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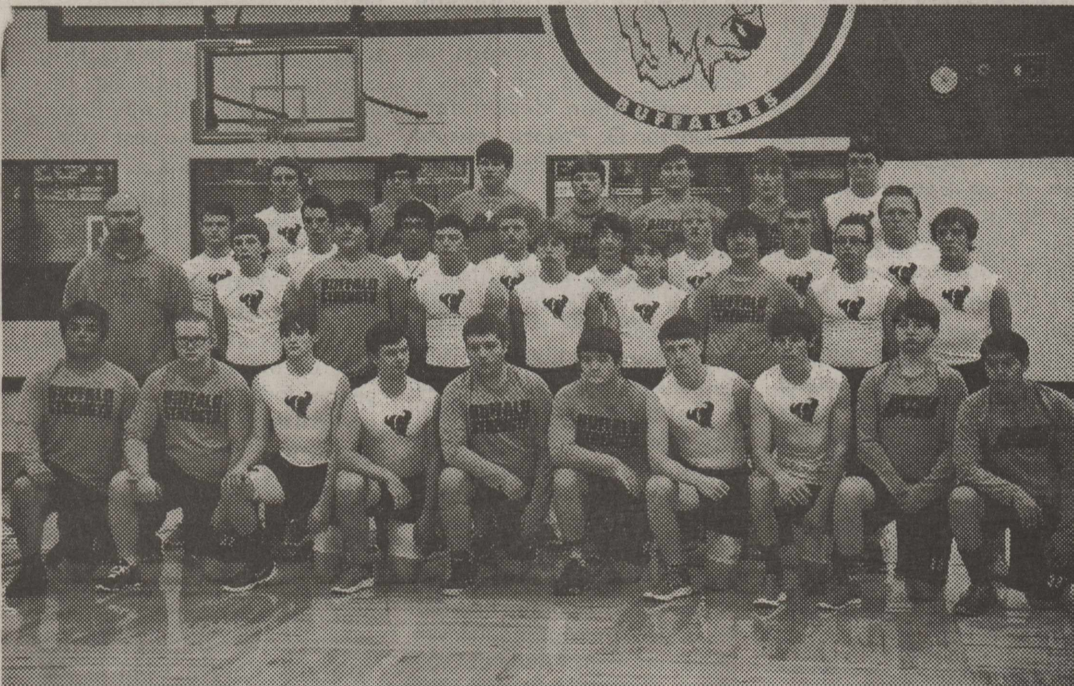
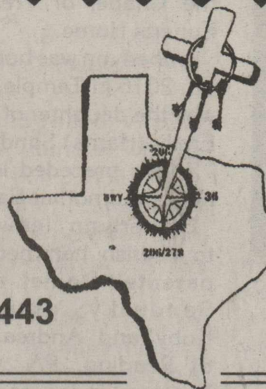
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Buffaloes Track Team



Lady Buffs Track Team

## Track Season Kicks Off with a Meet at Deleon on Thursday

Buffaloes and Lady Buffs begin the busy track season this Thursday, March 3rd with a meet at Deleon. Go Buffs and Lady Buffs. Have a winning season.

## 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.



## After School Adventure at the Library

The After School Adventure Program will be meeting at the Cross Plains Public Library on Wednesday, March 2, at 4:00 p.m. Our program will be presented by the Cross Plains Garden Club. Come learn about gardening and caring for plants. Show us your GREEN THUMB!

## More Applications filed for Cross Plains Board of Trustees

Carlile Albrecht and Porcius Potter have filed applications for the Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board of Trustees.

John McWilliams, Roy Richey and Cheryl Ptaček have also submitted an application.

## Three Openings on Cross Plains Board

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

## Community Prayer Vigil Tuesday March 8th

The Cross Plains community is joining in a community prayer vigil Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center to celebrate our many answered prayers for healing and to submit prayers for those who are ill, lonely or infirm. Prayers will also be raised for God's healing rains, our community, our state and our country.

The Senior Center will be open for our service and cookies and drinks will be provided. Prayers will also be raised for God's healing rains, our community, our state and our nation.

Please gather with us as we lift our hearts in prayer. All praises and glory to God.

## Runoff Election for Clyde Commissioner Seat Incumbent Sheriff, Baird Commissioner win re-election

Callahan County voters went to the polls Tuesday, March 1st in the 2016 Republican Primary Election and overwhelmingly re-elected its County Sheriff and the incumbent Baird Commissioner, while a runoff between the incumbent Clyde Commissioner Harold Hicks and the former County Sheriff John Windham will be needed to determine the Clyde Commissioner seat.

Incumbent County Sheriff Terry Joy won the Republican Primary Election Tuesday with 70 percent of the votes cast, while challenger Franklin P. "Bucky" Shackelford garnered 29 percent of the vote for Sheriff. Joy took every County Precinct, including the Clyde Precinct with 2,367 total votes, while Shackelford tallied 996 total votes for Sheriff.

In the contested race for Commissioner Precinct #3, incumbent Tom F. Windham easily won with 71 percent of the votes, while challenger Kevin Curtis took 28 percent of the total votes. Windham received 630 votes for Commissioner Precinct #3, while Curtis received 257 total votes for Commissioner.

In the contested race for Commissioner Precinct #1, incumbent Harold Hicks will be in run-off election against challenger John Windham, former Callahan County Sheriff. Hicks received the most votes among the three candidates for Commissioner, but did not receive 50 percent of the total votes cast, which is the number needed to win by majority. Hicks received 361 votes (44.02%), while Windham

received 238 (29.02%) of the votes cast. Challenger Rick McGowan garnered 211 (26.95%) of the votes for Commissioner Precinct #1, but will not be on the runoff ballot.

The Republican Primary Runoff Election is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th.

Early voting for the May 24th Runoff Election will be May 16th, while the last day of early voting is May 20th.

Sheriff Terry Joy and Commissioner Precinct #1 Tom Windham have no Democratic challenger in the General Election in November and will be given their oaths of office on January 1, 2017.

Complete Republican and Democratic Primary Election results for Callahan County will appear in next week's newspaper.

## Harrell retires after 34 years Retirement Party set for March 5th

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's Family would like to invite everyone to 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.

## Kerry Longoria in Concert this Saturday

The Trinity Baptist Mission in Coleman will hold a Benefit Concert featuring Kerry Longoria on Saturday, March 5th, from 1 until 2 p.m.

The concert will be held at the Trinity Baptist Mission Church located at 910 Trinity Street in Coleman.

Chili dogs, root beer and water will be served.

Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the concert.

## Burkett VFD Annual BBQ Supper

Save the date for some awesome BBQ and fellowship at the Burkett Volunteer Fire Department's 8th Annual BBQ Supper and Open House taking place April 2, 2016, at the Burkett Christian Community Center.

Brisket, sausage, chicken and all the trimmings will be available to satisfy all grilling aficionado's taste buds. Both dine in and carry out will be available. Attendee's are invited to tour the fire station and visit with the all volunteer staff.

And there will be PRIZES galore as always. Burkett VFD will be offering door-prizes

donated by merchants in Cross Plains, Coleman, Santa Anna, Abilene, Brownwood and Early. You don't have to be present to win, but why not stay and participate in the Cake Auction or Split the Boot where one lucky winner will win half the monies collected in the boot! Raffle tickets for the Split the Boot are only \$1.00 each, so you can enter as many times as you like (with better odds than the Texas Lottery to 'Boot').

Make space on your calendar now to attend on Saturday, April 2nd, from 5 to 8 pm. Dinner tickets are only \$8 for adults and \$5 children 12 and under. Hope to see you there!

## International Children's Choir Performs in Cottonwood

As part of its 2015-1016 U.S. Tour, World Help is proud to present "Children of the World" International Children's Choir. The choir, comprised of orphaned and disadvantaged children from several different countries, will be performing at Cottonwood Baptist Church, 9996 FM 1079, Cross Plains, on Sunday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m.

This choir represents a rich and culturally diverse set of backgrounds and experiences, each with an urgent story to tell. This year's 'Rescue Tour' calls attention to the staggering impact that poverty, malnutrition, and dirty water have on millions of children around the world. Through the powerful medium of song, dance, spoken word, and creative media, "Children of the World" provides a compelling message of hope and opportunity, leaving an unforgettable impression with audiences across the country. This children's choir has

performed in such venues as Focus on the Family, Brooklyn Tabernacle, and Disney World in Florida.

World Help itself, is a faith-based humanitarian organization that exists to serve the physical and spiritual needs of people in impoverished communities around the world. They are committed to meeting people's physical needs by providing humanitarian, medical, and educational assistance and ensuring access to clean water to as many communities as possible. They have made a promise to meet people's spiritual needs by providing Bibles and establishing churches. Since 1991, World Help has impacted over 73 million people in 69 countries worldwide, offering both physical and spiritual restoration for individuals, families, and communities. For additional information about World Help, please visit worldhelp.net or call 800-541-6691.

## Spring Break and Early Outs at Cross Plains Schools

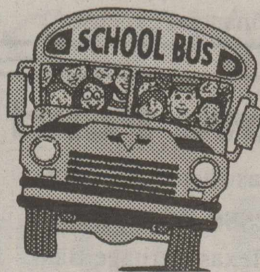
Early Out at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, March 11, 2016. Buses will run at 1:10 P.M.

Spring Break will be March 14-18

Return to Classes on March 21, 2016 at regular time.

Early Out at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 24, 2016 for UIL Meet. Buses will run at 11:10 A.M. We are hosting the District Academic Meet.

School will begin at regular time on March 28.



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### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
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Ministry Activities  
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Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

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Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am  
2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

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Wednesday 6:30 pm Prayer/Worship  
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## Obituaries



Deborah Joyce Griswold

### Deborah Joyce Griswold

Deborah Joyce Griswold, aged 61, of Mineral Wells, entered into eternal peace on February 27, 2016. Deborah was born on November 13, 1954, in Baltimore, Maryland, the daughter of R.G and Irma Deen Haddox. She received her Associates Degree from TSTC in 1993 and later studied General Ministries at Kingdom Advance School of Ministry.

She married James Griswold in September 1994 and remained married until his passing in 2008. Deborah was a member of FountainGate Fellowship in Abilene, TX and later a member of Ballow Springs Baptist Church in Mineral Wells, TX, both where she was a faithful servant helping in any way God called her. All who were blessed to know her would testify that she was a kind, gentle soul with a loving, generous heart who loved her family and friends dearly.

Deborah lived in Cross Plains for many years and worked at the Cross Plains Review.

Preceding her in death were her parents R.G and Irma Deen; her beloved husband, James; sister, Levoyn Arnold; and brother, Bobby Haddox.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her brother, Bob Haddox of Jal, New Mexico; adoring children, Stephen Curry and wife, Beverly; daughter, Latrisha Clark and boyfriend, Dwight Stacy, both of Mineral Wells; Timothy Curry and wife, Wanda of Abilene and Michael Curry and wife, Helenna of Spicewood; sister-in-law, Lori Haddox of Moore, Oklahoma; along with many nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Funeral services were at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at FountainGate Fellowship, 909 N Willis St., Abilene, TX with burial to follow in Hawley Cemetery, Hawley TX. Deborah will be truly missed by her family and all who knew her.

### Emberlynn Marie Sandusky

Baby Emberlynn Marie Sandusky, of Caldwell passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2016. Funeral Services are set for 2PM Friday, February 26 in the Life Church (725 Villa Maria East Bryan Tx. 77802 located behind Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts). Rev Bruce Postma will officiate and burial will follow

in the Bryan City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7PM Thursday, February 25 in the Chapel of Trevino-Smith Funeral Home.

Emberlynn was born February 16, 2016 in Temple, Texas she was the daughter of Daniel and Emily (Harris) Sandusky.

She is preceded in death by her grandmother Sally Linder.

Emberlynn leaves behind to cherish her memories, her parents, Daniel and Emily Sandusky; grandparents, Koby and Andrea Sandusky of Reading, PA, Gregg and Yallian Linder of Navasota, TX and Nicky and Evelyn Harris of Cross Plains, TX; great-grandmother, Camille Sandusky of Kerrville, TX; aunts, Stacey Ham (James), Stephanie Cooper (Micah), Micah Anne Sandusky and Kami Sandusky; uncles, Ben Linder, Nate Covey, Elijah Sandusky, Joe Sandusky, T.J. Harris (Charlese) and Chris Harris, and numerous cousins.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Ronald McDonald House (P.O. Box 11524 College Station, TX 77842)

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### Brandie Ann Waddell

Brandie Ann Waddell, age 42, of Cross Plains passed away, Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Cross Plains, Texas. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Al Taylor officiating. Burial will follow after the service at the Trails End Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas.

Brandie was born on December 9, 1973 in Eastland, Texas to John Eppard and Drucilla Ratliff-Eppard. She was a kitchen manager at the Stripes in Cisco, Texas. She married Cliff Waddell on November 7, 2015 in Cross Plains, Texas.

Brandie is survived by her husband, Cliff Waddell of Cross Plains, Texas; 2 sons, Josh Branch of Cisco, Texas; Ben Branch of Coleman, Texas; Chelsea Branch of Cross Plains, Texas; 2 step-sons, Brice Waddell of Terrell, Texas; Justin Woodberry of El Paso, Texas; brother, Daniel Eppard of Cross Plains, Texas; Parents, John Eppard and Drucilla Ratliff-Eppard of Cross Plains, Texas.

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### Betty Ann Hicks Gary

Betty Ann Hicks Gary, age 80, of Cross Plains passed away, Saturday, February 27, 2016 at her home after a long and lengthy battle with cancer. Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, February 28, 2016 at Sabanno Cemetery in Eastland County, Texas with Mike Bailey officiating.

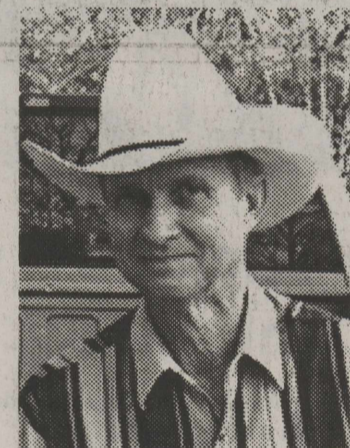
Betty was born on December 20, 1935 in Sabanno, Texas to Howard Lee Hicks and Mrytle "Jo" Forgay-Hicks. She attended school in Scranton, Texas. She was a 4th generation descendant of Doctor D. Pollock, one of the first pioneer settlers in the Sabanno area.

Betty is survived by her son, Jimmy Glenn Meador of Rising Star, Texas; 2 daughters, Debora Ann Meador of Rising Star, Texas; Patricia Jo Meador Hopkins and her husband, H.D. Hopkins of Cross Plains, Texas; 6 grandsons, Jason Barron of Cross Plains, Texas; Jacob Barron of Clyde, Texas; Justin D. Hopkins of Breckenridge, Texas; Joseph Hopkins of Lubbock, Texas; Joshua W. Hopkins of Henrietta, Texas; Jonathon R. Hopkins of Cross Plains; 19 great-grandchildren; one sister, Sally Rody of Cross Plains, Texas; many nieces and nephews.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents; 5 brothers; one sister; one granddaughter.

The family of Betty Ann Hicks Gary would like to sincerely Thank West Texas Rehab Hospice caregivers for their dedication at this difficult time.

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THOMAS MICHAEL (MIKE) KELLEY  
Thomas Michael (Mike) Kelley, crossed over on February 26, 2016. He was born to amazing parents in Stamford, Texas on August 8th, 1943.

He was first a man of God, genuine, kind and accomplished; always devoted and loving to his family and a true friend and mentor to many.

Mike did not waste any time as a young man; he started singing at 2, playing guitar by 7, training horses for the public at 12, and becoming a youth minister by 18. These passions formed early and were fostered leading to a lifetime as a minister, accomplished musician, and

master horseman. After the Army, Mike spent years as a successful entrepreneur, working in ranching, contracting, irrigation, international business, and even a family restaurant. But he would tell anyone, that he felt he found his life's calling late in life as an equine therapist working with people struggling with addiction. Ministering to those in need through lessons and experiences with horses and the outdoors allowed him to utilize all his gifts and truly fulfilled him.

An abiding and boundless love of family was the cornerstone of Mike's life. He lived his love for his wife Paula of 39 years, was the best father to Kellie and Ginger and a remarkable grandfather to 4 granddaughters and 3 great-grandchildren.

We can't think of anyone who took his love of Christ to the level of exemplifying every fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. And that is how he was as a son, husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He loved us beyond measure.

Thank you, thank you, thank you... was the motto Mike lived in his Faith; gratitude to his Heavenly Father, even in the midst of the storm.

As we say goodbye to this valiant man of God, we, his beyond blessed family want to say to him, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you for being the best in every way, for being our hero, for being ours.

Your legacy lives on and on... Preceded in death by his parents, Clyde Thomas and Aletha Cora Kelley.

Survived by the love of his life Paula, his beloved daughters, Kellie Maxwell (Shannon), Searcy, AR and Ginger Thoni (David), Nashville, TN; his adored granddaughters Alyssa Thompson, Karyssa Helton (Brady), Abella Maxwell, Cedar Maxwell and twins Michaela and Cora Thoni (arriving May); and his cherished three great-grandchildren Cutter Kash, Braylei, and Swayzee.

Services held at Brummitt McKenzie Funeral Home, March 1, 2016 at 10:30 and March 2nd in Cross Plains, TX at Revival Center Hwy 36 at 4:00, followed by burial.

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Love Fund for the Family of Emberlynn Harris has been established at Texas Heritage Bank

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

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

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

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## Cottonwood Fish Fry and Musical March 25

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group will hold their Annual Fish Fry at the Cottonwood Community Center in conjunction with the Cottonwood Country Musical on Friday night, March 25, 2016.

The Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group, like most volunteer groups are funded by donations and fundraisers. Recently while fighting the Eula fire, the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Group sustained \$800 of damage to one of the fire trucks. If you would like to donate to the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group to help with repairs and with other expenses incurred, please mail

any donations to Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group 13085 CR 429, Cross Plains, Texas 76443. Your donation will be appreciated and acknowledged.

Mark your calendars for Friday night, March 25, 2016, and travel to the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas to enjoy a meal of fish or chicken, beans, coleslaw, fries, hush puppies, with a dessert and drink. All for \$8.00 adult plate and \$3.50 child plate (for children under 10 years of age).

As always, The Cottonwood Country Musical promises to have some great entertainment for you to enjoy as well.

## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

The weather's been so nice lately. Soon, on March 13th, the time will change and we'll be gaining another hour of daylight!!!

It was great to see so many folks from Cottonwood at the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Brisket Dinner last Saturday night. Some of the folks we saw: Bob and Lavonne Childress, Roy and Linda Boyd, Fred St. Peter, Russ and Diana Miller and Larry Barnett. Deana and Kathleen Terstegge and Roger Hinkle all worked in the kitchen, while Joe Terstegge was outside cooking. Thanks so much for supporting the CPVFD.

Our local fire departments need our help and support. Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control will be holding a Fish Fry on Friday, March 25th with the Cottonwood Musical at the Community Center. Mark the date down now so you can come out and show your support.

The Kiwanis Pancake Supper is coming up next Thursday, March 10th at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria, from 5 to 7 p.m. They'll be serving pancakes and sausage. Many local Cottonwood people are involved in the Kiwanis including Bob Ossowski, Roy Boyd, Arnie Smith, and Adrian Allen.

The kids will be out of school for Spring Break from March 14th through 18th.

Ethan Maxwell visited with his grandparents, Deana and Joe Terstegge over the weekend.

The Barbarian Festival is slated for Saturday, June 11th this year. Plans are already underway for the festival. Diana and Russ Miller, Eric Woodard and Joe and Deana Terstegge, all of the Cottonwood area are some of the organizers for the event.

The BURN BAN is ON. No outdoor burning or welding. If you see smoke, call the Sheriff's office at 325-854-1444.

## Callahan County Library news

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### Personal

Mr. J. D. Merchant left by train last Wednesday evening for Pilot Point.

Col. W. M. Brown, of Victoria, was in town Thursday with Dr. Gartrell and Col. J. T. Berry.

Page Windham and John Reeves both came down from Colorado to celebrate pay day in town.

Mrs. B. R. Webb and child returned last Thursday morning from Breckenridge, where they have been on an extended visit.

Judge T. J. Austin left last Wednesday evening for a two week's sojourn in St. Louis, where he goes in the interest of his washing machine.

Co. J. T. Berry, formerly a citizen of Belle Plain, but now one of the most prominent citizens of Abilene was in town Thursday; he left for home yesterday morning.

Mr. D. A. Olds has been called down from Big Spring, where he has been at work for some time, to see his wife who has been prostrated by an attack of erysipelas. We are glad to say she is better now.

Mrs. O. M. L. Parker with her family, who lately moved to Dallas, after a stay of seven weeks, during which time herself and children have been more or less sick, returned to Baird last Tuesday morning. She says she would rather live in Baird and have good health than farther east where good health is not so good. We welcome the good lady and her children back to Baird, and hope they will long live to enjoy good health here.

We had the pleasure of meeting last Thursday evening D. J. L. Gartrell, of Victoria, Victoria county. The doctor is a very intelligent and learned gentleman of good sense and

fine judgement. He is looking up a ranch in this country. He was well pleased with our county. We know he was by the happy state of mind he was in while here. Come over and settle among us Doctor, you might go farther and fare worse.

Considerable excitement was caused at Squire Rice's court last Monday by the arrest of W. C. Whitley and Geo. Dido. Whitley was up on two charges one for displaying a pistol and the other for swearing and using loud and vociferous language on Saturday night. Mr. Dido was arrested for disturbing the peace. It seems that W. G. Ruete was owing Whitley a board bill, amounting to \$35. Ruete had drawn his check from the pay car, but had turned it over to Dr. West. Whitley, thinking that Ruete was going to skip out "went for him" with considerable earnestness, and demanded his money. West paid him \$17.50 and balance was paid by George Dido on condition that West would pay it to Dido in the morning out of Ruete's check; but the next day West swore out a warrant against the parties as above stated. The pistol case was tried by a jury and a verdict of not guilty found, after which the other case against Whitley and the one against Dido were dismissed for want of sufficient evidence to convict. Mr. Dido informed us that he had no connection whatever with the affair, only that he had previously loaned Ruete a small sum of money and not having the change gave him a \$5 bill and told him to get the change and bring him back the balance, and that Ruete spent the whole, consequently he had also interviewed Ruete but had gotten his money when he was invited by Ruete and Whitley to go to Dr. West's house where the transaction above mentioned transpired.

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To order and/or pay for your yearbook:

- CHECK:** Checks need to be made out to CROSS PLAINS ISD. Please put "Yearbook" and how many yearbooks you ordered on the memo line. Bring your order form and check back to school.
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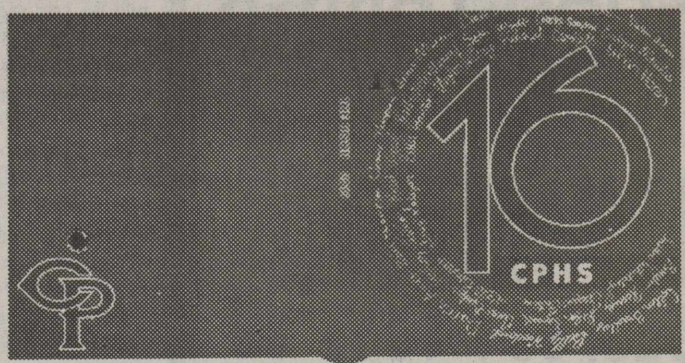
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If you purchase online, send this form back to school indicating you did so and how many you ordered.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash / Check / Online (circle one) Name(s) of Student(s) and Grade

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Personalization  
Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  Personalization  
# of Books: \_\_\_\_\_  Personalization

## ORDER DEADLINE MAY 18TH



## New Way to Sign up for T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Baseball, and Softball

Cross Plains Youth Sports has a new way of signing up for all sports that your child may play. Football, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, and Cheerleading. You will go online from now on to sign your child up at [Leagues.bluesombrero.com/cpps](http://Leagues.bluesombrero.com/cpps). Click on register and create an account for your child, then you will click which sport you're signing up for at that time, and fill out the form. You must pay at that time as well. Please remember that there will be a cutoff date that this form and payment must be done by.

If you have not signed your child up or paid for your child to play by the cutoff date your child will not play no exceptions!!! Entry fees for

t-ball, machine pitch, baseball, and softball have increased to \$50 for the first child, and \$40 for any additional sibling, the reason for the increase in the entry fee we are now paying someone to oversee the concession stand so it will be available during all games held in Cross Plains. If you are interested in overseeing the concession stand please call Matt Reed. If you have any questions please contact Matt Reed @ 325-660-4162 or Gary Moses @ 325-370-6678.

You may sign up now for T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Baseball, and Softball!

Deadline to sign up will be March 11, 2016.

Thank You Matt Reed



Kelli Bennett, Rebecca Crockett, Christy Ward, and Shelby McWilliams

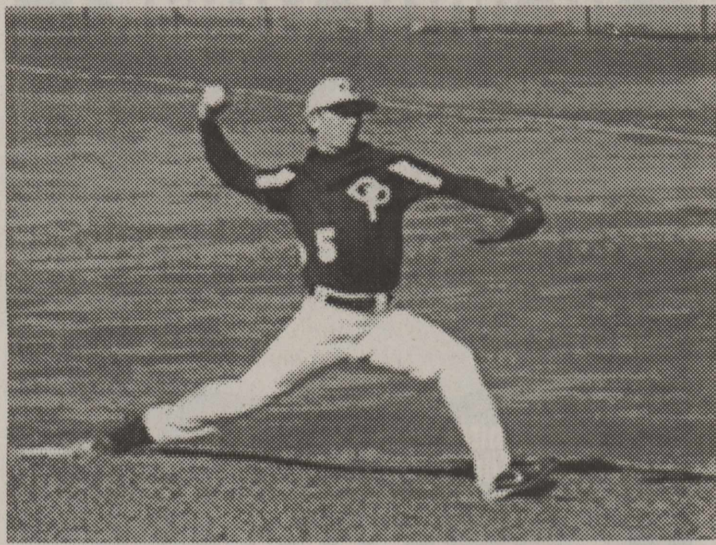
## Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic

This year four young ladies from Cross Plains High School have been selected to attend the 2016 FCA All Star Classic. The All-Star Classic began in 2000 with just football players playing in just Abilene, now they have expanded to Basketball games being hosted in Brownwood, with Softball and Baseball being hosted in San Angelo. Now over 250 athletes and cheerleaders from as many as 70 high schools from across a 37-county area, participate in the All-Star games.

This year is Cross Plains 1st year to send softball players to the All-Star Classic and they are Rebecca Crockett and Christy Ward, these young ladies were nominated by their Coach Jo Jo Morgan and will be playing in San Angelo on Friday June 10th at 11:00 a.m. on the

Softball field at San Angelo State University. Cheerleading for the Volleyball teams and Football teams in Abilene will be Kelli Bennett and Shelby McWilliams who were both nominated by cheer sponsor Evelyn Harris. Christy Ward will also be singing the National Anthem at the beginning of the Volleyball game at noon on Saturday June 11th.

These young ladies will be going around town the next couple of weeks seeking your help with sponsorships. Every sponsor these girls get will be listed in the program which honors every athlete selected for the All-Star Classic and will be displayed on the girls tables at the induction ceremony on May 1st. All-Star sponsorships are what makes the All-Star Classic possible.



Buffaloes No. 5 Colton Bradley



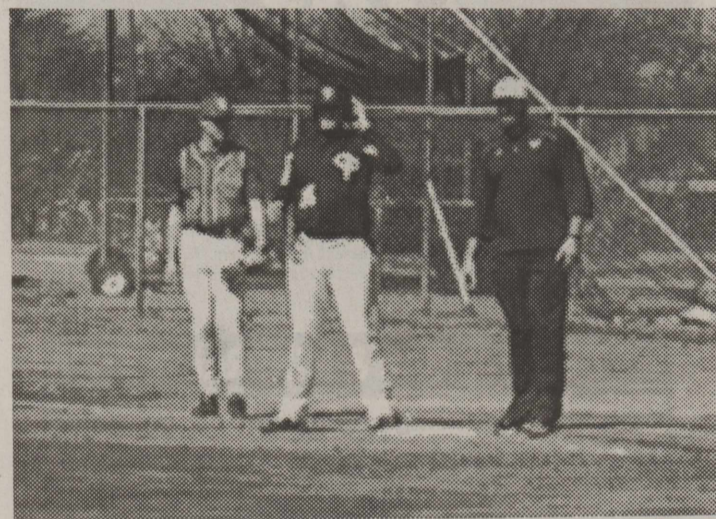
## Lady Buffs Win over Eula

Cross Plains beats Eula Pirates 7-6 with a come back in the bottom of the 7th inning.



Buffaloes No. 10 Joe Crockett

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Buffaloes No. 15 Tripp Thomas and Coach Elson

## Buffaloes Season Looks Promising

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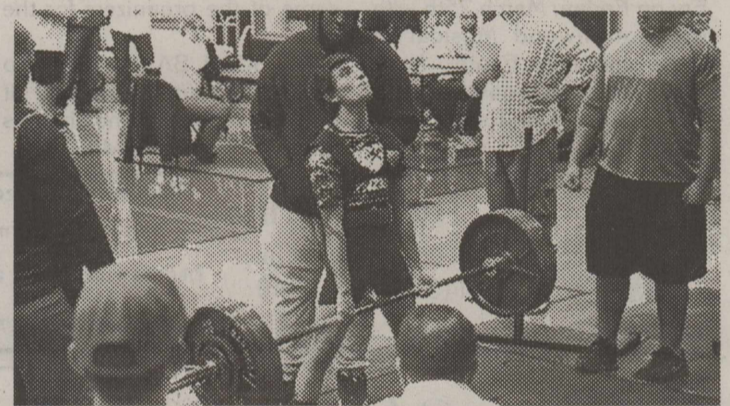
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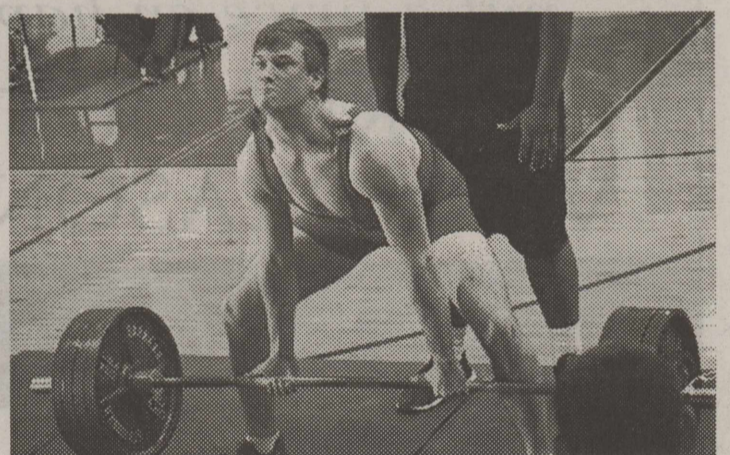
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## Scranton Musical Saturday

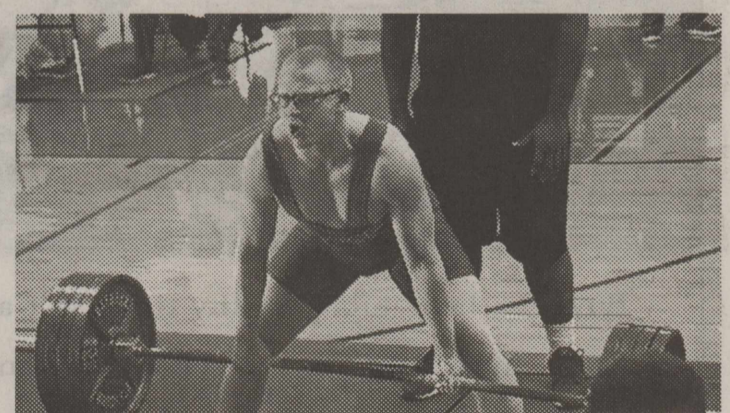
The musical will be held at the Scranton Community Center on Saturday, March 5, 2016. The kitchen begins serving at 5:00. Margaret Starr is the hostess this month and she will be serving a Bar-B-Que on a bun special. It is \$5.00 for the sandwich, sides and your choice of drink. The music starts at 5:30 and Buddy and Ruby Johnson have a lineup of music for your enjoyment. The weather is predicted to be nice so plan to come out to an enjoyable evening. We appreciate your attendance. All proceeds of the kitchen go towards the maintenance of the building.



Powerlifter Lorenzo Bustamante



Powerlifter Aaron Willis

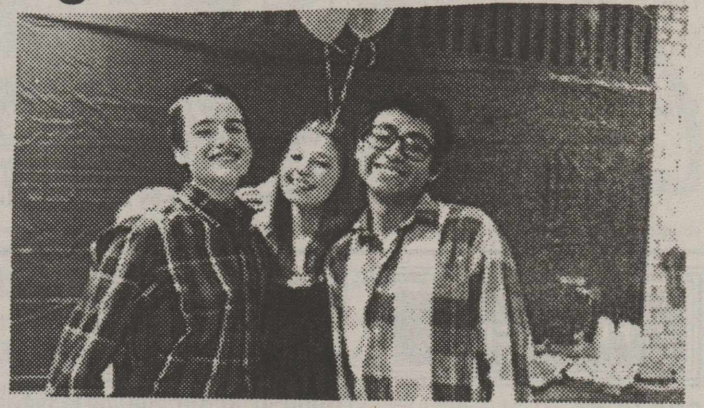


Powerlifter Zach Gartman

## Powerlifters Do Excellent Job at Meet with Strawn

Name	Class	Squat	Bench	Deadlift	Place	Total
Lozano Bustamante	123lb	310	155	340	2nd	805
Joe Crockett	148lb	345	155	*Competed		
Sterling Switzer	132lb	260	145	280	3rd	685
Brian Morales	165lb	300	150	*Competed		
Zachary Gartman	198lb	530	260	480	2nd	1270
Dalton Gilliam	198lb	480	295	500	1st	1275
Nian Martinez	198lb	440	270	360	3rd	1070
Aaron Willis	220lb	490	250	470	2nd	1210
Jacob Collier	220lb	385	240	400	5th	1025
James Rhyne	242lb	Competed				
Tripp Thomas	220lb	330	165	300		795
Sammy Guerrero	198lb	385	165	315		825

# High School Winter Dance Fire and Ice was a great success!



## Rylan Laminack Awarded Scholarship

ABILENE, TX (02/24/2016)-- McMurry University is pleased to announce that Rylan Laminack of Cross Plains, TX, received a scholarship at the Scholarship Day competition on February 15, 2016.

Scholarship Day awards are among the highest academic recognitions made by McMurry University to entering freshman students. These awards are based on outstanding academic achievement and the promise of continued academic excellence. Scholarship Day awards provide an annual stipend of at least \$8,000 and are renewable for up to eight semesters of full-time study.

McMurry University was founded in 1923 as a United Methodist institution, and is a vibrant and comprehensive center of higher education. McMurry has a national reputation for excellence and value through the achievements of its faculty, students and graduates. The University enrolls more than 1,200 students and has an average class size of 16. No graduate assistants teach courses and over 77% of our professors have achieved the highest degree in their academic field.

Offering a diverse academic curriculum students can choose from 45 majors in the arts, business, education and the sciences as well as our

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The Servant Leadership Program has been on campus for 25 years. With courses and service opportunities focusing on moral decision making, reasoning and practical application in the development of sensitivity to ethical issues of our global society. Students gain hands-on experience as they apply those concepts and techniques through extensive work with local non-profit entities in the Abilene community.

McMurry has over 40 clubs and organizations and 19 intercollegiate sports. Students are engaged with the community and average over 24,000 hours of annual service. Our beautiful campus is located on 52 acres in Abilene, Texas, a city of over 118,000 friendly people.

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### Cross Plains Elementary "A" Honor Roll 4th- 6 weeks

**1st Grade**  
Major McCready  
Claire Moses  
McKenna Podlevsky  
Kyndall Purvis  
Arleth Sanchez

**2nd Grade**  
Addison Deliege  
Cullen Ellis  
Trace Johnson  
Daniel Mauricio  
Jaci McDaniel

**3rd Grade**  
Graydon Albrecht  
Stryker Dillard  
Rhianna Lee  
Kade Purvis  
Ryder Reed  
Mattie Worley

**4th Grade**  
Reya Dean  
Asher Moses

**5th Grade**  
Jacob Bell  
Zane Fleming  
Hailey Mauricio  
Abbigale Shepard  
Jocelyn Smoot

**6th Grade**  
Beau Baker  
Callie Sutton

### Cross Plains Elementary "AB" Honor Roll 4th- 6 weeks

**1st Grade**  
Virginia Allen  
Victoria Bradley  
Samuel Bradley  
Samuel Ekins  
Haylee Gregory  
Anson Long  
Hannah Marr  
Cassidy O'Dell  
Langley Potter  
Jeremy Santos  
Bobby Straley  
Delanee Vasquez  
Jeffery Yates

**2nd Grade**  
Alivia Allison  
Brooklynn Lackey  
Delaine Massey  
Amanda Roberts  
Kambria Smoot  
Avery Switzer

**3rd Grade**  
Kadie Carouth  
Peyton Gilliam  
Katelyn Gregory  
Elizabeth Haviland  
Rylee Knight  
Nathan Lee  
Barrett Nickerson  
Summer Rodgers-Black  
Chase Rutland  
Katie Sutton

**4th Grade**  
Theron Albrecht  
Jaeden Box  
Jolie Hutton  
Shyla Lewis  
Addison Long  
Abigail Mauricio  
Alex Parker  
Dusty Wyatt

### 5th Grade

Teresta Barnett  
Sara Bien  
Livia Busby  
Brennon Funerburk  
Jacob Gilliam  
Katie Goains  
Kalie Jennings

Logan McDaniel  
Hannah McKinney  
Autum Nickerson  
Gus Nickerson  
Ryan Reed

### 6th Grade

Kashlyn McClure-Hunter  
Kiley Morgan  
Autum Nickerson  
Haylee Nickerson  
Alaina Potter

### Cross Plains High School "A" Honor Roll 4th - 6 Weeks

#### 7th Grade

River Bradley  
Layne Ellis  
Amber Fidler  
Kolby McKinney  
Madilynn Shepard  
Jody Traweek

#### 8th Grade

Katelynn Parker  
Macee Steigleder  
Trent Tollett

#### 9th Grade

Jacy Bien  
Hannah Crockett  
Hanna Fortune  
Alexis Jones  
Kenzie Kleiber  
Kaitlyn Potter  
Trenton Potter  
Jackilann Shepard

#### 10th Grade

Wesley Alexander  
Joe Crockett  
Strena Cunningham  
Creed Goode  
James McMillan  
Katy Jo Morgan  
Kelsi Sasser  
Kayla Stoudemire  
Larson Walker

#### 11th Grade

MacKenzie Byrd  
Hannah Cowan  
Grace Goode  
Loralei Woodard

#### 12th Grade

Kelli Bennett  
Rebekah Crockett  
Teagan Fortune  
Phoenix Sanders

### Cross Plains High School "AB" Honor Roll 4th - 6 Weeks

#### 7th Grade

Wade Byrd  
Isabel Dean  
Madison Foster  
Jeanna Hall  
Samuel Horan  
Hayley Hughes  
Braylan Laminack  
Kinlee Mathews  
Jake McMillan  
Cody McWilliams

### 8th Grade

Destinee Cooper  
Keegan King  
Jacob Mitchell  
Lexie Thompson  
Heather Yates

### 9th Grade

Ashley Anderson  
Cayla Barron  
Brooklynn Bell  
Paxton Byrd  
Jacob Collier  
Gage Connelly  
Evan Farley  
Katlynn Hearitage  
Ethan Jones  
Mallory McCready  
Ky Stout  
Jevon Tillery  
Cherish Wyatt

### 10th Grade

Eddy Calvagna  
Jacob Carter  
Jordan Collier  
Jack Larimore  
Riley Potter  
Cheyenne Shields  
Aaron Willis  
Shana Yates

### 11th Grade

Sean Armer  
Ryan Carey  
Holden Senclair  
Brandon Waggoner  
Piper Winfrey  
Kersey Wyatt

### 12th Grade

Darrin Ames  
Colton Bradley  
Lorenzo Bustamante  
Zachary Gartman  
Dalton Gilliam  
Brayden Kennedy  
Shelby McWilliams  
Evelyn Morales  
Kaitlyn Potter  
Inez Salazar  
Zachery Thompson  
Shyler Tillery  
Kristi Ward  
Billy Woodard  
Seth Wyatt

## Book Sale This Weekend

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, March 5, from 10am - 2pm. We have been busy cleaning and sorting and adding new books since last month's sale. 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?

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DEFENSIVE MVP Kelsie Gage Sophomore May  
NEWCOMER Lillie Deel Freshman Baird

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Destiny Carson Senior Eula  
Hannah Williams Junior May  
Grace Goode Junior Cross Plains  
Rebekah Crockett Senior Cross Plains  
Breeanna Gonzalez Junior Baird

**2ND TEAM**  
Yari Rodriguez Sophomore Rising Star  
Julia Robinette Junior May  
Shelby McWilliams Senior Cross Plains  
Kelli Bennett Senior Cross Plains  
Caylee Smith Junior Eula  
Sarah Mote Senior May

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Kylie Fortune Junior Baird  
Hannah Cowan Junior Cross Plains  
Katy Jo Morgan Sophomore Cross Plains  
Hailey Thomas Senior Eula  
Imaya Cauthen Sophomore Eula  
Paris Rock Junior Eula  
Megan Scott Sophomore Eula  
Skylar Jenkins Sophomore May  
Kaylee Harris Freshman May  
Taylor Cox Sophomore May  
Alexaz Meredith Sophomore Moran  
Abby Geye Rising Star

**ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT**  
Cheyenne Hayes Senior Baird  
Kylie Fortune Junior Baird  
Cori Shook Sophomore Baird  
Lillie Deel Freshman Baird  
Shelby McWilliams Senior Cross Plains  
Rebekah Crockett Senior Cross Plains  
Teagan Fortune Senior Cross Plains  
Kelli Bennett Senior Cross Plains  
Jacy Bien Senior Cross Plains  
Hanna Fortune Senior Cross Plains  
Hannah Cowan Junior Cross Plains  
Grace Goode Junior Cross Plains  
Katy Jo Morgan Senior Cross Plains  
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**CALLAHAN COUNTY BUSINESSES REMINDED TO RENDITION TAXABLE PROPERTY BY APRIL 15TH**

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Callahan County Appraisal District by April 15th, 2016.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property a person owned or controlled on Jan. 1st of this year. Tax laws require all businesses to pay property tax based on the value of the assets used in the business to generate income. These assets include inventory, furniture, fixtures, machinery, equipment and vehicles. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or agriculture producer's equipment used for farming, unless specifically requested from the Chief Appraiser. By April 15th of each year, business owners must provide the appraisal district with a listing of those assets. Your business should have received a Confidential Business Personal Property Rendition from the appraisal district. If you have not received this form please call us at 325/854-5865. If you own multiple business locations, you will need to complete the rendition form for each location. 22c

The Appraisal District may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values as well as field inspections of businesses. You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the district of significant depreciation of your property. For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2016.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2016. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all a 10 percent penalty will be imposed, if a fraudulent rendition is filed, a 50 percent penalty is mandated. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request for an extension with the chief appraiser on or before April 15, 2016 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day if it falls on a holiday or weekend.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact business personal property appraiser Susan Childers at the Callahan County Appraisal District. 132 W. 4th St., Baird, TX or by phone at 325/854-5865.

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**No figure is more a part of Texas History and American Folklore than Davy Crockett**

By Dr. Ken Bridges

Perhaps no figure is more a part of Texas History and American folklore than Davy Crockett. In his life on the frontier and his death, he has been a hero to millions of Americans for generations.

David Crockett was born in the mountains of eastern Tennessee in 1786. He was the fifth of nine children in a farming family. By the age of twelve, he was part of cattle drives from Tennessee into Virginia. He had little formal education and taught himself to read, write, and add. He became known for his quick wit and storytelling.

By 1816, Crockett and his new family settled in Lawrence County, Tennessee, where Crockett farmed, hunted, and ran two mills and a distillery. He was soon elected as county commissioner and became a lieutenant colonel in the local militia unit. He was elected to the state legislature by 1821 and to Congress by 1827.

He had a bitter falling out with President Andrew Jackson over federal land sales and treatment of Native American tribes. As a result, Jackson used all of his political will to destroy Crockett's political career.

He lost the 1834 election to Adam Huntsman, a Jackson ally. After the bitter defeat, Crockett left for Texas in 1835, seeking the promise of new lands and a fresh start.

As for Huntsman, Crockett's eldest son, John Wesley Crockett, defeated him for re-election in 1836, avenging his father's name once and for all.

Crockett's time in Texas was short. Almost immediately upon his arrival, he was swept up in the excitement of the Texas Revolution as Mexico was pulled apart. He joined a volunteer unit heading to San Antonio to meet the approaching forces under Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna.

Crockett reached the Alamo on February 8, 1836, and began shoring up the old mission's defenses. By February 23, the Mexican army arrived and the siege began. The defenders held out for two weeks against a heavily armed force ten times

their size. Santa Anna seized the mission on March 6, and 182 defenders perished.

What happened to Crockett at the fall of the Alamo has been a source of intense debate for many years. Some studies contended for years that he fought to the bitter end, never surrendering. Reports from Mexican troops contended that he was captured, and while Santa Anna's troops, impressed with his bravery, pled for Crockett's life, the bitter and vainglorious general ordered his execution anyway. Regardless, when Texas troops made their stand in that desperate siege, Crockett stood with them.

In the years after his death, Crockett became a larger-than-life legend, adored by countless Americans. Numerous landmarks were named in his honor. The town of Crockett was founded near Houston in 1837. Crockett County in western Tennessee, not far from Memphis, was named for him in 1871 (with the county seat in the communi-

ty of Alamo). Crockett County in West Texas was named for him in 1891. Numerous schools have been named after him, including in Austin, Dallas, and Grand Prairie. This is in addition to the Crockett National Forest and Lake Davy Crockett, both in East Texas.

Many films, books, and television shows have told and re-told his tale often. Perhaps the most famous was the Walt Disney depiction on television that originally appeared in 1954 and 1955, starring Fess Parker as Crockett in a coonskin cap. American children were captivated by the wild frontiersman image of Crockett, reportedly buying millions of coonskin caps to imitate Parker's portrayal of the "King of the Wild Frontier." In modern America, the legend has become almost inseparable from the man.

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**Barred Tiger Salamander**

Most folks are very familiar with the 2 most common types of amphibians that reside in this state. Nearly everyone has heard a frog calling, or seen a toad in their own backyard. Yet most people are not aware of a foot-long, 4-legged and tailed amphibian that dwells here as well, and that is the Barred Tiger Salamander.



Barred Tiger Salamander (Ambystoma tigrinum mavortium)

The Barred Tiger Salamander (Ambystoma tigrinum mavortium) belongs to a genus of salamanders that are categorized as Mole Salamanders. This genus has 5 representatives in Texas, and this particular species has the most extensive range of the faction. This distinctive species occurs in the northern extensions of the Edwards Plateau northward throughout the entire Texas Panhandle and westward throughout the entire Trans-Pecos region. It is in these eco-regions that it resides almost exclusively near semi-permanent bodies of water, primarily in areas of rocky or sandy grasslands. Moderately or heavily vegetated cattle watering tanks and stock ponds (ones that are not stocked with carnivorous fish) are often utilized as breeding areas. In the Texas Panhandle, ephemeral playa lakes are heavily exploited as breeding sites, especially playas that have been unaltered by farmland or industry.

As the family name implies, this group of salamanders is well suited to living life underground, much akin to moles. It rarely makes an appearance above ground, typically after heavy deluges of spring and summer rains, although occasional specimens may be surface active after sufficient winter rainfall. Its propensity to remain underground makes this creature a common, but rarely observed treasure, even by those who are looking for it.

The old adage "everything is bigger in Texas" holds true with this species. Whereas other members of this clan are undersized, this type is the largest terrestrial salamander species in the eastern United States. Adults can range in size from 7 to 9 inches, although foot-long individuals are not uncommon. The water-dwelling larvae often achieve a total length of 6 inches or so.

This impressive salamander variety is usually, but not always, stunningly colored. The dorsal coloration is typically black, and most individuals have a series of bright yellow bars and dots that are painted along the backside, the reason that it bears the com-

mon name Tiger Salamander. In some individuals, the yellow is the predominating color, giving the animal an astonishing appearance. The water-bound larvae are generally colored a mediocre olive-brown with large, limb-like gills on either side of the head. Many larvae are sold by bait stores to game fisherman.

The breeding cycle of this magnificent amphibian is a bit unusual, not only for the time of year that it generally takes place, but also in the reproductive habits as well. Unlike most other arid-living amphibians, who wait for the summer rainy season to emerge to reproduce in shallow pools, this unique amphibian will often congregate in areas of water during the winter months when the air temperatures are considered to be too low for other "herptiles" to be active. I have observed many specimens in temperatures too cold for me - which just happens to be any temperatures below 50 degrees!

Males will enter the breeding pools first, awaiting the arrival of the females. Once the females arrive, the males will begin to

deposit spermatophores (a small capsule that containing spermatozoa). Once the males make the deposit, they will then begin to nudge a receptive female to "pick up" the capsules in their cloaca.

The females will then proceed to lay the large fertilized eggs, numbering up to 300, in clumps of vegetation. The larvae that hatch will attain a total length between 4 and 6 inches before they begin the transformation into land-dwellers. This process, depending on how long it takes to achieve this size, may take months or sometimes years. On rare occasions, the larvae never achieve the appropriate size and will remain in the larval state permanently.

Although they are rarely seen, the Barred Tiger Salamander is very widespread and the population densities are somewhat stable across their range. The biggest threat, at least in the Panhandle, is the decimation of the playa lakes, their primary breeding sites.

Editor's Note: Michael Price would love to hear from folks! He can be reached by email at [www.fullprice71@gmail.com](mailto:fullprice71@gmail.com).

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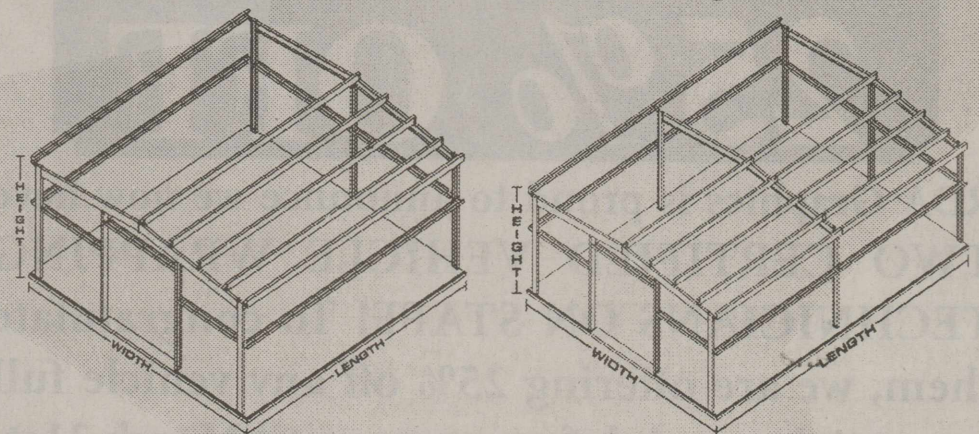


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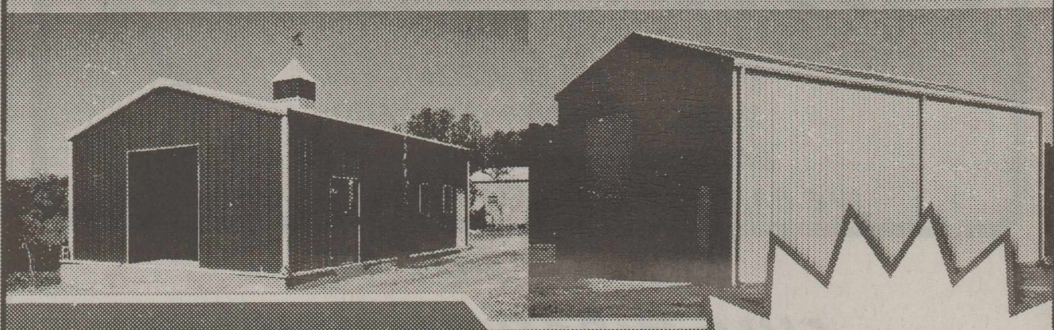
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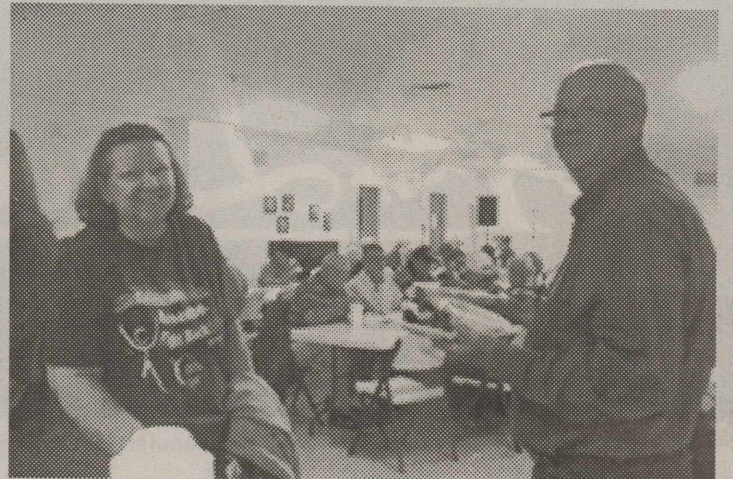
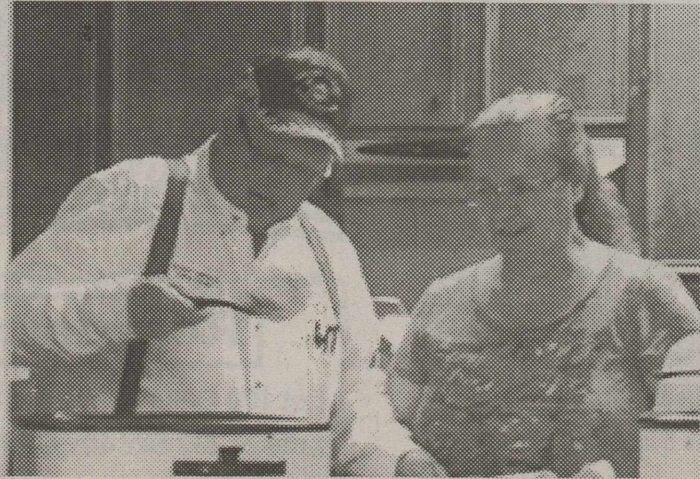
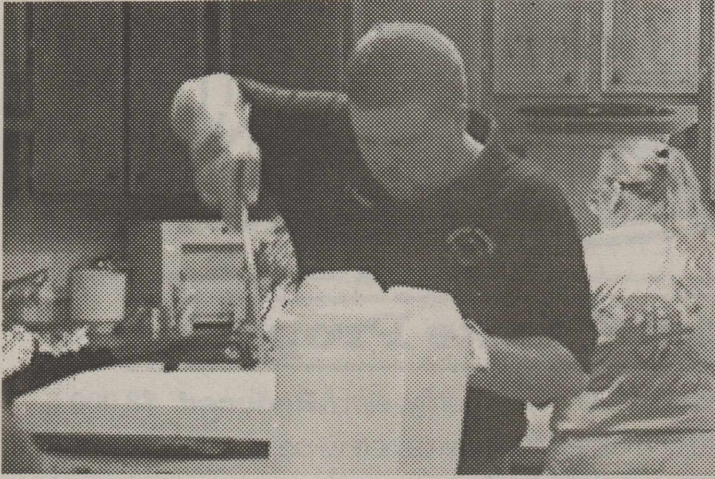
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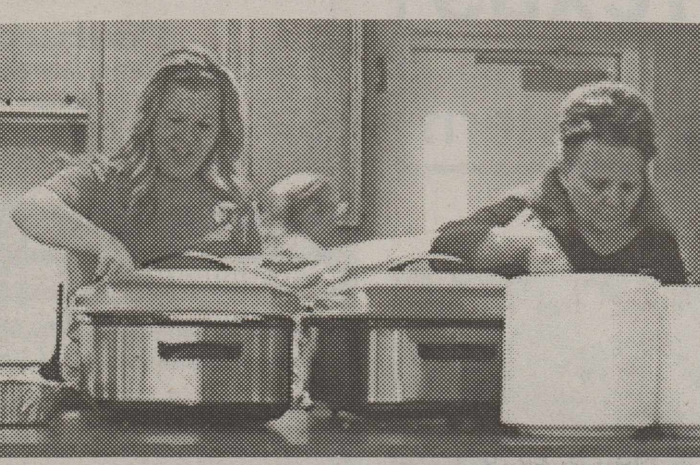
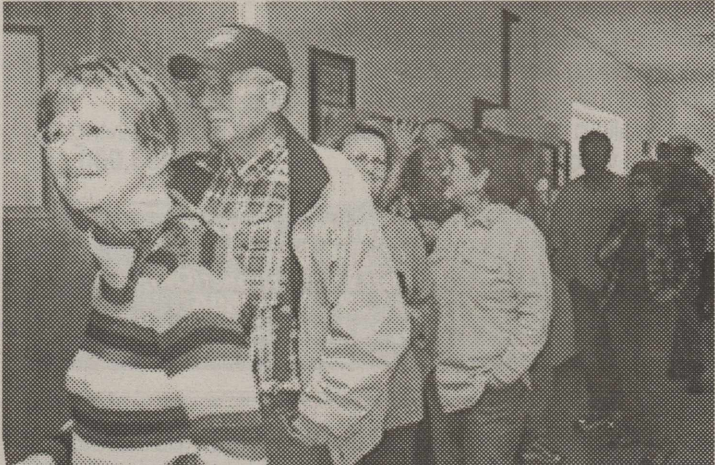
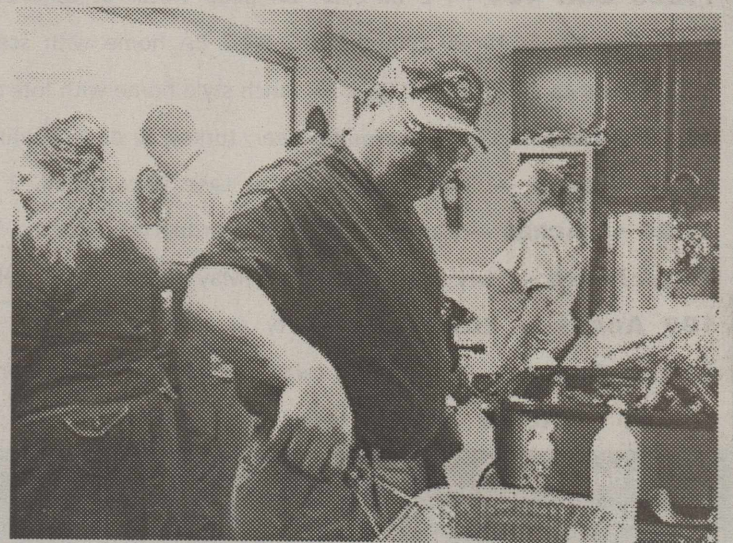
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## DPS offers Spring Break Safety Tips for Texans

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to drive responsibly and to take extra precautions as they make travel plans during Spring Break.

"Each year during the weeks of Spring Break - with children out of school and families taking vacation - there's a good chance that traffic will increase on our roadways," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS is encouraging drivers to help keep the roads safe for all travelers by adhering to safe driving practices and always driving sober."

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Spring Break holiday:

- Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, heavy traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- Eliminate distractions while driving, including the usage of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued, and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.

• Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

• Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

• Slow down or move over for tow trucks, as well as police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.

DPS troopers and local law enforcement in the coastal areas of Texas will also be keeping our roads safe by enhancing enforcement efforts during Spring Break, looking for speeders, drunk drivers and seat-belt violators.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should always check the U.S. Department of State website for the latest security information related to their travel destination. Those traveling out of the country can also register with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program by visiting <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country.html>

## Community Prayer Vigil Tuesday March 8th

The Cross Plains community is joining in a community prayer vigil Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. in front of the Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center to celebrate our many answered prayers for healing and to submit prayers for those who are ill, lonely or infirm.

The Senior Center will be open for our service and cookies and drinks will be provided. Prayers will also be raised for God's healing rains, our community, our state and our nation.

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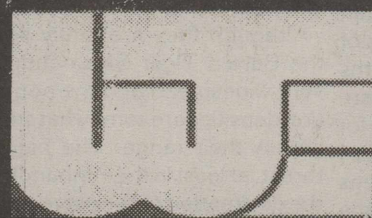
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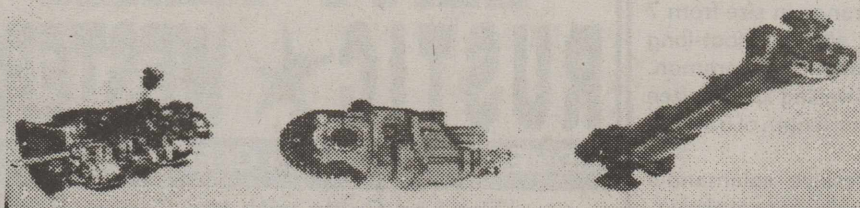
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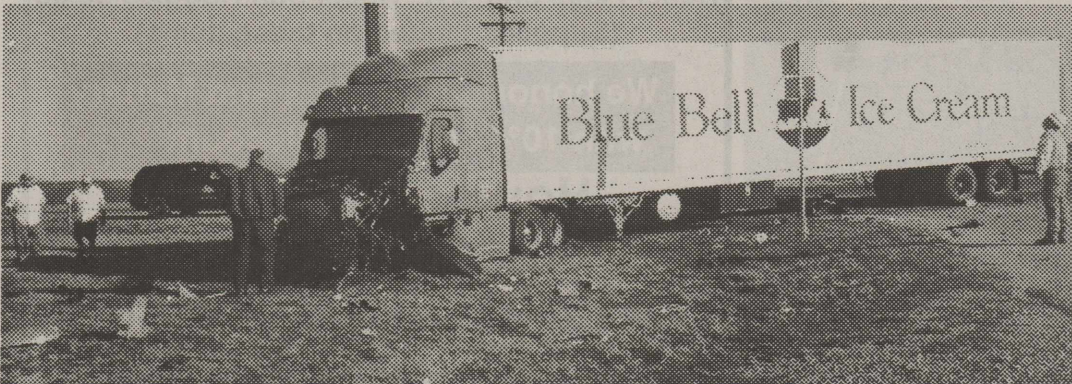
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## Community Garden Ready for Planting

The old mesquites may not be out yet, Punxsutawney Phil said spring will come early, but thunder in February promises a frost in April and old timers insists there will be a "Easter spell." Regardless what the various prognosticators say, the Community Garden is ready for planting.

The Community Garden on George Scott St. is located on property owned by the First United Methodist Church and is available for anybody who would like to take the responsibility of one of the 4X8 foot raised boxes. Although the FUMC has graciously provided the space and water from a well behind the Parsonage, the garden is not a program sponsored by the church.

Michelle Kaiser was able to acquire a grant with Fiskar to provide all kinds of garden tools and money to build the storage

shed. A short water line hooked to the main line of the well to the church is now available for watering the boxes. Thus, all the gardeners have to provide are the seeds and a bit of labor and to be willing to share some of the produce with the Senior Citizen's Center.

Nine boxes were built in time for a late spring garden last summer and a few boxes were planted as fall gardens. The donated top soil, manure, mulch and straw have combined to make the soil very workable. It's time now for planting some early veggies and the boxes are up for grabs again. Folks who "farmed" the boxes last year have dibs on their boxes again, but a few are still available.

If you are interested in taking responsibility for a box, just call the Methodist Church at 725-7377 and ask for Arlene.

## What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



### Teen Review

I just finished reading "Wayward: The Hall of Black Stones" by R. C. Walker. The author wrote this book when she was only 16 years old. It is about young people and teens and I recommend it to that age group. It is listed as fiction, Christian, and historical novel; I would also include it as an adventure.

The characters are very strong and set good examples for shaping a life and getting priorities in order. I would recommend the book for both male and female teens.

At the end of a long war, the victorious kingdom claims much and takes more than anyone expected. Caden, along with many others, are gathered up to become servants in the kingdom of Du'Maen. Her fate seems sealed when she comes under the attention of the young heir to the crown, Lord Rollin, and into the grasp of Sir Kane Devonald, who desires power above all else.

Caden's desperate cry for freedom is answered with hope from an unexpected source. Adaiyah has served under the oppressive rule of Du'Maen's hierarchy for all of his life. He has found a greater freedom in the arms of God than any Caden has ever known, but she is uncertain: is it the freedom that she seeks? Will she submit to the devilish control of Kane to protect those she loves? Or will she trust in a heavenly protection and find that to be free she must first surrender?

Check out the book at the library and find the answer!

## The Market at Clyde Second Saturday Each Month, March 12th

The second Saturday of each month The Market at Clyde meets in the Old Firehouse on South First Street. The next is scheduled for Saturday March 12, 10am-4pm.

The Market at Clyde specializes in hosting artisans, crafters and artist from the Big Country. Each item at The Market is handcrafted, home cooked or home grown. The range of creations is wide; food, leather, metal, wood, fabric, jewelry, fine art and so much more. There will be a further

description of items available in this paper next week. For more information you may also visit The Market at Clyde, Texas Facebook page.

Joy Norris of The Border Theater in Mission, TX will be performing and selling her CDs at this event. There is no admission charge for The Market or for the musical performance. No matter what else you have planned for Saturday, March 12, be sure to put The Market on your event calendar.

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

**Callahan County Court**  
Roger Corn, presiding

**Misdemeanor Minutes**

Justin W. Burnett, motion to dismiss to abuse of a volatile chemical granted, defendant incapacitated.

Brandy Kay Miller Barker, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Jesse Garza, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated (DWI) granted for completion of PTD Program.

Justin W. Burnett, motion to dismiss to assault granted, defendant incapacitated.

Santos Medina, motion to dismiss to DWI granted, insufficient evidence.

Joel S. Mattson, motion to dismiss to assault, family violence granted, victim unavailable.

Michael A. Barrow, order on motion to revoke probation granted.

Kathy A. McElroy, motion to dismiss to possession of a dangerous drug granted, time served in another county.

Robbie Harper, motion to dismiss to theft granted, insufficient evidence.

Ronald W. Connally, motion to dismiss to violate protective order granted in the interest of justice.

Billy J. Clayton, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Robert B. South, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted for plea to other case.

Jennifer M. Diaz, order on motion to revoke probation

granted.

Justin Cook, plea of guilty to falsifying drug test, 75 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

Zachery T. Inman, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 30 days in jail, \$329 court costs.

Sara L. Sparks, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Zachery T. Inman, plea of guilty to burglary of vehicle, 30 days in jail, \$319 court costs.

James M. Worley, plea of guilty to theft, 1 year probation, \$200 fine, \$269 court costs.

Maria D. Wallace, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Charles H. Price, order amending conditions of probation granted.

Kimie N. Bartlow, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Carlos Hernandez, motion to dismiss to driving while license invalid granted for plea to other case.

Kayla Hazelwood, motion to dismiss to assault, family violence granted, complainant unwilling to testify.

Carlos Martinez, plea of guilty to DWI, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$429 court costs.

Robert Chaney, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 10 days in jail, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Wesley D. King, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

Cecilia H. Ritchie, plea of guilty to possession of marijuana, 1 year probation, \$500 fine, \$329 court costs.

**Marriage Licenses**

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

**Criminal Indictments**

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**Criminal Minutes**

Justin Clark, plea of guilty to burglary of building, 3 year probation, \$750 fine, \$344 court costs.

Tyson Bradford, plea of guilty to evading arrest, 2 year probation, \$304 court costs.

**Civil Minutes**

Bob H. Robinson, Herman D. Weaver, Robert B. Childress, individually and Cottonwood Historical Association, Inc. vs. Callahan County Commissioners' Court, order granting nonsuit without prejudice.

Alfred Theodor Horn III and Cora Christine Horn, divorce granted.

Mary Jo Ramos, name change granted.

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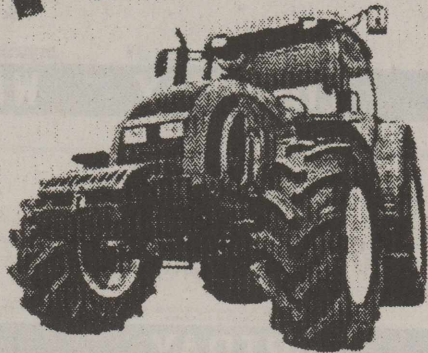


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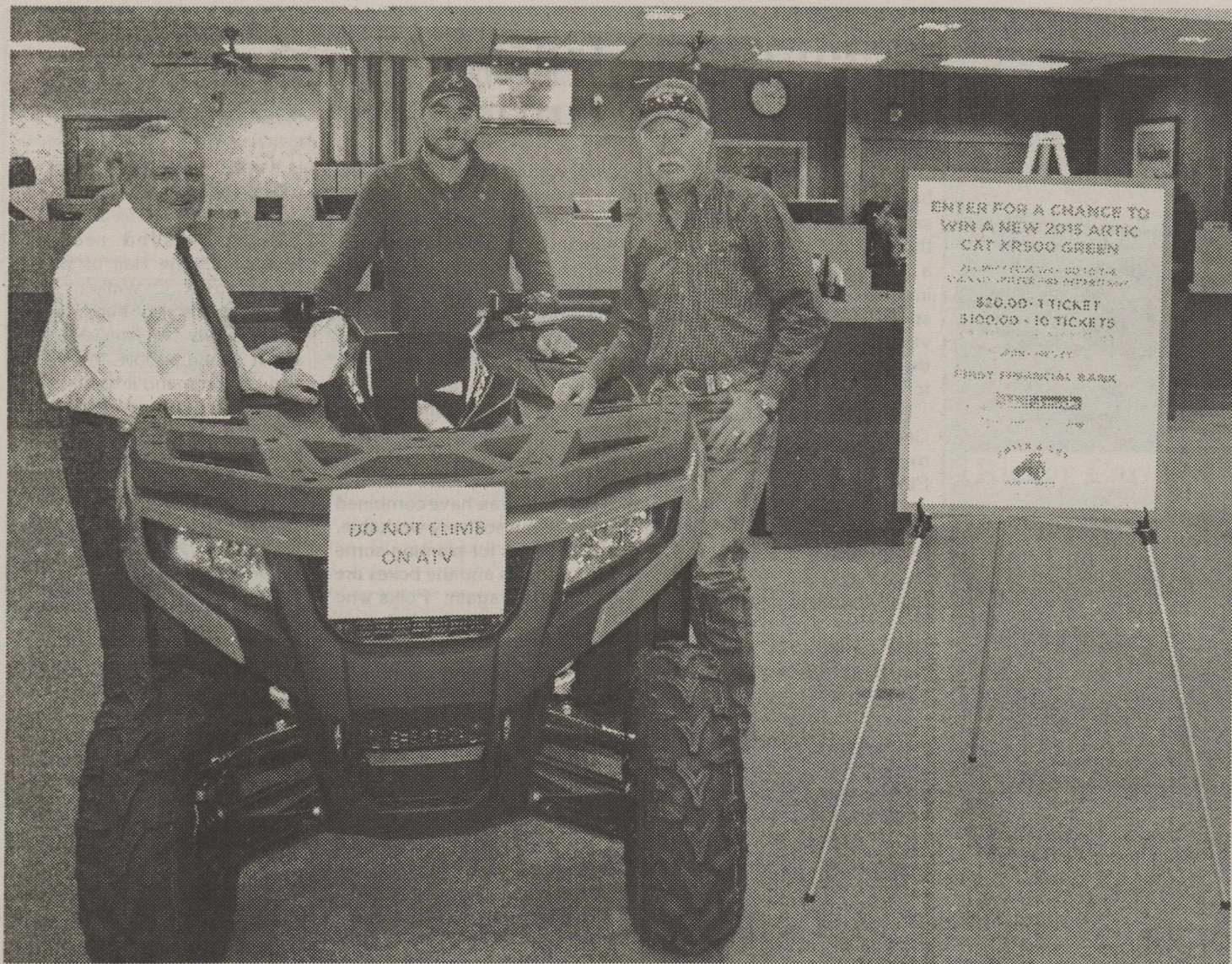
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**THREE AREA BUSINESSES HELPING THE EULA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**--Clyde area businesses First Financial Bank, Bank-Clyde, Blake Fulenwider Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep and Smith & Son Farm Equipment have all three banded together to hold a raffle for a chance to win a new 2015 Arctic Cat XR500 ATV vehicle, with all proceeds to go to the Eula Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured from left to right with the 2015 Arctic Cat XR500 include from left to right: Jim Goldston, First Financial Bank Vice President, Cody Foster, General Manager for Blake Fulenwider Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep, and Curtis Smith, owner of Smith & Son Farm Equipment. Smith said immediately after the large Highline Fire in the Eula community, which destroyed seven homes in the Eula community, he wanted to do some type of fundraiser for the Eula Volunteer Fire Department. Smith said he contacted Jim Goldston with First Financial Bank and Cody Foster with Blake Fulenwider "and they were instantly offered to help anyway they could." Smith said tickets for the ATV fundraiser raffle are \$20.00 per ticket or 10 tickets for \$100.00. Tickets can be purchased at Smith & Son Farm Equipment, First Financial Bank-Clyde or at Blake Fulenwider Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep or from an Eula Volunteer Fire Department member. The ATV drawing will take place on April 29, 2016.

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## "The Blind Side" Book to Movie Event

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You can also check out Michael Oher's book "I Beat the Odds" at the library. Both are available on CD, too.

## Computer Class at the Library

The computer class on the Linux Mint operating system will meet at the Cross Plains Public Library on Thursday, March 10th 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.

## Library Notes

### Library Hours

Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm  
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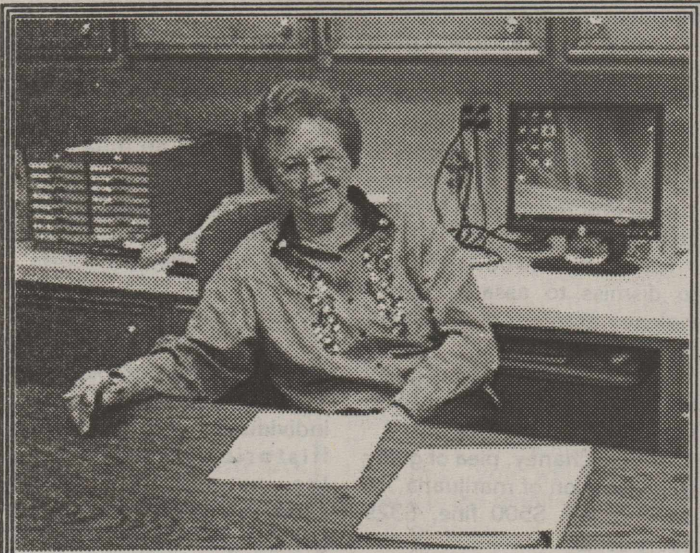
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<b>L U N C H</b>	Chicken Fajitas Garden Salad Salsa Seasoned Corn Fresh fruit Milk	Asian chicken Brown rice Baby carrots w/ranch Steamed Broccoli Chilled pineapple Cookie Milk	Tex-Mex Stack Spanish rice Refried Beans Salsa Garden Salad Cinnamon apples Milk	Chicken Parmesan Green beans Pette Tomato cup Apple slices Bread stick Milk	Turkey & Cheese Sub Garden Salad Seasoned Corn Diced peaches Milk

# AARP says sale of Oncor is a bad bet for Texans

AUSTIN, Texas - AARP Texas Director Bob Jackson is urging the Public Utility Commission of Texas to reject a proposed sale of Oncor, the largest power utility in the state. The PUC is scheduled to discuss the matter on Thursday, March 4. Since Friday, more than 1,000 AARP members in Texas have contacted the PUC expressing their concern about the deal.

A commentary by Jackson appeared in today's TribTalk, a publication of The Texas Tribune. The article can be viewed here: <http://tribtalk.org/2016/02/26/sale-of-oncor-is-a-bad-bet-for-texans/>, and the text follows:

Something is surely wrong when Wall Street speculators swoop in to take over the state's largest power utility and present last-minute sweeteners to make it look like a good deal for consumers.

Let me be clear: Nothing has changed. The proposed sale of Oncor is a bad bet for Texans, and the Public Utility Commission should reject it.

The sale is merely a transfer of wealth from millions of Texas ratepayers to the suit pockets of hedge fund managers and bankers. It relies on a clever financing scheme, what lawyers call a real estate investment trust, to buy Oncor. And for the wealthy financiers, the REIT is as attractive of an arrangement as anything Wall Street could ever concoct.

Hidden inside the purchasing scheme is a roughly \$250 million a year tax windfall, but not for ratepayers or Texas taxpayers. It's a windfall solely for the investors. Add to it that the

general manner in which this deal is put together could easily leave Oncor severely financially unstable and at risk of imposing rate hikes on captive consumers.

So, while the long-term status of Oncor may not worry out-of-state investors, it's certainly a concern for millions of people throughout North and West Texas. Residential and business customers alike deserve assurances that the utility won't suddenly have a hard time staying in business. It's important that the company is stable when it comes time to restore power after a storm, and that it won't suddenly be in such trouble that it needs to jack up utility bills. Older folks especially count on the availability of reliable and affordable power for their homes.

Under the proposed sale of Oncor, power outages, rate hikes and service interruptions — which can be a matter of life and death for some people — seem more likely. It's for these reasons and more why AARP, as an advocate for ratepayers, has been shining a light on this suspicious deal for months. Having closely examined the proposed sale of Oncor, and after issuing a 16-page report on the plan in early January, AARP, with nearly 2.3 million members in Texas, is urging the PUC to reject the sale.

The decision rests solely with three PUC commissioners who were installed in their jobs by former Gov. Rick Perry to protect the public interest. To get their approval, the investors must prove that the plan is in the public interest.

But clearly, there's absolutely nothing about this sale that's in the public interest. The tax windfall, the unorthodox REIT structure, the potential for rate hikes and other troubles, they all are indicative of a deal that may look great to Wall Street speculators but isn't in the best interest of Texans.

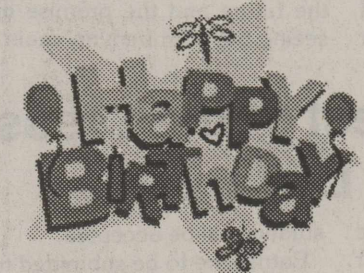
Had the speculators not framed this deal as a bid from the Hunt Family of Dallas, I doubt anybody in Texas would have even given much of a nod. As it is, besides AARP, Gov. Perry is on record in opposition to the deal. So, too, are Oncor officials, leaders of a number of large Texas utility customers, as well as many utility authorities, including the PUC's own expert on rate regulation.

Failure of the PUC to stand strong for consumers on this restructuring could cause utility restructurings across the state. The REIT structure is such a lucrative arrangement for investors that other utilities have already hinted that, should the Oncor sale go through, they will reorganize in just the same manner. The ripple effect, from the consumers' perspective, would have cataclysmic impacts on the cost and reliability of electric service for decades to come.

PUC commissioners Donna Nelson, Kenneth W. Anderson, Jr. and Brandy Marty Marquez should promptly reject the sale of Oncor.

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Bob Jackson is director of AARP Texas. AARP is a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy with a membership of more than 38 million, including 2.2 million members in Texas.



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### March 9

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Landon Pope  
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Richard Milder  
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Clayton Hance Bonner  
John Willis

**March 10**  
Don Crouch  
Rainey Blue Bacon  
Gloria Peninger  
Jerry Wayne Calhoun  
Carl David Scott  
Glenda (Gould) Callaway  
Duane Thomas

**March 11**  
Scott Wyatt  
Darrell Smithson  
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Jimmy Gattis  
Vickie Hargrove Burkhalter  
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Brenda Simpson  
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**March 7**  
Billy Black  
Diane Bowden  
Deana Terstegge  
Juanita Free  
Carl Corley  
Ann Holland  
Shelly Gray

**March 12**  
Jim Bob Cozart  
Sean Conway  
Misty (Kelly) Yates  
James Wilson  
Charley Wright  
Lida Sheppard  
Micheal Wayne Teague  
Billy Faye Graham  
Tammy Jean Riffe  
Mrs. George Hoover

**March 8**  
Jane Bonner  
Dee Ann (Coppinger) Key

## Illumination Celebration

Join the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council on Tuesday, March 8th, at 1101 N. 1st, Abilene, for the debut of the designs of Disney's premier lighting designer at all of the Storybook Sculptures throughout the downtown area. Event starts at 6 p.m. and is free of charge. Enjoy performances from ASD groups, food trucks, glow sticks, characters and fun. At 7:30 p.m., the switch will be flipped and downtown will be magically lit! For more information please contact Sidney Levesque at 325-677-1161 or check out the website at [www.abilenecac.org](http://www.abilenecac.org)

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## Senior Citizens Center Activities

### March 7th-11th

**Monday-7th** Crafts with Chris 10:30/Exercise 11:00/  
**Tuesday-8th** Exercise 11:00  
**Wednesday-9th** Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check-Girling Home Health  
**Thursday -10th** Exercise 11:00/ Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45/1:05  
**Friday -11th** 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

### March 7th-11th

**Monday 7th**- Hamburg-er Steak, Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert  
**Tuesday 8th**- Chicken Pot Pie, (vegetables in entree) Fruit Salad, Cookie  
**Wednesday 9th**- Chick- en Fried Steak, Potatoes, Black-Eye-Peas, Bread, Dessert  
**Thursday 10th** - Salm- on Patties, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Corn Nuggets, Hushpuppies, Dessert  
**Friday 11th**- Chili Dogs with Cheese , Onions, Oven Fries, Fruit, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

To get your name on the Birthday Column, send your name and date of birth to  
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## The Jungle Book Live

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Adapted from Rudyard Kipling's famous classic stories, The Jungle Book tells the tale of Mowgli, a boy who is raised in the Indian jungle by wolf parents and educated by a black panther and Baloo the bear. Fun-loving monkeys, a python, and the villainous tiger Shere Khan are also featured. Don't miss this memorable show, filled with action, drama, comedy and music!

Contact Hollye Jaklewicz at 325-677-1161 for more information. Ticket prices are \$9-Person.

## Paramount Film Series: How The West Was Won

The historic Paramount Theatre in downtown Abilene is presenting, "How The West Was Won" on Friday, March 11th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 12th at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

This epic western tells the story of the Prescott family, whose journey to the west in the 1830s set in motion a series of triumphs and tragedies that include the American Civil War. Starring: James Stewart, Carroll Baker, Debbie Reynolds, Gregory Peck; 1962, color, 164 minutes, rated G.

Contact Betty Hukill at 325-676-9620, or check out the Paramounts website at [www.paramount-abilene.org](http://www.paramount-abilene.org) for more information.

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**ACROSS**

- Bowie crossed the line on this (2 wds.)
- Texoma is largest man- TX lake
- TXism: "Steven" (all square)
- " in peace"
- TX B.J. Thomas' "I Could Cry"
- Chester, TX was named for this Pres. Arthur (init.)
- TXism: "the blazes (large man)"
- TXism: "costs arm and a leg"
- pickle herb
- Texans dance \_\_\_\_\_step
- TX London's role on "I'll Fly Away"
- rattlesnake caves
- TX Freeman "One Life to Live" character: \_\_\_\_\_ Hall
- TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- TXism: "down the road \_\_\_\_\_ (quite a distance)"
- TXism: "a real go getter"
- previous name of Fox Sports SW
- way to get in film: "\_\_\_\_\_ for TX"
- video: "Nolan Ryan: Feel the \_\_\_\_\_"
- Carswell AFB once had a unit of the Strategic \_\_\_\_\_
- intended
- bath night (abbr.)
- pro pitcher from TX, Hooton
- "Deep in the Heart of Texas" was performed in "How to \_\_\_\_\_ Millionaire"
- TXism: "beats thing I ever saw"
- Dallas street where JFK was shot in '63
- Rice mascots
- non-\_\_\_\_\_
- TV Sullivan who showed TX talent
- laying hen or an Irish dog
- TXism: "six of one, half a dozen of the \_\_\_\_\_"
- TV's talking horse (1961-66)
- TX rancher slogan: "\_\_\_\_\_ More Beef!"
- TXism: "if \_\_\_\_\_ better I couldn't stand it"
- TX Sissy played this Lynn in "Coal Miner's Daughter"
- the month TX was admitted into U.S.
- Sha Na \_\_\_\_\_
- art \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ enough to wake the dead"
- TX-based Alon USA Energy, \_\_\_\_\_
- Tex Ritter's "Life Gets Teejus, \_\_\_\_\_ It"
- user of ears
- describing recently laid eggs (2 wds.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ TX
- 41 sail support
- 42 jet speed word
- TXism: "if \_\_\_\_\_ giddyup, you better go!" (mean)
- TX carpenter's tool

# Commissioners keep Burn Ban, but allow agricultural & prescribed burns

Callahan County Commissioners, during the regular meeting held Monday, February 29th, voted to keep the Countywide Burn Ban in effect, but to allow agricultural and prescribed burns.

On a motion by Commissioner Tom Windham and a second from Commissioner Harold Hicks, the county commissioners voted 5-0 to keep the Countywide Burn Ban in effect, but to allow agricultural and prescribed burns.

The order prohibiting outdoor burning follows:

## CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS ORDER PROHIBITING OUTDOOR BURNING

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 240.906 of the Local Government Code, the Callahan County Commissioners Court had found that dry conditions in the unincorporated areas of Callahan County create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and, whereas, such a finding authorizes the issuance of an order which prohibits or restricts outdoor burning.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that the following regulations are hereby established for all unincorporated areas of Callahan County, Texas.

(1) Action prohibited:  
A. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly burns any combustible material outside of an enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning

by others.  
B. A person violates this order if he or she knowingly, intentionally or recklessly engages in any activity outdoors which could allow flames or sparks that could result in a fire, or orders such activities by others.

(2) Enforcement:  
A. A violation of this order is a Class C Misdemeanor. B. This order may be enforced by any duly commissioned peace officer in Callahan County.

(3) This order is effective and enforceable for 90 days after the date of adoption which is indicated below.

(4) This order does not apply to outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission for firefighter training; public utility, natural gas pipeline, or mining operations, or, harvesting of agriculture crops.

(5) Further, a person is not in violation if prior to the setting of any outdoor fire, he or she first obtains the permission of the appropriate volunteer Fire Chief. In this instance the Fire Chief will have the authority to set the conditions, restrictions, and/or precautions which must be observed.

(6) See Attachment A for welding precautions and Attachment B for grilling precautions.

ORDERED by the Callahan County Commissioners Court on the 29th day of February, 2016, and executed on the same date.

(s) Roger Corn  
County Judge  
(s) Harold Hicks

Commissioner Precinct #1  
(s) Bryan Farmer  
Commissioner Precinct #2  
(s) Tom Windham  
Commissioner Precinct #3  
(s) Cliff Kirkham  
Commissioner Precinct #4

Attest:  
(s) Donna Bell,  
County Clerk

### ATTACHMENT A

Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County. It was not intended to take away a person's livelihood.

**WELDING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN.**

1. The individual welding must have a spotter.
2. Two wet fire extinguishers must be available.
3. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
4. Must have water sprayer available for use.
5. Must wet down sufficient area (and re-wet as often as necessary).

These safety precautions must be taken and also, please use common sense and good judgment if the conditions are windy. If the job is not an emergency put it off until another date.

Violations will be punishable by a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony

charges.  
**ATTACHMENT B**  
Due to high fire danger and dry foliage these restrictions were put in place for the protection of the Citizens and their property in Callahan County.

**OUTDOOR GRILLING WILL BE PERMITTED IF THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN.**

1. Individuals grilling must attend the grill at all times.
2. Must have sufficient supply of water on hand at all times.
3. Cooking must be done in an enclosed cooker.

Violations will be punishable by a penalty of a fine of up to \$1,000.00 or confinement in jail for a term not exceeding 180 days. An individual, or individuals, could be liable for damages, if fire occurs. If there is a fatality, one could face possible felony charges.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was called to order at 8:35 a.m. with the following officers present: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding, Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Jan Windham, County Treasurer, and Donna Bell, County Clerk.

Commissioner Windham made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion, which then carried with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

# Love Fund Established for Emberlynn Harris

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for the medical and subsequent funeral expenses for Baby Emberlynn Marie Sandusky, infant pre-mature daughter of Danny and Emily Harris Sandusky.

Emberlynn was born on February 16th and passed into the arms of Jesus just a week later. Emberlynn won the hearts of all the staff who so lovingly cared for her. She came out with a fighting spirit and fought hard until God decided it was her time and took her to be the tiniest angel.

Numerous expenses were incurred in her short time that she spent here. She was in the NICU from the time she was born until her death. Her parents and grandparents Nicky and Evelyn Harris appreciate so much all the prayers, calls, thoughts, words of concern, and all the love you have shown to help ease the pain of losing a first child and first grandchild. Please continue to lift up this sweet family in prayer as they look to the future and the promise of seeing baby Emberlynn again.

# 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.



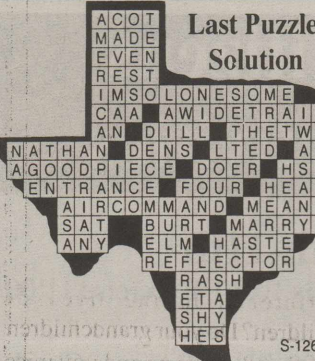
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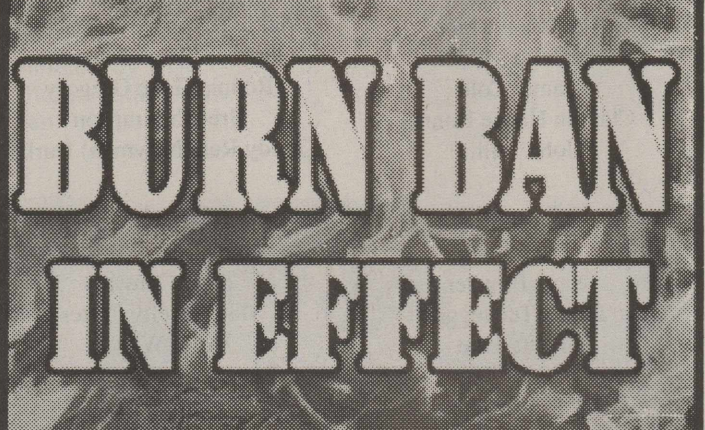


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# Medicare helps pay for Shingles Vaccine

By Bob Moos/Southwest public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Anyone who has suffered from shingles knows the pain is excruciating.

"Uncomfortable" doesn't begin to describe your plight if you come down with the disease. "Miserable" is much closer to the truth.

Shingles produces a blistering skin rash that lasts from two to four weeks. It usually appears on just one side of your body, most often on the torso or face. You also may have a fever, headache, chills or an upset stomach.

When the blisters finally go away, you may be left with scars. And for one in every five sufferers, the pain continues — sometimes for a year or more.

You can't catch shingles from someone else. The disease — also known as herpes zoster — is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox.

The virus actually starts as chickenpox, the childhood illness that comes with a fever, sore throat and rash. When the chickenpox ends, however, the virus doesn't.

It hides in your nerves and, for some people, emerges later as shingles. No one knows why that happens, but shingles is more common after age 60 and among people whose immune systems have been weakened by a disease like cancer.

About 1 million Americans per year get shingles. Most will have only one outbreak in life, though a second or third outbreak can occur.

Fortunately, you can prevent shingles or at least blunt its effect with a vaccine. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a one-

time shot if you're 60 or older.

The vaccine reduces the risk of shingles by about 50 percent. If you do come down with it, you're likely to have a milder case if you've been inoculated.

There have been no serious problems with the vaccine, though the CDC cautions that anyone with a weakened immune system should not be inoculated.

The most common side effects have been redness, soreness, swelling or itching at the shot site. If you have any questions, visit with your doctor.

Medicare covers the shingles vaccine as one of its preventive benefits. But, unlike some other vaccines that are paid through Part B, the shingles vaccine is covered by Part D.

That's the part of Medicare you use when you buy prescription drugs at your pharmacy. People get Part D through a private stand-alone drug plan, if they have traditional Medicare, or through a Medicare Advantage plan that includes drug coverage.

Your Part D plan will pay for the vaccine itself and for your doctor or other health-care provider to give you the shot. But you need to make sure you follow your particular plan's rules in order to keep your out-of-pocket cost as low as possible.

The average copayment for Medicare beneficiaries who get inoculated for shingles is \$60 to \$80, though that will vary by plan.

If you're vaccinated at a drugstore, check to make certain it's in your Part D plan's pharmacy network. Otherwise, the shot will cost you more than your usual copay.

If you're inoculated in a doctor's office, check to make sure the office can bill your plan or at least can work through a drugstore in your plan's network. Otherwise, you'll have to pay the entire bill upfront and then claim reimbursement from your plan.

Just to be safe, call your Part D drug plan ahead of time and ask which pharmacies and doctors in your area you can use to receive the shingles vaccine at the plan's regular copay.

To learn more about shingles, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-232-4636 or visit [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines). For more about Medicare's coverage, call 1-800-MEDICARE or go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

As today's 78 million baby boomers age, the number of shingles cases will only increase. Guard yourself against the pain and suffering. Get vaccinated.

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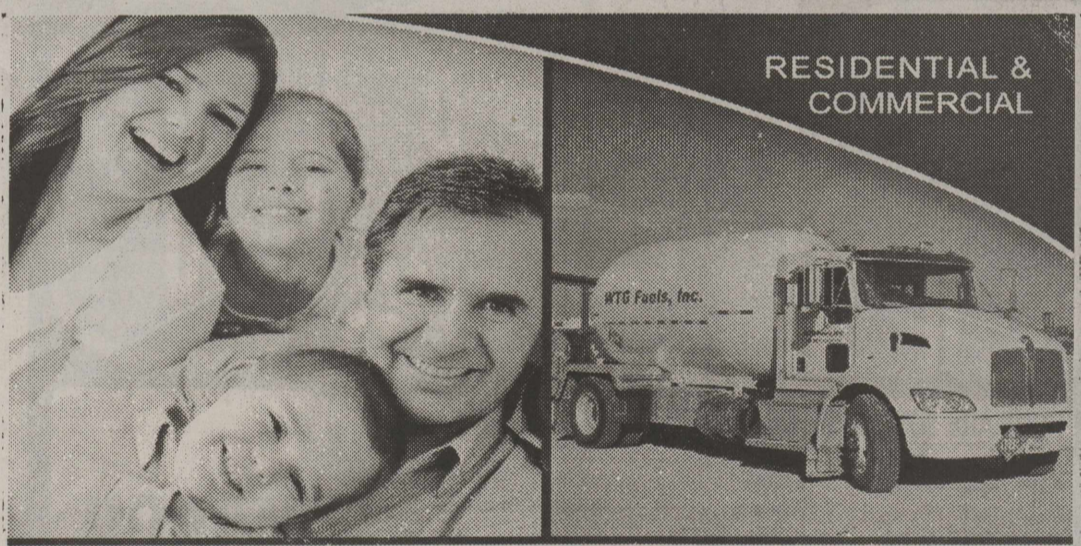
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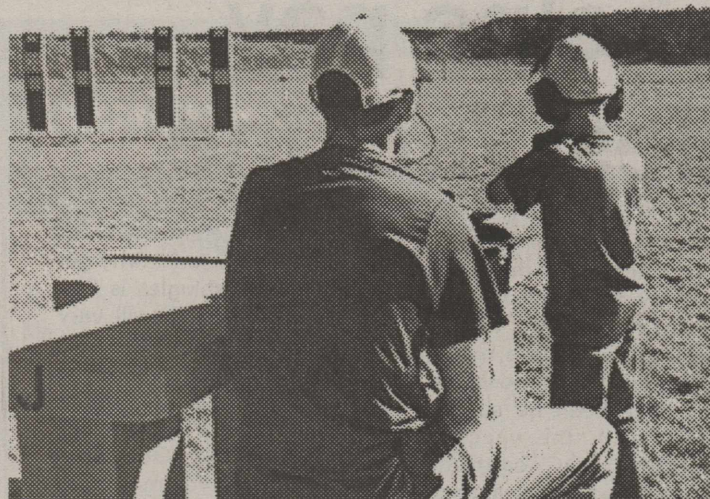
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### 4H Club Gearing Up for Spring Farewell Dinner for Jerry Warren March 7th

The 4H shooting sports are on target with weekly practices. Members Jack Larimore, Chace Rutland, Jayden Shank, and Bentley Hall spent time with instructors working on marksmanship, trigger control, breathing, and of course most importantly safety. The weekly practice helps reinforce all their lessons and give the kids a wonderful chance to meet other members.

Get your cameras out and start snapping photos!!! Photography is starting up and even clovers may participate (CloverBuds compete only at the county show). With categories ranging from animals, food, landscape, and even one called catch-all for any photos that don't neatly fit into one of the stand categories. If you can take a picture of it, you can enter it. Juniors and Intermediates will have a mounting party on March 18 to mount their photos. If you are interested in learning more about the photography contest, please call the Extension Office at (325)854-5835 and they will be more than happy to send you the information. You can also find more information at <http://d74-h.tamu.edu/district-events/photography-contest/>.

The next 4H meeting will be

on March 7, at 6:00 at the First Baptist Church. We will be hosting a farewell dinner for Jerry Warren our County Agent who will be retiring in April. We want everyone to come join us in wishing him the best and this is a great opportunity to learn more about 4H. Anyone who has ever been to one of our meetings knows that this is also a great chance to sit down to some great home cooked food. Members, please be sure to contact Terrie and let her know what dish you will be bringing.

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If you have any questions regarding 4H call the Extension Office at (325)854-5835 or our local leader Terrie Parum at 254-725-6423. 4-H I Pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to greater service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my word.

### 24th Annual Steam-N-Wheels Bike Race & Fun Ride

Come on over to Nelson Park at 2070 Zoo Lane, in Abilene, TX, for the 24th Annual Steam-N-Wheels Bike Race and Fun Ride. Race begins Saturday, March 19th at 10 a.m. and is open to all cycling levels with three choices of distances 12 mile, 32 mile or 48 mile. You may ride tandem in this race.

Registration cost is \$25-Individual; \$50-Tandem; Prices higher for registering day of event. Contact Anita Vigil at 325-734-5301, or [www.abilenetx.com/recreation](http://www.abilenetx.com/recreation) for more information.

### West Texas Honors: The Beach Boys

The Beach Boys will be performing live in Abilene, Texas for the first time ever on March 6th! The City of Abilene will honor Mike Love and the Beach Boys with a lifetime achievement award in front of thousands of fans at the Taylor County Coliseum. This is a once in a lifetime concert that we guarantee you don't want to miss!

Come on out to the Taylor County Expo Center on Sunday, March 6th. Concert starts at 7:15pm. You may purchase tickets online or at the Expo Center. Prices range from \$29-\$59-Person. For more information contact Stan West at 325-864-9119.

### Craftapalooza & Fabulous Vintage Market

Head on down to the Abilene Civic Center for a one day shopping extravaganza featuring an eclectic blend of handmade items, artisan designs, bling & glamboutiques, antique & vintage bliss, sparkly jewels, home décor & inspiration, repurposed & funky junk along with fabulous finds for your creative soul. The fun begins Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. and wraps up at 4 p.m. Admission prices are \$5-Person with ages 12 and under free. Contact Montage Festivals at 405-401-7193, or head to their website [www.montagefestivals.com](http://www.montagefestivals.com) for further information.

### 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!

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## Farm Credit Bank of Texas returns 71% of income to stockholders

AUSTIN, Texas – Farm Credit Bank of Texas (FCBT), a wholesale funding bank that supports agriculture and rural communities with reliable, consistent credit and financial services, reported record net income for the 10th consecutive year in 2015.

In keeping with its philosophy as a customer-owned cooperative, the bank again returned the majority of its earnings to its owners. Based on its solid performance and capital position, the bank's board of directors approved the return of \$137.4 million in patronage and other dividends, or 71 percent of its \$192.2 million net income, to the bank's affiliated lending cooperatives and other stockholders.

This benefit of Farm Credit's cooperative structure effectively lowers the cost of funds for the bank's affiliated lenders, enabling them to pass the value along to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and other borrower-owners.

The bank's double-digit asset growth in 2015 resulted in record total assets of \$20.0 billion at Dec. 31, 2015, compared with \$18.0 billion in 2014. Total loan volume increased \$1.5 billion to a record \$14.8 billion. The growth contributed to a 2.6 percent increase in net interest income despite pressure on interest rate spreads and an ongoing low rate environment. The bank took advantage of this environment by calling \$5.6 billion in debt and issuing new debt at lower rates, reducing its interest expense.

Highly diversified loans and investments are the bank's earnings engine, generating the stable income necessary to provide dependable credit and services regardless of cycles in the general and agricultural economies.

Through its direct loan portfolio, the bank funds lending institutions that provide financing and related services to agricultural producers and other rural borrowers. The bank also participates with other

lenders in capital markets loans to businesses that ag producers and rural communities rely on. Participation loans finance businesses such as food processors, agribusinesses and companies that provide power, water, telecommunications services, and other essential rural infrastructure and services.

"The Farm Credit Act authorizes us to support the breadth and diversity of agriculture and rural communities," said Larry Doyle, FCBT chief executive officer. "Diversification minimizes risk and contributes to stable earnings, and the more our cooperative earns, the more we return to our borrower-owners in the form of patronage dividends."

The bank maintained strong asset quality and relatively low risk exposure, benefiting from its sound underwriting standards, careful portfolio management and the strong, diversified economy in its five-state territory. At the end of 2015, 99.9 percent of the bank's overall portfolio was considered acceptable or special mention.

Cash and investments totaling \$5.0 billion provided 200 days of liquidity. The bank finished the year with \$1.6 billion in shareholders' equity and a permanent capital ratio of 17.7 percent.

"With such strong capital, liquidity and asset quality, the bank is well equipped to manage growth or upcoming challenges," said FCBT Board

Chairman Jimmy Dodson. "Another year of excellent earnings helps ensure our long-term health so we can meet the needs of our borrowers today and in the future."

In 2015 the bank provided funding to 14 rural lending cooperatives in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas, and three other financing institutions.

The bank and its affiliated cooperatives constitute the Texas Farm Credit District, which reported \$426.8 million in net income in 2015, second only to the district's record earnings the prior year. Combined district loan volume increased 9.5 percent to a record \$21.2 billion, reflecting strong lending in several sectors such as agricultural real estate, agribusiness, production agriculture and rural homes. The district reported a record \$26.6 billion in total assets at the end of 2015.

Together, district institutions declared a record \$245.0 million in patronage based on 2015 earnings. Returning earnings in the form of patronage dividends effectively lowers customers' borrowing costs.

The district is part of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of cooperatives established in 1916. Nationally, the System reported combined net income of \$4.69 billion for the year ended Dec. 31, 2015, compared with \$4.72 billion a year earlier.

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144917	8x10	48" Shop	(2) 2630NI	24'x8' shelf
155643	10x12	3068	(2) 2020 NI	24'x12' shelf
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L145331	12x20	64" shop	3-2630b	24'x12' shelf, SE (3-110, 2-s. light, 1-switch)
L155759	12x20	3068-6, 1 interior	3-2630 ins.	Finished: b-board wall/ceiling, HVAC, fan w/light, 125bb, closet
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