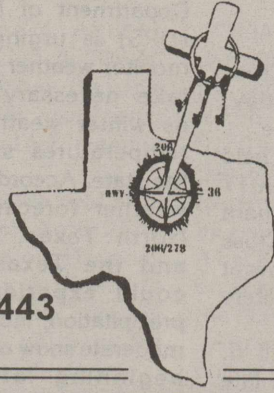


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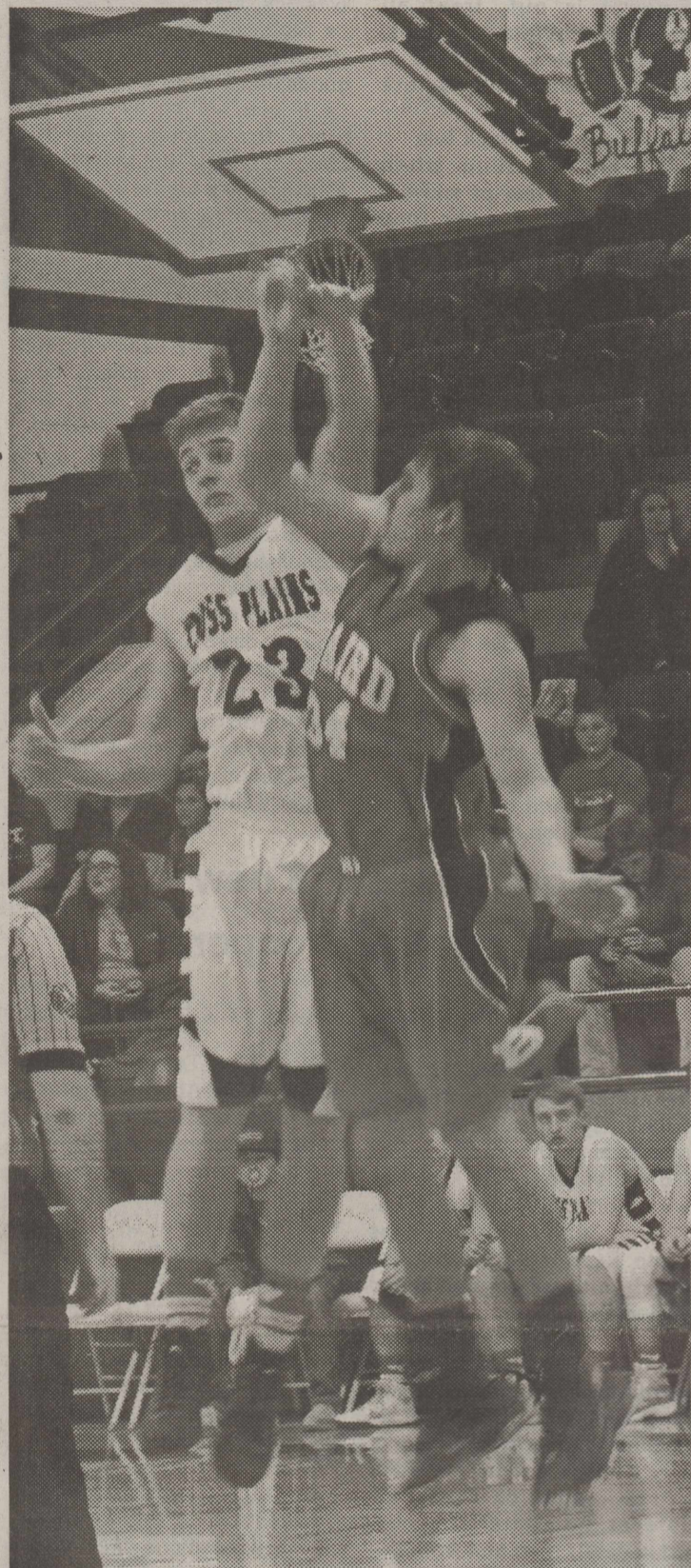


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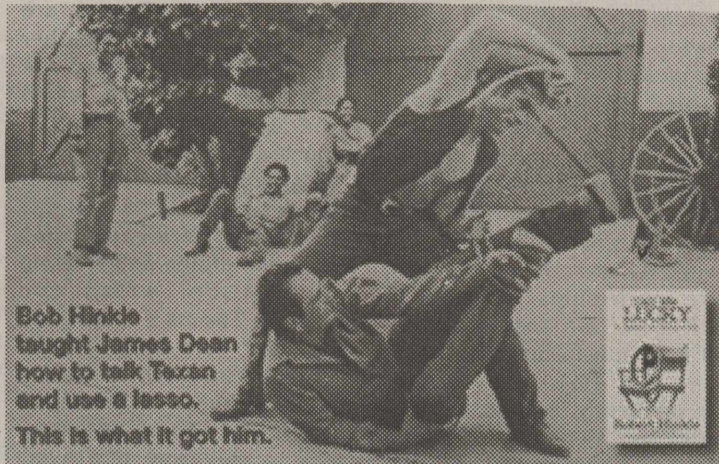


Holden Senclair, left, going after a rebound in the Baird game last Tuesday night.

## Holden Senclair Sinks Full Court Shot; Named to Big Country Top Ten

Holden Senclair, CPHS Senior and Buffaloes forward, banked home a near-fullcourt shot at the end of the second quarter in the game against Panther Creek on Friday night. The shot was an estimated at 80 feet. Video of the shot was shared across the facebook and the internet, and was even picked up by USA Today High School Sports.

Big County Sports named Senclair as Number Four in this week's Big Country Top Ten. Congratulations Holden!



## How Well Can You "Talk Texan?"

The Cross Plains Public Library will host a fundraising dinner featuring Bob Hinkle, author of "Call Me Lucky - A Texan in Hollywood" on Saturday, January 21, 2017 in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. A dinner of pulled pork, coleslaw, beans, condiments, dessert and drinks will be served beginning at 5:30p.m and Hinkle will begin his presentation at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

Hinkle is most famous for teaching Hollywood stars to "talk Texan." In the classic movie *Giant* Hinkle coached Rock Hudson, Carroll Baker, Dennis Hopper, Mercedes McCambridge and James Dean to "talk Texan." Hinkle then took his experience from *Giant* to the set of *Hud* and did for Paul Newman what he had done for James Dean by coaching Newman, Patricia Neal and Melvin Douglas.

In the spirit of the night's theme we will host a contest to pick the best person who can "talk Texan." You can enter by contacting the library at 725-7722. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, Jan.17, so don't delay!

We are featuring this as a Book-to-Author event made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Participants may pick up a copy of Hinkle's book at the library. After our dinner, Hinkle will be available to autograph copies of his book. Join us for a fun and entertaining evening!

## Callahan County Livestock Show, January 12th-14th

The Callahan County Livestock Show will be held Thursday through Saturday, January 12th-14th. Show Schedule:

**Thursday, January 12th**  
Breeding Goats - 5 p.m.  
Market Goats - Immediately after Breeding Goats  
Market Sheep - Immediately after Market Goats

**Friday, January 13th**  
Breeding Swine - 8 a.m.  
Market Swine - Immediately after Breeding Swine  
Poultry - Immediately after Market Swine  
Rabbits - Immediately after Poultry

**Saturday, January 14th**  
Beef Heifer - 9:30 a.m.  
Market Steer - Immediately after Beef Heifer

**Arrival times:**  
Lams and Goats: Thursday, January 12th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Swine: Thursday, January 12th, weigh in 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Poultry and Rabbits: Friday, January 13th, weigh in 12:00-1 p.m.  
Steers and Heifers: Friday, January 13th, weigh in 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Entry fee need to be paid at time of the weigh in. No exceptions.



## Rebekah Crockett Makes ACU Dean's List

Rebekah Crockett, 2016 Cross Plains Graduate, made the Dean's List for the 2016 fall semester while attending Abilene Christian University. Because of her hard work, commitment, and dedication she achieved a GPA of 3.85 to accomplish such an honor. She received a letter from the Dean of Education and Human Services praising her for her accomplishments and she is majoring in Elementary Education. We are so very proud of her and knew she would do well. She has represented Cross Plains in an awesome way! Way to go Rebekah!!

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Cross Plains VFD Officers for 2017 - From left to right, Josh Loftis, Truck Captain; J. D. Huddleston, Rural Fire Chief; Byron McNutt, Assistant Chief, and Rickey Carouth, Fire Chief. Officers were elected at the CPVFD Annual Meeting on Monday night.

**C.P. I.S.D. Holiday and Early Out**  
Thursday, January 12  
Early out at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

**Friday, January 13, Student and Staff Holiday for the Callahan County Livestock Show**  
*Classes will resume on Monday, January 16th at regular time.*



## Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Annual Meeting, January 16th

It is that time again, for the Cottonwood Volunteer Fire Control Group's Annual Corporation Meeting. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 16th 2017. The meeting place will be the Cottonwood Community Center and the meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. All residents of Cottonwood are invited to attend the meeting.

The Board will be presenting new By-Laws that were approved by the Board on December 15, 2016 and Ratified on December 19th at the regular monthly member meeting of the CVFCG, by all the corporation members present at the meeting. The Board has been working on the By-Laws for over two years, and look forward to presenting them to our residents.

We will also be electing Corporation Officers, (President, Secretary & Treasurer) all Cottonwood residents, that are over 18 years old, who attend the meeting are eligible to vote. We will also be presenting the annual financial report. We will have a handout entitled Wildfire Preparedness Check List, which can help home and land owners to better protect their properties from Wildfires.

We will be discussing the projects we worked on in 2016 and what we intend to work on in 2017. There will be time for public comment during the meeting. We will be providing light refreshments, after the meeting.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School .....9:45 AM  
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM  
Ministry Activities  
Youth Meet at Pool House.....6:30 PM  
Thomas Estes, Pastor  
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Church (254) 725-6266 Bible Teaching  
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**Pastor:** Dwaine Clowers  
**Music Director:** Barbara Jo Medley  
Phone: 254-725-7574  
Sunday School.....10:00am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11:00am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00pm  
Wednesday Prayer Service.....6:00pm

### Living Water Ministries Fellowship

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Sunday....10:00 am Wednesday....7:00 pm

*Pastor Max Evans*

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10:45 a.m.

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### First Baptist Church

**Sunday Morning** 10:45 a.m.  
**Sunday Evening** 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday School**  
9:30

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm Prayer/Worship

Student & Children Ministries 6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday: Evening: 7:00P.M.

Ladies Class - Wednesday:

10:00A.M. (at the church activity center on East Hwy 36)

Office: (254-725-6117)

Cell Phone: Rick - (918) 348-6859

## OBITUARY

### Dan Johnston

Dan Johnston, 90, of Cross Plains, passed away Friday, January 6, 2017 in Abilene.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel, Cross Plains, TX. Burial will follow at Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, TX.

Dan was born on April 6, 1926 in Abilene to the late Journey J. Johnston and Essie Newton Johnston. He was the youngest of 4 children. Dan married Bobbie Jean Webb on August 4, 1944 in Cross Plains, TX. Dan proudly served his country in the Army during WW II in the European theatre. After the war he worked and owned a Truck Dealership and auto dealerships from 1946 until 2014. Dan was a member of First Baptist Church in Cross Plains, TX. He was loved and will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Dan is survived by his wife of 72 years Bobbie Johnston; 2 sons, Freddie Johnston and wife Bee Gee and Bobby Johnston; 9 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; family and friends.

Dan was also preceded in death by a son, Billy Johnston.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to the First Baptist Church, Cross Plains, TX.

## DPS Advises Texans to Stay Cautious During Winter Weather

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging Texans to monitor weather forecasts and take necessary precautions as winter weather and cold temperatures sweep across the state. According to current weather forecasts, parts of North Texas, West Texas and the Texas Panhandle could experience wintery precipitation, including light to moderate snow accumulations, beginning late Thursday through Friday. Drivers are advised to monitor weather conditions before hitting the road, and if possible, avoid unnecessary travel in the impacted areas.

"It is important to remember that winter weather threats can emerge quickly, including low temperatures and freezing precipitation, which can endanger Texans if they're not prepared," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "DPS is calling on individuals to monitor weather and take the necessary steps to stay safe and avoid hazardous conditions posed by any possible weather threats this week and throughout this winter season."

This week and throughout the winter season, the Texas State Operations Center will continually monitor weather conditions and maintain close contact with state agencies and the National Weather Service.

DPS offers the following tips for staying safe during possible winter weather this season:

- Monitor local weather

broadcasts and follow up-to-the-minute weather conditions, at <http://www.weather.gov/>.

- Purchase an all-hazards weather radio for up-to-date warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information.

- Sign up for your local emergency notification system.

- On icy roads, drive slowly, increase distance required for stopping, and avoid using cruise control.

- Watch for downed trees and power lines across roads. If power is out, treat all intersections as four-way stops.

- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before any trip.

- Keep your gas tank full.

- Avoid traveling when sleet, freezing rain or snow is predicted, and monitor road conditions by visiting [www.drivetexas.org](http://www.drivetexas.org) or by calling 1-800-452-9292.

Winterize your vehicle by checking the battery, windshield wipers (including appropriate freeze resistant fluid), tire pressure, tire tread, fluid levels, and lubricate door and trunk locks to prevent freezing. In addition, here is a list of emergency supplies drivers can keep in their vehicle:

- Blankets/sleeping bags, extra clothing, gloves and a hat.
- Cell phone, radio, flashlight and extra batteries.
- First-aid kit and pocket knife.

- High calorie, non-perishable food and bottled water.
- Bag of sand or cat litter to provide traction for tires.

• Windshield scraper, tool kit, booster cables, tow rope and a shovel.

Here are some additional steps to prepare for winter weather:

- Insulate outside faucets and pipes near outer walls.

- Make sure that furnaces, heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves are clean, well-ventilated and in good working condition.

- Make arrangements for proper shelter and an emergency supply of food and water for your pets and livestock.

- Stock up on firewood and supplies, including canned goods and bottled water.

- If you will be away from home for a long period of time, set your thermostat to 55 degrees or higher and open cabinets under sinks.

- Make sure you have inclement weather contact numbers for schools and work.

- Check on friends and family members whose health or age may put them at greater risk from cold weather.

During the winter season, residents can contact 2-1-1 Texas, the state's free 24-hour helpline, to check on possible community-established warming centers or related services in their area. No matter where you live in Texas, you can dial 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905 for community resources. Visit <https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/threatawareness/winterstorm.htm> for additional information and tips regarding winter weather preparedness.

## DPS graduates 116 new Highway Patrol Troopers

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw, Texas Public Safety Commission Chair Cynthia Leon, and members of the Public Safety Commission (PSC) today were joined by Texas Sen. Donna Campbell and Texas State Rep. Mark Keough as the department commissioned 116 men and women as the state's newest Highway Patrol Troopers during the recruit graduation ceremony. Sen. Campbell was the keynote speaker during the ceremony, which was held today in Austin.

"The people of Texas will forever be grateful to the courageous men and women - past and present - who pledge their lives to protecting and serving others no matter the cost, and today, 116 new Texas Highway Patrol Troopers join that esteemed legion," said Sen. Campbell. "Thank you for answering this honorable call of duty - your grit and enthusiasm are an inspiration, and I know you will make us all proud."

The C-2016 class - which includes 14 former peace officers, 47 military veterans and a set of twin brothers - will report to duty stations across Texas in the coming weeks and spend the first six months in on-the-job training.

"I want to thank and congratulate all of our graduates here today. Your perseverance through the many months of demanding training has certainly paid off - you've earned the right and privilege to be called a Texas State Trooper," said Chair Leon. "We appreciate your willingness to serve and are pleased to officially welcome you to the DPS family."

The troopers began the 23-week training academy in July. 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.

"Not everyone has the mettle necessary to pursue a career in law enforcement, which requires an unwavering devotion to duty and countless sacrifices not only from the officer but also from their loved ones," said Director McCraw. "DPS and the entire state are thankful for these 116 graduates who have risen to the challenge to become Highway Patrol Troopers sworn to serve their communities and protect

Texas from a full spectrum of threats."

In 2015, the Texas Legislature and Gov. Greg Abbott authorized 250 additional Trooper positions to be permanently stationed in the border area (DPS Regions 3 and 4) by August 2017, as well as additional DPS recruit schools to help fill that need and address vacancies across the state. A total of 47 troopers from Class C-2016 will be stationed in Regions 3 and 4 as part of this initiative, bringing the total number of positions to the authorized 250.

"I am pleased to say that today's graduation marks the completion of filling those 250 new positions directed by state leaders - more than eight months ahead of schedule," said Director McCraw. "Additionally, the department is proud of the impact our men and women have made during the past two years of around-the-clock security operations combating threats posed by a porous Texas-Mexico border."

As part of the recruits' community service project, the class raised funds for several causes, including \$6,632 for DPS Trooper Chad Blackburn, who was severely injured this year when his patrol car was struck by a drunk driver; \$750 worth of gifts for the Toys for Tots program; and \$200 in school supplies for an elementary school.

DPS is currently accepting applications for recruit classes scheduled for 2017. The next application deadline is Jan. 18 for the class beginning July 9, 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#>.

## Cottonwood Country Musical

It's time again for the Cottonwood Country Musical! It will be at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas on Friday night January 27, 2017.

The menu for the kitchen is Country chili, beans, and cornbread. Enjoy a bowl of chili or beans and then venture to the auditorium for a night of good country music.

For questions or more information, contact Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

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### Thank a School Board Member

January is School Board Recognition Month, and Cross Plains ISD would like thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

"Board members shoulder critical responsibilities and often make difficult decisions. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," said Superintendent Phil Mitchell.

The Cross Plains ISD School Board includes the following:

Roy Richey	President
Michael Cowan	Vice-President
Porcius Potter	Secretary
Bryan Bennett	Asst. Secretary
Davy Crockett	Member
John McWilliams	Member
Jack Shepard	Member

Please join us as we applaud these local leaders for truly caring about our students and our school.

**Rowden Baptist Church**  
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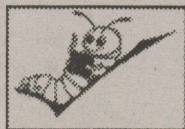
## Cross Plains ISDPublic Announcement for Gifted/Talented Referral

Cross Plains ISD is beginning the referral process for Gifted/Talented (G/T) services for the 2017-2018 school year. We are committed to providing challenging learning experiences for students with exceptional intellectual and creative thinking abilities. Anyone wishing to refer a student attending Cross Plains

ISD can pick up or request a copy of the referral form at their school office starting January 9th. This form must be returned to the school by January 27, 2017. Those unable to go by the school office should call (725-6123) and request a form to be sent to them.

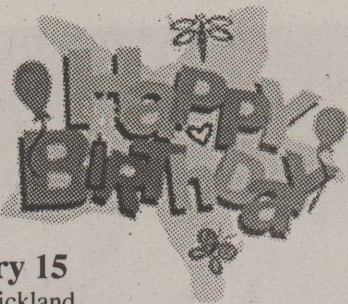
## What Are You Reading?

by the Bookworms



In the "Lady of Milkweed Manor" by Julie Klassen, Charlotte Lamb, vicar's daughter, finds herself in a home for unwed mothers, having been evicted from home by her father. Charlotte refuses to identify the father of her child, who is Edmund. Edmund is remarried and when his wife loses their baby in childbirth, Edmund ask Charlotte to relinquish the rights to the child they conceived, so

he can replace his deceased child with the baby Charlotte recently gave birth to before his own child. Later, Edmund loses his with and wants Charlotte to marry him. She does not love him, but if she marries him, she will be with her child everyday. What will she do? You can find out by checking out this book found in the Christian section of Cross Plains Public Library.



**January 15**  
David Strickland  
Gary Childers  
Mrs. Jackie Pancake  
Regina (Gary) Fleming  
Mrs. Vernon Donaway  
Velma Byers  
Jody Gosnell  
Monty Richards  
Hayden Bisbee

**January 16**  
Joey Westerman  
Laurie Lavender  
Blake Hutchins  
Mrs. Raymond Young  
Trivina Newman  
Barbara Havener  
Betty Randell  
Amber Parker

**January 17**  
Brandi (Richey) Purvis  
Staci Strickland  
Don Nelson  
Ladorn Allen  
Dana Teeters  
Christian Noah Wells  
Chelsea Brown  
Kody Reyes

**January 18**  
Robery Tonne  
David Wells  
Ricky Sanders  
Jacky Hinkle  
Martha Malone  
Donna Barnes  
Ann Harper  
Mrs. Buck Edgar  
Shana Sharee Segura  
Mary Diana Rankin  
Conda Odom  
Dennis Payne  
Tina (McCowen) Alkins  
Roger Rudloff  
Dawson Dobbs McWilliams

**January 19**  
Laura Gann Atchley  
Forrest Creamer  
Ryan Tyler Reed  
Delma Coppinger  
Sandra Calhoun  
Rickey Taylor  
Ann Neeb  
Jackie Loveless  
Lorne Stackbein  
Ms. Morris S. Thomas  
Billie Knott  
Billie Mathews  
Neil Belote

**January 20**  
Mykea Shyenne Mackey  
Jayden Marie Kennedy  
Landon Hart  
Bobbie Johnson  
Billy Wright  
Ramona Strahan  
Sharon Havens  
Susan Meiron Hutchins  
Clarley Havens

**January 21**  
Avery Gaudin  
Savannah Gaudin  
Logan Riley Ballard  
Kimberlee Watson  
Theresa Dore  
Kery Campbell Clay  
Carl Stout  
Media Campbell Roberts  
Mrs. Don Brown  
Wanda Roe  
Joyce Nell Murray

## COURTHOUSE NEWS

Callahan County Court  
Roger Corn, presiding

42nd District Court  
John Weeks, presiding

### Misdemeanor Filings

Jamie L. O'Connor, theft by check.  
Angel Perez, criminal mischief.  
Sherry Wilson, assault causing bodily injury / family violence.  
Shawn Murphy, driving while intoxicated (DWI).  
Kole K. Stallings, possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.  
Michael A. Wisniewski, DWI.  
Osvaldo Perez, DWI.  
Deborra Joyce Crump, resist arrest/search/transport.  
Lisa Garcia, theft by check.

### Marriage Licenses

Peter C. Grigg of Baird and Tiffany Danielle Grice of Port Arthur.

### Civil Minutes

Keith Timms and Carrey Timms, divorce granted.  
Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. vs. Philip W. Stevens, agreed judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$1,522.94 from defendant.  
American Express Bank, FSB vs. Kevin C. Nickerson, default judgment, plaintiff to recover the sum of \$16,748.81 from defendant.  
Jerome Branch and Samantha May Branch, divorce granted.  
Ginger Lynn Speaks and Matthew Curtis Speaks, divorce granted.  
Samuel Levi McCleef and Tonya Renae McCleef, divorce granted.  
Freddy Lee Thomas, Jr. and Stacy Renea Thomas, divorce granted.

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### White-crowned Sparrow

The arrangement of birds commonly known as sparrows is a large and very diverse group of birds that are most often represented by the non-native species, the House Sparrow. However, there is a native Texan species that superficially resembles the House Sparrow, yet is quite a bit more colorful.

The White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) is a common winter resident throughout the entire state of Texas, and in a few areas it will remain year-round. Typically though, most specimens reside in the upper Northwestern United States and upper Canada during the summer months, only to relocate to the southern states and Mexico during the winter.

Although at first glance this species appears to be rather drab in coloration, upon closer inspection this is a quite attractive and somewhat colorful species of bird. Adults have a brown back that is adorned with black and white streaking. The wings are colored similarly to the back. The underparts area is pale gray that lightens in color closer to the breast. The head coloration is what sets this species apart from other similarly colored sparrows. The top of the head is white, and it is set apart with two distinctive black stripes. There are also two black stripes that run horizontally behind each eye. The cheek and throat area are gray, and the bill is short and dull yellow. Males and females are comparable in appearance, but the juveniles lack the distinctive black and white head and have heavily streaked breasts. It is a small bird, with a body length of about seven inches and a wingspan that can approach eleven inches.

White-crowned Sparrows are not nearly as rambunctious and noticeable as House Sparrows, and their calls are much more melodic and elaborate as well. It often hops on the ground in search of food items which include seeds, grains, nuts, and fruits as well as small insects. When in flight, the flying pattern is easily recognizable as it is an



White-crowned Sparrow  
(*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)

up and down path with rapid wing beats alternated with short periods of gliding.

These birds typically prefer to live in social groups during the non-breeding season. During the breeding season, it is known to pair up with the male and female remaining monogamous during such time. Some pairs remain together monogamously for life. The nest is usually found in trees and shrubs below five feet above the ground. The two to six eggs are small (roughly one inch by one-half inch) and are usually colored a pale blue, although occasionally they will be light green. Whichever color the eggs are, they always have gray and brown dots that decorate the shell. These eggs hatch in about two weeks, and both the male and female ex-

ude the role of care-giver to the helpless young until they leave the nest approximately two weeks after hatching. Up to four broods per year have been recorded in northern populations; northern populations usually produce one brood annually.

This neotropical migrant avian variety is definitely more shy than other species of sparrows, although many individuals will utilize bird feeders littered with seeds. Population studies have shown that this species is stable with the only threat is the loss of habitat in the far western United States.

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

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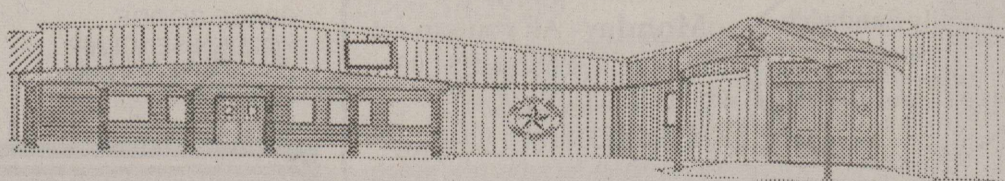
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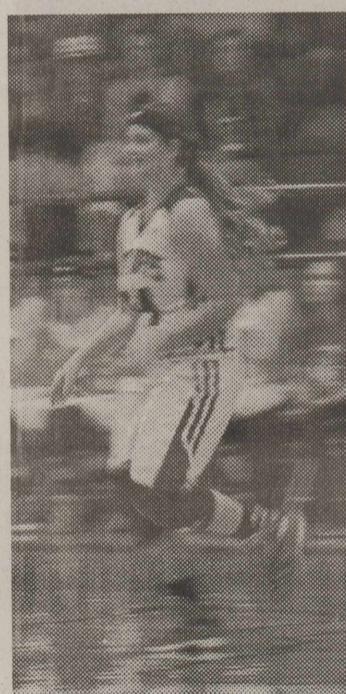
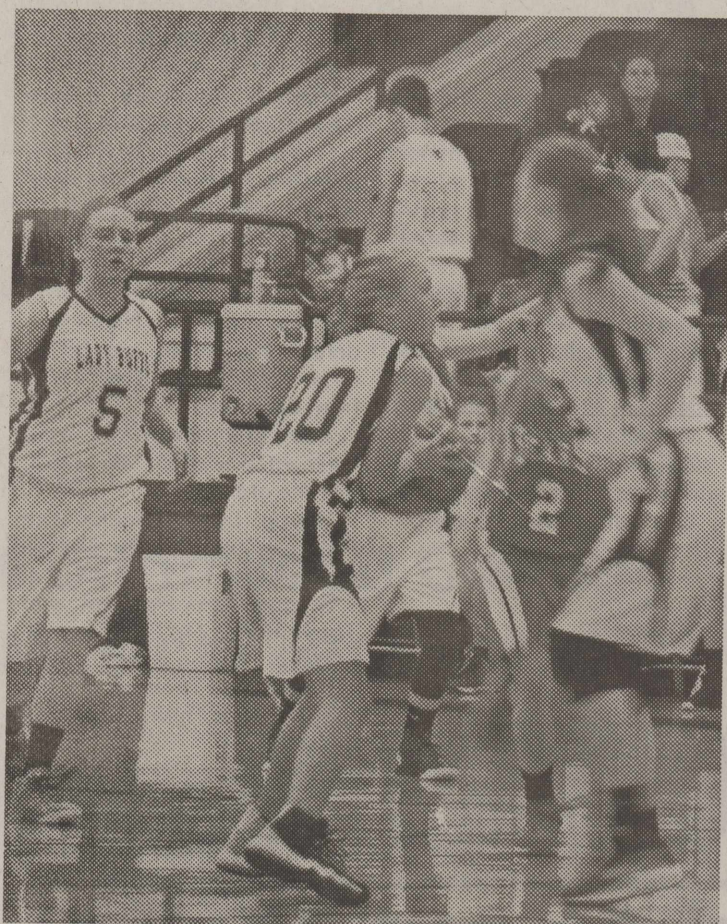
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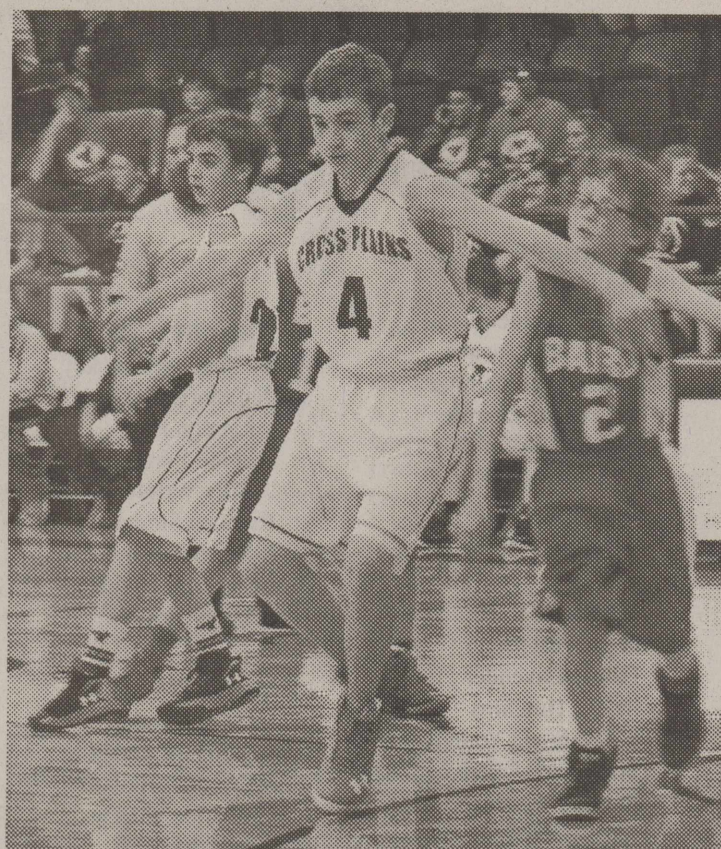
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9TH GRADE  
DESTINEE COOPER  
KATELYNN PARKER  
MACEE STEIGLEDER  
LEXIS THOMPSON  
HEATHER YATES

10TH GRADE  
JACY BIEN  
HANNAH CROCKETT  
HANNA FORTUNE  
KENZIE KLEIBER  
TRENTON POTTER  
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JOE CROCKETT  
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JAMES MCMILLAN  
KATY MORGAN  
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**Lady Buffs Beat Baird 50-48;  
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**Varsity Buffaloes  
Beat Baird 53-29;  
Junior Varsity  
Beats Baird 39-17**



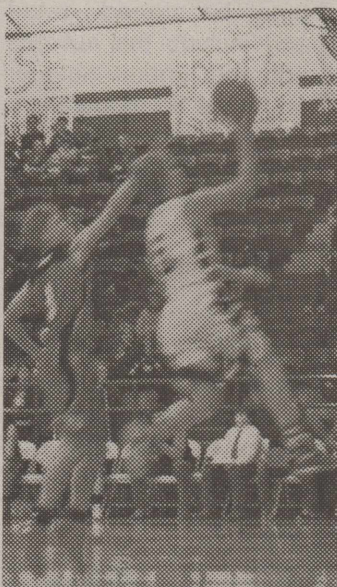
**Lady Buffs Score  
Two District Wins**

The Lady Buffs start the year off right with two back-to-back wins! First the Lady Buffs edged by Baird 50-48 on Tuesday night; then toppled Panther Creek, 60-24. Both were district games.

**Lady Buffs vs. Panther Creek**  
January 6, 2017  
Panther Creek 24  
Lady Buffs 60  
Scoring:  
Jacy Bien 7  
Shana Yates 12  
Jackilann Shepard 4  
Hannah Crockett 2  
Macee Steigleder 4

Katy Jo Morgan 6  
Grace Goode 18  
Hanna Fortune 3  
Brooke Lynn Bell 4

**Lady Buffs vs. Baird**  
January 3, 2017  
Baird 48  
Lady Buffs 50  
Scoring:  
Jacy Bien 6  
Shana Yates 8  
Macee Steigleder 14  
Katy Jo Morgan 3  
Grace Goode 15  
Hanna Fortune 3  
Brooke Lynn Bell 1

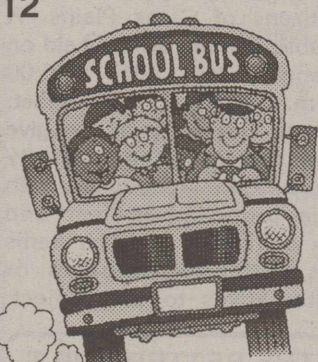


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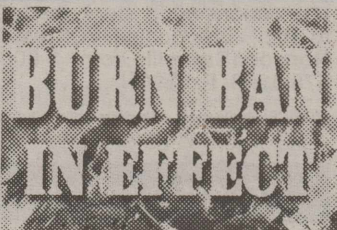
**Cross Plains I.S.D.  
Holiday and Early Out**

Thursday, January 12  
Early out at 1:00 p.m. Buses will run at 1:10 p.m.

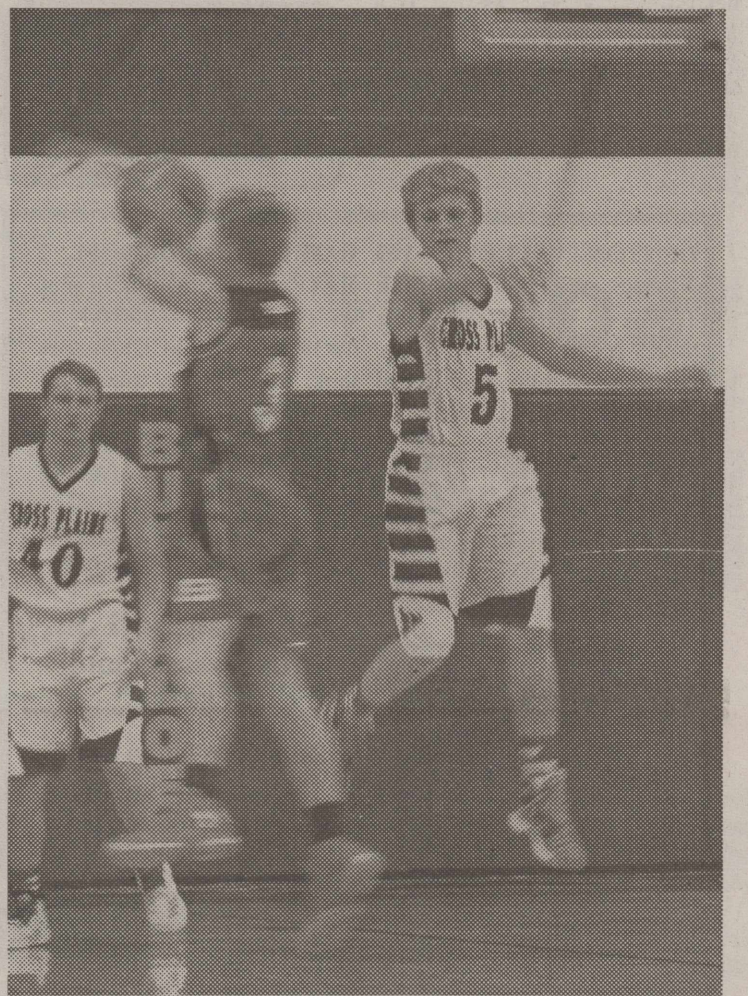
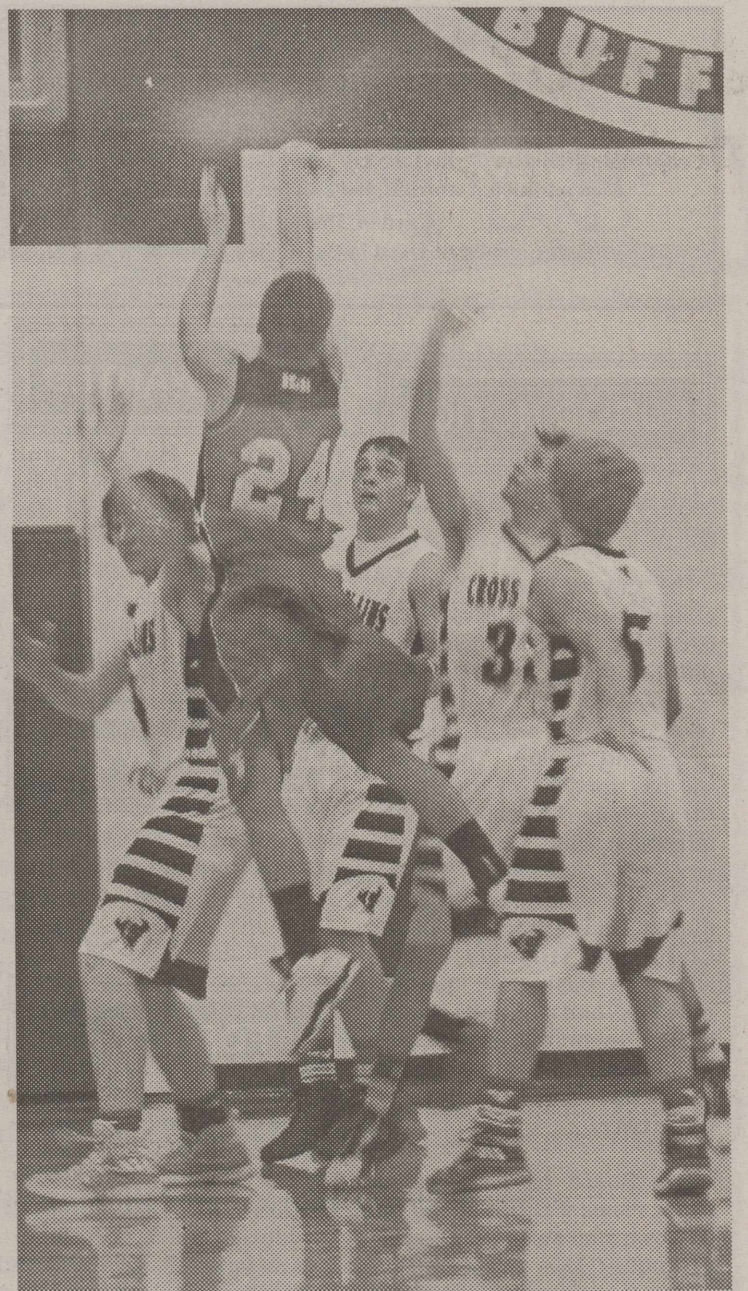
Friday, January 13, Student and Staff Holiday for the Callahan County Livestock Show



Classes will resume on Monday, January 16th at regular time.



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**Junior High and High School Basketball Schedule**

January 13, Friday - Junior Varsity Girls play Brownwood 9th Grade at Brownwood, starting at 4 p.m.

January 13, Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Santa Anna there, starting at 5 p.m. District Game.

January 16, Monday - Junior High Boys and Girls A and B Teams play May here, starting at 5 p.m.

January 17, Tuesday - Varsity Boys and Junior Varsity Boys play Anson there, starting at 5 p.m.

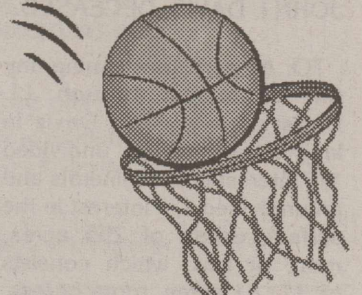
January 20, Friday - Junior Varsity Girls play Eula there, starting at 4 p.m. District Game.

January 20, Friday - Varsity Girls and Boys play Rising Star there, starting at 5 p.m. District Game.

January 20, Friday - Junior Varsity Boys play in the Zephyr Tournament.

January 21, Saturday - Junior High Girls B Team plays in the Cross Plains Junior High Girls B Tournament.

January 23, Monday - Junior High Boys and Girls A and B Teams play Eula here, starting at 5 p.m.



at 5 p.m.

January 24, Tuesday - Varsity and Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play Eula here starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 26-28, Thursday-Saturday - Junior High Girls Boys play in the Zephyr Tournament.

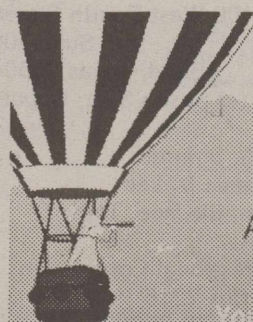
January 27, Friday - Varsity Junior Varsity teams (Boys and Girls) play Baird there starting at 4:00 p.m. District Games.

January 30, Monday - Junior High Boys A and B Teams and Junior High Girls A Team play Eula here starting at 6:00 p.m.

January 31, Tuesday - Varsity Girls and Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys play Panther Creek here starting at 5:00 p.m. District Games.

Schedule subject to change.

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## The Texas History Minute Sponsored by: HANNER CHEVROLET

### The bizarre Texas presidential election of 1838

Elections often produce the unexpected. Obscure candidates sometimes come from nowhere to beat well-known and established candidates. And at other times, honest men are bested by scoundrels. The 1838 presidential election in Texas became a tragic contest that saw the deaths of two prominent candidates with promising futures.

President Sam Houston was completing his first term in 1838 amid declining popularity. With Texas flirting with bankruptcy as the result of the Texas Revolution and difficulty establishing trade relations with other nations, Houston had been forced to veto a number of popular measures in an effort to save money. In addition, his policies of peace with the Native American tribes had frustrated many settlers.

Under the terms of the Texas Constitution, the term of the first elected president of the Republic of Texas would only be two years. Each term afterward (though many Texans expected a quick annexation to the United States) would be three years. It would be a straight popular vote without an electoral college. The constitution of the Texas Republic also specified that a president could serve as many terms as the voters would allow, but the president could not serve consecutive terms. As a result, Houston was not able to run for re-election.

No political parties existed in the Republic of Texas, but the politics of the day was divided on a personalist basis: supporters of Houston and opponents of Houston. Vice-President Mirabeau B. Lamar had effectively become the head of the anti-Houston faction. Given the continuing threat from Mexico and memories of how Mexico's own political divisions had left it in a state of near-constant civil war also fed the pragmatic desire to keep partisanship in check.

Lamar, a Georgia native, hoped to establish Texas as a great, independent power though Texas did not have the means to make this happen at that point. He was fiercely critical of Houston's policies. As a former newspaper publisher and Georgia legislator, for example, he had supported the expulsion of Native American tribes from the state.

Pro-Houston forces faced one tragedy after another in their

search for a successor to Houston. Secretary of War Thomas J. Rusk had attracted a lot of attention for a presidential run. The South Carolina native and future U. S. Senator declined.

Many Houston supporters looked to James Collinsworth. Collinsworth was born in Tennessee in 1806. He rose to become the United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee before he headed to Texas. He distinguished himself at the battle of San Jacinto and became the first Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court in 1836. He decided to run for the presidency in 1838, but his alcoholism took its toll. He had gone on a long drinking binge in Galveston before leaping off the top of a steamboat to his death at the mere age of 32.

The third prominent candidate was Peter W. Grayson. He was born in Kentucky in 1788 and eventually became a state legislator. However, he suffered from bouts of depression for which at that time were few remedies. He helped raised troops for the Texas Revolution and became Houston's attorney general

in 1837. Grayson reluctantly agreed to run at Houston's urging. In June, he began a diplomatic trip to Washington, DC, but by July when he reached Tennessee, he shot himself in a tavern near Knoxville.

Texas counties are now named for all three men, who, tragically, were unable to find relief from their personal demons and ultimately committed suicide.

As a result of the deaths of the two prominent Texas politicians, Lamar was effectively the last candidate remaining. Only one candidate opposed Lamar, Sen. Robert Wilson. Wilson was nicknamed "Honest Bob" because he always promised his constituents that he would be just as honest as the circumstances permitted. Lamar won the election by a crushing margin, winning 6,995 votes to only 252 for Honest Bob. As president, Lamar's grandiose plans ended in failure. Houston would recapture the presidency in 1841.

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we serve," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Blood donors play a vital role in the treatment of cancer patients, accident victims, surgical patients, newborn babies and people with blood diseases." Each donor will receive a

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# Callahan County Library News

Some new books at the library are: The Charm Bracelet by Viola Shipman, Magic by Danielle Steel, Flight Patterns by Karen White and Family Tree by Susan Wiggs.

**From the Past**  
Callahan County Clarendon Saturday July 22, 1882, Vol. 3, No 16

**Personal**  
Mr. Perry Klepper and family left last Monday evening on the east bound train for their former home in Tennessee where they go on a visit to relatives. They will return in October next.

Judge T. J. Austin left on last Sunday evening's train for Chicago, St. Louis and Cincinnati where he goes on business connected with his washing machine. Hope he will make his fortune out of it.

Mr. S. L. Richardson and wife left yesterday evening. Mrs. R. goes to their former home in Koss and Mr. R. goes to Dallas to lay in a stock of goods with which to stock his store, as he is selling them off very rapidly during the present business boom.

Judge B. R. Webb left last Saturday night for Galveston where he goes to represent the county in the state convention, having been delegated by the regular delegates to cast their votes. Mrs. Webb and B. R. Jr. also left the same evening on a visit to her mother in Breckenridge.

Mr. Justin Cook and family made the Clarendon office a pleasant visit yesterday

evening. They took the east bound train for their former home in Michigan, where they go on a visit and business trip combined. The Clarendon wishes them a pleasant time and an early return to Callahan.

Mr. F. M. Rains, formerly chief train dispatcher in Baird, leaves this morning for New Mexico, having severed his relations with the T.E.P. road. Mr. R. is one of the most popular gentlemen in their employ and his removal is regretted by many. He goes to accept a good position on Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. We wish him and his very estimable family abundant success.

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

**Receipts:** 16 cars merchandise, 5 cars lumber, 1 car doors, sash and blinds

**Shipments:** 4 cars bridge material, 2 cars wool, 16 cars stock, 5 cars stone

**Through freight:** St. Louis, 76 cars; Chicago, 42 cars; Memphis, 2; San Antonio, 3; Galveston, 8; Houston, 10; Austin, 2

**Through west:** 150

**BORN**  
STANLEY - at Belle Plain, July 18th, to the wife of J. E. Stanley, a daughter.

**MARRIED**  
CABLE - BARNES - At the Whitley House at Baird, on July 21st, Mr. George Cable to Mrs. Josie Barnes, all of Baird. Rev. Mr. Glass officiated.

# Senior Citizens Center Activities

**Jan. 16th - Jan. 20th**

**Monday-16th Exercise 11:00/Sing and Play Along 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday 17th Exercise 11:00/Game Night 6:00**

**Wednesday 18th Exercise 11:00/Foot Care by Kindred at Home of Eastland**

**Thursday-19th Exercise 11:00/Reading with 3rd Graders 9:45 & 12:25**

**Friday-20th Exercise 11:00 /Bingo 11:15**  
Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center seeks to nurture our aging population through nutritional, social and educational programs our goal is for all Seniors, both well and frail, to utilize our services to enrich their lives.

## SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

**Jan. 16th - Jan. 20th**

**Monday 16th-Salisbury Thursday 19th-Steak Fin-Steak, Potatoes, Black-eye beans, Potatoes & Gravy, peas, Bread, Dessert**

**Tuesday 17th- Chili Dogs, Cheese, Onion, Relish, Chips, Dessert**

**Wednesday 18th-BBQ on a Bun, Pickle, Onion Slices, Pinto Beans, Fruit, Dessert**

**Friday 20th-Baked Burritos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Spanish Rice, Dessert**

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

Monthly Menu may be picked up at the Senior Citizen Center

## Weight Watchers meets every Thursday in Baird

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

Weight Watchers meets every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. at 401 Chestnut in Baird. Contact Sharon Ward at swardw@aol.com or just drop by! They would love to see you and help you lose weight, get healthier and live happier!

## Cross Plains Community Calendar

**~ January ~**  
Jan 12-14 - Callahan County Junior Livestock Show and Rodeo  
Jan 16 - Monday, Martin Luther King Day. Bank and Post Office closed.  
Jan 21 - Saturday, Cross Plains Library Book-to-Author Event featuring Bob Hinkle, 5:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church. Make Reservations by January 17th. Call 725-7722.

**~ February ~**  
Feb 2 - Ground Hog Day  
Feb 5 - Sunday, Super Bowl  
Feb 14 - Tuesday, Valentine's Day  
Feb 20 - Monday, President's Day. Bank and Post Office closed.

**~ March ~**  
Mar 1 - Ash Wednesday  
Mar 17 - Friday, St. Patrick's Day

**~ April ~**  
Apr 16 - Easter

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# Local author Ed Walt of Pioneer has announced the release of "Holloway's Raiders"

Local author Ed Walt of Pioneer has announced the release of "Holloway's Raiders," a new book which examines the Dallas Police Department's deadly and controversial "Shotgun Squads" of the 1960s and 70s.

The stake-out units were created and led by the legendary Lieutenant H. C. Holloway to curtail a rash of violent and deadly armed robberies that were plaguing the city. The lieutenant had personal reasons to hate the criminals he referred to as "hi-jackers," having been shot in the leg by one a few years earlier in a wild gun battle that also resulted in the murder of one police officer and the wounding of two more.

In an age when such activities and attitudes were not only condoned but celebrated, he hid shotgun armed officers in liquor, grocery and convenience stores and ordered them to shoot armed robbers on sight and without warning. "The sound of a shotgun coming

off safety," he said, "should be warning enough."

The units existed for more than twenty years and were responsible for shooting, killing and arresting scores of vicious felons while losing two of their own, killed in the line of duty. The book details the exciting events of the many armed encounters that occurred and examines the gradual change in public sentiments that eventually led to the end of the shotgun squads.

The author is a 33 year veteran of the Dallas Police Department and a former commander of the Tactical Division of the DPD's Special Operations Bureau-the same unit that was once known as "Holloway's Raiders."

Copies of the book may be purchased at the Cross Plains Public Library or ordered online at buybooksontheweb.com, Amazon, Kindle, etc. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the library and to fund the Cross Plains Masonic Lodge Scholarship program.



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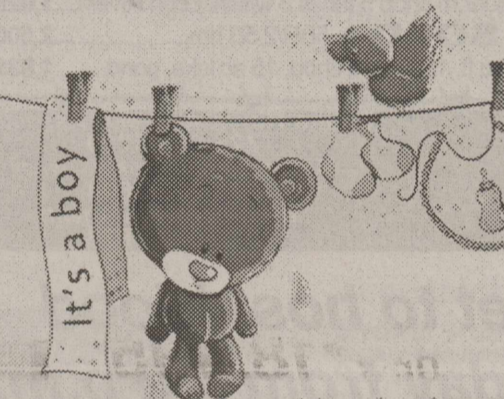
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January 16-20, 2017				
MONDAY 16	TUESDAY 17	WEDNESDAY 18	THURSDAY 19	FRIDAY 20
<b>BREAKFAST</b> Pancake wrap Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk Variety	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Chicken-n-Biscuit Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	<b>BREAKFAST</b> French toast Sausage Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Breakfast Pizza Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety	<b>BREAKFAST</b> Dutch waffle Bacon Cereal 100% fruit juice Fruit Milk variety
<b>LUNCH</b> Asian Chicken Eggroll Baby carrots Broccoli Pineapples Sugar cookie Milk variety	<b>LUNCH</b> Chicken nuggets Gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Roll Pears Milk variety	<b>LUNCH</b> Tex-Mex Stack Salad Refried beans Salsa Cinnamon apples Milk variety	<b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Parmesan Garden salad Breadstick Carrot coins Apple slices Milk variety	<b>LUNCH</b> Beef or Chicken Patty On bun Hamburger garnish Oven fries Fresh veggie cup Peach slices Milk variety

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**ACROSS**

1 In East TX: "Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Pines"

5 lawyer payments

6 stringed instrument on a big frame

7 TXism for "against"

8 TX pecan, e.g.

9 TXism: "greenhorn"

16 TX Randy Quaid 1988 film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Solid Perfect"

18 this tribe lived on the TX coast

21 TXism: "don't \_\_\_\_\_ off half cocked"

22 "Caddo \_\_\_\_\_" is on TX-LA border

23 TXism: "sour enough to pucker a \_\_\_\_\_"

24 nickname for famed 36th Infantry Division of TX Camp Bowie undertakers

34 pos. for Cowboy Jason Witten (abbr.)

35 TX-based gas station company

36 \_\_\_\_\_ Park, TX

37 this Ford was in 1953 film, "The Man from the Alamo"

39 law officers or Arlington ball team

43 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ up with" (married)

44 cattle-buffalo cross

45 co. prosecutor

46 a credit card corporation

47 snuggled

49 Craig of TX-based "Buchanan Rides Alone" (1958)

**DOWN**

1 card cheat uses "sleight \_\_\_\_\_"

2 in Freestone County on U.S. 84

3 "\_\_\_\_\_ Museum" in Big Spring

4 global sports network

9 state bigger than TX (abbr.)

10 common ducks

11 Aries astrological sign (2 wds.)

12 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a look see"

(check it out)

13 TX-based "ALON USA \_\_\_\_\_, Inc."

14 Britain (abbr.)

15 it ain't country music

17 popular TX game

19 in "My Blue Heaven," TX-born Steve Martin was in the \_\_\_\_\_ Protection Program

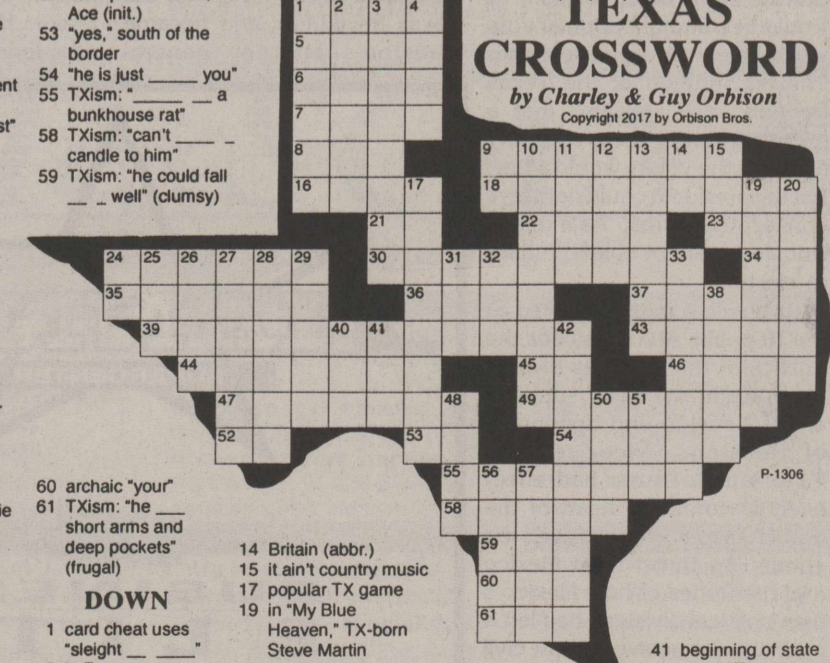
20 list of items to be considered at a city council meeting

24 how most watch the Cowboys and the Texans

25 an extra point for the Cowboys or Texans (abbr.)

26 this Baldwin is in 2016 film "Rules Don't Apply" with TX Dabney Coleman

27 TX culture



41 beginning of state song: "Texas, our Texas! \_\_\_\_\_ hail the mighty state!"

42 bath nights

48 chili is the state \_\_\_\_\_ of TX

49 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ (how are you?)"

51 by way of

56 TXism: "down in the \_\_\_\_\_" (sick)

57 once a town in Dallas County, or the first letter of Greek alphabet

28 the "Wink Sink" or the "Kermit \_\_\_\_\_"

29 party-givers

31 wet, muddy ground that can be found in East TX

32 wonderment

33 habitually messy persons

38 "\_\_\_\_\_ out a living"

40 TXism: "wet as a drowned \_\_\_\_\_"



# Cross Plains Public Library Annual Writing Contest

The Cross Plains Public Library is accepting entries for our annual writing contest. This contest is open to all students attending or eligible to attend the Cross Plains Public Schools. Poetry, essays or short stories are allowed. Entries will be accepted from grades K through 12.

Home schooled students may pick up the guidelines and entry forms at the library. Parents/guardians of home schooled children are responsible for inquiries to the awards assembly date and time. The library will not contact home schooled recipients.

CPISD students should ask their teachers in regard to entering through the school or they may enter at the library. Only one entry per student will

be accepted.

Entries are to be submitted to the library no later than March 31, 2017. Entries will be "blind judged" with ribbons awarded to the top three entries for grade school students. Students in grades 7-12 will receive a gift card for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class.

The overall top winner will receive a Kindle Fire (in memory of Marilyn McBride) their name will be added to a plaque displayed at the library. 2nd and 3rd place overall winners will receive a gift card. In addition their papers will be submitted to the Cross Plains Review for publication.

For additional information please contact the library at 725-7722 or Marsha Ossowski at 325-201-4150.



Guest Speaker Sandra York of the Cross Plains Public Library, with Kiwanis President Connie Kirkham.

# Sandra York of the Cross Plains Public Library Guest Speaker at Kiwanis Meeting

Sandra Ross, Librarian at Cross Plains Public Library, was Connie Kirkham's guest speaker at the Kiwanis meeting at Jean's Feedbarn on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Sandra gave a very informative talk about the programs and events that the library offers.

You need to make a stop at the library to see the new carpet. The library is looking sharp - lots of beautifully displayed books and fun places to read!

You don't have wifi-internet? No problem. The library invites you to use their computers, free!

The children's programs are always a popular weekly event. Lapsit is birth - 3 years; Lap, 3 years to school age.

Other programs such as "the Library Challenge" and their after school programs are for children attending school. The challenge is to see how many books the children read, then they are rewarded with prizes.

The Cross Plains Public Library has Meet the Author, Dinner and a Movie, Book Reviews and other great programs for adults.

Come see - Come read!

If you are interested in joining the Kiwanis, we meet the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 a.m. at Jean's Feedbarn.

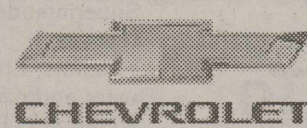
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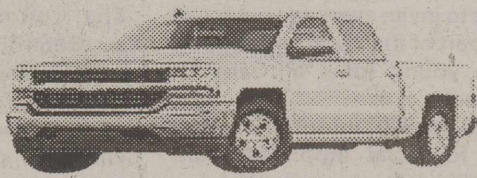


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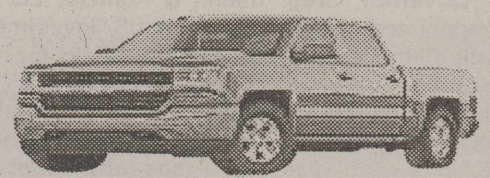


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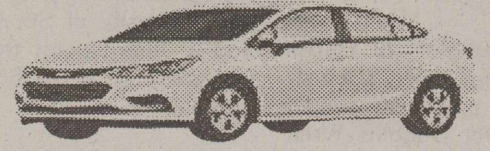
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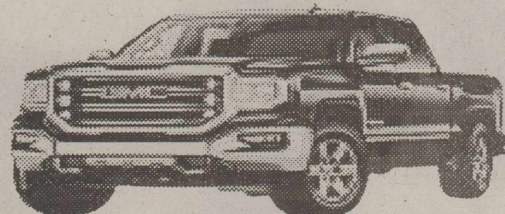
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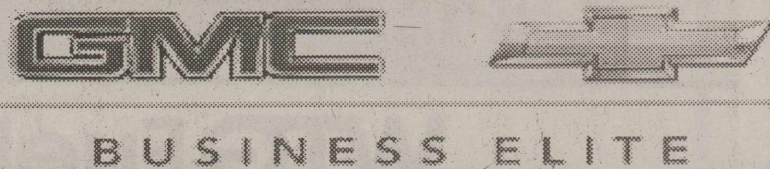
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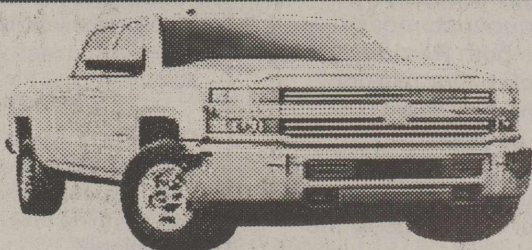
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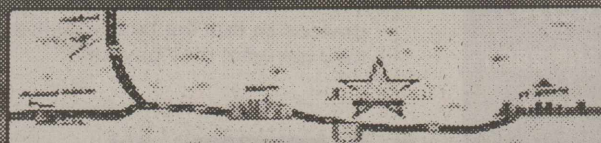


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## NWS SKYWARN Spotter Training in Clyde set Tuesday, February 21st

The National Weather Service office in San Angelo has scheduled several SKYWARN Spotter Training in the Big Country for 2017, and the public is invited to attend these training dates.

Some of these dates around the Big Country include:

**DATE COUNTY CITY LOCATION TIME**

Tuesday January 24th: Kimble, Junction, Fire Dept. 6:00 PM  
Monday February 6th: Coke, Bronté, Community Center, 7:00 PM

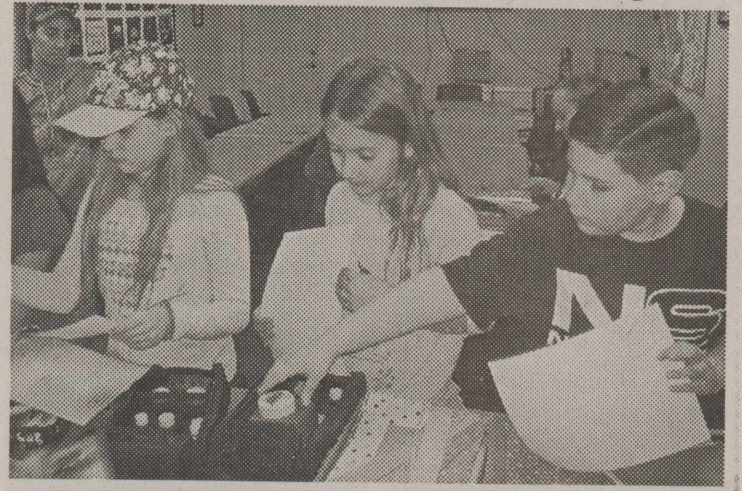
Tuesday February 7th: Irion, Mertzon, Fire Dept., 7:00 PM  
Tuesday February 21st: Callahan, Clyde, Fire Dept., 7:00 PM  
Saturday February 25th: Taylor, Abilene, Abilene Christian University, 9 AM to Noon  
Tuesday February 28th: McCulloch, Brady, Fire Dept., 6:00 PM  
Saturday March 4th: Brown, Brownwood, Howard Payne University, 9 AM to Noon  
Monday March 6th: Haskell, Haskell, Fire Dept., 6:00 PM  
Saturday March 11th: Tom

Green, San Angelo, Trinity Lutheran Church, 9 AM to Noon  
Monday March 20th: Nolan, Sweetwater, Texas State Technical College, 6:00 PM  
Monday March 27th: Mason, Mason, Fire Dept., 6:00 PM  
Tuesday March 28th: Schleicher, Eldorado, Fire Dept., 7:00 PM  
Tuesday April 11th: Crockett, Ozona, Fire Dept., 7:00 PM  
Monday April TBD: Fisher, TBD, TBD, TBD  
Tuesday April TBD: San Saba, TBD, TBD, TBD  
TBD - To Be Determined

## Library ASAP Kids Learn About Scrapbooking last Wednesday

This past Wednesday the After School Adventure Program met at the Cross Plains Public Library and had a program on Scrapbooking. We learned a lot of new techniques and each child was able to make a complete page to start their own scrapbooks.

Next month will feature a program from Dental Resource Care. Hope to see you there!



## Cottonwood Country Musical January 27th

It's time again for the Cottonwood Country Musical! It will be at the Cottonwood Community Center, Cottonwood, Texas on Friday night January 27, 2017.

The menu for the kitchen is Country chili, beans, and

cornbread. Enjoy a bowl of chili or beans and then venture to the auditorium for a night of good country music.

For questions or more information, contact Cookie Robinson at 325-660-5771.

## Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show

The Annual Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 12th - Saturday, January 14th. Starting time will be Thursday, January 12th, at 5:00 p.m. with the judging of the Breeding Goats, Market Goats, and Market Sheep.

Superintendents for the 2017 show are:

- Heifers, Steers, & Beef Buster and Karen Smith
- Market & Breeding Swine Frankie Hyles, Asst. Tom Windham and Doug Johnston
- Poultry & Rabbits Scott Byrd
- Sheep & Goats Bill & Kim Dean

Judging of the Breeding Goat Show will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12th with Sara Brister-Loving doing the judging. All participants must be checked in by 1:00 p.m. on the 12th.

Judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 13th, Dr. David Frazier, will start judging the Breeding Swine followed by the Market Swine Show.

Immediately following the Market Swine Show, Dr. David Frazier will judge the Poultry

Show, followed by the Rabbit Show.

Bill Bender, will get the judging of the Beef Cattle underway at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, January 14th with the heifer show. Bill Bender will also judge the steer show immediately following the heifer show.

The Awards Presentation of all the trophies for the champion animals will be at 1:00 p.m. The Premium Sale will be immediately following the Awards Presentation.

Officials of the Show would like to invite everyone out for all or part of the show and support the young folks of Callahan County.

Additional information can be found at <http://callahan.agrilife.org>

Sincerely,  
Rose Barcomb  
Callahan County  
Extension Service

## Governor Abbott Appoints Boatright To Fifth Court Of Appeals

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott has appointed Jason Boatright to the Fifth Court of Appeals for a term set to expire December 31, 2018, or until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

Boatright was previously appointed by Gov. Abbott to the governing board of the Department of Information Resources (DIR). He is resigning from the DIR Board upon his appointment to the Fifth Court.

Jason Boatright of Dallas is an attorney with Cobb & Counsel. He previously served as counsel for Duggins Wren

Mann & Romero, LLP, senior manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Regency Energy Partners, LP, director of the General Counsel Section at the Railroad Commission of Texas and chief of the Opinion Division in the Texas Attorney General's Office. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Boatright received a Bachelor of Arts from Middlebury College, a Postgraduate Diploma from the University of St. Andrews and a Juris Doctor from The University of Texas School of Law.

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## Cross Plains Public Library News

**New Books**  
*The Rembrandt Affair* by Daniel Silva  
*Call Me Lucky - A Texas in Hollywood* by Robert Hinkle  
*Some Part of Myself* by J. Frank Dobie

**Library Hours**  
Mon. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Tues. 11:00am to 7:00pm  
Wed. 1:00 to 5:00pm  
Thurs. 1:00pm to 5:00pm  
Closed Friday

The Library will be closed Monday for the holiday.

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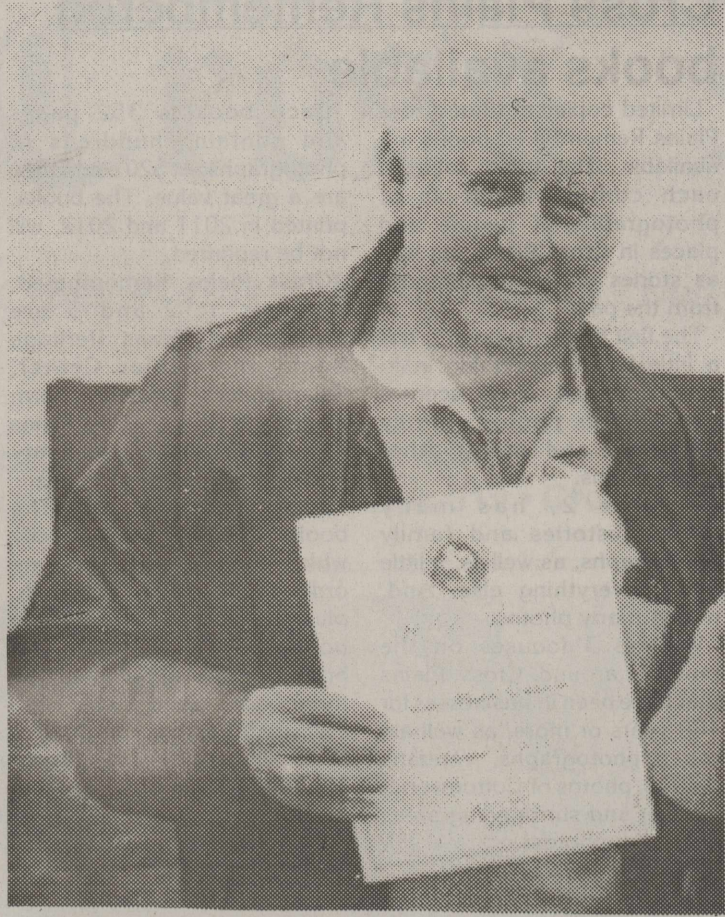
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New Master Gardener H. D. Weaver

## H.D. Weaver Receives Master Gardener Certificate

Thirty years ago, H. D. Weaver saw a garden planted by a Master Gardener. He knew then that he wanted to be a part of the Master Gardener program, but at the time he always thought he just "never had the time to do it".

About a year ago, H. D. decided it was time. And, while most people completed the program in a year, H. D. studied hard and received his Master Gardener certificate in only nine months.

What's a Master Gardener? Master Gardeners are members of the local community who take an active interest in their lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers and gardens. They are enthusiastic, willing to learn and to help others, and able to communicate with diverse groups of people.

What really sets Master Gardeners apart from other home gardeners is their special

training in horticulture from the Texas A & M Agrilife Extension Center.

H. D. completed three months of academic courses and over 50 hours of community service, instructing students at the zoo, demonstrating "Keyhole Gardens", holding Food and Fiber workshops, and talking to children about flowers and plants.

The program offers a minimum of 50 hours of instruction that covers topics including lawn care, ornamental trees and shrubs, insect, disease, and weed management; soils and plant nutrition, vegetable gardening; home fruit production; garden flowers; and water conservation.

Each Master Gardener class admits only 20 applicants. Classes are offered several times throughout the year at various locations in the state.

## Applications being accepted for Taylor County Master Gardener class

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Taylor County is now taking applications for its next Master Gardener volunteer training class.

12 sessions will be held from February 9th to April 25th. Most classes are on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. Three (3) Tuesday evening and two (2) Saturday classes will be conducted.

Master Gardener classes address topics ranging from plant growth and development to plant diseases, insects, soils, and basic landscaping and garden design.

Individuals completing the training become certified Master Gardeners, assisting AgriLife Extension through community education in horticulture. Volunteer hours may be applied to a variety of approved projects discussed during training.

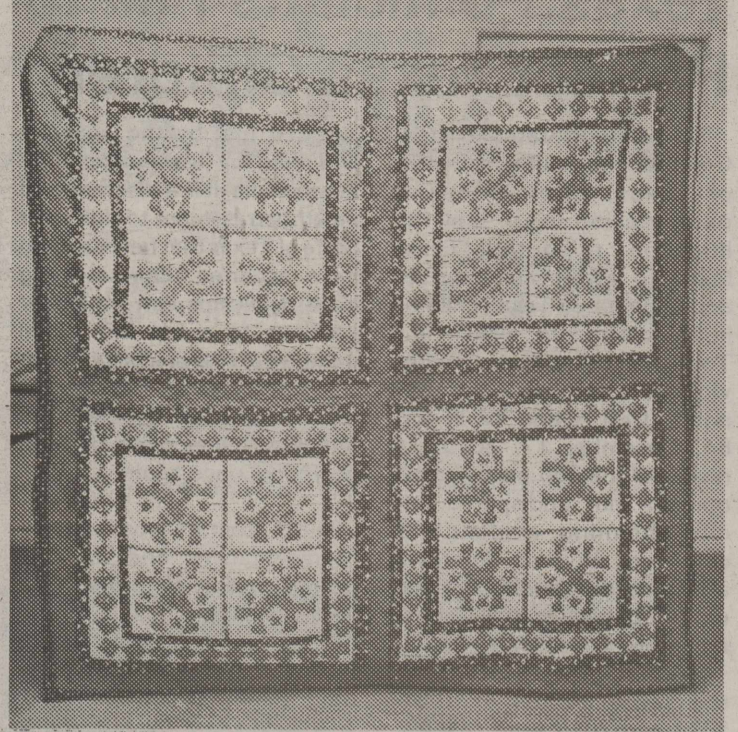
Interns completing classroom training and passing the final exam will be required to complete a minimum of 50 hours of volunteer service toward youth and/or adult education outreach their first year, and 24 hours annually thereafter.

Class size is limited to 20 participants and the deadline for submitting the application is Feb. 1st. A registration fee of \$150 is payable in full on the first day of class for those selected to participate. No refunds will be issued after start of classes. A background check is required on all applicants participating in the Master Gardener program.

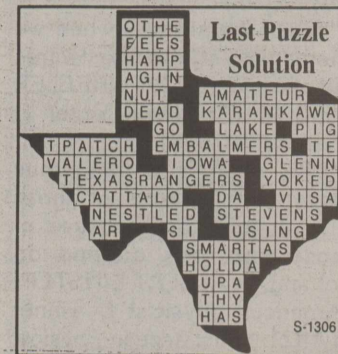
Applications are available online at <http://taylor.agrilife.org/> or available by calling or coming by the Taylor County Extension Office (325-672-6048) located on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center.

Submission of the application is not automatic acceptance into the class. Acceptance to the class is based on the person's willingness to volunteer and the completeness of their application. Master Gardeners support the community by providing information and advice on gardening and landscaping, providing technical assistance, and being involved in a variety of horticulture-related community service projects.

For more information, contact the Taylor County Extension Office at 325-672-6048



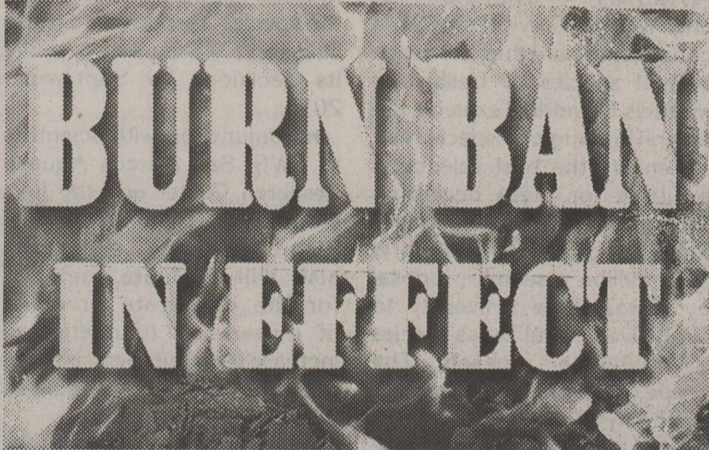
The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department will be raffling off this beautiful red and blue quilt made by Linda Pringle. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are available at Texas Heritage Bank, where the quilt is on display.



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## Countywide Burn Ban now in effect

Callahan County has reinstated the Countywide Burn Ban effective immediately.

County Judge Roger Corn said the Burn Ban was

reinstated Monday, July 25th and will be in effect until county commissioners determine when to lift it.

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## Callahan County 4-H Jackets for Joy Coat Drive

Callahan County 4-H is participating in the Jackets For Joy Coat Drive. We will be accepting new or gently used coats/jackets and winter clothing for adults and children.

The drop off locations are Cross Plains FBC and the Callahan County Extension Office in Baird.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please feel free to contact me @325-854-5835. With colder weather approaching, there are many in the big country without proper winter attire. Donations accepted until December 15th.

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## Texas Politicians Fail to Protect Texas Children

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, after extensive examination and lengthy litigation, ruled that Texas failed to protect endangered and abandoned Texas children in its foster care system and Texas neglect of these children violated their constitutional rights (Civil Action #2:11-CV-84, December 17, 2015). A review of the 260 page judicial opinion with undisputed and overwhelming evidence of continuing physical, emotional and sexual abuse of these unfortunate children will shock any moral conscience.

Official state reports expressing the same alarms in 1996, 2004 and 2010 were callously ignored by the executive and legislative branches of our Texas government.

The responsible Texas Child Protective Services Department is woefully underfunded, understaffed, overworked and lacking in childcare facilities and resources. Innocent Texas kids are suffering abuse and neglect while state government officials waste countless taxpayer dollars egregiously enacting and dubiously defending in the courts their unconstitutional political agenda that continues to violate the fundamental rights of Texas children, women, minorities, voters and public schools.

The time to act and take care of these needy and worthy children is desperately overdue. This is a shameful state scandal that was publicly

exposed first by the judiciary and then by the independent news media. It is a disgrace and an embarrassment to our great State of Texas that never should have occurred. Our uncaring state politicians can no longer continue to evade this moral and lawful responsibility. Their "ostrich approach" has failed to resolve this public problem and only shown their paltry partisan posteriors once again.

Please contact your elected representatives and demand prompt action to protect our Texas children.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - JESUS (Luke 18:16)

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." - EDMUND BURKE (Irish philosopher, 1729-1797)

"To sin by silence, when we should protest, makes cowards out of men." - ELLA WHEELER WILCOX (American writer & poet, 1850-1919)

"The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing." - ALBERT EINSTEIN (American physicist & winner of 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics, 1879-1955)

John Compere  
a retired Texas lawyer, US  
judge & Army airborne officer;  
disabled American veteran  
(Vietnam); and Callahan  
County rancher

## Chris Edgar awarded 2016 Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Public Service in Forestry

Dr. Chris Edgar of Texas A&M Forest Service has been awarded the 2016 Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Public Service in Forestry from Texas A&M AgriLife.

The award was presented Jan. 9 at the AgriLife Conference on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station.

Edgar manages the Forest Economics and Resource Analysis program of Texas A&M Forest Service. This program provides information and analysis on conditions and trends in the state's forest resources, wood utilization and marketing, economic contributions of the forest sector, timber prices, valuation of ecosystem services and forest taxation.

With a great command of the Forest Inventory and Analysis program, a sort of census for trees, Edgar pioneered FIA for urban forests, helping provide state and Southern United States regional depictions of forests along the continuum from a community's urban core to rural areas. His work with this program aids natural resource professionals in better addressing forest health, insect and disease issues related to species diversity and density across the landscape. It also helps show the relationship between urban forestry and traditional forestry, thereby helping state agencies better understand the impact of urbanization.

In addition to helping develop and launch the Urban FIA program, Edgar integrated technology and communications with the complex data and analysis by creating the online My City's Trees application so that it is user-friendly and easily accessible.

"Dr. Edgar early recognized the need for outreach to communities and led the design of the web app my City's Trees," said Dudley Hartel, Science Delivery Technology Coordinator for Urban Forestry South of the USDA Forest Service. "The app is a first-line communications tool for community outreach for all cities in the national UFIA program."

Edgar is regarded across the nation by forestry partners as a source that helps bridge complex data and public accessibility.

"He has advanced urban forest inventory and analysis to the gain of Texas communities," Burl Carraway, Sustainable Forestry Department Head for Texas A&M Forest Service said. "He is truly a public servant in forestry."

The Vice Chancellor's Awards in Excellence were established in 1980 to recognize the commitment and outstanding contributions of faculty and staff across Texas A&M AgriLife and provide opportunity to celebrate the achievements of those honored.

## AgriLife Extension sets forage seminar in Cross Plains for January 24th

Writer: Steve Byrns, 325-653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu  
CROSS PLAINS - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct a tri-county forage seminar Jan. 24 at the First Baptist Church in Cross Plains.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program will start at 9 a.m.

Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

The AgriLife Extension offices conducting the program are from Callahan, Coleman and Brown counties.

"This annual event has become one of the premier educational programs concerning forage production and hay in our region," said Scott Anderson, AgriLife Extension agent in Brown County. "Hay prices in our area are trending lower, but that is not necessarily good

news if you are trying to sell hay. Our goal is to help producers maximize their profits and forage quality by investing their production dollars wisely."

Topics will include: forage insect pest management, interpreting forage tests, weed and brush control in forages, where to cut production costs, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service program update and pesticide laws and regulations.

Individual preregistration is \$20 by Jan. 19 and \$25 thereafter. Preregister by calling any of the cooperating AgriLife Extension offices: Callahan County, 325-854-5835; Coleman County, 325-625-4519; or Brown County, 325-646-0386. Fees are due upon arrival and include a catered noon meal.

## Texas Comptroller announces partnership with Texas State University to study freshwater mussels

(AUSTIN) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is considering whether to place several species of freshwater mussels found in Texas on the federal endangered species list. To ensure the best science is available for these decisions, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today announced funding for a \$2.3 million research proposal by Texas State University to study five Central Texas species of freshwater mussels. The scope of the study, expected to be the most comprehensive of its kind in the Southwest region, will address key questions about freshwater mussels in Texas and fill important data gaps in determining their need for protection.

"This partnership will address voluntary conservation measures that, if needed, will protect the mussels while minimizing potential impacts to our state's economy," Hegar said. "Our office believes a science-driven, open and transparent stakeholder process will lead to a collaborative solution for issues concerning the Central Texas mussel."

The Comptroller's office will coordinate research and the stakeholder process with FWS.

"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service applauds the Texas Comptroller's office for taking a proactive, partnership approach to mussel research and voluntary conservation," said Benjamin N. Tuggle, southwest regional director for FWS. "As we move forward, we must have contemporary science available to us in order to develop collaborative approaches for the conservation of these aquatic species."

The research will evaluate the amount and distribution of mussels in the Brazos, Colorado and Guadalupe river basins. It will also consider the conditions needed to maintain the mussels' habitat, and the range of environmental stresses

mussels can tolerate, as well as the species' responses to those stresses. FWS expects to make its decisions by September 2018.

In conjunction with scientists at FWS' San Marcos Aquatic Research Center and the Inks Dam and Uvalde National Fish Hatcheries, the study also will evaluate methods for the deliberate breeding of mussels in hatcheries to increase their numbers, and the reintroduction of those mussels to their native habitats.

"This research program is the most expansive of its kind in Texas, and we at Texas State University are looking forward to working with Comptroller Hegar and our team of experts to gain greater understanding of freshwater mussels," Texas State University Professor Tim Bonner said.

The 2013 Texas Legislature appropriated \$5 million to the Comptroller's office to contract with state universities for high-quality research on species under review for endangered species listing. The 2015 legislative session appropriated an additional \$5 million for this purpose, from which the freshwater mussels research will be funded.

To protect the Texas economy and cooperate with federal Endangered Species Act regulations, the 2009 Legislature appointed the Comptroller to serve as presiding officer of the Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species. The task force assists landowners, industries and local communities in working with endangered species issues and assessing their economic impact on the state.

Visit the Comptroller's website for more information about the ongoing status of endangered species listing and other environmental actions affecting Texas.

## 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.

## Espinoza named AEP Texas Director of Communications

Frank Espinoza has been named director of corporate communications for AEP Texas effective Nov. 19. He will be responsible for internal and external communications throughout the AEP Texas service territory.

"Frank brings a unique perspective to our corporate communications team," said Judith Talavera, AEP Texas president and chief operating officer. "He knows AEP Texas employees, customers and issues from many different perspectives and will help us achieve success as we continue our work to improve safety, our culture and the customer experience."

"Frank will continue the tradition of producing quality creative and strategic communications to ensure our success as we face new challenges," she continued. Espinoza has more than

33 years of service with AEP Texas, including 11 years as a member of the corporate communications team. He currently serves as the community affairs manager for the Harlingen and San Benito area. Espinoza serves on numerous boards and committees in South Texas. Currently, he serves as the chairman of the Harlingen Area Education Foundation, the Texas State Technical College Foundation Scholarship Committee, and the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce.

A native of Alice, Espinoza earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies from Texas A&M University—Corpus Christi and an Associate's Degree in Advertising and Art Design from the Art Institute of Houston.

Espinoza is married and has three children. He will relocate to Corpus Christi.

## DPS Commercial Vehicle Inspections Topped 7,790 During Roadcheck

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspected 7,795 commercial motor vehicles as part of Roadcheck 2016, a national inspection initiative held annually aimed at enhancing commercial motor vehicle safety. The three-day inspection effort spanned from June 7 - June 9, and included DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers, specially trained Highway Patrol Troopers and civilian inspectors.

Approximately 22.5 percent (1,751) of the 18-wheelers, buses and other commercial vehicles inspected were placed out of service for a variety of safety violations until appropriate repairs can be made. Issues with brakes and defective vehicle lighting were among the most common infractions that led to out-of-

service violations. Additionally, drivers were checked for compliance with state and federal laws, and 224 drivers were placed out of service. Among the violations were failing to have the proper type of driver license for the vehicle being driven, improper logging of duty time, and driving over the maximum number of hours.

In all, DPS issued 1,972 citations and more than 20,446 warnings.

Sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, Roadcheck is designed to help reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle and driver safety, education and law enforcement activities throughout North America. In addition, Roadcheck places special emphasis on a category of violations each year.

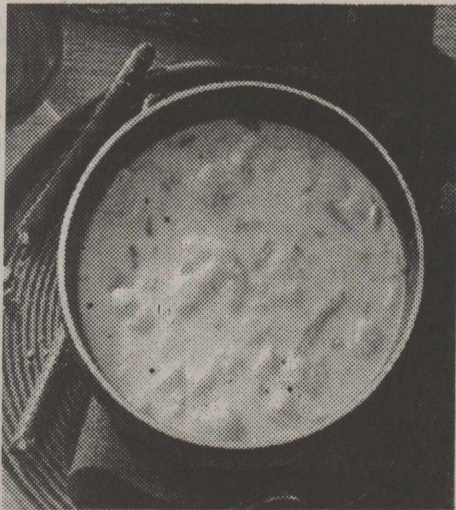


## The Recipe Corner

Cozy Cauliflower Soup  
Prep/Total Time: 30 Minutes

### Ingredients:

- \* 1 medium head cauliflower, broken into florets
- \* 1 medium carrot, shredded
- \* 1/4 cup chopped celery
- \* 2-1/2 cups water
- \* 2 teaspoons chicken or 1 vegetable bouillon cube
- \* 3 tablespoons butter
- \* 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- \* 3/4 teaspoon salt
- \* 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- \* 2 cups 2% milk
- \* 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- \* 1/2 to 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, optional



### Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, combine the cauliflower, carrot, celery, water and bouillon. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 12-15 minutes or until vegetables are tender (do not drain).
2. In another large saucepan, melt butter. Stir in the flour, salt and pepper until smooth. Gradually add milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Stir in the cheese until melted. Add hot pepper sauce if desired. Stir into the cauliflower mixture. Yield: 8 servings (about 2 quarts).

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## Texas comptroller announces partnerships to study Monarch Butterfly

(AUSTIN) - Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today announced Texas A&M University and Sam Houston State University will share about \$500,000 in funding for a research project to study the monarch butterfly.

The research will document the monarch butterfly population in Texas and study its migratory habits. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is considering placing the butterfly on the federal endangered species list; the research will help continue to fill important data gaps in determining its need for protection.

"If the butterfly is listed many industries important to our state's economy could be affected, from agriculture to land development to energy production," Hegar said. "This crucial research will identify best practices for the voluntary protection of the species on

private lands."

The Texas A&M research will evaluate the status of the monarch butterfly in Texas, while specifically studying the species' lifecycle and the possible existence of overwintering populations, a phenomenon that may occur only in Texas. Research by Sam Houston State will focus on pest and disease threats to the butterfly. The new study will build on previous research funded by the Comptroller and conducted by the University of Texas-San Antonio on monarch butterflies and milkweed and by Texas A&M University-Commerce on the threat to the species, posed by fire ants.

The 2013 Texas Legislature appropriated \$5 million to the Comptroller's office to contract with state universities for high-quality research on species under review for

listing as endangered. The 2015 Legislature provided an additional \$5 million for this research. For the upcoming study, Texas A&M will receive \$299,998 while Sam Houston State will receive \$207,510.

To protect the Texas economy from the impact of Endangered Species Act regulations, the 2009 Legislature appointed the Comptroller to serve as presiding officer of the Interagency Task Force on Economic Growth and Endangered Species. The task force assists landowners, industries and local communities in working with endangered species issues and assessing their economic impact on the state.

For more information about the ongoing status of endangered species listing and other environmental actions affecting Texas, visit KeepingTexasFirst.