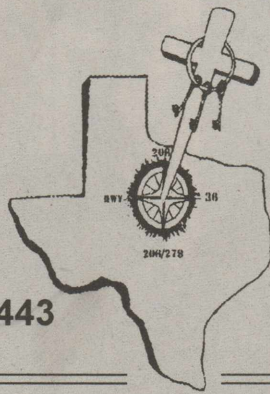


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Squirrels Likely Cause of Fatal Saturday Morning House Fire

Squirrels are the likely cause of a house fire that ripped through a home in the 500 block of NE 3rd Street early Saturday morning killing a mother and her disabled son.

In a report from KTAB News, Cross Plains Police Chief Don Gosnell stated that the Fire Marshal believes squirrels chewed through some wires in the attic of a home causing the wires to arc and setting the home on fire around 5:45 a.m.

Both the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department battled the blaze Saturday morning. CPVFD remained on the scene Saturday afternoon controlling any "hot spots" and areas where the fire could reignite.

The home, belonging to Curtis and Sheila Bell Taylor was determined to be a total loss. The Callahan County Sheriff's

Office says Sherry Ables, 68, and her son, Norman Taylor, 50, passed away at the scene of the fire. Sheriff Terry Joy said in a report from KTAB News, that Norman was disabled and Sherry was trying to help him get outside, but her attempt was unsuccessful.

A Memorial Service has been set for both Ables and Taylor at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Higginbotham's Funeral Home. A Love Fund has been established for the family at Texas Heritage Bank.

The Cross Plains 4-H Club has started a toy drive for family's two children who lost everything - including all their toys in the fire. The daughter, Mackenzie, aged 12, likes crafts, and the son, Samuel, aged 6, likes dinosaurs. Toy donations can be dropped off at Junkin' Daze, located on Main Street, next to Susan Schaefer's office.



Fire destroyed a home 500 block of NE 3rd Street early Saturday morning. Sherry Ables, 68, and her son, Norman Taylor, 50, perished in the fire. Additional photos from the scene inside.



Cross Plains VFD and Rising Star VFD worked to extinguish the blaze.

Cheerleaders Car Wash this Saturday, June 25th

Does your car or truck need cleaning? The Cross Plains High School Varsity Cheerleaders will hold a Fundraiser Car Wash this Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Park

Car Wash located on Hwy 279, south of Hwy 36. Bring your dusty car or muddy truck and the cheerleaders will clean it for you for \$10.00. Donations Welcome, as well.



New planters and brightly colored flowers along Main Street.



Attractive Metal Flowers "planted" in downtown Cross Plains. More photos inside.

Flowers Add Beauty Along Main Street

Downtown Cross Plains is more colorful with the addition of some live - and some "not-so-live" flowering plants along Main Street thanks to the City of Cross Plains, the Cross Plains EDC and some very caring residents.

Several years ago, the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce started holding quarterly meetings inviting business owners, non-profit organizations and citizens to come to share ideas and to help make Cross Plains all it can be.

One of the projects created from that meeting was the beautification of Main Street. Diana Miller and Connie Kirkham spearheaded the project. Their first task was to try to locate cement planters that would match the cement planters that were already on Main Street. Meghan Lewis Long of Meghann's Market in Eastland, found the planters. They were immediately purchased, picked up and planted.

City employees Brayden Kennedy and Sean Conway unloaded the heavy planters -- thankfully! Diana Miller, Debbie Gosnell and Connie Kirkham determined where the

Ashley Hall and her daughter Jessa donate toys for the 4-H Toy Drive for the Bell Children. Read the story inside.



Love Fund Established for Curtis and Sheila Bell Taylor

A Love Fund has been established at Texas Heritage Bank for the Curtis and Sheila Bell Taylor family who lost their home in a house fire on Saturday, June 18th.

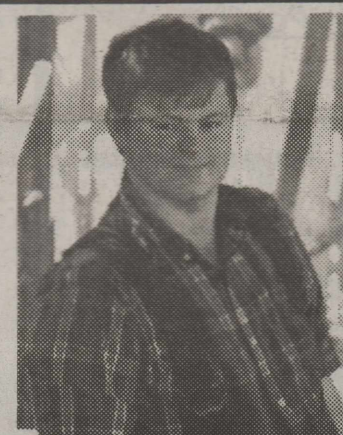
Cottonwood Country Musical this Friday

It's coming soon to a community near you! The next Cottonwood Country Musical will be held on Friday, June 24, 2016 at the Cottonwood Community Center. Cottonwood is located in Callahan County just off FM 880.

On the menu for this month is King Ranch Casserole, salad, sandwiches, desserts and drinks. The meal will be served at 5 p.m.

The musical begins at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend and come enjoy hearing your favorite musicians play and sing country tunes and a delicious meal.

For any additional information, call Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.



Five Generations of the Foster Family Have Fought Fire in Cross Plains, now that Michael Foster has joined CPVFD. Read the story inside.

12u Softball Tournament, Yeti Cooler Raffle this Saturday, June 25th

The 12u Softball Tournament is this Saturday, June 25th, at the Softball Field in Cross Plains. Area teams, including the Gorman Purple Fusion, Dublin Home Run Hitters, Bangs Hurricanes will be playing along with the Cross Plains Dirt Diamonds and Cross Plains Lady Buffaloes. The tournament starts at 9 a.m.

A Water Slide will be set up at the tournament for the kids to play on free of charge.

The SnoCone stand will be set up at the tournament. You can take a chance on a YETI Cooler donated by Higginbotham's and other items. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Bell/Taylor family who lost their home to a fire over the weekend.

Tickets can be purchased from any of the 10u or 12u girls, at Higginbotham's, or by calling Billy Wyatt at 254-433-3382.

Blake Fullenwiler of Eastland, Rowe Welding and Machine, Cisco Logistics, Higginbotham's, Twin Oaks Construction, Gilliam Waterwell Drilling and Shallow Oil Wells all generously donated to make the 12u Tournament a success.

Musical Canceled

The musical at the Scranton Community Center scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2016 will be canceled due to the water situation.

It is hoped that this will be corrected by the August musical.

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OBITUARIES



Sherry Yvonne Ables Norman Lee Taylor

Sherry Yvonne Ables, age 68 of Cross Plains passed away Saturday, June 18, 2016. Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Texas. Sherry was born on April 26, 1948 in Gorman, Texas to late Norman Curtis and Rosemary Minter-Gilbert. Sherry worked as an LVN until an injury forced her to retire. She enjoyed doing crafts. She dearly loved her family and because of her love for her son, Norman she passed away in the house fire trying to save him.

Sherry is survived by her children, Bobby Taylor and his wife, Karen of Odessa, Texas; Curtis Taylor and his wife, Sheila of Cross Plains, Texas; Frank Powell and wife, Dora of Columbia, Mississippi; David Powell of Cisco, Texas; sister, Teresa Kunkel and her husband, Ray of Alvarado, Texas; brother, Robert Gilbert and his wife, Skye of Hobbs, New Mexico; 13 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ron Anderson and sister, Sheila Rowin.

You may leave condolences for the family at:
<http://higginbothamfuneralhomecrossplains.com/book-of-memories/2539082/Ables-Sherry/view-condolences.php>

Norman Lee Taylor, age 50 of Cross Plains passed away Saturday, June 18, 2016. Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains, Texas. Norman was born on September 17, 1965 in Sherman, Texas to Bobby Taylor and Sherry Gilbert-Ables. Norman loved movies especially Sci-Fi. He enjoyed reading when he was able when his eyesight began to fail he fell in love with audio books. He enjoyed working with people and outdoors.

Norman is survived by his 4 brothers, Bobby Taylor and his wife, Karen of Odessa, Texas; Curtis Taylor and his wife, Sheila of Cross Plains, Texas; Frank Powell and wife, Dora of Columbia, Mississippi; David Powell of Cisco, Texas; Aunt, Teresa Kunkel and her husband, Ray of Alvarado, Texas; Uncle, Robert Gilbert and his wife, Skye of Hobbs, New Mexico; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Sherry Ables and Aunt, Sheila Rowin.

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From left to right are Board Member Helen Parson, Library Director Sandra Ross, and author Carol Kjar.

Author Carol Kjar Visits the Cross Plains Library

Author Carol Kjar stopped by the Cross Plains Public Library Tuesday to deliver a copy of her new book, "Blessings from the Wrong Side of Town". Carol did a Meet the Author program last year and is down from Boise, Idaho visiting her family in Baird and family friend, Janette Dugger. She signed the copy

of her book with the witticism, "Having fun has no age limit". The Cross Plains Library has all three of her books on our shelves and we are looking forward to her next book. Watch for the book review coming soon on "Blessings from the Wrong Side of Town."



Celebrating Father's Day -- Marlene Steele and Her Uncle, L. D. Halcombe of Comanche celebrated Father's Day at the Senior Citizen's Center during the special Father's Day lunch last Friday.

Franchise tax collections ahead of projections

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said today that state franchise tax revenue for fiscal 2016 is well above the Certification Revenue Estimate projections made last fall, while state sales tax revenue in May totaled \$2.41 billion, down 7.1 percent compared to May 2015.

"The comparison in sales tax revenue to the previous year is unfavorable because May 2015 collections were abnormally strong," Hegar said. "In fact, May 2015 saw the second-highest monthly collections in Texas history. The decline is largely due to continued drops in collections from oil- and natural gas-related sectors, reflecting the continued contraction in drilling activity."

Hegar also said that state franchise tax revenue for fiscal 2016 totaled \$3.7 billion through May, ahead of earlier projections included in the Certification Revenue Estimate. This amount is lower than franchise tax revenues collected during the same period last fiscal year due to permanent tax rate cuts enacted during the 2015 legislative session.

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in May 2016 is down 1.0 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 56 percent of all tax collections. Motor vehicle sales and rental taxes, motor fuel taxes and oil and natural gas production taxes also are large revenue sources for the state.

In May 2016, Texas collected the following revenue from those taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$383.7 million, up 61.0 percent from May 2015;*
- motor fuel taxes — \$287.1 million, down 0.9 percent from May 2015; and
- oil and natural gas production taxes — \$148.4 million, down 45.6 percent from May 2015.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch.

*State motor vehicle sales taxes are remitted to county tax assessor-collectors who in turn remit them to the state. To cover the costs of collecting these taxes, counties are permitted to retain 5 percent of the preceding year's collections. This tax retention occurs during one month each year and results in lower-than-usual state revenues for the month in which counties retain their 5 percent. Counties retained that amount in April this year, but did so in May last year. This resulted in a sharp drop in April 2016 collections compared to April 2015, and mostly accounts for the large gains in May 2016 as compared to May 2015.

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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

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

Love Fund for Curtis & Sheila Bell Taylor 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 has been set up for Sue Neal at Texas Heritage Bank to help with financial expenses

Play with a Wii at Cross Plains Library

The Cross Plains Public Library has the Wii Games set up and available for our patrons to use in the Children's Department.

Parents must sign a permission and responsibility form for their children to use the equipment and children 8 and younger must be supervised by a parent or adult. Playing time will be limited to 30 minutes if there is a waiting list.

We currently have Wii Sports, Wii Play, Wii (We) Wish you a Merry Christmas, and Wii Fit Plus. Come enjoy our facilities and check out our new children's books while you are here.

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Chamber needs Participants

The Chamber is currently busy working on July 4th festivities that will take place Saturday, July 2nd! We are very excited for this event and hope it grows with the upcoming years! There will be fireworks as always hosted by the generous City of Cross Plains starting at dark!

It went so well last year the chamber will have a dunking booth again, and with that we need individuals that are well known in the community that would be willing to take a 30 minute/hour slot to be dunked! If you know someone that would be willing, or you yourself would please contact me ASAP. Last year we had teachers, police officers, preachers, and chamber board members!

Available time slots:
5:30-6:00pm-Open

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6:30-7:00pm-Open
7:00-7:30pm-Open
7:30-8:00pm-Open
8:00-8:30pm-Open
8:30-9:00pm-Open

The Chamber will also have bingo again because last year it was such a success! For this we will need item's donated for prizes! We had some great item's donated last year from our amazingly generous Chamber Members!

The Chamber will be co-sponsoring a new event with the Cross Plains EDC! The Lonestar Lead & Lace live western show! More information to come.

We will also need volunteers to help that evening, contact the chamber to sign up. Phone: 254-725-7251



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Pyrrhuloxia

Many folks, rather they are avid birdwatchers or not, are familiar with the brightly colored male Northern Cardinal. And even the less colorful female is recognizable to some folks. However, unbeknownst to most individuals, there is actually a species of cardinal native to west Texas that, while less colorful than its more memorable cousin, is no less interesting. The cardinal species that I am referring to is the Pyrrhuloxia.

The Pyrrhuloxia (*Cardinalis sinuatus*) is one of two species that belong to the genus *Cardinalis*, the more familiar and colorful Northern Cardinal being the other member. While it can be a common bird within its natural boundaries, its range is much more limited than its cousins. Whereas the Northern Cardinal can be seen throughout the eastern United States (so commonly seen is this species that it is the official state bird in seven states), the Pyrrhuloxia can only be observed throughout the Tamaulipan thornscrub of south Texas, westward through the Trans-Pecos to southeastern Arizona. From there it ranges southward throughout mainland Mexico. It is not a migratory species, so it can be seen throughout the year in suitable habitat.

Whereas the Northern Cardinal prefers to reside in urban areas such as parks and backyards where large shade trees are abundant, the Pyrrhuloxia is much more adapted to life in drier climates where mesquite thickets, brushlands, and thornscrub are the prevailing plant life.

This desert avian species is small, with a body length of approximately eight and one-half inches, while the wingspan can approach eleven inches. Attractive in their own right, males are only slightly more colorful than a female Northern Cardinal. In fact, many male Pyrrhuloxias are overlooked simply because of their superficial resemblance to their kin. The overall coloration of males is a drab gray with red mottling on the breast, the upper wings, and under the tail. The face is adorned with a red mask, and the crest on the top of the head is flecked with red as well. Females, while attractive in their own right, are much more subdued in their coloration than are the males. They have the same body shape, but instead



Pyrrhuloxia
(*Cardinalis sinuatus*)

of being gray they are more of a buffy-brown coloration, and they lack the reddish coloration of their male counterparts save for crest on the head and a bright red eye ring. Both sexes have bright yellow beaks, one of the best ways to differentiate them from their orange-billed cousins.

Pyrrhuloxias are commonly seen while foraging for food while in bushes, trees, or most often on the ground. They feed on a variety of smaller animals including insects and even snails, as well as an assortment of fruits, grains, and seeds. Many are heard before they are actually seen when they make their metallic "cheep" while flying from lookout point to lookout point. Their flight pattern consists of and up-and-down flight with rapidly beating wings.

These birds typically prefer to live a solitary life during the spring, summer, and fall months. However, during the winter, they occasionally will form flocks together or even join in flocks with other species to forage for food. They will also pair up during the breeding season, with the male and female remaining monoga-

mous during such time. The male will feed the female as he vies for her attention during courtship, as well as while she is incubating the eggs. The eggs are grayish and are dotted with brown markings, numbering three to four per brood, and are laid in a nest consisting of grass, strips of bark, leaves, grass, and even hair. Incubation time is a mere two weeks, and the young are unable to take care of themselves at hatching. Both sexes will feed them during the next week and half as they learn to fly. Unlike their prolific cousins, who will raise up to four broods per year, Pyrrhuloxias will only rear one brood annually.

Pyrrhuloxias are a common to abundant bird throughout their limited range in Texas. Although they are somewhat bashful and wary birds, many will utilize bird feeders in the yard. Attract them with birdseed, cracked corn, and sunflower seeds. They are also apt to bathe in birdbaths when provided.

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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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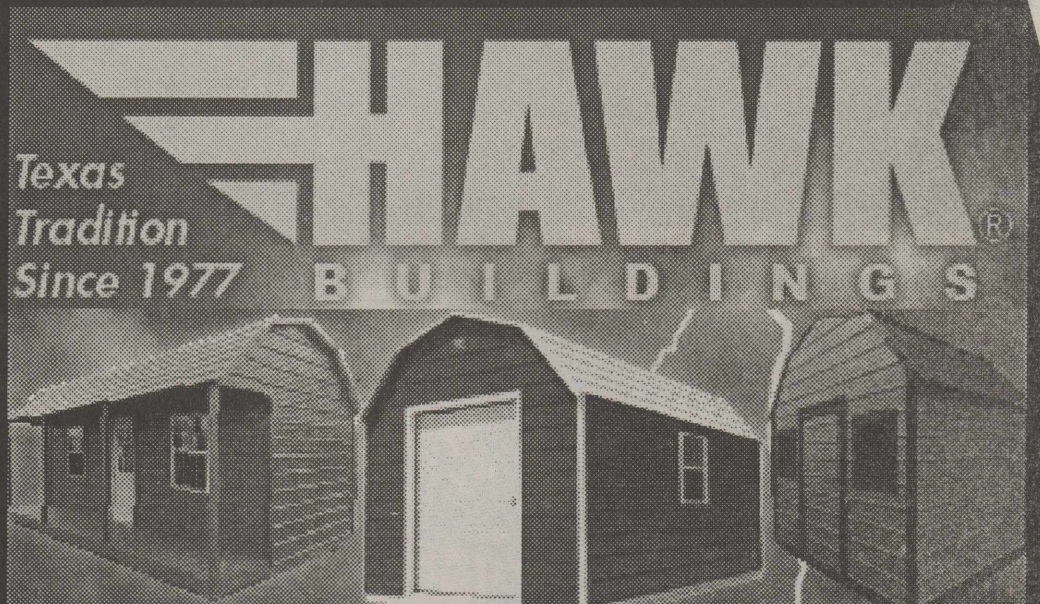
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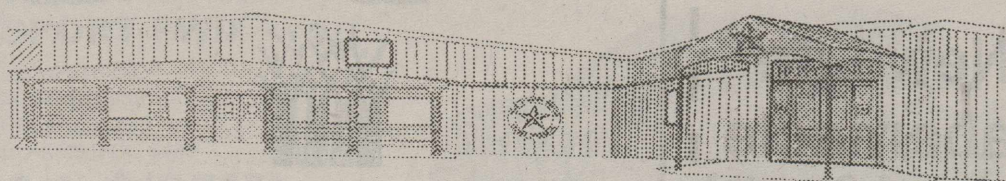
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Fatal Saturday Morning Fire Destroys Home on Third Street



Firefighters from both Cross Plains VFD and Rising Star VFD worked to extinguish the fire and keep it spreading to nearby homes and buildings.



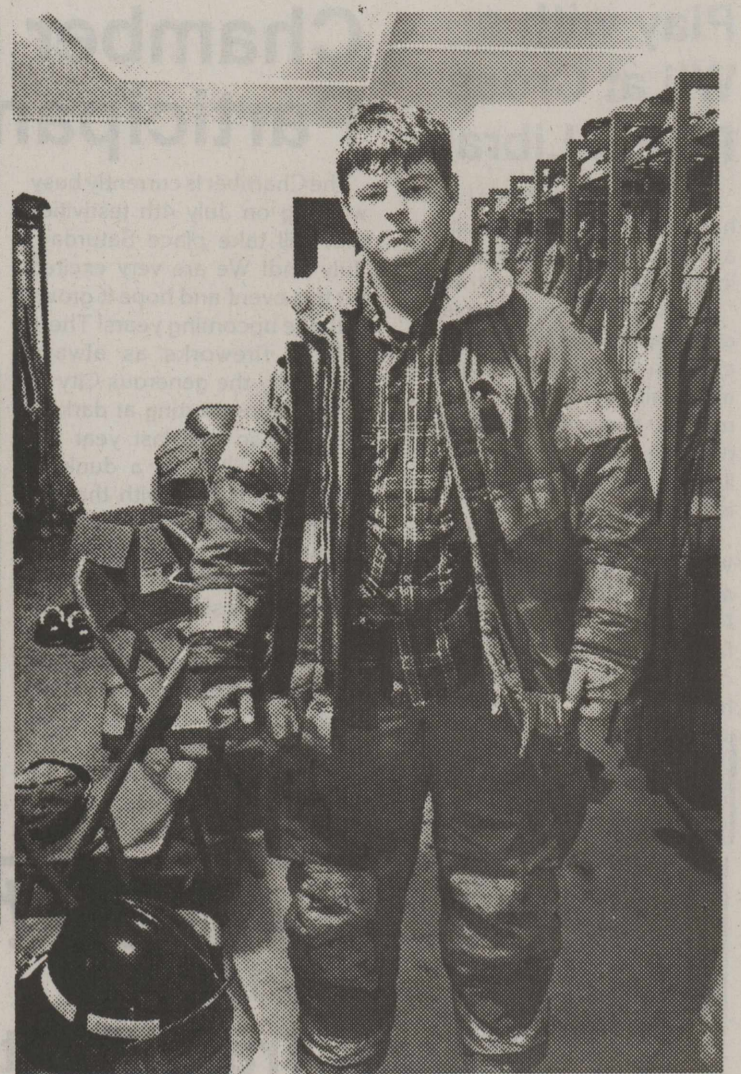
Cross Plains VFD and Rising Star VFD both fought the house fire.



CPVFD Firefighters stopping to drink water during the Saturday afternoon heat. Thanks to the Water Drive the previous weekend, the firefighters had plenty of water to drink and went through several cases of water while at the scene.



Cross Plains VFD remained on the scene throughout the day Saturday to keep the fire from re-igniting.



5th Generation Legacy - Michael Foster, Cross Plains VFD's newest firefighter

Michael Foster, 5th Generation Firefighter

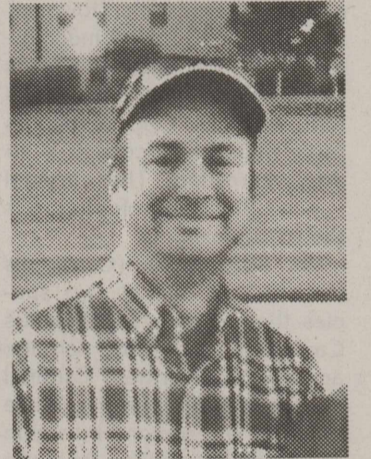
A legacy continues in the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department with the addition of new firefighter, Michael Foster. Michael's father, grandfather, great uncle and great great grandfather all have served on the Cross Plains VFD.

Michael, who turned 18 a few months ago, joined the CPVFD, as did his father Blake and grandfather Randy, when they were 18.

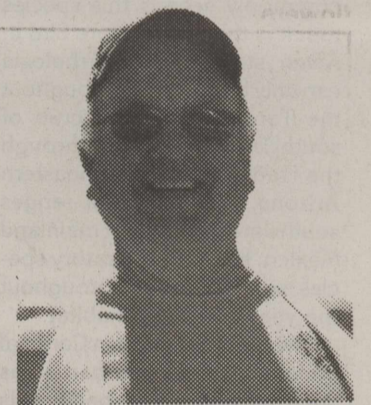
Michael's Grandfather, Randy Foster, would help out his uncle J. T. (Travis) Foster who was Fire Chief at CPVFD. The elder Foster would send him to clean up the firehouse.

Both of Randy and Judy Foster's sons, Blake and Kyle joined the Cross Plains VFD.

Michael's Great Great Grandfather Steve N. Foster was a fireman and later Fire Chief for CPVFD for many years. Steve's brother C. E. (Claude) Foster was Head Nozzleman for the CPVFD for several years.



Firefighter Blake Foster, Michael's Father



Firefighter Randy Foster, Michael's Grandfather

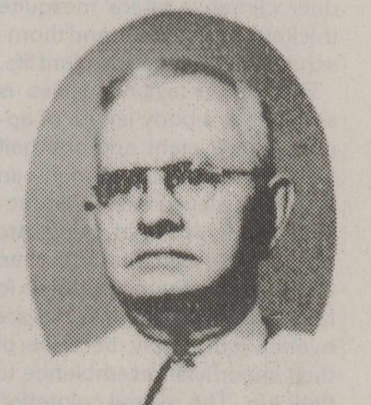
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Firefighter Steve Foster, Michael's Great Great Grandfather

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Garden Club Adds to Landscaping at the New Firehouse

The Cross Plains Garden Club has added some bright red yard art to their landscaping at the new Cross Plains VFD Firehouse.

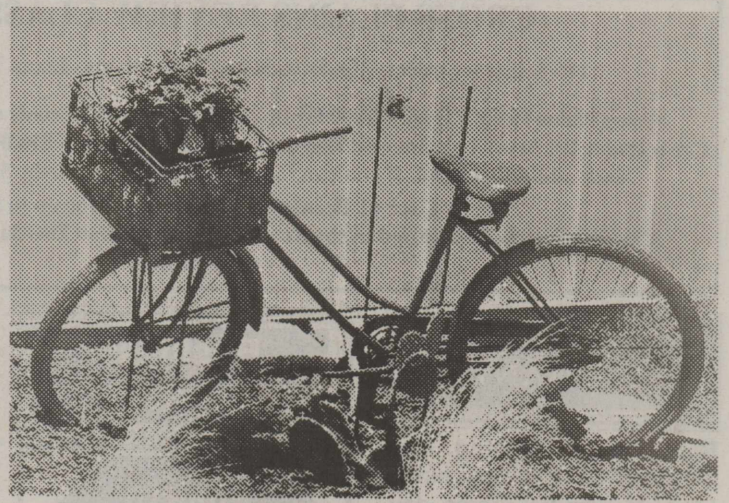
To the bed on the left side of the front of the building, the gardeners have added a red wheelbarrow full of plants.

A bright red bicycle gives color to the cactus and succulents on the right side.

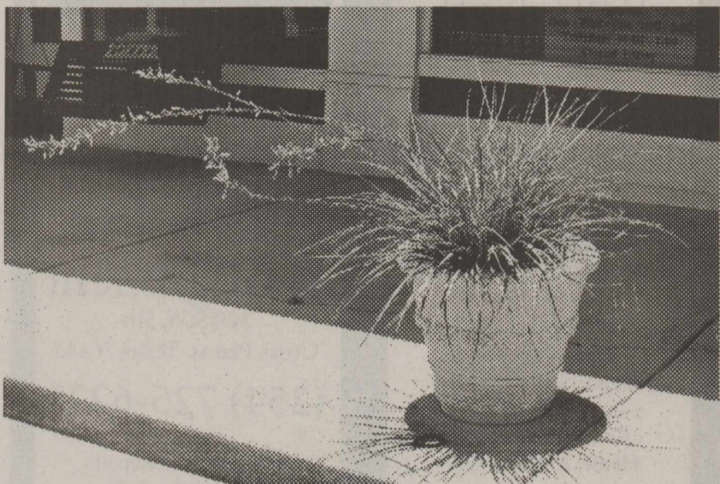
Diana Miller, Carlene Howard,

Julia Wheeler, Donna Clark, Judy Killgo, Cher Ptacek and Lexie Bagley have been working on this project.

Several months ago, the Garden Club started this ongoing project to beautify the grounds at the new firehouse. Some of the plants they've planted are Native Grasses, Yuccas, Thornless Prickly Pears, Century Plant, Coreopsis and assorted decorative plants.

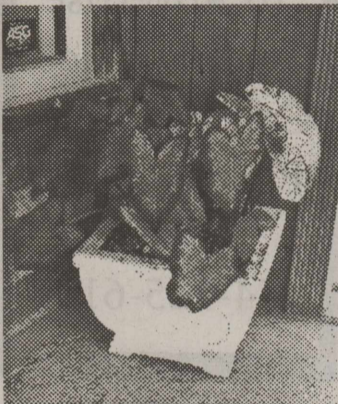


A red bicycle adds color and flowering plants to the cactus and succulents in the landscaping.



Decorative Planters along Main Street.

More Flowering Plants on Main Street



Colorful Planters of Coleus in front of the door at Junkin' Daze

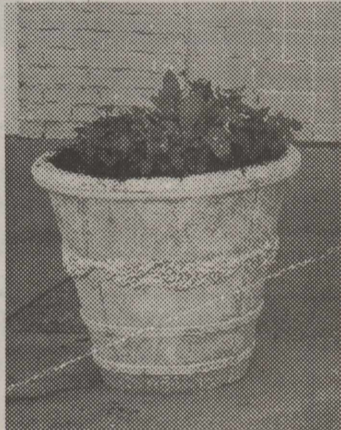
Terrie Parum has added Coleus' and other flowering plants outside her new shop, Junkin' Daze at 217 North Main Street. The location, used recently as the Last Shot Boot Shop, was originally the Foster's Grocery Store.



A brightly painted red wheelbarrow holds grasses and other plants.



Brightly colored metal flowers.

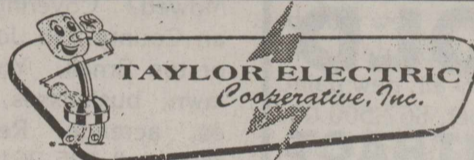


Flowers near the Computer Shop on South Main Street

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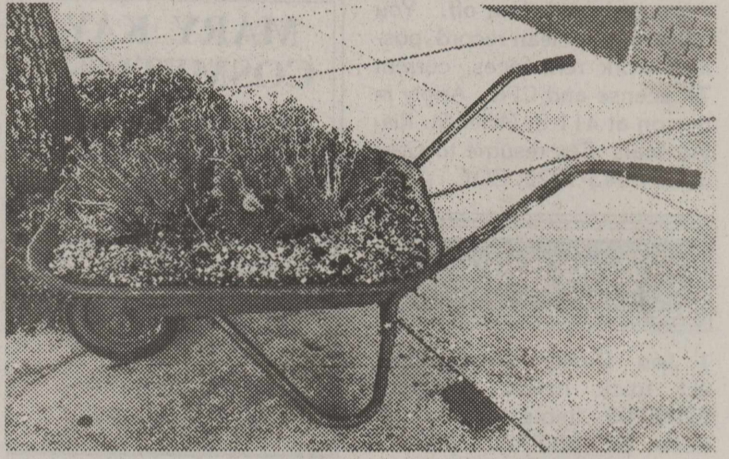
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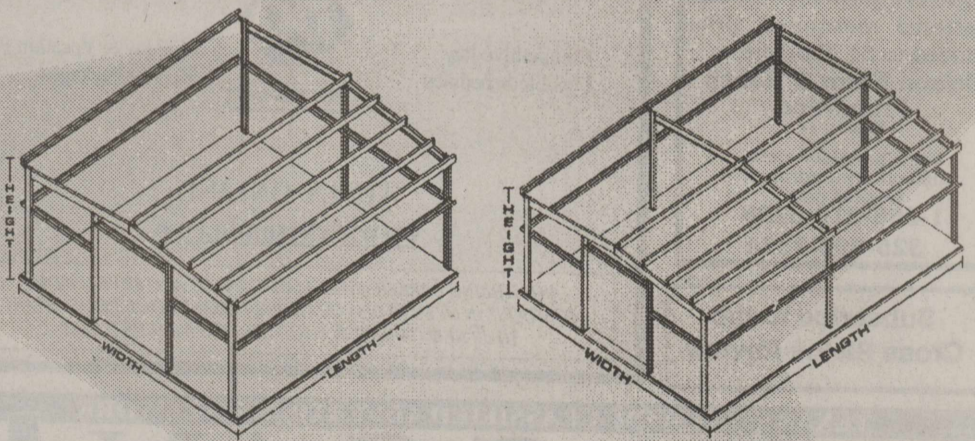
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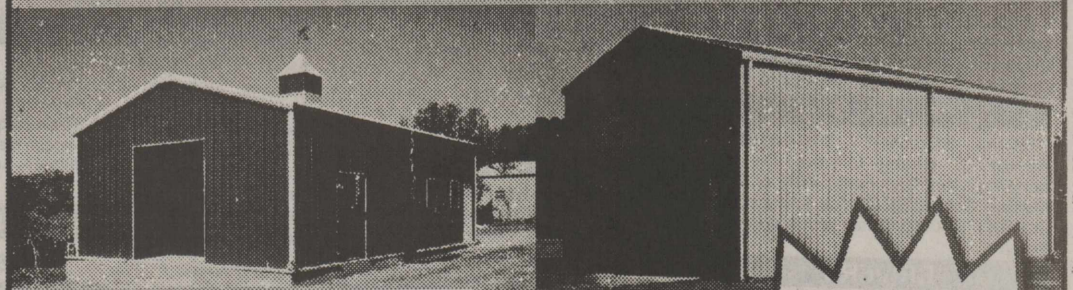
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The Texas History Minute

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Railroad Magnate Jay Gould profiled

The late 1800s was the age of the railroad. Trains steamed across the hills, valleys, and plains of a growing United States, steadily bringing distant communities closer together. Thousands of miles of track were laid down by thousands of men to build a rail network that brought people and goods from one end of the country to the other. One of the most important figures in Texas railroad development was business titan Jay Gould.

Born Jason Gould in Roxbury, New York, into a farming family in 1836, he grew to hate farming. As a result, his father, John Burr Gould, reportedly left him at a boarding school with 50 cents and a few changes of clothes. Gould, however, was a quick study with an aptitude for math. As a young man, he found work as an accountant and as a surveyor.

By 1859, he started investing heavily in railroads. After the Civil War, he concentrated on New York-area railways, earning impressive profits and steadily gaining more influence in the railroad industry. The Civil War had delayed railroad construction in the South, and Gould became determined to expand his holdings in the region, ultimately building lines from Missouri to Texas and west to Colorado. He formed the Texas and Pacific Railroad by an agreement with the state legislature in 1871. By 1873, he gained control of the powerful Erie Railway and the Union Pacific Railroad, taking advantage of financial crises and scandals surrounding both companies. In 1879, he took control of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, giving him effective control of one-sixth of the nation's rails.

As Gould looked west of the Mississippi River, he quickly moved to crush his rivals. Gould merged his many company interests and built hundreds of miles competing tracks across the region. The St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad, in which Gould had heavily invested, had completed a line from St. Louis to the Texas border by this time. As the Texas and Pacific reached the Arkansas

state line in 1873, Gould parceled out the land connected his railway with the Iron Mountain route and formed the city of Texarkana at the junction of the railroads and the state boundaries.

Gould would buy the St. Louis Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad in 1881 to more fully incorporate his Missouri Pacific network. Fort Worth would become an important terminus for his railroad as he pushed his railroad empire steadily westward. The Missouri Pacific would become a powerful force in locomotive passenger and freight traffic across the Southwest. In fact, "MoPac," an acronym for the railroad, is a heavily-traveled road in Austin and was named for the railway. By the 1890s, Gould's companies promised passengers train travel from Chicago, Illinois, to California, through Texas, in just three days.

Gould would be responsible for the names of several cities

across the nation as his railroads rolled through. Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania, was renamed for him. Gould, Ohio, was named after one of his railroad depots in 1881. Paragould, in the northeast corner of Arkansas, was named for Gould and Texas and St. Louis Railroad owner and rival J. W. Paramore when the town was founded at the intersections of their two routes in 1882.

Gould was both admired and hated in his day. He had become incredibly successful in the railroad industry, but his labor policies sparked some of the largest labor strikes in Texas History.

For all of his accomplishments in building railroads, he did not live a long life to enjoy it. Gould died of tuberculosis in New York City in 1892.

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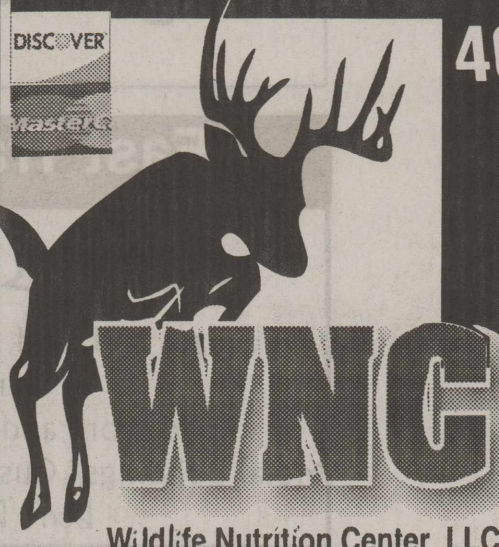
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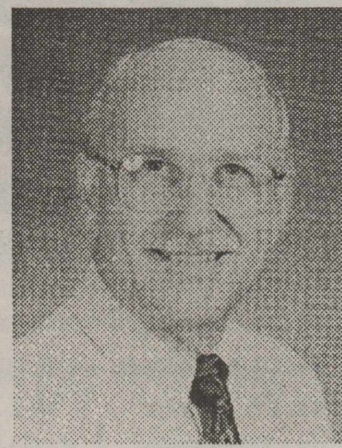
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Joe Coppinger to Speak at Chamber Banquet on July 28th



**Former Cross Plains
Teacher Joe Coppinger**

Joe Coppinger returns to Cross Plains—for one night only, Thursday, July 28th, when he will be the guest speaker at the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet. Whether you remember "Mr. C" as your favorite high school teacher, bus driver, Sunday School teacher or Pastor, you'll want to hear him at the Chamber Banquet, held on Thursday, July 28th at 6:30 p.m., will be at the First United Methodist Church.

Dinner will be catered by the Chopping Block of Cross Plains. On the menu is a Smoked Bacon-Wrapped Chicken Breast Plate including twice-baked potatoes, tossed dinner salad, Italian green beans, cheddar biscuits, tea and peach cobbler with ice cream for dessert.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the Chamber Office, 225 SW 5th Street (Highway 36). For more information about the banquet, call 254-725-7251.

Joe Coppinger, son of E. K. and Alice Coppinger, grew up in Cross Plains and graduated with the Class of 1954. He came back to Cross Plains to teach in the 1974-75 school year, and returned to stay from 1981 to 1998. While here he was involved in many activities in the Cross Plains area and served as the pastor of the Cottonwood Baptist Church.

Blood Drive in Cross Plains on June 28th

Donors will receive a patriotic T-Shirt.

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What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



Sophie Kinsella is well-known for her Shopaholic Series of books. I read all of them several years ago when she was a new writer and found them funny and silly; so, of course, I had to read one of her later books. I settled on "Wedding Night."

Kinsella's latest novel is a fun fling about two sisters who have very different opinions on love. Lottie is hoping that her boyfriend, Richard, will propose to her; instead, he just wants to take her on a vacation. When Lottie finally realizes that marriage is the furthest thing on Richard's mind, she calls it quits. Eager to marry, Lottie turns to an old flame, Ben. The two had spent a summer together when Lottie was 18 on the island of Ikonos. Ben

is much more receptive to marriage and the two rekindle their romance.

When Lottie's sister, Fliss, finds out that Lottie is going to marry Ben, she is determined to stop the wedding, convinced that Lottie is making a HUGE mistake. She enlists the help of Ben's coworker Lorcan, who is also against the marriage. Lottie and Ben are hastily married and fly off to Ikonos, thwarting the plans of Fliss and Lorcan to stop the wedding. Fliss is left with no alternative but to sabotage the honeymoon.

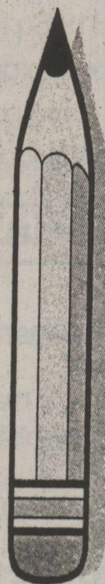
There's plenty of silly fun to be had in this charming comedy of errors. If you enjoy "Wedding Night" consider checking into her Shopaholic Series.

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- 2 - Crayola Crayons 16ct
- 1 - Crayola Wash Thick Classic Markers 8ct
- 1 - Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
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- 1 - 9x12 Manila Paper 50ct
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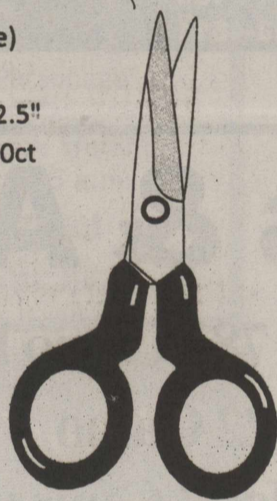
Kindergarten

- 1 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1 - Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
- 1 - Crayola Small Crayons 8ct
- 1 - Crayola Classic Thick Markers 10ct
- 1 - Crayola Wash Fine Tip Classic Markers 8ct
- 1 - Green Fine Tip White Board Marker
- 4 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 12 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Blunt Scissors
- 2 - 4oz. Coloration Washable Glue
- 1 - Plastic School Box Large Size
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top 7.25x10.25
- 1 - 9x12 Manila Paper 50ct
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- 1 - Purple Pocket Only Folder
- 2 - Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1 - Disinfecting Wipes
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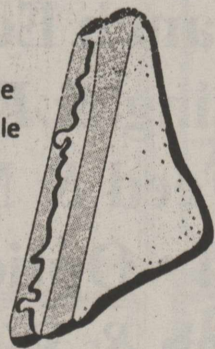
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- 2 - Crayola Crayons 24 ct
- 1 - Crayola Wash Watercolors 8 colors
- 2 - Crayola Classic Wedge Tip Markers 8ct
- 2 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 24 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 4 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2 - Plastic School Box 8.5"x5.75"x2.5"
- 2 - Spiral Wide Rule Notebook 100ct
- 2 - Yellow Plastic Pocket Folders
- 2 - Purple Plastic Pocket Folder
- 2 - Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1 - Disinfecting Wipes
- 1 - Baby Wipes



2nd Grade

- 2 - Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1 - Crayola Bold Thick Markers 8ct
- 24 - No. 2 Dixon Ticonderoga Pencils
- 4 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Blunt Scissors
- 2 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - Expo2 Low Odor Bullet Tip Dry Erase Markers 4 Pack
- 2 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top 7.25x10.25
- 1 - Red Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - Blue Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 1 - 70ct Blue Spiral Notebook Wide Rule
- 2 - 100ct Red Marble Comp Book Wide Rule
- 1 - 100ct Blue Marble Comp Book Wide Rule
- 2 - Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1 - Disinfecting Wipes



3rd Grade

- 1 - Crayola Bold Thick Markers 8ct
- 1 - Crayola 4" Presharpened Colored Pencils 12ct
- 2 - Colorations Purple Small Wash Glue Sticks .32oz
- 1 - 4oz. Elmer's School Glue
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Sharp Scissors
- 2 - Sharpie Accent Pen Style Highlighter Fl. Yellow
- 1 - 4pk Color Expo Fine Tip Dry Erase Markers
- 2 - BIC Red Med Stick Pen
- 2 - Purple Pilot Stick Pen
- 48 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 6 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 2 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 1 - 10.5x5.5 Purple Vinyl Pencil Bag
- 1 - Card Size Multiplication Flash Cards 0-12
- 1 - 2" White View Vinyl Binder
- 2 - Purple Plastic Pocket and Brad Folder
- 1 - Green Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - 120ct Yellow 3 Sub Comp Book Wide Rule
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- 2 - Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 2 - Disinfecting Wipes

4th Grade

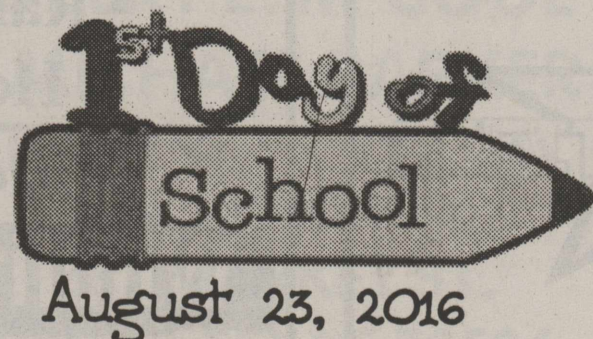
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- 24 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 2 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2 - Black Expo2 Low Odor CHSL Dry Erase
- 1 - Assorted Highlighters 4 Pack
- 4 - Colorations Purple Small Wash Glue Sticks .32oz
- 1 - Fiskars 5" Sharp Scissors
- 1 - Reg. Pencil Sharpener w/Receptacle
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7.25"x10.25
- 2 - 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1 - Yellow Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - 1" White Hardback Vinyl Binder
- 1 - Red Pocket Only Folders
- 2 - 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 3 - 100ct Red Marble Comp Book Wide Rule
- 2 - Red Plastic Folder w/3 holes
- 2 - Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1 - Disinfecting Wipes

5th Grade

- 1 - Crayola 4" Presharpened Colored Pencils 12ct
- 48 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 12 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 2 - BIC Med Red Clear Barrel
- 2 - Colorations Purple Small Wash Glue Sticks .32oz
- 1 - Reg. Pencil Sharpener w/Receptacle
- 1 - Nylon Pencil Bag, Clear Top, 7.25"x10.25
- 3 - 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1 - 1" White View Vinyl Binder
- 1 - Yellow Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - Blue Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - Purple Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - Black Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - 100ct Purple Marble Comp Book Wide Rule
- 2 - 100ct Black Marble Comp Book Wide
- 2 - Kleenex Tissue 100ct
- 1 - Disinfecting Wipes

6th Grade

- 1 - Crayola 4" Presharpened Colored Pencils 12ct
- 24 - No. 2 Wood Pencil (Latex Free)
- 6 - Pencil Cap Erasers (Latex Free)
- 1 - Pink Bevel Eraser (Latex Free)
- 1 - Reg. Pencil Sharpener w/Receptacle
- 2 - BIC Med Red Clear Barrel
- 2 - Purple Pilot Stick Pen
- 2 - Sharpie Accent Pen Style Highlighter Fl. Yellow
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- 1 - 200ct Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 1 - 2" White View Vinyl Binder
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- 1 - Yellow Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - Purple Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - Black Pocket Only Folder
- 1 - Purple Plastic Pocket Folder
- 1 - 100ct Purple Spiral Comp Book Wide
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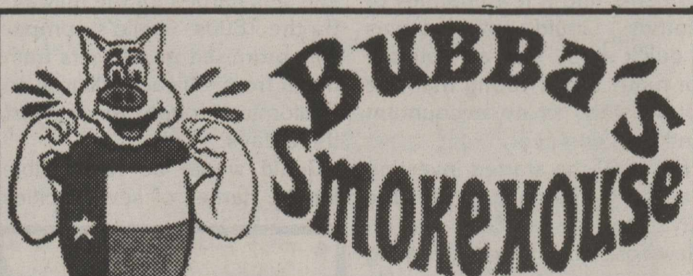


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Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

Please say a prayer for the firefighters that are fighting the wildfires in eight western states. Pray for those families who are waiting to hear from loved ones.

The Cottonwood Musical is coming up this on Friday, June 24th at the Cottonwood Community Center. King Ranch Chicken will be served in the kitchen from 5 until 7 p.m. The music starts at 5:30.

Bentley Hall was on KTAB tv Tuesday evening. He and the 4-H kids have organized a Toy Drive for the Bell Children. The toy drive will continue all week. You can take toys for a 12 year old girl and 6 year old boy down to Junkin' Daze on Main Street in Cross Plains. It's the building where Bennett's BEST Electronics used to be.

July 4th is coming up soon. This year the City of Cross Plains Fireworks Display will happen on Saturday, July

2nd at Treadway Park. The Chamber of Commerce has all kinds of fun events planned for that evening including a bingo, a dunking booth, bounce house, 42 tournament, free hotdogs and a live western show. Everything starts at 5:30 p.m. Look for Joe and Kathleen Tersegette with the Cross Plains VFD at the park and Marsha Ossowski with the Cross Plains Chamber events.

Former Cottonwood Baptist Church Pastor and Cross Plains ISD School Teacher and Bus Driver Joe Coppinger will be the guest speaker at the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet on Thursday, July 28th at the Methodist Church.

The burn ban is OFF. You need to call the Sheriff's Office and let them know you are doing a control burn. Their number 325-854-1444.

Cross Plains Chamber Elects New Officers; Adds New Board Members

New Officers and several new Board Members will be serving on the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Connie Kirkham of Connie's Cuts and Curls was elected President of the organization.

David Estes of Texas Heritage Bank, was elected Vice-President.

Marsha Ossowski, Nubbin Ridge Vineyards, will be the Secretary/Treasurer of the Organization.

New Board Members inducted for the 2016-2017 year are: Kris Sparks, Sparks Insurance; James Warlick, AAA Stowaway Storage; Davey Crockett, Frontier Enterprises; and Teri Brown, Cross Plains Review.

Sammy Bien is also a current board member.

The Chamber has many events planned for the upcoming year. The Independence Day Fireworks Celebration on Saturday, July 2nd, at Treadway Park, will feature a dunking booth, bingo, bounce house and other attractions.

The Annual Chamber Banquet will be held on Thursday, July 28th at the First United Methodist Church. Joe Coppinger is the guest speaker. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Texas Heritage Bank, Connie's Cuts and Curls or the Cross Plains Review.



New Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce Officers - From left to right: David Estes, Vice-President; Marsha Ossowski, Secretary/Treasurer; and Connie Kirkham, President.

Callahan County Library news

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

Mr. J. M. Parish, the young school teacher who was seriously stabbed at Cottonwood sometime since, is about again, although not yet recovered. He called at our office last Wednesday and gave us some of the facts regarding the unhappy affair which are substantially as we gave them at the time, with the addition of the fact that the remark which was the cause of the whole affair was simply this: that Helton said that if Mrs. Parish visited a certain lady in the neighborhood, that she (Mrs. Parish) was not of the right kind, or something to that effect. This lady is a respectable person, but the objection to her, we understand, is one entirely of jealousy and prejudice. We give this much space to the matter simply because we deem it justice to Mrs. Parish to do so, for parties unacquainted with the affair might infer from our account of it that the charge was something serious against that lady's good name.

Personal
Two of Dr. Allen's daughters have been seriously sick, but, we are glad to say, are recovering.

T. J. Dean, our blacksmith, left last Sunday night for Mineral Wells, where he goes to recuperate his health.

Col. J. W. Adams, after several unsuccessful stock speculations left with his family last Tuesday evening for Fort Worth, we wish them success

wherever they go. Maj. Perry left last Sunday night for Mineral Wells for the benefit of his health. He has been on the sick list for several weeks and we trust that he will now recover.

We regret to say that the little son of Mr. John Rice, who has been seriously sick for a week past, is still lying in critical condition, but we trust that the little sufferer may soon recover.

Mr. J. B. Cutbirth and family left on the eastbound train last Wednesday night for Pilot Point, Denton county, where they go for a short visit to relatives and many old friends.

Miss Addie Bennett, the accomplished sister of Mrs. M. H. Donohoe, of this place left last Tuesday night after a stay of about two and a half years in Texas, for her home in Michigan. We trust she will return to Baird sometime in the near future.

Baird Shipments and Receipts
The following is a list of the shipments and receipts at the depot at this place, for the week, ending Thursday evening.

Receipts: 22 cars merchandise; 2 cars lumber; 2 cars wagons; 1 car poles; 2 cars cattle; 4 cars sheep.

Shipments: 2 cars wool; 12 cars cattle; 1 car horses; 1 car household goods.

Through Freight: 6 to St. Louis; 5 to Galveston; — to Sherman; 10 to Houston; 8 to Cario; 3 to Kansas City; 4 to Austin; 7 to Hannibal; 2 to Memphis; — to Paris; — to New Orleans; — to Denison; 15 to Chaneyville and 3 to San Antonio.

Westward: 97 cars.

Callahan County Riding Club 2016 Schedule

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June:
• Saturday, June 25
July:
• Saturday, July 9
• Saturday, July 23
August:
• Saturday, August 6
• Saturday, August 13
• Saturday, August 27
September:
• Saturday, September 17
Members participating in the Buckle Series are required to attend at least 9 play days. They must have \$60.00 sponsorship plus \$10.00 for each play day needed up to 3. Also, parent/guardian must work in concession stand once per person participating. Sign-ups will be between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. Trainers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Competition begins at 7:30 p.m.

Check our Facebook Page-- Callahan County Riding Club for any rain-outs or makeup days.

Better Breathers Club

The Better Breathers Club sponsored by the America Lung Association and Brownwood Regional Medical Center meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Learn about your lungs and a better way to live.

Meetings are at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center, Classroom 1. You may contact either Anne Winklemann or Helen Hutchins at 325-641-2960 for more information. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.



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New on the Chamber Board - From left to right: Kris Sparks, Sparks Insurance; Teri Brown, Cross Plains Review; James Warlick, AAA Stowaway Storage; and Davey Crockett, not pictured.

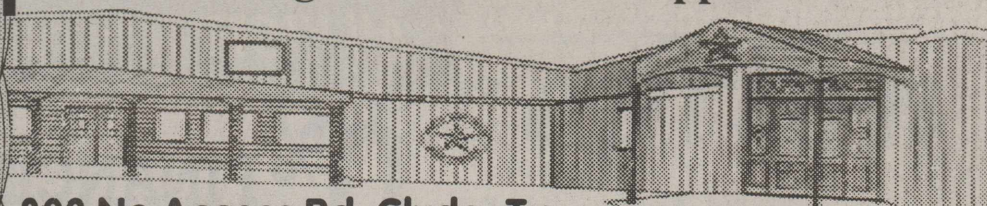
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For second straight year Texas will not borrow to meet cash-flow needs

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced today that for the second consecutive year, Texas will not have to borrow money to meet its cash flow needs.

Sound fiscal management, conservative budgeting and responsible stewardship of the state's Economic Stabilization Fund (ESF) will allow the state to manage cash-flow challenges without issuing Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for fiscal 2017.

The state has historically issued these short-term (one year or less) debt obligations, also called TRAns, to address periodic mismatches between revenues and expenditures during the fiscal year. These

anticipated mismatches result primarily from the state providing nearly 50 percent of its payments to local school districts in the first three months of the fiscal year.

Prior to Hegar's decision to refrain from unnecessary borrowing for fiscal 2016, Texas had issued TRAns annually for nearly three decades. Despite ongoing weakness in the energy

sector, Texas' diverse economy has generated revenues and fund balances that allow the state to again forgo issuing these short-term obligations for fiscal 2017, which begins on Sept. 1. According to the National Association of State Budget Officers, Texas' ESF is the largest fund of its kind in the nation, accounting for 23

percent of all such revenues in the 50 states.

"As I have continued to say, Texas' diverse and dynamic economy has weathered this downturn in energy prices significantly better than other energy-producing states, meaning we still have the ability to do the fiscally responsible thing and avoid unnecessary borrowing," Hegar said. "Texans know you don't borrow when you don't need to and Texas government should follow the same principle."

The state will bridge the gap between expenditures and revenues using available funds accessed through a combination of intrafund and interfund borrowing. Intrafund borrowing taps available

General Revenue Fund cash balances, while interfund borrowing taps funds outside of general revenue such as the ESF, also known as the "Rainy Day Fund."

As revenues come in, the state will repay the borrowed funds with interest as required by law. The agency anticipates all funds to be repaid by May 2017, coinciding with the receipt of 2017 franchise tax revenues. Franchise tax revenues in 2016 came in ahead of estimates in the Comptroller's Certification Revenue Estimate despite the drag continued low oil prices have placed on some segments of the economy.

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Jim Kaiser



Ashleigh Hinten

EMS Gains Two More Members

The Cross Plains is still growing! We have 2 more fully certified members this month. Jim Kaiser and Ashleigh Hinten have passed all of their required tests and have received their certificates. Ashleigh has been an uncertified member helping with lift assist for about a year. She has passed her skills test as well as all of her state and national tests and has earned her certificate as an ECA! Jim has been an uncertified

driver for about 5 months and decided to go ahead and take the classes to become certified so he can help out more. He has also passed all of his tests and has received his certificate as well! Congratulations to all of our new members we are so excited to still be growing! If anyone is interested in sponsoring a new student or taking the class themselves please contact Susan Schaefer at 254-725-6747.

Ice Cream Crank-Off Coming Sunday, July 3rd

It's time once again for the annual ice cream crank-off at the First United Methodist Church, being held this year on Sunday, July 3. What started in 2010 in conjunction with the dedication of the park area, the activity has become part of the over-all celebration of Independence Day. Ice cream and hot dogs! What a way to celebrate a truly American holiday.

This year, the crank-off will be held on Sunday in order that folks can fully participate in the City and Chamber sponsored event at Treadway Park on Saturday evening. FUMC will be providing a free inflatable obstacle course at the festivities in the park.

Participants in the competition may enter any variety of home made ice cream and others are invited to simply share their tanks of ice cream without entering the crank-off. Entries

will be judged into VANILLA and NON-VANILLA categories.

Those wishing to have their ice cream entered in the competition must have their tanks of home-made ice cream in the church kitchen by 4:00 p.m. Tanks should be well packed in ice as it will take close to an hour to have it all officially judged and ready to be sampled and judged by others.

All entries will be blind judged by a team of highly qualified "flavorologists" who will remain anonymous until the winners are officially announced. From their collective years of eating ice cream, these judges can definitely tell the difference between homemade, Blue Bell and Haagen dazs. Another category of amassing points is through the people's choice voting in which each person in attendance is given one token to place on their favorite tank.

Hey Teens! Cross Plains Public Library Offers Driving Education and Driving Tests

A reminder that the Cross Plains Public Library has partnered with Driving-Tests.org, a company dedicated to driver safety and education, to offer free DMV practice tests to library patrons. The service includes free tests, written specifically based on the Texas DMV materials, and is the only site of its kind to include accessibility tools that allow users to hear selections read aloud, make them into MP3s, translate pages into other languages, magnify text, and mask sections of the screen for greater visibility on driving practice tests.

This program contains the following information specifically for Texas:

- 11 car practice tests
- 9 motorcycle practice tests
- 11 CDL (Commercial Driver's License) practice tests
- 3 online driver's manuals (car, motorcycle, CDL)
- An FAQ section with detailed answers to 100+ DMV-related questions

Availability and accessibility

is important to the creators of Driving-Tests.org, as the site is designed to help new drivers study state manuals and take driving practice tests based on the real DMV written exams. This partnership allows the Cross Plains Public Library to harness the power of Driving-Tests.org's specialized practice exams to turn new drivers into safer drivers.

The program will work as an outreach for several valued groups of patrons, such as teens, those with disabilities, those who participate in the library's programs for seniors and need to take a renewal exam, and patrons at every other stage of life. The site is automatically updated as new practice tests become available and some tests are also available in Spanish.

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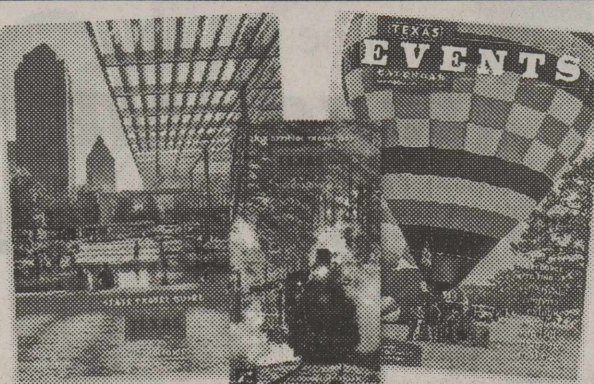
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and they will make sure your donation gets to the residents of Cisco. They are open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Seabiscuit Book-to-Movie Event June 30th

It's not too late to join us as the Cross Plains Public Library will host a book-to-movie event featuring "Seabiscuit" at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, June 30 at 5:30p.m. We have just a couple of books left for only \$5 at the library. We will view the movie

and then head to Jean's Feed Barn 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.

Independence Day Celebration July 2nd at Treadway Park

This year's Fourth of July Celebration at Treadway Park will happen on Saturday, July 2nd from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m. Enjoy free hot dogs, live

western show, bingo, dunking booth and other events, sponsored by the City of Cross Plains and the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce.

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Local Student Graduates Cum Laude from Howard Payne University

BROWNWOOD - June 21, 2016 - Howard Payne University graduated 94 students during its Commencement ceremony held at the close of the spring 2016 semester. Dr. Bill Ellis, HPU president, and other university representatives conferred the degrees. Students must have a 3.55-3.69 grade-point average to graduate Cum Laude; a 3.70-3.84 GPA to graduate Magna Cum Laude; and a 3.85-4.0 GPA to graduate Summa Cum Laude. Cross Plains James Lowell Sullivan - Bachelor of Science in computer information systems (systems development), Cum Laude

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Cross Plains 4-H Club Kids helping out the Bell Children with a Toy Drive. The Toy Drive will be going on all week.

4-H Kids Holding Toy Drive for Bell Children who Lost Their Toys in Fire

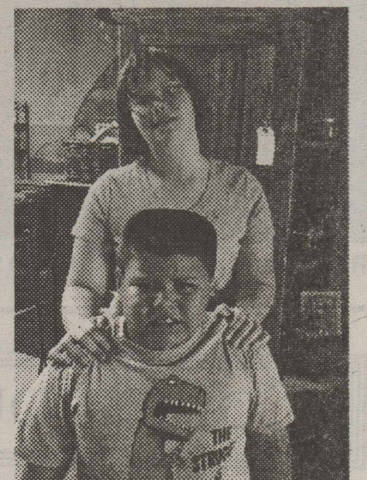
When fire ripped through the home of Curtis and Sheila Bell Taylor early Saturday morning, the family's two children, MacKenzie and Samuel lost all their toys.

The Cross Plains 4-H is holding a Toy Drive for the children. You can bring toys by Junkin' Daze, located at 217 N. Main Street, next to Susan Schaefer's Office. The store is open from 10 a.m.

until 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday.

MacKenzie Bell, 12, likes drawing and crafts, pencils, pens, beads and other art supplies.

Samuel Bell, 6, likes dinosaurs. He told the Review that he'd like a T-Rex, a Stegosaurus, a Triceratops and other dinosaurs.



Mackenzie and Samuel Bell stop by the Toy Drive.



Terrie Parum and Ashley Hall, organizers of the Toy Drive, talk with a reporter from KTAB-TV Tuesday morning.

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Ray Purvis and Bob Kirkham watch as the New Pool Table is being set up.



Bobby Jack McCowen and Jesse (Buddy) Casey playing the first game on the new pool table at the Senior Citizen's Center.

New Pool Table at the Senior Center

The Cross Plains Senior Citizen's Center has a Brand New Pool Table, thanks to a very generous anonymous donor.

Billiard Connection of Abilene delivered and set up the pool table on Monday. Former Mayor Ray Purvis and Current Mayor Bob Kirkham were on hand to supervise.

Bobby Jack McCowen and Jesse (Buddy) Casey played the first game on the table.

Everyone will enjoy this wonderful present. Thank you, Anonymous Donor!!!



The Brand New Pool Table - Donated by an anonymous donor through Billiard Connection in Abilene.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Jennifer L. Jones, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Jason C. Moore, assault causing bodily injury - family violence.

Benito Murillo, driving while license suspended.

Edgardo M. Guerrero-Santoyo, DWI.

Kevin D. Goats, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Kelsey D. Jackson, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Patrick Eshelman, motion to dismiss to DWI granted for plea to other cases.

Janie M. Sosa, plea of guilty to assault, 1 year in jail, \$269 court costs.

Nicholas A. Szerlong, motion to dismiss to resisting arrest granted for plea to other case.

Marriage Licenses

Dustin James Brock of Clyde and Lisa Ann Anderson of Alvarado.

American Legion to Have Burgers and Bingo on Thursday, June 30th

The American Legion 423 will have "Burgers and Bingo" supper and game night at their next monthly meeting, June 30th at 6:30 in the evening, to kick off the 4th of July weekend. All veterans and their families welcome.

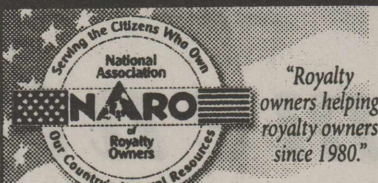
Burgers and Bingo will be held at the American Legion Hall, 701 E 1st St., Cross Plains.

Driver's License Office in Baird is now open

The Driver's License Office on the second floor in the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird is now OPEN.

The Baird office will be open on the first, third, and fifth Wednesday of each month. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

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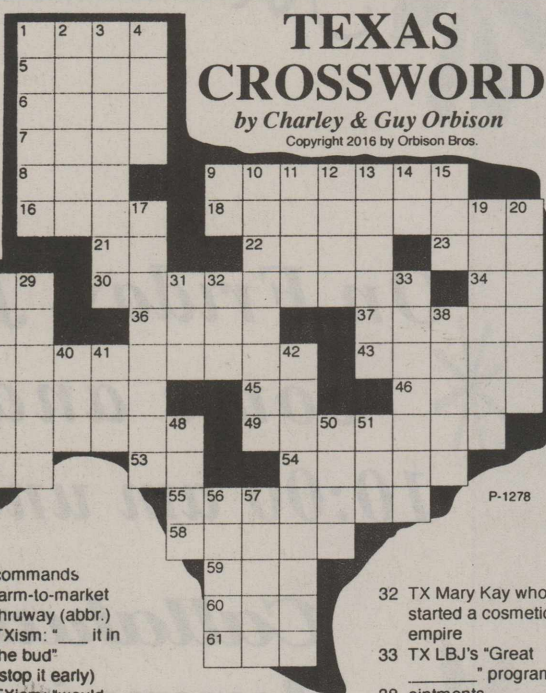
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- TXism: "___ as small town gossip"
- TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- ___ the Man' Musial
- car horn sound
- Cowboys Jason Witten is one
- TXism: "rough ___ cob"
- "R" of R.I.P.
- "The Gospel ___ to John"
- TX George Strait 3rd album: "Right ___ Wrong"
- West TX climate
- black-eyed legume
- complain again?
- members of TX-originated Church of the Nazarene
- "six" in old Rome
- TXism: "mean as ___ bull"
- Blu-ray
- this TX Coleman was "Helga" on NBC's "American Gladiators"
- TXism: "___ like chili and pepper"
- on a ___ of ten
- TX Fort Bliss site: "___ Mesa"
- Fockets star Orlajwon before "Hakeem" (int.)
- ailments
- incapacitate or deactivate
- highest civil court: ___ Court of Texas

- former star TX center Charles ___ Aldrich
- TX Sissy played this Loretta in "Coal Miner's Daughter" (int.)
- dish of coarsely ground corn kernels
- birth name of ex-Cowboy Dorsett
- ___ Pa Kettle"

DOWN

- Roby is the seat of this county
- TX Charley Pride's "Is Anybody Goin' to San ___"
- TXism: "___ his own two feet"
- TX "honky ___"
- Canadian h.s. class
- TXism: "___ a wildcatter with a bank balance"
- Acton State Park is less than one
- nickel or dime, e.g.



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- commands
- farm-to-market thruway (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ it in the bud" (stop it early)
- TXism: "would ___ the mineral rights in Texas for it" (desired)
- this Brand was Reese on TV's "Laredo"
- Seminole is the seat of this county
- Andrews Co. was named for this 1st fatality in the Texas Revolution (int.)
- unit of work or energy

- TX Woodward was a Boss in 1967 film "Hand Luke"
- TXism: "numerous as ants on ___ worm"
- this Judith was a TX-trained astronaut who died in Challenger disaster on FM 1750, nine miles so. of Abilene
- pimple

- TX Mary Kay who started a cosmetics empire
- TX LBJ's "Great ___ program
- ointments
- TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"
- this Lewis was Speaker of TX House five times
- TX-filmed 1991 "Necessary"
- this Jack was in film "4 for Texas" cattle
- "___ Tin Tin"
- hammer's victims
- TXism: "___ load off" (sit)

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DPS consolidating CDL skills test sites to comply with federal testing requirements

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will be consolidating CDL skills testing locations July 1 in order to comply with federal regulations that will be taking effect in Texas in the fall. Based on existing resources, CDL skills testing will be only administered at 25 locations to meet the federal mandates for larger testing areas to accommodate backing maneuvers, equipment inspections and a standardized layout. During the 2017 legislative session, DPS will request funding to help improve the availability of CDL skills testing in Texas.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) enacted rules in 2011 requiring all states to test CDL applicants using a single national testing standard. States are required to be in compliance for commercial driver licenses to be valid for interstate commerce. In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature passed enabling

legislation necessary to implement the new federal requirements. Based on existing resources and the significant cost to acquire, equip and staff the new testing sites, DPS determined that the most cost-effective approach - while minimizing the impact to CDL customers - was to consolidate skills testing to the 25 locations that meet the new space requirements. In choosing the designated testing sites, DPS also factored in whether a location provided safe conditions for test administrators and applicants.

For a list and map of the new CDL skills testing locations, visit <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/documents/cdlNotice.pdf>.

It is important to note that all other commercial driver license services (written tests, renewals, duplicates and address changes) will continue to be available at any driver license office in the state.

Approximately 92 percent of CDL skills tests administered during 2014 and 2015 were within a 50-mile radius of one of the 25 designated testing sites.

In addition, the department is providing government entities, local fire departments and independent school districts the option of requesting CDL skills testing at their facilities - if they are located outside the 50-mile radius of one of the 25 testing sites. In order for a remote location to be considered, the testing site must be capable of accommodating CDL testing in accordance with the new federal requirements. DPS has also been communicating with affected constituencies and industry organizations in advance of this consolidation.

For more information regarding the new requirements, which applicants will be affected and general commercial driver license information, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/CommercialLicense.htm>.



Prize Winning Young Photographers - 4-H photo display at Texas Heritage Bank features photographs from Cross Plains 4-H Club that were winners in a recent competition.



The Recipe Corner

Layered BLT Dip

Prep/Total Time: 25 Minutes

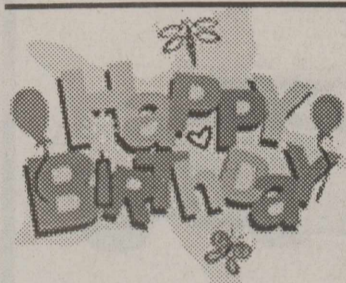
Ingredients:

- *1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- * 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- * 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- * 1 cup finely chopped lettuce
- * 8 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- * 4 plum tomatoes, chopped
- * 4 green onions, chopped
- * 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- * Toasted French bread baguette slices



Directions

1. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese, mayonnaise and Parmesan cheese until blended; spread into a large shallow dish. Layer with lettuce, bacon, tomatoes, onions and cheddar cheese. Refrigerate until serving. Serve with bread slices. Yield: 20 servings (1/4 cup each).



July 1

Brayden Kennedy
Aubrey Childers
Gary Ledbetter
Harold Mobley
Orville Black
Deborah (Tennison) Christenson
Susan Moseley
Charles D. Proctor
LaTrisha (Curry) Clark
Jodi Lynn Payne

July 2

Cody Smith
Danny Frichlee
JoJo (Koenig) Morgan
Sharon Gilmore Barnes
Barbara (Shocklee) Hinkle
Vira Earl Hooks
Mrs. Billy Wayne Teague
Ricky Dean Walton
G.M. McConal

June 26

Leah (King) Orum
Anne Rone
Marlene Cowan
Florine Forbes
Ronnie Wilson
Mrs. Ben Wagner
Allisha Branham
Janet Moore
Sharon (Walker) Harris
Tara Barnett
Ashley Wagner
Jacob Collier

June 27

Connie Swift
Alan Duane Hutchins
Stephen Wagner
Ron Ricci
Colton Bonner McWilliams
B.J. Wood
Bandy Luke Johnson

June 28

Matt McGowen
Mitchell Lewis
Daniel Lewis
Chad Franke
Jerry Payne
Zada Bell Dickey
Judy Luter
Karla Ranae Wiggins
June Walker
Johnny Markham
Julie Bishop Mann
Mrs. Wayne Knowles
Summer Albrecht
Laura Junell
Cliff Larimore

June 29

Mark Allen Burkett
Jacob D. Barron
Terry Watkins
Jimmy Fleming
Mary Newton
Roy Gilland
Jimmy Dunn
B.A. Harrigal
Randall Keith Erwin
Robert Allen
Chuck Vest
Orville Holland
Larry Don Lee

June 30

Jerry (Koenig) Johnson
Linda (Cowan) O'Dell
Bobbie Newton
Fred Butler
Russell Chapman
Elizabeth Cohn
Tommy Johnston
James Caffey

New traffic signals activated in Abilene

ABILENE - The Texas Department of Transportation recently activated the Abilene District's first-ever flashing yellow arrow, or FYA, traffic signals at the intersection of SH 351 and FM 2833 (East Lake Road) and at the intersection of SH 351 and Enterprise Drive.

This type of signal, in use by TxDOT since 2011, is designed to reduce confusion and increase safety at intersections. The now fully-functioning signals are part of the SH 351 access management project that has been in progress since June 2015. The flashing yellow arrow indicates that motorists may make a left turn if there is no oncoming traffic. This arrow replaces the solid green light which typically indicates that drivers may make a left turn but must yield to traffic.

Transitioning to this type of traffic signal offers several benefits including improved safety by reducing crashes, increased flexibility by allowing more options for motorists

making left turns, and more consistency as these signals are adopted as the national standard.

Motorists will see the following indicators at the FYA signal:
Red Arrow: Stop. Do not make a left turn.

Solid Yellow Arrow: Left turn signal is about to turn red. Prepare to stop. Complete your left turn only if you are in the intersection and it is safe. Oncoming traffic might have a green light.

Flashing Yellow Arrow: Left turn permitted, but drivers must yield to oncoming traffic and proceed with caution.

Green Arrow: Safe to turn left. Oncoming traffic has red light.

Drivers are reminded to use caution when traveling through this and all work zones, especially as traffic is adjusting to a new signal in these locations.

Find more information about these signals and how they affect motorists on the TxDOT website.

Fifteen Counties Added To Disaster Proclamation Issued For Texas Flooding

I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on June 1, 2016, certifying that the severe weather and flooding event that began on May 26, 2016, has caused a disaster in many Texas counties. Those same conditions continue to exist in these and other counties in Texas.

THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, I do hereby amend the aforementioned proclamation and declare a disaster in Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Brazoria, Brazos, Brown, Burleson, Caldwell, Callahan, Clay, Coleman, Colorado, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Falls, Fayette, Fort Bend, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Hidalgo, Hood, Houston, Jasper, Kleberg, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Lubbock, Madison, Montgomery, Palo Pinto, Parker, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Somervell, Stephens, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, Washington and Wharton counties in the State of Texas.

Pursuant to Section 418.017 of the code, I authorize the use of all available resources of state government and of political subdivisions that are

reasonably necessary to cope with this disaster.

Pursuant to Section 418.016 of the code, any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or any order or rule of a state agency that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster shall be suspended upon written approval of the Office of the Governor. However, to the extent that the enforcement of any state statute or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement would impede any state agency's emergency response that is necessary to protect life or property threatened by this declared disaster, I hereby authorize the suspension of such statutes and rules for the duration of this declared disaster.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this proclamation shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 8th day of June, 2016.

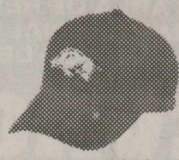
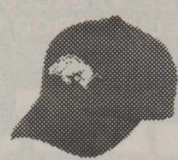
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June 27th - July 1st

Monday 27th - Chicken on a Bun Lettuce/Tomato, Oven Fries, Fruit Jello, Cookie

Thursday 30th - BBQ Chicken, Pinto Beans, Potatoe Salad, Bread Dessert

Tuesday 28th - Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes w/ gravy, Green Beans, Bread, Dessert

Friday 1st - Chili cheese Dogs (onion, relish) Pork & Bean. Oven Fries, Dessert

Wednesday 29th - Beef Spaghetti, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Corn, Garlic Bread, Dessert

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

Senior Citizens Center Activities

June 27th - July 1st

Monday-27th Crafts with Chris 10:30/ Exercise 11:00
 Tuesday-28th Exercise 11:00/Game Night at 6:00
 Wednesday 29th Exercise 11:00/Blood Pressure Check Kendrick at Home of Eastland
 Thursday-30th Exercise 11:00
 Friday -1st Exercise 11:00/Bingo

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.

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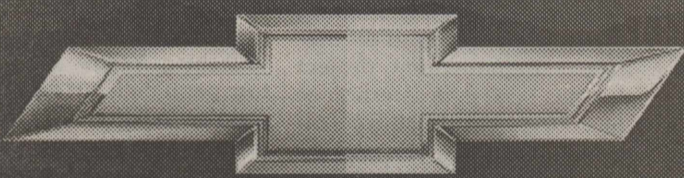
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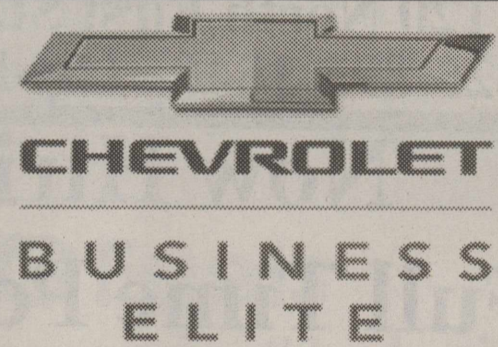
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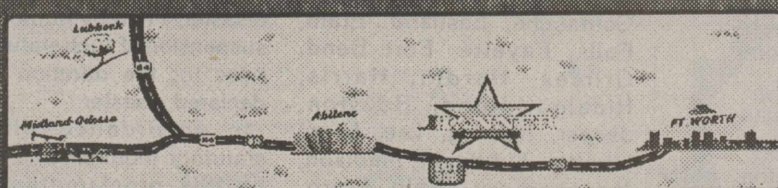
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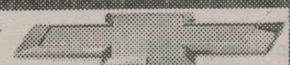
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Callahan Co. Shooting Sports hosts Texas High School Rodeo Finals Shooting Sports

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports group hosted the 2016 Texas High School Rodeo Shooting competition on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

There were 29 contestants who participated in Shotgun, 3-P 22 Rifle or some entered both events.

In the Shotgun Shooting Competition held as part of the day's event, Callahan County hosted fourteen shotgun entrants who shot two rounds of trap or fifty targets each.

1st Place was Bret Barnard who shot a 46, 2nd was Brady Hooks with 45, 3rd was Easton Power who shot a 43, then Will Black and Will Wright tied for 4th place with 38, on the 1st shootout between the two they both shot a 23 and on the 2nd shootout Will Black shot a 22 to take 4th place and Will Wright took 5th place with 18.

Will Wright will be the 1st Alternate and Gabe Brunson will be the 2nd Alternate with 37 points.

The top four in each event will compete in the National event held in Gillette, Wyoming.

The National Shooting Competition is held at the same time as the National Rodeo finals, July 17-23.

Many of the Contestants will be competing in the various rodeo events as well as shooting events.

Congratulations to all who competed and good luck at the National Match.

Word has been received that the Taylor County Expo Center has secured the Texas High School Finals Rodeo Competition for the next three years.



Above is a group picture of the winners of the Texas High School Rodeo Shooting Competition. Pictured left to right is Match Director, Dr. Monty Ancinec, 1st -Madison Myers, 2nd- Sissy Winn, 3rd-Katy Davis, 4th- Will Wright, 1st Alternate- Kaycee Cones and 2nd Alternate- Trent Wisian.



Parents and visitors watching the Texas High School Rodeo Shooting Sports Competition. Held at the Callahan County Range.

From the Cross Plains Review - 63 Years Ago June 11, 1953

From the Cross Plains Review... 63 years ago, June 11, 1953.

School board hired bus drivers and lunchroom personnel for the 1953-54 school year. Bus drivers: Clyde Slaughter, Bill Robinson, Exal McMillan, Richard Thompson, Doyle Webb, Roy Acker, Vernon Mikel, Perry Purvis and Clyde Bunnell. Lunchroom personnel: Mary B. Hutson, Katherine Wyatt, Obera Brashear, Mrs. Jack Lacy. Hired previously: E. H. Oliver, custodian; A. R. Turner, custodian and bus driver; Herman Rudloff, mechanic and bus driver.

The Cottonwood Musical was on Friday night, June 5. Musicians for the evening were: Carl Halsell, W. M. Stansbury, Slim Spivey, Homer Simons, Eugene Wilcoxon, Robert Neal of the "Polka Dot Boys", and Dad Bludworth of Burkett. Volunteer vocalists were: Blanton Childers, Billie and Shirley Weaver, Lavern Wilcoxon, Joyce and Joan Gary. Talmage Green entertained with an old time square dance call. "Community Night" programs were planned for each month. Those in charge: Newt Montgomery, Frank Woody, Mmes. V. I. Spivey, Chuck Woody and Lloyd Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Phillips of Pioneer celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, May 31. Mrs. Eva Phillips registered guests. Misses Melba Phillips and Betty Harris served cake. The couple's children present were Mrs. Ophelia Harris, Cecil Phillips, Elva and William Joe, Mrs. Harold Clairborne. Some of the guests: Belle and Ella Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Delma Dean, Mrs. Ed Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Irene Coon, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Elkins, Garland Phillips, Melba Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Pilcher, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Phillips, James McGehee, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wood, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Chaney, Mr. and Mr. A. O. Harris, Mildred Coon, Miss Katy B. Bryson, Mrs. Lorene Bryson, Mrs. Bessie Reems, Mrs. Maggie Boykin, Mrs. Dora Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gray, Phil Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Brown, Mrs. C. B. Hester, Miss Grace Brown, Mrs. J. T. Brown, W. W. Phillips, Mrs. Ada Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Cullins, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Pancake, Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown.

Phone hacking scam targets local businesses

Two local businesses have told BBB their phone system has been hacked. A phone hacking scam is a form of fraud that occurs when hackers break into a company's voice mail system and rig it to either accept collect calls or place outgoing calls to international phone numbers - usually running up thousands of dollars on the business's phone bill before they're stopped.

Here's how it works: A hacker calls into a company's voice mail system and searches for voice mailboxes that still have the default passwords active - or have easily-guessed combinations, like 1-2-3-4. Once he's "in", the hacker will change the voice mailbox's outgoing greeting to "Yes, operator, I will accept the charges." Next, he'll make a collect call to the number he's just hacked. When the automated operator "hears" the voice on the other end of the phone say, "Yes, operator, I will accept the charges," the call is connected. The hacker then uses this connection for long periods of time to make other international calls, usually on holiday periods or weekends.

Phone systems that allow users to forward calls or

messages to another phone number are also vulnerable because the hacker programs the phone to forward calls to an international number. Then, Mr. Hacker is able to call all of his scammer friends in other countries on someone else's dime.

Here's how to protect your company's phone system:

1. First, change default passwords as soon as possible, and replace them with strong passwords. Using 1-2-3-4 or your extension number as your password. Trust me, it isn't fooling anyone.

2. Turn off any unused or unmonitored extensions or phone numbers, and check your outgoing message regularly to ensure that it's really your message.

3. Next, contact your phone provider and ask them to restrict international calls, calls to premium phone numbers, collect calls and calls made outside of normal business hours. Also consider disabling features like call forwarding, if they're not being used.

4. Lastly, ask your provider if it has any more advice on how to make your phone system more secure.

Manage Mosquitoes While Enjoying the Great Outdoors

By Melinda Myers

Don't let disease-carrying mosquitoes keep you indoors this summer. Instead, employ these eight tips to protect yourself and manage these pests in your yard.

Do a bit of yard and garden clean up. Remove weeds, manage neglected gardens and keep the lawn properly mowed to reduce resting spaces for adult mosquitoes.

Eliminate standing water where mosquitoes breed. Drain water that collects in buckets, kids toys, tarps, pool covers, clogged gutters and downspouts. Clear the gutters and downspouts so water can drain freely. Store items that tend to collect water in a shed or garage.

Evaluate drainage patterns in your landscape. Improve drainage by amending the soil with organic matter. Install French drains, drain tiles and other drainage systems if needed. Or turn it into a water feature. Consult your municipality first for any relevant guidelines and restrictions.

Manage water in birdbaths, fountains, ponds and rain barrels. Change water weekly in birdbaths and wading pools. Add a pump to keep water moving and prevent breeding. Or use an organic mosquito control like Mosquito Dunks and Bits (SummitResponsibleSolutions.com) in rain barrels and water features. The Mosquito Bits quickly knock down the mosquito larval population, while the Mosquito Dunks provide 30 days of control. They are both safe for pets, fish, wildlife and children.

Add a fan to your outdoor décor. The gentle breeze keeps these weak flying insects away. Consider taking one to the

garden when weeding.

Provide short-term relief when entertaining outdoors with the help of citronella oil or scented candles. Scatter lots of these throughout the area and within a few feet of your guests.

Cover as much of your skin as possible with loose fitting, light colored clothing. Mosquitoes are less attracted to the lighter colors and can't readily reach your skin through loose clothing.

Further protect yourself from disease-carrying mosquitoes by using a personal repellent. For those looking to avoid DEET, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has also approved products with the active ingredient picaridin, IR3535, and the synthetic oil of lemon and eucalyptus. Avoid products that contain both sunscreen and insect repellents as you need to apply the sunscreen more often than the repellent.

Implement some of these strategies and then get ready to enjoy the outdoors mosquito-free all season long.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone" DVD set and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Summit Responsible Solutions for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.

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Callahan County 4H Seeking Recipes for Cookbook

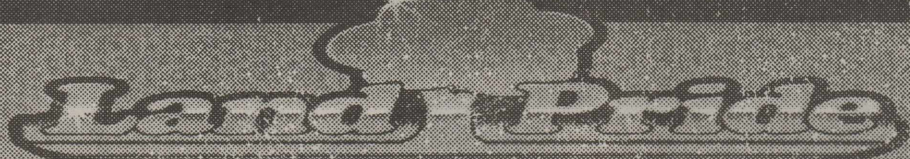
Cross Plains 4H is reminding members that we are looking for your favorite recipes for the Callahan County 4H cookbook. We are turning in the recipes on June 1st, so you still have time to call Gramma for that special cake recipe, or Dad for his secret marinade. For those businesses who haven't heard the news; advertising space is still available. You can have a ¼ page (2 1/8" x 3 5/8") for \$20, a ½ page (4 1/2" x 3 5/8") for \$30, for a full page (4 1/2" x 7 1/2") for \$50. This is not only a great way to help the club, the cookbook is for all of Callahan County, not to mention the books sold to friends and family in the nearby counties. Don't have a business? Still want to support the club? You can use the add space for showing you support for the club or your favorite member. "Gramma Bell and Grampa John support Leslie in her 4H projects. We love you!" For more information, feel free to contact a member and/or our

leader Terrie Parum


I know we said that May was our last meeting... we were wrong. June 6th we will be electing officers so they can be submitted in July. As always, we will be meeting at the First Baptist church, at 6pm.

Just a reminder Rada Cutlery can still be purchased in time for Mother's Day. Items ship within 2-3 days, Go to: 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.

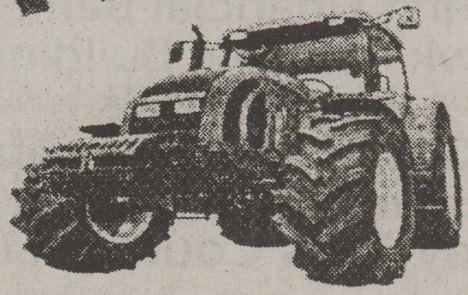
If you have any questions regarding 4H call the Extension Office at (325)854-5835 or our local leader Terrie Parum at 254-725-6423. 4-H I Pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to greater service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country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



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**Tickets now available for
Friends of NRA Banquet
Gun Donation Contest**

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.

Tickets are now available from any Friends of the NRA board member or can be purchased at the Clyde Journal or the Rowden Store.

Only 250 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20.00 each. The drawing will take place during the banquet on August 6th.

Three guns will be awarded to three separate winners. The first is a Kimber Ultra-Carry II Two-tone. The second is a



Remington 870 Super Mat and the third gun offered will be a Weatherby Vanguard Selection 30 06.

All proceeds from this year's Callahan County Friends of the NRA Banquet will benefit the NRA Foundation and the West Texas FNRA.

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

Credit Card Fraud Warning

Our thanks goes to Casey Longoria at Accredited Business Elite Electrical Services who alerted the BBB to the latest wrinkle in fraudulent credit card transactions, this time using text messaging. The crooks came up with a story about being in the hospital about to undergo an operation to help their "hearing", thus having the entire transaction conducted via text.

The convoluted scheme included a \$5100 credit card transaction with \$4000 in cash sent to the "owner" of the home where some repairs were needed.

BBB offers these tips when handling credit card transactions:

- Be cautious when dealing with customers unknown to you who place credit card orders over the phone.

- Become familiar with the charge back policies of your credit card processor when taking phone orders & are "forced transactions".

- If you suspect a stolen card report it to your merchant processor ASAP. These types of crimes are very hard to investigate and prosecute because there is less physical evidence. Often the details of the deal are completed via email / text.

- Many times the crooks want you to withdraw cash on the card for unusual "arrangements".

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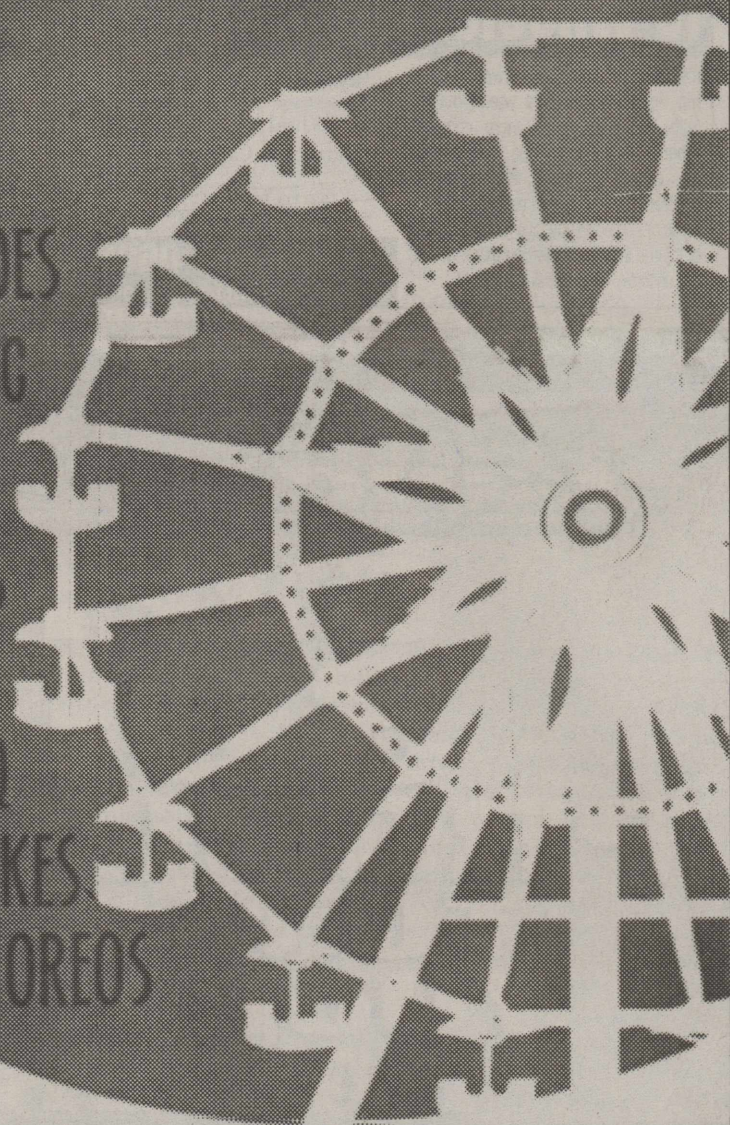
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- 9-11 Transporters

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