

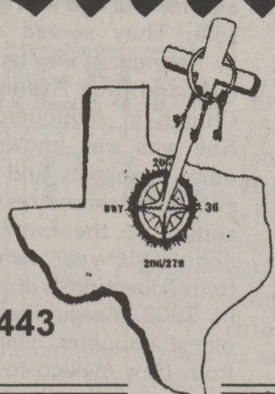
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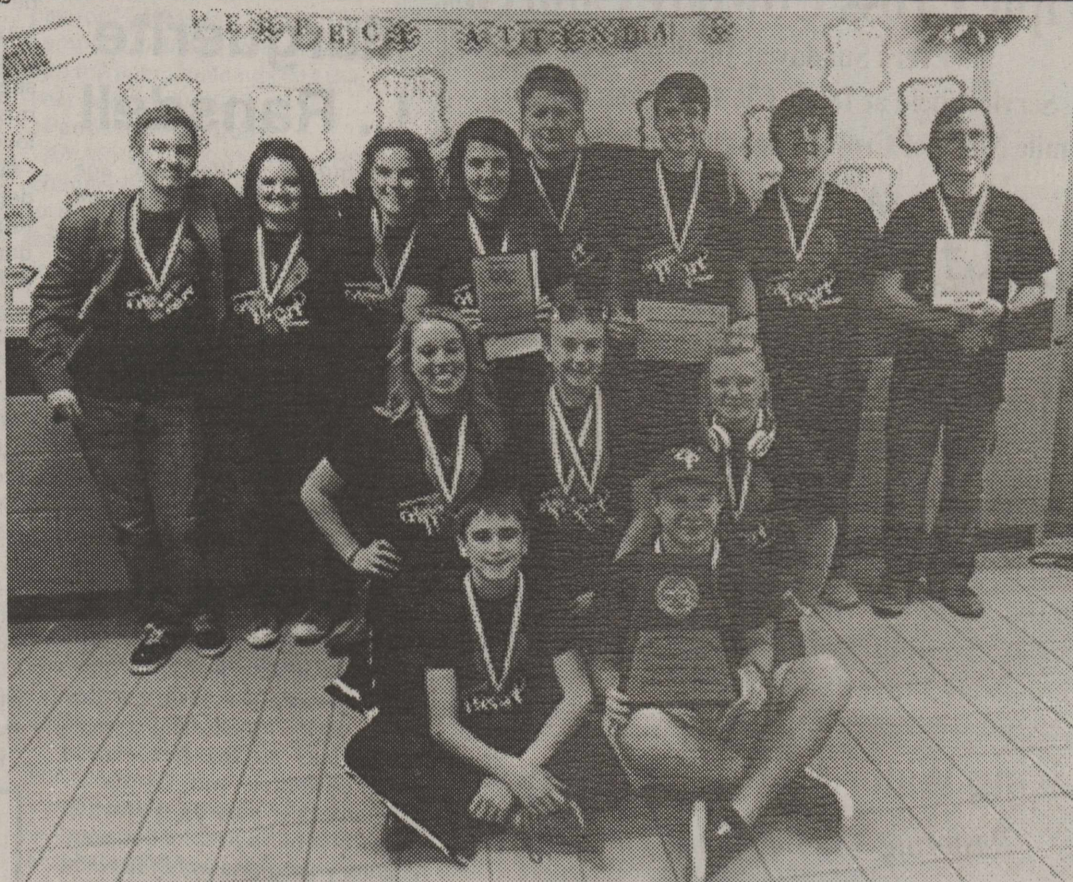
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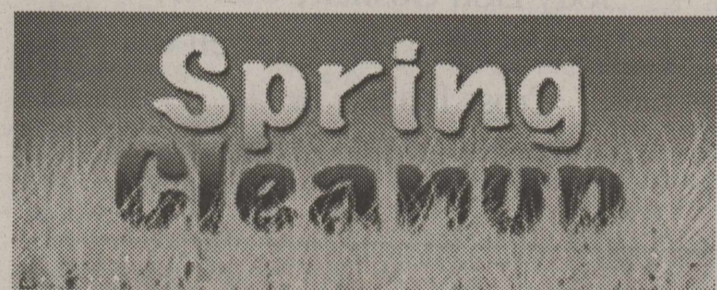
Ronnie and Charla White. Celebrate Ronnie White's retirement after 46 years of service to the Lord at a reception on Sunday, April 3, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. See details inside.

## Book Sale Coming Soon!

The Cross Plains Public Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, April 2, 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? Planning a trip abroad or here in the U.S. this summer? We have lots of tour guide books in our non-fiction room to help you see all the important sights during your vacation. Wanting to lose a few pounds for the summer? We have weight loss and healthy cooking books for you! We have fiction, non-fiction, romance, adventure, teen and children's titles and lots more. There are paperbacks, hardcovers, audiobooks on tape and CD, and VHS movies.



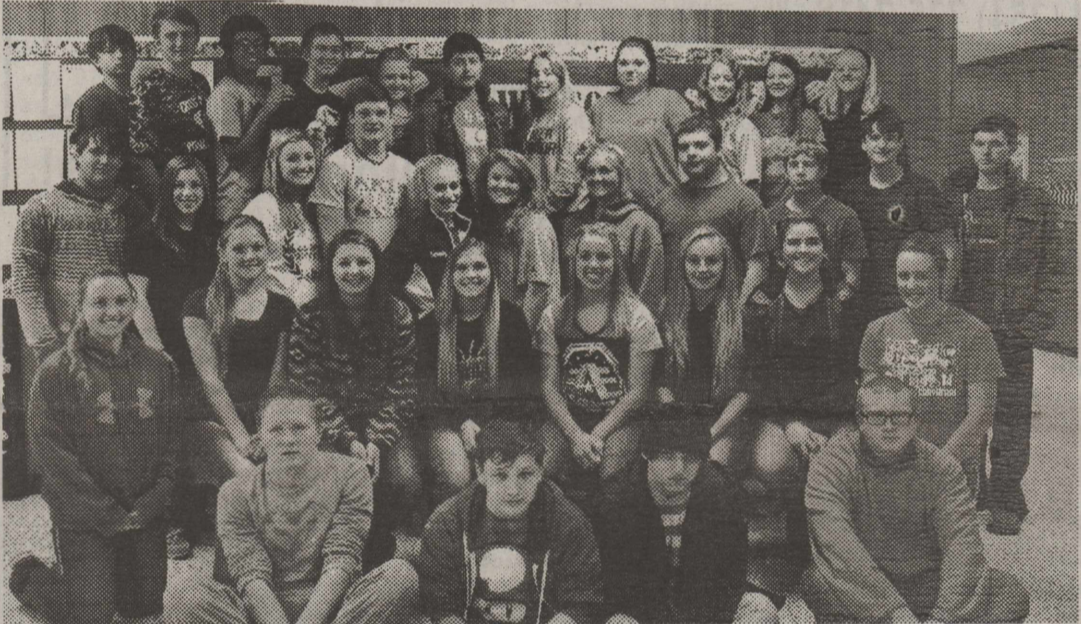
One Act Play Cast and Crew - Heading on to BI-District this Saturday at Eula.



## City of Cross Plains Schedules Annual Spring Cleanup

The City of Cross Plains' annual spring cleanup is scheduled for all five WEEKENDS (Friday & Saturday) in the Month of April 2016. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of getting rid of their unwanted items. Citizens will be able to get rid of any items other than household garbage, tires, paint or other items considered hazardous waste. Oil & Oil filters may be disposed of at any time at the City Yard. Elderly & Disabled residents may call City Hall (254) 725-6114 during this month to request help with large items. Residents are reminded that there are only two cleanups per year and are encouraged to participate in order to get rid of unwanted items. Proof of residence is required, (i.e. water bill)

## More UIL Photos and Results Inside



Cross Plains High School won the UIL Academic Meet held last Thursday. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the meet.

## CPVFD Fish Fry Slated for Saturday April 29th

Mark your calendar now for the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, April 29th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Your local firefighters will be frying and serving fish and chicken, french fries and other trimmings -- coleslaw, beans and dessert.

## After School Adventure Program set for April 6

The After School Adventure Program will be meeting on Wednesday, April 6th at 4:00 p.m. at the Cross Plains Public Library. Our program will be presented by Ann Beeler and Linda Burns and will teach us about genealogy. Come learn how your family tree grows. This will conclude our ASAP programs until next fall. Don't miss out on the fun!

## Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Roundup Wednesday, April 13

Cross Plains ISD will be conducting a Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten roundup Wednesday, April 13, 2016 for the 2016-2017 school year. There will be two different times that you may attend, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Cross Plains Elementary offers Pre-Kindergarten to all children who will be four years of age on or before September 1, 2016. Pre-Kindergarten will be offered if a sufficient number of four year olds register for the program. It is important that parents participate in the roundup in order to plan classes for 2016-2017. Class sizes for Pre-K may be limited. Students who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 2016 are eligible for Kindergarten. Kindergarten is a full day program. Kindergarten is a basic part of the Cross Plains School system and the service is available to all students. If your child is currently enrolled in Pre-K at Cross Plains Elementary, you will NOT have to go through the screening process. If your child has not been enrolled in Pre-K, and will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, please come to this meeting.

## Book-to-Movie Event

It's not too late to join the Cross Plains Public Library's book-to-movie event featuring "The Blind Side" - a true story of football player Michael Oher - on Thursday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. Participants may pick up a copy of the book for only \$5 at the library, while supplies last. We will view the movie on the 31st and then head to Jean's for a Dutch-treat dinner to discuss the book vs. the movie. If you want to participate, but wish to download the book on your Nook or Kindle, please call Sandra at the library (725-7722) and sign up. You can also check out Michael Oher's book "I Beat the Odds" at the library. Both are available on CD, too.

## Early Childhood Screening April 13

CROSS PLAINS ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING for children 3-5 years old with a suspected disability will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. at Cross Plains Elementary School at Cross Plains, Texas. Please bring the birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card for the roundup so that we can make copies.

## 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!

## Garden Club Plant Sale

Spring is here and its time to bring out your well oiled hoes, shovels and spades and finish up last minute soil preparation in your beds, herb gardens and containers. The Cross Plains Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The sale will be set up in the park next to the Cross Plains Library and will offer a wide selection of indoor and outdoor plants as well as yard art items. The plant assortment will include annuals and perennials; spring and summer flowering bulbs, cacti, ground cover, herbs, tomatoes and peppers just to name a few. Yard art items will also be available. You can enjoy cookies and water as you peruse our silent auction table or visit with our knowledgeable garden club members. Mark your calendars now for our upcoming plant sale on April 8th.

Parents are reminded that, in order to enter school in Texas the student must have a state approved birth certificate, social security card and a current immunization record. Immunization requirements: Hepatitis B 3 doses by age 4, DTaP 5/4 doses with one on after 4th birthday, Polio 4 doses with one on or after 4th birthday, 3 doses if 3rd dose given on or after 4th birthday Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) 2 doses with 1st dose on/after 1st birthday Varicella 2 doses with 1st dose on/after 1st birthday Hepatitis A 2 doses with 1st dose on/after 1st birthday.

Early childhood screening will be during the morning session from 8:30- 11a.m. The early childhood program is a program to help those children ages 3-5 who how to be developmentally delayed or have a suspected disability. If you have questions about the

If at all possible, board members should be in attendance. Visitors are welcome and all with family ties to Pioneer Cemetery are especially welcome.

## Pioneer Historical Assn Semi-Annual Cemetery Board Meeting on April 11

The first semi-annual meeting of the Pioneer Historical Association and Cemetery Board will be held at 6:00 p.m. April 11, 2016 at Jean's Feed Barn in Cross Plains Texas.

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## OBITUARIES



**MARGUERITE L. RANSDALL**  
**Marguerite L. Ransdell**

Marguerite L. Ransdell, age 100, of Cross Plains, TX passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in Rising Star, TX.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, March 26, 2016 at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church Cross Plains, Texas with Ronnie White officiating.

The family will have a Funeral Service in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Chester T. French Memorial Mausoleum, Sunset Memorial Park, 924 Menaul Blvd., Albuquerque, NM with Pastor Andrew Viera officiating. Interment will follow.

Marguerite was born on July 16, 1915 in Bowling Green, Kentucky to the late Hardin W. Lawrence and Emma D. Cherry. Her parents died when she and her sister, Mabel, were quite young and were raised by loving family members. After high school, they both attended Lois Glynn Beauty School in Bowling Green and became hairdressers.

Marguerite married John W. Ransdell in 1937 and they shared 58 years of marriage and service to God until his passing

in 1995. John was a pastor in New Mexico for over 40 years and Marguerite supported him as a faithful and loving pastor's wife. They served churches in Springer, NM; Las Vegas, NM; and Fruit Avenue Baptist Church in Albuquerque, NM. She was well known for her warm hospitality and being an excellent seamstress, which supported the family during John's six year recuperation from Tuberculosis during WWII. In 2003 Marguerite and her oldest daughter, Gail, moved from New Mexico to Texas to be closer to family. Marguerite was a member of First Baptist Church Cross Plains. She was a special lady and will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Marguerite was preceded in death by her husband, John Ransdell; sister, Mabel Hunt; daughter, Gail Ransdell; and a host of other loving family who welcomed her to her new eternal home.

Marguerite is survived by her daughter, Jacque and husband, Dr. Scott Childress of Cottonwood; granddaughter, Stephanie Childress of Austin, TX; great grandson, Ian; Sister-in-law Virginia Ransdell of Bowling Green, KY; Brother-in-law George Ransdell and wife Marie of Osprey, FL; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at

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## Engagement Announcement



### GOSNELL-MCVEY

Mr. and Mrs Lynn Mcvey of Abilene, Texas is pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cameille Elizabeth Mcvey to Jody Don Gosnell, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Gosnell of Cross Plains, Texas. An April wedding is planned.

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# Callahan County's jobless rate drops to 4.2% in February 2016

The unemployment rate in Callahan County dropped one-tenth of one percent to 4.2% in February 2016, according to jobless figures released Friday, March 25th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in February 2015 was 4.0 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 4.3% in January, 2016.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.4% in December 2015, 4.4% in November, 4.3% in October, 4.2% in September 2015, 4.3% in August, 4.4% in July, 4.0% in June, 3.9% in May, 3.7% in April, 4.1% in March, 4.0% in February, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for February 2016 include: Brown, 4.1%; Coleman, 5.8%; Eastland, 5.1%; Jones, 5.2%; Runnels, 3.7%; Shackelford, 3.5%; Stephens, 4.9%; and Taylor County, 3.5%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.7% in February, 2016, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 75,600. There were 72,800 employed during February 2016, while 2,800 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.7%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 75,200 in January, 2016. Total employment of 72,300 was reported in January 2016, while 2,900, or 3.8% were unemployed in January 2016.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for February, 2015 was 3.9%. The total workforce was reported at 75,400, with 72,400 employed and 2,900 or 3.9% unemployed in February, 2015.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of February, 2016 was 4.2 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,221,700 in February 2016. The total

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Jan.	Feb.
	4.3%	4.2%

number of Texans employed is 12,654,900. The total number of unemployed Texans was 566,800 in February 2016.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in January 2016. The state's unemployment rate in February of 2015 was 4.4 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for February, 2016 was 5.2 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of January, 2016 was 5.3%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in February, 2015 was 5.8%.

### Highlights of the Texas Labor Force (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

The Texas unemployment rate in February decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 4.3 percent. This was one-tenth of a percentage point lower than last year's February unemployment rate. Over the previous five years, the unemployment rate decreased by an average of two-tenths of a percentage point between January and February. The national unemployment rate also decreased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.2 percent. The Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national unemployment rate since January 2006.

The Texas Civilian Labor Force increased in February by 108,200 people to a total of 13,221,700. The past three months have shown a total increase in the labor force of 74,300 people. Over the year, the Texas labor force has increased by 220,300 people.

The number of employed Texans increased by 123,000

people over the month to a total of 12,654,900. Over the previous five years, the number of employed Texans increased by an average of 47,340 people in the month of February. The number of jobholders has increased by 231,700 over the year.

The number of unemployed Texans decreased in February by 14,700 people to a total of 566,800.

Over the previous five years, the number of unemployed decreased by an average of 28,920 in the month of February. Since February of last year, the number of unemployed has decreased by 11,400 individuals.

Between January and February, the unemployment rate decreased in 20 of the 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Texas. The rate in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the largest decrease, dropping by six-tenths of a percentage point to 7.5 percent. The Amarillo MSA continued to have the lowest unemployment rate at 2.9 percent.

### HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE

#### Medical Giant to Add 975 Jobs in Move

DALLAS, TX (Dallas Morning News)—Medical industry giant McKesson Corporation will add 975 jobs in North Texas as part of a plan to consolidate offices in Irving. The San Francisco-based company, which distributes pharmaceuticals and medical products, is buying the former NEC Corporation of America office complex in Las Colinas. McKesson also will move 900 workers already in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to

the property.

McKesson said it plans to invest \$157 million in the new offices. McKesson senior vice president David Evangelista said, "Investing in this new, modern workspace will enable our associates to more effectively serve McKesson customers in the evolving health care industry." The state of Texas will provide a \$9.75 million Enterprise Fund grant to help pay for McKesson's move. The company plans to start moving into the Irving buildings late this year or in early 2017.

#### Pantex to Add Jobs

AMARILLO, TX (KFDA CBS Channel 10)—Pantex is planning to add 300 new employees in the next few months. Due to increased demand to monitor the nation's nuclear stock pile, the National Nuclear Security Administration is increasing the workload at Pantex over the next few years. The company is aiming to hire a total of 650 new employees by the end of the fiscal year to handle the extra work. According to Steve Myers, a Pantex media relations spokesperson, having that many new, well-paying jobs at Pantex will have a positive impact on the local economy.

#### Wayfair to Open New Customer Service Center

BRYAN, TX (BUSINESS WIRE)—Boston-based Wayfair Incorporated, one of the world's largest online destinations for home furnishings and decor, announced plans to open a new customer service center in Bryan, Texas.

Wayfair plans to hire approximately 450 employees in the new location as it scales operations to service its rapidly growing customer base.

"We look forward to expanding our operations to the Bryan-College Station area as we welcome new talent to our world-class customer service team," said James Savarese, Chief Operating Officer for Wayfair. The company selected the location based on the strong local talent pool, the community's thriving business community, and its proximity to Texas A&M University—a leading university for research and innovation. The Bryan service center is expected to open this spring. Wayfair has more than 3,250 full time employees globally.

#### Home Depot to Add Many Seasonal Jobs in Texas

AUSTIN, TX (San Antonio Business Journal)—Home Depot Inc plans to hire 585 people at 13 Austin-area stores as part of its annual ramp up for the busy spring season. Home Depot said it would hire 80,000 seasonal employees nationwide. The Atlanta-based home improvement retailer, with nearly 2,000 stores nationally, will also add seasonal jobs throughout Texas.

Home Depot plans to hire about 750 people in San Antonio, 1,800 in Dallas/Fort Worth, and 1,800 in Houston.

### Pay Your Library Fines with Non-Perishable Food Items

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Cross Plains High School's awards for Winning Play at the District 15-A One Act Play Contest, middle and right. At left, is an award for the Cross Plains Junior High for District UIL Champions.

## One Act Play Advances to Bi-District; Cast and Crew Members Receive Honors at District Meet

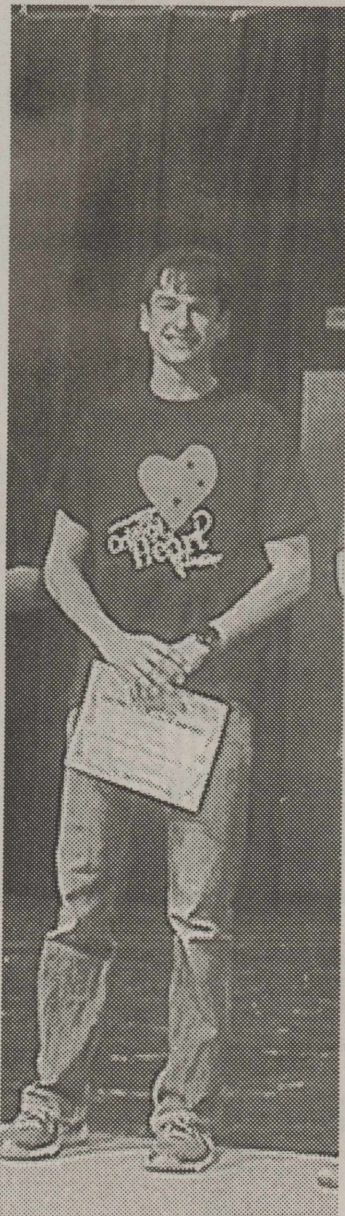
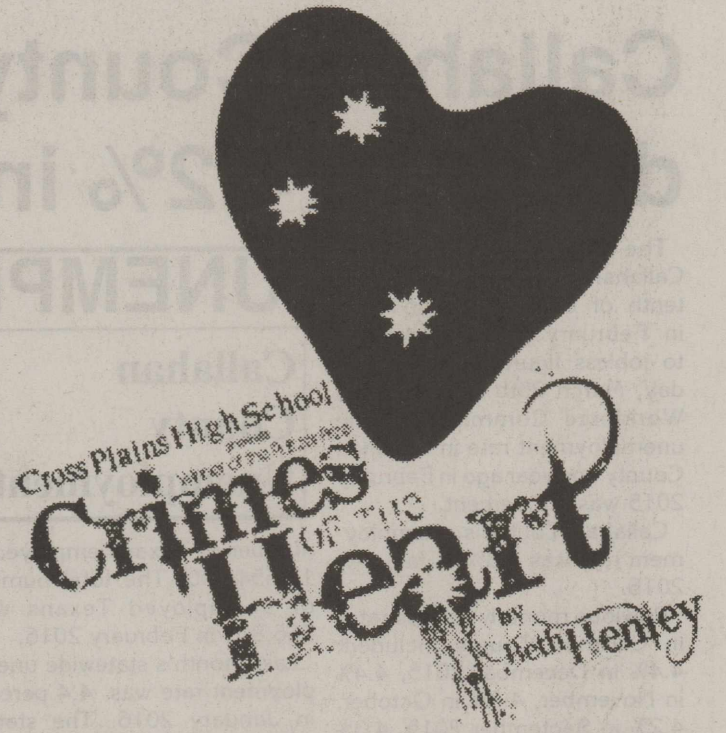
On Wednesday, March 23, the Cross Plains ISD. One Act Play competed at their District Level competition in Eula. The schools present in the competition were Cross Plains, Baird, Eula, and May. The group had an excellent performance of their play *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley. Cross Plains received several awards for their performance including Best Actress, 2 All Star Cast Awards, an Honorable Mention All Star Cast Award, Best Crew Member Award, and Best Technical Crew. I am so proud of the job these students did and continue to do for our school. I give a big thank you to Stacy Jones and Brad Jones for all their hard work!!!! You are greatly appreciated!!!  
--Matthew Sowell

The One Act Play Cast and Crew advances on to perform in the Bi-District Meet on Saturday in Eula.

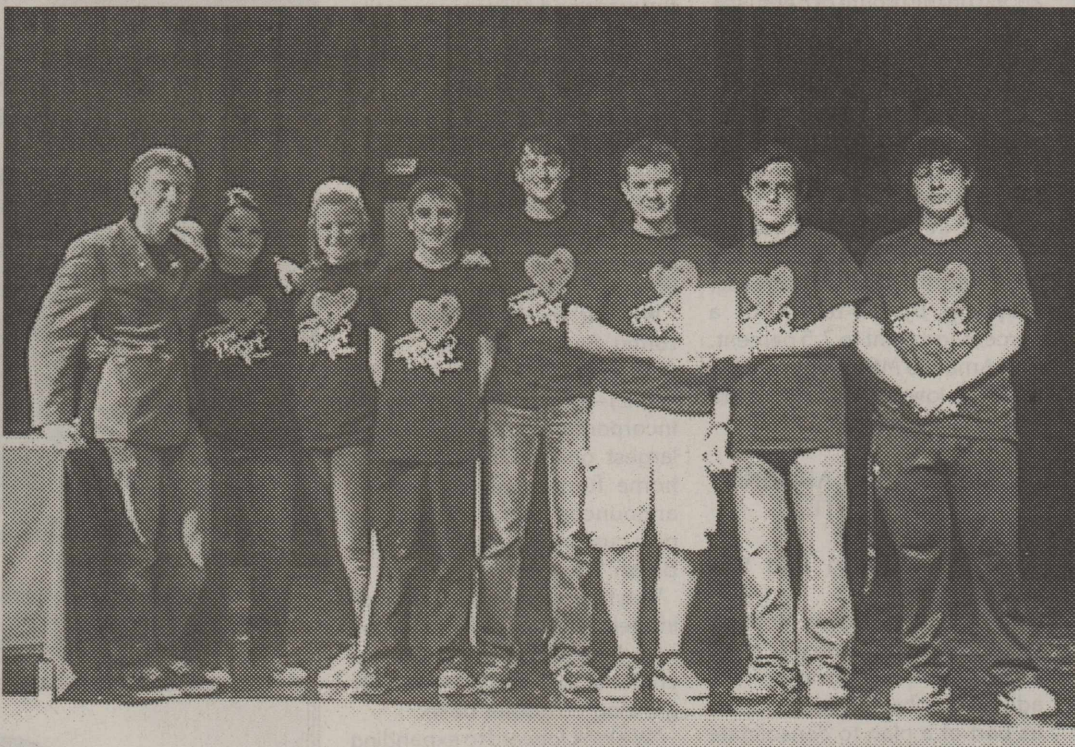
One Act Play Cast and Crew: Billie Pointer as Lenny Magrath; Allie Jones as Chick Boye; Hannah Crockett as Meg Magrath; Jackilann Shepard as Babe Botrelle and James Briggs as Barrett Lloyd.

Crew: Larson Walker, Ky Stout and Samuel Guerrero Light and Sound: Chance Thompson and Seth Wyatt Alternates: Mallory McCreedy, Jordan Collier and Jack Larimore.

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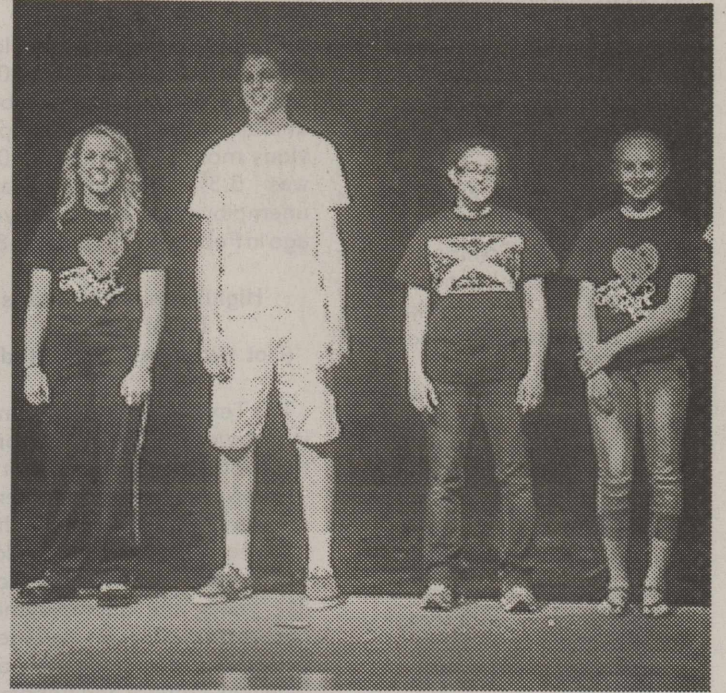


Larson Walker, Best Crew Member

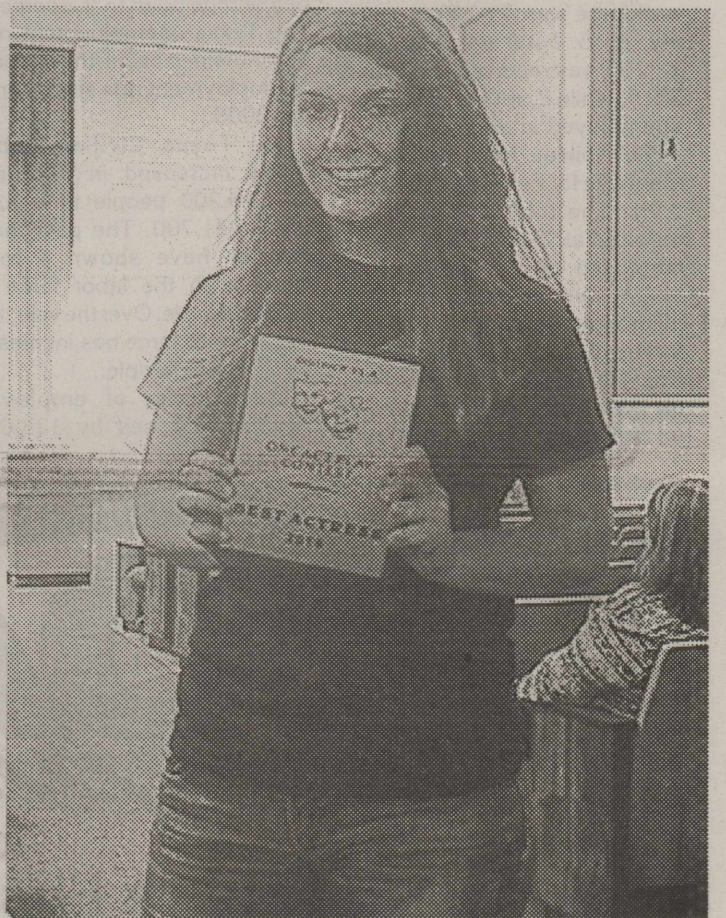


Cross Plains High School's OAP Crew named Best Technical Crew at the District OAP meet.

## OAP Heads to Bi-District



Two All-Star Cast Members: Hannah Crockett, left, and Jackilann Shepard, right.



Billie Pointer with her "Best Actress" Award.

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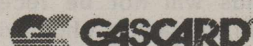
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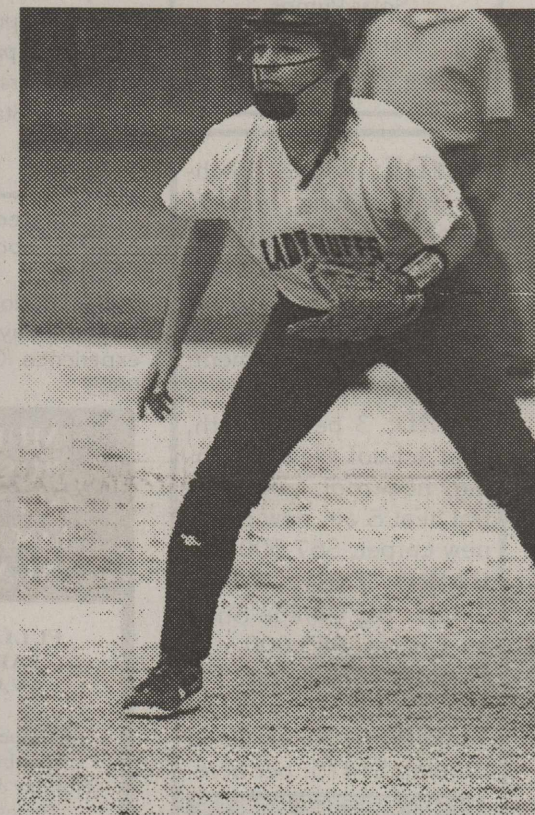
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Black-tailed Jackrabbits (*Lepus californicus*) dwell within suitable habitats of almost the entire state of Texas, save for a small swath of land in the coastal southeast. It is far more abundant in the Trans-Pecos and Panhandle eco-regions. It is the only member of its genus to inhabit this state, although further analysis in DNA may ultimately show that there are actually two or more. Jackrabbits are the larger of the two genera of hares that occur in Texas. Adult "jacks" may approach twenty four inches in total length, of which only four inches is the tail. Adult males can weigh as much as an astonishing nine pounds, although the average is usually between five and six pounds.

As the common name implies, this large hare can be described by the black-tipping of its ears. However, it is far more celebrated for not the coloration on the ears, but rather the size of the ears themselves. Unlike the other genera of rabbits found in this state which have small to modest-sized ears, this species almost looks laughable with its ears almost the size of its hind feet, approaching six inches or so. The body is rather drab, grayish to brown with light frostings of black. The underbelly is white, as is a narrow rings that encircles each eye. The short tail, just like the humongous ears, is decorated at the tip with a black patch. The back legs are long and lanky while the front legs, though gangly in appearance as well, are noticeably shorter. The eyes are large and are often colored a light yellow hue.

Although they can be observed almost statewide, Jackrabbits prefer habitats of dry scrubland and grasslands. In these dry forays, they will feed on various grasses, herbs, young mesquite, and prickly pear cactus. "Jacks"



Black-tailed Jackrabbits  
(*Lepus californicus*)

typically begin their daily activity around sunset and will often be lively well into the night. They avoid midday activity during the summer months by reclining in "beds" that they scabble out underneath small shrubs. Unlike many other mammals, they will not go through a hibernation period during the winter. Jack Rabbits tend to live solitary lives for much of the year, although many will gather together in areas that are deemed to be beneficial for feeding. These concentrated gatherings are often in direct competition with ranch animals. Thus, many ranchers consider this species to be a nuisance animal. Jackrabbits will breed year-round in Texas, with larger mature females producing up to six litters annually. Each litter is comprised of anywhere from one to six young which are able

to move about and almost take care of themselves shortly after birth. Growth rates are rapid; most young that survive attain adult sizes in about seven months.

This species of hare is quite common throughout its range in Texas. Population trends vary from year to year, and these trends vary depending primarily on the amount of rainfall received. It also plays an important role as a prey item for predators such as bobcats, coyotes, weasels, and foxes. "Jacks" will utilize the enormous ears that they have been gifted with to avoid such predators. Also worth mentioning is that the elimination of these predators can actually cause spikes in the population of Jackrabbits.

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

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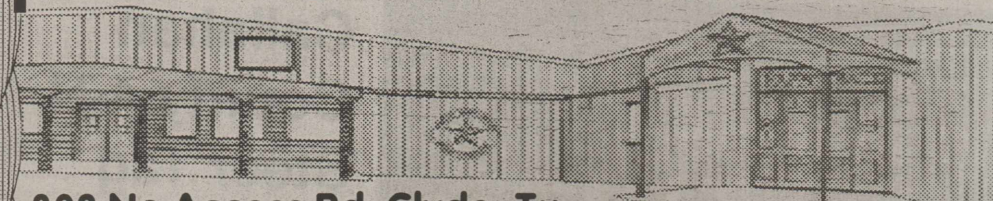
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# Cross Plains High School Wins UIL District Academic Meet on March 24

Cross Plains High School scored the highest score with 600 points at the District UIL Academic Meet last Thursday, March 24th. Results of other schools at the meet: Rising Star 336; May 180; Eula 122; Baird 74; and Moran 8. Congratulations to all the students who worked hard and participated in the meet.

## CPHS Individual Results

ALEXANDER, WESLEY	SOCIAL STUDIES	6TH PLACE
	SOCIAL STUDIES	2ND PLACE TEAM
BIEN, JACY	MATHEMATICS	3RD PLACE
	NUMBER SENSE	4TH PLACE
	SCIENCE	6TH PLACE
	MATHEMATICS	1ST PLACE TEAM
	SCIENCE	1ST PLACE TEAM
	NUMBER SENSE	1ST PLACE TEAM
BENNETT, KELLI	PROSE INTERPRETATION	1ST PLACE
BYRD, MCKENZIE	CURRENT ISSUES	6TH PLACE
	EDITORIAL WRITING	2ND PLACE
	PERSUASIVE SPEAKING	1ST PLACE
	CURRENT ISSUES	2ND PLACE TEAM
BYRD, PAXTON	LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE	2ND PLACE
CALVAGNA, EDWIN	CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS	4TH PLACE
	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	2ND PLACE
	COMPUTER SCIENCE	4TH PLACE
	CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS	1ST PLACE TEAM
	COMPUTER SCIENCE	2ND PLACE TEAM
CAREY, RYAN	CURRENT ISSUES	2ND PLACE TEAM
COWAN, HANNAH	SCIENCE	3RD PLACE
	SCIENCE	1ST PLACE TEAM
	PHYSICS	TOP SCORER
CROCKETT, HANNAH	MATHEMATICS	1ST PLACE TEAM
	LITERARY CRITICISM	1ST PLACE TEAM
CROCKETT, JOE	NEWS WRITING	4TH PLACE
	SOCIAL STUDIES	2ND PLACE TEAM
CROCKETT, REBEKAH	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	3RD PLACE
	FEATURE WRITING	2ND PLACE
CUNNINGHAM, STRENA	LITERARY CRITICISM	2ND PLACE
	LITERARY CRITICISM	1ST PLACE TEAM
FORTUNE, HANNA	LITERARY CRITICISM	1ST PLACE
	LITERARY CRITICISM	1ST PLACE TEAM
FORTUNE, TEAGAN	NEWS WRITING	1ST PLACE
	READY WRITING	5TH PLACE
GARTMAN, ZACHARY	COMPUTER SCIENCE	6TH PLACE
	COMPUTER SCIENCE	2ND PLACE TEAM
GOODE, GRACE	FEATURE WRITING	1ST PLACE
	PROSE INTERPRETATION	2ND PLACE

# Congratulations UIL Academic Students

JONES, ALLIE	LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE	1ST PLACE
	PERSUASIVE SPEAKING	4TH PLACE
KLEIBER, KENZIE	POETRY INTERPRETATION	1ST PLACE
LARIMORE, JACK	CURRENT ISSUES	3RD PLACE
	INFORMATIVE SPEAKING	1ST PLACE
	SOCIAL STUDIES	2ND PLACE
	CURRENT ISSUES	2ND PLACE TEAM
	SOCIAL STUDIES	2ND PLACE TEAM
MCCREADY, MALLORY	POETRY INTERPRETATION	3RD PLACE
MORALES, BRIAN	LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE	3RD PLACE
	PERSUASIVE SPEAKING	4TH PLACE
MORGAN, KATY JO	POETRY INTERPRETATION	4TH PLACE
	SCIENCE	1ST PLACE TEAM
SANDERS, PHOENIX	COMPUTER SCIENCE	1ST PLACE
	NUMBER SENSE	1ST PLACE
	COMPUTER SCIENCE	2ND PLACE TEAM
	NUMBER SENSE	1ST PLACE TEAM
SASSER, LELSI	READY WRITING	2ND PLACE
SENCLAIR, HOLDEN	CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS	2ND PLACE
	SOCIAL STUDIES	3RD PLACE
	CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS	1ST PLACE TEAM
	SOCIAL STUDIES	2ND PLACE TEAM
SHEPARD, JACKILANN	PROSE INTERPRETATION	3RD PLACE
STOUEMIRE, KAYLA	HEADLINE WRITING	6TH PLACE
	SPELLING AND VOCABULARY	3RD PLACE
WALKER, LARSON	CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS	1ST PLACE
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	MATHEMATICS	1ST PLACE
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	SCIENCE	1ST PLACE
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	SCIENCE	1ST PLACE TEAM
	BIOLOGY	TOP SCORER
	CHEMISTRY	TOP SCORER
	NUMBER SENSE	1ST PLACE TEAM
WAGGONER, BRANDON	LITERARY CRITICISM	3RD PLACE
	LITERARY CRITICISM	1ST PLACE TEAM
WOODARD, BILLY	ACCOUNTING	1ST PLACE
	CURRENT ISSUES	2ND PLACE TEAM
WOODARD, LORALEI	NEWS WRITING	2ND PLACE
	READY WRITING	4TH PLACE
WYATT, KERSEY	INFORMATIVE SPEAKING	2ND PLACE



Cross Plains High School's awards from the UIL Meet last Thursday

## Callahan County 4-H Steer Tag Orders Due

Callahan County 4-H Steer tag orders are due to the Extension office by April 12th. If you plan on showing Steer in the 2016-2017 4-H year you must call in your tag order no later than April 12th. The cost of the tag is \$10.00 per tag. All tag orders must be paid for when you order! Contact The Callahan County Extension Office to place your tag orders (325) 854-5835. Sincerely, Jerry Warren, CEA-Ag

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<b>B</b>	MONDAY 4	TUESDAY 5	WEDNESDAY 6	THURSDAY 7
<b>R</b>	Waffles	Breakfast strudel	Muffin	PBJ
<b>E</b>	Sausage	Cheese stick	Cereal	Cereal
<b>A</b>	Cereal	Cereal	Fruit	Fruit
<b>K</b>	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Assorted juice
<b>F</b>	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Assorted juice	Milk
<b>A</b>	milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
<b>S</b>				
<b>T</b>				
<b>L</b>	Pizza	Chicken nuggets	Taco salad	Chicken Alfredo
<b>U</b>	Garden salad	Gravy	Spanish rice	Breadstick
<b>N</b>	Baby carrots w/ranch	Mashed potatoes	Salsa	Garden salad
<b>C</b>	Mixed fruit	Green beans	Pinto beans	Carrot coins
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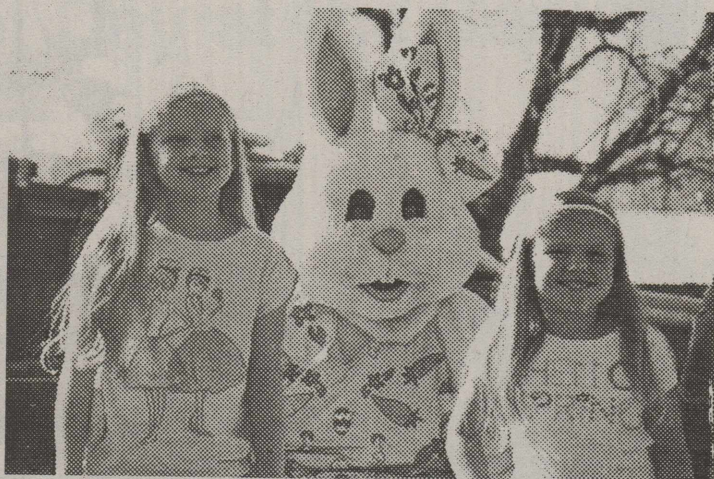
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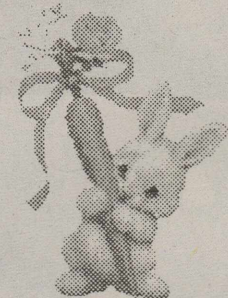
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## Oveta Culp Hobby-Publisher, Veteran & Cabinet Secretary

Oveta Culp Hobby was a woman of drive and determination. From newspaper editor to presidential cabinet secretary and more, Hobby lived a life of service and breaking barriers for women.

She was born Oveta Culp in 1905 in Killeen to lawyer Ike Culp and his wife, Elizabeth. She was one of seven children. She was very intelligent and studious as a child. When her father was elected to the state legislature in 1918, she accompanied him to the Capitol on many occasions to witness the legislature in action.

After graduating from Temple High School, she took classes at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and the University of Texas. Along the way, she briefly served as a teacher and as a reporter for the Austin Statesman. In 1925, she was hired as the first woman parliamentarian for the Texas House of Representatives. Through this position, she made rulings on procedural questions and debates occurring in the legislature. She served for six years until her already adventurous life took yet another turn.

In 1931, she married William P. Hobby, who had served as Texas governor from 1917 to 1921 and publisher of the Houston Post. The two would eventually have two children together. Their son, William P. Hobby, Jr., would serve as lieutenant governor from 1973 to 1991.

Completely devoted to her husband, Oveta Hobby served as a research editor for the Post before becoming executive vice-president in 1938. She also served on a variety of local cultural boards in Houston as well as president of the Texas League of Women Voters.

In 1943, she was asked by Gen. George Marshall to organize and lead the Women's Army Corps. This was the first American military organization designed specifically for women. The WAC trained women to fill vital service roles from drivers to telephone operators to clerks but would not serve in combat. Hobby led tens of thousands of women volunteers, eventually earning the rank of colonel and becoming the first woman to

earn the Distinguished Service Cross for her service.

After she stepped down from her duties as WAC Director in 1945, she resumed her work with Houston civic organizations and the newspaper. In 1949, she became the first woman to serve as president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association.

In 1953, Hobby was named by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to be the first Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. She was only the second woman in American History to serve as a presidential cabinet secretary, following Frances Perkins, who served as Secretary of Labor under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The new department oversaw federal pensions, Social Security, hospitals, medical research, and aid to universities. During her tenure as secretary, she approved the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk for use, a vaccine that effectively ended the polio epidemic in the United States.


As her husband's health began to falter, she resigned her position in 1955 and returned to Houston where she became president and editor of the Post. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was separated into the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services in 1979.

Oveta Hobby earned many honors in her later years, including having the Central Texas College Library in Killeen named after her as well as an elementary school in Killeen. In 1984, she was inducted into the Texas Woman's Hall of Fame. In April 1995, the Houston Post ceased publication after years of falling profits and increased competition from the Houston Chronicle. Hobby died four months later in Houston at the age of 90.

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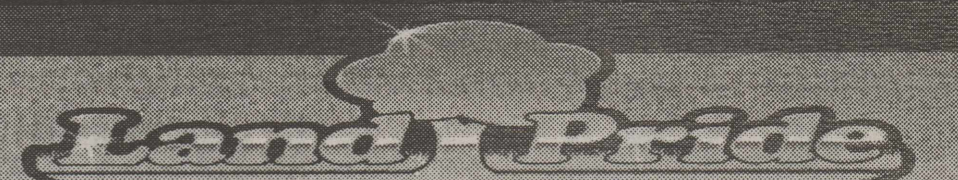


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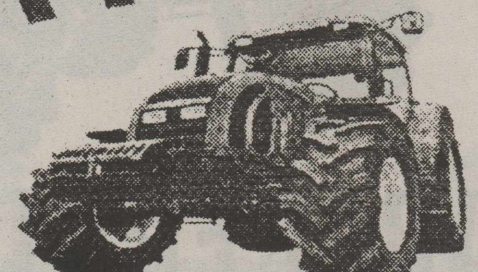
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## Garden Club Plant Sale To Be Held Friday April 11

Some of our landscapes have been weakened from the prolonged winds and the surprise frost we had a few weeks ago. If you are looking for replacement plants or additional plants to add to your landscape be sure to join us on Friday, April 8th for the Cross Plains Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale. Proceeds from the sale benefit many local organizations including the CP EMS, the CP and neighboring Volunteer Fire Departments, the CP Senior Citizen's Center as well as our \$500.00 High School Scholarship Program.

You'll be able to select from a wide assortment of plants; both indoor and outdoor. The Plant Sale will be held in the

park next to the Cross Plains Library from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. In addition to a vast assortment of plants and bulbs, silent auction items, cookies and water and an interesting assortment of yard art items will also be available.

Silent Auction sponsors are Tractor Supply of Abilene; Connie's Cuts & Curls, Higginbotham Bros. Supply, Lawrence's Farm and Ranch, all of Cross Plains; Hardwick's Nursery in Rising Star and Meghann's Market in Eastland.

Plan now to join us on Friday, April 8th from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. to support your community.

Note: if raining, the event will be held the following Friday.



Beautifying the New Firehouse -- Members of the Cross Plains Garden Club plant shrubs and plants in front of the new Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department Firehouse. From left to right: Cher Ptacek, Judy Killgo, Lexie Bagley, Diana Miller and Donna Clark. The Garden Club has taken on the landscaping at the firehouse as a project for this year. Thank you for your work on the firehouse and your service to the community.

## Callahan County Library news

From the Past  
Callahan County Clarendon  
Saturday October 7, 1882  
Vol. 3, No 27

### Local News

Mr. L. O. Oliver has sold his mail route from Baird to Belle Plain, to L. T. Cochran, who now runs his hacks from this place to Coleman, thus passengers are not compelled to change hacks at Belle Plain. We presume that Mr. Oliver's increasing trade in the grocery business would not admit of his continuing the hack line business.

Capt. W. Maltby brought into town last Wednesday another wagon load of his fine vegetables. We saw among the lot as fine tomatoes and cabbage as any country can produce. He brought to our office one of four beets which weighted sixty pounds. These beets were planted the latter part of April, never had extra care bestowed upon them, had no fertilizers and no irrigation. The Captain says he has many more growing fully as large as these in question, and that he has at least fifty bushels of the finest tomatoes now ripening in his garden. Parties who think our soil is not productive could have the cobwebs brushed from their eyes by visiting Maltby's farm and looking at his productions and no one should try to deceive themselves and others until they do see them.

### Personal

John Borgman, the tailor, left last Saturday night for Dallas, where he will remain about six weeks.

J. M. G. Baugh is in town this morning and made us a pleasant call. He is here to sell his clip of wool.

Frank Pierce, one of Throckmorton's prominent sheep men, with his family spent several days in town this week. They were the guests of Mrs. D. A. Olds.

John McCombs left on the east bound train last Wednesday night for Hunt county, where he goes to bring his family

back, they having been there on a visit.

Mr. G. R. Patterson and family of Brownwood spent several days in our town during the past week, and left for Duffan Wells, where they go to spend the winter.

Judge B. R. Webb and family left last night by east bound train for Dolby Springs, in Bowie county, where they go for health and recreation. We hope they will come back muchly recuperated.

Mr. Eli Gilliland was in town last Thursday morning. He was getting ready to return to Fort Ewell where he is now living. He has been on an extended visit to relatives and old friends in this county. May success attend him, and may he come again soon.

Dr. Robert F. Lemond, of Van Zandt county, is in town prospecting. He came west to find a location where his health would be better than in eastern Texas. Coming as far as Weatherford, but thinking that the object of his choice was not in this direction, started back, but met John McCombs on the train who told him of Baird. The Doctor stopped at Dallas and came west on the next train, and arrived here yesterday morning. He thinks he has found the El Dorado of his search.

### A Good Move

We mean the move that Charleville, Baird's popular saddler made yesterday when he moved his saddle shop to the large and capacious stone building of Hodes & Veit. This gives him a better chance to display his goods and to carry a larger stock. His business is increasing so rapidly that this change was found necessary. He desires us to say to our readers that he will be prepared here after to supply the trade of all the western country. We are truly pleased to see him succeeding so well. The fact is people know good work when they see it and they can always see it when they go to Charleville's saddlery in the Rock building.

## You Can Be A Part of the Barbarian Festival - Become A Sponsor

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You can be a part of the Barbarian Festival! On the second Saturday in June over a thousand local and area residents gather at Treadway Park for the Barbarian Festival, and enjoy arts and crafts, jewelry, candles and other kinds of booths, kids games, pony rides, a variety of food, live music and lots of fun. This year's festival is on Saturday, June 11th.

You, your business or your organization can sponsor the Barbarian Festival. For a donation of \$100.00 or more you will receive your or your company's name represented in print advertising for the festival in local & area newspapers and your name or logo on the Barbarian Festival t-shirt and website. You will also receive a complimentary t-shirt.

For a donation less than \$100.00, you name or your

company's name represented in print advertising.

You can also donate items to our raffle that benefits the Terry Jane McWilliams Wyatt Scholarship Funds. We will draw for the items during the festival and your business will be mentioned as donating the item. Donated items will be accepted in lieu of cash for sponsorship.

Those businesses that have already signed up to sponsor the festival are: Meghann's Market, Cook's Fish Barn, Snippets, AAA Stowaway Storage, City of Cross Plains, Cross Plains EDC, J & S Ag Fabrication, Reed Construction/Box R Outfitters, Salamander's Tees and More, Susan Schaefer CPA, and Turner Landscaping.

You can mail your sponsorship donations to the Barbarian Festival Committee, P. O. Box 741, Cross Plains, TX 76443 before May 10, 2016 or call Don Childers 254-725-6498 for sponsorship information or raffle item pick-up.

## Cottonwood Fire Control Group is very appreciative

A large crowd came to the Cottonwood Community Center Friday night to support the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group.

For this the Cottonwood Fire Control Group is very appreciative. The CVFCG proved that not only are they willing to suit up and fight a rural fire, but they are willing to man the pots and cook a delicious meal to raise money.

If you were unable to come enjoy the meal, but would

like to donate to help with the maintenance of the fire fighting equipment, you may send donations to:

Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group  
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Some stayed and enjoyed the lively country music at the Cottonwood Country Musical. The Cottonwood Country Musical is held the fourth Friday of the month. The next musical will be April 22, 2016.

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# Easter Bonnet Day at the Senior Center



Bob Kirkham's bonnet was voted most beautiful

Everyone enjoyed Easter Bonnet Day at the Senior Center last Wednesday, March 23rd.

The seniors paraded around the center in brightly-colored Easter bonnets. Everyone at the lunch voted for their favorite bonnets.

A delicious lunch of chicken and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans and cake was served.

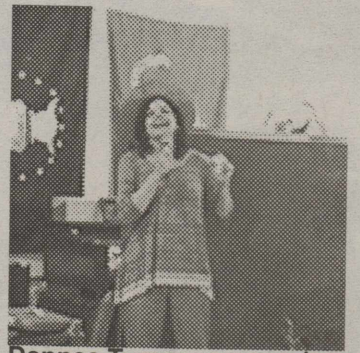
L. D. Halcombe of Comanche was a special guest at the center.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Easter Bonnet Day a success!

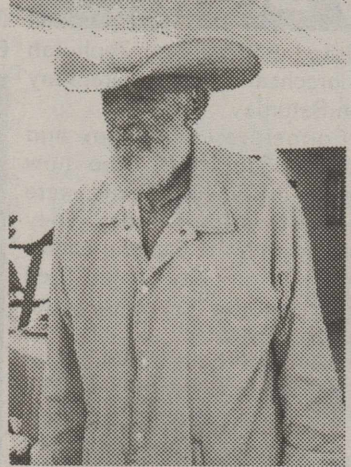
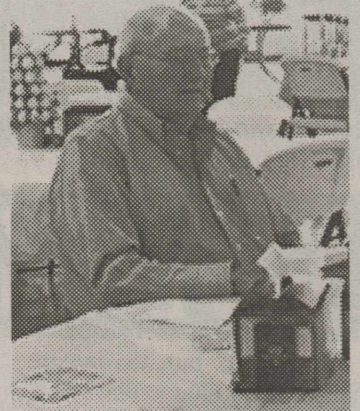
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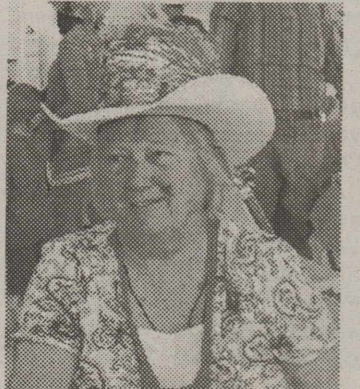
From left to right- Jean Alexander and Mozelle Richardson



Dannes Turner announcing Bonnet parade



L.D. Halcombe



Billie Fulcher's bonnet voted most decorated

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(Left to Right) Charles Waggoner, Russ Miller, L.D. Halcombe, Jesse Casey



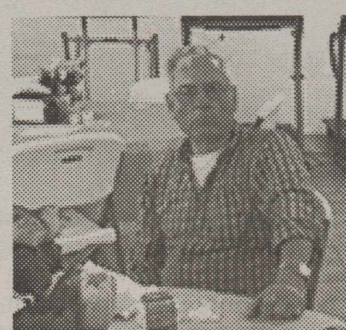
From left to right -Billie Fulcher and Sally Whitely. Billie Fulcher's bonnet was voted most decorated



Jannette Dugger and Penny Fisher



Dona Wagner



Lee Rossen



Wanda & Don Bryant

## 4H Meeting Monday April 4th

4-H REMINDER! Monday April 4th is our next meeting. We will hold it as always at the First Baptist Church and will start 6:00 pm. This month we are having a spaghetti supper, salads and desserts! Be sure to contact Terrie and let her know what you are planing on bringing.

We will be discussing the Barbarian Festival and bake sale! Put your thinking caps and bring your ideas!!

Sunday is a great time to go to over to Mom's house and help cook the family dinner. That's when I always rediscover that Gramma's craving knife is duller then my butter knife and her potato peeler has seen better days. Mother's day is coming up so I'll be order her new ones from Rada Cutlery! Go to: [www.helpoufundraiser.com](http://www.helpoufundraiser.com), Internet ordering #505896, password(lower case) callahan. Then got to Browse All Categories. Remember, with items shipping within 2-3 days, it's a great way to get or send gifts to friends.

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.



Wearing Easter Bonnets at the Senior Center. Back row: Dannes Turner, Bob Kirkham, Dona Wagner, Jannette Dugger, Sally Whiteley, Billie Fulcher. Front row: Mozelle Richardson, Jean Alexander and Penny Fisher.

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## Senior Citizens Center Activities

### April 4th-April 8th

**Monday-4th** Crafts with Chris 10:30/Exercise 11:00  
**Tuesday-29th** Matter of Balance 9:30 /Exercise 11:00/  
Game Night 6:00  
**Wednesday-30th** Exercise 11:00  
**Thursday-31st** Exercise 11:00/Matter of balance 9:30/  
Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 1:05  
**Friday -1st** Exercise 11:00/ Bingo with Jessica Integ-  
raCare 11:15

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 28th-April 1st

**Monday 28th**-Chicken on a Bun, English pea Salad, Chips, Fruit Cup  
**Tuesday 22nd**- Goulash, Pickles Beets, Cornbread, Dessert  
**Thursday 24th** - King Ranch Chicken, Lettuce Tomato Salad,, Corn Bread, Dessert  
**Friday 25th**- Turkey Wraps, Bread, Butter, Pickles, Chips, Dessert

**Wednesday 23rd**- Baked Sausage, Pinto Beans, Sliced Tomato, Onion, Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

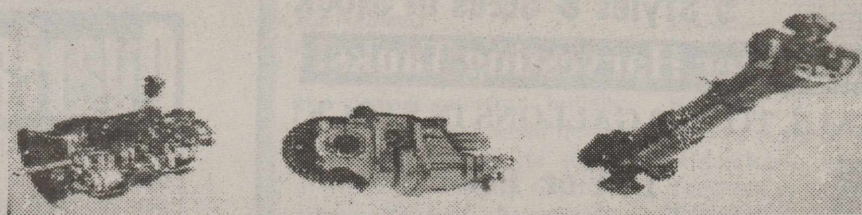
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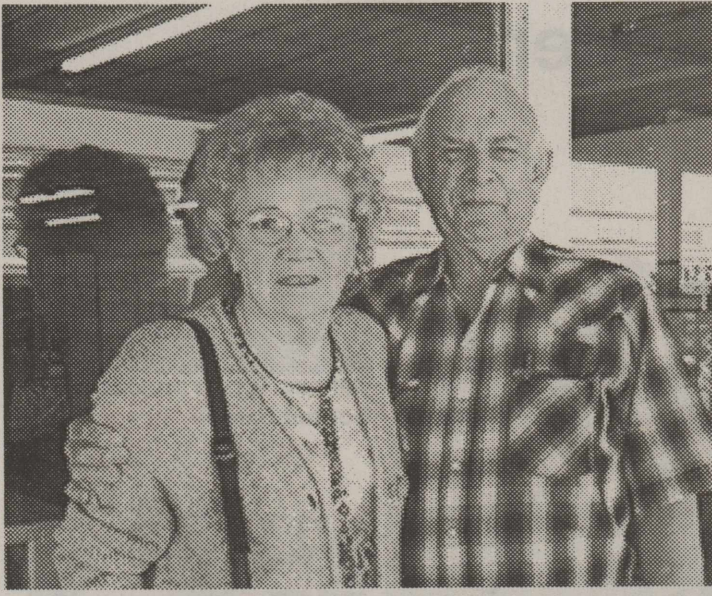
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Estelle and Billy Woody of Fort Worth visited with family and friends in the area.

## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Prayers go out to Jacque Childress on the passing of her mother, Marguerite Ransdall. Marguerite had celebrated her 100th birthday last July.

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

A good crowd came out and supported the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group at their Fish Fry on Friday evening. Over 140 people enjoyed the dinner and the country musical.

Family visiting with Dena Nickerson and Bill and Annette Nickerson over the Easter holiday were: Dena Jo and Curtis Hines and Jeffrey Hines and family, all of Weatherford; Kathy and Randall Franke of Hamby; Portious and Kara Potter and family of Cross Plains; Billie and Keith Kelly of Cottonwood; Jim and Jessica Kelly of Cross Plains; Mary Jo and Joe Pennington and family of South Lake; Johnnie and Janette Kingery and Roxanne and Nicole of Clyde; Harold and Joanne Kingery of Clyde; Mary Ella Weaver of Cottonwood; Shirley Byrd of Kellar; Willie and Jenny Nickerson and family; Kevin and Jessica Nickerson and family, all of Cross Plains; Jackie and Shorty White of Brownwood.

Shirley Byrd of Kellar visited with her sisters Mary Ella Weaver, Billie Kelly and Dena Nickerson over the Easter holiday.

Carol Bennett of Pantego, Texas, was here over the weekend visiting with Bryan and Grace Bennett and family. She enjoyed attending services and visiting with all of her friends at the First United Methodist Church in Cross Plains on Sunday.

Barbara and Donnie Worley

visited Andrew and Zephora Albrecht and Avery in Granbury on Saturday.

Former residents Jim and Louise Grindstaff, who now reside in Canyon, Texas, were here in town last Tuesday. They visited with the Quilting Ladies at the Community Center. Fred St. Peter also joined them for lunch.

Billy and Estelle Woody of Fort Worth were here for the Cottonwood Musical and Fish Fry on Friday night and visited with friends and family in the area.

It was fun to visit with everyone at the Senior Center on Wednesday and see the ladies and Bob Kirkham in their Easter bonnets. Some of the Cottonwood residents (and former residents) at the center on Wednesday were: Charles Waggoner, Mozelle Richardson, Fred Dill, Russ and Diana Miller, Sally Whiteley. Teri and I had lunch with Becky Tabor of the Cross Plains Review.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church had a large crowd on Sunday for Easter and for the baptisms. What a special blessing to be baptized on Easter.

Phyllis and Randy Pancake of Cross Plains attended Easter Sunday services.

4His Glory, a local singing group made up of former Cottonwood residents Matt and Mandi Sowell, along with Connie and Rhonda Swift, performed a mini-cantata Sunday morning at the First Presbyterian Church. Everyone said the cantata was wonderful!

Congratulations go out to Matt Sowell and his One Act Play group. The OAP advances on to Bi-District. The play they are doing is *Crimes of the Heart* by Beth Henley.



Juanice Cook in a five generation photo with Carolyn Ratliff, Samantha and Adalyn Pittman and Pam Hutton



Carolyn Ratliff and her mother, Juanice Cook



Juanice Cook, center, and her sisters, Doris Holder and Mary Anna Beach, both of Seymour



Happy 100th Birthday Juanice Cook!

## Juanice Cook Celebrates 100 Years on March 26

Juanice Cook, a resident of Rising Star Nursing Center, was the honoree at her 100th birthday party Saturday, March 26, in Rising Star. More than 100 family members and friends attended the party.

Among the large crowd were Juanice's two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Jim Ratliff of Rising Star and Laura Beth and Dean Newberry of Clovis, NM. Also there were Carolyn and Jim's daughters, Pam and Lynn Hutton of Cross Plains, their children and grandchildren and Melanie and Rodney Green of Midland and Melanie's daughter, Laura Beth and Dean's three children, plus several of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren came to the party.

Children and grandchildren of Juanice's other children also came, as well as her two sisters, Doris Holder and Mary Anna Beach, both of Seymour and nine nieces and a nephew with some of their children and grandchildren.

The arrival of two nieces and their husbands from California and Washington to visit with their aunts and cousins was a special treat. The family hadn't seen them for many years.

Another treat was the five-generation photo of Juanice, Carolyn, Pam, Samantha Pittman and her daughter, Adalyn.

A lifelong Texan, Juanice lived most of her first 23 years near or in Seymour and spent 37 years on the Plains with 25 of those in Morton. Monahans became her home for 12 years, then Juanice moved back to Seymour to be near her four sisters and other family. Later, ill health brought her to Rising Star to be near Carolyn. Having Pam near was a big plus for Juanice.

In addition to being a housewife and mother of six, Juanice was bookkeeper and "gofer" for her husband's waterwell drilling business. She was a member of the Rebeckahs in Morton and Monahans, served as a Pink Lady in hospitals in Monahans and Seymour for more than a hundred hours and was a Sunday School teacher in Morton.

The party was a wonderful celebration for her and Juanice's daughters and Pam declared it "awesome." Thanks to all who came to wish Juanice a happy 100th birthday.

## Weight Watchers meets every Thursday in Baird

Weight Watchers Beyond the Scale Plan focuses on you being the best you've ever been. Come See what Weight Watchers has to offer to help you be the healthiest you can be.

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Juanice Cook with Carolyn and Jim Ratliff and their family.

## Scranton Musical this Saturday

The musical will be held Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the community center.

The kitchen begins serving at 5:00. Angela David of Ft. Worth is the hostess this month. She has plans to serve Honey Baked Ham, Sweet potatoes, Green Beans and a roll with your choice of drink for \$5.00. All proceeds go toward the upkeep

of the community center.

Buddy or Ruby Johnson will be the emcee and have lined up a full evening of entertainment. The music will begin at 5:30. Come on out and enjoy good music, food and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you. Please sign our guest register as you come in. Thank you!

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My Plates reached the 200 pre-orders in record time and the Classic Black plate is scheduled to have the first Classic Black plate order manufactured this week, so it will not be long before these plates are being seen on Texas roads.

"We've received over 1400 orders for this plate, more than any other design on record, it has already proven to be very popular" said Steve Farrar, President of My Plates. "We expect this new Classic Black design to be Texas' most popular license plate," he said.

The last time a full black plate was available in Texas was in 1968 as a general issue pattern. Since that time, Texas has moved to a number of other designs with the most recent being the full white plate with



black lettering. Texans will start seeing the new Classic Black plate vehicles this week.

In other news, My Plates recently auctioned the license plate message ALAMO to celebrate Texas' Independence Day. This unique plate was sold at auction for \$10,250.00 with proceeds benefitting both the Alamo Endowment Fund and the state General Revenue Fund. My Plates is donating their share to the Alamo Endowment Fund.

My Plates designs and markets new specialty license plates as a vendor for the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. Texans have bought more than 260,000 My Plates since

November 2009, putting more than \$37M in the state general revenue fund. My Plates' goal is to create a long-term, mutually beneficial relationship designed to maximize revenues for the state through the sale of My Plates specialty plates. [www.myplates.com](http://www.myplates.com).

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) serves and advances the citizens and industries in the state with quality motor vehicle related services. For every \$1 it spends, the TxDMV returns \$11 to the state. Each year the agency registers nearly 24 million vehicles; issues more than 7 million vehicle titles; licenses more than 38,000 motor vehicle dealers and distributors; credentials nearly 60,000 motor carriers; issues more than 800,000 oversize/overweight permits; investigates more than 15,000 complaints against dealers and motor carriers; and awards grants to law enforcement agencies to reduce vehicle burglaries and thefts. Learn more at [www.TxDmv.gov](http://www.TxDmv.gov).

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Christopher Owen, theft.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Jarod D. McMorries, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated granted for completion of PTD Program.

Jason L. Sparks, motion to dismiss to driving while intoxicated granted for completion of PTD Program.

Ashley R. Brown, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted in the interest of justice.

Marriage Licenses

Ervin Dale Spain and Mary Jane Donnell, both of Clyde.



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## Callahan County Water Supply Corporation

The Callahan County Water Supply Corporation held its annual membership meeting and fish fry Monday evening. Approximately 70 people were in attendance.

President Rob Harle gave a report from the board and recognized the corporation's staff for jobs well done: Manager/operator Bobbie Spitzer and Operators Jim Castner and Deborah Hinton. Retiring board member Joe Clark was recognized for his service on the board of directors. Three members were elected to serve three-year terms. Bruce Bell and Harold Hicks were re-elected. Newly elected board member is Bob Gillespie.

Callahan County Water Supply



Rob Harle presents Joe Clark appreciation gift for his service on the board.

Corporation was incorporated in 1980. Currently there are 921 active meters on the system

serving rural customers in north, east and south central areas of the county.

## What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms

I just finished reading the large print edition of MADE WITH LOVE The Pinecraft Pie Shop by Tricia Goyer and Sherry Gore. This was a great Amish story with a couple of extras in the book that I thoroughly enjoyed. At the beginning of each chapter is a thought-provoking Amish Proverb and at the end of each chapter is a recipe (and not just for pies).

Lovina (Love) Miller should be thrilled. Pinecraft, Florida, has everything a young Amish woman could ask for: sun, sand, volleyball, and evening singing in the park. But Pinecraft lacks the thing Lovina desperately wants – a pie shop of her own. She longs for a place to gather with the community and serve the treat she loves.

Then, young carpenter Noah Yoder strolls into her life and offers a way to make her dream

come true. But before Noah and Lovina can build a shop – and a life – together, they must each face heartaches from the past.

Lovina has four younger sisters all unmarried and gifted in their own right. The story brings her closer to her sisters and family, who are willing to risk everything in order to see Lovina's dream come true.

Noah Yoder was unruly in his younger years and now is guiding three young men who had gotten themselves into some trouble. Could he teach them a trade and also have them learn about how God is a part of their life?

Lovina sees her pie shop "Me, Myself, and Pie" ready to open, but something happens to make her question her faith in God. It takes the community to restore her faith in God and

fellow man.

There are recipes for Banana Sour Cream Bread; Blueberry Streusel Muffins; Carmel Corn; Carrot Cake; Chocolate Whoopie Pies; Cinnamon Rolls; Dippy Eggs; Florida Key Lime Pie; Glazed Donuts; Grape Jelly Bars; Hand-breaded Pork Chops and Creamy Country Gravy; Morning Glory Muffins; Noah's Mom's Skillet Pear Ginger Pie; Old-Fashioned Buttermilk Pie; Orange Pie; Pecan Pie; Pineapple Pie; Potato Soup; Raisin Cream Pie; Red-Skin Mashed Potatoes; Shoofly Pie; Soft Pretzels; Southern Breeze Punch; Sweet Potato Pie; Turkey Biscuit Skillet; Underground Ham Casserole; Upside-Down Cinnamon Pudding Cake; and Yoder's Restaurant Chicken Stuffing Casserole..... enjoy!

## Ronnie White Retires After 46 Years of Service Celebration set for April 3

You are invited to join in the celebration of Ronnie White's 46 years of serving the Lord. A reception will be held on Sunday, April 3, 2016, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, located at 301 North Main Street, Cross Plains, TX.

Ronnie Bob White and Charla Jo Moore graduated from Jacksboro High School in 1964, and they married in 1965. Last October, they celebrated 50 wonderful years of marriage. They have three sons: Chris and his wife, Shannon, of Graham, TX; Doug and his wife, Lesley, of Colleyville, TX; and Billy Bob and his wife, Colette, of Pittsburg, PA. Ronnie and Charla are blessed with nine grandchildren: Ryan, Ashley, Logan, Gennifer, Jessica, Blaise, Levi, Jasmine, and Roxanna Jo.

In 1964, Ronnie joined the United States Air Force and served in the Vietnam War (1967-1968) in the (RED HORSE) Squadron. After returning home from Vietnam, he worked for Longest Plumbing in Wichita Falls, TX. until Charla graduated from Midwestern State University in 1969. Shortly after, they moved to Ft. Worth, TX. where he was employed as a top salesman for Nabisco.

It was during this time that Ronnie accepted God's call to the gospel ministry. Initially, he felt God's call when he was in the fifth grade. He started in 1972 his ministry at Shady Grove Baptist. Eventually, after serving at churches in Fairbanks, Alaska and Fairfield, Texas, they moved to Brownwood, Texas so Ronnie could complete his college degree. In 1978, Ronnie graduated from Howard Payne

University with a Bachelor of Religious Education.

Over the last 45 years, Ronnie has served as: Music & Youth Minister at Shady Grove Baptist Church in Smithville, TX; Music & Youth Minister at FBC Fairbanks, Alaska; Music & Youth Minister at FBC Fairfield, TX; Music & Education Minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Brownwood, TX; Music & Youth Minister at FBC Denver City, TX; Music & Media Minister at FBC Graham, TX.; Senior Pastor at Beulah Baptist Church in Weatherford, TX; and for the last 14 years he has served as the Pastor at FBC Cross Plains, TX.

Through the years, Ronnie has served communities in various capacities, such as: Chaplain of the Young County Sheriff's Department; Chaplain of the Young County Fire Department; Volunteer for the Graham Fire Department; Jailor for the Young County Sheriff's Department; Chairman of the American Cancer Society of Graham, TX.; Chairman of the American Red Cross of Graham, TX.; and Chairman of the Child Advocacy Center of Graham, TX.

Ronnie has also served on the board of the Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment near Brownwood, TX. for numerous years and has served as the President of the Cross Plains Kiwanis Club.

As of April 3, 2016, Ronnie and Charla will be retired. They will settle in Cross Plains, TX. at their little farm outside of town. Although Ronnie is retiring from full-time ministry, he says he will never retire from preaching and will be eager to preach anytime God provides the opportunity.

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## Chamber Cuts Ribbons at Salamanders and Wildlife Nutrition Center

Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce held Ribbon Cuttings for two businesses. The first was Salamander's Apparel with their new owners! Salamander's Apparel is now Salamander's Tee's and More. And, with the "more" comes fresh flower arrangements, plants, and candles. New owners, Trudy and Bo Semmler, have purchased the business from Amanda Sowell, and invite you to come by and

visit them. The second ribbon cutting was at Wildlife Nutrition Center. Owners of WNC are Patrick and wife Cody Clark, with the help of mother Sara Clark. WNC Carries a full line of Feeds and Minerals to Grow Bigger Deer. They have a diverse feed selection for sheep, goats, poultry, and equine. Soon to carry a full line of guns and ammunition.

## Spring Vegetable Gardening Seminar

Save the date! Friday morning, April 1, from 9:00 am until noon, the Taylor County Extension Service and Big Country Master Gardener Association will present a seminar on spring vegetable gardening. The seminar will be held at the Taylor County Extension Office located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. The program is free for those who pre-register by Thursday March 31st or \$10.00 at the door. This program will offer 3 general CED's toward recertification of TDA agricultural pesticide licenses.

Home gardening continues to grow in popularity. One out of every three families does some type of home gardening, according to conservative estimates, with most gardens located in urban areas. The goal of this seminar is to give gardeners the basic tools to help them make practical decisions and become successful vegetable gardeners.

Our seminar will begin with Dr. Jake Mowrer, State Extension Soil Nutrient and Water Resource Specialist via distance from College Station giving a presentation on garden soil preparation. Dr. Mowrer will discuss the proper steps to understand, establish and manage garden soils.

If you're interested in having your own backyard compost for your garden, this seminar will discuss how to get started. Audrey Gillespie, Big Country Master Gardener and Composting Specialist will discuss the benefits and uses of compost.

Dr. Russ Wallace, Extension Vegetable Specialist from Lubbock will wrap up our seminar with a discussion of a number of topics including Variety Selection, Fertilization, Watering, and Weed & Insect Control.

Please pre-register with the Taylor County Extension office at: 325-672-6048 by March 31st.

## Callahan County World War II Soldiers Honored in the Netherlands

Callahan County World War II Soldiers Raymond Tennon and James Rawson are immortalized among the thousands of white marble crosses row after row overlooking the American War Cemetery in the town of Margraten, the Netherlands. The markers are testimony to the sacrifices made by many young American men and women, who like Tennon and Rawson made the supreme sacrifice for the freedom of Europe during World War II.

Through The Faces of Margraten tribute in May of this year the Dutch will pay special tribute to these soldiers by decorating their more than 10,000 graves and names on the Walls of the Missing with personal photos of the soldiers. The project has started a quest to locate more soldiers' photos.

Photos are needed of two Callahan County soldiers, Raymond Tennon of Cross Plains, and James Rawson, whose address was just listed as Callahan County.

Photos can be submitted through the project's website, [www.TheFacesOfMargraten.com](http://www.TheFacesOfMargraten.com). All submitted photos as well as other information on these soldiers can already be found in the foundation's Fields of Honor - Database. The photos will be placed next to the headstones from May 1-5, when the Netherlands observes the 71st anniversary

of its liberation.

Since 1945, Dutch locals have adopted the graves of the soldiers buried in Margraten. Out of heartfelt respect and gratitude, the graves' adopters regularly visit the graves and decorate them with flowers. Many of the graves' adopters also continue to correspond with the families of soldiers back home in the United States. The care for the graves of their loved ones has been a comfort to many of these families and the foundation of long-lasting friendships between Dutch and American families.

Seventy-one years after the war, younger generations have taken up the responsibility to remember these soldiers. "When I speak to people they sometimes say that the youth no longer cares about the past and those who fought for their freedom. I do not believe that. Many young Dutch people show an interest in the war and continue to visit these cemeteries, and many, like me, have adopted a grave and are volunteers for The Faces of Margraten tribute. We will continue to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for many years to come," Vonk, 23 himself, concludes.

More information about the project can be found at [www.thefacesofmargraten.com](http://www.thefacesofmargraten.com). More information on the foundation can be found at [www.svaao.nl](http://www.svaao.nl).

## Do You Have a Photo of the Caddo Peak School House

Would anyone who has a picture of the Caddo Peak schoolhouse make a copy and send it to me? It would be great if I had a picture with the kids in front of it sometime during the years between 1925 and when it closed. But just a picture of it would be wonderful.

I would love to give this picture to Dorothy Woody who attended Caddo Peak along with her brother, Lewis Woody, until it closed.

I will gladly reimburse you for all your costs. You could also email it to me at [thaila1@att.net](mailto:thaila1@att.net)

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**ACROSS**

- seat of Oldham County
- Burl of 1958 film "The Big Country" with TX Chuck Roberson
- this TX Brown won 1955 Pulitzer for reporting in the Alice Daily Echo
- univer. subject
- play on words
- TX pro wrestler, Kerry (init.)
- TXism: "big as the side of \_\_\_\_\_"
- held royal office
- TX gunman John Wesley Hardin was killed in one
- TX capitol architect
- TXism: "loose as \_\_\_\_\_"
- homo sapiens
- portent
- TX Mac Davis hit: "Baby, Don't Get Hooked \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX B.J. Thomas '76 album: "Home \_\_\_\_\_ belong \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "she could talk the legs \_\_\_\_\_ an iron stove"
- TX Billie Sol was convicted of this
- TXism for "about" (3 wds.)
- a gurney is one with wheels
- TX Johnny Horton hit: "The Battle \_\_\_\_\_ Orleans" (1959)
- perennial found in TX: H. \_\_\_\_\_ (coral bells)
- nothing worse than neighbor
- Dan Patrick is the \_\_\_\_\_ Gov. of TX
- gear's teeth
- gentlemen for short
- Plainview FM station
- words of understanding (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he's got the morals \_\_\_\_\_ alley cat"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ it in he bud"
- TX McConaughy 2006 film "We \_\_\_\_\_ Marshall"
- TXism: "you're pulling my \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "high \_\_\_\_\_ cat's back" (costly)
- TXism for "skinny" (3 wds.)
- TX-based petroleum company \_\_\_\_\_ USA Energy
- TXism: "lots of breathing \_\_\_\_\_" (spacious)
- Doc Holiday met wife "Big \_\_\_\_\_ Kate" in TX
- site of h.s. basketball games
- dir. to Wichita Falls from Clyde
- longtime Dallas DA, Wade (init.)
- frequencies between 300 MHz & 3 GHz
- TXism: "six \_\_\_\_\_ half a dozen of the other"
- join together
- Harper of TX-based 1983 film "Tender Mercies"
- Ranger TV broadcaster, Grieve (init.)
- another cowboy state (abbr.)
- TXism: "exciting \_\_\_\_\_ at the IRS office"
- TXism for "against down \_\_\_\_\_ or two"

**DOWN**

- LBJ to JFK (2 wds.)
- TXn who leaves the coast before a hurricane
- this Apache chief was held in TX after his 1886 surrender
- TX George W. has two daughters, but not \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ slapper" (funny)
- originally called: \_\_\_\_\_ Junior College"
- TX Perot's old co.

# Texans Reminded to Stay Vigilant, Report Suspicious Activity to State Website

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans to remain vigilant with respect to potential crime and terrorist activity in their communities, and to report suspicious behaviors to the department's iWATCH website at [www.iwatchtx.org](http://www.iwatchtx.org). The iWATCH program was created as a partnership between communities and law enforcement, and utilizes citizen-sourced tips related to criminal activity.

"In the wake of today's cowardly attacks in Brussels, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and everyone in Belgium," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "We are also reminding Texans of the crucial role they play in helping law enforcement protect the public from groups and lone-wolf actors intent on harming others. Fighting crime in today's threat environment can be greatly enhanced through the combined efforts of the public and law enforcement, and we urge individuals to report any illegal or suspicious activity they witness to iWATCH or their local authorities."

In addition to the acts of terrorism in Brussels, Belgium, and other attacks around the world, senseless attacks have also occurred closer to home in recent years, including tragic shootings at Fort Hood, and a 2015 shooting incident in Garland, Texas.

Concerned citizens can visit the iWATCH website to fill out a report, which includes contact information and specifics about a particular incident. A report usually takes fewer than five minutes to complete, and once submitted, each report is reviewed by law enforcement analysts. The website also lists a phone number for possible anonymous reports.

Here are some examples of behaviors and activities to report:

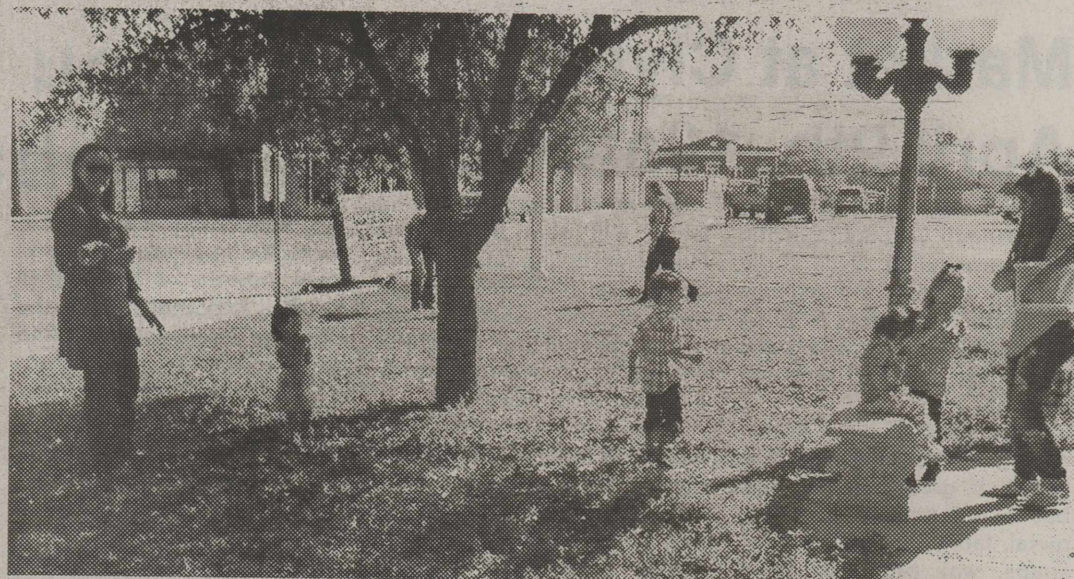
- Strangers asking questions about building security features and procedures.
- Briefcase, suitcase, backpack or package is left behind.
- Cars or trucks are left in no-parking zones at important buildings.
- Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location.
- People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.
- Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms without having the proper credentials.
- Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

DPS urges residents who see something unusual to simply speak up. Preparations for terrorist attacks may often be seen, but rarely reported. When

in doubt, report the suspicious activity through iWATCH. For more information on the iWATCH program or to submit a report, visit [www.iwatchtx.org](http://www.iwatchtx.org). To make an anonymous report, individuals can contact DPS at 1-866-786-5972. (iWATCH is not designed to report emergencies. If a situation requires an emergency response, call 911.)

Reports to iWATCH can also be made through the DPS Mobile App. The app is currently available for iPhone users on the Apple App Store: (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/texas-dps/id902092368?mt=8>) and for Android users on Google Play: (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.microassist.texasdpsGhl-en>).

The iWATCH website is part of the DPS Intelligence and Counterterrorism Division (ICT), which serves as the central clearinghouse for the collection, management, analysis and dissemination of law enforcement and homeland security intelligence in Texas. This DPS intelligence strategy is essential to proactive, preventive and effective law enforcement operations to combat crime and terrorism.



## LAP and LAPSIT Children Enjoy Easter Egg Hunt at the Library

The LAP and LAPSIT children's program at the Cross Plains Public Library enjoyed an Easter Party and Egg Hunt this past Wednesday.



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## Friends of the NRA banquet is August 6th

The Callahan County Friends of the NRA annual banquet will be held on Saturday, August 6th at the First Methodist Church of Clyde Fellowship Hall located at 217 Oak Street in downtown Clyde.

This year's annual banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. More information will appear



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## Texas Historical Commission news briefs

### SHOW YOUR TEXAS PRIDE WITH PHOTO CONTEST

AUSTIN, Texas—March marks anniversaries for some of the most monumental events in Texas history. With the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) I am Texas History Contest, you can show your Texas pride and make your own mark on Texas history.

To enter, take a selfie with an Official State of Texas Historical Marker. Post the photo to a public Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram account with the hashtag #iamtexahistory. Explain in the caption why you chose the marker, and like or follow one of the THC's social media networks.

Participants who submit a photo will be entered into a drawing to win tickets or a prize package from a museum or historic site related to the Texas Revolution. Random drawings will be conducted on March 28 and April 1.

Submissions must be received by midnight March 31. Multiple submissions are allowed, but each person will only be entered into the drawings once. The winner will be contacted via comment or reply on their photo and will have 48 hours to respond with receipt of confirmation.

With more than 16,000 historical markers in the state, there are ample photo opportunities across Texas. To find one, use the THC's atlas map or search for topics by keyword on the Texas Historic Sites Atlas online at [www.atlas.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.atlas.thc.state.tx.us). For more information on prize packages and complete contest guidelines, visit the THC's

website at [www.thc.state.tx.us/texas-history-contest](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/texas-history-contest).

### APPLY NOW TO BECOME A MAIN STREET COMMUNITY

AUSTIN, Texas—The application period is now open for cities to apply to the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Main Street Program. The Texas Main Street Program (TMSP) is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts.

Each year the THC may select up to five Texas cities to participate in the program. Local Main Street programs receive a wide range of services and technical expertise from the THC including design and historic preservation, planning, economic development, organizational management, and training.

On April 22, the THC will host a webinar explaining the application process. Optional letters of intent are due to the THC by May 13, and applications are due July 29. Application information and the webinar details are available on the THC's website at [thc.state.tx.us/mainstreet](http://thc.state.tx.us/mainstreet).

The program stimulates private sector downtown reinvestment, and helps retain, expand, and recruit businesses, while also creating new jobs in Texas. TMSP began in 1981 as one of the first state coordinated programs in the U.S. Since then, participating communities have generated more than \$3.1 billion in overall reinvestment into their historic downtowns, and created more than 33,000 jobs and 8,500 small businesses.

The Texas program is

affiliated with the National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The Main Street model is based on a Four-Point® approach of organization, design, promotion, and economic restructuring, all within the context of historic preservation. For more information on the TMSP, contact State Coordinator Debra Drescher at 512-463-5758 and [debra.drescher@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:debra.drescher@thc.state.tx.us).

### CELEBRATE MAIN STREET AND WIN A WEEKEND GETAWAY

AUSTIN, Texas—The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Main Street Program celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. What began with four cities in 1981 now includes 88 certified cities across Texas. To celebrate the milestone, the THC is hosting a sweepstakes with prize packages offering a weekend getaway to a Main Street city.

Entries are now being accepted until March 31 to win a trip for two to Marshall, Texas. The prize package includes two nights of lodging, meals at local restaurants, plus tours of the Starr Family Home State Historic Site and restored 1901 Harrison County Courthouse.

The sweepstakes is open to adults ages 18 and older. For more information and to enter the contest, visit the THC's website [www.thc.state.tx.us/main-street-sweepstakes](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/main-street-sweepstakes). In May, the sweepstakes will feature a travel package to Denton. Follow @txhistcomm on Twitter and Instagram for dates and announcements.

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## Market at Clyde April 9th, 10am-4pm

The second Saturday of each month vendors from the area surrounding Clyde come together at The Old Firehouse on North First Street to bring their crafts, home cooking and art for the public to view and purchase.

This market is unique in that each item is handcrafted. The variety is great and includes, but is not limited to, wood, metal, fabric, fine art, jewelry, soaps, wax products, yeast breads and other baked goods, jams, jellies and other kitchen treats.

This month the Meek Blood Bank will also be at The Market accepting donations of blood. The Meek Blood Bank gives a great service to our communities in time of medical crisis by having blood products available when needed.

Be sure to watch this paper next week for more information about The Market for April 9th. Also visit the Facebook page The Market at Clyde, Texas. If you are interested in becoming a vendor email themarketatclyde@gmail.com or call 325-518-3939.

## Clyde Chamber of Commerce to host Goat Cook Off

The Clyde Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its first annual Goat Cook Off on Saturday, May 7th at Clyde Lake. Meat categories will include goat meat and chicken fajitas, Jackpot categories will include jalapeno poppers, beans, and dessert. Team registration is now open; applications may be obtained by e-mailing chamber@clydeamerica.com, by calling the Chamber at 325-893-4221, or are available to be picked up at the Chamber office located at 106 Cedar Street in downtown Clyde. The registration fee is \$40 per meat category, or \$60 for both, and \$20 per jackpot

category. The event kicks off at 10:00am and activities include the Cook Off, food and merchandise vendors, and live music on stage beginning at 4:00pm. The Student Leadership team will have their face painting booth open as well. The event will wrap up at 10:00pm. If you would like to be a vendor at the event please contact the Chamber at 325-893-4221 for information and a vendor application. There is no admission but donations will be taken at the gate to benefit the Chamber of Commerce. Come out and enjoy a fun family event at Clyde Lake! We hope to see everyone there!

## Are You Widening Home Plate? A Baseball Story Worth Reading

In Nashville, Tennessee, during the first week of January, 1996, more than 4,000 baseball coaches descended upon the Opryland Hotel for the 52nd annual ABCA convention. While I waited in line to register with the hotel staff, I heard other more veteran coaches rumbling about the lineup of speakers scheduled to present during the weekend. One name, in particular, kept resurfacing, always with the same sentiment -- "John Scolinos is here? Oh man, worth every penny of my airfare."

Who is John Scolinos? I wondered. No matter, I was just happy to be there.

In 1996 Coach Scolinos was 78 years old and five years retired from a college coaching career that began in 1948. He shuffled to the stage to an impressive standing ovation, wearing dark polyester pants, a light blue shirt, and a string around his neck from which home plate hung -- a full-sized, stark-white home plate.

Seriously, I wondered, who is this guy?

After speaking for twenty-five minutes, not once mentioning the prop hanging around his neck, Coach Scolinos appeared to notice the snickering among some of the coaches. Even those who knew Coach Scolinos had to wonder exactly where he was going with this, or if he had simply forgotten about home plate since he'd gotten on stage.

Then, finally... "You're probably all wondering why I'm wearing home plate around my neck. Or maybe you think I escaped from Camarillo State Hospital," he said, his voice growing irascible. I laughed along with the others, acknowledging the possibility. "No," he continued, "I may be old, but I'm not crazy. The reason I stand before you today is to share with you baseball people what I've learned in my

life, what I've learned about home plate in my 78 years."

Several hands went up when Scolinos asked how many Little League coaches were in the room.

"Do you know how wide home plate is in Little League?" After a pause someone offered, "Seventeen inches?" more question than answer. "That's right," he said. "How about Babe Ruth? Any Babe Ruth coaches in the house?"

Another long pause. "Seventeen inches?" came a guess from another reluctant coach.

"That's right," said Scolinos. "Now, how many high school coaches do we have in the room?" Hundreds of hands shot up, as the pattern began to appear. "How wide is home plate in high school baseball?"

"Seventeen inches," they said sounding more confident.

"You're right!" Scolinos barked. "And you college coaches, how wide is home plate in college?"

"Seventeen inches!" we said, in unison.

"Any Minor League coaches here? How wide is home plate in pro ball?"

"Seventeen inches!"

"RIGHT! And in the Major Leagues, how wide is home plate in the Major Leagues?"

"Seventeen inches!"

"SEV-EN-TEEN INCHES!" he confirmed, his voice bellowing off the walls. "And what do they do with a Big League pitcher who can't throw the ball over seventeen inches?" Pause. "They send him to Pocatello!" he hollered, drawing raucous laughter.

"What they don't do is this: they don't say, 'Ah, that's okay, Jimmy. You can't hit a seventeen-inch target? We'll make it eighteen inches, or nineteen inches. We'll make it twenty inches so you have a better chance of hitting it. If you can't hit that, let us know

so we can make it wider still, say twenty-five inches."

Pause.

"... what do we do when our best player shows up late to practice? When our team rules forbid facial hair and a guy shows up unshaven? What if he gets caught drinking? Do we hold him accountable? Or do we change the rules to fit him, do we widen home plate?"

The chuckles gradually faded as four thousand coaches grew quiet, the fog lifting as the old coach's message began to unfold. He turned the plate toward himself and, using a Sharpie, began to draw something. When he turned it toward the crowd, point up, a house was revealed, complete with a freshly drawn door and two windows. "This is the problem in our homes today. With our marriages, with the way we parent our kids. With our discipline. We don't teach accountability to our kids, and there is no consequence for failing to meet standards. We widen the plate!"

Pause.

Then, to the point at the top of the house he added a small American flag. "This is the problem in our schools today. The quality of our education is going downhill fast and teachers have been stripped of the tools they need to be successful, and to educate and discipline our young people. We are allowing others to widen home plate! Where is that getting us?" Silence. He replaced the flag with a Cross.

"And this is the problem in the Church, where powerful people in positions of authority have taken advantage of young children, only to have such an atrocity swept under the rug for years. Our church leaders are widening home plate!"

I was amazed. At a baseball convention where I expected to learn something about curveballs and bunting and

how to run better practices, I had learned something far more valuable. From an old man with home plate strung around his neck, I had learned something about life, about myself, about my own weaknesses and about my responsibilities as a leader. I had to hold myself and others accountable to that which I knew to be right, lest our families, our faith and our society continue down an undesirable path.

"If I am lucky," Coach Scolinos concluded, "you will remember one thing from this old coach today. It is this: if we fail to hold ourselves to a higher standard, a standard of what we know to be right; if we fail to hold our spouses and our children to the same standards, if we are unwilling or unable to provide a consequence when they do not meet the standard; and if our schools and churches and our government fail to hold themselves accountable to those they serve, there is but one thing to look forward to..."

With that, he held home plate in front of his chest, turned it around, and revealed its dark black backside.

"... dark days ahead."

Coach Scolinos died in 2009 at the age of 91, but not before touching the lives of hundreds of players and coaches including mine. Meeting him at my first ABCA convention kept me returning year after year, looking for similar wisdom and inspiration from other coaches. He was the best clinic speaker the ABCA has ever known because he was so much more than a baseball coach.

His message was clear: "Coaches, keep your players -- no matter how good they are -- your own children, and most of all yourself at seventeen inches."

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**Callahan County 4-H State Fair of Texas Tag Orders Due**

Callahan County 4-H State Fair of Texas tag orders are due to the Extension office by April 12th. If you plan on showing Lambs or Goats at the 2016 State Fair of Texas you must call in your tag order no later than April 12th. All Tags are \$10.00/tag.

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