 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- * 1/4 pound bulk Italian sausage
- * 1/2 cup V8 juice, optional

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, cook cabbage in boiling water for 10 minutes or until outer leaves are tender; drain. Rinse in cold water; drain. Remove eight large outer leaves (refrigerate remaining cabbage for another use); set aside.

2. In a large saucepan, saute 1 cup onion in butter until tender. Add the tomatoes, garlic, brown sugar and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine the rice, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, pepper and remaining onion and salt. Crumble beef and sausage over mixture, and mix well.

4. Remove thick vein from cabbage leaves for easier rolling. Place about 1/2 cup meat mixture on each leaf; fold in sides. Starting at an unfolded edge, roll up leaf to completely enclose filling. Place seam side down in a skillet. Top with the sauce.

5. Cover and cook over medium-low heat for 1 hour. Add V8 juice if desired. Reduce heat to low; cook 20 minutes longer or until rolls are heated through and a thermometer inserted in the filling reads 160°. Yield: 4 servings.