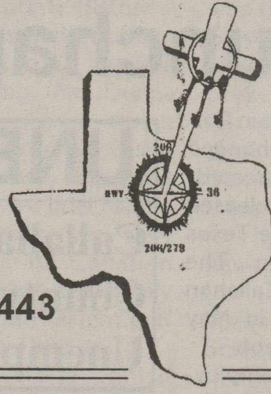


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## Ice cream crank-off coming Sunday, July 3rd

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 to be judged will be divided 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.

Thus, there will be winners in both the officially judged category and the people's choice category. Points will be combined to come up with the "Ice Cream Crank-off Champion." In addition, there will be lots of certificates suitable for framing awarded.

For those wishing to really work up an appetite, the volleyball court will be set up and ready for action by 4:00 also. Hot dogs with all the trimmings will also be served around 5:00 and then depending on the number on entries, the ice cream should be ready for tasting and eating shortly thereafter.

The Methodists invite everybody to join the fun and fellowship of this annual event—a great way to beat the heat and celebrate our Independence.

## Lady Buffs

## Hamburger Fundraiser July 10th

The Cross Plains Lady Buffs Basketball Team is holding a Hamburger Fundraiser on Sunday, July 10th, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., at the Senior Citizen's Center.

Hamburger or cheeseburger with chips and drink for only \$7.00.

The Lady Buffs are raising money to pay for the team camp.

A drawing for 20 Gauge pump shotgun will take place at 1 p.m. on the day of the fundraiser. You need not be present to win.

## 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.

## Buffaloes Compete in State LineMAN Challenge



Seven Cross Plains Buffalo Linemen Competed in the State LineMAN Challenge at Hardin-Simmons University on Saturday. From left to right: Aaron Willis, Logan Proctor, Samuel Guerrero, James Rhyne, Brian Morales, Tripp Thomas, Jacob Collier and Coaches Justin Willis and John Ward. Story and photos inside.



The Lady Buffaloes took First Place in the 12-U Tournament held here in Cross Plains on Saturday. More photos from the Tournament and the Awards Ceremony inside.

## Junior High Cheerleaders to Hold Bake Sale Friday, July 1st

The Cross Plains Junior High Cheerleaders will hold a bake sale and silent auction on Friday, July 1st. They will open at 9:00 with a wonderful variety of baked goods.

This will be a perfect opportunity to stock up on homemade goodies for the holiday weekend while helping these girls raise the funds they need for camp and uniforms.

Please join us on the southwest corner of the 206/36 intersection (across from Hardwick's) on Friday. Thank you for your support



**CROSS PLAINS JULY 4TH CELEBRATION**  
The Independence Day Celebration "In God We Trust" T-Shirt, designed by Teri Brown, is available from Salamanders Apparel. Pre-order yours by calling (254) 270-4395 or get one at the July 2nd Independence Day Celebration at Treadway Park.



Kids from Cross Plains Library's Summer Program visited the CPVFD Firehouse and Learned how to use the Firehose. More Photos inside.

## Independence Day Celebration Saturday, July 2nd at Treadway Park Area Fireworks and Events Throughout the Weekend and Monday

Cross Plains and many of the surrounding towns will celebrate the Independence Day throughout the three day July 4th Weekend.

Cross Plains, Saturday, July 2nd. Celebrate July 4th a couple of days early with the Independence Day Celebration at Treadway Park on Saturday, July 2nd, co-sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and the City of Cross Plains. The festivities at the park start at 5:30 p.m. and end with the fireworks display after dark.

The kids will enjoy jumping and bouncing in the Bounce House, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church. Admission to the Bounce House is Free.

Bingo is always a crowd pleaser and at \$1.00 per card, you can afford to play all night. Some really bingo great prizes have been donated by

local merchants, including Higginbothams, Sparks Insurance, Salamander's Apparel, Mexico City Cafe, Super Clean Car Wash, Food Plaza/PFE Oil, Cross Plains Review, Byron McNutt, Teri Brown, Trinity Ranch Land, Lawrence Farm and Ranch, Subway, Wildlife Nutrition Center, The Butcher Block Processing, T & K Tire, Hardwick's Farmer's Market and Project Pride.

You can dunk a local celebrity—or KTAB4's Joni McKinnon—at the Dunking Booth. Try your hand at dunking for only \$2 per ball. The "Dunking Lineup"—5:30-6:00pm-Josh Loftis, Volunteer Firefighter 6:00-6:30pm-Kevin Morton, First United Methodist Church Preacher 6:30-7:00pm-Joni McKinnon, KTAB4U Host 7:00-7:30pm-David Estes,

Chamber Vice President 7:30-8:00pm-Shawn Bullock, CPISD Teacher 8:00-8:30pm-Kersey Wyatt, CPHS Varsity Cheerleader 8:30-9:00pm-Hannah Cowan, CPHS Varsity Cheerleader Lonestar Lead and Lace will perform a live western show and a safety program especially aimed at the children. Lonestar Lead and Lace consists of volunteer members, a town with a bank, brothel, saloon, jail and a mercantile store. The performance is co-sponsored by the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce and the Cross Plains EDC.

Live music at the event will be performed by John Kirby Horace Hounshell from the Class of '57, a local favorite.

Bring your lawn chairs and sit under the shade trees and visit with friends or enjoy a game at the 42 tournament.

Enjoy free hot dogs and drinks from 5:30 until they run out. Salamander's Apparel is preparing a special Independence Day American Flag/In God We Trust t-shirt for

the event. Pre-order your shirt by calling (254) 270-4395 or pick one up at the event.

The evening leads up to the Independence Day Fireworks, presented after dark by the City of Cross Plains.

Ice Cream Crank Off. Enjoy homemade ice cream at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 3rd. If you'd like to try your hand at making homemade ice cream, bring the ice cream for judging to the church's fellowship hall by 4 p.m. Come and enjoy hotdogs and ice cream in the fellowship hall at 5 p.m. Taste the homemade ice cream entries and see if you agree with the judges.

More Fireworks Celebrations in the area.

Rising Star. Monday, July 4th, A parade at 4 p.m. will kick off Rising Star's July Fourth Celebration, followed by a water slide, freedom train rides and a fireworks show at dusk, all at the City Park.

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## Coleman County Electric Cooperative Scholarship Deadline June 30th

If you are a 2016 graduating senior and your parents are a member of the Coleman County Electric Coop, there's still time to apply for the coop's scholarship. Applications need to be delivered to the Coleman County Electric Coop's office no later than Thursday, June 30th.

Scholarships will be announced at the Coop's Annual Meeting on July 15th. For more information, visit their website at colemanelectric.org.

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# Callahan County's jobless rate stays unchanged at 3.9% in May

The unemployment rate in Callahan County stayed unchanged at 3.9% in May 2016, according to jobless figures released Friday, June 24th by the Texas Workforce Commission. The unemployment rate in Callahan County one year ago in May 2015 was also 3.9 percent.

Callahan County's unemployment rate was 3.9% in April, 2016.

Previous monthly jobless rates in Callahan County included: 4.3% in March 2016, 4.2% in February, 4.2% in January 2016, 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, and 4.0% in June, according to the unemployment figures.

Big Country area counties, bordering Callahan County, and the counties' unemployment rates for May 2016 include: Brown, 3.9%; Coleman, 6.2%; Eastland, 5.1%; Jones, 5.2%; Runnels, 3.6%; Shackelford, 4.2%; Stephens, 5.2%; and Taylor County, 3.5%.

The Abilene MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) unemployment rate, which includes Taylor, Callahan and Jones Counties, stood at 3.6% in May, 2016, according to the Texas Workforce Commission. The Abilene MSA Combined Labor Force is 75,600. There were 72,900 employed during May 2016, while 2,800 were unemployed, giving the Abilene MSA an unemployment rate of 3.6%.

The Abilene MSA reported the workforce was 75,800 in April, 2016. Total employment of 73,100 was reported in April 2016, while 2,700, or 3.5% were unemployed in April 2016.

The Abilene MSA unemployment rate for May, 2015 was 3.9%. The total workforce was reported at 75,800, with 72,900 employed and 2,900 or 3.9% unemployed in May, 2015.

The state's unemployment rate for the month of May, 2016 was 4.2 percent. The total Texas labor force was 13,281,200 in May 2016. The total number of Texans employed is 12,722,100. The total number of unemployed Texans was 559,100 in May 2016.

Last month's statewide unemployment rate was 4.2 percent in April 2016. The state's unemployment rate in May of 2015 was 4.3 percent.

The United States unemployment rate for May, 2016 was 4.5 percent. The nation's unemployment rate for the previous month of April, 2016 was 4.7%. The United States unemployment rate one year ago in May, 2015 was 5.3%.

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Callahan County Unemployment	Apr.	May
	3.9%	3.9%

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

The Texas unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.2 percent in May. This was one-tenth of a percentage point lower than last year's May unemployment rate. Over the previous five years, the unemployment rate increased by an average of two-tenths of a percentage point between April and May. The national unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 percent. The Texas unemployment rate has remained below the national unemployment rate since December 2006.

The Texas Civilian Labor Force increased in May by 24,600 to a total of 13,281,200 people. The past three months have shown a total increase in the labor force of 59,200 people. Over the year, the Texas labor force has increased by 176,300 people.

The number of employed Texans increased by 26,000 over the month to a total of 12,722,100 people. Over the previous five years, the number of employed Texans increased by an average of 11,300 people in the month of May. The number of jobholders has increased by 182,900 over the year.

The number of unemployed Texans decreased in May by 1,400 to a total of 559,100 people. Over the previous five years, the number of unemployed people increased by an average of 32,000 in the month of May. Since May of last year, the number of unemployed people has decreased by 6,600 individuals.

Between April and May, the unemployment rate remained unchanged in 14 of the 25 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in Texas. The rate in the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA had the largest decrease, dropping two-tenths of a percentage point to 7.0 percent. The Amarillo MSA continued to have the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent.

**HAPPENINGS AROUND THE STATE**  
 Alorica Hiring 400 More in

**San Antonio**  
 SAN ANTONIO, TX (San Antonio Express News)—Irvine, California-based Alorica, which is a customer services management company, plans to hire 400 more people locally. The firm employs about 2,200 people in San Antonio also announced it is purchasing Plano-based competitor Expert Global Solutions (EGS), which provides corporations with outsourcing services, including technical support and staffing of customer call centers.

Andy Lee, founder of Alorica, will become the chairman and CEO of the combined company. Lee said in a statement that the acquisition will expand the company's reach in sectors such as health care and communications. The combined company will employ 91,000 people globally. In 2015, Alorica and EGS generated a total of \$2.3 billion in combined revenue.

### Channel Control Merchants to Expand

WACO, TX (Waco Chamber of Commerce)—Channel Control Merchants (CCM), LLC has selected Greater Waco for the site of its first Texas distribution operation. The company has acquired a 200,000-square-foot building located south of downtown, and will hire 116 employees and invest \$1,050,000 in capital improvements. The company plans to have the facility updated, fully staffed and operational by September. CCM will also build a separate 38,000-square-foot retail facility under its Dirt Cheap brand with plans for multiple retail locations throughout Texas.

CCM chose Waco as its first Texas distribution center due to its central location within the state.

CCM is organized into two divisions: a global wholesale business and 67 retail locations.

**Engineering Firm Plans to Move Jobs to Texas**  
 PASADENA, CA (LA Times)—Jacobs Engineering Group, one of the world's largest engineering companies, is preparing to move employees from its Pasadena headquarters to Dallas, becoming the latest major corporation to relocate significant operations from California to Texas. The Fortune 500 firm already has 300 employees in Dallas and is considering a more significant relocation, Mendi Head, a spokeswoman for the company, confirmed in an interview recently.

In an email statement, Head wrote that Jacobs "is considering plans to move a portion of its corporate functions from its Pasadena location to Dallas later this year, pending a successful real estate process and final approvals for state and local economic development instruments." Dallas is trying to lure the company to set up its headquarters with a \$277,500 grant, according to an agenda for a meeting of the city's economic development committee. The company employs about 64,000 people.

### Katy to Add New Engineering Center

KATY, TX (Houston Business Journal)—Germany-based Pepperi-Fuchs, which has its North American headquarters in Twinsburg, Ohio, is building its signature Solutions Engineering Center in Katy. The building, which broke ground this month, will be an 110,000-square-foot facility and will create 100 jobs. It is one of six company engineering centers in the world. Construction is slated to be completed by the spring of 2017.

## Senior Citizens Center Activities

- July 4th - July 8th**
- Monday-4th** Center Closed for 4th of July!
  - Tuesday-5th** Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday-6th** Exercise 11:00
  - Thursday-7th** Manicures Kendrick at Home of Eastland, Exercise
  - Friday - 8th** Exercise

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

- July 4th - July 8th**
- Monday 4th-** Center Closed
  - Tuesday 5th-** Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Potatoes, Black Eye Peas, Bread, Dessert
  - Wednesday 6th-** Chicken Noodle Soup, 1/2 Pimento Cheese Sand, Crackers, Fruit, Dessert
  - Thursday 7th -** Soft Tacos, Lettuce & Tomato, Refried, Beans, Dessert
  - Friday 8th-** Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Pasta Salad, 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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 has been set up for **Sue Neal** at Texas Heritage Bank to help with financial expenses

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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

## Cross Plains I.S.D. School Board Minutes

June 16, 2016

The Cross Plains I.S.D. Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting with the following members present: Jack Shepard, Porcius Potter, John McWilliams, Michael Cowan, Roy Richey, and Bryan Bennett. Davy Crockett was absent.

The following administrators and guests were also in attendance: Supt. Phil Mitchell, H.S. Principal Brad Jones, Elem. Principal Leslie Lawrence and Athletic Director Daniel Purvis.

Prayer was led by Bryan Bennett.

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McWilliams that we accept minutes from previous meeting. For 6/ Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McWilliams that we approved salaries for 2016-17. For 5/Against: 1 Shepard

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Cowan that we approve transfer students for 2016-17. For 6/ Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Shepard that we table Teacher/Principal Appraisal. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we accept Gandy's Dairies bid for milk. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Cowan that we accept PF&E Oil's bid for fuel. For 6/Against 0

Motion was made by McWilliams and seconded by Cowan that we approve lunch and breakfast prices. For 6/ Against 0

Motion was made by Cowan and seconded by McWilliams that we hire Cathryn Rasbury for Band Director on a 1 year Probationary Contract. For 6/ Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by Shepard that we hire Michelle Allen for Teacher/Coach on a 1 year Probationary Contract. For 6/ Against 0

Motion was made by Bennett and seconded by McWilliams that we adjourn. For 6/Against 0

## Callahan County Historical Commission meeting

On Tuesday, June 21, 2016 the Callahan County Historical Commission met at the Putnam Community Center for the summer meeting. Mr. Duane Hale of Cisco, Texas and a History Professor at Cisco Junior College was the guest speaker. He gave a brief history of the Hart family, who were early pioneers of Callahan County. A.A. Hart and family came to the southwestern part of the county in 1868.

During the business portion of the meeting, Beverly Ross read the minutes of the last meeting which was held at the home of Paula Windham on April 5, 2016. Felix Manion gave a report on placement of Bankhead Highway signs and, also, announced that the historical commission had again this year been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Texas Historical Commission. The presentation of this award will be on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at the Callahan County Courthouse, during the monthly County Commissioners meeting. Discussion was made concerning the mural on the

side of the building that formerly was the Plaza theater in Baird. Stephanie Prosser of Baird, an artist/contemporary painter, presented her suggestions for renovating the fading and peeling paint of the large mural. Bob Robinson reported that there was a good presentation for the dedication of the 2 new markers at Cottonwood for the Methodist Church building and the Cottonwood School building. He reported the Newton Boys marker and the Oglesby Cemetery marker are almost ready for placement. Dana Voights and Lee Abernathy reported the marker for the Baird Hospital will be ready in a couple of months. Work is being done on preparing markers for the Burkett Family Cemetery in Clyde and the Catholic Cemetery, southeast of Clyde.

We thank Hubert and Marlene Donaway for hosting the meeting. Delicious snacks were served to guests and members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at the Baird Presbyterian Church at 6:00 pm.

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### Rock Wren

I may have mentioned this before, but a dear friend of mine once told me that there were only three types of birds: if it soars, it's a hawk; if it swims, it's a duck, and everything else are just little brown birds. While his description would not inspire even the least interested hobbyist, besides not even close to being taxonomically correct, it could be utilized to describe a diminutive little brown bird that can be observed in the desert Southwest.

The Rock Wren (*Salpinctus obsoletus*) is a common year-round resident throughout much of the southwestern portions of the United States, ranging from central Texas westward to northern California. From there it occurs throughout much of the Chihuahuan Desert and Mexican Plateau regions of Mexico. It can be observed year-round in the western two-thirds of Texas, save for a small area of the Llano Estacado, where it apparently merely overwinters.

This ordinary and subtly colored species of bird is of intermediate build, with a body length of only six inches and a wingspan of barely nine inches. The breast coloration is generally an off-white with numerous very fine vertical streaks. These streaks fade away underneath the breast area. The back feathers are colored grayish-brown, with many feathers being decorated with a spattering of white. The feathers on the top of the head, or crest, are colored similarly to the back, and there is a dark line that runs horizontally behind the eye. The cinnamon colored tail is long, and includes a series of black bars on the underside that can be seen readily when the feathered creature raises its tail. The beak is slender and long and curved downward ever so slightly.

Rock Wrens are much more adept to surviving in barren arid to semi-arid areas than its closely related cousin, the Canyon Wren, with whom it will occasionally share canyons and cliffs. Rock Wrens are commonly



Rock Wren  
(*Salpinctus obsoletus*)

seen while foraging for food hopping among boulders, searching for various insects and arachnids that comprise the majority of its diet. Many are also seen as they perch on rocks, either singing or chiding a would-be predator. It has been reported that some males may be capable of singing over one hundred songs. During these songs, most specimens will elevate their tails upward, exposing the black barring.

This bird typically prefers to live a solitary life, although some may pair up throughout the year. It is a monogamous species, and both sexes partake in the building of the nest, which is often concealed in rocky outcroppings. The nest is typically made up of grasses, stems, roots, fur and feathers. Curiously, there oftentimes is a trail of pebbles and even animal bones that lead

to the nest. Breeding is not well documented, but it is assumed that there is one or two broods produced annually. Each brood contains anywhere from four to ten white eggs with reddish-brown sprinkling. The eggs are quite small at less than three-quarter of inch in length. Incubation time is about two weeks, and for the two weeks following hatching, the young are tended to by both sexes.

Rock Wrens are a common to abundant bird throughout their range in Texas, and their population densities are stable. This is due to them residing in areas that are not typically bent to urban sprawl, giving this plain little bird plenty of space to sing its song.

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

### 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.

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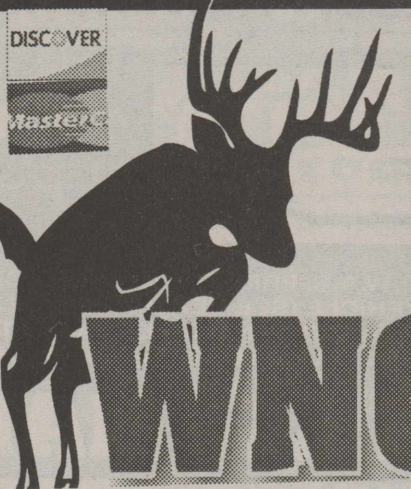
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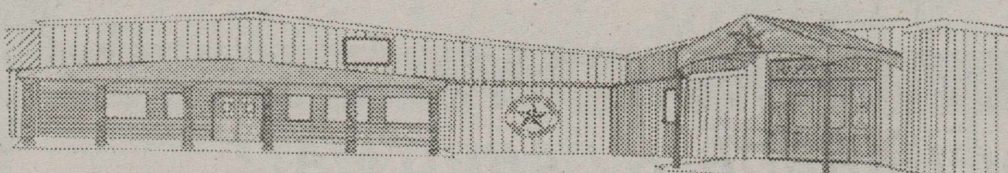
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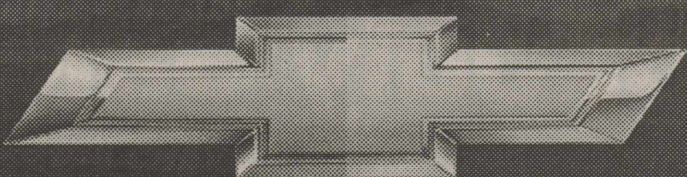
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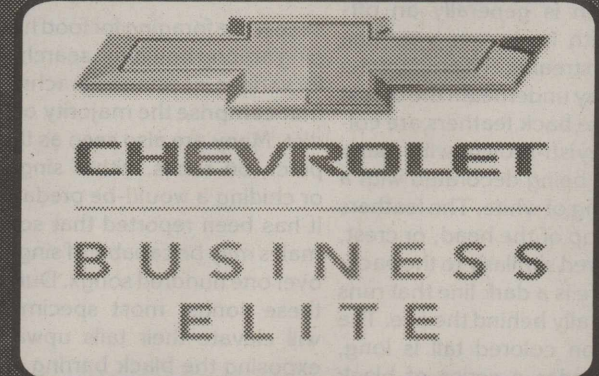
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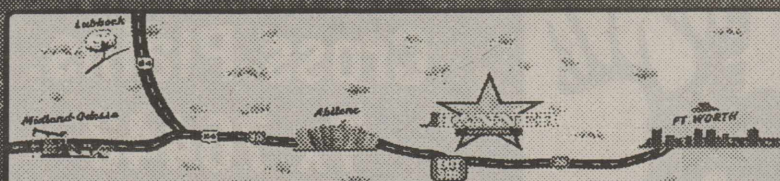
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# Area July 4th Celebrations, Parades and Fireworks Displays

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**Clyde.** The 10th annual Festival by the Lake is a two-day event featuring eight bands, two fireworks shows, a carnival and more. Held at Clyde Lake, at 7681 FM 3217. Donations will be accepted at the gate. The music lineup for July 1 includes the Brad Good Band, 5-7 p.m.; Guadalupe Pirates, 7-9 p.m. and Transporters, 9-11 p.m. On July 2, the lineup includes the Jackie Darlene Band, noon to 2 p.m.; Forgotten Road, 2-4 p.m.; Kirk House, 5-7 p.m.; Dave Hobbs, 7-9 p.m.; and Bo McDowell, 9-11 p.m.

Registration for the barbecue cook-off is due by 5 p.m. July 1. The event starts at 6 p.m. Entry fee for all categories of brisket, ribs, chicken, beans and dessert is \$100. Individual categories also can be entered. For cook-off information, call 325-439-1847.

Activities during the day will include carnival rides, vendors, swimming and camping. Food vendors will offer barbecue, funnel cakes, deep-fried Oreos and other items. The event also will include volleyball, and washer and horseshoe tournaments. Fireworks will launch at 10 p.m. each day. For information, call the Clyde Chamber of Commerce, 325-893-4221.

**Baird.** July 2, 4 p.m. with a dunking booth, concession stand, kiddie car wash, children's games, water activities and more. A fireworks show will start at dusk at Eugene Bell City Park. Callahan Divide will perform from 8-9:30 p.m. For information call the Baird Chamber of Commerce, 325-854-2003.

**Lake Brownwood.** On July 1, Hit and Run will play at 7:30 p.m., followed by a 30-minute fireworks show at dark. Headliner Dirty River Boys will perform at 11 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. Attendees can bring a cooler to buy beverages at the marina. No outside drinks allowed. For information, call 325-784-7100. On July 4th, Wild Duck Marina will have a patriotic boat parade and Fourth of July fireworks show and music festival at Lake Brownwood. Parade route begins at the dam, where boats will line up at 8 p.m., and will end at the marina, where judges will select the winners of best patriotic theme.

**Brownwood.** The Riverfest 4th of July Bash will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 4 at Riverside Park at U.S. Highway

67/84 and Riverside Park Drive. Activities will include raft races, arts and crafts, food vendors, a car show, a barbecue cook-off, bounce houses and more. At 1 p.m., individuals and companies can compete against race

sponsor Chick-fil-A using home-built rafts in a 100-meter race down the Pecan Bayou. Riverfest entry fee is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. Additional fees to compete in raft races and cook-off. Applications for all activities are available at brownwoodjcs.com/riverfest.

**Coleman.** The third annual Picnic in the Park will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 4, featuring free hot dogs, drinks, and activities for kids, including face painting and a juggler. The event also will include sack races, a watermelon-eating contest and live music. Coleman City Park is north of Coleman on Highway 283.

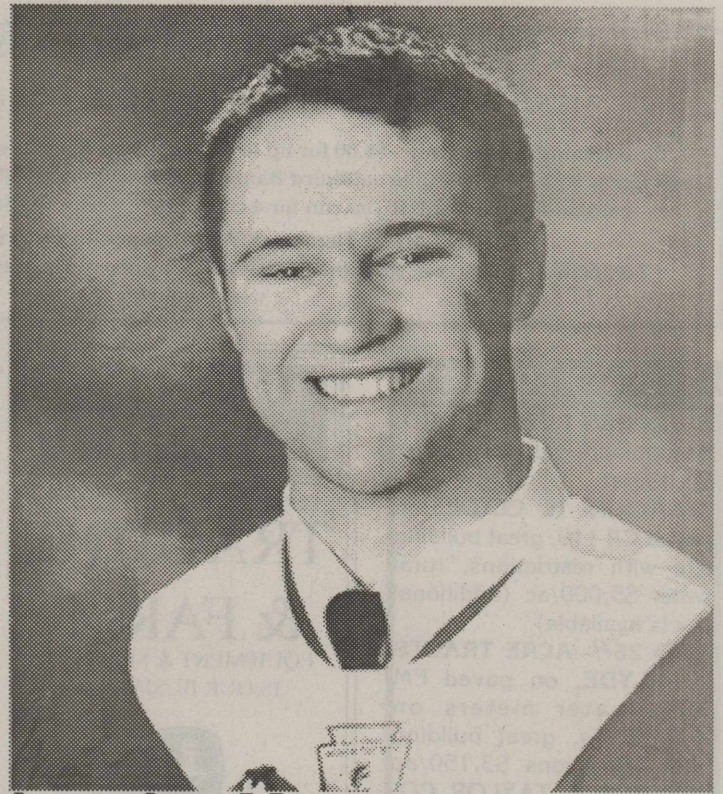
**Cisco.** 4th of July 5K Color Run at 8 a.m. July 4 at the Cisco High School cross-country track. The run costs \$25. The

fun then moves to City Park, 1507 Royal Lane, starting at 6 p.m. with activities for kids and live music by Tim Turnbeough, Jordan Haynes and the Jason Ryan Band. A hot-dog eating contest will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the \$150 prize sponsored by Precision Tire & Auto. Advance registration and \$10 fee required. A patriotic outfit contest will begin at 8:30 p.m., sponsored by Cute as a Button. Fireworks start at dark.

**Eastland.** Free hot dogs and Popsicles, games, patriotic music and more at th for the Old-Fashion 4th of July from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 4 at the Eastland County Courthouse Square. Parade at 10 a.m., an ice cream contest at noon, and a pies and cobblers contest at 1 p.m. Information: Eastland Chamber of Commerce, 254-629-2332.

**Lake Leon.** La Mancha Lake Ranch will host a free 20-minute fireworks show at dusk over Lake Leon on July 4. The ranch is at 402 CR 567, about 10 miles east of Eastland. For information, call 254-647-3651.

**Putnam.** Due to water restrictions, Putnam has cancelled the City's Fourth of July Fireworks Display.



## Landry Mayo Attends Amherst in Fall

Landry Mayo is a 2016 graduate of Whitehouse High School. Landry is the grandson of Wilburn and Glenda Weiss of Cross Plains, Texas and the son of Staci and Jim Horn and Keith and Tana Mayo, all of Whitehouse, Texas.

Landry was a member of the National Honor Society and a Distinguished Honor graduate.

Landry will attend Amherst College in Amherst, MA. Where he will play baseball in the fall. Landry was a member of the Whitehouse Wildcat team that advanced to the final four teams at the UIL 5A State

championships held at Dell Diamond this year.

He was selected All-District 1st team, All District academic team, was selected MVP offensive player of the year and pitcher of the year in his junior year. He was also chosen as a member of the East Texas Fellowship of Christian Athletes All Star team and KETK Student/Athlete of the week this year.

In basketball he was the Defensive MVP his junior year. He plans to major in political science and economics while attending Amherst.

## Musical Canceled

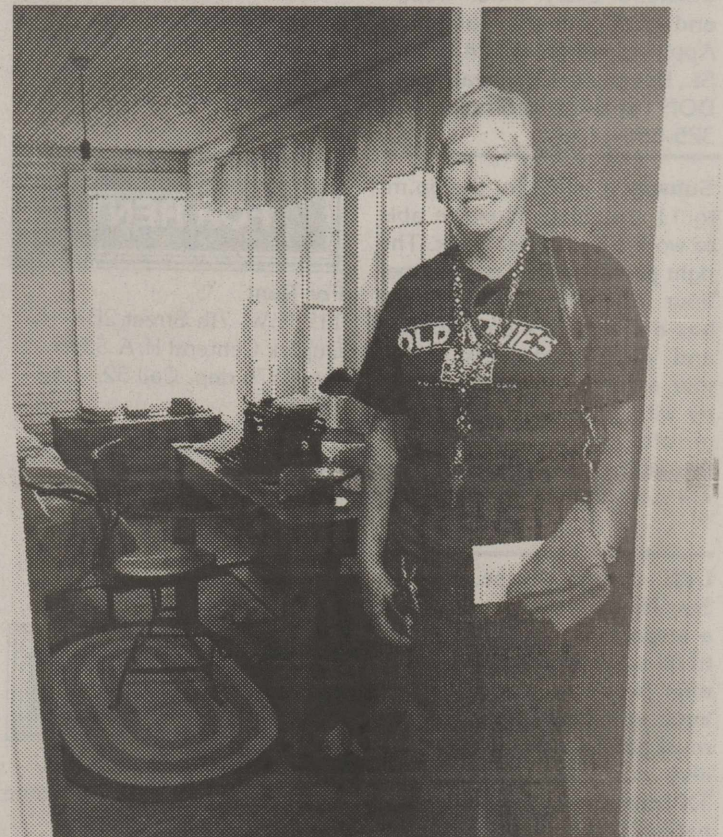
The musical at the Scranton Community Center scheduled for Saturday, July 2, 2016 will be canceled due to the water situation.

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

## Callahan County Riding Club 2016 Schedule

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- 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.



## New Teacher Visits Museum

Amy Carman has only been in town for a couple of weeks and has been busy exploring her new community. One of her first stops was the REH Museum at the recommendation of Jana Austin, the high school English teacher who takes her Junior Literature class out for a tour every year. Like most of our visitors, she was very impressed that such a small town has such a wonderful museum.

Ms Carman loves to read science fiction and figures that Howard's stories would be an interesting new direction. She was quite surprised that one writer could excel at so many different genres without the benefit of a lot of creative

resources other than his own mind.

Amy is the new high school math teacher and is already on the job to a small extent, tutoring students with a bit of remedial work. She comes here from the Sanderson ISD where she had taught math for a number of years. Being an Air Force "brat," she has lived in a wide variety of places, all the way from Alaska to Arizona with many stops in between.

As she left the museum with a new t-shirt, she commented that "I'm really looking forward to getting acquainted with Cross Plains as it already looks like a neat place to live."

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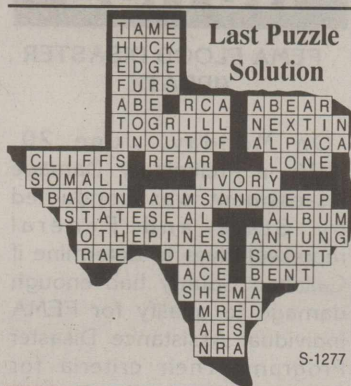
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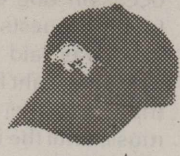
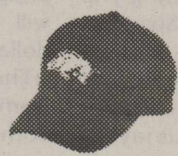
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### Governor S.W.T. Lanham profiled

Texas has had 48 governors since statehood was achieved in 1845. Some enjoyed remarkable success and achievements during their terms and have been remembered fondly years later. S. W. T. Lanham, who served as governor from 1903 to 1907, was a respected figure though he has been nearly forgotten.

Samuel Willis Tucker Lanham was born in rural South Carolina on July 4, 1846. He was the oldest of eight children born into a modest farm family. As a young man eager for adventure, he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861, barely 15 years old. His unit participated in several battles, and he served with distinction. At the age of 17, Lanham was wounded at the bloody Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse in Virginia.

After the Civil War ended, Lanham married, and left for Texas. After his arrival, he worked as a school teacher for several years, first near Clarksville and then in Bowie County before moving to Weatherford. Like many other frontier teachers, he was interested in furthering his own education and ambitions. He studied law in his spare time. In 1869, he was admitted to the state bar.

Lanham impressed locals with his skills, and he gradually developed powerful connections. In 1871, Gov. Edmund J. Davis appointed him as district attorney, a position he would hold ably for five years.

In 1882, he ran for Congress in the new Eleventh District, a massive district that included Parker County and ninety-seven other counties (and also included the Clyde area), covering hundreds of miles from Weatherford to El Paso to Amarillo. Once in Congress, Lanham rose quickly. By 1887, he was made chairman of the Committee on Claims, a committee which oversaw petitions made to Congress and requests for exemptions to federal laws. In 1892, he declined to run for re-election. Though he enjoyed his time in Congress and was well-respected, he had his eyes on higher office.

He prepared to run for governor in 1894 and worked hard to consolidate his connections across the state. At this time,

nominees for state offices were chosen by nominating conventions. He lost the Democratic nomination to state Attorney General Charles A. Culberson. In 1896, he jumped back into politics after US Rep. Charles K. Bell declined to run for re-election and won the first of three terms for the redrawn Eighth District, which included Weatherford and Fort Worth and a fraction of the counties he had served previously.

In 1902, Lanham ran again for governor, this time winning the prize he had so coveted. He would be the last Confederate veteran elected Texas governor. As governor, he enacted several laws protecting the rights of organized labor and acts aimed at modernizing the election process. In 1903, he enacted the Terrell Election Act, which provided for partisan primary elections for all state offices. In a state like Texas where one party, the Democrats, so dominated the political scene, the primary essentially acted like the election. The law also set a

primary date for the fourth Saturday in July to ensure that Texas farmers, the bulk of the voting population, would be able to participate and not distracted by planting or harvesting seasons.

His pragmatic approach as governor frustrated liberals and conservatives alike, but he remained respected by the people and won re-election easily in 1904. The position, however, was not what he expected. In spite of his successes as governor, the pressures of the office overwhelmed him, steadily wearing down his health. Lanham chose not to seek re-election in 1906. His successor, Gov. Thomas M. Campbell, appointed him as a regent for the University of Texas, but it was not an honor that Lanham's declining health would allow him to enjoy. He died at his home in 1908 at the age of 62.

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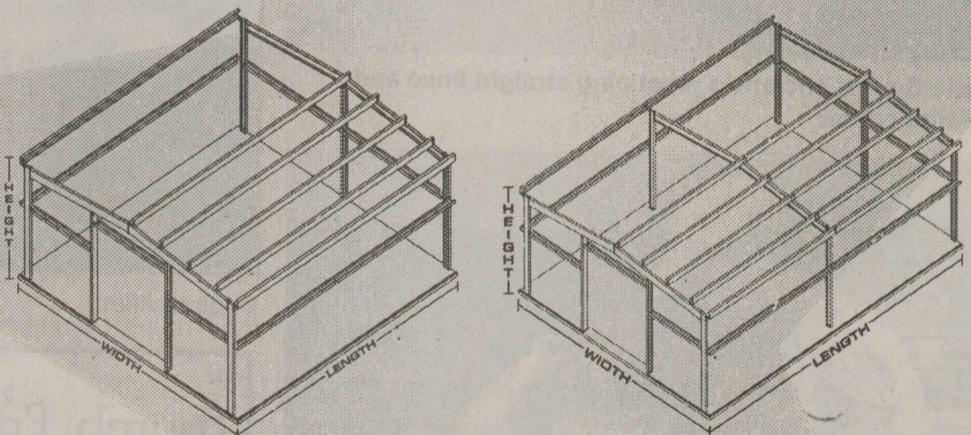
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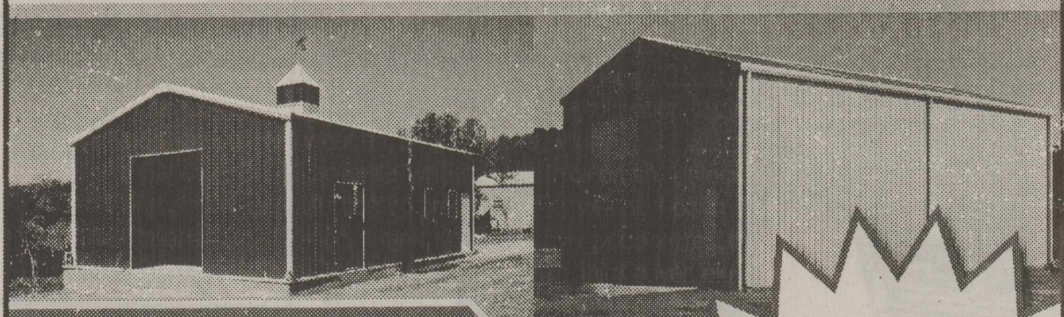
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A toy drive was thought of and within 12 hours it became a reality. Set up in front of Junkin Daze, club members accepted clothes, toys, and monetary donations. Our young members donated some of their own toys, community members dropped off an abundance of items, caring individuals from neighboring towns drove in to donate, and our community businesses stepped up as well.

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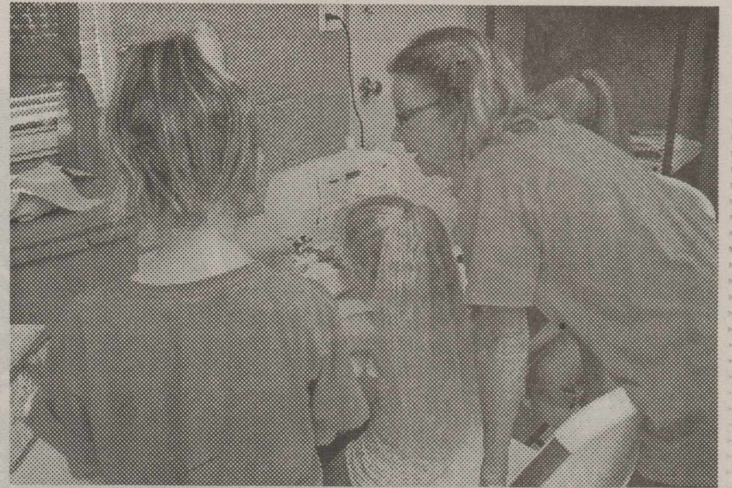
members that if you use your head, listen to your heart, put your hands to work; you can always make a difference.

**Sewing Group.** The 4H sewing group is learning and growing. Members last week started combining their skills to make a pillow. Many of these kids have never done any sewing and certainly had not been turned loose on a sewing machine before now. Even though the new 4H year enrollment doesn't start until September, future members are welcome to stop in and give it a try. Meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm-8pm at the First Baptist Church.

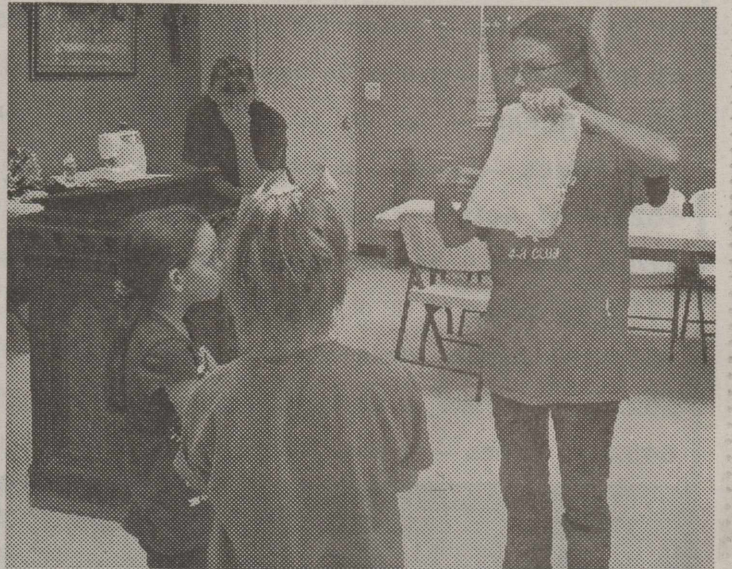
**Shooting Sports.** The shooting sports had their last meeting; shooting skill games, water balloon fights, and awards were the theme of evening. It was obvious that the members learned a lot, bonded, and had a great time. Open to members that are 8 and in the third grade, it is certainly on my daughter's project list for the future.



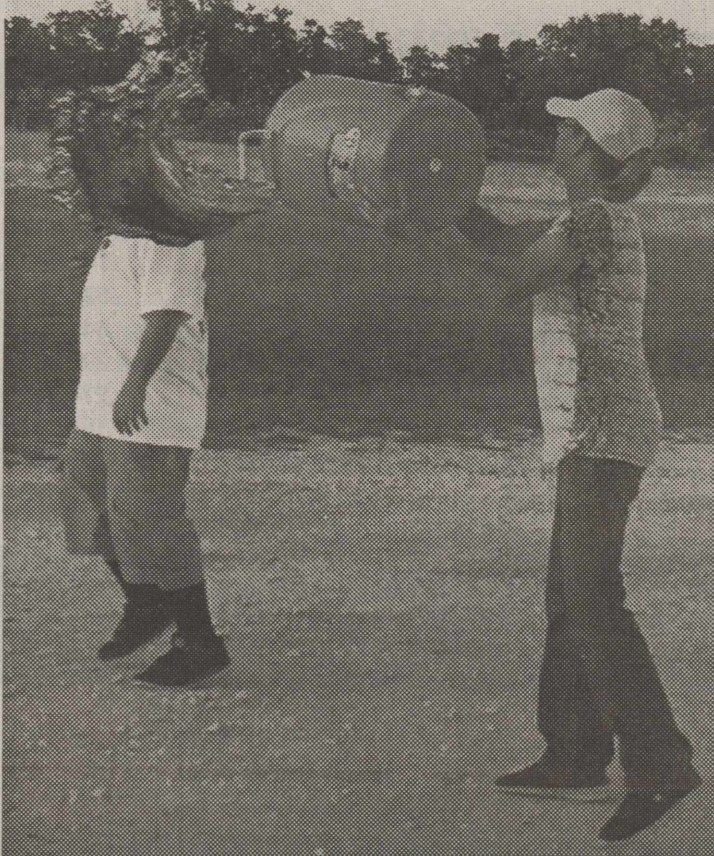
Virginia Allen accepting donations from RW Bogue the manager at Higginbothams



Terrie Parum showing how to make a pillow.



Terrie Parum demonstrates how to do corners.



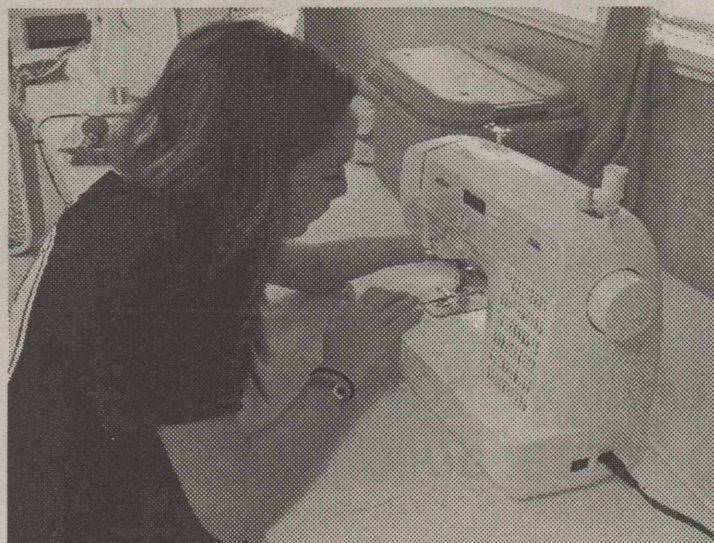
Terrie Parum ending the water balloon fight.



Bentley Hall, Jayden Shank, and Ashley Hall with the trophies they received.



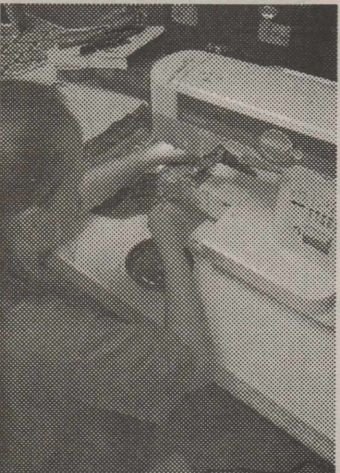
The start of the shooting sports water balloon fight.



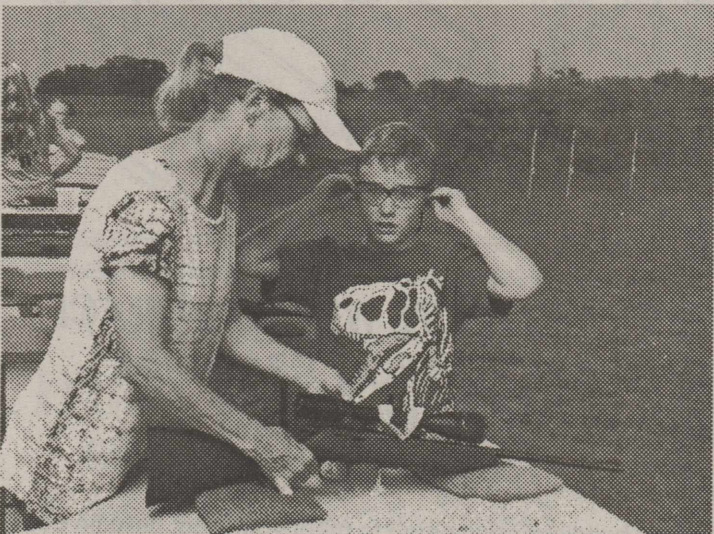
Katie Goains and she's practicing straight lines and turning corner



Hannah Marr and Brooklyn Lackey cutting out the fabric for their pillows.



Virginia Allen



Terrie Parum and Jayden Shank at rifle practice.



The 4-H sewing class has been learning the basics of sewing. Hannah Marr, Brooklyn Lackey, Katie Goains, Skyler Goins (visitor) and McKenna Podlevsky with the pillows they made.

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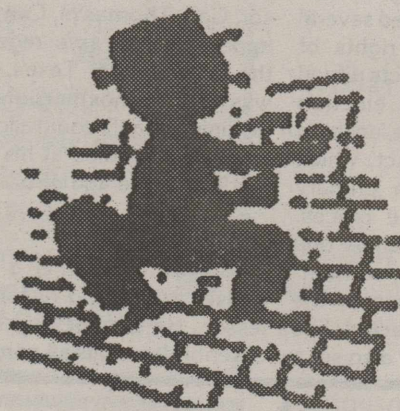
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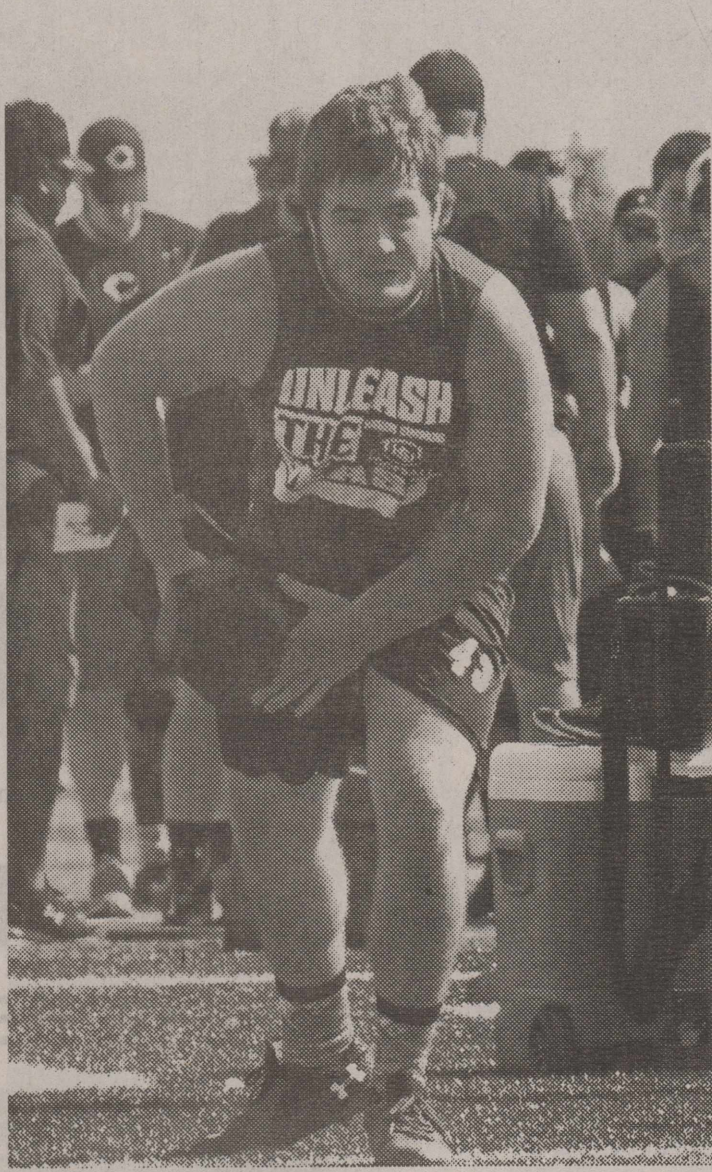
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Jacob Collier



Samuel Guerrero

# Seven Buffalo Linemen Compete in State LineMAN Challenge at Hardin-Simmons University on Saturday

Seven Cross Plains Buffalo Linemen - Samuel Guerrero, James Rhyne, Aaron Willis, Logan Proctor, Brian Morales, Tripp Thomas and Jacob Collier - competed in the third annual Hardin-Simmons Cowboy State LineMAN Challenge at Shelton Stadium on Saturday morning.

The linemen were coached by Justin Willis and Coach John Ward.

The linemen represented Division 1A and competed with 2A schools Anson, Coleman, Clyde, Dublin, Grandview, Hamlin, Hawley, Itasca, Jim Ned, Marion, Refugio, Rosser, Scurry and Stockdale in 10 different strength and conditioning events:

Forward Tire Throw - throw small tire forward for distance (5 man - total distance)

Bench - bench press total reps (185 lbs = 1 point, 205 lbs = 3 pts, 225 lbs = 5 pts) - (5 man total pts)

Farmers Walk - total time for 5 walking distance with Farmer's torpedoes

4-Way DB Stack - stack db's on plyo boxes (5 man total time)

Tire Flip Medley Relay - 5 guys rotate after 4 consecutive flips - 20 flip relay for total time

PowerDrive - 5 man relay for time

Wheel Walk - 5 man relay for total time with weighted wheel barrow

Sled Relay - (total time for 5) 1 guy push 10 yds, 1 push 15, 1 push 20 - spin it, 1 push 15, 1 push 10

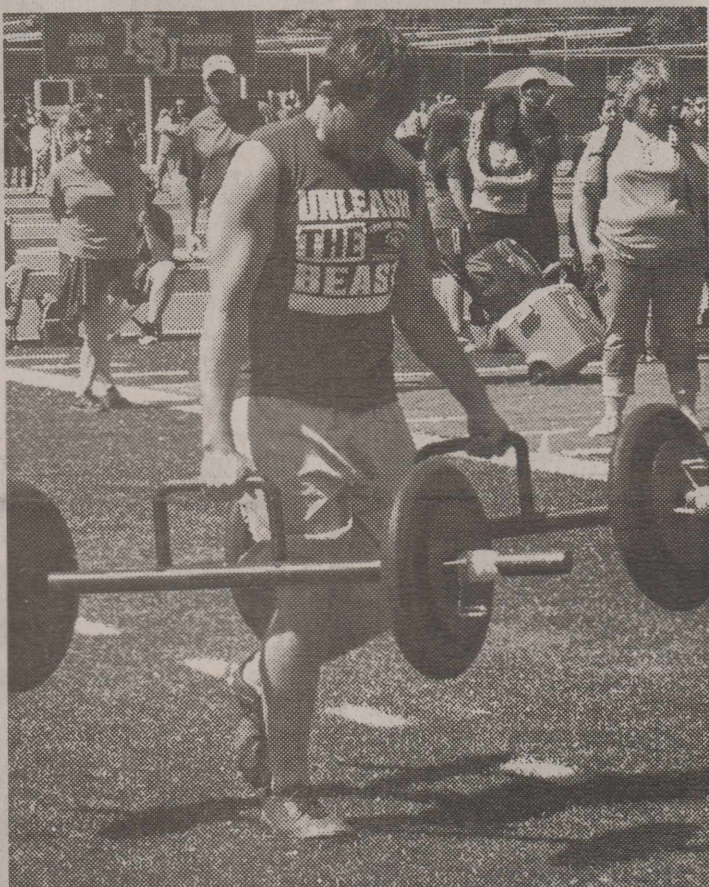
Obstacle Course - total time for 5 participants

Monster Sled - 3 pushers, 2 riders (total time for 50 yd push (25 down and 25 back)

Tug of War - 5 man teams, single elimination (Only top 4 finishers awarded points)

Points were accumulated from each of the different events to determine the winners in each of the three divisions: 1A-2A, 3A-4A, and 5A-6A.

Congratulations to our Buffalo Lineman for competing in this state challenge!



Aaron Willis

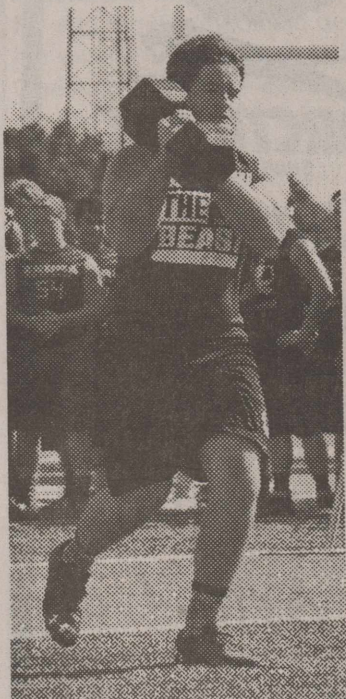


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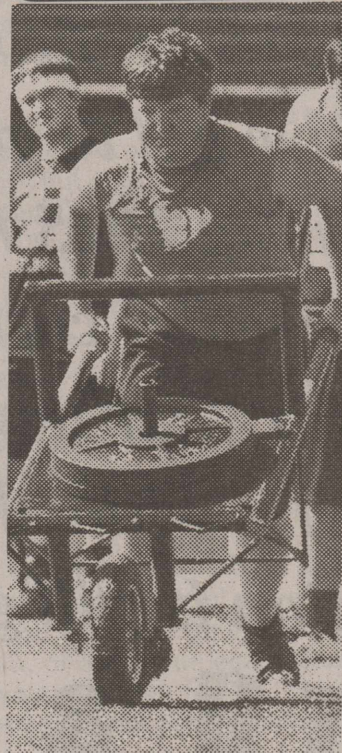
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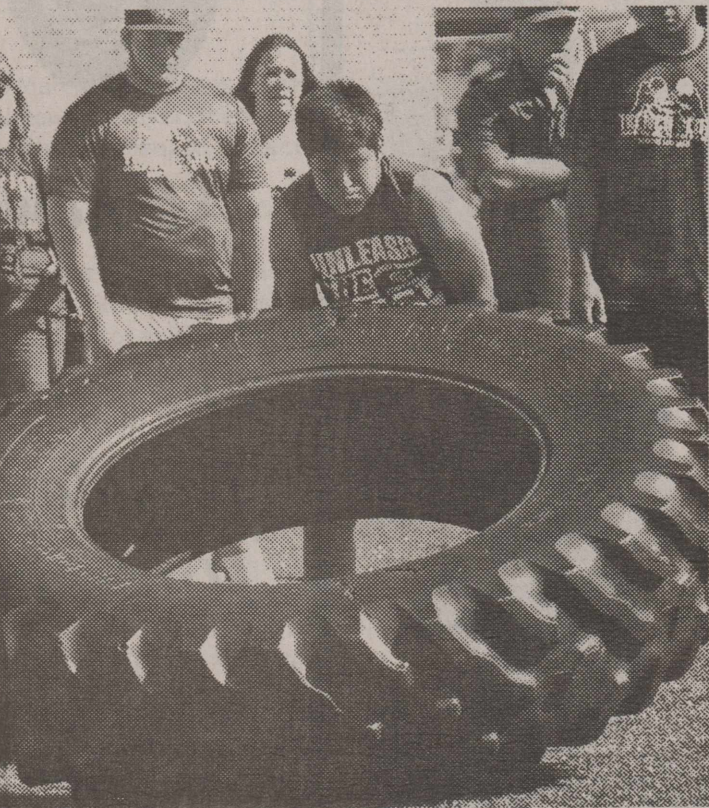
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Aaron Willis



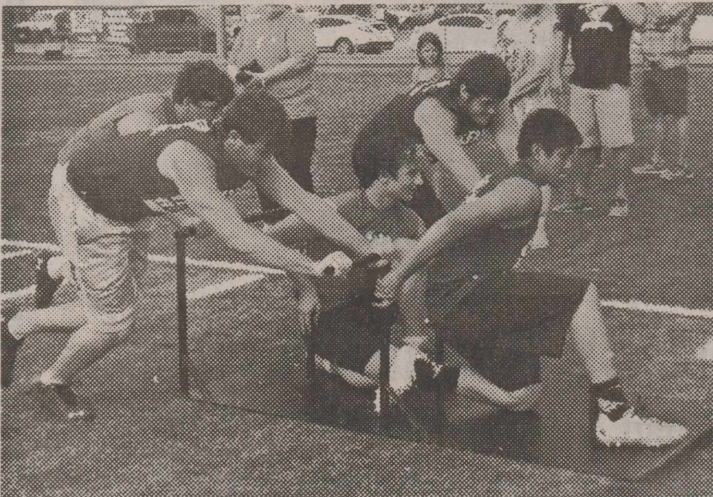
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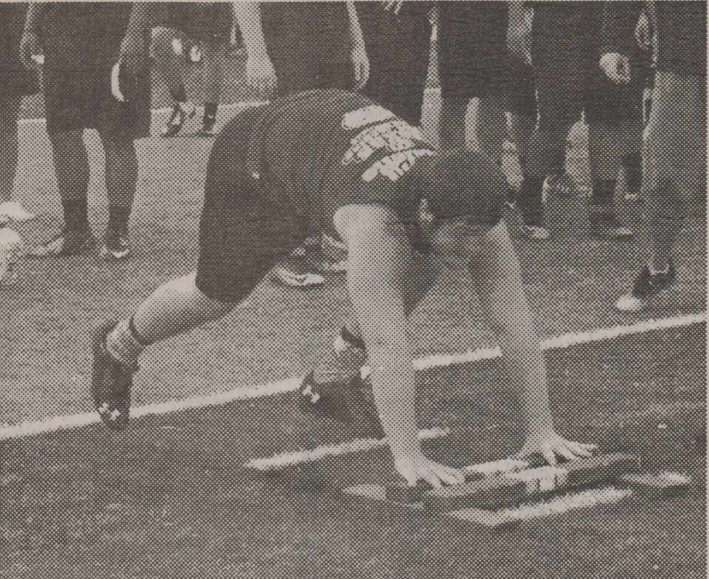
Brian Morales



Logan Proctor



Monster Sled



Jacob Collier



Prayer Before the Competition Starts



12 and under team - Lady Buffaloes, coached by Billy Wyatt and Dusty Bilbrey



8 and under West Division Champions - The Bandits, coached by Shane Roberts and Kevin Daliege

# 12-U Softball Tournament a Success, Players Honored with Awards Ceremony, YETI Cooler Given Away

The Lady Buffaloes 12-U Softball Team won the Cross Plains Youth Sports 12-U Tournament here in Cross Plains on Saturday. Taylor Wyatt was named MPV of the tournament.

The local 10-U Dirt Diamonds and 12-U Lady Buffaloes competed with area teams including the Gorman Purple Fusion, Dublin HomeRun Hitters and the Bangs Hurricanes.

The drawing for the YETI Cooler, donated by Higginbothams, was held at the tournament. Placedo Hernandez was the winner. Proceeds from the sale of tickets for the cooler will be donated to the Curtis and Sheila Bell Taylor family, who recently lost their home in a house fire.

The Cross Plains Junior High School Cheerleader's held a Bake Sale with cookies and

brownies and other goodies at the tournament. The Snocone wagon was also, there, as well.

Kids enjoyed playing on the water slide.

The highlight of the evening was the Awards Ceremony, where each player on the local softball teams - the 6-U Crush, the 8-U Bandits, the 10-U Dirt Diamonds and the 12-U Lady Buffaloes - and their coaches were introduced to the crowd. Each girl received a trophy.

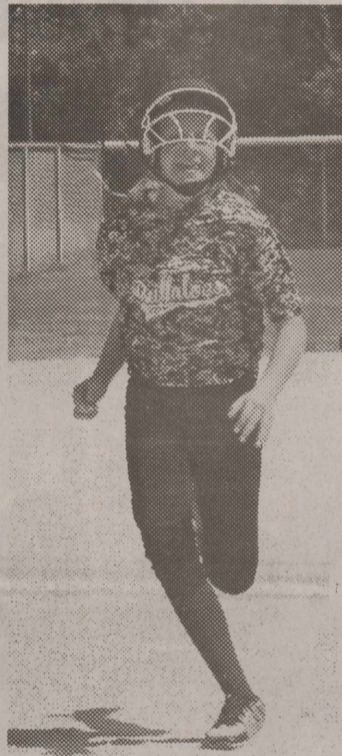
The 8-U Bandits are the West Division Champions and will be continuing on to District.

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 12-U Tournament a success.

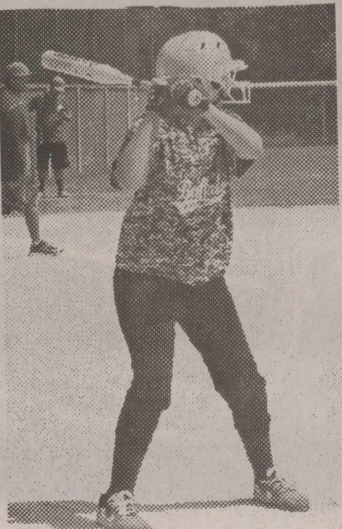
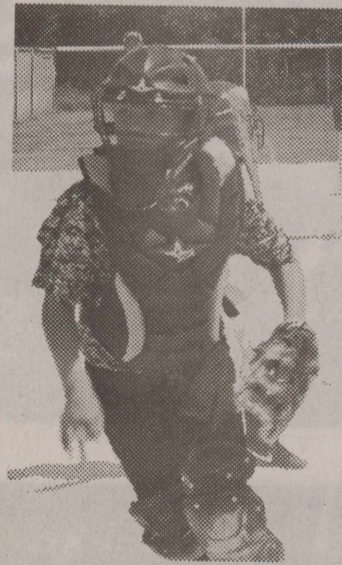
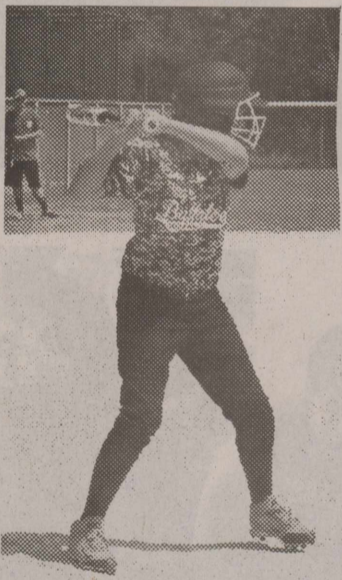
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Taylor Wyatt, Tournament MVP



6 and under team - Crush, coached by Jennifer Whisenhunt

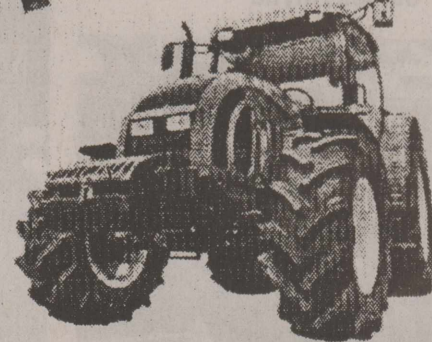


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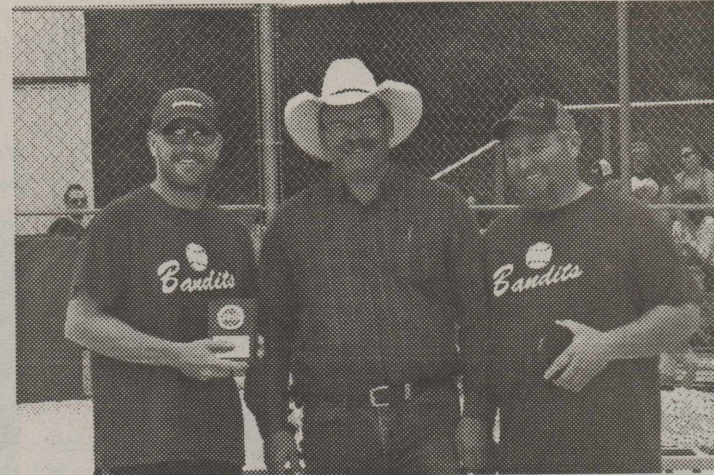
The Dirt Diamonds.



Choosing cookies at the Junior High Cheerleader's Bake Sale



The Lady Buffaloes line up.

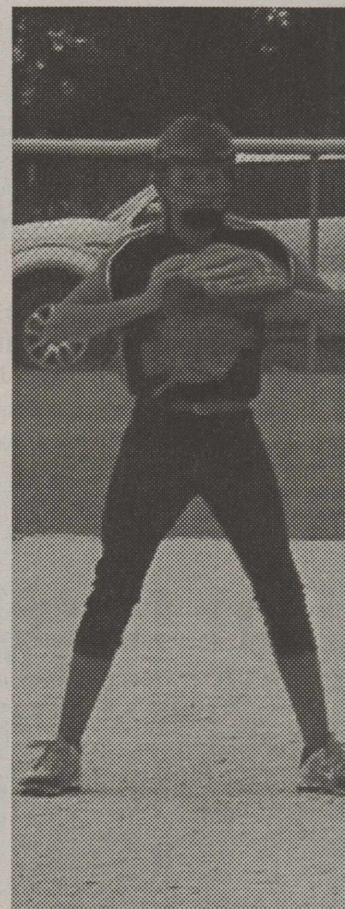


Bandits Coaches Kevin Dallege and Shane Roberts with Jack Shepard, center

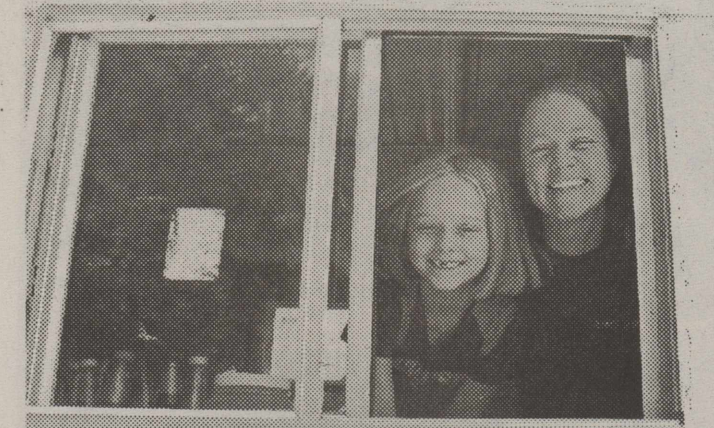
# 12-U Softball Tournament



Lady Buffaloes and the opposing team praying after the game.



10 and under team - The Dirt Diamonds, coached by Brandon Gilliam and Jack Shepard.



Ready for a Snocone? The Snocone trailer was out at the Softball Tournament.

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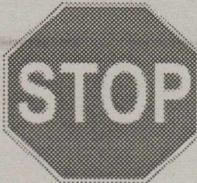
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Winner of the YETI Cooler - Placedo Hernandez with Billy Wyatt, left of the Youth Softball League, and R. W. Bogue, manager of Higginbothams.

## Nursing Home Medicaid questions and answers:



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Question #2: Does a single person in a nursing facility have to spend down all of his/her money before he/she can apply for nursing facility Medicaid benefits?  
 ••Answer: No! In most cases a single person in a nursing facility can protect a substantial amount of his/her assets from nursing facility spend down and still apply for and receive Medicaid benefits. In some cases a single person may protect all of his/her assets from nursing facility spend down.

Question #3: Can I lose my home to claims by the state?  
 ••Answer: Yes! The Estate Recovery Law passed in Texas in March 2005, does allow the state of Texas to file a claim on the home of a Medicaid recipient. However, there are several exemptions as well as legal remedies that would allow the recipient to protect their home from claims by the state.

Question #4: Is all the information I need on Medicaid available from my state Medicaid Office?  
 ••Answer: No! That is like saying everything you need to know about taxes is available from the IRS! Sure your state offices can provide you with general knowledge about Medicaid program requirements, but what you need to know is usually not available from the people employed by the state to process applications. They are not in a position to be your advisor or advocate. They are paid to gather information and not give it out. It is usually prudent, when faced with a nursing home crisis, to seek the assistance of a professional advisor. Again, be sure that the individual or firm that advises you is well versed in Medicaid eligibility requirements and long-term care issues.

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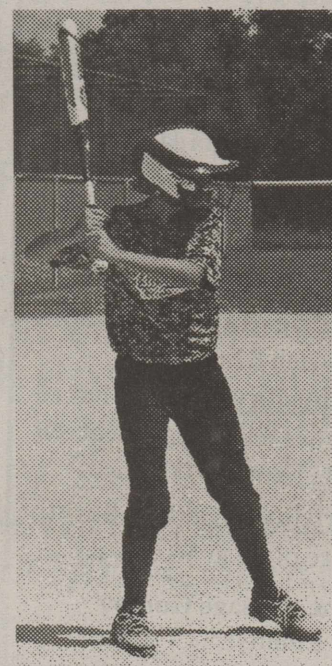
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Drawing the winner of the YETI cooler.



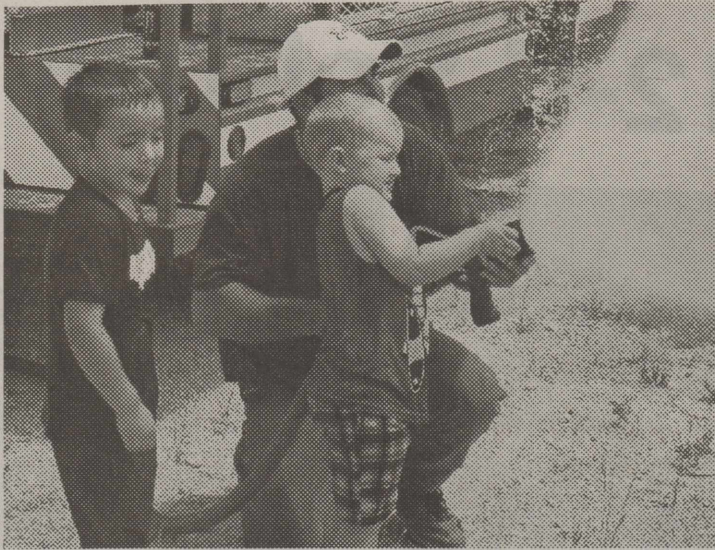
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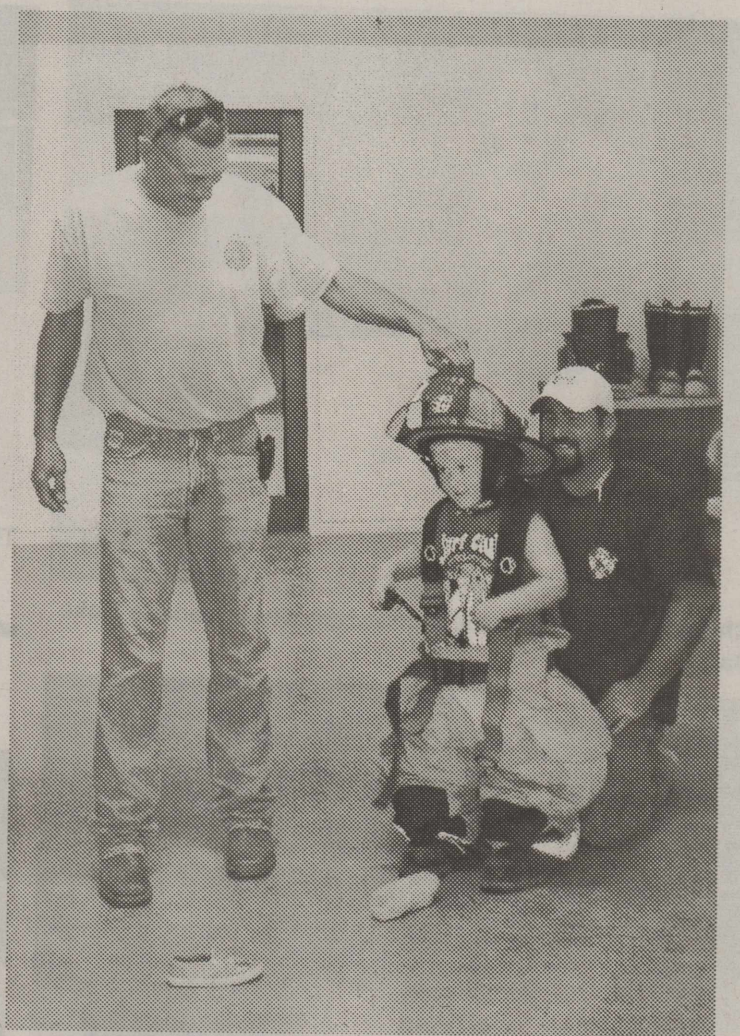
Emily Bisbee Trying on the Fireman's Bunker Gear.



Holding the Fireman's Jacket. It's Heavy!



Learning how to use the firehouse.



Hayden Bisbee Dressing Up Like a Fireman - Trying on the boots, pants and helmet with the help of firefighters J. D. Huddleston, left, and Josh Loftis, right.

## Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program Kids Visit the Cross Plains VFD Firehouse

The Summer Reading Program of the Cross Plains Public Library met Wednesday and took a field trip to visit the Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighters J. D. Huddleston and Josh Loftis greeted the kids and showed them the gear that a fireman wears. The kids held the helmet and jacket. A couple of them even tried on the firefighter gear!

The students learned how to hold the fire hose and how to spray water and get everyone wet!

Join the Summer Reading Program next week for a roping demonstration by Jessica Gilbert. Hope to see you there.



Learning about the Firemen and the kind of gear firefighters wear.



Spraying water. Everyone enjoyed a turn at the firehose.



Putting on Their Fireman Hats



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**Tickets now available for  
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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

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 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.

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*What Are You Reading?*

by the Bookworms



Keep the kids occupied this summer with good books! Try "Jasmine and Maddie" by Christine Pakkala for grades 4-6.

Jasmine and Maddie come from two completely different backgrounds. Jasmine lives in a trailer park. Maddie lives in a large house with a big family. They meet when Jasmine moves to town and enrolls in Maddie's school.

The two girls are jealous of each other because of what they think the other has. Jasmine sees Maddie as having money and a dad who is always there for her. Maddie sees Jasmine as confident and

fitting in with the other kids. Just because Maddie lives in a large house and her family has money, doesn't mean she is happy. And Jasmine is going through a tough time with the loss of her father. The girls find common ground because of a poetry assignment in English class. Once they let their guard down the girls discover they can be friends.

Each chapter is written in first person, alternating between Jasmine and Maddie. The story is written such that the reader feels empathy for both characters. This book would be enjoyed primarily by girls ages 9-12.

# Festival

## LIVE BANDS BY THE LAKE

<p><i>Friday</i></p> <p>5-7 Brad Good Band                  7-9 Guadalupe Pirates                  9-11 Transporters</p>	<p><i>Saturday</i></p> <p>12-2 Jackie Darlene Band                  2-4 Forgotten Road                  5-7 Kirk House                  7-9 Dave Hobbs                  9-11 Bo McDowell</p>
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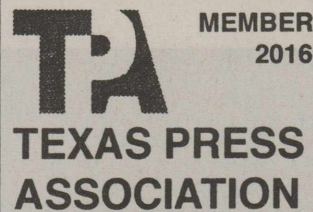
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## Love Fund for Curtis and Sheila Bell Taylor

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.

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## Fireworks both Friday and Saturday at 10:00 p.m. Food, fun, fireworks at Festival at the Lake this Friday and Saturday

The 2016 Festival by the Lake sponsored by the Clyde Festivities Committee is set for this Friday, July 1st & Saturday, July 2nd at the Clyde Lake. There is no admission fee to the festival area; however the Men of Clyde will be on hand to accept donations to help cover cost of the event.

This is the tenth year the Festival by the Lake has occurred. Last year's attendance was estimated at over 10,000 and is expected to be exceeded this year, according to Festival chairman Terry Davis. The festival committee is pleased to report that all measures of safety will be taken with a presence of law enforcement and medical teams in case of need.

### FAMILY FUN

Activities for all ages include carnival rides, pony rides, air castle and maze, gyro-ball ride, bungee cord jump area, bucking mechanical bull, horseshoe, volleyball and washer pitching tournaments and more being planned. A new game is being added this year is knocker balls (bounce balls) which are inflatable balls two players wear and try to knock each other down. That area will be expanded this year.

Exciting display of fireworks set for both nights after dark around 10:00 p.m.

The fireworks will be shot off on the south side of Clyde Lake.

There will be a designated area for boat trailer parking.

Visitor parking will be located north of the camping sites.

The fireworks on Friday night, July 1st will shot off by Gray Electric.

The fireworks display on Saturday night, July 2nd will be shot off by Richard Sheffield and Chad Sheffield.

Live entertainment scheduled: Friday, July 1st: 5:00-7:00 - The Brad Good Band.

Friday, July 1st: 7:00-9:00 - Guadalupe Pirates.

Friday, July 3rd: 9:00-11:00 - The Transporters.

Saturday, July 2nd: 12:00-2:00 - The Jackie Darlene Band.

Saturday, July 2nd: 2:00-4:00 - Forgotten Road.

Saturday, July 2nd: 5:00-7:00 - Kirk House.

Saturday, July 2nd: 7:00-9:00 - Dave Hobbs.

Saturday, July 2nd: 9:00-11:30 - Bo McDowell

### COOK-OFF COMPETITION on Saturday

Information and registration forms for cook-off teams can be picked up at City Halls in Clyde, Baird, and Cross Plains. Categories that require an entry fee include brisket, ribs, chicken, beans & dessert. Cook-off teams meet at 5:00 p.m. Friday for final instructions. Deadline is Friday at 5:00 p.m. A new category of competition this year, not requiring an entry fee, is "Best Damn Campsite". Cook-off campsites will be judged on how they are decorated to capture the spirit of the event.

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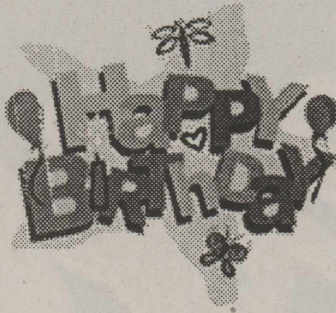
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There are currently no camping sites available for this year's festival.

The City of Clyde Convenience Center will be closed this Saturday, due to the festival activities. It will reopen the following Saturday.



### July 3

Ty Hogan  
Sheena Apple  
Bertha Dillard  
Sandra Barr  
Mrs. M.F. Gaw  
Danny Walters  
Sandra Morris  
Lupe Bwerrero  
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Joe Dalton Wyatt

### July 4

Josh Coburn  
Donal Lee Watson  
Patricia Rector  
Debra K. Fortune  
Jacky Sanders  
H.L. Halbook  
Jackie Carroll Conger  
Shirley Woodruff  
Zelma McAfee  
Richard Lee Gregory

### July 5

Kayden Jay (Rogers) Savell  
Sara Renee Sifuentes  
Nicole Hernandez  
Stanley Goble  
Danny Earl Mobely  
Alta Faye Patterson  
Betty Diane Reynolds  
Billy Charles White

### July 6

Diana L. Ring  
Mark Miller  
Deby Banks  
Brenda Montgomery  
Evelyn Harris  
Brandi (Monsey) Buitron

### July 7

Tessie Blake  
Danny Adams  
Carrie Elaine Childers  
Robbie H. McClure  
Mrs. Bill Pope  
Charlotte Hennesay  
Linda Merrit  
Donnie Neal Dillard  
John Perry  
J.C. Boyle  
Myrtle (Larkin) Bush  
Wanda Mathews  
Hayden L. Hopkins

### July 8

Jerry Huddleston  
Willie Henderson  
Spencer James Jefferies  
Mrs. Warren T. Killough  
Chris Key  
Alana Davis  
Troy Sawyer

### July 9

Mrs. Buddy Blew  
Beverly Wilson  
Jason Rutledge  
James Earl Cowan  
Terri Scott  
Kim Gibson  
Floyd Michell  
Micheal T. Foster  
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Jason Goins  
Darla Fendr  
Karen Pipes  
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## Football Ball Camp July 25th-27th

The 2016 Cross Plains Buffalo Football staff will be conducting a Football Camp July 25th to July 27th.

This is an opportunity to participate in a local camp run by the high school coaching staff of Cross Plains High School.

Fundamentals will be stressed during each session. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt.

**Instruction:** Each camper will be instructed on the fundamentals of blocking, throwing, catching, kicking, and carrying the football.

**Sessions:** Along with fundamentals, campers will also work on offensive and defensive situations.

**What to wear:** Each camper should bring their own cleats. T-shirts will be provided.

**Cost of Camp:** \$ 30 Checks should be made payable to: Cross Plains Athletics. The cost of camp includes T-shirt and Drinks during each session.

**Competition:** Team games and Individual competition will be scheduled for each session.

**How to Sign Up:** Early registration will begin July 5, 2016 and will go through July 15th, 2016.

\* Walk-up registration the day of the Camp will be accepted, but T-shirts will be in limited supply.

The registration form may be mailed to: Cross Plains Football 700 N. Main Cross Plains, TX. 76443 or you may bring to the fieldhouse Mon-Thur (7:00-10:30a.m.)

Registration forms may be turned into each campus office  
Location of Camp: High School Football Stadium  
Coaches:

Coach Purvis - Head Coach/ A.D.

Coach Ward - Asst. Coach  
Coach Goode - Asst. Coach  
Coach Cosby - Asst. Coach  
Coach Tipton - Asst. Coach  
Release Form

The students will be supervised at all times during camp operation while on the field. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of your child while participating in this camp. Neither camp personnel nor the City of Cross Plains will be held responsible for any injury that may occur as a result of the participation in or association with this camp.

I understand the above mentioned conditions and my child, Has my permission to participate in the activities planned for the 2016 Cross Plains Football Camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature Note: Before participating in the Cross Plains Football Camp, the Signed release form must be Returned to the camp director or Coaching staff. No exceptions will be made.

**Sponsors:**  
If you would like to be a sponsor, You may do so by giving a donation of \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00 or more.

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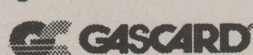
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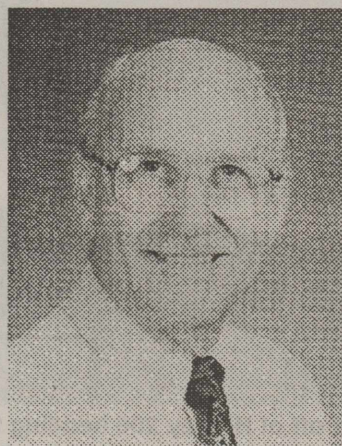
# Joe Coppinger to Speak at Chamber Banquet on July 28th

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.



**Former Cross Plains Teacher Joe Coppinger**

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.

# High School Cheerleaders Wash Cars

The Cross Plains High School Varsity Cheerleaders washed cars last Saturday at the Park Car Wash.

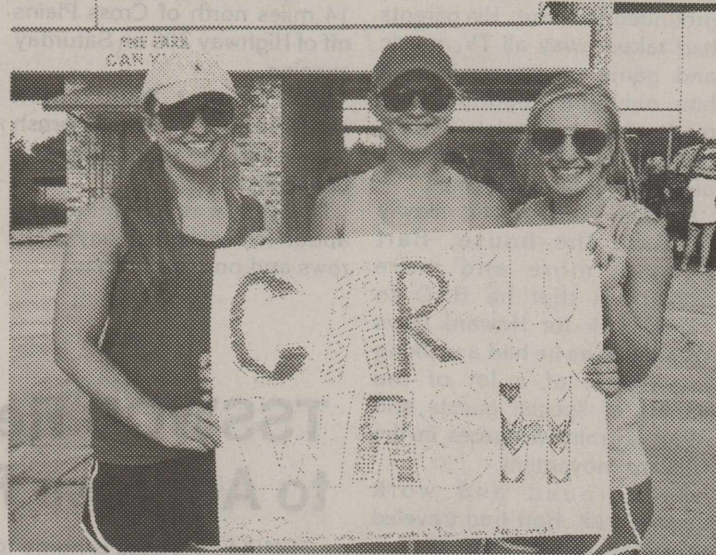
A steady stream of cars, SUVs and trucks that needed to be cleaned kept the girls busy.

The Cheerleaders are raising money to attend Cheerleader Camp later this summer.

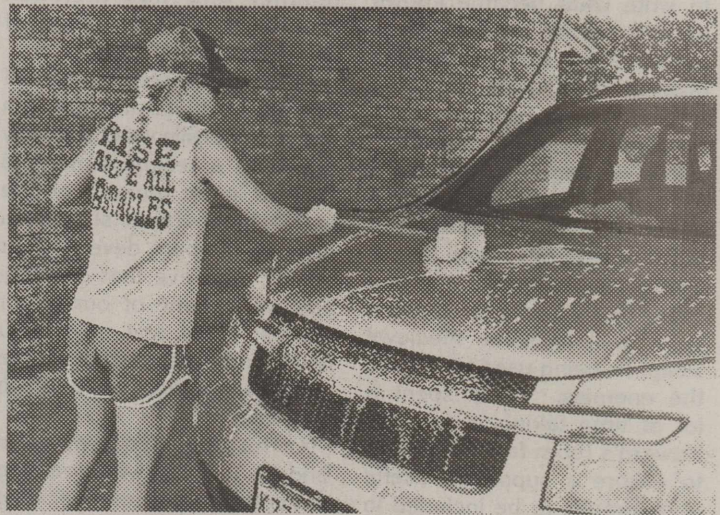
Thanks to everyone who came out and supported the Cheerleaders and to Mark and Rachelle Norris and the Park Car Wash for hosting the event.



**Washing Cars -- Front Row: Kenzie Kleiber, Jackilann Shepard, Kersey Wyatt. Back Row: Shiloh Dodge, Mallory McCready, Grace Goode, Hannah Cowan, Alexis Mauricio, Piper Winfrey.**



**Hannah Cowan, Grace Goode and Kersey Wyatt bringing customers into the car wash.**



**Kersey Wyatt hard at work cleaning the hood of the car.**

# Cross Plains Library Summer Reading Program Schedule

On Your Mark, Get Set, ... Read

The Cross Plains Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Program again this year with the emphasis on Sports. Miss Sue's Little Champion Readers will meet each Wednesday at 1:00 (except on movie days, all at 1:15) She will have stories and crafts for children 6 years and younger. Our main program (all ages) will begin at 2:00 each Wednesday, except on movie

days (1:15). We will meet for 8 weeks and following is our schedule:

- June 29 - Roping Demonstration
- July 6 - Intramural Day
- July 13 - Movie - Angels in the Outfield
- July 20 - Living History Presentation
- July 27 - Crafts with Chris
- Aug 3 - Splash in the Park

Hope to see you there!

# DPS Graduates 123 New Texas State Troopers

AUSTIN - Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw today was joined by Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon and members of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) as the department commissioned 123 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers. PSC Commissioner Randy Watson was the keynote speaker during the recruit graduation ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

"Becoming a DPS Trooper requires an immense commitment, and it is a job that will demand your utmost devotion - thank you for selflessly taking on that challenge and answering

the call to duty," said PSC Commissioner Watson. "From this day forward, you are building on a foundation that will shape and guide you throughout your entire career, and I encourage you to always endeavor to achieve great things."

The new troopers will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

"As you start on your journey as a Texas Highway Patrol Trooper, I want to welcome each of you to the DPS family," said PSC Chair Leon. "Your accomplishments are truly an inspiration, and I encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the person you've become and the path that brought you here today. I have confidence that you will make us all proud."

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in January. Instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including counterterrorism, traffic and criminal law, arrest and control procedures, accident reconstruction, first aid and Spanish. They also received training in use of force, communication skills, firearms, driving, criminal interdiction, cultural diversity and physical fitness.

"During the past six months, these 123 men and women have risen to every challenge; and today, they join the front line protecting this state against the full gamut of public safety threats," said Director McCraw. "Thank you for your courageous commitment to serving the people of Texas, and DPS is pleased to have you carry on the legacy of this premier law enforcement organization built on integrity, excellence, accountability and teamwork."

DPS is currently accepting applications for recruit classes scheduled for 2017. The next application deadline is July 13 for the class beginning Jan. 8, 2017. To apply or for more information about joining the Texas Department of Public Safety, visit [www.joindps.com](http://www.joindps.com). In addition, DPS schedules recruiting events throughout the year. To find an event in your region, visit <http://dps.texas.gov/trainingacademy/recruiting/recruitingEvents.htm#>.

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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "\_\_\_ as a lap dog"
- Tom Sawyer's pal
- TX Gene Tierney 1946 film: "The Razor's \_\_\_"
- pelts
- LBJ nominated this Fortas for Supreme Court of the United States
- TX Kelly Clarkson's label: "\_\_\_ Records"
- TXism: "does \_\_\_ sleep in the woods?" (yes)
- July 4 is a day \_\_\_ out
- Conway Twitty sang "\_\_\_ Line"
- TXism: "he doesn't know enough to come \_\_\_ the rain"
- llama-like critter some TXns jump off these at Lake Travis in Austin
- "bring up the \_\_\_"
- "\_\_\_ Star State"
- native of Somalia
- TXism: "\_\_\_ tickler" (pianist)
- TXism: "give me the \_\_\_ without the sizzle" (be brief)
- TXism: "he has short \_\_\_ pockets"
- a star of 5 points is on this (2 wds.)
- "Stardust" was one by TX Willie
- in East TX: "Lake \_\_\_"
- former name of Dandong, China
- TX Meredith Mac \_\_\_ of "Petticoat Junction"
- this Malouf wrote book "Cattle Kings of Texas"
- TX-born pianist Joplin
- unreturnable tennis serve
- "\_\_\_ out of shape"
- Jewish prayer
- the only horse ever that could talk (2 wds.)
- this Stillwell founded Port Arthur, TX (init.)
- gun-totin' org.
- TXism: "\_\_\_ fire" (in trouble)
- TX conservation bird group: "Travis \_\_\_"
- mostly in Mc-Lennan Co. on 84
- "\_\_\_ out a living"
- this Clements was first lady of TX for two terms
- this Cybill was in 10-down film (init.)
- tennis shot
- TXism: "\_\_\_ mad as a midget with a yoyo"
- Fox News' "The O'Reilly \_\_\_"
- TXism: "strong enough to \_\_\_ horseshoe" (strong coffee)
- regret
- org. for TX vets
- TX Buddy Holly 1958 hit: "Rave \_\_\_"
- TX farm-market thoroughfare (abbr.)
- venomous Nile snake
- Nolan's son who is Astros' president
- mental illnesses
- this John was in TX Willie's "Farm Aid IV"
- Howard \_\_\_ founded TX H-E-B grocery chain
- 4th & long call
- boot width
- owner of the TX club in 1980 film "Urban Cowboy" (init.)
- smirker
- TX George Jones' "Nothing Ever Hurt Me (Half \_\_\_ as Losing You)"
- isolated flat-topped hill in West TX

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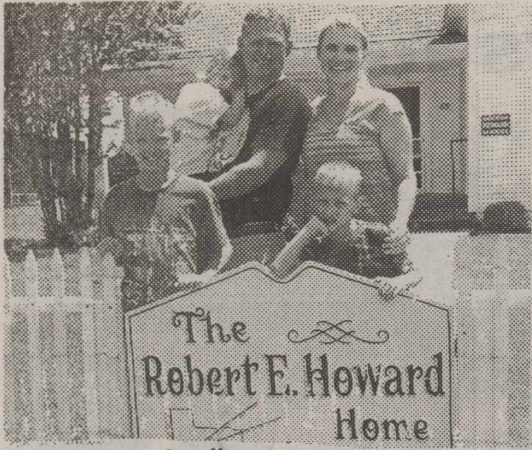
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## Busy Week-End at Museum

The summer crowd showed up all at once at the REH Museum this past week-end as three groups made arrangements to visit our well advertised attraction. A couple other visits had been arranged, but the visitors were unable to come at the last minute.

A class from the Brookhaven Community College in Dallas was interested in the environment that drove Howard to write what became known as the *Sword and Sorcery* genre. They were all working on a summer literary project on fantasy writers and were quite surprised when the instructor, Daniel Rodrigue suggested a road trip to see where it all had happened. Some had dabbled in these high adventure stories with a bit of supernatural and mystical elements thrown in as well as some Medieval weapons being used to subdue the enemies. They spent a lot of time taking pictures of Howard's room from all angles to ensure a supply of useful photographs to be included in their publication.

Students making the trip included Nicholas Bostick, Jake Griffin, Sophia Espinosa, Taylor Starnes, Travis Baugh and Jubenal Aquilar.

As the docent closed the door, another group showed up hoping to see the Museum. The Clinton Family was passing through on their way back to Houston from a trip to the Palo Duro Canyon area. They had visited a couple of other museums on their way home and were delighted to be able to include ours on their agenda.

Matthew is an environmental planner who works with different

clients to ensure the best deal for the private people involved in the public developments. As the imminent domain process is no longer in force, groups like highway departments have to jump through a lot of hoops to make sure private property like historical sites are not disturbed. And thus, Clinton works on a slippery slope day in and day out. Leslie is a high school American Literature teacher and has included Howard as a Texas writer of note in her curriculum.

Both were interested in a lot of Howard's writings and museum items, but Leslie was especially drawn to a teacher's note to Howard in the margins of one of his high school stories on display: "Robert, develop your talent. I believe that one day you will be one of our major writers." As she said, you never know what effect a note of encouragement will have on a student.

Nathaniel, Conner and Bridget just enjoyed roaming through the museum and being sofa testers in the living room.

Saturday morning found Josh



Hart from Frederick MD arriving for a long awaited visit. Being a fan of HP Lovecraft, he had visited that Museum a number of years ago and was definitely

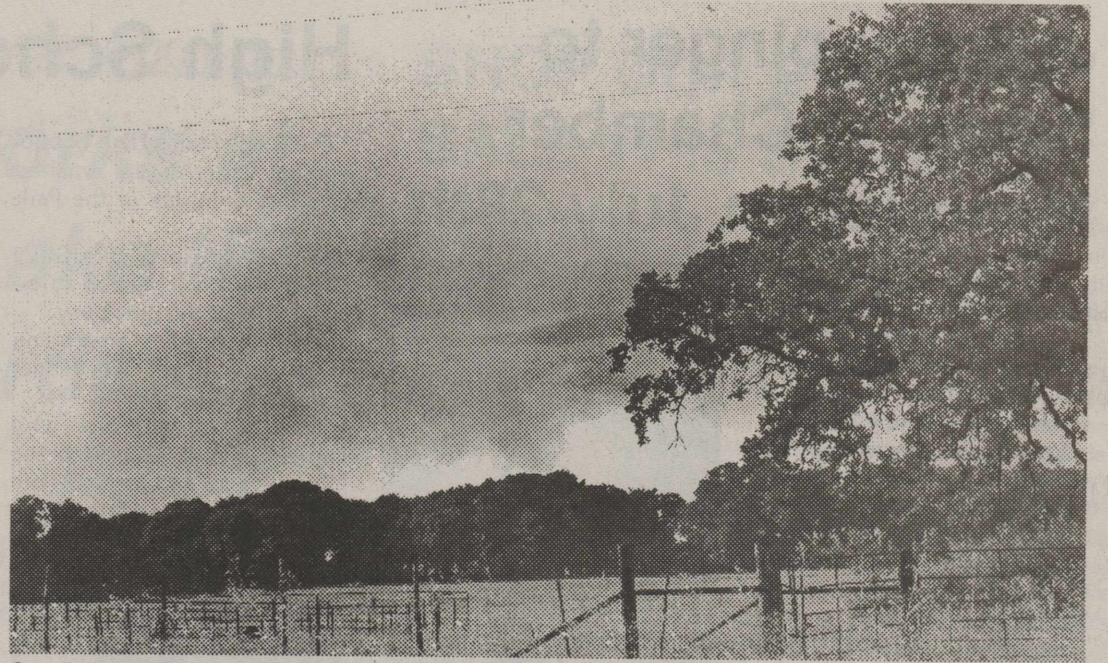
excited to visit the home of Robert E. Howard, as he knew the two had corresponded extensively. Perhaps his most amazing comment was that our museum was so much better than the Lovecraft house.

Hart had been introduced to Howard at an early age through his father's interest in the Lancer paperbacks of the mid-sixties. He related that at one point, having gotten into some trouble at school, he had been grounded at home. His parents had taken away all TV, music and game privileges; leaving him only the opportunity to read. "At that point, I really got hooked on Howard's stories and have been a fan since."

As the tour moved slowly through the house, Hart became more and more convinced that he HAD to come back for Howard Days some year as he had a working knowledge of a lot of the names of special guests and other prominent figures in the Howard movement.

Background and work experience? Hart had traveled throughout the 70's with a progressive hard rock band that was a real "head banger." The excitement of traveling in that style finally wore off as he realized that he really wasn't getting to see much of the country except between venues. At that point Hart quit the music field and went to work in a tattoo shop, learning a trade that had long fascinated him. After a short lesson in the artistic application of tattoos, the tour continued in the hallway.

Each day, a new adventure.



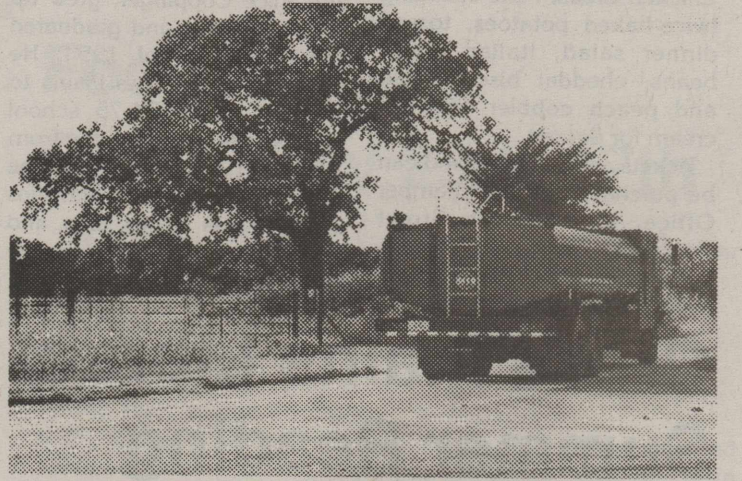
Smoke could be seen for miles off of Highway 206 heading toward Cisco. Cross Plains VFD and Rising Star VFD worked together to put out the fire.

## Hayfield Catches Fire on Saturday

Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department and the Rising Star Volunteer Fire Department worked together to quickly extinguish a fire in a hayfield 12-14 miles north of Cross Plains off of Highway 206 on Saturday evening.

CPVFD sent two "quick attack" trucks, two heavy brush trucks and the water tanker to the scene.

The fire was contained to about five acres of hay wind rows and one bale of hay.



CPVFD's Watertanker arrives on the scene.

## TSSWCB Receives \$5.2 Million Grant to Address Flood Control Dams

TEMPLE — Texas is home to more than 2,000 flood control dams, many of which many were severely damaged by the extreme rainfall events of May 2015 and October 2015. In November of 2015, four organizations from the state of Texas wrote a letter to the entire Texas congressional delegation expressing the need for assistance in repairing the dams that were damaged. The request was made to acquire federal funds to match state and local dollars to put toward the repairs. The Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts (ATSWCD), the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), the Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil (TCAWS), and the Texas Association of Watershed Sponsors (TAWS) all strongly advocated for financial assistance to address these needs.

As part of the appropriations bill passed by Congress in December 2015, \$157 million


was made available to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program. The EWP Program was created by Congress to respond to emergencies caused by natural disasters. It is designed to help reduce imminent hazards to life and property threatened by excessive erosion and flooding caused by heavy rains, drought, earthquakes, windstorms and other natural disasters.

On June 7, 2016 funds were released to TSSWCB from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a part of the EWP Program to repair dam structures across six counties in Texas. An estimated \$5.2 million of federal funds will be put towards flood control dams that need vital repairs as a result of the heavy rainfall events of May 2015. TSSWCB will dedicate an estimated \$1.5 million of its funding from the Texas Legislature to ensure that all of the federal funding is adequately matched and

utilized on a local level.

The following counties will receive funding to repair a total of 26 dam structures: Cooke County (6 dams), Denton County (1 dam), Ellis County (2 dams), Guadalupe County (1 dam), Montague County (5 dams), Williamson County (2 dams) and Wise County (9 dams). The scope of repairs totaling \$6.1 million ranges from auxiliary spillway repair to debris removal and embankment repair.

The TSSWCB's flood control programs provide grants to local sponsors of flood control dams to address minor operation and maintenance needs where 90% of the cost comes from the state, and more elaborate structural repair grants that are covered by the state at 95%. When federal dollars are available through EWP, the state's share is lessened to 25% or less. For more information on the agency's program, go to: <https://www.tsswcb.texas.gov/en/floodcontrol>.



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## Rising Star Nursing Center News

A rousing game of 42, or, The National Game of Texas was played recently at our place. These ladies prove there is always a lot to do at Rising Star Nursing Center. We also had an exciting Scavenger Hunt with items posted neatly all over the nursing home. The event was won by Ms. Vicky Claborn. If you want more information or want to volunteer in some way, please call Pam Phillips our director at 254-643-6700 or go on line to

[www.risingstarnursing.com](http://www.risingstarnursing.com)



JoAnn and Dallas Jenkins, of Vero Beach, Florida, visited Cross Plains last Wednesday, stopping by the Senior Citizen's Center and the Cross Plains Review. Dallas, who was raised in Cottonwood, is a stepson to James Floyd Archer, enjoyed driving around the area, looking at the old homesite and seeing how the Cross Plains/Cottonwood area has changed in 70 years. John and Teresa Taylor accompanied the JoAnn and Dallas on their trip here.

## Fixing and expanding roadway system can bring economic benefits

(AUSTIN) — Poor roads cost Texans money — and sometimes their lives. Yet transportation infrastructure spending positively affects local and state economies by connecting businesses, customers, goods and services more efficiently, which in turn enhances business expansion and road safety.

In the latest issue of Fiscal Notes, the Comptroller's office continues its examination of Texas road finance by turning to the economic impact of road construction. A Comptroller study indicates that \$25 million in road spending in urban areas can add as much as \$43 billion to the state economy over time.

"In addition to immediate employment in construction

and related industries, road projects yield long-term benefits by improving our productivity and economic competitiveness," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

Fiscal Notes is an extension of the Comptroller's constitutional responsibilities to monitor the state's economy and estimate state government revenues. It has been published periodically since 1975, featuring in-depth analysis concerning state finances and original research by subject-matter experts in the Comptroller's office.

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## Jeremiah 29:11 Project Provides Hot Meals for Local Children and Weekend Snack Bags

The Jeremiah 29:11 Project was created three years ago with the hope of feeding children a hot meal at lunch during the summer months! The meals are prepared at the Senior Citizen Center by the loving hands of Vivian Wooten, Carrie Wheeler and Jordan Collier!

Dannes Turner and Leslie Wyatt help us on the business end of the project!! We appreciate all the loving hands who help make this possible!! Volunteers of the community help deliver meals to the children. We now have 27 children enrolled!

Delivery volunteers are Lexie Bagley, Christine Woodard and Lorelei Woodard, Kaymie Wells, Bailey Wells, Marsha Ossowski, Sheila Allen, Connie Kirkham, Sam Horan, Roby Odom, and Texas Heritage Bank Employees Debbie Edington, Brittani Bogue, Mona Dye, David and Mindy Estes, Barbara Dillard, Vicky Worley, and Pam Harris.

Whitney Henderson and Roby

fill snack bags for the weekend. These are delivered with their meals on Fridays.

The Cross Plains Library gives each child an age appropriate book (that the child gets to keep) each week also.

Michelle Kaiser applied for a grant from the Trull Foundation and they help pay for weekend snacks.

This past week we prepared and delivered 120 meals!!! By the end of summer we will have delivered about 1500 meals!!!

So as you can see the Jeremiah 29:11 Project truly is a community effort from a very Caring Community!!! Thanks for all your help.

If you would like to volunteer or help financially you may contact Whitney Henderson 325-260-9330, Connie Kirkham, 325-665-0154 or 254-725-6500, and Crystal Conway 325-370-7790.

For \$20 you can feed a child a hot meal for a week. For \$80 for a month for \$240 for three months.



Working in the kitchen for the Jeremiah 29:11 Project - From left to right, Connie Kirkham, Lexie Bagley, Carrie Wheeler, Hannah McKinney, Vivian Wooten and Jordan Collier



Delivering Meals - Kaymie Wells, Lexie Thompson and Jordan Collier

## Cross Plains Remembered books available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Library Notes

### Library Hours

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Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm  
Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm  
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Closed Friday

June 20 - June 23, 2016

Patrons 90  
Books Checked 91

Programs 55  
Jeremiah 29 Project 39  
SRP 16

Copies 17  
Internet 19  
Wi Fi 18  
Reference 9

### Book & Miscellaneous

#### Donations

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Doris Duke  
Lacretia Ringlöffler  
Charles Rodenberger  
Bill Rutledge

#### Volunteers

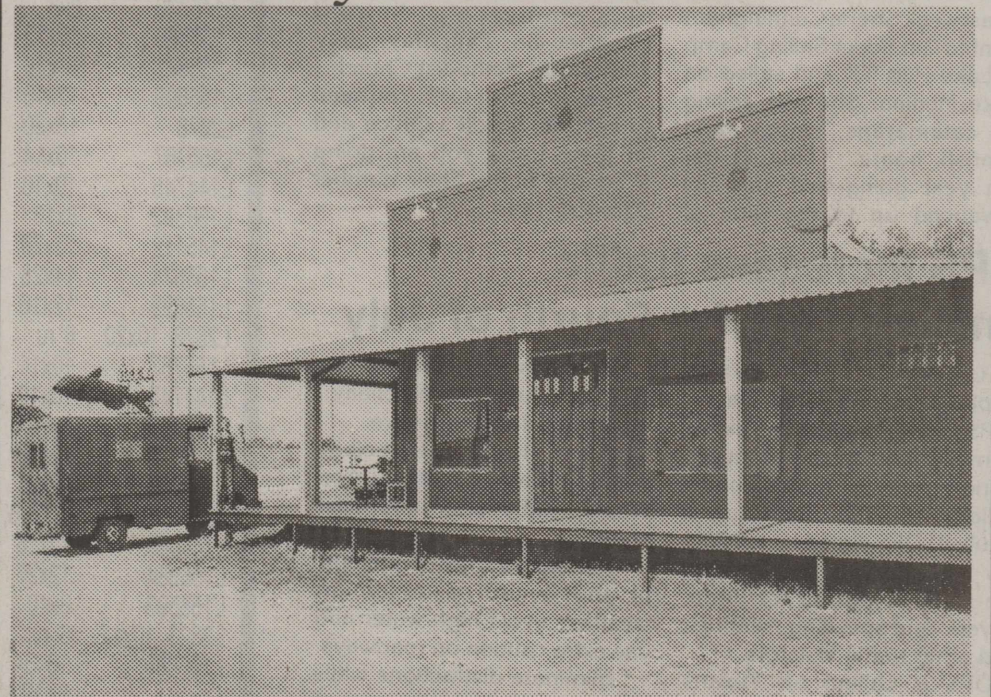
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**Denton Valley's Backyard is coming soon!**  
(The Old Denton Valley Store)  
Hwy 36 and FM 604



We would like to offer Beer and Wine for onsite consumption to our future restaurant customers. Please consider signing our petition to bring this matter to vote in the upcoming November election.

Stop in and preview what we are doing this Friday, July 1st on your way to Clyde Lake where we will have petitions to sign from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We will also be signing petitions at the Staple 6 Barn on July 9th.

Thank You!!

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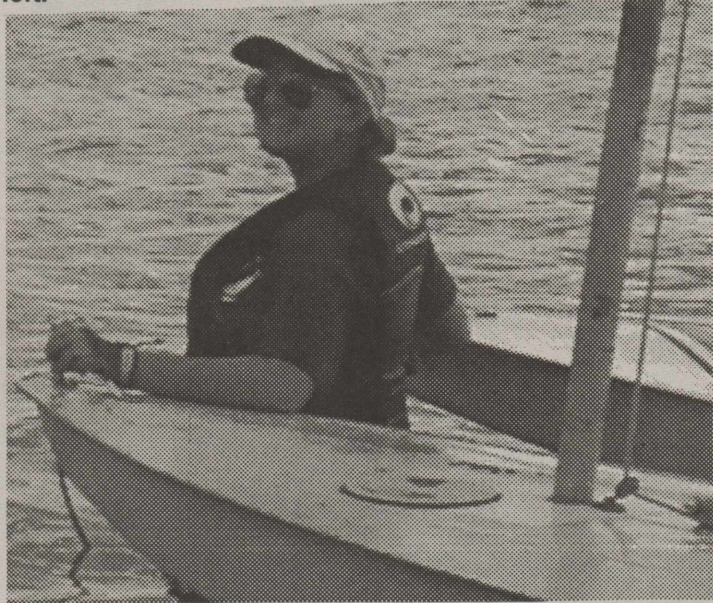
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Clyde Boys Scout Troup 223 camped at the Larimore's place over the weekend. Jack Larimore is second from left.



Strena Cunningham at Sailing Camp

## Cottonwood News by Beverly Brown

The Cottonwood Baptist Church missionary team is headed to Romania this week. Team Romania consists of Mindy Estes, Kelli Bennett, Kaitlyn Potter, Porcius Potter, William Meador and Kelly Guyon. We wish them safe travels and will pray for them while they are away.

Wanda Hammel, of Shirtz, spent the weekend with her sister, Billie Kelly. Shirley Byrd of Kellar, spent the weekend with her sister Mary Ella Weaver.

Haylee Gregory celebrated her 7th birthday on Sunday with a birthday party.

Her sister, Katelyn Gregory, played on the Dirt Diamonds team in the Softball Tournament over the weekend. Proud Grandparents Joe and Jane Besselar were at the softball games.

Dena Nickerson's great-granddaughter Caddy Bug Nickerson is also on the 10-U Dirt Diamonds. Other great-granddaughters Autumn Nickerson and Hailey Nickerson are on the 12-U Lady Buffaloes Team. Dena Jo Hines was also at the ball park.

Last week Strena Cunningham went to Girl Scout Sailing Camp in Lake Hills TX and sailed on Lake Medina. She was sailing on catamarans, sloops, and sunfish boats. This is her 4th year going and she has advanced up to the rank of

Skipper and is part of the US Sailing Organization for small boat sailors.

The Larimores hosted the Clyde BSA Troop 223 at our place this weekend. Jack Larimore is part of this Boy Scout Troop. The boys camped, cooked and worked on merit badge requirements. They had a great time and will be coming back.

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 Tersetegge 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.

## DPS increases traffic enforcement for Fourth of July

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is encouraging Texans to make safe driving practices a priority during the July Fourth holiday weekend. From July 1 - July 4, DPS Troopers will join law enforcement from across the state in looking for drunk drivers, and speeding, seat belt and other traffic violators.

"DPS is calling on Texans to help keep our roadways and communities safe by celebrating responsibly and using extra caution during Independence Day festivities," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "During the holiday weekend, Troopers will be on the lookout for impaired and dangerous drivers; and anyone who plans to drink alcohol should also plan to take alternate transportation or designate a sober driver."

During the 2015 Fourth of July enforcement period, DPS Troopers made 496 DWI arrests, and issued 7,211 speeding citations, 1,156 seat belt/child safety seat citations and 1,007 no insurance citations. In addition, Troopers made 268 fugitive arrests and 187 felony arrests.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, in 2015, 960 people were killed in motor vehicle traffic crashes where a driver was under the influence of alcohol, accounting for 27 percent of the total number of last year's traffic fatalities.

DPS offers the following tips for a safe July Fourth holiday:

- \* Do not drink and drive.
- \* Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas, traffic and unfamiliar areas.
- \* Monitor weather conditions. In the event of inclement weather, avoid high water and use extra caution on roadways.
- \* Eliminate distractions while driving, including the use of mobile devices.
- \* Buckle up everyone in the vehicle - it's the law... "Click It or Ticket."
- \* Be careful when driving off road since hot catalytic converters can ignite dry vegetation.
- \* Do not use personal fireworks - attend sanctioned, professional displays instead.
- \* Never toss a cigarette out of a car window, and don't put cigarettes out on the ground.
- \* Keep a fire extinguisher and water handy if cooking outdoors or during a campfire.
- \* Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire, EMS and Texas Department of Transportation vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law.
- \* Also, move over a lane or slow down if you see a fellow motorist on the side of the road.

For more information on how to protect against wildfires, visit Texas A&M Forest Service at <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/default.aspx>.

## 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 Winkleman or Helen Hutchins at 325-641-2960 for more information. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

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## Sales to benefit Alamo preservation New Alamo license plate now available

AUSTIN - Today Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush and Texas State Representative Lyle Larson (District 122-San Antonio) announced the availability of a new Alamo license plate for all Texans! With each purchase, \$22 of the license tag price will go directly to the Alamo to pay for preservation efforts and historical educational programs.

"The creation of this new license plate coincides with a new and exciting chapter in the Alamo's history as we continue to make great strides in the historic master plan process," Commissioner Bush said. "I commend Rep. Larson who wrote the legislation that has made this specialty plate a reality. Not only will this license plate enable Texans across the state to show their pride for the Alamo, the Shrine of Texas



Liberty, but it will also provide valuable funds for continuing preservation work and valuable educational resources so that we can continue to teach visitors about the historic events that occurred on this sacred site."

"There are a lot of folks who take pride in Texas' heritage, and the Alamo is the cradle of Texas independence," said Rep. Larson. "This will give folks the opportunity to embrace that

concept when they purchase their license plates and support the restoration of the Alamo for future generations."


The license plate was designed by the Texas General Land Office in coordination with Representative Larson and the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles. To order a specialty Alamo license plate visit <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/license-plates/specialty-license-plates>.

# REPO



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Repo Sale July 1st - 15th

SERIAL #	SIZE	DOOR TYPE	WINDOWS/ADDITIONS
L145194	12x20	8 roll, 3068-9lo	(1)3040 (1)2020, (3) 24" shelf (3)plug (2) 4"flo (1)switch
L3832	8x12	8" fibercore 9 lights	1x2630, 16"shelf (1)light (1)switch
L144992	12x12	48" shop doors	(2)2630
L144494	12x16	64" dbl doors	1x2630
L3319	12x14	3068-9	1x2630 2x2020, 4ft x12ft loft low e 4x110 1 swith 1 std light fixture
L144965	10x16	3068-6	2x2020, 2x24" shelf 10' ,2x 110 switch std light
L155855	10x12	3068-6	
L155472	14x18	3068-6	3x2630
L3268	12x14	3068-6	3x2630, low e 4x24" shelves by 12"
L3687	14x28	3068-6	4x3040 ins 2x 8' flourescent, 2x110 switch
L144794	10x12	48" door	3 4ft lofts, 24" by 10 ft
L145191	14x24	3068-9	2x3040, 6 ft loft, elec. Pkg
L2948	12x18	3068-6	3x2630, 12 ft shelf
L155637	14x28	10' rollup 3068 6	2x2630, 1x 110, 1 lite switch, 8' firscnt
L155797	10x12	48" shop door	2x2020 , 3-4' lofts 1x10 ft x24" shelf, elec. Pkg
L156429	12x12	48" shop door	2x2020 , 6 ft x12ft loft 24" shelf x 12 ft, elec. Pkg
H145214	14x28	3068-9	Finishout, le, fg, sty, fe, full bath, kitchenette
L3164	14x16	6"ru	2-2630m, double plywood floor, 1" sf
L156331	12x16	64" shop	2-2630w, 4'x12' loft
L145308	14x24	8' ru, 52" shop (broken)	2-3040w ins, 4'x14' loft, 24'x14' shelf, se(4-110, 1-8' flo, 2-sw)
L144403	10x12	48" shop	2-2020w, 1-2630w, Greenhouse, 16"x20' shelf, 24"x10' shelf, plywood tops (30')
L144779	14x24	8' ru	2-2630w, Building locked
L3893	12x16	64" shop	2-2630w, 4'x12' loft
L166634	10x12	48" shop	2-2630w, Greenhouse, 20'x16" shelf, 10'x24" shelf
L145181	10x12	48" shop	2-2020b, SE(2-110, 1 l/s), 2-4'x10' lofts, 24'x12' shelf
L156130	6x8	36" shop	2-bow hunting windows. 2-Slider windows, 12'x8' shelf
L144285	12x16	64" double shop	2-2630w, 4'x12' loft
L145320	6x6	36" shop	na
L155665	10x12	48" shop	2630w, Greenhouse, 24"x20' shelf, no floor
L155671	14x28	i19	3-2630ni, 14'x10'loft,9-110, 1-ls, 1-cl,low-e wrap
L155699	12x16	52" shop	2-2020 white non ins, 4' porch, 2-light switches, 4-110 plugs
L2878	10x20	6' ru	2-3040 sliver non ins, 2-24"x10 shelf one on bottom other on top
L155767	10x14	52"shop	2-2020w non ins, loft all around,24"x10 shelf, 1-light switch, 2-110 plugs
L144745	10x10	64" double	1-3040w non ins
L156392	8x16	52" shop	1-2630w non ins, low e all
L145112	12x20	72" double door	2-3040 sliver non ins, 2-2020 sliver non, 4'x10 loft
L155671	14x28	i19	3-2630ni, 14'x10'loft,9-110, 1-ls, 1-cl,low-e wrap
L155699	12x16	52" shop	2-2020 white non ins, 4' porch, 2-light switches, 4-110 plugs
L2878	10x20	6' ru	2-24"x10 shelf one on bottom other on top
L155767	10x14	52"shop	2-2020w non ins, loft all around,24"x10 shelf, 1-light switch, 2-110 plugs
L144745	10x10	64" double	1-3040w non ins
L156392	8x16	52" shop	1-2630w non ins, low e all
L145112	12x20	72" double door	2-3040 sliver non ins, 2-2020 sliver non, 4'x10 loft
L155759	12x20	52" shop	3-2630 ins., B-board (all), fan w/light & remote, 125bb, closet w/2 shelves
L3969	12x20	3068-6, 24" shop	4'x12 loft, 4' porch w/o rails
L144645	12x16	64" shop	1-2630 (back wall), n/a
L156284	12x27	3068-9	2-2630, 1-2020, 6'x12' loft, 3-110, 1-ls, 1-8'flo, 4'x12' porch w/o rails
L155593	8x10	48" shop door	20" x 24" shelf, 4'x8' loft, 5 110s, 1 ls, 2 std lights
L2823	10x12	6' ru	
L155886	16x34	(2) 5' fibercore	
L144760	12x16	3069-9	1-2630i, spray foam
L155517	14x26	72" double shop doors	(2)2630 (1)2020, (2) 4" loft (2)plug (1) s-light (1)switch
L144815	10x10	3068-9(ro) (1)48" shop	(2)3040-ins
L145359	14x28	3068-6, 1 interior	spray foam insulation
L155454	10x16	3068-9(ro) 3068-6(lo)	(4)3040-ins/ 1 busted, 4" porch w/rails
L145341	12x24	6" roll	(2) 24"shelf (2)plug (1)8flo (1) switch low-e
L145191	14x24	3068-6(ii)	(2)2020, (1)2630, 4"porch (2) 4" loft (4)plug
L3832	8x12	3068-9(ro)	(2)3040-ins, 6" loft (2)plug (1)light (1) ceiling fan
L3619	10x14	(2)2630	16"shelf (1)light (1)switch
L144992	12x12	48" shop doors	24" shelf 6" loft
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## Callahan County sees a decline in 'hot checks'

Due to a decline in "hot check" fees collected by the County Attorney's office, the commissioners' court approved a request from the County Attorney to pay the part-time clerk from another fund.

The commissioners' court took the action Monday, June 27th during a regular commissioners' court meeting held at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioners met with County Attorney Shane Dell to discuss with the court that with the decline in individuals using checks to make purchases, there is also a decline in "hot check" fees collected. The part-time County Attorney's clerk Lynette Bowen takes care of the collections for the "hot checks" and the law library. Her salary is paid out of the hot check account and also out of the law library fund. Because the hot check fund is running low, County Attorney Deel requested the commissioners' court approve for the remainder of this budget year, that all of the salary paid to Clerk Bowen to come out of the law library fund.

On a motion by Commissioner Harold Hicks and a second by Commissioner Cliff Kirkham, the commissioners' court voted 5-0 to approve the request.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was called to order at 9:33 a.m. with the following officers present: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding, Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1, Bryan Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2, Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3, Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4, Jan Windham, County Treasurer, and Donna Bell, County Clerk. Also present were: Sheriff Terry Joy, Julie Lemon with the County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Rick Jowers, Scott Kniffen, KBL Restoration representative Kevin N. Scott, Sam Goldsmith with Goldsmith Solutions, and Scott Howard

with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen.

—The minutes of the previous commissioners' court meetings were reviewed and signed.

—There was no public comment.

—No action was taken on the Countywide Burn Ban. The Burn Ban remains lifted.

—Scott Howard with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen presented to the commissioners' court deeds on ten in-trust properties that were bid on during the recent Sheriff's Sale. These sales will put the properties back on the tax roll. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the sale of these properties. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—County Attorney Deel also requested approval for County Attorney Clerk Lynette Bowen to be appointed as the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Coordinator. This appointment would be through the remainder of the current budget year. Commissioner Farmer made a motion approving Lynette Bowen as the CJIS Coordinator for Callahan County until the end of the current budget year. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—No action was taken on Item VI. The second in-trust deeds possible action and approval.

—Kevin Scott with KBL Restoration gave an update on the window restoration and the electrical improvements to the County Courthouse. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the report and Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

—After discussion with representatives of the Sheriff's Department about the Sheriff's Call Card Report and Overtime Report, Commissioner Farmer made a motion to approve the reports. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—Commissioner Windham

made a motion to approve an anonymous donation of \$500.00 to the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

—A recess was called at 10:15 a.m. The commissioners' court meeting resumed at 10:23 a.m. —Discussion was held by the commissioners' court on the 21 flood prevention structures in the County. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to do in-kind work on the dams equal to \$1,540.00. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

—Agenda Item IV Discuss-consider Callahan County Historic Commission Distinguished Service Award-2015. Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to table until a later meeting. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which was approved with a 5-0 vote.

—Sam Goldsmith requested the commissioners' court to go back to Agenda Item VIII Courthouse Repairs project update. Mr. Goldsmith discussed the stain color for the windows in the Commissioners' Courtroom and the Radio Tower on the roof. No action was taken.

—Judge Corn requested further discussion on Agenda Item IX-Sheriff's Report and Overtime Report. Commissioner Farmer made a motion to go into executive session at 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Windham seconded the motion, which passed with a 5-0 vote.

—Judge Corn called the commissioners' court back into regular session at 11:03 a.m. —Commissioner Hicks made a motion to pay the approved bills. Commissioner Kirkham seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5-0.

—Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion. The motion passed with an unanimous 5-0 vote.

## There's no safe way to use consumer fireworks

June 28, 2016 - As the Fourth of July approaches, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is reminding the public that there's no safe way to use consumer fireworks. According to NFPA, coordinator of the Alliance to Stop Consumer Fireworks, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 18,500 fires caused by fireworks between 2009 and 2013. These fires included 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, 16,900 outside and other fires, and killed two people per year.

Last year, two NFL players made headlines by losing fingers in accidents involving fireworks. The two separate high-profile incidents raised awareness about the dangers of consumer fireworks. Almost half (47 percent) of the fires reported on Independence Day in the U.S. during this period were started by fireworks, more than any other cause of fire. However, the vast majority of fireworks injuries occur without a fire starting. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), more than half of fireworks injuries each year are to extremities - hand or finger (36 percent), legs (14 percent), and arms (5 percent). Most of the remaining injuries were to parts of the head (38 percent), including the eye (16 percent of total).

"Each year, thousands of people are injured from using consumer fireworks and some of those injuries are extremely serious," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "Even sparklers, which are often thought of as harmless enough for children to hold, burn at 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit and can cause significant injuries."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2014 Fireworks Annual Report shows fireworks were involved in an estimated 10,500 injuries that were treated in hospital emergency departments across the United States in 2014. The report indicated that 67 percent of

these incidents occurred from June 20-July 20, 2014. That year, there were also 11 non-occupational fireworks-related deaths in the U.S., several of which involved people who were not using fireworks but were trapped in house fires that were caused by them.

Thirty-five percent of people injured by fireworks were under the age of 15, with children between the ages of five and nine requiring the highest level of emergency treatment. Seventy-four percent of the victims that sustained fireworks-related injuries were males, while 26 percent were females.

So how can you celebrate the holiday safely? Attend public fireworks displays put on by trained professionals.

"Knowing the harm fireworks inflict each year, particularly on young people, we urge everyone to leave fireworks to the professionals who are trained to safely put on spectacular displays. It is by far the safest way to enjoy them," said Carli.

NFPA offers a wealth of information on fireworks safety, including videos and tip sheets that demonstrate just how dangerous consumer fireworks can be.

More fireworks statistics can be found in NFPA's 2016 Fireworks Report.

About the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global, nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy; and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org). All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at [www.nfpa.org/freeaccess](http://www.nfpa.org/freeaccess).

## Courthouse News

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Colton L. Lanier, theft or worthless check.

Billy J. Cassle, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Adolfo Brien Gutierrez, possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Misdemeanor Minutes

Kimai Lindsey, motion to dismiss to possession of marijuana granted, sent to prison on another case.

Alice S. Melton, motion to dismiss to theft by check granted for completion of PTD Program.

Dustin N. Prejean, plea of guilty to DWI, 30 days in jail, \$429 court costs.

### Marriage Licenses

William Conner Johnson and Michelle Danise Johnson, both of Cisco.

### 42nd District Court John Weeks, presiding

### Civil Minutes

Deidre Lynnette Warren and Brian Hunter Warren, divorce granted.

Jennifer Lyn Stone and Adam Courtney White, divorce granted.

### Criminal Minutes

Donovan Barnes, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 6 months in jail, \$329 court costs.

Justin C. Wilson, judgment revoking probation granted.

David A. Clement, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 1 year in jail, \$339 court costs.

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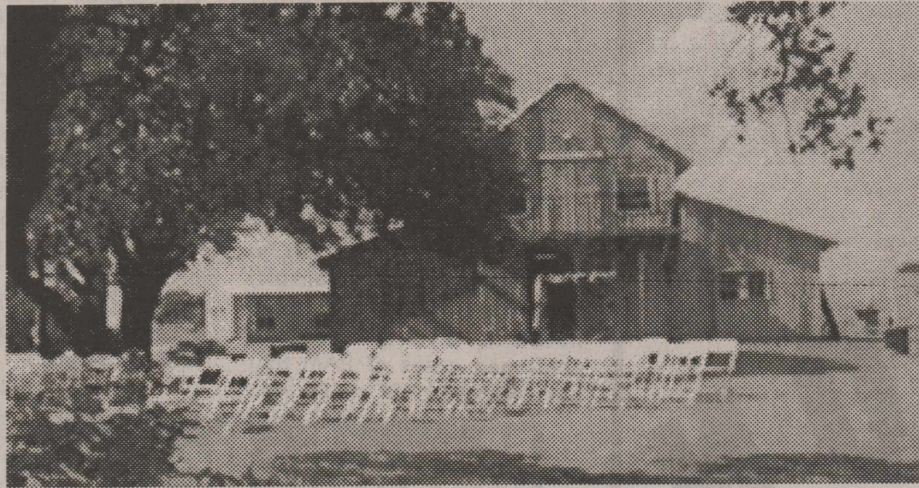
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## State relinquishes all claims to historic archives Daughters of the Republic of Texas settle lawsuit with General Land Office

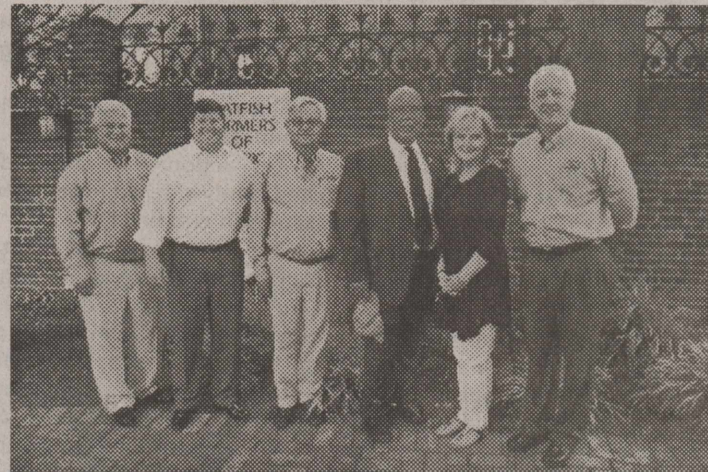
(AUSTIN, Texas) — The Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush have reached a legal settlement to their yearlong dispute over an archival library housed on the Alamo grounds since 1950. "The Daughters held fast and our prayers were answered," said Dr. Betty J. Edwards, president general of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. "With this behind us, we can refocus on our mission to ensure the next generation of Texans understand and appreciate our unique history as a sovereign republic." As a result of the settlement, the General Land Office dropped any ownership claims to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Collection. The

collection closed to the public on June 1 to prepare for its move from its historic home adjacent to the Alamo Shrine to Texas A&M-San Antonio. Through the agreement, Bush also agreed to reimburse the Daughters \$200,000 for legal expenses. Shortly after taking office in 2015, Bush ordered the Daughters and their staff to be locked out of the library after he terminated their management contract for the Alamo. DRT staff were only able to reenter the library after the Daughters received a temporary restraining order against Commissioner Bush and the GLO. Lamont Jefferson, who negotiated the settlement on behalf of the Daughters of the

Republic of Texas, said he was pleased with the result. "The Daughters of the Republic of Texas are a respected organization of women who honor and preserve our state's history. This lawsuit was about protecting individual liberties against the overreach of the state," Jefferson said. "This settlement will allow the Daughters to return to their work telling the story of Texas, which they have done so well now for almost 125 years." Edwards said the more than 7,000 members of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are up to the task. "We may just be a nonprofit organization of women, but we are Texas women," she said. "We will persevere, and we will succeed."

## Catfish Farmers of America visit Federal Lawmakers, urge congress to keep catfish safe

Washington, DC. - The Catfish Farmers of America (CFA) recently met with members of the congressional delegation on Wednesday to encourage Congress to oppose SJ 28, should the bill come to a vote. Since catfish inspection began at USDA in March, Food Safety and Inspection Services (FSIS) inspectors detained two shipments from Vietnam that contained adulterated products. This is already more successful than FDA inspections had been in the past two years. "American consumers deserve quality inspection of the products they purchase," said Bari Cain, President of CFA. "Our lawmakers have an obligation to maintain the safety of our nation's food source. USDA inspection prevents consumers from being exposed to products that



CFA Chairman Ben Pentecost, Congressman Steven Palazzo, CFA President Bari Cain, Congressman Benny Thompson, Mississippi Ag Commissioner Cindy Hyde-Smith and CFA Executive Vice President Roger Barlow at the annual Fish Fry on Wednesday, June 15th.

originate from countries who do not abide by the same strict safety standards as we do. By FDA's own admission, they inspect less than 2% of catfish coming into the United States. Catfish farmers also explained that the process is neither duplicative nor costly, clarifying that false reports in recent circulation highlight an outdated program cost of \$14 million annually. This report does not reflect USDA's most recent estimate (next to last page) in the December 2015 final regulation at a cost of \$2.5 million annually, or a net increase of \$1.44 million

annually. Additionally, both agencies signed an MOU as a result of the 2014 farm bill to ensure no duplicative efforts would result between the groups.

The meetings concluded with an annual fish fry serving U.S. farm-raised catfish in the nation's capital.

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## Take precautions to avoid rare, dangerous Amoeba on Texas rivers and lakes

WACO, Texas (June 15, 2016) - Warm weather in the Brazos River basin and the upcoming holiday make this a great time to enjoy area rivers and lakes. However, the conditions that make the water temperature enticing also foster the growth of a rare but dangerous microorganism. Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) is a rare disease caused by Naegleria fowleri, an amoeba found in almost all untreated, fresh surface water and in soil. The amoeba thrives in low levels of fresh water that is warmer than 80 degrees and stagnant or slow-moving. The PAM infection occurs when water containing the organism is forced into the nasal passages - usually from diving or jumping into water or from water skiing. The amoeba makes its way into the brain and spinal cord, destroying brain tissue.

Symptoms of the infection include severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, seizures and hallucinations as the condition worsens. Although PAM is rare, those infected usually succumb to the disease within a week.

There were 34 known cases of PAM in Texas between 1962 and 2015, according to the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Texas Department of State Health Services confirmed two cases of PAM in Texas in 2015. Most cases occurred in children, ages 9 -12, with a history of exposure to surface water during warm summer months.

For many years, Naegleria fowleri infections were considered to be fatal with no specific treatments available. However, in recent years, there have been a few patients with confirmed cases of PAM that have survived. Of those who

have contracted the disease, there are three known survivors since 1962, including Kali Hardig of Arkansas, who was infected in 2013.

To prevent infection, it is recommended that those taking part in warm, fresh water-related activities use nose clips or hold their noses shut while jumping into water. With the amoeba often found in soil, it is best to avoid stirring up underwater sediment. The Texas Department of Health recommends that people avoid stagnant or polluted water and take "No Swimming" signs seriously. PAM cannot be spread person to person nor by drinking water. Swimming pools and hot tubs that are properly cleaned, maintained and chlorinated are generally safe, as is salt water.

The Texas Department of State Health Services recommends that anyone experiencing symptoms of PAM should be evaluated immediately by a physician. The physician should be informed that the patient has taken part in activities in warm surface water. The disease has mistakenly been diagnosed as the flu or meningitis. Providing the physician with information that the patient has been swimming in surface water will allow for appropriate testing to be undertaken quickly.

The Brazos River Authority encourages recreationists to enjoy the water, while being aware of health risks associated with swimming in or around stagnant or slow-moving water. For more information about PAM, contact your local county health department or the Texas Department of State Health Services at (512) 776-7111 or 1-888-963-7111. Those who are hearing impaired should call 1-800-735-2989.

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